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

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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
Whatcha doin?

2 GROGAR
Since you three were unable to retrieve my Bewitching Bell we need another source of great magical power.

3 COZY GLOW
In the middle of the night?

4 GROGAR
Time is of the essence if we want to destroy Twilight Sparkle and her friends.

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

5 COZY GLOW
He's gone!

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Chrysalis and Tirek step out of the shadows.

6 TIREK
I don't trust him.

7 COZY GLOW
None of us do.

Chrysalis reveals the Bewitching Bell.

8 CHRYSALIS
Which is why we're double-crossing him... With this!

Tirek rolls his eyes.

9 TIREK
Secretly having the bell to ourselves is only helpful If we know 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.

10 COZY GLOW
You know, Twilight Sparkle may be the worst. But she does know a bunch of stuff. She once said the library in Canterlot's Castle has a dangerous, restricted section...

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

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

Cozy claps her hooves together.

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

Off their evil expressions we...

END TEASER

ACT ONE

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

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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.

14 SPIKE
(without looking up)
Come in!

PRINCESS CELESTIA and PRINCESS LUNA enter and take in the calm, relaxed room.

15 CELESTIA
It looks like the preparations for tomorrow's Summer Sun Celebration are coming along nicely.

16 TWILIGHT
Everything is on track and ready
for sunrise!

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

18 SPIKE
(without looking up)
No complaints here.

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

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

The Princesses share a look. Twilight turns and grins at them.

20 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
That was a joke. I know how I get
sometimes and I've been working on
it. For the Summer Sun Celebration,
I focused on delegating and
trusting in the process! It's all
gone MUCH smoother! AND I
documented everything to be even
more prepared next year.

The princesses share a look.

21 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.

22 TWILIGHT
Did I do something wrong?

23 CELESTIA
Of course not. The Summer Sun
Celebration originally commemorated
my defeat of Nightmare Moon and the
banishment of my sister.

24 LUNA
Thanks to you and your friends, it
became a day to celebrate our
reunion.

25 CELESTIA
We have decided the time for us to
retire is nearly here, and once we
go, there won't be a need to
commemorate the events surrounding
our struggle. Equestria will no
longer need the Summer Sun
Celebration just as it will no
longer need us.

Twilight takes this in. Off of her thoughtful expression...

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

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CLOSE ON Twilight talking.

26 TWILIGHT
So they're retiring, they say I'm
ready to take over and this is the
last Summer Sun Celebration ever!

Pull out to reveal that she is talking to SPIKE, RARITY,
RAINBOW DASH, APPLEJACK, FLUTTERSHY and PINKIE PIE. They all
watch her warily.

27 RARITY
How are YOU feeling about all this?

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

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

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

31 TWILIGHT
So I thought of a few last minute
changes I'll need your help with.

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

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

Discord appears behind Twilight.

34 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Chaotic.

35 APPLEJACK
What are you doin here?

36 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.

37 DISCORD (CONT'D)
I see I've arrived JUST in time for
the "Twilight gives her friends an
impossibly long and overly detailed
list" episode! 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).

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

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Everypony looks at the note cards in surprise.

39 RAINBOW DASH
This is it?

40 TWILIGHT
What?

The ponies all share a look.

41 PINKIE PIE
We were just expecting something
longer and overly complicated.

42 TWILIGHT
No more crazy lists. No more
freaking out. I trust you. With
your help I know we've got this.

43 PINKIE PIE
From one party planner to another,
I'm super proud of you!

44 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.

45 TWILIGHT
There. Now, If you look at your
cards you'll see--

46 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

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

47 COZY GLOW
Why are so many ponies up in the
middle of the night!?

Tirek points to banners emblazoned with an ornate sun.

48 TIREK
It's one of their cursed holidays.

49 CHRYSALIS
No matter. Getting into the castle
won't be a problem.

Chrysalis takes the form of a palace guard and walks
confidently over to two guards blocking an entrance.

50 GUARD #1
Whoa buddy. Where you going?

51 CHRYSalIS/GUARD
Got re-assigned to the throne room.
You know how it is.

52 GUARD #1
Just show us the seal and you're
good to go.

53 CHRYSalIS/GUARD
Seal?

54 GUARD #2
Yea. The magical seal all guard
carry ever since Lord Sombra's
attack...

55 GUARD #1
Which is something you should
know...

56 CHRYSalIS/GUARD
SEAL! I thought you said STEAL. Of
course. Lemme just go grab it.

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

57 CHRYSalIS
This is going to be more
challenging than I thought. We need
some kind of distraction.

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.

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

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

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

Pinkie bounces as the others check their note cards.

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

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

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

64 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.

65 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. *

66 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

ACT TWO

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.

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

Nearby, Braeburn studies Applejack's notecard.

68 BRAEBURN
Ain't gonna be easy, but I think we
can get this ready before sunrise.

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

70 PINKIE PIE
Before you make anything ELSE 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.

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

Applejack grabs Pinkie and drags her off.

