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TEASER**SC. 1 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - TWILIGHT'S CLASSROOM - DAY**

TWILIGHT SPARKLE addresses her FRIENDSHIP STUDENTS, including OCELLUS, YONA, SANDBAR, SILVERSTREAM, GALLUS, SMOLDER, COZY GLOW, and a few other PONIES. SPIKE stands at the front of the class, near an ORNATE, LARGE, closed CHEST.

1 TWILIGHT
Who can tell me what these are?

Spike opens the chest to reveal SIX MAGICAL ARTIFACTS - the AMULET OF AURORA, the TALISMAN OF MIRAGE, the HELM of YKSLER, the CROWN OF GROVER, KNUCKERBOCKER'S SHELL, and CLOVER the CLEVER's CLOAK.

The students lean in to look, impressed/awed. In a quick run:

2 SMOLDER / YONA / GALLUS / SANDBAR /
SILVERSTREAM
Treasure? / Shiny! / Me likey. /
Whoa. / Nope!

3 OCELLUS
They're all legendary magical
artifacts!
(the others gape at her)
I read ahead in Equestrian Cultures
and Camaraderie. Volume seven.

Ocellus shyly points to a huge book on her desk.

Twilight smiles encouragingly. As she mentions each artefact, we FEATURE IT--

4 TWILIGHT
You're right, Ocellus! This is the
Amulet of Aurora, the Talisman of
Mirage, the Helm of Yksler, the
Crown of Grover, Knuckerbocker's
Shell and Clover the Clever's
Cloak.

5 SPIKE
And the gems are real! Not that I
tasted them...

6 TWILIGHT
Princess Celestia gifted these to
our school, since they each
represent one of the cultures our
students come from.
(MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
And we'll be learning all about
them-- with a Spell-venger hunt!

Smolder leans over to Sandbar to ask--

7 SMOLDER
Is that a pony thing?

Sandbar shrugs - first he's heard of it.

8 TWILIGHT
It's a magical scavenger hunt!
Each of you will work in pairs to
try to find where in the school
these artifacts are hidden.

9 SPIKE
The team that finds the most wins a
private tour of the Canterlot
archives with Princess Celestia.

10 SILVERSTREAM
Learning AND fun? Does it get any
better than that?!

11 GALLUS
You've been underwater a long time,
haven't you.

12 TWILIGHT
Gallus and Silverstream? Sounds
like you're our first pair.

The students react in <SHOCK>, which Twilight misinterprets:

13 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
What? They'll make a great team!

Yona points a hoof at Twilight, asking what they all wonder:

14 YONA
Why pony glowing?

Twilight looks down to see that her CUTIE MARK is GLOWING - a
summons from the map!

CUT TO:

SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - MAP ROOM - SOON

Twilight runs in to find that APPLEJACK, RARITY, FLUTTERSHY,
PINKIE PIE and RAINBOW DASH are already there - with their
cutie marks glowing as well!

15 TWILIGHT
Wait - you all were called on this
friendship quest too?

16 FLUTTERSHY
It must be a really important one.

17 RARITY
And terribly far away.

Rarity points to the map -- sure enough, the Mane 6's cutie
marks float above an unknown area on the edge.

18 RAINBOW DASH
Just getting there will take DAYS!

19 APPLEJACK
Do y'all know what this means?

Pinkie pops up, a PEN in one hoof and a PAPAYA in the other.

20 PINKIE PIE
That if you stick a pen in a papaya
you get a papaya pen?

Applejack shakes her head.

21 APPLEJACK
It MEANS there won't be any
teachers left to run the school!

END TEASER.

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 3 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - MAP ROOM - RESUME

The Mane 5 look concerned as they consider what this means--

22 FLUTTERSHY
Should we send our students home?

23 PINKIE PIE
I say we take em with us! ROAD
TRIP!

24 RARITY
In the middle of my friendship
quilting class? I think not! All
those unfinished seams...<shudder>

25 APPLEJACK
Problem is, we don't even know how
long we'll be gone!

But Twilight remains calm. She magics in a massive scroll
and tells the others--

26 TWILIGHT
Don't worry, everypony. I already
have a seventy-eight point plan in
place for this very situation.

SC. 4 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - HEADMARE'S OFFICE

ON a shocked STARLIGHT GLIMMER as she asks CAMERA:

27 STARLIGHT
You want ME to be Headmare?!

TWILIGHT, at her desk (Spike beside her), nods with a smile.

