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

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

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

**SC. 2 - INT. FUTURE CANTERLOT CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - CONT.**

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

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

FUTURE SPIKE's face breaks into an excited smile.

2                   FUTURE SPIKE  
I got here as soon as I could, but Friendship Ambassador is a full time job these days. Making peace between Abyssinians and the Diamond Dogs has not been easy.

3                   FUTURE TWILIGHT (O.S.)  
I'm sure...

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, but I'm glad you could come.

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

5                   FUTURE SPIKE  
So what's the emergency?

6                   FUTURE TWILIGHT  
Ever since I took over Celestia's School my focus has been on teaching magic, but now it seems my top student has missed the most important lesson of all.

7 FUTURE SPIKE

What do you mean?

8 FUTURE TWILIGHT

Let's just say it'll be good to have my Royal Advisor and Friendship Ambassador by my side.

Spike turns to Twilight with a smile.

9 FUTURE SPIKE

It's a good thing you didn't give me any more titles. I'd never get any sleep.

Twilight gives Spike a bemused look as a GRIFFON wearing a castle guard uniform enters.

10 GRIFFON GUARD

Your majesty, she's here.

11 FUTURE TWILIGHT

Send her in, Gallus.

With that, Gallus turns and opens the doors to reveal a young unicorn, LUSTER DAWN, (think Twilight's age at the start of the show). She bows formally.

12 LUSTER DAWN

Your majesty.

Twilight and Spike share a look.

13 FUTURE TWILIGHT

Luster, I know we're in the throne room, but you don't need to be so formal. I may be ruler of Equestria, but I'm still just your teacher.

14 LUSTER DAWN

And you've been wonderful. I've enjoyed every moment at the School of Magic, but I'm just not sure it's the right place for me.

15 FUTURE TWILIGHT

(not at all surprised)  
I see.

16 LUSTER DAWN

And it's not the work. I could spend weeks in the library doing research.

17 FUTURE SPIKE

(aside)

That sounds familiar.

18 LUSTER DAWN

It's just that all the other students have made friends.

19 FUTURE SPIKE

Well, if that's your problem, you've come to the right place. Twilight can help you make more friends than a dragon has scales.

20 LUSTER DAWN

That's just it. I don't want to make friends. I think friendship's more trouble than it's worth.

Twilight gives Spike a knowing look. Off his expression of complete and utter shock we...

**END TEASER**

**MAIN TITLES**

**ACT ONE**

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

Twilight and Spike continue to stare, still in shock. Spike leans over for an aside.

21 SPIKE

Friendship is more trouble than it's worth?

(under his breath)

This is your top student?

22 FUTURE TWILIGHT

(to Luster Dawn)

So, you'd rather leave the School of Magic than make friends?

23 LUSTER DAWN

(nods)

I was hoping to set up an independent course of study. I don't want to give up magic. I want to accomplish as much as you have someday.

24           FUTURE SPIKE  
Well, it'll be hard to do that  
without friends.

25           LUSTER DAWN  
I'm not so sure. Friendship looks  
like more of a distraction than  
anything else and ultimately a  
waste of time.

26           FUTURE SPIKE  
WHAT?

27           LUSTER DAWN  
          (to Twilight)  
I know you and your friends  
accomplished a lot together, but  
that was so long ago and as far as  
I can see, you rule by yourself  
now.

28           FUTURE SPIKE  
Um... Hello? Royal Advisor right  
here.

29           LUSTER DAWN  
And I don't think there's anything  
wrong with that. In fact, I think  
it's better. Plus, if friendships  
ultimately fade, why even make them  
in the first place?

Twilight thinks for a long beat, then flies off her throne  
and stands next to Luster Dawn.

