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TEASER**SC. 1 - EST. FUTURE CANTERLOT - DAY**

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We open on Canterlot, but not Canterlot, at least not the one we know. As many GRIFFINS, YAKS, DRAGONS, CHANGELINGS, and HIPPOGRIFFS fill the streets as ponies, and in the center of the town square is an Albert Memorial-style STATUE OF THE MANE SIX, immortalized in stone.

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High above, an ADULT DRAGON, soars over Canterlot's gates.

SC. 2 - INT. FUTURE CANTERLOT CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

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Inside, the same dragon we just saw opens the doors and strides into the room. He sure looks familiar with his purple scales and all, then...

1 FUTURE TWILIGHT (O.S.)
Hello, Spike!

FUTURE SPIKE's face breaks into an excited smile.

2 FUTURE SPIKE
Did I make it? I got here as soon as I could, but you know how much the official Envoy to the Dragonlands has to do.

3 FUTURE TWILIGHT (O.S.)
Oh, I know...

We follow Spike's gaze, as we PAN around to reveal, FUTURE TWILIGHT: taller, more regal, and with a decidedly Celestia-style mane - a flowing field of stars against a pre-dawn sky.

4 FUTURE TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
...that's why I picked you for the job. And no, you're not too late. In fact, you're just in time.

Spike flies over to the throne and lands next to Twilight (where Luna stood before she got her own chair).

5 FUTURE SPIKE
She's been gone so long. Any idea what's wrong?

6 FUTURE TWILIGHT
No. But I am a little concerned. Cadance seemed to think it was serious enough to send her here to talk to me.

7 FUTURE SPIKE
Didn't Cadance tell you what the
problem was?

8 FUTURE TWILIGHT
 (shakes her head)
Just that it's something only I can
help with.

Off Spike's perplexed expression, a GRIFFIN dressed as a
castle guard enters.

9 GRIFFIN GUARD
Your majesty, she's here.

Spike turns to Twilight.

10 SPIKE
Whatever it is, I'm sure you can
handle it.

11 FUTURE TWILIGHT
Well, we're about to find out.
 (to Guard)
Send her in, Gallus.

With that, Gallus turns and opens the doors to reveal a young
pony (think Twilight's age at the start of the show)-- she's
an ALICORN, in fact. She nods at Twilight formally.

12 FUTURE TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Flurry Heart! It is so good to see
my favorite niece.

13 FLURRY HEART
I'm your only niece.

14 FUTURE TWILIGHT
That doesn't mean you're not my
favorite!

The guard leaves as Twilight flies off her throne and lands
by Flurry, giving her a hug. Flurry rolls her eyes and
halfheartedly returns it (she IS a teenager after all).

15 FUTURE TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I don't know why you wanted to see
me, but I can't wait to help.

16 FLURRY HEART
My MOM wanted me to see you. It's -
 (she glances at Spike)
I kinda wanted to talk to you
alone.

17 FUTURE TWILIGHT
 (confused)
What do you--? (then, following her
gaze) You mean Spike? It's Spike!

18 FUTURE SPIKE
I may be Envoy to the Dragonlands,
but it's still just me.

Flurry looks at them both hesitant, then.

19 FLURRY HEART
<SIGH> All right. It's just... it's
NO BIG deal but MOM is all stressed
about it and said I had to talk to
you.

20 FUTURE TWILIGHT
What isn't a big deal?

21 FLURRY HEART
I've been gone for awhile now,
studying how to rule wisely with
Queen Novo and the hippogriffs,
learning strength in Yakyakistan,
how to be flexible from the
Changelings. I've learned SO much,
but I haven't put any time into
making friends.

22 FUTURE SPIKE
 (relieved)
If that's your problem, you've come
to the right place. Twilight can
help you make more friends than a
dragon has scales.

23 FLURRY HEART
That's what Mom said. But I'm not
sure I want her to. Friendship sort
of seems like a waste of time.

Off Twilight and Spike's looks of complete and utter shock...

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 3 - INT. FUTURE CANTERLOT CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - RESUME

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Twilight and Spike continue to stare, still in shock...

24 FUTURE SPIKE
You're the niece of the Princess of
Friendship, how could you think
friendship is a waste of time?!
 (suddenly accusatory)
Are you the real Flurry Heart? Did
Chrysalis come back and take your
place?

25 FLURRY HEART
I know it's controversial, but the
more I think about it, the more it
makes sense.

26 FUTURE TWILIGHT
I don't understand, why are you
saying this now?

27 FLURRY HEART
I'll be ruling on my own soon, and
I'm not sure how to be fair if I'm
friends with some ponies and not
with others. Besides, friendship
doesn't last forever. I don't know
if you've noticed, but alicorns
live a LONG time. Friendship just
seems like a risk we don't need.

