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TEASER**SC. 1 - EXT. APPLE FAMILY ORCHARDS - DAY**

The ground <SHAKES> at a slow, rhythmic pace (with giant, OS footfalls), BOUNCING the apple trees with each impact.

The MANE SIX are galloping through the trees, SPIKE flying overhead, TWILIGHT SPARKLE in the lead.

1 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Remind me how this happened again?

The M6 duck as a huge, dry tongue whips overhead. Instead of hitting anypony, the tongue snakes around a tree, uprooting it effortlessly from the ground, and SNAPPING it OS.

REVEAL: a massive, big-as-a-house, droopy-eyed snapping turtle: TORTASNAP. He contentedly munches an apple tree, roots and all.

2 APPLEJACK
And why there a giant turtle eatin' my family's entire Summer crop?!

3 FLUTTERSHY
Oh dear. Mr. Tortasnap said he was hungry, but he promised me he would only take a few small bites!

4 RAINBOW DASH
I don't think that thing knows what "small" is.

Tortasnap takes several steps forward, shaking the ground.

5 PINKIE PIE
Look on the bright side! (shaken voice) Free back massage!

Pinkie has stretched out on her back on the ground, shaken with each step like she's on a Magic Fingers bed.

Suddenly Tortasnap's tongue whips out and grabs Spike, pulling him toward its mouth. Spike <STARTLES>.

6 RARITY
Spikey-Wikey!

Twilight goes into action mode--

7 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Applejack and Pinkie, you distract him. Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy, let's save Spike!

With a nod, in an almost stylized SUPER-HERO team up line, the Mane Six move into action. They're a team. They've got this.

Applejack bucks apples and Pinkie lobs them in front of Tortasnap's nose. He pauses, Spike still entangled in the turtle tongue, but outside its mouth.

Rarity uses her magic to tie a bow around the turtle's nose, shutting his mouth.

Fluttershy sternly tells the turtle--

8 FLUTTERSHY
Mr. Tortasnap, I'm only asking nicely
once. Let my friend go!

Tortasnap releases his tongue. Spike's wings are gooey with turtle-saliva and he can't fly. As he falls, Rainbow Dash zooms in to catch him.

Meanwhile, Twilight is hovering near the turtle's head. She powers up her horn to touch it to him...

9 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
And now a simple teleportation spell
should--

10 CELESTIA (O.S.)
(royal Canterlot voice)
HALT, INTERLOPER!

The M6 startle and turn to see the very regal CELESTIA and LUNA flying toward them, battle ready.

11 LUNA
Stay back, friends! My sister and I
will take care of the beast!

ANGLE - the M6 gape and fall back, the fliers landing.

12 RAINBOW DASH
All the times we've actually needed
their help, and they show up for THIS?

Together, the two princesses touch horns to the turtle, their magic making it shimmer and TELEPORT AWAY.

ANGLE - Twilight frowns, perplexed.

13 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's just what I was about to do!

But Celestia and Luna are clearly proud of themselves.

14 LUNA
Goodness, sister, that was fun!

15 CELESTIA
(to the Mane Six)
No need to thank us. To be honest,
we've recently realized we like being
part of the action!

16 LUNA
Experiencing life instead of just
dreaming about it...

17 CELESTIA
And making a difference outside the
throne room!

Celestia and Luna hoof-bump and <LAUGH> happily.
On the Mane Six - confused, and a little put-out.

18 APPLEJACK
Y'all think they're gonna be doin'
this a lot?

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE:

SC. 2 - PONYVILLE BRIDGE - DAY

Fluttershy walks over the Ponyville bridge, ANGEL hopping beside her. One of the wooden supports (CRACKED WITH AGE) gives way...And a piece of the stone bridge under them collapses!

Fluttershy and Angel plummet, Fluttershy opening her wings and catching Angel at the last minute.

19 FLUTTERSHY
Oh my! We'd better ask somepony to fix
that hole - it seems very dangerous.

20 LUNA (O.S.)
Which is why WE'RE here!

Fluttershy has to flap quickly out of the way as Luna flies in to levitate the ENTIRE BRIDGE AWAY... And Celestia levitates ANOTHER ENTIRELY NEW BRIDGE (sparkling in newness) in place.

21 CELESTIA
All of Ponyville may now cross this
bridge without fear!

The sisters pose heroically. Watching ponies <STOMP> applause.
Angel looks to Fluttershy - "really?" She shrugs and stomps too.

