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My Little Pony: Magic is Gone

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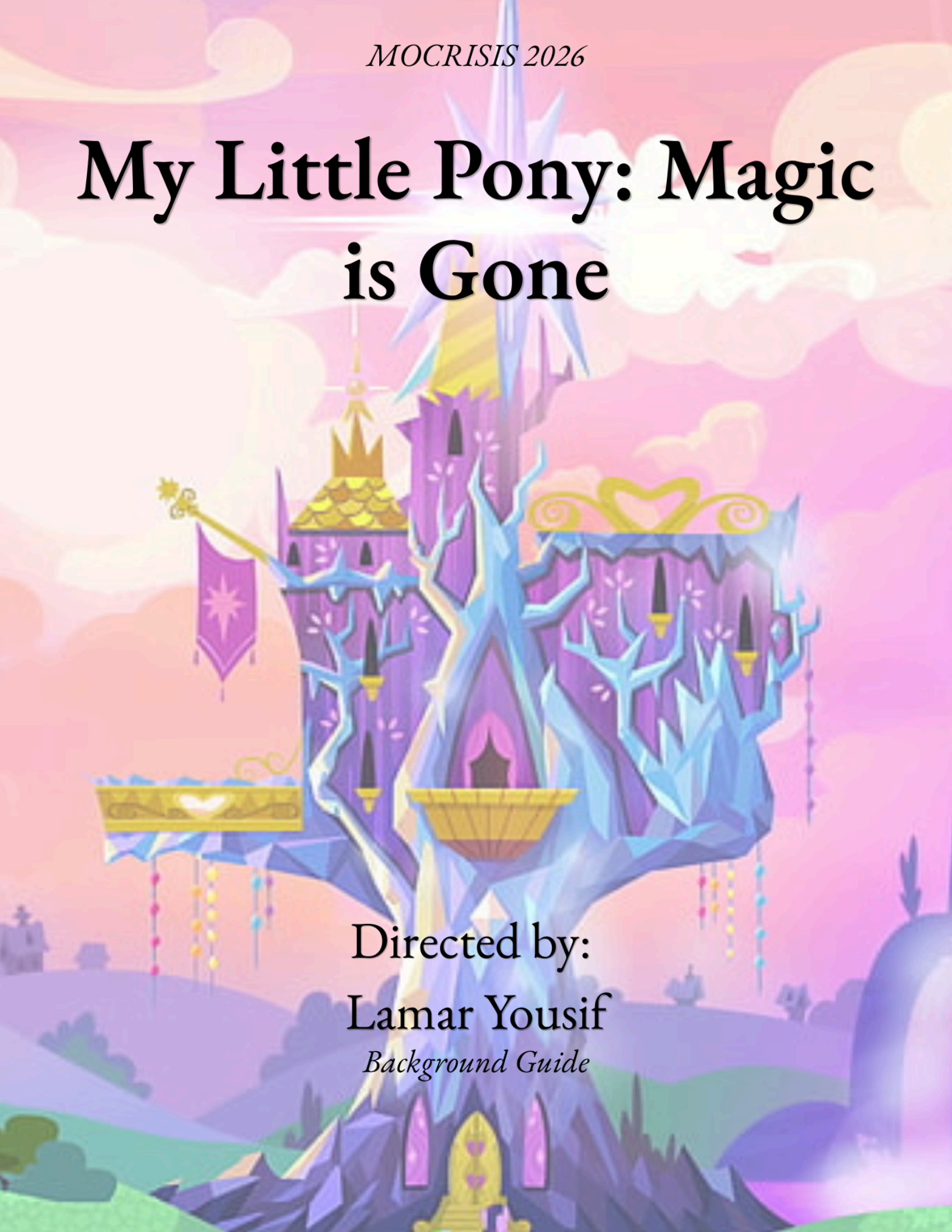


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Equity Letter

MOCRISIS 2026 has a zero-tolerance policy for equity violations within or outside of the committee. We acknowledge that the show may discuss controversial issues such as racism between species, war, slavery, et cetera; however, we implore delegates to maintain a high degree of respect and decorum. As a reminder, instances of racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, ableism, or any other form of discrimination will not be tolerated and may lead to disqualification from awards or removal from MOCRISIS 2026, depending on the severity.

We strongly encourage delegates to refrain from controversial topics, past and present. For clarity, please email or speak to any staff member of this committee. We ask all delegates to approach sensitive issues with the utmost respect and understanding toward others. Moreover, a basic level of respect and order is expected when interacting with other delegates, pages, staff, faculty facilitators, and all MOCRISIS personnel who make this conference possible.

Director's Letter

Hello Delegates!

My name is Lamar Yousif, and I'm going to be your director for MoCRISIS 2026. I'm a pre-IB student who's been doing Model UN since ninth grade. This is my second time directing and I couldn't be more excited. I've always had a deep love and respect for My Little Pony that has only grown as I've gotten older. It's a show that is made with so much care put into it—from the writing, to the animation, to the worldbuilding—they don't make shows that can teach and entertain such a wide range of audiences anymore. If you haven't watched it, or only watched it when you were little, I highly recommend giving it a try :D.