Twilight thinks for a long beat, then puts a wing around
Flurry and walks toward the door.

28 FUTURE TWILIGHT
You know what, Flurry, you're
right.

29 FUTURE SPIKE
WHAT!!?

30 FUTURE TWILIGHT
Friendship is a risk, and there's
no guarantee it will last.

SC. 4 - INT. FUTURE CANTERLOT CASTLE - HALL - CONTINUOUS

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Twilight leads Flurry into the hall. They pass the giant
stained glass windows depicting the princesses. Spike
follows, stunned.

31 FUTURE TWILIGHT
It's complicated. It's messy. It
rarely goes the way you plan. It's
hard to navigate for anypony, let
alone a princess.

Twilight stops in front of her stained glass window and looks up at it.

32 FUTURE TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I remember when I was getting ready
to rule...

Off Flurry's rapt expression...

RIPPLE CUT TO:

SC. 5 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - HALLWAY - FLASHBACK - DAY

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Spike (the one we're used to seeing) holds a scroll and quill in his claw while Twilight (the not Celestia-fied version) runs from room to room, a bit manic.

33 SPIKE
Twilight? Um... I'm pretty sure
that's everything.

She reappears, briefly, before ducking into another room.

34 TWILIGHT
I'm just doing a final check,
Spike.

35 SPIKE
But we did a final check. Of every
room. Twice.

Suddenly Twilight shouts from one of the rooms.

36 TWILIGHT (O.S.)
Ah-ha!

She reappears, triumphantly floating a comic book in front of her.

37 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
See? An issue of Power Ponies. Now,
aren't you glad we triple checked?

Spike takes the comic and shrugs.

38 SPIKE
Thanks, but I've read this one. I
don't need to take it to Canterlot.

Twilight yanks the book back, a little tense.

39 TWILIGHT
What?! No, no. You love Power
Ponies. We're taking it.

With that, Twilight zooms back up the hall. Spike shrugs and follows after.

SC. 6 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - CONTINUOUS

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All the shelves are empty, boxes stacked everywhere. Twilight flits around, looking for a place to pack the wayward comic.

Spike sticks his head in and watches for beat, then...

40 SPIKE
Really, Twilight, we don't have to
bring it.

41 TWILIGHT
Of course we do.

42 SPIKE
Honestly, I'm not sure how much
longer I'll collect them. (giving
his wings a wave) A lot is changing
and I am getting older.

Twilight turns on him with sudden intensity.

43 TWILIGHT
Spike! Just because things change
doesn't mean you leave everything
you love behind!

Spike stares as Twilight collapses onto one of the boxes.

44 SPIKE
Twilight are you okay? You're not
still worried about ruling
Equestria are you?

Twilight looks up and shakes her head.

45 TWILIGHT
No. I know it took some time, but
I've never been more ready for
anything in my life.

46 SPIKE
Then what's wrong?

47 TWILIGHT
Just because I'm ready to sit on
the throne in Canterlot, doesn't
mean I'm ready to leave Ponyville!
Before we postponed the coronation,
I was too busy to think about it,
but now it's all happening at once.

48 SPIKE
What is?

49 TWILIGHT
The coronation, moving, leaving our
friends.

50 SPIKE
I thought we'd all be ruling
Equestria together.

51 TWILIGHT
I suppose we will, but it won't be
the same. None of the others are
moving. They all have lives here
and I can't help but feel like
we're leaving them behind.

52 SPIKE
(realizing)
Maybe you should talk to them. I
bet they're feeling the same way.

Twilight looks up, brightening.

53 TWILIGHT
You're right, Spike. Thanks.
Sometimes talking to a good friend
is all it takes.

She smiles and gives his head a tussle. Off Spike smiling
back we...

SC. 7 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

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APPLEJACK supervises as GRANNY SMITH, APPLE BLOOM, and BIG
MAC, work to pack crates of apples, apple sauce, apple juice,
etc.: Granny's on quality control and Apple Bloom mans the
conveyor belt that dumps things into a boxes which Applejack
closes. Big Mac shoves the crates up a ramp and into a wagon.

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Twilight and Spike watch the whole operation as Applejack
talks to them over her shoulder.

54 APPLEJACK
I haven't really thought about it.
We've been so busy getting
everything packed, now that there's
gonna be five times more folks at
the coronation.