28 TWILIGHT
Mm hm. You're the perfect choice.
You're a good leader, and an expert
in friendship! I trust you to run
this school exactly as I would.

29 STARLIGHT
That's a pretty big responsibility,
Twilight...

30 TWILIGHT
Which is why I've prepared
everything you need!

Twilight levitates a stack of folders, books, and scrolls on
the desk. <WHAM!> Starlight jumps back from the pile.

31 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
The curriculum, rules for the
Spellvenger hunt, dining hall menus
for the next six months...

32 SPIKE
Six months?! You're not really
gonna be gone that long, are you?

Twilight levitates Spike atop the pile.

33 TWILIGHT
...And Spike. Anything that isn't
covered in my files, he'll be able
to help you with.

34 STARLIGHT
Then why not put him in charge?

Spike waves his hands - no no no.

35 SPIKE
No thanks. Being a princess for
Twilight was hard enough.

36 STARLIGHT
I'm gonna pretend that made sense.
(then, to Twilight)
But if you're sure it's what you
really want...
(then, decisive)
I promise I won't let you down.

Twilight smiles at Starlight, and then levitates a suitcase
as she heads for the door.

37 TWILIGHT
I knew I could count on you.

As Twilight <CLOSES> the door behind her, the pile of
paperwork falls off the desk. Spike leaps free, flapping his
wings. Starlight is buried by the pile. She levitates it off
herself, dryly observing--

38 STARLIGHT
Great. What could possibly go
wrong?

CUT TO:

SC. 5 - EXT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - SOON

Spike and Starlight wave goodbye as the Mane Six disappear
over the horizon, off on their friendship mission.

39 SPIKE / STARLIGHT
Bye, Rarity! And everypony! / Come
back soon! Please.

A loud OS <NOSE BLOW> makes Spike and Starlight JUMP. PULL
OUT TO REVEAL - DISCORD holds a hankie, eyes streaming tears.

40 DISCORD
I hate goodbyes, don't you? I just
go to pieces!

Discord <BLOWS> his nose and falls apart like a crumbling
cookie and lands in a pile. Starlight isn't sure what to say.

41 STARLIGHT
Discord! What a...Nice surprise!
This is your first time at our new
school, isn't it?

Reassembled Discord snarks back, changing clothes: Grand Opening is a nice suit, Friends and Family day is a beanie hat with propeller, Baccalaureate is a graduation gown.

42 DISCORD
Oh, was I not invited to the grand opening? Friends and Family Day? Baccalaureate? I hadn't noticed.

43 STARLIGHT
Well... At least you're here now!
(a beat, then)
Um...Why ARE you here now?

Discord throws his mortar board in the air and his clothes disappear.

44 DISCORD
To fill in for Twilight of course.
As Headdraconequus.

Spike and Starlight share an awkward look.

45 DISCORD (CONT'D)
I seem to recall a whole song about how this is a school where you make your own rules. Who better at that than me?

46 SPIKE
Then you ALSO must've heard Starlight is in charge now.

47 DISCORD
Really? I thought there must be some mistake. A bad connection.

Discord takes off his head in one hand and uses a rag to <SQUEAK SQUEAK> clean the head and neck ends before reattaching them.

48 STARLIGHT
Nope, Twilight picked me for the job. And she left pretty detailed instructions for me to follow.

49 DISCORD
Well, I'm sure she wouldn't mind if I made a few TINY suggestions...

Discord shrinks to TINY SIZE and begins reading a ridiculously long scroll.

50 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Item one - gravity is optional.

Discord begins floating.

51 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Item two - the school's new mascot
is an ambidexterous marmoset.

The MARMOSET appears, wearing school colors, also floating, and flashes two thumbs up.

52 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Item three...

Starlight puts her face down to tiny Discord.

53 STARLIGHT
Yeah, not gonna happen. I promised
Twilight I'd handle this her way.
So thanks, but no thanks.

Discord poofs back to regular size - challenge accepted.

54 DISCORD
Reeeeeeeally? Well, we'll see if
you change your mind.

He <SNAPS> his fingers and is gone. Spike looks worried.

55 SPIKE
Uh oh. When we play Ogres and
Oubliettes, and he puts that many
eeees in "really", things usually
don't end well.

56 STARLIGHT
Don't worry, Spike. Discord and I
are old save-Equestria buddies.
He'll be fine. Now, what's next on
Twilight's list?

