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TEASER

SC. 1 - INT. VILLAIN'S LAIR - NIGHT

Late night. Everything is quiet... ALMOST everything. GROGAR moves silently through the lair towards the door. A <COUGH> from behind startles him. He turns. COZY GLOW stares at him sweetly.

1 COZY GLOW
Where ya goin? *

2 GROGAR
Since you three were unable to retrieve my Bewitching Bell we need another source of great magical power to defeat Twilight and her friends. * *

Cozy's eyebrow arches, not buying it, but she forces a smile. Grogar leaves. Cozy Glow's forced cheerfulness disappears.

3 COZY GLOW
He's gone!

Chrysalis and Tirek step out of the shadows.

4 TIREK
I don't trust him.

5 COZY GLOW
None of us do.

Chrysalis reveals the Bewitching Bell.

6 CHRYSALIS
Which is why double-crossing him with his own bell will be so satisfying.

Tirek rolls his eyes.

7 TIREK
IF we can figure out how to USE it.

They study the bell. Chrysalis pokes it with her hoof. Tirek picks it up and rings it. It's just a bell. Nothing magical at all. Cozy looks thoughtfully at it.

8 COZY GLOW
Twilight Sparkle may be the worst. But she does know stuff.
(MORE)

COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
She once said the archives in Canterlot has a restricted area... The Starswirl the Bearded Wing?

9 TIREK
Celestia and Luna love to horde information for themselves. If there's an answer it's there.

10 CHRYSALIS
My triumphant return to Canterlot? I like the sound of that.

Cozy claps her hooves together.

11 COZY GLOW
Ohmygosh. ROAD TRIP!!!!
(As menacingly as possible)
I'll make SNACKS!

Off their evil expressions we...

END TEASER

<u>ACT ONE</u>

SC. 2 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/GUEST ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Diagrams, charts and lists are neatly pinned to boards. TWILIGHT SPARKLE hums to herself as she makes some notes on a board. SPIKE relaxes on a pillow reading a Power Ponies comic. There's a <KNOCK> at the door. *

PRINCESS CELESTIA and PRINCESS LUNA enter.

12 CELESTIA
Sorry to interrupt. We know you're busy planning The Summer Sun Celebration as we requested. But-

The princesses take in the organized room and the relaxed Princess of Friendship.

13 LUNA
Things seem... calmer in here than we would have expected.

14 SPIKE
(without looking up)
No complaints here.

Twilight continues to works as she talks, checking boxes on a chart, flipping through invitations, etc.

15 TWILIGHT
With the exception of the odd trivia night, I've made a lot of progress since the Grand Galloping Gala. You may not know this about me, but I occasionally freak out!

The Princesses share a look. Twilight grins at them.

16 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
That was a joke. I know you're worried about us being ready to eventually rule Equestria. I wanted to show you with the Summer Sun Celebration how much I've improved. So I focused on delegating and trusting others! It's been GREAT!

The princesses share a look.

17 LUNA
That's actually what we came to talk to you about. This may be the last Summer Sun Celebration you'll need to plan...

THIS stops Twilight. She looks at the princesses nervously.

18 TWILIGHT
Did I do something wrong?

19 CELESTIA
Of course not. It's just that the Celebration has always been about us. My defeat of Luna.

20 LUNA
And, thanks to you and your friends, my reunion with my sister. *

21 CELESTIA
Now that we're leaving, we don't see a need for the holiday any longer.

22 TWILIGHT
Now that you're...?

The princesses exchange a look. Luna nods to Celestia. *

23 CELESTIA
My sister and I have decided the time for us to retire is upon us. *
(MORE)

CELESTIA (CONT'D)
You and your friends have proven you are ready to lead Equestria. *

24 LUNA
And after working through our issues as travel companions, we crave more adventure as well.

The sister's horns glow. The repaired amulet appears from behind them and floats toward Twilight.

25 CELESTIA
So let this be the last Summer Sun Celebration as Equestria leaves behind the old to embrace the new.

Twilight stares at the amulet. It's really happening...