55 TWILIGHT
So, you're not worried about how
things might change with me living
in Canterlot?

56 APPLEJACK
(too quickly)
Of course not! Change is natural,
like the seasons. That's just life
on the farm.

57 TWILIGHT
(downhearted)
Oh. Right. I guess so.

Off Spike, looking on with concern...

SC. 8 - INT. PINKIE'S SECRET PARTY PLANNING CAVE - DAY

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Twilight and Spike stand among the chaotic collection of
party supplies. Pinkie zooms back and forth opening drawers,
pulling files out, stuffing balloons in, etc.

58 PINKIE PIE
Worried? Pfft! After everything
we've been through? No way. Unless
you're talking about the
coronation, because then yes. I
mean, obviously the cakes are
handled, but there's the whole rest
of the party to stay on top of.
(leaning in conspiratorial) And
honestly, I'm not convinced Gummy
really took care of the fireworks.

QUICK PAN to GUMMY holding a SPARKLER.

59 TWILIGHT
But what about after the
coronation? Don't you think things
are going to be different?

60 PINKIE PIE
You mean like how I'll be in charge
of all the Canterlot galas from now
on? I guess that's different, but I
don't think I mind.

61 TWILIGHT
No. Of course not.

As Pinkie dashes off to dig nosily through a pile of party
supplies, Twilight and Spike share a look...

SC. 9 - EXT. SWEET FEATHER SANCTUARY - DAY

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Fluttershy stands in front of a collection of BUTTERFLIES, HUMMING BIRDS, SWANS, and DOVES.

62 FLUTTERSHY
Josephine, you'll lead the doves,
so you'll have to take off first.

Josephine the dove nods. Fluttershy turns to the swans.

63 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Next will be Eloise and Hubert. I
know it's a long way to Canterlot,
but I'll bring plenty of snacks to
replenish your energy.

Next she opens a few crates.

64 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Everyone else gets to ride since
the trip's too much for your little
wings. We need everyone in tip-top
shape for the coronation.

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PULL WIDE to reveal Twilight and Spike watching the whole affair. Fluttershy turns to them.

65 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
They're all so excited, I'm glad I
got the chance to include them, but
I can't imagine anypony's more
excited than you. Moving to
Canterlot. Being crowned. I can't
think of a single bad thing about
any of it.

66 TWILIGHT
(nervous laugh)
Heh-heh. Yeah. Me neither.

Off Spike giving Twilight a look...

SC. 10 - EXT. WONDERBOLTS ACADEMY - DAY

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Twilight and Spike stand on the runway while RAINBOW DASH stands off to the side looking at a stopwatch.

67 RAINBOW DASH
In...3...2...1...and...

With a <WHOOOSH> to lines of WONDERBOLTS come soaring past, on either side of a shocked Twilight and Spike.

PULL WIDE as the zooming pegasi arc upward in a circle and--
CRASH INTO EACH OTHER.

Dash frowns and quickly shoves a cloud over to catch the
flyers as they all come tumbling to the ground in a heap.

68 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I guess I better fly lead.
 (then to Twilight)
Sorry, Twilight. I don't have time
to talk. Obviously we've got some
work to do before the coronation.

Off Twilight's look of distress.

69 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I'll whip them into shape. And
don't worry. Once I take over
leading the Wonderbolts, I'll fly
the team out to Canterlot all the
time to visit.

With that, Dash rushes over to the rest of the flyers. Off
Twilight's <HEAVY SIGH>...

SC. 11 - INT. RARITY'S BOUTIQUE - DAY

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Twilight watches Rarity run circles around the magnificent
coronation gown, snipping, draping, tucking, etc.

70 RARITY
Darling, change is an integral part
of fashion. Things must evolve or
they become stale. For example...

Rarity pulls the cover off a small terrarium. Inside, a few
STAR SPIDERS spin GLOWING WEBS.

71 RARITY (CONT'D)
Once you decided to postpone the
coronation I was struck with a
sudden inspiration to change my
design and include the webs of
these star spiders. They glow for a
short while after they're spun. I
won't have much time to weave the
sash, but the effect will be
dazzling. You see? Change must be
embraced!

As Rarity returns to fussing over her dress, Spike looks with
concern at Twilight's crestfallen expression...

SC. 12 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - LATER

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Spike walks in holding a large box of comics in front of him.

72 SPIKE
I've been thinking, Twilight, and
you're right. I should definitely
take my comic books to Canterlot.

Spike sets the box down to reveal Twilight looking out at the
totally empty room - even the boxes are gone.

73 TWILIGHT
Why? It's not like the Power Ponies
care what you do.

74 SPIKE
What?

Just then the others rush in.