30           FUTURE TWILIGHT  
You know what, Luster Dawn, you're  
right.

31           FUTURE SPIKE  
WHAT!!?

32           FUTURE TWILIGHT  
Friendships take work, and there's  
no guarantee they'll last.

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

Twilight leads Luster Dawn into the hall. Spike follows,  
stunned. They pass the giant stained glass windows depicting  
the princesses. We see new ones have been added over the  
years (the M6 defeating the villains from 925, maybe an  
amazing adventure of the Young 6, etc.).

33                   FUTURE TWILIGHT  
They can be complicated. They can  
be messy. And they never go the way  
you plan. Friendship is a hard  
thing to navigate.

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

34                   FUTURE TWILIGHT (CONT'D)  
I remember the first time I  
realized it might not last  
forever...

Off Luster Dawn's rapt expression...

RIPPLE CUT TO:

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

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.

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

She reappears, briefly, before ducking into another room.

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

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

Suddenly Twilight shouts from one of the rooms.

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

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

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

Spike takes the comic and shrugs.

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

Twilight yanks the book back, a little tense.

41               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**

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...

42               SPIKE  
Really, Twilight, we don't have to  
bring the comic. I'm not even 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! When we were all fighting to save Equestria from Tirek, Chrysalis, and Cozy Glow 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  
Of course we will, but it won't be the same. They all have lives here. We're moving away and they're not and I can't help but feel like we're leaving them behind. What if we all just drift apart?

52 SPIKE  
(realizing)  
I guess I hadn't thought about it like that. 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**

APPLEJACK, 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 crates.

Applejack then closes the crates, stamps them with a symbol, then stamps a list with a corresponding symbol. After that Big Mac loads the crates onto a wagon.

Twilight and Spike watch the whole operation.

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

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

56 TWILIGHT  
Oh. Right. I guess so.

57 APPLEJACK  
Anyhoo, I really need to get all these boxes packed and sorted. There's a lot more work now that folks beyond Equestria are coming to the coronation too.  
(aside)  
Though all those new customers ain't bad for the farm.

With a wink, Applejack gets back to work. Twilight looks on, disappointed. Off Spike, watching her with concern...

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

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  
Well, since I'll be in charge of all the Canterlot galas from now on, I'll have to go there a lot more-- So 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**

Fluttershy conducts a carefully choreographed routine of birds flying around Twilight:

- first a halo of HUMMINGBIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES fly up and hover around her head as...

- next, a flock of DOVES fly up behind her in a wave...

- finally, a pair of graceful SWANS lower a LAUREL onto Twilight's head like a crown.

Fluttershy applauds, delighted as the birds all fly over and perch nearby.

62 FLUTTERSHY  
Wonderful work everyone. We couldn't be more ready. Josephine, if you and the rest of the doves leave now we should all arrive in Canterlot at the same time.

Josephine the dove nods and takes off, followed by the rest of her flock. Fluttershy turns to the swans.

63 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
Eloise and Hubert, you should go too. I know it's a long way, but don't worry. I'll bring plenty of snacks to restore your energy before we perform.

The swans nod and take off after the doves. Next Fluttershy opens a couple of birdcages.

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.

Twilight and Spike watch the other creatures load themselves  
into their cages. Fluttershy turns to her friends.

65 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
I'm glad we got the chance for one  
last rehearsal. Everyone's so  
excited, 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**

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  
start a difficult, interwoven flight pattern that devolves  
immediately when a few-- CRASH INTO EACH OTHER.

Dash quickly pulls a cloud over to catch the flyers who come  
tumbling to the ground. SPITFIRE leaps out of the cloud.

68 SPITFIRE  
Look, Rainbow Dash, I know this is  
important to you and we all want  
the routine to be special, but are  
you sure it needs to be this  
complicated?

69 RAINBOW DASH  
Of course! And I know we can pull  
it off.  
(then to Twilight)  
Sorry, Twilight.  
(MORE)

## RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

I don't have time to talk. We've got a little more work to do before the coronation.