26 RARITY (PRE-LAP) *
My goodness! How are YOU feeling about all this? *

SC. 3 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/STAINED GLASS ANTECHAMBER - LATER

Twilight, still staring at the amulet, is talking to SPIKE, RARITY, RAINBOW DASH, APPLEJACK, FLUTTERSHY and PINKIE PIE. They all watch her warily. *

27 PINKIE PIE
Because you haven't been super freaky-outy lately, but something like this could definitely send you into full freaky-outy mode.

Twilight takes a moment to realizes she really IS Okay.

28 TWILIGHT
I'm actually fine. BUT if this is going to be the LAST Summer Sun Celebration I want to make sure it's the best Celebration EVER.

29 RAINBOW DASH
(to herself)
Please don't give us more work. Please don't give us more work.

30 TWILIGHT
So even though everything was done, I thought of a few last minute changes I could use your help with.

31 RAINBOW DASH
ARGH! More work. I KNEW IT!

32 DISCORD (O.S.)
The end of a beloved holiday? Last minute changes to a celebration? That sounds positively...

Discord appears behind Twilight.

33 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Chaotic.

34 APPLEJACK
What are you doin here?

35 DISCORD
I've known Celestia and Luna longer than any of you! I terrorized THEM, they turned me to STONE. If this is the last Summer Sun Situation, I simply can't miss it.

He takes in the room. A bag of popcorn appears in his hands.

36 DISCORD (CONT'D)
I see I've arrived JUST in time for the "Twilight gives her friends an impossibly long and overly detailed list" predicament! A bit over-done but NEVER fails to entertain.

Twilight smirks at Discord as she reveals six simple notecards. They float to each of the ponies (and Spike).

37 TWILIGHT
I guess some-draconequis isn't the know it all he thinks he is!

Everypony looks at the note cards in surprise.

38 RAINBOW DASH
This is it?

39 TWILIGHT
What?

The ponies all share a look.

40 RAINBOW DASH
We were kinda with Discord on this one.

41 TWILIGHT
No more crazy lists. No more freaking out. There's no need. With your help I know we've got this. *

42 DISCORD
Ugh. Character growth is so BORING. Do I at least get my own note card?

Twilight rolls her eyes, scribbles on a notecard and floats it to Discord.

43 TWILIGHT
There. Now, I need to go re-write my speech, but if you all look at your cards you'll see--

44 DISCORD
Can't talk now super busy have so much to get done before sunrise!

Discord snaps his fingers and everypony but Twilight disappears.

SC. 4 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/COURTYARD - SAME

Ponies rush to and fro. Tirek, Chrysalis and Cozy Glow peak out from behind a stack of boxes in an alleyway.

45 TIREK
Why are so many ponies up in the middle of the night!?

Tirek points to banners emblazoned with an ornate sun.

46 COZY GLOW
It's that silly sun holiday.

47 CHRYSALIS
How many holidays do you ponies HAVE?! No matter. Getting into the castle won't be a problem.

48 TIREK
Are you sure about that?

He points up. Above them, strange wind turbines hover above the castle. A bird flies close to one and is forcibly blown backwards.

49 CHRYSALIS
Those are... new. But even so...

Chrysalis takes the form of a palace guard and walks confidently past two guards to a closed door. She tries opening the door but it won't budge. She turns to the guards. *

50 CHRYSALIS/GUARD *
Transfer. Have to head inside. Open *
up. *

The guards look at her suspiciously. A third guard walks past *
them, presses his gold medallion to the door and it swings open. The doors swing shut again.

51 CHRYSALIS/GUARD (CONT'D)
Right. Of course.

Chrysalis/Guard presses her seal against the door. Nothing happens. The guards eyes narrow suspiciously.

52 CHRYSALIS/GUARD (CONT'D)
(nervous laughter)
Do yours get glitchy too? More medallions more problems amiright?

Chrysalis quickly walks away. The Guards shrug at each other. She returns to the others reverting to Changeling form.