75 APPLEJACK
Y'all ready to go? I've got to meet
Big Mac before the coronation so he
knows who gets which deliveries.

76 PINKIE PIE
I'd like to get there a little
early. Gummy said he knows when the
fireworks display should start, but
does anypony really believe that?

Fluttershy holds up her boxes of birds and butterflies.

77 FLURRY HEART
And these little guys can only take
being cooped up for so long. Plus
the swans and doves should almost
be in Canterlot. If I don't get
them fed they'll be too pooped to
perform.

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78 RAINBOW DASH
I better fly ahead. The Wonderbolts
routine is going to be awesome! But
it'll take a firm hoof to pull off.

Rarity holds her terrarium.

79 RARITY
I should have just enough time on
the train to weave the star spider
sash for your gown.

As they all start to head out, Spike looks back to see Twilight hasn't moved.

80 SPIKE
Ah, Twilight? We need to leave if
we're going to catch the train.

They all stop and look back.

81 RARITY
Yes, darling. No time to dawdle. We
all want the coronation to be
perfect.

Twilight turns around and unleashes her worry and concern.

82 TWILIGHT
That's the problem! You're all SO
worried about making my coronation
perfect, but I'm leaving Ponyville
and none of you even care!

Off everypony's shocked expressions we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 13 - INT. FUTURE CANTERLOT CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - RESUME

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Flurry Heart looks up at Future Twilight, confused.

83 FLURRY HEART
See? That's my point! You were all
so close and they didn't really
care that you were leaving.

84 FUTURE TWILIGHT
That's when we realized it was
possible that we wouldn't always be
close.

Flurry looks up at her aunt, concerned. Spike gives Twilight a look and shakes his head as we...

RIPPLE TO:

SC. 14 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - RESUME FLASHBACK

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The others all stare at Twilight, stunned.

85 APPLEJACK
Of course we care, Twilight.

86 FLUTTERSHY
I can't believe you'd think we
don't.

87 PINKIE PIE
Yeah. What could possibly make you
think that?

Twilight stares at her friends, at the end of her rope.

88 TWILIGHT
All of you!

The friends all share confused looks.

89 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I tried to talk to you about how I
was feeling, but you all seemed
more worried about what you had to
do for the coronation.

90 SPIKE
I was there. It's true.

They all share guilty looks. Rarity steps forward.

91 RARITY
I suppose it gave us something else
to focus on.

92 APPLEJACK
I knew you were worried about
everything changin'. I guess I
thought if I made it seem like
everything was okay, it would be.

93 FLUTTERSHY
I was just trying to make you feel
better. That way I wouldn't feel so
terrible.

94 TWILIGHT
Before I moved to Ponyville I
didn't really know what friendship
was. You've all taught me so much
and I can't believe it all might be
ending.

95 RARITY
We all feel the same way.

96 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah! You are all the best friends
a pony could ask for.

97 TWILIGHT
But when I imagine the future, all
I can think about is that we won't
be together! I'm literally moving
away from you and it's terrifying.

98 FLUTTERSHY
I'm scared too.

99 PINKIE PIE
Me too!

100 RARITY
Definitely.

101 APPLEJACK
Yep.

102 RAINBOW DASH
I wouldn't say scared. (off the
other's looks) Buuut, just because
I won't say it, doesn't mean I
don't feel it.

The others all nod in agreement, fighting back emotions.
Finally, Pinkie can't take it anymore and BURSTS INTO TEARS. *

103 PINKIE PIE
I'm going to miss you so much!!!

Like a yawn, the tears are contagious as the others join in.

104 RARITY
I just can't stop thinking about
how much things are going to
change!

105 RAINBOW DASH
What if we don't see each other?

106 FLUTTERSHY
What if we don't talk as much?

107 APPLEJACK
What if we don't stay friends?

Soon the whole group is a crying mess. Finally, Twilight
pulls herself together.

108 TWILIGHT
I know it's weird, but knowing you
all are as upset as I am actually
makes me feel better.
(MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

There's no way to know what the future holds, but I am so grateful to have friends like you right now. And whatever's on the horizon, I hope we still face it all together.

They all hug as the tears subside.

109 RARITY

The future might be uncertain, but I think we all feel better knowing we're not worrying about it alone.

As the others all nod in agreement, Spike pipes up.

110 SPIKE

Speaking of things to worry about. I'm pretty sure we missed the train to Canterlot.

Off all of there sudden looks of concern...

SC. 15 - INT./EXT. TRAIN - SOON AFTER

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With a sudden BAMF, Twilight and the rest of her friends appear on the train, much to the surprise of the PASSENGERS.