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

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

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

70 RARITY  
Darling, change is an integral part of fashion. I myself am considering opening boutiques for non-ponies. 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)  
I was just struck with a sudden inspiration to change my design for your gown by including 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 can be fabulous if you embrace it!

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**

Spike walks in. The room is even more empty now, only a few boxes remain.

72 SPIKE  
Starlight is supposed to come over soon. There's a little something we want to give you before we leave...

Spike looks over and sees Twilight staring down at his comic book. He walks over and picks it up.

73 SPIKE (CONT'D)  
You know what? I think you're right, Twilight. I should take my comics to Canterlot. We can't leave the Power Ponies behind.

Spike opens a nearby box and puts the comic book inside.

74 TWILIGHT  
I don't think the Power Ponies care, Spike. Just like all of our friends.

Spike stares at Twilight, confused, as the others walk in.

75 APPLEJACK  
Alright, Twilight. Are you ready? We all wanted to see you off, but there's still a lot to do.

76 SPIKE  
Aren't you coming on the train?

Applejack holds up her list of apple crate symbols.

77 APPLEJACK  
I gotta go with Big Mac so we can go over our packing list or we won't know who gets what deliveries.

78 RAINBOW DASH  
And I'm gonna meet the Wonderbolts so we can go over our routine one last time.

79 PINKIE PIE  
I'm going with Gummy. He said he knows when the fireworks display should start, but does anypony really believe that?

80 FLUTTERSHY  
And I still need to pick up food for the swans and doves who flew to Canterlot. If I don't get them fed they'll be too pooped to perform.

81 TWILIGHT  
Well, I'll be living in Canterlot alone. Might as well take the train alone too. Bye, I guess.

Twilight starts to mope out as the others all exchange looks.

82 RARITY  
You won't be traveling alone, darling. I'll have just enough time on the train to weave the star spider sash for your gown.

Rarity ushers Twilight out as they all start to leave.

83 RARITY (CONT'D)  
But we should leave now. There's no  
time to dawdle if you want the  
coronation to be perfect.

Twilight stops suddenly and unleashes her worry and concern.

84 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**

Luster Dawn looks up at Future Twilight, vindicated.

85 LUSTER DAWN  
Exactly. You moved away. Your  
friends didn't care and that was  
that.

86 FUTURE TWILIGHT  
Actually, not exactly... exactly.

Luster Dawn gives Spike a confused look, but Spike just shrugs. They both look back to Twilight as we...

RIPPLE TO:

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

The others all stare at Twilight, stunned.

87 APPLEJACK  
Of course we care that you're  
moving, Twilight.

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

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

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

90 TWILIGHT  
I tried to talk to you all about how I was feeling, but you seemed more worried about what you had to do for the coronation.

91 SPIKE  
I was there. It's true.

They all share guilty looks. Rarity steps forward.

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

93 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.

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

95 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.

96 RARITY  
We all feel the same way.

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

98 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.

99 FLUTTERSHY  
I'm scared too.

100 PINKIE PIE  
Me too!

101 RARITY  
Definitely.

102 APPLEJACK  
Yep.

103 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.

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

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

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

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

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

108 APPLEJACK  
What if we don't stay friends?

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

109 TWILIGHT  
I know it's weird, but knowing  
you're all are as upset as I am  
actually makes me less worried.

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

110 SPIKE  
That's good, but you should be more  
worried... about missing the train  
to Canterlot.

Off all of there sudden looks of concern...

**SC. 15 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - CONTINUOUS**

STARLIGHT walks up to the castle, floating a big BOOK in front of her. Suddenly the whole gang bust out the door.

111            STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Sorry, I'm so late, I actually  
thought I'd missed you--

But none of them stop. As they all rush by, Spike calls out over his shoulder.

112            SPIKE  
There's no time!

**SC. 16 - EXT. PONYVILLE STATION - MOMENTS LATER**

The gang rush up the platform to see it's-- empty.