53 CHRYSALIS
They've increased security into the castle. This is going to be more challenging that I thought.

A bright <FLASH> and Discord, Rainbow Dash, Fluttershy, Applejack, Rarity, Pinkie and Spike appear out of nowhere. The villains duck behind the crates, out of sight.

54 RAINBOW DASH
Could you NOT go popping us all over the place please?!

55 DISCORD
I'm being helpful. Time is of the essence! So let's GO TEAM!

56 FLUTTERSHY
We need to know WHAT we're doing before we go and do it.

Pinkie bounces as the others check their note cards.

57 APPLEJACK
Pinkie, you and I are givin' Braeburn and the Appleoosan ponies some adjustments to the menu.

58 RAINBOW DASH
Fluttershy and I are meeting the pegasi from Cloudsdale to give them changes to the weather.

59 RARITY
Spike, we are to update The Flaming Sky Firework unicorn troupe with Twilight's new vision.

60 DISCORD
And I'M supposed to--
(reads notecard)
Make sure Discord doesn't do anything Discord-y.
(looks up)
Well THAT's annoyingly accurate.

The ponies rush off. Discord snaps his fingers and disappears. The villains peek their heads out.

61 TIREK
Increased Security on a crowded holiday WITH Twilight and her friends bumbling around? This is impossible.

Chrysalis turns to look at them, an evil glint in her eye.

62 CHRYSALIS
No. This is perfect. We need a distraction and those ridiculous ponies just gave it to us. Now, do exactly as I tell you...

END ACT ONE

<u>ACT TWO</u>

SC. 5 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/OUTSIDE KITCHEN - LATER

Several earth ponies unload wagons FULL of pies, tarts and assorted foods. Pinkie pops up, startling them.

63 PINKIE PIE
Step AWAY from the WAGONS! OFFICIAL food tasters here on OFFICIAL FOOD TASTING BUSINESS!

Nearby, Braeburn studies Applejack's notecard.

64 BRAEBURN
Ain't gonna be easy, but I think we can whip up these new cookies Twilight wants before sunrise.

65 APPLEJACK
Appleoosan's are the hardest workin earth ponies I know. If anyone can handle some last minute bakin' Braeburn, It's y'all.

66 PINKIE PIE
Before you make anything NEW we better make sure THIS food is up to our VERY high standards...

Pinkie eats a tart. AND a muffin. Okay, three muffins. Braeburn turns to Applejack.

67 BRAEBURN
We brought plenty for the celebration, but if she keeps testin' we might be in trouble.

Applejack grabs Pinkie and drags her off. *

68 PINKIE PIE
But I SEE A SUSPICIOUS LOOKING COOKIE!!!

Applejack drags Pinkie off. From the shadows nearby Tirek watches them go (think monster in a horror movie). An earth pony carrying sugar gets too close. Tirek's horns glow as he absorbs just a small amount of the ponies essence (growing slightly larger in the process). The pony stumbles.

69 BRAEBURN
You okay?

70 EARTH PONY #1
I feel... weak all of the sudden.

Ponies rush over to assist the fallen pony. Tirek stalks behind them and absorbs the essence from two more ponies who wobble unsteadily. *

Braeburn turns quickly as THOSE ponies collapse. He sees a blur as Tirek returns to the shadows.

71 BRAEBURN
Is somepony back there?

Braeburn checks it out. Tirek retreats further into the shadows as Braeburn peers into the darkness.

72 EARTH PONY #4
What is it?

Suddenly Braeburn collapses as well. He turns to the others.

73 BRAEBURN
(weak)
Everypony-- get away from the food
til we figure out what's goin on!

Other ponies help Braeburn and the "sick" ponies. Once they clear out, a larger stronger Tirek steps out from the shadows, flexing his newly grown biceps, grinning. He grabs two wagons with ease, carrying them into the alley.