SC. 3 - INT. FOREST ROAD - DAY

Rainbow Dash studies a map, the CMCs following her.

22 RAINBOW DASH
<grr> I can't read this thing! How am
I supposed to lead a Filly Guides hike
if the map makes us MORE lost?

WHOOSH - Luna and Celestia descend from the heavens.

23 CELESTIA
Did somepony say lost?

24 LUNA
Not for long!

Luna and Celestia blast magic through the trees, bending them
like parting the Red Sea, to reveal a path to the CAMPSITE.

25 CELESTIA
Your path is clear, and your day is
saved!

26 RAINBOW DASH
Um, the hiking part was kind of the
point, but...Thanks?

SC. 4 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - DAY

MRS. CAKE hurries up to Pinkie, looking upset.

27 MRS. CAKE
Oh, now this is just terrible! Miss
Cheerilee ordered cupcakes for school
today and I forgot to make her order!

28 PINKIE PIE
Oh, that's no big! We can just--

Celestia and Luna blast into the shop, ready to help.

29 CELESTIA
Students going hungry? Not on our
watch!

30 LUNA
Let us bake, sister!

The two alicorn princesses begin levitating ingredients past a gaping Pinkie and Mrs. Cake's head.

31 MRS. CAKE
Well put twigs in my tail and call me
a Timberwolf.
(then)
Do you think they'll use royal icing?

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

The Mane Six and Spike sit around the table, in deep discussion.

32 APPLEJACK
And they carried Granny Smith across
the street! There wasn't even traffic!

33 FLUTTERSHY
It's not that we don't appreciate
their help...

34 RARITY
But suddenly Celestia and Luna seem to
think we can't do anything on our own!

35 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah! How are we supposed to learn to
be rulers of Equestria with them
fixing every teensy problem for us?

Twilight looks worried - this speaks to a deep fear.

36 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Maybe the Princesses changed their
minds. Maybe they don't think we're up
to the responsibility of protecting
Equestria after all!

37 SPIKE
Or maybe this week's just a one-time
thing that'll never happen again.

Celestia and Luna burst into the room.

38 CELESTIA
Ah! A strategy meeting! What is the
danger this time? A rampaging beast?
Evil spell? Friendship problem?

39 LUNA
We're ready to do whatever we can.

Twilight tries to hide her concern, badly.

40 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Great. But...Is something wrong? It's just, you've been helping us an awful lot and we know you have WAY more important ruler-y things to do, so...

The sisters shake their heads.

41 LUNA
We've spent more than enough time in the throne room. Real life is happening out here!

Twilight gapes. That was...Unexpected.

42 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Wait - that's what this is about? You're...Sick of being princesses?

43 CELESTIA
Not exactly... Battling the Everfree Forest alongside Starswirl made us realize what we've missed out on. So instead of spending the day ruling...

44 LUNA
And the night patrolling dreams...

Celestia addresses the ponies in turn, ending on Fluttershy:

45 CELESTIA
We wanted a chance to do the things YOU do. Save the day. Adventure with friends. Shampoo anteaters.

46 SPIKE
I'm pretty sure Fluttershy is the only pony that does that.

47 RAINBOW DASH
Well, there are way more fun things to do than follow US around.

48 PINKIE PIE
Ooh! You should make a list of alllll the stuff you never tried but always wanted to! There's a lotta little gotta-oughta things out there to do!

The Princesses share a look, the idea lighting their faces.

49 CELESTIA
What an intriguing idea.

50 LUNA
Let's DO it, sister!

51 CELESTIA
Only, it's much harder to justify a vacation from the castle when it's not an "emergency" we're responding to...

Twilight cheerfully volunteers. Her friends nod agreement.

52 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Don't worry. We'll cover your palace duties! It'll be a good chance for us to practice for when you retire.

53 LUNA
Well...If you're sure you don't mind the extra effort...

Twilight flips her hoof with a <PSHHH> - no big deal - as Celestia and Luna share a smile and head out happily.

54 CELESTIA
Thank you, Twilight! What a relief to know the Royal Swanifying Ceremony is in good hooves.

55 APPLEJACK
The what now?

SC. 6 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE THRONE ROOM - DAY

Celestia levitates a scroll and a plumed pen as she starts to write (NOTE: we don't see text). Luna leans in - they're both as delighted as kids on their first slumber party.

