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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 double-crossing him
with his own bell will be so
satisfying.

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Tirek rolls his eyes.

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

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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
Twilight Sparkle may be the worst.
But she does know stuff. She once
said the archives in Canterlot has
a restricted area... The Starswirl
the Bearded Wing?

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11 TIREK
Celestia and Luna love to horde
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.

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

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

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

17 SPIKE
(without looking up)
No complaints here.

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

18 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. *

19 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.

20 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.

21 TWILIGHT
Did I do something wrong?

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

23 LUNA *
And, thanks to you, my reunion with *
my sister. *

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

25 TWILIGHT *
Now that you're...? *

26 CELESTIA *
We've decided the time for us to *
retire is upon us. You and your *
friends are ready. *

27 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. *

28 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... *

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

CLOSE ON Twilight talking.

29 TWILIGHT *
They're retiring, they say we're *
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.

30 RARITY
How are YOU feeling about all this?

31 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. *

32 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.

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33 RAINBOW DASH

(to herself)

Please don't give us more work.

Please don't give us more work.

34 TWILIGHT

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

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35 RAINBOW DASH

ARGH! More work. I KNEW IT!

36 DISCORD (O.S.)

The end of a beloved holiday? Last minute changes to a celebration? That sounds positively...

Discord appears behind Twilight.

37 DISCORD (CONT'D)

Chaotic.

38 APPLEJACK

What are you doin here?

39 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.

40 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.

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

41 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.

42 RAINBOW DASH
This is it?

43 TWILIGHT
What?

The ponies all share a look.

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

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

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

47 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.

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

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49 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.

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

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Tirek points to banners emblazoned with an ornate sun.

51 COZY GLOW *
It's that silly sun holiday. *

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

53 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. *

54 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. The guards watch her *
suspiciously. *

55 CHRYSALIS/GUARD *
Can you open the door please? *

56 GUARD #1 *
Can you? *

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

57 CHRYSALIS/GUARD *
Right. Of course. *

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

58 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. *

59 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. *

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

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

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

Pinkie bounces as the others check their note cards.

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

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

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

66 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.

67 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.

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68 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**

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

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

Nearby, Braeburn studies Applejack's notecard.

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

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

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

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

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

Applejack grabs Pinkie and drags her off.

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

75 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.

76 BRAEBURN
You okay?

77 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.

78 EARTH PONY #2
Me...

79 EARTH PONY #3
Too.

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

80 BRAEBURN
Is somepony back there?

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

81 EARTH PONY #4
What is it?

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

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

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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.

83 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.

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

85 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!

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86 FLUTTERSHY
Take a breath!

Feather obediently takes a breath.

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

He does.

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

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Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy turn to go.

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

90 RAINBOW DASH
We are?

Fluttershy gives Rainbow Dash a look.

91 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.

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

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

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

94 FEATHER FLATTERFLY
Who are you?

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

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

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

97 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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98 RARITY
Simply breathtaking! The Flaming
Sky Firework Troupe is a marvel.

FYRE FLARE nods in thanks.

99 FYRE FLARE
We take pride in what we do.

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

Fyre Flare bristles at that.

101 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.

102 RARITY
Oh, of course!

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103 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.

104 CHRYSALIS/CRACKLE
Very impressive!

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

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

107 FYRE FLARE
Pardon me?

108 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.

109 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.

110 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 flips through the note cards from earlier.

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

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112 RARITY
You've done an outstanding job! *

113 TWILIGHT
We've ALL done an outstanding job! *

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

Twilight looks mildly nervous.

115 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!

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

Everypony turns as Celestia and Luna join them.

117 CELESTIA
Twilight, we know you had
difficulties with the amulet
before. We thought perhaps a
practice session might be in order? *

Twilight blushes. *

118 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.

119 APPLEJACK
I sure am proud of her. She's REALLY
got things under control.

120 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.

121 APPLEJACK
Braeburn! What's wrong!

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

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

123 PALACE GUARD
Something is wrong with the
weather.

124 RAINBOW DASH
Seriously?

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

Fyre Flare strides in, flanked by two other unicorns.

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

127 RARITY
What? Whyever not?

128 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.

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

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Fluttershy looks out the window and her eyes widen.

130 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.