SC. 6 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/GARDENS - SAME

CLOSE ON an officious, nervous looking pegasus, FEATHER FLATTERFLY holding a note card and losing it.

74 FEATHER FLATTERFLY
THE PRINCESS WANTS WHAT?!

Widen to reveal several pegasi carting around canisters of weather. They all stop and stare at the panicked pegasus. Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash watch him wide-eyed.

75 RAINBOW DASH
Just what's on that little card. No
big deal.

76 FEATHER FLATTERFLY
No big..?! It's a MUCH more
aggressive weather pattern that
what was originally ordered! This
is very irregular. We'll need to--
No. First we must-- Wait. Ohhhhh!

77 FLUTTERSHY
Take a breath!

Feather obediently takes a breath.

78 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Let it out slowly.

He does.

79 FEATHER FLATTERFLY
Tell the princess we will do our
best.

Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy turn to go.

80 FLUTTERSHY
We're sure you're going to do an excellent job.

81 RAINBOW DASH
We are?

Fluttershy gives Rainbow Dash a look.

82 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
OH! Yea. Totally. You're not gonna panic and screw it up AT ALL.

They leave. Feather mops his brow with a wing nervously.

83 FEATHER FLATTERFLY
I'm not built for high pressure situations.

84 COZY GLOW (O.S.)
Sounds like you need some help...

Feather turns to see Cozy Glow smiling up at him. He checks his clipboard.

85 FEATHER FLATTERFLY
Who are you?

86 COZY GLOW
Somepony who is organized enough to handle the small stuff so you can focus on the big picture.

87 FEATHER FLATTERFLY
The big...? YES! That sounds right!

Cozy reads Twilight's note card. Her grin widens.

88 COZY GLOW
This kind of weather has to be handled delicately. Good thing I'm here. I'll take care of EVERYTHING.

SC. 7 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/OUTDOOR AMPITHEATER - SAME

Several spectacular fireworks explode in the night sky. PAN DOWN to see Spike staring up at them, wide eyed.

A troupe of unicorns stand to the side, horns glowing as they create an array of fireworks. Rarity stands next to a fiercely proud unicorn, FYRE FLARE.

89 RARITY
Simply breathtaking! The Flaming Sky Firework Troupe is a marvel.

FYRE FLARE nods in thanks.

90 FYRE FLARE
We take pride in what we do.

91 SPIKE
These last minute changes aren't too challenging are they?

Fyre Flare bristles at that.

92 FYRE FLARE
The more challenging the better. We aim to astound. Now, if you don't mind, we DO have a new routine to prepare *
(then, to her squad) *
UNICORNS! HORNS AT THE READY!

Rarity and Spike exit as the unicorns practice. Chrysalis watches from the shadows, grinning. She transforms into a haughty looking unicorn and strides towards the others.

93 CHRYSALIS/CRACKLE
Very impressive!

94 FYRE FLARE
Thank you. Unfortunately we have no room for anypony else at this time. I'm sorry...

95 CHRYSALIS/CRACKLE
Crackle Cossette. And I don't want to join your silly little troupe.

96 FYRE FLARE
Pardon me?

97 CHRYSALIS/CRACKLE
I meant no offense! It just seems a pity for unicorns to waste their talents on something so... inconsequential.

One by one, the other unicorns stop practicing and listen.

98 CHRYSALIS/CRACKLE (CONT'D)
Unicorns wield magic. We are the most powerful ponies in the land.
(MORE)

CHRYSALIS/CRACKLE (CONT'D)
Don't you ever feel you're destined for more than... performances?

Fyre and the other unicorns look at each other, considering Chrysallis' words.

99 TWILIGHT (PRE-LAP)
It's all coming together!

SC. 8 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/STAINED GLASS ANTECHAMBER - LATER

Twilight and the others are all gathered together. Twilight flips through the note cards from earlier.

100 TWILIGHT
Thanks to all of you I really think this is going to be the best Summer Sun Celebration ever!

101 RARITY
You've done an outstanding job!

102 TWILIGHT
We've ALL done an outstanding job!

103 DISCORD
What about me? You haven't heard MY update yet.

Twilight looks mildly nervous.