This committee was highly inspired by the copious amounts of time I spent in the MLP fandom, consuming staff lore-dropping and fan-made media alike. I'm used to variants upon variants of alternate universes and headcanons, which only emboldened me to create my own. I spent a lot of time and creativity creating lore for this committee, so I'm very interested to see how much delegates can uncover in these sessions.

If you're nervous for the committee because it's your first conference, or first crisis, don't be! You're in a room filled with My Little Pony nerds who are about to declare, with straight faces (I hope), that friendship is magic, and that is how we will solve the committee. Throughout all my experiences in Model UN, the best were when I took it lightheartedly and focused on having fun in committee. For questions, contact me at 348406653@tdsb.ca.

I can't wait to see all of you,

- Lamar Yousif, Director and Background Guide Author of *My Little Pony: Magic is GONE*

(PS: I am very pro-props and cosplay for committee sessions. If you want to bring it, go for it!)

Glossary

Alicorns

Immortal ponies that have both pegasi wings and a unicorn horn. They are born as such in their own settlement. Two alicorns came to rule Equestria, Princesses Luna and Celestia. The only other known alicorns are Princess Cadence and her daughter, Flurryheart.¹

Sweet Apple Acres

An apple orchard belonging to the Apple Family. It produces corn, grapes, carrots, and most notably, apples. Additionally, the Apple Family produces many apple products such as baked goods, cider, zap apples, jam, et cetera.²

Canterlot

The capital city of Equestria. It is home to much of its nobility and the Royal Castle, home to the Princesses of Equestria. It also has Celestia's School for Gifted Unicorns, the Library of Magic, the Canterlot Archives, the Cloud Stadium, and more.³

¹ Anonymous Contributors. "Alicorns." *My Little Pony Friendship Is Magic Wiki*, <https://mlp.fandom.com/wiki/Alicorns>. Accessed 21 Aug. 2026.

² Anonymous Contributors. "Sweet Apple Acres." *My Little Pony Friendship Is Magic Wiki*, Fandom, Inc., 2016, https://mlp.fandom.com/wiki/Sweet_Apple_Acres#Crops_and_products.

³ Contributors to My Little Pony Friendship is Magic Wiki. "Canterlot." *My Little Pony Friendship Is Magic Wiki*, Fandom, Inc., 2022, <https://mlp.fandom.com/wiki/Canterlot>.

Cloudsdale

A floating city made of Clouds, northwest of Canterlot. It is home to the majority of Equestria's pegasi, but can be accessed using unicorn magic to fly, or specially-made fabric wings.⁴

Colt

A young male pony.

Crystal Empire

The homeland of the crystal ponies, as ruled by Princess Cadence. Previously terrorized by King Sombra, he placed a curse making the kingdom disappear for 1000 years as he was defeated. It's surrounded by ice-cold tundra, but is protected by a magical barrier sustained by the Crystal Heart, an ancient relic in the center of the area.⁵

Cute-ceneras

A celebration for those who have recently gotten their cutie marks.

Cutie Mark Crusaders

A group of three fillies who are dedicated to helping others find their cutie mark. Originally, they were committed to finding their own special talent to get their marks. However, the more people who got their marks because of the CMC, the more they realized they had a passion for helping others, thus earning their cutie marks.⁶

⁴ Contributors to My Little Pony Friendship is Magic Wiki. "Cloudsdale." *My Little Pony Friendship Is Magic Wiki*, Fandom, Inc., 2026, <https://mlp.fandom.com/wiki/Cloudsdale>.

⁵ Anonymous Contributor. "Crystal Empire." *My Little Pony Friendship Is Magic Wiki*, Fandom, Inc., 2017, https://mlp.fandom.com/wiki/Crystal_Empire.

⁶ Little, My. "Cutie Mark Crusaders." *My Little Pony Friendship Is Magic Wiki*, Fandom, Inc., 2018, https://mlp.fandom.com/wiki/Cutie_Mark_Crusaders.

Cutie Marks

A physical manifestation of a realized, special talent that sets you apart from others. It grows on a pony's flank as part of their fur. If it is shaved off, it grows back, like a birthmark. It isn't dependent on your career, but rather your passion.⁷

Elements of Harmony

Six supernatural artifacts that release powerful magic when used. They are the most powerful magic known to ponydom. They have been destroyed in the fight against Tirek, but rumor has it there are other sets scattered across Equestria with the other species.⁸

Equestria

The kingdom where all known beings live. It is co-ruled by Princesses Celestia and Luna. Ponies came to live there after attempting to escape famine in another land long ago.⁹

Everfree Forest

The overgrown forest that borders Ponyville. Home to many different plants and animals, most ponies consider the life and magic there "unnatural," a mysterious force not to be reckoned with.¹⁰

Filly

A young female pony.

⁷ Faust, Lauren. Re: If I Could Have a Moment of Your Time... 2010, https://mlp.fandom.com/wiki/Cutie_marks.