SC. 6 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - HALLWAY - NEXT MORNING

Spike walks beside Starlight, consulting a to-do scroll.

57 SPIKE
Okay, I hid the artifacts for the Spellvenger hunt and ordered school supplies for the week. All you have to worry about is teaching class.

As they arrive at the Headmare's office.

58 STARLIGHT
Thanks, Spike. Maybe we will get through this okay...

SC. 7 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - HEADMARE'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

But when the duo opens the door, they see Discord, feet up on the desk, the whole room redecorated in Chaos Lord Chic. He takes a BITE of one of Twilight's books and beckons--

59 DISCORD
Come in, come in, you'll let the twittermites out.

60 SPIKE
Twittermites? OW!

A few TWITTERMITES ZAP Spike as they zoom by.

61 STARLIGHT
Discord! What are you doing?

Discord sits up, detaching from his crosslegged feet, which he leaves on the desk.

62 DISCORD
No pony was at your desk. Imagine what Twilight would say!

Discord's head becomes Twilight's:

63 DISCORD (CONT'D)
 (as Twilight)
How could you, Starlight? You've broken my trust and failed me completely!
 (then, normal again)
Don't worry, I covered for you. By the way, I hope you like Limburger cheese. I got a month's supply for the teacher's lounge.

Discord opens a huge crate, and stinky cheese tumbles out around Spike. He blanches at the smell.

Starlight forces a smile and escorts Discord to the door.

64 STARLIGHT
We'll take it from here, Discord.
Go relax, have a cup of tea, at
home...

Discord pouts, getting his coat and hat from a rack nearby.

65 DISCORD
Hmph! Some thanks for all my help.
And after I hired those substitute
teachers for you, too.

Spike shrugs to Starlight--

66 SPIKE
Actually, that does sound kinda
helpful. And it was next on our to
do list...

But Starlight's eyes narrow, unconvinced.

67 STARLIGHT
WHICH teachers did you hire?

SC. 8 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

The students cower at their desks as IRON WILL stands on the desk, posing and commanding--

68 IRON WILL
They call it making friends because
you have to MAKE creatures be your
friends! Show me what you got, Yak.

Yona steps to the front of the class. Tentative at first--

69 YONA
Be my friend.

70 IRON WILL
If you're quiet, I don't buy it!

Yona stomps a hoof and projects.

71 YONA
Be my friend!

72 IRON WILL
I've heard pudding that's more
convincing.

Yona <SNORTS> and goes into full bellowing aggression, stomping on the desk as she insists--

73 YONA
BE. MY. FRIEND!

PAN to the doorway, where a horrified Spike and Starlight watch this scene with Discord.

74 STARLIGHT
(sotto)
That's not how Twilight teaches
friendship...

SC. 9 - EXT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - FIELD - CONTINUOUS

CRANKY DOODLE sits on a lounge chair with an umbrella. His friendship students wait on him hand and foot, fanning him, manicuring his hooves and feeding him grapes.

75 CRANKY DOODLE
Some field trip! Where's my iced
tea?

Gallus walks up to hand him a glass of iced tea. Cranky Doodle takes the tea and drinks. He does a spit take.

76 CRANKY DOODLE (CONT'D)
This is too cold.

Gallus rolls his eyes and grabs another glass from OS. Cranky takes it...And spits again.

77 CRANKY DOODLE (CONT'D)
Now it's too hot.

Gallus grabs a new glass from OS. Cranky sips and spits.

78 CRANKY DOODLE (CONT'D)
Now it's too tea-flavored. You call
yourselves friends?

79 SPIKE
That's definitely not how Twilight
teaches friendship.

SC. 10 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

A DRAGONSNEEZE TREE stands behind the teacher's desk. The students (including Smolder) sit at their desks, confused.

Starlight whirls furiously on Discord.

80 STARLIGHT
You hired a TREE as a teacher?

81 DISCORD
(shrugs)
Its schedule was free.

82 SPIKE
Uh, guys? That's not just any tree.

Smolder has started <SNIFFING>, then lets loose with a full-fledged FIRE SNEEZE! The rest of the students duck just in time, their desks charred.

83 SPIKE (CONT'D)
(flat)
It's a Dragonsneeze tree.

Smolder sneezes again, and the other students run out past Starlight, Spike and Discord <YELLING> in panic.

SC. 11 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Panicked, Starlight takes in the chaos.