113            TWILIGHT  
Oh, no. We missed it!

114            RAINBOW DASH  
Can't you just poof all of us  
there?

115            TWILIGHT  
(shakes her head)  
Canterlot is too far, but maybe...

Twilight's horn starts to glow and...

**SC. 17 - INT./EXT. TRAIN - SOON AFTER**

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

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

Rarity immediately sits and breaks out her sewing supplies.

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

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

118           APPLEJACK  
I hope Big Mac can figure out who  
gets what deliveries on his own.

WHIP PAN TO:

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

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

Big Mac confidently...

120           BIG MAC  
Eeyup!

WHIP TO:

BIG MAC - pushing another crate up to a BAKER PONY.

121           BAKER PONY  
Ah, the Sweet Apple Acres  
applesauce for my coronation  
parfait! (tapping the symbol on the  
crate) This is the applesauce?

Big Mac looks down at the symbol and realizes he isn't sure.

122           BIG MAC  
Ah... Eeyup?

WHIP BACK TO:

THE TRAIN - Fluttershy looks around distraught.

123           FLUTTERSHY  
I don't have the snacks the doves  
and swans will need to perform  
after their long flight. I better  
find the food car.

She sets her birdcages on the seat with Rarity's terrarium  
and rushes out of the car.

The butterflies and humming birds cower in their cages as the  
star spiders eye them hungrily from their terrarium.

Rainbow Dash looks to the others.

124           RAINBOW DASH  
And I need to meet the Wonderbolts!

Off Dash rushing out...

WHIP PAN TO:

SPITFIRE AND THE WONDERBOLTS - landing on an empty hillside overlooking Canterlot. They look around, and spot Gummy, sitting on a wagon FULL of FIREWORKS.

125 SPITFIRE  
You didn't happen to see Rainbow Dash around here, did you?

Gummy just licks his eye. Spitfire grits her teeth and looks to the others...

126 SPITFIRE (CONT'D)  
I told you she meant for us to meet at the Academy!

WHIP TO:

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

127 RAINBOW DASH  
Hey, where's the coronation team?

128 JANITOR PONY  
They waited, but when you didn't show, they thought you musta meant to meet outside of Canterlot. Hey, shouldn't you be in Canterlot?

Off Dash's look of distress...

WHIP BACK TO:

THE TRAIN - Pinkie looks to Twilight.

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

WHIP TO:

GUMMY - as before on the hillside, only now he's surrounded by dozens of fireworks all stuck in the ground pointing every which way. Another eye lick.

WHIP BACK TO:

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

Twilight turns to her friends and smiles.

131 TWILIGHT  
Well, at least we'll get there  
together. It could always be worse.

The others all give her a look.

132 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)  
What?

**SC. 18 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - DAY**

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

133 LUNA  
Goodness, Twilight. I realize it's  
your coronation day, but are you  
all right?

134 TWILIGHT  
My friends and I had a few hiccups  
on the way, but everything's fine  
now.

Luna and Celestia share a smile, then turn back to Twilight's frazzled expression.

135 CELESTIA  
I'm sure it is. We really are both  
just so proud of you. If you need a  
moment that's all right. It is your  
coronation. We can't do it without  
you.

Outside comes a BLAST of trumpets as the CROWD CHEERS.

136 LUNA  
Although it would be nice to get  
started. Are you ready?

137 RARITY (O.S.)  
NO!

Rarity comes rushing in with the gown and sash.

138 RARITY (CONT'D)  
She can't possibly be crowned  
without wearing her coronation  
gown. I just need two minutes.

139 CELESTIA  
Very well.

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

**SC. 19 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - CONTINUOUS**

Celestia and Luna look out at the crowd.

140 CELESTIA  
Citizens of Equestria... and  
beyond.

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

141 CELESTIA (CONT'D)  
My sister and I have ruled this  
land for quite some time, but even  
we know that change eventually  
comes to us all. And though we know  
it can be unsettling, it's as  
natural as the rising and setting  
of the sun and the moon. Both of  
which my sister and I feel  
confident leaving in the hooves of  
the pony who will come after us.