⁸ Anonymous Contributors. "Elements of Harmony." My Little Pony Friendship Is Magic Wiki, https://mlp.fandom.com/wiki/Elements_of_Harmony. Accessed 21 Aug. 2026.

⁹ Anonymous Authors. "Equestria." *My Little Pony Friendship Is Magic Wiki*, <https://mlp.fandom.com/wiki/Equestria>. Accessed 21 Aug. 2026.

¹⁰ Anonymous Contributors. "Everfree Forest." My Little Pony Friendship Is Magic Wiki, Fandom, Inc., 2026, https://mlp.fandom.com/wiki/Everfree_Forest.

Main 6

The human counterparts of the Mane 6, excluding Starlight Glimmer.

Mane 6

A group of six ponies that bear the Elements of Harmony and protect Equestria from evil forces. They used to mainly consist of Twilight Sparkle, Rainbow Dash, Applejack, Fluttershy, Rarity, and Pinkie Pie; but now, Starlight Glimmer and Sunset Shimmer have joined them. They focus on spreading the magic of friendship across Equestria.¹¹

Mare

A fully-grown, female pony.

Ponyville

A town in Equestria where the Mane 6 live. It borders the Everfree Forest and is built around Sweet Apple Acres, which was founded by Granny Smith in her youth. The sales from her farm generated a quaint trading hub, which later developed into Ponyville.¹²

Infrastructure

The underlying structure and systems that a society needs to function.¹³ Hard infrastructure refers to physical and tangible systems, such as roads, highways, dams, water filtration, and energy

¹¹ Anonymous Contributor. "Mane Six." *My Little Universe Wiki*, Fandom, Inc., 2024, https://my-little-universe.fandom.com/wiki/Mane_Six.

¹² Anonymous Contributors. "Ponyville." *My Little Pony Friendship Is Magic Wiki*, Fandom, Inc., 2018, <https://mlp.fandom.com/wiki/Ponyville>.

¹³ Cambridge Dictionary. "INFRASTRUCTURE | Meaning in the Cambridge English Dictionary." *Cambridge.Org*, 2019, <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/infrastructure>.

production.¹⁴ Soft infrastructure refers to the institutions, jobs, and skills needed for support, such as schools, hospitals, courts, et cetera.¹⁵

Retconned

Short for “Retroactive Continuity,” it refers to when the author of a work writes elements into a story that contradict earlier established narrative, generally with the intention to disregard and rewrite the story with the new piece of information as canon.¹⁶

Wonderbolts

An elite squad of pegasi, led by Spitfire, that perform flying acrobatics and stunts. They were originally formed after the banishment of Nightmare Moon by Celestia in order to keep Equestria safe. Now, they are often called in for events with nobility and royalty, as well as annual Equestria-wide celebrations.¹⁷

¹⁴ Asri, Chandra. “Infrastruktur: Definisi, Jenis, Dan Contohnya Di Industri.” *Chandra-Asri.Com*, Chandra Asri, 6 Mar. 2025, <https://chandra-asri.com/en/blog/what-is-infrastructure>.

¹⁵ Schaefer, Florian. “The Open University.” *Open.Ac.Uk*, 2017, <https://fass.open.ac.uk/research/projects/redefine/blogs/what-do-we-mean-infrastructure>.

¹⁶ “A Short History of ‘Retcon.’” *Www.Merriam-Webster.Com*, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/wordplay/retcon-history-and-meaning>. Accessed 21 Aug. 2026.

¹⁷ Anonymous Contributors. “Wonderbolts.” *My Little Pony Friendship Is Magic Wiki*, Fandom, Inc., 2017, <https://mlp.fandom.com/wiki/Wonderbolts>.

Committee Background

A Note on the “Canon”

My Little Pony is a large franchise, with several spin-offs, continuations, and variations of canon material. As much as it would be amazing to use all of it, to compile it all would be an exhaustive project. The lore and canon material, having gone through several decades' worth of writing and artists, can be somewhat contradictory and redundant at times. Additionally, some of the later stories would mess with the committee's timeline and make some characters and abilities much more powerful and relevant than it is fair to include them for.

Putting all this in mind, this committee's scope will generally pertain to Generation 4, My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic, from seasons 1 - 7, as well as most of the “Equestria Girls” movies. None of the earlier or later material should be considered in this committee, including comics, past/future generations, bonus material, et cetera. There will also be alterations to the canon. For example, Twilight Sparkle will remain a unicorn and not become an alicorn; the Tree of Harmony is nonexistent; Sunset Shimmer will return to Equestria in time to take part in this committee, among other things.

There will be a synopsis of the show's main and relevant events, as well as descriptions of any divergence from canon. **Any event that played out differently or didn't happen is indicated by an asterisk before its title in the Table of Contents.** Whether you have only watched the show once before, have rewatched it recently for the committee, or do not want to watch it and would rather read a summary instead, it's recommended for all delegates to at least skim the entire text.