104 DISCORD (CONT'D)
You'll be happy to know that I've been watching myself all night and I have yet to do ONE Discord-y thing!

105 LUNA (O.S.)
Now THAT truly IS amazing.

Everypony turns as Celestia and Luna join them.

106 CELESTIA
Twilight, we know you had difficulties using the amulet to raise the sun and moon. We thought perhaps a practice session before the festivities might be in order? *

Twilight blushes.

107 TWILIGHT
That's... a good idea.
(to friends as she leaves)
Thank you all. So much.

She exits. The ponies all watch her go with pride.

108 APPLEJACK
I sure am prouda her. She's REALLY
got things under control.

109 SPIKE
She finally realizes things will
turn out fine even when she isn't
micromanaging every little detail
of every little thing.

Suddenly the doors burst open. Two earth ponies drag Braeburn in, completely weakened.

110 APPLEJACK
Braeburn! What's wrong!

111 BRAEBURN
Earth ponies. Sick. Food missin.
Can't bake anything.

A palace guard rushes in, helmet gone, mane a mess.

112 PALACE GUARD
Something is wrong with the *
weather. Storms, hurricanes, Fog. *
You name it. It's a disaster out
there!

Fyre Flare strides in, flanked by two other unicorns.

113 FYRE FLARE
Rarity! Please inform her highness *
that we will NOT be performing. A *
simple fireworks show is beneath
us. We're better than that.

The unicorns turn and stride out. They all stare at each other in shock.

114 APPLEJACK
What the--? Everything was fine a
minute ago.

Fluttershy looks out the window and her eyes widen.

115 FLUTTERSHY
Apparently a lot can change in a minute.

Everypony rushes to join her. Outside ponies pull sick earth ponies to safety as pegasi try to contain rogue weather. Angry unicorns gather around Fyre Flare to hear her speak.

116 RAINBOW DASH
It’s total chaos out there!

The ponies and Spike slowly turn to stare at Discord.

117 DISCORD
It wasn’t ME!

118 FLUTTERSHY
What are we gonna do?

119 TWILIGHT (O.S.)
Do about what?

Everypony turns to see Twilight in the doorway to the throne room. Everypony (but Applejack) comically blocks the window.

120 SPIKE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!!

Twilight levitates a stack of note cards.

121 TWILIGHT
I forgot these. You guys okay?

122 APPLEJACK
Twilight, we’re sorry but--

Rainbow Dash spreads a wing in front of Applejack’s face.

123 RAINBOW DASH
BUT! We don't know what to do now that everything’s all ready!

124 PINKIE PIE
Yea! Since there’s no last minute disasters that could ruin the celebration we’re gonna be SO BORED.

Twilight grins.

125 TWILIGHT
I guess I was TOO organized! I'll try to come up with a few last minute errands for you before sunrise.

126 RAINBOW DASH
(WAY OVER THE TOP) *
WELL THAT'S A RELIEF.

Twilight heads back into the throne room. She turns one last time. They all smile ridiculously wide. Twilight exits.

127 APPLEJACK
Y'all KNOW my element is honesty right? Explain to me why we didn't TELL her the truth?!

128 RARITY
Twilight is finally learning not to let her stress get the better of her. If she finds out everything went wrong it could be devastating!

129 FLUTTERSHY
She would be so upset!

130 RAINBOW DASH
She'll totally freak out.

131 APPLEJACK
Well, what do y'all suggest?

Pinkie waves a hoof in the air.

132 PINKIE PIE
Ooooo! Call on me! Let's just fix it all before she notices! No lying necessary!

133 APPLEJACK
I guess...

134 SPIKE
We'd need a miracle.

135 RAINBOW DASH
We HAVE a miracle!
(to Discord)
Don't we?

Whip Pan to Discord who is dressed in saintly robes, looking every bit the miracle.