BACK INSIDE - Rarity struggles to put Twilight in the gown. Finally, she takes a step back and marvels.

142 RARITY  
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

143 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 stands, her magnificent dress slightly askew.

144 TWILIGHT  
Sorry.

Luna and Celestia share a good-natured smirk, then power up their horns, using their magic to float the crowns off of their heads. The two crowns float over Twilight and, with a SURGE of magic from the Princesses, merge into a single NEW CROWN as the crowd OOHs and AHs.

Beneath the glowing crown Twilight tries to straighten her dress, as a pair of STAR SPIDERS crawl onto her shoulders like epaulettes. Luna gawks.

145           LUNA  
Um... Twilight--

Before Luna can point out the spiders, Fluttershy's butterflies and hummingbirds fly up and attempt to form their halo around Twilight's head.

Unfortunately, the spiders on her shoulders HISS and the butterflies scramble, while the hummingbirds feverishly SQUAWK back as we PAN TO...

Fluttershy - looking up from her empty cages, concerned.

146           FLUTTERSXY  
Oh, dear. I suppose that train ride didn't help anyone's disposition.  
(then, off screen)  
I know these aren't the snacks I promised, but it's all I could find.

PAN TO - Fluttershy's doves and swans from before. They all look exhausted as they stare down at a single CARROT, then back to Fluttershy, incredulous.

**SC. 20 - EXT. HILLSIDE - SAME**

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

147           SPITFIRE  
Well, Dash or no Dash, Twilight's about to get that crown. Looks like it's go time. Wonderbolts, roll out!

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

148           RAINBOW DASH  
No! Wait!

Frustrated, she flies after them, while...

**SC. 21 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - BALCONY - SAME**

Twilight struggles to see through the swarm of butterflies and humming birds flying around her head as the flock of tired doves fly up in a significantly less impressive wave than what we saw previously.

Meanwhile, the pair of exhausted swans struggle up to the glowing crown and try to lower it 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.

Twilight dives to catch it on her head, pitches forward, and tumbles over the balcony railing as everyone GASPS.

After a beat, Twilight flaps back up, the glowing crown ringing her horn like a game of horse shoes. Luna shrugs.

149           LUNA  
Close enough.

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

150           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.

151           LUSTER DAWN (V.O.)  
Okay. I get it now...

CUT TO:

**SC. 22 - INT. FUTURE CANTERLOT CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - RESUME**

Luster Dawn looks up at Future Twilight, confident.

152           LUSTER DAWN  
...your coronation was such a  
disaster that you and your friends  
never really recovered and that's  
why you all drifted apart.

Spike and Twilight share a knowing smile.

153           LUSTER DAWN (CONT'D)  
What?

154           SPIKE  
Well, you're half right.

Off Luster Dawn's confused look...

**END ACT TWO**

**ACT THREE****SC. 23 - INT. FUTURE CANTERLOT CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - RESUME**

Luster Dawn just stares, trying to puzzle it out.

155           LUSTER DAWN  
So the coronation wasn't a disaster  
and your friendships just faded  
away over time?

156           TWILIGHT  
Not exactly.

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.

157           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.

158           FUTURE RARITY  
Honestly, I would have been here  
sooner but you would not believe  
the traffic in Yakyakistan these  
days!

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

159           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.

160           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, gives a  
sheepish grin, then ducks back through the portal as it  
disappears.

161           FUTURE FLUTTERSHY  
Sorry, everypony. Discord's headed  
to an O&O convention or he'd be  
joining us.

Luster Dawn looks to Twilight, stupefied.

162           LUSTER DAWN  
I don't understand. I just assumed  
that since you all aren't together  
all the time now...

163           TWILIGHT  
That we aren't friends?

The others all laugh.