The major changes can be summarized here:

- Twilight is **not** an alicorn
- There is no Chest of Harmony
- There is no Castle of Friendship
- There is no Cutie Map
- Sunset Shimmer has come back to Equestria and has been studying under Twilight

Relevant History

The Sonic Rainboom

As fillies, both Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy are sent to Cloudsdale Flight School. Rainbow Dash challenges two ponies to a race, where she performs a Sonic Rainboom, a feat of legend that was considered impossible to do. This causes the rest of the Mane 6 to gain their cutie marks, tying them together: at the beginning of the race, Fluttershy trips and falls through the clouds to the ground, but is saved by a swarm of butterflies and discovers her love for animals; Applejack, unable to fit in in Manehattan, sees the Rainboom over Ponyville and goes home to be with family at Sweet Apple Acres; The Rainboom causes Twilight's magic to overload, letting her hatch Spike's dragon egg and be admitted into Celestia's school, and; Rarity's horn takes her to a giant boulder, and the Rainboom causes it to split open, revealing numerous gems.¹⁸

Nightmare Moon

The rulers of Equestria were an elder sister, who used her powers to raise the sun, and a younger sister, who brought out the moon. Over time, the younger sister became resentful that the ponies of Equestria relished daytime but slept at night. After refusing to lower the moon one evening, she transformed into Nightmare Moon, a "wicked mare of darkness," and vowed to shroud Equestria in eternal night. Her sister used the Elements of Harmony to banish her to the moon and took on responsibility for both sun and moon.

One day, Twilight Sparkle, a unicorn studying under Princess Celestia in Canterlot, discovered an old tale claiming Nightmare Moon was to return on a day known as the *Summer Sun Celebration*.

¹⁸ Contributors to My Little Pony Friendship is Magic Wiki. "Fictional Chronology." *My Little Pony Friendship Is Magic Wiki*, Fandom, Inc., 2018, https://mlp.fandom.com/wiki/Fictional_chronology#Generation_4.5.

She wrote to Princess Celestia about her discoveries but was promptly dismissed and instead given the task of overseeing the preparations for the Celebration and making some friends instead of studying endlessly.

Twilight goes through the day wanting to research Nightmare Moon's return, but it ends up taking much longer than expected as multiple ponies—namely Apple Jack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy—hold her up in different activities. She is disappointed and disapproves of the citizens of Ponyville. She finally ends up at her temporary residence, where a welcome party, planned by Pinkie Pie, is being thrown in her honour. This leaves her unable to study and causes her to resent friendship.

The next day, at the opening ceremony, Princess Celestia is nowhere to be seen. Instead, Nightmare Moon appears and declares eternal nighttime. Twilight runs back to her library in search of helpful knowledge to defeat Nightmare Moon when the ponies from earlier come to help her. They discover they need the Elements of Harmony.

After reaching the Elements of Harmony at Everfree Forest, they discover that they need all 6 representatives of the Elements to gather before working. Nightmare Moon intercepts them and ends up breaking the artifacts into shards, leading Twilight to realize that the representatives of the Elements of Harmony are her newfound friends. Realising that, the sixth and last one appears above her, and she becomes the Element of Magic.

The artifacts fix themselves and become necklaces (with Twilight's becoming a crown) before a flash of light blinds them and Princess Celestia appears, with Nightmare Moon replaced by a smaller, light blue alicorn. Celestia explains that it was her and her sister, Princess Luna, in the original story, and she needed Twilight to make friends in order to prevent Nightmare Moon's return. The sisters reunite, and they all return to Ponyville. Celestia reassigns Twilight to Ponyville in order to be with her new friends and study the magic of friendship.

****The Return of Harmony**

Ever since Twilight Sparkle moved to Ponyville, she's been sending Princess Celestia summaries of what she's learned every week, dubbed "Friendship Lessons." One day, a variety of weird things start happening. It rains chocolate milk, the clouds become cotton candy, field corn becomes popcorn, and apples grow enormous on trees. Twilight attempts to solve this issue by using a "fail-safe spell," which fails. Instead, she enlists her friends' help in getting rid of all the irregularities using each of their various skills before getting summoned by Princess Celestia.

Celestia explains that long ago, she and Princess Luna used the elements of harmony to lock away Discord, the dictator and embodiment of disharmony and chaos. However, because of Twilight and her friends' connection to the elements, the spell has worn off, and Discord is free from his stone cage. He's causing chaos and needs to be re-sealed. Discord appears and reveals to the group that he has hidden them and gives them a riddle in order to find them. They head towards the Royal Palace's maze where Discord takes their magic, separates them, and alters their personalities to be the opposite of their elements(except Twilight).

Twilight eventually returns to Ponyville, where the elements are actually being kept. She forces her friends to don the necklaces and restores their memories using magic to confront Discord. Using the elements of harmony, they turn Discord back into stone and reverse all the changes he's done to Equestria.

*After this event, Twilight is somewhat known as Celestia's pupil, and the Mane 6 are recognisable as wielders of the Elements of Harmony.

Wedding of Canterlot

Twilight and her friends are having a picnic in the park when Spike arrives with two letters from Princess Celestia, delegating the wedding preparations in Canterlot to the Mane 6. The wedding is Twilight's brother's, and Twilight didn't know he was getting married or who he was marrying.