56 CELESTIA
Fun Not Yet Had. Ooh, Sister! I can't wait to start planning our time off!

57 LUNA
Imagine! A chance to do whatever we want! And you know what THAT means...!

They respond simultaneously, gleefully, but with different answers, the first hint that they might not be on the same page.

58 CELESTIA / LUNA
ADVENTURE! / RELAXATION!

They pause, puzzled by each others' responses for a moment.

59 LUNA

It's just that I spend each night in everypony's intense dreams. So I could use some real-world downtime.

60 CELESTIA

I understand. But for me, every day is real-world. Meetings and decrees, and meetings about decrees, and decrees about the meetings. I need EXCITEMENT.

They turn away from each other - this is awkward.

61 LUNA

I'm not sure how we can both be happy. Unless...

62 CELESTIA

We take turns doing what we like!

Excited, they touch horns. A glowing magical heart appears.

63 BOTH

SISTER TRIP!

64 LUNA

And I have the PERFECT accessories for us to wear! Wait right here!

Luna <TELEPORTS> OS and returns, levitating two SHIRTS that match in awfulness, stripped from the WORST tourists in Florida. Celestia's eyes go wide in distaste, Luna takes no notice.

65 CELESTIA

We'll be... Twinsies.

66 LUNA

Just like regular pony tourists! I knew you'd love it!

67 CELESTIA

I have a few things for us too.

Celestia <TELEPORTS>, returning with two RUGGED PACKS. She levitates items out as she names them--

68 CELESTIA (CONT'D)

Sunglasses, bugspray, ice boots, hoof sanitizer, and travel snacks!

Luna eyes the packets, not sure about it all - especially the packet of snacks, which Celestia opens and shakes. Flakes fall out of the package into an unappetizing pile. She explains:

69 CELESTIA (CONT'D)
You have to add water. (then) What do
you think?

Celestia studies her, anxious. Luna melts.

70 LUNA
It's perfect, Sister.

They share a warm hug.

SC. 7 - EXT. CELESTIA'S CASTLE - DAY

The Mane Six stand outside the castle gates as the princesses,
now fully-laden and very touristy, get ready to go.

71 CELESTIA
--and here are instructions of how to
prepare for the Royal Swanifying.

Celestia floats a scroll to Spike. Twilight feigns confidence:

72 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
If it's written down, I'm sure we can
handle it. Have fun!

73 LUNA
One more thing. We're leaving you in
charge of raising the sun and moon
while we're gone.

The Mane Six (except Pinkie) and Spike are taken aback - <GASP>.

74 PINKIE PIE
Oooooo. That's not a terrifying level
of responsibility or anything.

Twilight gives a <NERVOUS LAUGH>. Celestia levitates a circular
AMULET - half dark moon, half shining sun - to Twilight.

75 CELESTIA
We have put a small part of our power
in this amulet. You can activate it
with your magic at any time.
(smiles)
Preferably dawn and dusk.

Twilight takes the amulet with a mix of confidence/reverence.

76 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We won't let you down, princesses.

With a smile, Celestia and Luna turn to go. As soon as their
backs are turned, Twilight spins to Spike.

77 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Please tell me that scroll says what
the Royal Swanifying is.

Spike eyes the scroll in disbelief.

78 SPIKE
Apparently it's a celebration of all
the swans in the royal lake. We round
em up, parade em through the streets,
and finish with a party in the castle.

79 RAINBOW DASH
One question. WHY?!

80 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It doesn't matter. This is our chance
to show Celestia and Luna we'll do
whatever the job requires. If they can
take care of all this themselves, then
I know we can - together!

The other ponies nod, her pep talk working...But Spike is still
not convinced, eyeing his list dubiously.

81 SPIKE
You are definitely not reading the
scroll I am.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 8 - EXT. CANTERLOT - ROAD - DAY

The Princesses trot along the road, enthused and happy.

82 CELESTIA
Remember, sister, from now on, we are
regular, care-free ponies.

83 LUNA
Right! We're leaving the princess life
behind. We're not even going to FLY!

Celestia has begun to spread her wings and closes them quickly.