111 TWILIGHT

Okay. We're on the train. Everything should be fine, right?

Rarity immediately sits and breaks out her sewing supplies.

112 RARITY

I'd worked out exactly how much time I needed to weave my star spider sash, but now I'm behind!

She sets her terrarium down next to another PASSENGER who eyes the spiders inside warily.

113 APPLEJACK

I kinda wish I'd had a chance to check in with Big Mac...

WHIP PAN TO:

BIG MAC - pushing a few crates up to a FANCY CANTERLOT PONY.

114 FANCY CANTERLOT PONY

The coronation toast will need to be perfect. I assume these contain the finest sparkling apple juice?

115 BIG MAC
 (confident)
Eeyup!

WHIP TO:

BIG MAC - pushing some crates up to a BAKER PONY.

116 BAKER PONY
Ah, the Sweet Apple Acres
applesauce for my coronation
parfait! This is the applesauce?

117 BIG MAC
 (less confident)
Eeyup.

WHIP BACK TO:

APPLEJACK ON THE TRAIN...

118 APPLEJACK
He isn't always the best with
deliveries.

Fluttershy looks around distraught.

119 FLUTTERSHY
I hadn't counted on transporting
onto the train. I don't have the
snacks for my feathered friends who
flew ahead. They'll be exhausted. I
better find the food car.

She slides her crates under the seat in front of Rarity and
rushes out of the car. The butterflies and humming birds
inside cower as the star spiders eye them hungrily from their
terrarium.

Rainbow Dash looks to the others.

120 RAINBOW DASH
That reminds me. I need to fly
ahead and check on the Wonderbolts.
They should be at the rally point
just outside of Canterlot by now.

WHIP PAN TO:

RAINBOW DASH - Soars through the air and lands on an empty
hillside overlooking Canterlot. She looks around confused.

121 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Um... Hello?

Dash looks over and sees Gummy, sitting on a wagon FULL of FIREWORKS.

122 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
You didn't happen to see a bunch of
Wonderbolts around here, did you?

Gummy just licks his eye. Dash grits her teeth in frustration as we...

WHIP TO:

DASH - Soars up to the Wonderbolt Academy. She spots a JANITOR PONY sweeping the runway.

123 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Hey, have you seen the coronation
team?

124 JANITOR PONY
They waited around here for you for
a while, then they just took off on
their own. Shouldn't you be in
Canterlot?

Off Dash's look of distress...

WHIP BACK TO:

THE TRAIN - Pinkie looks to Twilight.

125 PINKIE PIE
The only thing I'm worried about is
Gummy handling the fireworks
display...

WHIP TO:

GUMMY - still on the hillside, surrounded by dozens of fireworks now stuck in the ground pointing every which way. Another eye lick.

WHIP BACK TO:

126 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
...buuut I'm sure it's fine.

Twilight turns to her friends and smiles.

127 TWILIGHT
Well, at least we'll get there. It
could be worse.

The others all stare at her. Spike pops up next to her.

128 SPIKE
After all this time, you really
should know not to say things like
that.

Off Twilight's embarrassed expression...

SC. 16 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - DAY

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Celestia and Luna look out of the balcony at the crowd below sitting at fancy tables like a wedding. Twilight suddenly rushes in as Celestia and Luna turn back inside.

129 LUNA
Cutting it a little close, aren't
you Twilight?

130 TWILIGHT
My friends and I are running just a
tiny bit late.

131 CELESTIA
(smiles)
Well, it is your coronation. We
can't really do it without you.

Outside comes a BLAST of trumpets as the CROWD CHEERS.

132 CELESTIA (CONT'D)
But we should probably get started.
Are you ready?

133 RARITY (O.S.)
NO!

Rarity comes rushing in with the gown and sash.

134 RARITY (CONT'D)
She can hardly be crowned without
wearing her coronation gown. I just
need two minutes.

135 CELESTIA
Very well.

Luna rolls her eyes as she and Celestia head out to the balcony.

SC. 17 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

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Celestia and Luna look out at the crowd.

136 CELESTIA
Citizens of Equestria... and
beyond.

A table of YAKS stomp, several DRAGONS breathe plumes of celebratory fire, etc. *

137 CELESTIA (CONT'D)
My sister and I have ruled this
land for quite some time, but even
we know change eventually comes to
us all...

BACK INSIDE - Rarity struggles to put Twilight in the gown.