When they arrive in Canterlot, she confronts her brother about this, to which he responds that Canterlot has been under threats recently, and as Captain of the Royal Guard, he is very busy. He also explains that the person he's marrying isn't a random mare, but was actually Twilight's old foalsitter, Cadence. Twilight seems ecstatic at this clarification before Cadence interrupts the conversation and acts coldly towards Twilight, taking her brother away to do something else.

While reviewing the preparations, such as Applejack's baking or Fluttershy's orchestra of birds, Twilight believes Cadence is rude and two-faced, not like her usual self. However, upon asking her friends, she seems to be the only one who has noticed. When she wants to speak to her brother about her theory, she sees Cadence put a spell on him that seems to disorient him. The next day, during their wedding rehearsal, Twilight interrupts and accuses Cadence of being "evil." Shining Armour is in disbelief and defends Cadence's behaviour—her spell was healing his migraines from putting up the shield, and her weird behaviour is from the stress of planning a wedding—causing Twilight to be uninvited to the wedding party. Cadence flees the room crying, and all the ponies leave to comfort her.

Twilight is distressed and regretful before Cadence reappears and banishes her to the caves underneath Canterlot. There, she finds the real Cadence, and they slowly make their way out together to stop the reception. They finally make it and expose the fake Cadence for being a Changeling who feeds off of love. The changeling transforms into her real form, revealing her name as Chrysalis, Queen of the Changelings. She's been feeding off of Shining Armour's love for Cadence and making him weaker, so her changelings can break through the barrier he's set up. The Mane 6 escape and try to get the Elements of Harmony to defeat Chrysalis, but get captured. Eventually, Cadence reunites with Shining Armour, and using the power of love, reverses the spell on him and together, they create a

magic sphere that expands throughout Canterlot and launches the changelings out of the city. Cadence and Shining Armour get to replan and have their wedding.

****Equestria Girls**

Twilight and her friends are summoned to Canterlot on official business from Princess Celestia. During the night, a pony sneaks in and steals Twilight's Element of Harmony, her crown. However, she accidentally wakes up Twilight and Spike, and a chase ensues through the castle before the pony jumps into a mirror.

In the morning, Celestia explains that the thief was Sunset Shimmer, an old student who became obsessed with power. The mirror was a portal to another dimension that opens every 30 moons, which she used to run away. Twilight needs to get the Element back, since the other Elements are useless without it and they're needed to protect Equestria. Additionally, Sunset Shimmer may use its magic for evil things on the other side. Twilight also has to go by herself to keep the interdimensional balance and retrieve it in 3 days, as that's when the portal will close.

She and Spike go through the portal, arrive in Canterlot High, and discover that she's become a human teenager while Spike's become a dog. After much trouble adjusting to her new body, she figures out how to walk and eventually starts exploring the school. She stumbles onto a scene where a girl is being bullied by another. Twilight sticks up for the girl, who turns out to be a version of Fluttershy who lives here. Twilight asks her about the crown, and she mentions that she found it and gave it to Principal Celestia for safekeeping. Twilight heads to the Principal's office, and Principal Celestia says that the crown is awarded to the Princess of the Fall Formal, a tradition for their school. The dance happens in 3 days, and she can become a candidate by registering with the head of the planning committee.

Twilight later shares how she wants to run as Princess to Fluttershy, who is shocked as Sunset has been running unopposed as a feared figure. Later, Twilight goes to find the head, Pinkie Pie, who is

with Applejack. They warn her against Sunset Shimmer, saying that she is the least trustworthy person there is, except for Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy. In this universe, the Mane 6 seem to be divided.

Later, she decides to find out more about the world by doing research in the library to understand this world's customs. While she's there, she makes a fool out of herself by picking up books with her mouth, bashing a keyboard with her fists, and other embarrassing actions. Unknowingly, Sunset has managed to get her cronies to record Twilight.

The next day, Twilight is being laughed at as the videos of her in the library were shared by Sunset with the whole school. Apple Jack, Rarity, Pinkie Pie, and Fluttershy show her the videos. The group quickly gets into an argument about Twilight before she breaks it up and reminds them about how they used to be friends before Sunset Shimmer came around. They try to explain it was a series of text messages or emails that caused them to distance themselves, but slowly realise that they never wrote or sent those out, which incriminated Sunset. They go make up with Rainbow Dash, and all the girls decide to help Twilight run for Fall Formal's princess.

The next day, they perform a song and dance in the cafeteria during lunch to raise school spirit, causing many people to start considering Twilight. The next day, Sunset Shimmer reports Twilight to Vice Principal Luna for wrecking the gym/dance area. She has photos of it, and Luna believes her, calling Twilight to the office and telling her of her disqualification. However, someone comes in with the spare cutouts that Sunset has disposed of to create the edited photos, proving Twilight's innocence and letting her run.

The gym is still messed up, so the dance will have to be postponed. Twilight explains her origins to her new friends from this dimension and asks them to help her clean up and redecorate. They accept, and other students see them cleaning up. Eventually, the whole school is helping clean up. They get the gym done, so the dance is still on for that night.