136 DISCORD
I suppose I COULD fix everything... *
But isn't the REAL miracle here the
miracle of teamwork and character
growth?

Discord pops out of existence.

137 RAINBOW DASH
OH COME ON!

138 FLUTTERSHY
Discord is right. Twilight needs
US. Whatever happened, we can fix
this.

From the window, General panicked Pony <WALLA>, thunder <RUMBLING> and a <CRACK> of lightning.

139 SPIKE
What DID happen?

PAN DOWN outside the window to Tirek, Cozy Glow and Chrysalis watching the complete mess they made.

140 COZY GLOW
Best. Road trip. EVER.

END ACT TWO

<u>ACT THREE</u>

SC. 10 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/OUTSIDE KITCHEN - MINUTES LATER

Pinkie Pie (in a Doctor's outfit) is examining the sick earth ponies.

141 PINKIE PIE
Even if I was an actual doctor I
would have no idea what's wrong

142 APPLEJACK
There's gotta be a reason. SOMETHIN
got 'em all sick. Maybe the food?

Applejack studies the food in one of the wagons. Pinkie freezes about to put another muffin in her mouth.

143 PINKIE PIE
I ate the food too! Does that mean
I'm sick? Oh no! I feel... I
feel...

Pinkie coughs, feels her forehead, dramatically collapses and takes a few <RASPY> breaths, Then pops up smiling and perky.

144 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Nope. I feel fine.

Applejack rolls her eyes.

SC. 11 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/COURTYARD - SAME

Cozy Glow grins up at a palace guard, distracting him. Behind him, Tirek absorbs his life force and he collapses. Chrysalis levitates the guard and presses his medallion against the door. It swings open. Chrysalis hides the unconscious guard in some nearby bushes as they enter the castle. *

SC. 12 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/GARDENS - SAME

Thunder <BOOMS> and lightning <CRACKS> across the sky. Rainbow Dash and a team of Wonderbolts fly around frantically as Fluttershy consoles a devastated Feather Flatterfly. *

145 FEATHER FLATTERFLY
I don't know how this happened. I'm going to be FIRED for sure!

146 FLUTTERSHY
Rainbow Dash and the Wonderbotls will have all the weather rounded up ANY minute. *

Another <CRASH> of lightning and Rainbow Dash crashes down in front of them.

147 RAINBOW DASH
Or not...

SC. 13 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/STAINED GLASS ANTECHMBER - SAME *

Cozy pokes her head into the antechamber. She turns to Chrysalis and Tirek. *

148 COZY GLOW *
Not here. The Archives are in a different part of the castle. *

They hurry down a corridor. A suspicious beady eyed goose sticks its head out of the throne room door and waddles after them. *

SC. 14 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/AMPITHEATER - SAME

Rarity tries to be as charming and convincing as possible.

149 RARITY
What about aiming for perfection?

150 FYRE FLARE
We've set our sights higher.

151 SPIKE
Higher than perfection?

152 FYRE FLARE
Higher than putting on a silly little show for the other ponies.

153 RARITY
You were so excited before. What changed?

SC. 15 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/LIBRARY - MOMENTS LATER

The goose waddles around the corner and finds... another goose staring back at it. They both <HONK> at each other. Satisfied, the goose walks away. The other goose transforms into Chrysalis. She turns back to see Cozy Glow picking a lock. The doors to the library swing open and the villains stride inside.

SC. 16 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/COURTYARD - SAME

Celestia, Luna and Twilight walk through the courtyard.

154 TWILIGHT
You two just enjoy the festivities! I have a few surprises in store for-

Discord pops into existence, looking around expectantly.

155 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Yes Discord?

156 DISCORD
Don't mind me. I'm just here for the chaos. *

Twilight looks confused. Thunder <RUMBLES> in the distance. *

157 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Ah. Here we go!

A soaking wet Rainbow Dash, flanked by two pegasi fly by. Twilight watches her go suspiciously.