84 CELESTIA
Of course! How new and different! It's
just like Pinkie Pie said...

ROAD TRIP MUSIC <BEGIN> - bouncy, fun - and the "Lotta Little
Things" song begins, and the sisters walk in step, singing--

85 CELESTIA / LUNA
*There's a lotta little things you
gotta do in this world
There's a lotta little things you
oughta try.
Just a pack of punchy plunges other
ponies all take
That have princess-pony passed us
right by!*

The princesses stop and take silly photos of themselves with a LOCAL LANDMARK - Equestria's biggest horseshoe. They pose with a bad, cross-eyed statue of themselves (hewn out of redwood, like a bigfoot carving). They try on Luna's horrible shirts. They eat Celestia's horrible snacks and laugh.

86 CELESTIA / LUNA (CONT'D)
*No pony knows you like your sister
No pony is a better confidante
No pony truer than the one that you
are.
No pony else here I could want!*

They hacky-sack a pinecone between each other as they walk on.

87 CELESTIA / LUNA (CONT'D)
*You can't saunter on a sojourn behind
castle walls.
You can't throw a throne down on the
beach*

88 CELESTIA
So we're gonna be absconding

89 LUNA
Do a little vagabonding!

90 CELESTIA / LUNA
*And this bucket list is gonna be a
peach!*

Celestia and Luna pick peaches from a tree on the roadside. Juicy bites, happy faces.

91 CELESTIA / LUNA (CONT'D)
*No pony knows you like your sister
No pony is a better confidante
No pony truer than the one that you
are.
No pony else here I could want!*

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 9 - EXT. CANTERLOT ROAD - AN HOUR LATER

ON THE SISTERS' HOOVES - Celestia is still prancing, reading her list, but Luna is getting slower, more tired.

92 CELESTIA / LUNA
*There's a lotta little things you
gotta try in this world.
There's a lotta little things you
gotta see.*

Luna spots a delightful, cool, shady clearing by a brook and moves to rest by it.

93 LUNA
*But reading by a river and resting our
hooves
Would be practically perfect for me.*

Celestia joins Luna and tries to relax. But she's clearly impatient to keep going.

94 CELESTIA / LUNA
*No pony knows you like your sister
No pony is a better confidante
No pony truer than the one that you
are.
No pony else here I could want!*

Celestia bounces through the brook like a kid playing in puddles. Fish jump up happily around her...

95 CELESTIA
*You can't venture on adventures if
you're taking a nap.
You can't check things off your
checklist while you sleep!*

A splash of water wakes up Luna. She frowns, but shakes it off and gets up too.

96 CELESTIA (CONT'D)
So let's take another hill!

Celestia leads the way up a hill, over rough terrain. Luna straggles behind her, getting tripped up by tangles of shrubs.

97 LUNA
*Sometimes you can be a pill.
And why's the way ahead always so
steep?*

SC. 10 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - DAY

FANCY PANTS, JET SET, and UPPERCRUST walk in, surprised to find Spike and the Mane Six.

98 FANCY PANTS
Princesses, we are here to--Oh.

The trio of ponies takes to see Spike and the Mane Six.

99 APPLEJACK
We're fillin' in for their majesties.
What can we help y'all with?

100 FANCY PANTS
I say. How irregular. Well then, we
offer our assistance as heads of the
Royal Swanifying committee.

Spike and the Mane Six (except Twilight) sag in gratitude.

101 RARITY
What a relief--

Then Twilight steps in front of her, polite, but firm.

102 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Thank you. But we have it all covered!

The three snooty ponies look surprised, then affronted.

103 FANCY PANTS
Reaaaaally? Well. Good luck with that!

The ponies exit, leaving Twilight's friends gaping at her.

104 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
If we ask for help, it's just like
admitting we're not as good at the job
as Luna and Celestia are! Besides, how
hard can throwing a "Swan Party" be?

Pinkie cheerfully peers over Spike's shoulder at his list.

105 PINKIE PIE
Yeah! All we have left to do is--
(reads really fast)
Polish the armor, bubble the punch,
glitter the carpets, puff the pastry,
float the floats, and carpet every
road in Canterlot!

Twilight and the others look on with shock.

106 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Should I keep reading?

Twilight winces, grinning an apology to the others.

SC. 11 - EXT. GORGE - DAY

CLOSE on the Princesses so we don't know where they are. Luna looks concerned, Celestia not worried.

107 LUNA
Celestia, since we're both a little tired, maybe the first thing we do shouldn't be TOO wild...

108 CELESTIA
Exactly what I was thinking.

CUT TO:

SC. 12 - EXT. ZIP LINE GORGE - SOON

Can be a reused gorge, just need a line across it). The sisters (WEARING SAFETY EQUIPMENT) zoom over the gorge, Celestia squealing with glee, Luna's eyes shut tight, zipline in a deathgrip.