At the dance, Twilight is announced as Fall Formal Princess. While on stage, she sees Sunset's cronies kidnap Spike and chases after them towards the outside of the school. Eventually, Sunset gets a

hold of the crown and puts it on, transforming her into a demonic creature. She hurls a spell at Twilight to get rid of her, but her newfound friends surround her, and with the Power of Friendship, they're safe. They each gain pony-like traits and magic. Twilight says that though Sunset has the crown, she cannot use its power since she doesn't know the strongest magic: the Power of Friendship. They defeat Sunset, and she asks for forgiveness. She wants to get better but doesn't know the first thing about friendship. Twilight says that everyone here, especially the Main 6 of this world, can help her. They go back to the dance, and Twilight returns to Equestria at the end of the night.

* Twilight was summoned by Celestia to plan an event for the citizens of the Crystal Empire.

* She is not an alicorn and never became one. All references to her having wings and being a princess are retconned.

****Princess Twilight Sparkle**

*These 2 episodes never happen since there will be no Tree of Harmony, as it is deeply intertwined with Twilight's royalness and she is not a princess in this committee.

Twilight's Kingdom

*These two episodes do not happen as they use the Chest of Harmony to defeat him, and there is no Chest of Harmony. To alter the plot here would be to rewrite the episode almost completely and remove its significance in the show, so it will be retconned.

****Equestria Girls: Rainbow Rocks**

The Main 6 in the human world have successfully befriended Sunset and have gone back to their regular lives. A musical showcase is coming up, featuring any willing performers in the school. Everyone is very excited and cooperative with making decorations.

In an attempt to gain more friends who are unaware of her past, Sunset shows a new trio of girls around the school. However, they act weird, not paying attention to the visit, constantly rephrasing and overexplaining sentences, focusing only on the musical showcase, and being very protective of their necklaces. Later, Sunset Shimmer and the Main 6 are in the cafeteria when the new girls, called the Dazzlings, start singing a song to incite hate amongst the bands. Sunset sees the magic flowing out of the arguing students and towards the Dazzlings. She tells the Main 6, who decide to contact Twilight for help.

Twilight is able to build a device to travel into the human dimension to help them out. She explains that the Dazzlings are actually Equestrian sirens who used their songs to turn ponies against one another and fed on their hatred and distrust. They discover the way to defeat the Dazzlings is to sing a counterspell to anyone under their influence, so Twilight is put in charge of writing this spell.

Later, when the time to perform in the first round comes along, the Dazzlings enlist many students to help sabotage the Rainbooms' performance, which ends up making them fight as a group. Later, Sunset tries to confront the Dazzlings about their behaviour, but they play to her insecurities about being a bad person who's undeserving of friendship. The next performance, Rainbow Dash plays a song where she's the lead singer, but gets tricked into playing too passionately, almost enough to transform, so Sunset impulsively jumps onto her and interrupts the performance, which leads to the group being upset at Sunset, thinking she was jealous and bitter.

They still move on to the finals, but during their mic check, Trixie, who was defeated by them earlier, pulls a trapdoor and traps them under the stage. Come the finals that evening, the Rainbooms start arguing over where the blame lies, which ends up fueling the Dazzlings' powers. Sunset notices and intervenes, pointing out that their arguing is what the Dazzlings are feeding on. They all make up, and Spike is able to get someone to come unlock their door.

They leave for a nearby hill and start to play their counter-spell song over the Dazzlings'. Refusing to be stopped, the Dazzlings summon astral versions of their true siren forms and manage to

overpower the Rainbooms. Sunset Shimmer then takes the lead, and together, they release a shockwave that breaks the Dazzlings' pendants, the source of their power, thus defeating them. After a timeskip, it shows Twilight and Sunset going back to Equestria together.

*Sunset goes home with Twilight to try and make amends with those she's hurt and relearn the Magic of Friendship in Equestria.

*The magic that fueled the portal ran on a book that Sunset and Celestia both had to communicate, and the portal used all its pages while running. Therefore, there will be no more travel between the dimensions using Twilight's device.

****The Cutie Markless**

One day, Twilight and the Mane 6 get a letter from Princess Celestia to go to a secluded part of Equestria, near some mountains, because she was concerned about the population there and about any ponies who may be there who could use some friendship. After getting off a train, they unexpectedly arrive in a small town. However, something is off, as all the ponies have the same equal sign as a cutie mark and are all smiling eerily wide. They meet the village founder, named Starlight Glimmer, who says she welcomes any pony that wants to experience "true friendship." She emphasizes that in her town, no one is special, so no one argues, and everyone is equal. She then invites them to give up their Cutie marks and join the village, leaving it up to them.

The Mane 6 go sit at a booth as a pony approaches them and asks about their cutie marks. She also asks how they can all be friends if they are so different and disagree, to which Rarity responds that that is a natural part of friendship. The pony asks them to meet in her house in private, to which they agree. When in her basement, the Mane 6 get surrounded by 3 ponies who rave and gush over their cutie marks and individuality, while yearning for their own. Twilight asks them how their marks got

removed, to which they answer that Starlight uses the “Staff of Sameness” and stores the marks in a vault.