158 TWILIGHT
What is Rainbow Dash doing?

She turns to follow Rainbow Dash and runs into a giant pot of soup on wheels. Pinkie pops her head around the side and nervously smiles. Twilight flies up to smell the pot.

159 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Pinkie? Is this soup?

160 PINKIE PIE
Yes. I .... was REALLLY hungry?

Voices yelling grab Twilight's attention. She turns to see Rarity and Spike talking to a mob of angry unicorns.

161 RARITY
Nopony understands wanting to take pride in your work more than I do --

162 UNICORN #1
You could do more with your magic than make frilly dresses!

163 RARITY
NOpony does frills anymore! This season is all about simplicity.

164 SPIKE
Not the POINT Rarity...

Twilight is about to fly over to join them when-

165 FEATHER FLATTERFLY
PRINCESS!!!

Feather Flatterfly throws himself at Twilight's feet.

166 FEATHER FLATTERFLY (CONT'D)
I BEG your forgiveness. It's entirely my fault!

167 TWILIGHT
What is?

A sudden <CRACK> of lightning and rain pours down on all of them.

168 FEATHER FLATTERFLY
That.

A soaked Fluttershy joins them.

169 FLUTTERSHY
Just a SLIGHT hiccup in the weather.

Rainbow Dash and the other pegasi push the storm cloud out of the way. Nearby Applejack drags a wagon filled with sugar and flour.

170 TWILIGHT
Applejack? What is going on?

171 APPLEJACK
I TOLD Y'ALL THIS WAS A BAD IDEA *
BUT NOPONY EVER LISTENS TO ME! *

Twilight's eye twitches. She's OVER. IT.

172 TWILIGHT
THAT'S IT!
(then, calmly)
Pardon me Princesses.

Twilight grabs all of her friends with magic and flies away from the craziness, dragging them with her. She plops them down.

173 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I thought everything was fine. WHAT IS GOING ON?!

They all look at each other guiltily.

174 APPLEJACK
Everything WAS going fine...

175 PINKIE PIE
Until it totally wasn't.

176 RARITY
We have no idea what went wrong

177 FLUTTERSHY
We tried to fix it ourselves.

178 TWILIGHT
Why didn't you TELL ME?

179 RAINBOW DASH
We didn't want you to freak out.

180 TWILIGHT
And you thought NOT telling me everything was a total DISASTER would AVOID a freak out!?

181 SPIKE
When you say it like that it sounds like a really bad plan.

BEAT. Twilight's eye twitches. The ponies prepare for the worst.

182 DISCORD
(giddy) Here it comes....

But instead, Twilight takes a deep breath and let's it out slowly.

183 TWILIGHT
I know how I used to react. But I really HAVE changed. Panicking won't solve anything. But we can handle whatever problems come our way as long as we handle them together.

184 CELESTIA (O.S.)
Spoken like a true leader.

Twilight turns to see that Celestia, Luna and Discord have joined them.

185 CELESTIA (CONT'D)
How can we help?

Twilight smiles and levitates a scroll.

186 TWILIGHT
I love a good to-do list. So tell me exactly what happened and we can figure out exactly what <u>to-do</u> to fix it!

FADE TO:

SC. 17 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/TWILIGHT - MONTAGE

Celestia and Fluttershy lead a group of miscellaneous ponies to care for the sick earth ponies while Applejack directs a crew of pegasi who fly in carrying bags of food.

Feather Flatterfly directs Pegasi, Rainbow Dash, Discord and Luna to contain the rogue weather.

Twilight and Rarity talk with Fyre Flare and the unicorns. Pinkie Pie and Spike lead ponies carrying fireworks and party cannons over. It's clear the idea is to work together. Pinkie's excitement gets a smile and nod from Fyre Flare.

SC. 18 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/LIBRARY/RESTRICTED AREA - CONTINUOUS

Tirek, Chrysalis and Cozy Glow search stacks of books. Cozy waves a spell book up in the air, alerting the others. She's found what they need!