84 STARLIGHT
Wait, calm down, every creature.
It's going to be okay!

A still-enraged Yona <SMASHES> out of another classroom door and stampedes down the hall, BELLOWING:

85 YONA
BE MY FRIEND!!!!

Discord leans coolly against the wall.

86 DISCORD
My, you do seem like you're in over your head. Won't Twilight be so disappointed with how you're ruining--I mean RUNNING her school?

On Starlight's horror that he's right...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 12 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - HALL - RESUME

Starlight rounds on Discord, who eats popcorn as he watches the chaos unfold.

87 STARLIGHT
Discord! This is all your fault!

88 DISCORD
Mine? I thought YOU were in charge here. But I'm happy to pitch in if you need me.

89 STARLIGHT
What I need is you to leave!

Discord snaps his fingers and is now a large LEAF.

90 DISCORD
Happy now?

91 SPIKE
Come on, Discord. You know that's not what she means.

92 DISCORD
Fine. From now on, I won't try to help. AT ALL.

And he leaf-floats out the nearest window. Starlight takes a relieved breath.

93 STARLIGHT
Thanks, Spike. Let's just hope he stays gone.

94 SPIKE
I wouldn't count on it. I think Discord's trying to test you.

95 STARLIGHT
But why? I thought we were friends!

96 SPIKE
(shrugs)
It's kinda what he does. Even to ponies or dragons he cares about.

97 STARLIGHT
Well, I'm ready for him. I told Twilight I'd run her school right, and I'm going to keep that promise.
(eyes narrow)
No matter what.

She doesn't see the Cheshire-Cat like eyes and smile of Discord materialize nearby, as he listens to this.

SC. 13 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - MAIN HALL - NEXT MORNING

Starlight smiles as she address the gathered students--

98 STARLIGHT
Good morning, students! I know there's been a little bit of adjustment since the Professors left for their trip, but I've brought in new new teachers, and now everything should run smoothly!

ANGLE ON the students. SMOLDER sucks up breath as if to sneeze, and the students around her take a dramatic step to the side. She sticks a finger under her nose to stop the sneeze. The students <SIGH> in relief.

99 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Now it's time for class. And don't forget, this afternoon is the Spellvenger hunt!

As the students start off, a JANITOR, sweeping in the corner, tips his hat to reveal a sinisterly smiling Discord.

SC. 14 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - TWILIGHT'S CLASSROOM - SOON

The students (including Ocellus, Gallus, Smolder and Cozy Glow) sit at their desks, waiting. The door <SLAMS> open, kicked in by Discord, who is now dressed in ridiculously out-dated "kid fashion" - hat to the side, flannel tied around his waist, skateboard, etc.

The students gape.

100 DISCORD
Greetings, fellow kids. I am here to learn amongst you. Is this seat taken?

Discord bends around Ocellus to an empty chair. She shakes her head. Discord takes the chair, throws it OS, and sits on his desk.

There's a POOF of smoke at the front of the classroom, and TRIXIE appears, commanding the class--

101 TRIXIE
Welcome class! You may call me the Great and Powerful Professor Trixie!

An annoying OS <CELL PHONE RING> interrupts her. She glares.
Discord looks around, frowning, shushing the students.

102 DISCORD
Really, that is so inconsiderate.

Then, he notices a banana on his desk is "ringing".

103 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Oh, I'd better take this.

Discord picks up the banana and talks into it.

104 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Hello? Oh he did not. What did
you say? Oh you did not.

Trixie has walked over to Discord's side.

105 TRIXIE
Discord, why are you here?

106 DISCORD
Why I'm a student of friendship, of
course! Unless you don't think
you're good enough to teach me...

Trixie scowls - the gauntlet has been thrown.

107 TRIXIE
Of course I am! (then) No fruit
calls in my class.

Discord shrugs and eats the banana whole in one gulp. Trixie
turns to the class, commanding attention--

108 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Magic is the most important element
of friendship. So today, I, the
Great and Powerful Trixie, will put
on... A MAGIC SHOW!

Discord smiles and <SNAPS> his fingers as Trixie reaches in
her hat and pulls out... A snarling BEAR head. Alarmed, she
pushes it back in. Discord <SNAPS> and she pulls out a
HISSING SNAKE. She pushes it back in, another evil <SNAP>
and she pulls out a red-eyed BEAVER.

The students gape and Discord smiles --

109 DISCORD
I am learning SO much, aren't you?

Trixie throws down her hat and glares.