They leave the pony’s house and ask Starlight about the vault. She takes them up a mountain and into a cave, where the cutie marks and a giant staff are on display. Starlight takes the Mane 6’s cutie marks, and then locks them in an empty house when they protest against it. Later, Twilight realizes that they might let them go if they believe that the Mane 6 have accepted equality. However, it hasn’t been long enough to justify a position switch, so they nominate Fluttershy to escape and free them later, as she’s been the only kind pony to them.

The next day, Fluttershy asks to join the town, and they accept. At night, she spots Starlight hiding the Mane 6’s cutie marks in her bedroom. She also sees Starlight accidentally spill water on her mark, revealing that it was painted and that she still has hers.

The next morning, Fluttershy splashes a bucket of water on her in front of everyone, which reveals her cutie mark. The villagers storm up the mountain to get their marks, breaking the container that they were held in to get their marks back. Meanwhile, Starlight tries to make her escape with the Mane 6’s cutie marks towards the mountains. Since they can’t perform their special talents, the Mane 6 cannot chase her—however, the townsponies do. They eventually get Starlight to drop the marks on the ground, letting them return to the Mane 6, but Starlight herself ends up getting away using the unmapped mountain tunnels nearby. The villagers all decide to stay in the village, and they host a party to celebrate.

*Since there is no cutie map, Princess Celestia sent Twilight to the town after she was informed that a few ponies independently went missing after saying they were going to explore that area of Equestria, then writing to their families about the greatness of the village and that they were not coming back.

*The residents, instead of being interested in how Twilight is an alicorn, are instead interested in how all of them look so different from each other.

The Cutie Remark

Twilight is giving a presentation in Celestia's School of Magic. She explains to the students how without Rainbow Dash's Rainboom, none of her friends would've been connected, and she never would've met them. She spots Starlight in the audience for a second, but by the time she looks back, Starlight is gone. Later, when Twilight and Spike return to her library, Starlight is waiting. She activates a scroll, which summons a portal before jumping through it. Worried about her, Twilight and Spike follow Starlight through, taking the scroll with them.

They all end up in Cloudsdale Flight Camp. They're confused before they see a young Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy, realising that they've been sent back in time to when Rainbow Dash is supposed to perform the Sonic Rainboom. They spot Starlight freezing her with magic, preventing the Rainboom and leaving Twilight and her friends unable to realize their true talents together.

As Twilight confronts Starlight about what she's done, she gets pulled back to the present day, except many things are different. Apple Acres is now a food processing plant, and all ponies are nowhere to be seen. In this reality, King Sombra came back with the Crystal Empire, and Equestria is fighting a miserable war day and night to keep him from conquering the rest of it. Twilight uses the scroll to go back, but Starlight anticipates this and freezes Twilight and Spike, saying that because she gave back Starlight's town her cutie marks, Starlight was going to take away her and her friends' to make it even. She stops the Rainboom again, and Twilight is sent back.

This scenario happens various times. Twilight tries to prevent Starlight from stopping the Rainboom; Starlight stops it anyway, and both Twilight and Spike are sent back to the present, each worse than the last, with Chrysalis waging war, Nightmare Moon in charge, and other such villains. Nevertheless, Twilight keeps returning to the past and trying to stop Twilight. One time, she manages

to try taking Starlight with her to see the futures she's creating. This time, the future is a black, desolate wasteland without life. Starlight is initially shocked, but then denies that these were the consequences of her actions. They all go back to the past once more, and Twilight questions what could've made Starlight this way, before Starlight decides to show her.

She brings them back to her past and shows them that when her best friend got his cutie mark before she did, he was praised and moved away, never to speak to her again. She wanted to remove all ponies' cutie marks to make everyone equal, so no one would feel that way again. Starlight then attempts to rip the time travel scroll in half in order to make all the changes permanent. Twilight reasons with her and explains some of the magic one can find in friendship. Starlight is still heartbroken over her friendship with Sunburst, however, so Twilight tells her to make new friends and work out problems that arise together. She extends her hoof to Starlight, and Starlight slowly takes it as the sonic rainboom goes off uninterrupted.

They are brought back to the undisturbed present, and Starlight gets to spend some time with the Mane 6 to start her journey learning about the magic of Friendship.

*Since there is no Cutie Map, the spell just works without it, and when they are sent between points in time, Twilight and Spike just get sent back between Twilight's library and Cloudsdale.

*Starlight's main motivation for creating the village is largely the same, but was rewritten a bit here for conciseness and simplicity.

To Where and Back Again

Starlight Glimmer's old town is hosting a celebration, and they invited her by letter. Starlight is nervous about attending, but Twilight encourages her to do it to learn more about friendship. Starlight

is still nervous, so Twilight recommends she take a friend or two she's close with to help her relax. Starlight then asks Sunset Shimmer and Trixie to come along, and they embark.