FADE TO:

SC. 19 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/OUTDOOR AMPITHEATER - DAWN

A layer of fog covers the ground. Ominous storm clouds block the moon. Thunder <BOOMS>. Lightning lights the sky.

Feather Flatterfly gives a signal and pegasi soar through the fog, dispersing it as they part the clouds, revealing the full moon. Fyre Flare and the unicorns project a sparkling image of the 'mare in the moon' over the actual moon.

Fyre Flare nods to Pinkie and a team comprised of unicorns and other ponies. The image of the mare bursts into fireworks as Pinkie and the others shoot cannons and ignite more fireworks that explode in the sky

Twilight steps forward with the amulet, her horn glowing bright. The moon slowly sets as the sun begins to rise. Celestia and Luna join her on either side, the rising sun frames them perfectly. The crowd of assembled ponies cheers.

187 TWILIGHT
This celebration has always been a reminder not to fear the night, for there is always a new day to look forward to. But as we look towards Equestria's future, I am sad to say that today will be the last Summer Sun Celebration...

The crowd gasps. Twilight smiles up at the princesses.

188 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
...because there is something even more important to celebrate. There are two ponies who have watched over us, night and day for as long as we can remember. We will no longer commemorate their battle or their reunion. Instead we will take this day to celebrate how much they mean to all of us. From this day forward today will be known as THE FESTIVAL OF THE TWO SISTERS.

The crowd goes WILD. Celestia and Luna are overcome with emotion.

189 CELESTIA
I don't know what to say.

Twilight beams. As the crowd cheers, the princesses walk offstage together where the others are waiting for them. Pinkie holds a sun cookie in one hand and a moon cookie in the other.

190 PINKIE PIE
These sun and moon cookies were a GREAT idea Twilight! AND a brand new holiday? You're my kinda princess!

191 TWILIGHT
I'm just glad we pulled it off.

192 APPLEJACK
About that. We just wanted to say we're real sorry.

193 RARITY
You told us you changed.

194 FLUTTERSHY
As your friends we should have trusted you.

195 RAINBOW DASH
Next time you say you're not gonna freak out, we'll believe you.

196 TWILIGHT
Good. Because I'm sure there's going to plenty of things I'll need my best friend's help with.

They all hug. Discord looks at Twilight thoughtfully.

197 DISCORD
You know, it really does seem like you just MIGHT be ready for whatever comes next, your majesty.

SC. 20 - INT. GROGAR'S LAIR - LATER

Grogar enters his lair. Cozy Glow, Tirek (no longer as buff as he was earlier) and Chrysalis patiently wait for him. *

198 COZY GLOW
So...? Did you find what you were looking for? *

Grogar smiles his most sinister smile. *

199 GROGAR
Yes. Once again I've found success *
where you all find failure. *
Tomorrow I will set out to retrieve *
what we need. When I return *
Equestria will finally be ours for *
the taking.

Grogar retires to his study. Tirek folds his arms, pouting. *

200 CHRYSALIS
Stop pouting.

201 COZY GLOW
You knew you couldn't stay that buff. You had to return all that life force to those earth ponies so *
Grogar doesn't suspect anything.

202 TIREK
I don't have to LIKE it.

203 COZY GLOW
Well, I don't like that we worked so hard to destroy their party and they still pulled it off, but you don't see me complaining.

204 CHRYSALIS
Our goal wasn't to destroy it was to distract.

She levitates the bell and the spell book.

205 CHRYSALIS (CONT'D)
And now we have exactly what we need.

206 TIREK
And no time to waste. We have to master the Bell before Grogar returns from Saddle Arabia.

207 CHRYSALIS
We've managed to stay one step ahead of everypony so far. We'll be fine.

208 COZY GLOW
It really was SUPER easy to get all those earth ponies and pegasi and unicorns to turn on each other.

Chrysalis cocks her head, thoughtful.

209 CHRYSALIS
It was wasn't it. Now THAT is something to think about...

As Chrysalis starts to put together a new plan, we reach...

END