138 TWILIGHT
Too. Tight.

139 RARITY
I spent so much time on the sash I
forgot to double check the fit.

She uses a seam ripper to loosen a stitch. Twilight breathes a sigh of relief. Rarity takes a step back and marvels. *

140 RARITY (CONT'D)
You look amazing. (remembering) Oh!
Almost forgot.

Rarity reaches over to her terrarium and pulls out the glowing sash of spider web. She floats it around Twilight's waist. Twilight smiles and turns to head outside, but steps on her train and stumbles while...

OUTSIDE - ON CELESTIA

141 CELESTIA
And so without further ado, I give
you the new ruler of Equestria,
Princess Twilight Sparkle!

With that, Twilight tumbles out onto the balcony. Celestia, Luna, and the whole crowd GASP in surprise as she somersaults over the railing. *

After a beat, she reappears, flapping up and lands back on the balcony, her magnificent dress slightly askew.

142 TWILIGHT
Sorry. No problem. I'm fine.
Everything's fine.

But as she talks, a pair of STAR SPIDERS crawl onto her shoulders like epaulettes. Luna gawks.

143 LUNA
Um... Twilight--

Before Luna can point out the spiders, a cloud of butterflies and humming birds fly up. The spiders HISS as the butterflies scramble and the birds feverishly SQUAWK back. PAN TO...

Fluttershy - looking up from her empty crates, concerned.

144 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, dear. I suppose that train ride
didn't help anyone's disposition. I
hope all of you can save the day.

She turns to a collection of tired looking doves and swans, while...

SC. 18 - EXT. HILLSIDE - SAME

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SPITFIRE looks through a set of binoculars, then turns to the team of waiting Wonderbolts.

145 SPITFIRE
Well, Dash or no Dash, Twilight's
about to get that crown. Looks like
it's go time. Come on Wonderbolts,
let's move!

In two neat lines the Wonderbolts ZOOM of toward the castle just as Rainbow Dash comes flying up.

146 RAINBOW DASH
No! Wait!

Frustrated, she flies after them, while...

SC. 19 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - BALCONY - SAME

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Twilight struggles to see through the swarm of butterflies and humming birds flying around her head as several tired doves fly up and unimpressively land nearby.

Meanwhile, the pair of exhausted swans struggle to lower a crown onto Twilight's head just as the two ZOOMING lines of Wonderbolts zip out of the sky in a huge arc.

For a moment it seems that, at least this part of the coronation will come together successfully when suddenly, a huge explosion of color blasts in the air nearby.

WHIP TO:

GUMMY - on his hillside, still standing amidst the fireworks which blast off in every direction.

BACK ON - The teams of Wonderbolts who scatter to avoid the explosions, scaring the swans who indelicately drop the crown which bounces off the top of Twilight's head before ringing her horn like a game of horse shoes.

As the chaos dissipates, silence falls over Canterlot as everypony looks on in disbelief. Finally, Applejack stands at her table and raises a glass.

147 APPLEJACK
To Twilight!

Everypony realizes their glasses are empty. Off to the side the Fancy Canterlot Pony glares at several Waiter Ponies nearby who all rush forward with pitchers and fill everypony's glasses with-- a GLOP of APPLESAUCE.

AJ frowns at Big Mac while Twilight looks out at the horror show of a coronation, mortified as we FREEZE FRAME for some Princess Bride-style V.O.

148 FLURRY HEART (O.S.)
Hold on. Back up.

CUT TO:

SC. 20 - INT. FUTURE CANTERLOT CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - RESUME

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Flurry Heart looks up at Future Twilight, incredulous.

149 FLURRY HEART
You were the Main Six. Obviously
you all worked it all out and the
coronation turned out perfectly,
right?

150 SPIKE
Yeah. No.

151 FUTURE TWILIGHT
(nodding)
It was pretty much a horror show.

Off Flurry's look of shock...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 21 - INT. FUTURE CANTERLOT CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - RESUME

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Flurry just stares, talking this all in.

152 FLURRY HEART
So the coronation was a disaster
and, what? You all just drifted
apart and friendship actually isn't
worth it?

153 SPIKE
Whoa, whoa, whoa. Who said that?

Suddenly, the doors at the end of the hall burst open and
FUTURE PINKIE PIE walks in, leading a CMC-SIZED FOAL with a
pink coat and a curly yellow mane.

154 FUTURE PINKIE
Sorry I'm late, but it is so hard
to find a sitter with a sense of
humor for Li'l Cheese!

LI'L CHEESE smiles and cups his hoof to his armpit and makes
a FART sound.

The two of them are immediately followed by FUTURE RARITY,
indistinguishable from regular Rarity save for a SHOCK OF
GRAY in her mane and the massive fur coat she wears.