72 APPLEJACK
Come on "Official Food Taster"
let's get you back to headquarters.

73 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.

74 BRAEBURN
You okay?

75 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.

76 EARTH PONY #2
Me...

77 EARTH PONY #3
Too.

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

78 BRAEBURN
Is somepony back there?

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

79 EARTH PONY #4
What is it?

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

80 BRAEBURN
(weak)
Everypony-- get back 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

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

81 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.

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

83 FEATHER FLATTERFLY
No big..?! It's an ENTIRELY NEW RUN
OF WEATHER! Oh my. This is very
irregular. We'll need to-- No.
First we must-- Wait. Ohhhhh!

84 FLUTTERSHY
Take a breath!

Feather obediently takes a breath.

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

He does.

86 FEATHER FLATTERFLY
We weren't planning on such an...
aggressive weather order. But tell
the princess we will do our best.

Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy turn to go.

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

88 RAINBOW DASH
We are?

Fluttershy gives Rainbow Dash a look.

89 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.

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

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

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

92 FEATHER FLATTERFLY
I do?

93 COZY GLOW
YES. You need somepony organized
who can handle the small stuff so
you can focus on the big picture.

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

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

95 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

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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.

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

FYRE FLARE nods in thanks.

97 FYRE FLARE
We take pride in what we do.

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

Fyre Flare bristles at that.

99 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.

100 RARITY
Oh of course!

101 FYRE FLARE
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.

102 CHRYSALIS/CRACKLE
Very impressive!

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

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

105 FYRE FLARE
Pardon me?

106 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.

107 CHRYSALIS/CRACKLE (CONT'D)
Unicorns wield magic. We are the
most powerful ponies in the land.
Don't you ever feel you're destined
for more than... performances?

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

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

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

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Twilight and the others are all gathered together. Twilight
beams.

109 TWILIGHT
These changes are going to make
this the best Summer Sun
Celebration ever!

110 RARITY
You really have done an outstanding
job!

111 TWILIGHT
I couldn't have done it without all
of you!

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

Twilight looks mildly nervous.

113 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!

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

Everypony turns as Celestia and Luna join them.

115 CELESTIA
Twilight, we were hoping to work
with you on the amulet that will
lower the moon and then raise the
sun?

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Twilight follows after the princesses, then turns back.

116 TWILIGHT
Thank you all. So much.

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

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

118 RAINBOW DASH
Yea. 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.

119 APPLEJACK
Braeburn! What's wrong!

120 BRAEBURN
Earth ponies. Sick. Soemthin's goin
round. Food missin.

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

121 PALACE GUARD
Something is wrong with the
weather.

122 RAINBOW DASH
Seriously?

123 PALACE GUARD
Storms, hurricanes, Fog. You name
it. It's a disaster out there!

Fyre Flare strides in, flanked by two other unicorns.

124 FYRE FLARE
Rarity! Please inform her highness
that we will NOT be performing.

125 RARITY
What? Whyever not?

126 FYRE FLARE
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.

127 APPLEJACK
What in tarnation happened?
Everything was fine a minute ago.

Fluttershy looks out the window and her eyes widen.

128 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.

129 RAINBOW DASH
It's total chaos out there!

The ponies and Spike slowly turn to stare at Discord.

130 DISCORD
It wasn't ME!

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

131 COZY GLOW
Best. Road trip. EVER.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

**SC. 9 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/STAINED GLASS ANTECHAMBER -
RESUME**

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The ponies, Spike and Discord stare down at the chaos in the courtyard in shock and horror.

132 APPLEJACK
It's a disaster down there.

133 FLUTTERSHY
What are we gonna do?

134 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.

135 SPIKE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!!

Twilight levitates a stack of note cards.

136 TWILIGHT
I forgot these. You guys okay?

137 APPLEJACK
No. We hate to say it but--

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

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

Pinkie "passes out" and starts snoring. Twilight grins.

140 TWILIGHT
I'm sure I'll have a few more
things I need before sunrise.

141 RAINBOW DASH
WELL THAT'S A RELIEF.

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

142 APPLEJACK
Why didn't we TELL her the truth?!

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

144 FLUTTERSHY
She would be so upset!

145 RAINBOW DASH
She'll totally freak out.

146 APPLEJACK
Well, what do y'all suggest?

Pinkie waves a hoof in the air.

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

148 APPLEJACK
I guess...

149 SPIKE
We'd need a miracle.

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

151 DISCORD
I MAKE chaos. I don't FIX it. But
in this case...

He's about to snap, but another claw <POPS> into existence,
taps him on the shoulder and wags a talon back and forth.

152 DISCORD (CONT'D)
On the OTHER claw, I don't want to
deprive everypony of an important
opportunity for character growth.

Discord pops out of existence.

153 RAINBOW DASH
OH COME ON!

154 FLUTTERSHY
Discord is right. Twilight needs
US. We can fix this. Um. How are we
going to fix this?

155 SPIKE
We've saved Equestria like seven or
eight times! We can save a party.
How hard can it be?

WIPE TO:

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

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

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

157 APPLEJACK
Well there's gotta be a reason this
happened. SOMETHIN around here got
'em all sick.

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

158 PINKIE PIE
You think it was the food?

159 APPLEJACK
What else could it be?

Pinkie hurls the muffin.