110 TRIXIE
GRRRRRR...Discord! Headmare's
office. NOW!

SC. 15 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - HEADMARE'S OFFICE - SOON

Starlight levitates some books as she walks into the office, then DROPS them in surprise as FIVE PAPER AIRPLANES <ZOOM> toward her, mini-Discords in aviator gear flying them.

Starlight ducks as the planes make another strafing run, then uses her horn to hold them in place.

111 MINI-DISCORD
Cover my six, squad! We're taking
heavy flak!

112 STARLIGHT
(stalks toward him)
Discord! Get. Out. Of. My. School!

The mini-Discords disappear and reappear as regular Discord.

113 DISCORD
Fine. It smells like Limburger
cheese in here, anyway.

And POOF, he's gone, leaving a tornado of paper as he goes. Starlight grits her teeth and <GROWLS>.

SC. 16 - EXT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - FIELD - CONTINUOUS

Discord is now dressed as a COACH. He <BLOWS> a whistle and tells the gathered friendship students (including Yona, Silverstream, and Sandbar)...

114 DISCORD
Take a lap, team!

115 SANDBAR
Uh, actually, we just finished
Professor Spitfire's workout.

116 DISCORD
Sounds like somepony needs a little
motivation.

Discord snaps his fingers... And a BUGBEAR APPEARS. Its jaws gape and it zooms toward the students, who race off in terror. As she runs, Silverstream has to admit...

117 SILVERSTREAM
I've never run so fast in my life.
This is great! Scary. But great!

The Bugbear snarls and <SNAPS> near Yona's hooves. She <PANTS>, exhausted.

118 YONA
Yona...Can't run...Faster.

119 SANDBAR
Hey, Coach. We need a break.

120 DISCORD
Friendship is about honesty. So
believe me when I say... We're not
stopping!

The Bugbear is closing in on Yona. Silverstream and Sandbar try to help her along, but it's no use.

Suddenly, a BLAST OF MAGIC zips across the field, freezing the Bugbear in place.

REVEAL - it's Starlight (and Spike), and seeing the terrified Yona, she has HAD IT.

121 STARLIGHT
Discord, that's enough! Endangering
students crosses the line! I don't
know why you're trying to ruin this
school, but it stops now.

Discord loses the coach outfit and crosses his arms, dangerous.

122 DISCORD
I wouldn't be so sure.

Starlight powers up her horn--

123 STARLIGHT
This is your last warning...

Spike gets between them, arms up for peace.

124 SPIKE
Hey, take it easy, Starlight.
Discord's your friend, remember?

125 STARLIGHT
Well, he's not acting like it.

126 SPIKE
She's right, Discord. What's your problem?

127 DISCORD
My problem? How is the fact that Twilight decided to put an incompetent, power-hungry unicorn in charge of her school my problem?

It's too much for Starlight. She lets her magic go in a FLASH toward Discord. The magic ripples out across the field, and when it clears, Discord is gone.

The students gape in horror.

128 STARLIGHT
(fake cheer)
Don't worry. I just banished him from school grounds forever. He's fine.

The students head off, looking warily at Starlight.

129 SPIKE
That probably made things worse... Why didn't you just talk to Discord?

She slumps, confides to Spike--

130 STARLIGHT
Because he's right about one thing. I've been doing a terrible job as Headmare.

131 SPIKE
No you haven't! I know Twilight would be proud of you. Discord is just being...Discord.

132 STARLIGHT
Maybe. But I wonder why me being in charge bothers him so much...

She looks thoughtful.

133 SPIKE
We can figure that out AFTER the Spellvenger Hunt. C'mon.

Starlight nods gratefully to Spike and they head off.

SC. 17 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - MAIN HALL - SOON

Starlight faces the gathered students as she explains--

134 STARLIGHT
For this afternoon's Spellvenger Hunt, you'll need to use the artifacts' history to find where they're hidden in the castle. When you spot one, touch it with a magic shield to keep track of your score.

Spike holds up a bucket of bracelets with SHIELDS on them. (Think watches, with the Shield as the watch face, magically keeping track of each artifact found.)

135 SPIKE
Twilight left a list of your hunt partners before she left. I'll pass out the shields - one per team.

The students cheerfully step up for their shield bracelets. Teams are: Smolder and Ocellus, Gallus and Silverstream, Yona and Sandbar, and ponies paired with each other.