155 FUTURE RARITY
Honestly, I would have been here
sooner but you would not believe
the traffic in Yakyakistan these
days! Why did I decide to open a
boutique there again?

FUTURE RAINBOW DASH and FUTURE APPLEJACK enter next,
bickering good-naturedly.

156 FUTURE DASH
Well, maybe we could get to places
on time if you let me do some of
the chores instead of always doing
everything yourself.

157 FUTURE APPLEJACK
Well, maybe I would if you did them
the right way. (to the rest) Sorry.
We're not the last ones are we?

Suddenly a GLOWING PORTAL opens in the middle of the room and
FUTURE FLUTTERSHY steps out. DISCORD leans through the hole
and hands her a sack-lunch. He looks to the rest, rolls his
eyes, then ducks back through the portal as it disappears.

158 FUTURE FLUTTERSHY
Sorry, everypony. He's still a
little annoyed that he's not
included in these gatherings.

Flurry looks to Twilight, stupefied.

159 FLURRY HEART
I have clearly been away too long.
I just assumed that since you all
don't hang out any more...

160 TWILIGHT
That we aren't friends?

The others all laugh.

161 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
That is not the moral of my story.
It's true my coronation was a
disaster, but it would take a lot
more than that to separate us...

RIPPLE TO:

SC. 22 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - RESUME FLASHBACK

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Shortly after where we left off, Applejack and the others
(minus Twilight) sit at their table looking awkwardly at each
other. Pinkie takes a SLURP of her glass of applesauce.

162 PINKIE PIE
Well, at least the coronation is
over.

A waiter pony walks up and refills her glass with another
GLOP. Applejack gives him a look.

Twilight walks up to the table. They all look at her, gown
disheveled, mane a fright, and her crown, though no longer
hanging from her horn, sits cockeyed on her head.

Twilight plops down in her chair. None of them quite know
what to say. After a beat, Twilight looks at them and smiles.
Pinkie starts to GIGGLE. Applejack and Dash join in. Soon
they are all LAUGHING out loud. Twilight looks at them, tears
streaming.

163 TWILIGHT
That was something.

164 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (O.S.)
I was just about to say the same
thing.

PULL WIDE to reveal STARLIGHT and Spike standing nearby.

165 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
I know maybe it wasn't the
coronation you planned, but I'm
glad to see all of you laughing.

166 SPIKE
And Starlight and I wanted to give
you something.

Spike pulls out a large BOOK from behind his back.

167 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Since you're moving to Canterlot, I
thought if you missed any of us, or
Ponyville, this might help.

They give Twilight the book (like a photo album) and as she
looks down at it we see the images move (like a newspaper in
Harry Potter).

168 PINKIE PIE
It's a book of memories.

169 APPLEJACK
And we all chipped in some.

170 FLUTTERSHY
Now no matter how much things
change, you'll always have this to
look back on.

Twilight flips through it, then looks up at all of her
friends.

171 TWILIGHT
It's perfect. Thank you so much.
But I don't want to only look back.
Obviously the perfect coronation
wasn't important, but our
friendship is and we need to
maintain it.

172 RARITY
Of course we do, but now that we'll
be living in different places, I'm
not exactly sure how.

173 TWILIGHT
I am. I suggest we meet every few
moons or so. That way we can check
in and reconnect.
(MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

In fact, my first royal decree as ruler of Equestria is to establish this Council of Friendship!

The others CHEER.

174 CELESTIA (O.S.)
And what a wonderful decree it is.

PAN OVER to reveal Celestia and Luna.

175 LUNA
We always knew that whatever adversity you faced, you and your friends would find your way through it together.

176 CELESTIA
And it is gratifying to see just how right we were. But now it's time for us to go.

177 TWILIGHT
You're leaving?

178 LUNA
We hope you'll come visit us in the Silver Shoals.

179 CELESTIA
But now it's time for you to rule on your own. You're all more than capable.

PAN ACROSS - Twilight and her friends - mixed bittersweet expressions.

180 TWILIGHT
Thank you. For everything.

Celestia smiles. Twilight bows, trying to be formal, but can't. She rush forward for a hug. The others follow suit and as the whole group embraces we PULL WIDE then...

RIPPLE TO:

SC. 23 - INT. FUTURE CANTERLOT CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - RESUME

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Flurry looks to Twilight, then the others.

181 FLURRY HEART
So, is that what this is? You're all here for the Council of Friendship?

182 FUTURE DASH
Duh.

Applejack nudges Dash playfully.