109 CELESTIA
ZIIIIIP LIIIIIIINEEEEE!

CUT TO:

SC. 13 - EXT. OTHER SIDE OF THE GORGE - SOON

Celestia trots away from a stand, levitating matching mugs - one with her happy zip-line photo, one with Luna's miserable one.

110 CELESTIA
Now every time we have tea, we can remember this magical day!

Luna gamely takes her mug and tucks it in her bag.

111 LUNA
I'm glad you enjoyed yourself. But now, we're going to do something I've ALWAYS wanted to do, but never could, because of my night shift!

112 CELESTIA
(momentarily excited)
Is it another zip-line?

A beat. Dry:

113 LUNA
No.

SC. 14 - INT. PONYVILLE POST OFFICE - DAY

The two princesses step in and Luna does a big TA DA--

114 LUNA
It's the POST OFFICE!

115 CELESTIA
It is indeed.

116 LUNA
Just think! All the mail in Ponyville goes through here! Isn't that AMAZING?

Luna trots up to the counter.

117 LUNA (CONT'D)
ONE STAMP, please!

MUFFINS gives Luna a stamp. She delightedly takes the stamp and puts it on a postcard of the Swan Upping. She hands the postcard to Muffins, then turns to Celestia, giddy.

118 LUNA (CONT'D)
Waaaaaaait for it...

Muffins hands the postcard to Celestia. Celestia blinks to Luna.

119 CELESTIA
You didn't need a stamp if you were just going to give this to me.

120 LUNA
I didn't give it to you. A mailpony took it from me, searched to find who it was meant for, and gave it to you!
(then)
It's about the PROCESS.

SC. 15 - INT. HUGE UNDERGROUND CAVERN - NIGHT

The sisters are climbing down ropes in a huge dark cavern. BELOW, SHINY, SHARP ROCKS jut out that look ALMOST LIKE TEETH IN AN OPEN MOUTH.

The sisters are wearing hardhats with lights on them. Celestia is delighted. Luna is...Not. They descend past the "teeth" into the "mouth".

121 CELESTIA

Did you know that nopony has EVER
explored the bottom of these caverns?

The "rocks" snap shut on the ropes, as the giant mouth closes
over the sisters, blocking them from view.

122 LUNA (V.O.)

Gee. I wonder why.

SC. 16 - INT. PONYVILLE DAY SPA - DAY

CLOSE on a delighted LUNA. We DON'T SEE HER MANE.

123 LUNA

I've always WANTED to try this!

REVEAL: Luna's hair is being PERMED, her MAKEUP is done, and her
hooves are being painted PINK by LOTUS BLOSSOM. It might look a
little silly, but she's happy.

124 LUNA (CONT'D)

Isn't this wonderful, sister?

WHIP PAN to Celestia, sitting in her chair, fuming. ALOE is
giving her a complete goth mane-over. She's got 80's spiky black
hair and she could not hate this more.

125 CELESTIA

<growl>

A less-bouncy REPRISE of "Lotta Little Oughta" starts over a
MONTAGE--

--EXT. CLOUDS ABOVE OCEAN

The recently made-over princesses watch an INCIDENTAL PEGASUS
PONY do an over-the-top impressive CLOUD DIVE into a large body
of WATER BELOW.

Luna looks down the huge drop and shakes her head... But
Celestia runs up behind her and pushes her off as they dive
together.

126 CELESTIA / LUNA (V.O.)

*There's a lotta little things you
gotta do in this world
There's a lotta little things you
oughta view.*

IN THE WATER - Luna pops up, her new manestyle now bedraggled.
Celestia playfully splashes her, oblivious to her sister's fury.

127 CELESTIA / LUNA (V.O.)
*And our little lotta lists may be a
little bit long
And take a lotta little bother to do!*

--INT. PONY ART SHOW (reuse from "Flurry of Emotions) - The sisters are once again looking normal. Luna is looking at the paintings in reverent awe. Celestia taps a hoof, bored.

128 LUNA (V.O.)
*But I'm sure it gets much better, by
the by and beyond*

129 CELESTIA (V.O.)
*And after darkest night, there comes a
new dawn.*

--EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - Celestia and Luna sit in an elephant-riding tent on a running MANTICORE. Celestia leans forward in excitement, Luna looks queasy.