136 STUDENT WALLA
This is gonna be great! / We'll find 'em all. / I read the artifact chapter twice! / Give me the shield.

137 STARLIGHT
Ready, set... Spellvenger Hunt!

The students take off as Starlight smiles. Spike beckons--

138 SPIKE
C'mon, we can use Twilight's observatory to watch the teams!

SC. 18 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - HALLWAY - SOON

Ocellus and Smolder (wearing a shield bracelet) hurry down a hallway.

139 SMOLDER
I hope you know where you're going.

140 OCELLUS
To the Helm of Yksler!

141 SMOLDER
(shrugs)
Works for me.

Ocellus stops in front of SEVERAL SUITS OF ARMOR.

142 OCELLUS
In our book, it says Yksler was an honorable Yak warrior. Any enemies that saw him put down their weapons in peace. I think his artefact must in one of these suits of armor.

Smolder eyes the armor helmets and spots one with horns - the HELM OF YKSLER.

143 SMOLDER
I'm guessing that one.

Smolder touches the helmet with her shield bracelet. The bracelet glows magically with a <DING!>

144 OCELLUS
Yes! One down, five to go!

Smolder and Ocellus high-five.

SC. 19 - EXT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - TWILIGHT'S TOWER - SAME TIME

Spike turns knobs on Twilight's telescope and gestures for Starlight to look through it.

145 SPIKE
Here. Now you can see anywhere in the school you want.

Starlight smiles as she looks through--

146 STARLIGHT
Aw, Smolder and Ocellus found their first artefact!
(then)
Wait. What's that...

TELESCOPE MATTE ON THE HALLWAY:

Ocellus and Smolder look up in fear as one of the suits of armor has come to life and is <CLANKING> toward them.

Ocellus hides behind Smolder, trembling.

147 OCELLUS
I...Don't think that's part of the
Spellvenger Hunt.

The suit of armor charges! Smolder and Ocellus turn and run,
freaked out.

148 OCELLUS / SMOLDER
The school is haunted! / Not cool!

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 20 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - RESUME

Gallus leads Silverstream into the library.

149 SILVERSTREAM
We're totally gonna win this
Spellvenger Hunt!

150 GALLUS
Yeah, I doubt that. But at least I
know where one of the artifacts is.
Saw Spike hide it yesterday.

Gallus slams his shoulder against the library panels.
Finally, one of them flips to reveal - a PORTRAIT of A
GRIFFON wearing the CROWN OF GROVER.

151 GALLUS (CONT'D)
Score. The Crown of Grover. They
say it's magic, and King Grover
used it to become the first ruler
of Griffonstone.
(off Silverstream's awe)
I know, pretty sweet, right?

152 SILVERSTREAM
(head shake)
You paid attention in class!

Silverstream touches the shield to the painting. The
bracelet magically glows... And then the portrait COMES TO
LIFE, the Griffon's eyes glowing and jaws SNAPPING at Gallus.

153 GALLUS/SILVERSTREAM
Whoa! / 3-D painting!

The other portraits fly off the walls and chase the duo out
of the library. A ghostly Discord appears and <CHUCKLES> as
the students run out, <YELLING>.

PULL BACK TO SEE THIS SCENE through a telescope matte.

SC. 21 - EXT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - TWILIGHT'S TOWER - SAME TIME

Starlight pulls her eye away from the telescope.

154 STARLIGHT
Yep, that's definitely Discord.
This is not good.

155 SPIKE
I thought you banished him from the
school!

156 STARLIGHT
Only his body. Apparently his
ghost can come and go just fine.
Let's go - we have to stop this.

Starlight and Spike hops on a magical "elevator" - a platform that floats down from the tower into the school. As it floats-

157 SPIKE
How? No offense, but I don't think
magic is the answer against
Discord.

158 STARLIGHT
This time, I'm not using magic.

SC. 22 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - STAIRCASE - SAME TIME

Yona and Sandbar examine the staircase carefully.

159 YONA
What Yona look for?

160 SANDBAR
The shell of Knuckerbocker. It's
like a seashell, but if you blow
into it, you call a dragon! There's
a sweet poem in our book about it.
"Climb to the heights with dragon
flight." Like flight of stairs!

161 YONA
Yona take pony word for it.

The duo examines the balustrades and steps. Yona puts a hoof down and a stair squishes beneath it.

162 YONA (CONT'D)
Huh?

She pokes it again, and her hoof sinks. Suddenly, all the stairs liquefy into QUICKSAND! Both Yona and Sandbar start to sink into them.