183 APPLEJACK
What she MEANS is, we wouldn't miss
it!

184 FUTURE RARITY
We've continued to meet all this
time.

Pinkie wrangles Lil Cheese.

185 PINKIE PIE
No matter HOW busy life gets we
make sure to keep in touch!

186 FUTURE FLUTTERSHY
It really was a good idea.

187 FUTURE TWILIGHT
You see, learning about friendship
doesn't just teach you how to treat
your friends, it teaches you how to
treat everypony, and as long as you
look after and maintain it, it can
last forever.

Flurry nods, considering.

188 FLURRY HEART
I get it now. But I've been so
focused on learning how to rule, I
don't really know where to start.

189 FUTURE TWILIGHT
 (smiling)
I know you've traveled beyond
Equestria, but there's only one
place you need to go to learn what
you need.

Twilight looks to the others who all smile and nod. They know
just what she's thinking. Off Flurry's hopeful expression...

SC. 24 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

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Twilight, Pinkie, Lil Cheese, Rarity, Dash, Applejack,
Fluttershy, Spike and Flurry BAMF into the middle of town.
Flurry looks around, unsure.

190 FUTURE TWILIGHT
When I first needed to learn about
friendship, Celestia sent me here.
Now it's your turn.

Flurry looks out and sees several PONIES her age. They smile at her.

191 FUTURE TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Because if you want to learn about
the Magic of Friendship, there's
only one place to go - Ponyville!

Twilight nods to the other ponies and Flurry excitedly rushes over. Twilight shares a look with her best friends. They all smile as....MUSIC UP and Twilight starts to SING...

SONG: "FRIENDSHIP IS MAGIC"

Twilight looks around Ponyville fondly as the others walk with her one last time.

192 TWILIGHT
*When I started out I was unsure, I
didn't know what to expect.
I thought I knew all that I needed,
but soon I started to suspect
that there was something I was
missing, something more I had to
know
And this is where the magic
happened, where I finally learned
to grow...*

Pinkie walks up to Sugar Cube Corner and Lil Cheese rushes up and hugs a pair of ponies standing outside - they sure look familiar. Could they be THE CAKE TWINS all grown up? Sure.

193 PINKIE PIE
*And no matter how much time goes by
this place will still be here
there'll always be more fun to have
more grinning ear to ear*

Pinkie looks up to see Dash leading a group of WONDERBOLTS flying by in formation.

194 RAINBOW DASH
*With big adventures, obviously,
that doesn't have to stop
As long as we're together
there's no challenge we can't top.*

Dash and the wonderbolts fly past SWEET APPLE ACRES just as Applejack rushes up.

195 APPLEJACK
*And it's something true to pass on
down
to generations yet to come
'cause friendship's not the kind of
thing that's ever really done.*

Pan over to the farm house where an older BIG MAC and SUGAR BELLE stand, gleefully playing with their THREE CHILDREN. They exchange smiles with AJ as we...

WHIP BACK TO:

PONYVILLE - where all the towns ponies sing...

196 ALL
*Friendship is Magic
It's so simple and so true
It's what we've learned together
and we won't ever be through!
It's honest, loyal, kind, and fun,
and generous as well,
Friendship is Magic
It's the one and only spell.*

Rarity trotting up to her BOUTIQUE where an older, AND NOW ELEGANT, YONA helps PONY CUSTOMERS with their purchases.

197 RARITY
*And there will be surprises
They'll be things you don't expect.
Just keep sharing with each other
That's the best way to connect.*

WHIP TO:

Fluttershy flies over SWEET FEATHER SANCTUARY where a seemingly endless line of animals parade.

198 FLUTTERSHY
*And because the love between you
never really ends
you really can do anything
if you do everything with friends*

She lands and we see the animals are actually parading out of magic PORTALS being opened by DISCORD, who looks to the camera and gives us a wink as he...

SNAPS US TO:

Flurry Heart and some of the other ponies her age run up to the SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP where an older STARLIGHT, SUNBURST and TRIxie welcome them inside where the grown up CMCS teach ponies in classrooms as everypony sings... *

199 ALL
*Friendship is Magic
It's so simple and so true
We've learned all we could together
And helped others see it too!*

BACK TO PONYVILLE where we pan around the town seeing new and old faces alike, all singing as we finally land on Flurry surrounded by the Main Six...

200 ALL (CONT'D)
*Stronger than the strongest storm
And brighter than the sun
A Friendship that is Magic
Can ne-ver be undone!*

As the music fades, Flurry looks to Twilight and smiles. She gives her aunt a hug, then runs off to join her new friends.

The Mane Six watch her go, pleased as we...

FADE OUT

END