Luna levitates the list and checks it--

130 LUNA
It's my turn to do the choosing.

Celestia levitates the list away from her.

131 CELESTIA
After river rapid cruising.

Now the sisters are doing a magical tug-o-war with the list. It rips and they both fall BACKWARD.

132 LUNA / CELESTIA
This adventure isn't too fun to be on.

SC. 17 - INT. CELESTIA'S CASTLE - BALLROOM - DAY

Twilight Sparkle uses her magic on a LARGE fountain, filled with PUNCH, her horn putting bubbles into the PINK LIQUID. Spike and the other Mane Six haphazardly decorate and put out food.

133 FANCY PANTS (O.S.)
Princess Twilight!

Twilight jumps and gives a burst of magic. Now the punch bubbles like a boiling cauldron. She winces and turns to see FANCY PANTS, UPPERCRUST, and JET SET barging in, looking miffed.

134 FANCY PANTS (CONT'D)
*It has come to our attention that you
don't intend to serve watercress at
the Royal Swanifying Ceremony.*

Twilight nods, explaining-

135 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's right. There's not enough in
the castle kitchens to--

Jet Set steps aside to reveal an ANGRY-LOOKING SWAN.

136 FANCY PANTS
Don't tell me. Tell him!

The swan <HISSES> at Twilight. She recoils.

137 FANCY PANTS (CONT'D)
And you MUST do something about the
garbage piling up outside! The street
sweepers are on strike and the royal
carpeters can't do their jobs!

Uppercrust wipes his hooves on some party decorations.

138 APPLEJACK
(aside to Dash)
Did you even know there WERE royal
street carpeters?

Fancy Pants eyes Rarity's decorations and <SNIFFS>.

139 FANCY PANTS
Oh dear. I DO hope those aren't the
FINAL decorations for the gala.

Rarity <GROWLS>. Twilight barely keeps it together. Big fake
smile as she ushers the committee out.

140 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Thank you for your constructive
criticism. But we don't really have
time to chat so... Check back later.

Twilight levitates the three surprised Gala Committee ponies
back out the door and shuts it behind them.

Rainbow Dash asides to her friends--

141 RAINBOW DASH
I really hope Luna and Celestia
APPRECIATE everything we're doing
while they're off having FUN!

SC. 18 - EXT. FOREST - DAY

Luna and Celestia are on a picnic, having no fun at all, not
even looking at each other, a basket on the ground between them.

142 CELESTIA
(edge of sarcasm)
Well, I hope you're enjoying yourself
on your super-RELAXING picnic, sister.

Luna pulls a thorn out of her hindquarters, testily.

143 LUNA
I WOULD be, Sister, if you hadn't made us
HIKE through a million PRICKLEBUSHES.

144 CELESTIA
Well, they hurt less than that
horrible howling YOU dragged us to.

145 LUNA
That was PONYLIACCI and it's OPERA!
And you made us leave early even
though it was still my turn to decide
what we were doing!

Celestia has had enough. She stands.

146 CELESTIA
Oh, just face it, Luna. You're NEVER
happy.

Luna scowls and stands, facing Celestia.

147 LUNA
Because you don't WANT me to be happy.
I always have to do things YOUR way. I
bet you wish I never came back so you
could still rule day and night!

Celestia looks hurt... And she hurts back.

148 CELESTIA
You think I LIKE that kind of
pressure? Being responsible for every
little thing in Equestria AND you?
What I'd LIKE is a sister I can depend
on!

149 LUNA
YOU MEAN BOSS AROUND!

Luna squares off angrily, her horn starting to GLOW with magic.

150 CELESTIA
CALM DOWN, LUNA!

151 LUNA
No! And don't you dare use your Royal
Canterlot voice on me!

Luna blasts her magic! Celestia FLINCHES - but the magic goes
past her and packs up the picnic basket.

152 LUNA (CONT'D)
I think this adventure would be better
if I did it by MYSELF.

Luna turns to go, levitating her basket with her. When she
faces CAM, we see she looks sad. Celestia CAN'T see this, and
she reacts in hurt anger.

153 CELESTIA
FINE. I just remembered something I
forgot I always wanted to do. BE
ALONE!

Luna turns back at the edge of the clearing, eyes teary.