164           TWILIGHT (CONT'D)  
That is not the point of my story.  
It's true my coronation was a  
disaster...

RIPPLE TO:

**SC. 24 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - RESUME FLASHBACK**

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.

165            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.

166            TWILIGHT  
That was something.

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

PULL WIDE to reveal Starlight and Spike standing nearby.

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

169            SPIKE  
We wanted to give this to you  
before you left Ponyville, but  
things got a little hectic.

Spike pulls out a large BOOK from behind his back.

170            STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Since you're moving away, we  
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).

171 PINKIE PIE  
It's a book of memories.

172 APPLEJACK  
And we all chipped in some.

173 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 Starlight and all of her friends.

174 TWILIGHT  
I love it. Thank you so much. But I  
don't want to only look back.  
Obviously the coronation wasn't  
perfect, but that doesn't matter.  
It's our relationships that really  
count and we have to maintain them.

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

176 TWILIGHT  
I am. I suggest we meet once a  
moon. That way we can check in and  
reconnect. In fact, my first royal  
decree as ruler of Equestria is to  
establish this Council of  
Friendship!

The others CHEER.

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

PAN OVER to reveal Celestia and Luna.

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

179 CELESTIA  
And it is gratifying to see just  
how right we were. We know  
Equestria is in the perfect hooves  
with you AND your friends looking  
out for it.

(MORE)

CELESTIA (CONT'D)

And while we'll always be here if you need us, this is your moment, so it's time for us to be on our way.

180 TWILIGHT  
You're leaving?

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

182 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.

183 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. 25 - INT. FUTURE CANTERLOT CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - RESUME**

Luster Dawn looks to Twilight, then the others.

184 LUSTER DAWN  
(to Twilight)  
So, even though everything changed and the coronation was a disaster and you moved away from your friends, you didn't grow apart?  
(to the rest)  
And this is the Council of Friendship. That's what you're all doing here?

185 FUTURE DASH  
Duh. This time every moon.

Applejack nudges Dash playfully.

186 APPLEJACK  
What she MEANS is, this is how we've been ruling together!

187            FUTURE RARITY  
And how we've continued to face  
every problem and threat to  
Equestria over the years.

Pinkie wrangles Lil Cheese.

188            PINKIE PIE  
But mostly, it's how we keep in  
touch. No matter HOW busy life  
gets!

189            FUTURE FLUTTERSHY  
It really was a good idea.

190            FUTURE TWILIGHT  
              (to Luster)  
You see, sometimes friendships can  
be hard and it takes work to  
maintain them, but without friends  
things can be a lot harder. Having  
ponies on your side makes  
everything worth it.

Luster Dawn nods, re-considering.

191            LUSTER DAWN  
I never thought about friendship  
being something to work at and I  
don't mind work. I guess if they  
don't have to fade away, maybe  
making friends isn't the waste of  
time I thought. But I've been so  
focused on my studies, I wouldn't  
know where to start.

192            FUTURE TWILIGHT  
              (smiling)  
That's all right, because I know  
exactly where to send you...

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

**SC. 26 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY**

Twilight, Pinkie, Lil Cheese, Rarity, Dash, Applejack,  
Fluttershy, Spike and Luster Dawn BAMF into the middle of  
town.

Luster Dawn looks around, unsure, and sees several PONIES her  
age. They smile at her.

193            FUTURE TWILIGHT  
If you want to learn about the  
Magic of Friendship, there's only  
one place to go...

Twilight nods to the other ponies and Luster Dawn excitedly rushes over to them. 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.

194            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.

195            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.

196            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.

197           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...

198           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.

199           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.

200           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:

Luster Dawn 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...

201            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 Luster Dawn surrounded by the Main Six...

202            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, Luster Dawn looks to Twilight and smiles. She gives her teacher a hug, then runs off to join her new friends.

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

FADE OUT

**END**