163 SANDBAR
<struggle> What's happening?!

164 YONA
Yona not know. But Yona DO know
Yona not like Spellvenger Hunt!!!

The ghostly spirit of Discord appears and laughs as he lifts a finial on the staircase and pulls out Knuckerbocker's Shell.

PULL WIDE ON THE **MAIN HALL** -

Meanwhile, the other panicked students run past, chased by the portraits, and armor.

165 STUDENT WALLA
<yells>

Starlight and Spike rush in.

166 STARLIGHT
Everycreature, stop!

The chaos pauses for a second.

167 SILVERSTREAM
But the school is haunted!

168 STARLIGHT
It's not haunted. It's Discord.

With a POOF, the pictures, armor and quicksand disappears. In its place, ghostly Discord POOFS in, juggling the six Spellvenger artifacts.

169 DISCORD
Headmare Starlight! Look, I won the
Spellvenger Hunt! Well done me!
What's my prize?

170 SPIKE
Detention.

Discord droops.

171 DISCORD
Well, that's disappointing.

Discord drops the artifacts. Spike dives to catch them.

172 STARLIGHT
Discord, you can't keep messing up
the school.

173 DISCORD
On the contrary, I rather think I
can, and will.

174 STARLIGHT
Then I have just one thing to say
to you.

Discord does his best "Willy Wonka" lean.

175 DISCORD
Do go on.

176 STARLIGHT
I'm sorry.

This is not what Discord was expecting.

177 DISCORD
What?

Starlight uses her MAGIC in the reverse of the banishment spell we saw earlier, and Discord becomes "real" again.

178 STARLIGHT
I had to stop thinking like a
Headmare and start thinking like a
Guidance Counselor to finally
understand. You felt left out.

Discord crosses his arms and turns his back to her.

179 DISCORD
I don't know what you're getting
at.

180 STARLIGHT
No pony ever invited you to the
school. And when you offered to
help, I didn't listen. I was so
worried about doing things
Twilight's way, I didn't stop to
think about being a good friend.

PAN the students as they listen to this.

Back on Starlight as she earnestly tells Discord--

181 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
I'd like to apologize for that.
And offer you the job of vice-
headmare.

Spike and the students can't believe this.

182 SPIKE / STUDENTS
Huh? / Really? / What? / Why? / No!
/ Totally confused. / Him?

183 DISCORD
I ACCEPT!
(covers)
I mean, I suppose I can find some
time in my busy schedule to help
you out. But I'll need my own
office, expense account, parking
space...

184 SPIKE
You're new to the world of
education, aren't you?

Starlight smiles at Discord, totally onto him.

185 STARLIGHT
Next time you want something, just
ask for it, all right?

186 DISCORD
But then we'd miss out on all these
delightful misadventures.

Discord gives Spike a noogie.

187 SPIKE
Ah! Watch the wings!

188 STARLIGHT
Now, vice-headmare Discord, if
you'll help me get this Spellvenger
Hunt back in order...

Discord smiles and snaps his fingers.

189 DISCORD
Everything is re-hidden.

The Bugbear pops out of a doorway and startles Silverstream.

190 SILVERSTREAM
Ahhh!

191 DISCORD
With a few surprises.

The Bugbear winks and flies off.

Suddenly the doors of the hall <SLAM OPEN>.

192 TWILIGHT
DISCORD!

REVEAL - the Mane Six are back, bedraggled, and not looking happy.

193 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I can't believe you tricked us into going on a friendship quest that wasn't real!

194 DISCORD
Back so soon?

195 RARITY
A glamour spell on our cutie marks?

196 RAINBOW DASH
A fake summons from the map?

197 PINKIE PIE
Hey, at least we got to go spelunking in that reeeeeeally creepy cave with all those eyeless worm creatures chasing us.

Yona startles Applejack by running to hug her.

198 YONA
Yona so glad ponies back.

199 APPLEJACK
Y'all get the feelin' we missed something?

200 TWILIGHT
Thanks for taking care of the school, Starlight.

201 STARLIGHT
It was a challenge. But I think things turned out just the way you'd have handled them.

As they walk off smiling, Spike shrugs to Discord.

202 SPIKE
Guess this means you're not vice-
headmare anymore.

203 DISCORD
But I just ordered business cards!

Discord pulls out a stack of cards with his picture on them
and 52-card pickups them into the air.

END SHOW.