154 LUNA
(choked up)
Guess we have the same thing on BOTH
our lists, then.

And she runs off.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE:

SC. 19 - INT. CELESTIA'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - DAY

Rainbow Dash BLURRS past CAMERA, putting up streamers.

Below, the other Mane Six and Spike bustle around at top speed,
doing party prep. Twilight levitates a BUFFET TABLE into place
and magics a TABLECLOTH on it. Applejack bucks pieces of fruit
onto it to form a centerpiece. She calls OS--

155 APPLEJACK
Pinkie! You got those appetizers yet?

Pinkie bounces by on a POGO STICK.

156 PINKIE PIE
Still mashing the guacamole!

Rarity rushes in, levitating DRAPES, nearly knocking Spike over.

157 RARITY

I couldn't find enough gemstones in time, so we'll just have to do with sequins!

Fluttershy is looking outside and turns to tell the others--

158 FLUTTERSHY

Um, sorry for the bad news, but the courtyard is FULL of swans waiting to get in.

159 RAINBOW DASH

And we're nowhere NEAR ready!

160 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

(frustrated growl)

How do Celestia and Luna rule a kingdom AND get all this done by themselves EVERY YEAR?!

161 FANCY PANTS (O.S.)

<laugh> Oh, how droll.

Fancy Pants has poked his head into the throne room.

162 SPIKE

What's the funny part, exactly?

163 FANCY PANTS

The princesses NEVER do all the ceremony planning by themselves.

164 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

They...Don't?

165 FANCY PANTS

Goodness no. That's what the gala planning committees are for. NOpony could handle all this.

(looks at Rarity)

Are those...Sequins?

Rarity <GROWLS>. But Twilight has had an epiphany.

166 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

New plan, everypony! WE'RE GOING TO DELEGATE!

SC. 20 - EXT. CASTLE COURTYARD - EXT

The Mane 6 and Spike (minus Twilight) run into the courtyard and start DELEGATING LIKE CRAZY! The CANTERLOT ELITE (including FLEUR DIS LEE, Uppercrust, and Jet Set) are surprised as--

167 RAINBOW DASH
(To Uppercrust)
YOU! You're on FOOD duty!

He is surprised, but nods.

168 RARITY
(to Jet Set)
I need gemstones and PURPLE SATIN!

Jet Set takes off. Fleur Dis Lee is trying to edge away, but she comes face-to-face with an empowered Fluttershy.

169 FLUTTERSHY
Tell the ponies at the gates that
there's a slight delay on the gala!
(then, apologetic/shy)
If it's not too much trouble, I mean.

Fleur hurries off. But AJ is eyeing a pile of garbage that is spilling onto the courtyard paths. To Spike:

170 APPLEJACK
Now who can we get to clean up all
this garbage?

Pinkie runs in, holding a leash that runs OS. Tortasnap lumbers after her toward the garbage, eyes it, and takes a happy bite.

171 PINKIE PIE
I'm DELEGATING!

ANGLE ON Twilight - watching as things START to get done - Uppercrust returning with food, Jet set hanging purple satin, Tortasnap eating the garbage.

172 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
So THIS is how you rule Equestria!

SC. 21 - EXT. BEACH - BRIGHT DAY

ON Luna sits on a chaise lounge, drinking a SMOOTHIE. She doesn't look that happy, but she pretends she is.

173 LUNA
Ahh. Things are so much more relaxing
without my bossy sister.

Nearby, a MARE trots along with her younger FILLY SISTER. Two other SISTER UNICORNS (same manestyles, different colors) magically toss a ball back and forth to each other. Two other sisters play a patty-cake game with their hooves.

Luna <SIGHS> and slurps her drink, depressed.

SC. 22 - EXT. SKY - DAY

ON Celestia falling through the sky wearing a backpack, wings folded, a bit preoccupied-looking and not all that excited.

174 CELESTIA
Who NEEDS a gloomy sister moping
around all the time ANYWAY.

She pulls a rip cord, and a PARACHUTE opens above her...Printed with the royal, smiling images of Celestia and Luna.

Celestia looks up and <SIGHS>.

SC. 23 - INT. HOSPITAL INTERIOR - NIGHT

A NURSE puts lotion on a wincing Luna's severe sunburn.

175 NURSE
Honestly, princess. Didn't you wear
ANY sunblock?

176 LUNA
That's a thing?
(sigh)
Celestia would have warned me...If she
were here.

SC. 24 - EXT. DEEP FOREST - NIGHT

A secluded, scary spot in the deep woods. Celestia stands in a tiny patch of moonlight. She holds a map and turns it up and down with her magic, clueless.