131 RAINBOW DASH
It's total chaos out there!

The ponies and Spike slowly turn to stare at Discord.

132 DISCORD
It wasn't ME!

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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 *

Twilight, we're sorry but--

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

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.

Twilight grins. *

140 TWILIGHT *

I guess I was TOO organized! I'll *

try to come up with a few last *

minute errands for you 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 *

Y'all KNOW my element is honesty *

right? Explain to me why we didn't *

TELL her the truth?! *

143 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!

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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?

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

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

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Discord pops out of existence.

152 RAINBOW DASH
OH COME ON!

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

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

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154 SPIKE *
What DID happen? *

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

155 COZY GLOW *
Best. Road trip. EVER. *

END ACT TWO *

ACT THREE *

SC. 9 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/OUTSIDE KITCHEN - MINUTES LATER *

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 *
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.

158 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. *

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

Applejack rolls her eyes. *

SC. 10 - 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. *

SC. 11 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/GARDENS - SAME *

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

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

161 FLUTTERSHY
Rainbow Dash and the others will
have all the weather rounded up ANY
minute. *

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

162 RAINBOW DASH
Or not... *

SC. 12 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/CORRIDOR - SAME *

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, past the throne room. A suspicious beady eyed goose sticks its head out and follows them. *

SC. 13 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/AMPHITHEATER - SAME *

Rarity tries to be as charming and convincing as possible.

163 RARITY
What about aiming for perfection?

164 FYRE FLARE
We've set our sights higher.

165 SPIKE
Higher than perfection?

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

167 RARITY
You were so excited before. What
changed? *

SC. 14 - 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. 15 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE/COURTYARD - SAME

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Celestia, Luna and Twilight walk through the courtyard.

168 TWILIGHT

You two just enjoy the festivities!

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I have a few surprises in store for-

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Discord pops into existence, looking around expectantly.

169 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Yes Discord?

170 DISCORD

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

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171 TWILIGHT

What are you talking about?

Thunder <RUMBLES> in the distance.

172 DISCORD

Ah. Here we go!

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

173 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.

174 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Pinkie? Is this soup?

175 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.

176 RARITY

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

177 UNICORN #1

You could do more with your magic
than make frilly dresses!

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

179 SPIKE
Not the POINT Rarity...

Twilight is about to fly over to join them when-

180 FEATHER FLATTERFLY
PRINCESS!!!

Feather Flatterfly throws himself at Twilight's feet.

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

182 TWILIGHT
What is?

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

183 FEATHER FLATTERFLY
That.

A soaked Fluttershy joins them.

184 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.

185 TWILIGHT
Applejack? What is going on?

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

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

187 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.

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

They all look at each other guiltily.

189 APPLEJACK
Everything WAS going fine...

190 PINKIE PIE
Until it totally wasn't.

191 RARITY
We have no idea what went wrong

192 FLUTTERSHY
We tried to fix it ourselves.

193 TWILIGHT
Why didn't you TELL ME?

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

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

196 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.

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

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

198 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.

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

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

200 CELESTIA (CONT'D) *

How can we help? *

Twilight smiles and levitates a scroll. *

201 TWILIGHT *

I love a good to-do list. So tell *

me exactly what happened and we can *

figure out exactly what to-do to *

fix it! *

FADE TO:

SC. 16 - 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. 17 - 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. 18 - 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.

202 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...

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The crowd gasps. Twilight smiles up at the princesses.

203 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.

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

204 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.

205 PINKIE PIE

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

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206 TWILIGHT

I'm just glad we pulled it off.

207 APPLEJACK

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

208 RARITY
You told us you changed.

209 FLUTTERSHY
As your friends we should have
trusted you.

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

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

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They all hug. Discord looks at Twilight thoughtfully.

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

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SC. 19 - INT. GROGAR'S LAIR - LATER

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

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

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214 GROGAR
Indeed. In fact It is even more
powerful than my Bell.

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215 CHRYSALIS
(mildly concerned but
covering)
Oh?

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216 GROGAR
Tomorrow I set out for Saddle
Arabia. When I return it will
finally be time. Equestria will be
ours for the taking.

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

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217 CHRYSALIS
Stop pouting.

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

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219 TIREK
I don't have to LIKE it.

220 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.

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

She levitates the bell and the spell book.

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

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

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

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225 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.

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

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

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