

The Last Problem

BEATS.V2

TEASER

- show future Canterlot. Maybe there's a M6 statue, maybe there isn't. Inside we'll see future Celestia-ified TS. Maybe a full grown SK, maybe not, depending on production. Rather than withhold Flurry Heart and her student for a reveal at the end we put them front and center to state the problem of the episode: "Hey TS, Is friendship worth it? Seems like a risk and what if it doesn't last?" To everyone's surprise, TS agrees! Friendship is a risk, and there ISN'T a guarantee it will last. DUN, DUN, DUN! END TEASER

ACT ONE

- Resume on future TS talking to young foal as they walk through the castle explaining that friendship is complicated and it rarely goes the way you plan. Off the foal's rapt expression... RIPPLE CUT TO FLASHBACK
- TS packing up her castle in a state. She's moving back to Canterlot after all these years. There's a lot of emotions. SK wonders why and he's the one it has to be explained to: Obviously the friends aren't moving too. They all have lives in P-ville. SK, "Ooooh. Yeah. That sounds devastating." TS—it is. That's why I have to go check in on them, since they are no doubt in the same state.
- BUT—at the farm, AJ isn't fazed at all. In fact she's kinda busy getting the apples ready to ship to Canterlot for the coronation celebration—BM has to take the loaded wagon by a certain time to get there, etc. Is AJ worried about all the change? Come on TS. Change is natural, seasons, planting cycle, etc. It's just business as usual on the farm. TS: "Huh."
- Pinkie – Surely Pinkie is concerned... But, NOPE. Of course the cupcakes are picked out, but there's the whole rest of the party planning that needs attention to ensure things go off without a hitch. Of course this is just the start since PP will be planning all future Canterlot galas. Concerned about all that change? What?! No way. It's exciting. TS: "O-kaaay."
- Fluttershy's animals are ready, but there's a set of things that have to be done to ensure they are in the right frame of mind to perform—nothing she can't handle, but it has to be done at the exact right time. She's so excited for TS. Moving to Canterlot, being crowned. It's all so wonderful. She can't think of a single bad thing about the whole thing. TS: "Riiight."
- Dash is of course leading the wonderbolt routine. They are all taking their lead from her, so if she's not there, the whole thing won't work. Dash is fine with everything that's going on. Is TS kidding? Dash is in her element, leading the Wonderbolts. All things are great. She'll fly them over TS's new home all the time. All the "yays!" TS: "Sure. Yay."
- Rarity running around putting the finishing touches on the gown. There's one critical piece that has to be added at the last moment, but it holds the whole thing together. Anyway, worried about the future? What? No, no,

no. Things have to change or fashion becomes stale. Out with the old, I say! TS: “Gulp.”

- Back at the TS’s castle where all the friends have gathered before heading off to Canterlot. Everything is going to be perfect, but they are on the clock—having time sensitive things to do to make the coronation perfect. All the emotions come bubbling up for TS. She doesn’t care if the coronation is perfect! She’s leaving P-ville and none of her friends even care! Off of their surprised expressions... FLASH FORWARD TO:
- Future TS with foal, “and that was when we realized, maybe we WOULDN’T always be as close as we thought we’d be...WHAT???

ACT TWO

- resume and we discover that they were all just putting on a brave face for TS’s sake, b/c they knew how she was feeling. It’s a big emotional scene where they are blubbing about how everything is about to change and they are all worried about staying friends! TS feels a lot better. They might not know what the future holds but at least they are all feeling equally apprehensive about it. They all agree they feel better until SK chimes in. He feels better too, but they were supposed to leave for the coronation awhile ago and all the things they needed to do can’t really happen now, can they? UH-OH!!
- Revisit all the preparations from Act One and how each one is now in jeopardy because they used up the time they needed to get them done. They rush and do their best to get it all done, right up to the...
- Coronation where every last thing they prepared goes wrong. It’s a giant mess. In fact, it doesn’t even look like the crown will make it onto TS’s head. As all of Canterlot looks on, TS and her friends watch the disaster unfold like a car crash in slow motion and we... FLASH FORWARD TO:
- Future TS with the foal who says, “Okay. Yeah. But you’re the M6. Surely it all worked out in the end and everything turned out perfect, just maybe not how you expected, right?” Future TS, “Nope. It was pretty much a shit show.” WHAT?!!!

ACT THREE

- resume on the foal in the future. “So the coronation was a disaster and you all just drifted apart and friendship actually isn’t worth it?”
- That’s when the future remaining M6 burst in – sorry we’re late for the council meeting! And we catch up on the where are they now stuff...
 - o PP bursts in with a little foal with pink fur and yellow hair: “sorry I couldn’t get a sitter for Li’l Cheese!” (WHATT???)
 - o RY: and you will NOT believe the traffic from Yakyakistan these days (WHATT???)
 - o RD/AJ: “SOMEONE was taking forever to finish her farm chores” (we actually could do some sort of subtle wink to the idea that they are now a couple??)
 - o FS steps out of the chaos dimension and Discord sticks his head out for a kiss—WHAT??!?

- The foal – I am sooo confused. TS explains that sure things were a disaster back then, but they still managed to stick together. Cut to one last FLASHBACK as...
- The girls sit around a table, like after prom, exhausted from the chaos. It was a real disaster, but at least the friends can still give TS her gift. They give her the memories scrap book. We don't get into it, it's just a sweet moment where TS and the girls realize that no matter what happens they will ALWAYS have each other because yes things change, but that's not new. They've been changing their whole lives and this change is just more of that. This is when TS has the idea for the friendship council. The perfect coronation wasn't important, their relationship with each other is – so they need to maintain it and that's why they'll keep meeting and checking in. They all agree it's a great idea as we FLASH FORWARD TO
- Them all together in the future. "And we still think it's a great idea."
- Song about friendship and that if your friendship is strong enough, it will weather whatever life throws at it (potential production-dependent montage of the other "friendships" in Equestria here to get additional characters in)
- Episode ends with foal saying something along the lines of "That's great, but I don't know anything about friendship and I don't even know where to start." TS, "Well, luckily I do. There's a place you should go. The same place I went—Ponyville!"