177 CELESTIA
Now, was it two left turns and a
right, or two right turns and a left?
Luna always handled the directions!

There's <CLUCKING> from the trees and Celestia looks afraid. Suddenly... A CHICKEN steps from the woods and pecks at the road. Celestia scrambles backward in irrational fear.

178 CELESTIA (CONT'D)
(strained whisper)
And scared away the chickens.

SC. 25 - EXT. FORK IN THE FOREST ROAD - NIGHT

An arrow in the road indicates the path to a MOUNTAIN SUMMIT. Luna and Celestia, each come to the fork in the road from opposite directions. They did not expect to see each other.

179 CELESTIA
Oh! I thought climbing Mt.
Fillymanejaro was on MY list.

180 LUNA
(defensive)
I'm not copying you. I just wanted to
watch the sunrise.

181 CELESTIA
I'm...Here for the moonset.
(awkward beat, then)
So, how did the rest of your day go?

182 LUNA
(clearly exaggerating)
Oh, amazing. Fantastic. Best ever,
really.

Celestia droops sadly, not realizing Luna's covering.

183 CELESTIA
Yeah. Me, too.

The sisters don't meet each other's eyes, but they clearly miss
each other.

184 LUNA
You, uh... Can walk up with me. If you
WANT, I mean.

185 CELESTIA
Well. Since we're GOING the same way--

SC. 26 - EXT. MT. FILLYMANEJARO SUMMIT - NIGHT

Taking in the spectacular view, Luna sits to watch the sunrise.

186 LUNA
This is SO beautiful. It must be
amazing in the sunlight.

This touches Celestia, who sits beside her.

187 CELESTIA
The night's pretty special, too.

Together, they look up at the sky. A shooting star streaks by.

188 LUNA / CELESTIA
Luck star!

They turn to each other, awkward in the shared moment.

189 LUNA
You taught me to look for those when I
was a filly.

190 CELESTIA
(chuckle, deprecating)
Hope I wasn't too bossy doing it.

191 LUNA
You know... Being with your sister all
the time is hard. But being WITHOUT
her is even harder.

Celestia smiles and puts a hoof around Luna.

192 CELESTIA
I DO know. And I wouldn't trade you
for any of the adventures on my list.

193 LUNA
Not even the Zip-line?

194 CELESTIA
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195 LUNA
I'm sorry I said those things before.
Sometimes it's just...Tough being the
little sister.

196 CELESTIA
It's not always easy being the big
sister, either. I'm sorry too.

They lean in close as the sun begins to rise. Oddly, the moon
doesn't budge. For a moment, both hang in the sky together, two
kinds of celestial light at once.

The sisters stare, puzzled, mouths agape.

197 LUNA
The sun and the moon together...at the
same TIME?

198 CELESTIA
Now where have I seen THAT before?

Celestia gestures to herself and Luna, with a smile. Luna even
gives a little <LAUGH>

199 CELESTIA (CONT'D)
You know, I think it's alright for two
sisters to like different things.

200 LUNA
Right. They don't HAVE to do every
single thing together to know they
care about each other.

The two sisters share a big hug, the sun and moon shining in the
sky behind them.

Then, the moon goes down. Then up. Then the sun goes down, and
up. Then they bounce in the sky. The sisters share a look.

201 CELESTIA
You think maybe Twilight's having
trouble with the amulet?

202 LUNA
We should probably go help her.

They hastily get up to go.

SC. 27 - INT. CELESTIA'S CASTLE - NIGHT

Twilight stares out the window at the bouncing moon and sun,
panicked. She floats the Sun Amulet with her magic.

A panicked Spike runs in, holding a weird-shaped wrench.

203 SPIKE
Okay, OKAY! I think I got it! Sunburst
says we just need to reset the amulet
with this. Turn the screw on the back--

Twilight levitates the wrench and uses it on the amulet
immediately, before Spike can clarify--

204 SPIKE (CONT'D)
...no more than one half turn!

Twilight freezes, and the amulet breaks in half, light spewing
out for a moment before going completely dark.

205 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Uh oh.

SC. 28 - EXT. CELESTIA'S CASTLE - NIGHT

206 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.)
DOES ANYPONY HAVE SOME TAPE?!

END EPISODE.

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