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

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Tirek uses his newly muscular build to rip open a gate so that he, Chrysalis and Cozy Glow can enter the castle.

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

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Thunder <BOOMS> and lightning <CRACKS> across the sky. Pegasi fly around frantically as Fluttershy consoles a devastated Feather Flatterfly.

160 FEATHER FLATTERFLY
I'm going to be FIRED for sure.

161 FLUTTERSHY
Rainbow Dash and the others will
round up the weather in no time.

162 FEATHER FLATTERFLY
I don't know how this happened. She
said it was all under control!

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

163 RAINBOW DASH
Well, it's not!

SC. 13 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/CORRIDOR - SAME

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Cozy pokes her head around a corner and watches two guards rush past. She nods her head and she, Chrysalis and Tirek hurry down the corridor.

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

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Rarity tries to be as charming and convincing as possible.

164 RARITY
What about aiming for perfection?

165 FYRE FLARE
We've set our sights higher.

166 SPIKE
Higher than perfection?

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

168 RARITY
You were so excited before. What
happened?

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

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The doors to the library <CRASH> open and Chrysalis strides in, followed by Tirek and Cozy.

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

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Celestia, Luna and Twilight walk through the courtyard.

169 TWILIGHT
You two just need to relax and
enjoy the festivities! I have a few
surprises in store for--

Discord pops into existence, looking around expectantly.

170 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Yes Discord?

171 DISCORD
Just waiting for the show to start.

172 TWILIGHT
What are you talking about?

Thunder <RUMBLES> in the distance.

173 DISCORD
Ah. Here we go!

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

174 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.

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

176 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.

177 RARITY
No pony understands wanting to take
pride in your work more than I do --

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

179 RARITY
NO pony does frills anymore! This
season is all about simplicity.

180 SPIKE
Not the POINT Rarity...

Twilight is about to fly over to join them when-

181 FEATHER FLATTERFLY
PRINCESS!!!

Feather Flatterfly throws himself at Twilight's feet.

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

183 TWILIGHT
What is?

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

184 FEATHER FLATTERFLY
That.

A soaked Fluttershy joins them.

185 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.

186 TWILIGHT
Applejack? What is going on?

187 APPLEJACK
I.... Uh.... I knew this was a bad
idea.

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

188 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.

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

They all look at each other guiltily.

190 APPLEJACK
Everything WAS going fine...

191 PINKIE PIE
Until it totally wasn't.

192 RARITY
We have no idea what went wrong

193 FLUTTERSHY
We tried to fix it ourselves.

194 TWILIGHT
Why didn't you TELL ME?

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

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

197 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.

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

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

199 TWILIGHT
I know how I used to react. But I
really HAVE changed. Panicking
won't solve anything. But I know
that we can. We can handle anything
if we handle it together.

FADE TO:

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

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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.

200 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
Whenever one of us doesn't feel
strong enough to tackle a problem,
we know we have somepony to lean
on.

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

201 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
If we make a mistake, we can be
sure that a friend is there, ready
to help set things right.

Twilight and Rarity talk with Fyre Flare and the unicorns, listening to their grievances. Spike motions to Pinkie and a group of ponies carrying fireworks and party cannons.

202 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
And if any of us ever feels
unappreciated, somepony is there to
hear how we feel and help us in
whatever way we need.

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

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Tirek, Chrysalis and Cozy Glow search stacks of books.

203 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
Anytime we've been lost, not
knowing where to look next, we've
proven over and over that if we
work as a team, everypony
supporting everypony else, ANYthing
is possible.

Cozy waves a spell book up in the air, alerting the others.
She's found what they need!

204 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
That's why I don't worry anymore.

FADE TO:

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

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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 of 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.

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

The crowd gasps. Twilight smiles up at the princesses.

206 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
...because there is something even
more important for us to celebrate.
The two ponies who have watched
over us, night and day for as long
as we can remember. So 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.

207 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.

208 PINKIE PIE
Now THIS is a party!

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

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

211 RARITY
You told us you changed.

212 FLUTTERSHY
As your friends we should have
trusted you.

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

214 TWILIGHT
Well IN CASE I do, I'm just glad I
have such amazing friends by my
side.

They all hug. Discord looks at Twilight thoughtfully.

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

He bows his head.

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

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Grogar slams open the door of his lair and stalks inside... to find Cozy Glow, Tirek (back to his weakened state) and Chrysalis calmly playing cards at a table. He studies them briefly before retiring to his study. Tirek folds his arms, pouting.

216 CHRYSALIS
Stop pouting.

217 COZY GLOW
You knew you couldn't stay buff.
You had to return all that life
force so Grogar doesn't suspect
anything.

218 TIREK
I don't have to LIKE it.

219 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.

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

She levitates the bell and the spell book.

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

222 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.

223 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