When they reach her village, the villagers are ecstatic about seeing her again, and Starlight quickly gets overwhelmed. Trixie jumps in and covers for her, throwing a smoke bomb to distract them before they all disappear. The three girls return to the village, and Starlight goes to find Twilight while Sunset tries to talk to the rest of the Mane 6. Both girls realise that something is off about the others' behaviour, with the Mane 6 generally acting spiteful or out of it. Twilight even tells Starlight to "cut her losses" because she ran away from her friends the first time. Trixie, Sunset, and Starlight rejoin each other, and the latter two agree on the weirdness, but the former shrugs it off.

In her sleep, Starlight has nightmares about her village ignoring her and Twilight condemning her for trying to continue her friendships in the village. Suddenly, Luna appears in her dream and struggles but manages to tell her that changelings have infested Equestria and replaced all the major princesses. Starlight shocks awake and immediately runs to wake up Sunset and Trixie. However, the two are sceptical about the idea, so they all sneak into Twilight's library and watch as the Mane 6 communicate with Chrysalis and change back into changelings. Starlight teleports them to Trixie's cart, and Trixie starts freaking out. Sunset suggests going to the Crystal Empire to get help from Princess Cadence, but suddenly, Thorax appears to inform them that Cadence has been replaced as well. Trixie panics even harder at seeing Thorax, a changeling, before Starlight explains that he's reformed. They all look to Starlight for guidance, but she's unsure of what to do. She wishes that there was someone with strong magic around to help, but says all the princesses are gone when Discord shows up and laments about always being forgotten from the powerful person thought train. Starlight asks him to help and says they have Fluttershy, to which Discord responds by trying to teleport them straight to Fluttershy. However, this doesn't work as Thorax explains that unless you were a changeling, you cannot use magic on the inside of Chrysalis's Kingdom due to the magic of her throne. Thus, Starlight decides that they have to destroy it to save everyone, and everyone agrees.

They sneak in and almost immediately get lost; while Discord and Trixie are panicking and Starlight is thinking about how to solve the problem, Sunset asks Thorax about his feeding habits. He responds that he hasn't been hungry since he befriended Spike. Discord suddenly loudly proclaims that he's going to save Fluttershy, which alerts a changeling patrol. Thorax uses Trixie's smoke bombs to draw attention and allow the others to escape before also giving the changelings the slip. However, Starlight notices that two changelings leave the rest to guard the throne room, and adjusts the plan to follow them.

Discord and Sunset manage to get separated from the group, and when a changeling disguised as Discord tries to lead them into an ambush, Trixie sacrifices herself to let Thorax and Starlight get ahead. Later, Thorax and Starlight get separated while being chased, and Thorax transforms into Starlight to buy time and trick Chrysalis as she monologues in front of him, and Starlight attacks the throne. It doesn't work, however, and Starlight has to resort to hiding in the throne while Chrysalis tries to suck out all of Thorax's love. Starlight tells Thorax that what sets him apart is that he shares his love instead of stealing it, so he should share all his love with Chrysalis. As he does, a burst of light shoves Chrysalis away, and Thorax transforms into a new form. Seeing this, all the other changelings shared their love and created an explosion of light large enough to destroy the throne.

Starlight approached a weakened Chrysalis and asked her to be a better leader and friend, but she rejected it and swore revenge before flying away. Celestia then declares Thorax the new leader of the Changelings, and to celebrate saving the day, Starlight brings her friends to the celebration at her old village.

*Sunset has been learning under Twilight since she came back from the human world.

*After both being Twilight's pupils for some time, Sunset and Starlight have both gotten closer.

Shadow Play

Sunburst finds one of Starswirl's old notebooks which details the existence of several legendary ponies, dubbed the Greats, and of the Pony of Shadows. Twilight wants to find out what happened to Starswirl and the rest of the Greats after they defeated the Pony of Shadows, so she, Sunburst, Starlight, and the rest of the Mane 6 work together to decipher the rest of his book, which eventually leads them to the ancient Temple of Ponhenge. When Twilight puts the notebook down on one of the various stones, a holograph of Starswirl the Bearded, Rockhoof, Mistmane, Flash Magnus, Somnambula, and Mage Meadowbrook appears and shows them sealing away the Pony of Shadows, going with him in the process.

After deciphering the book some more, Twilight learns that the pillars and the Pony of Shadows were all trapped in limbo—and she also has the spell they used to seal themselves. She is resigned to saving them from limbo and redesigns the spell to release them instead. However, she needs an artifact from each of the Greats, which the book luckily details where to find. Each of the Mane 6 goes to retrieve one and arrange them on the rest of the rocks. Starlight expresses her doubt over releasing them, citing that they probably knew what they were doing and not to undo their work. However, Twilight and Sunburst think that Equestria would be better protected with the Greats in it, so they continue. They complete the spell to release them from Limbo, but as Starswirl returns, he immediately warns that the Greats weren't the only ones released from Limbo.

The Pony of Shadows is back. He destroys the Temple and the book so they cannot imprison him in Limbo again, and then escapes to regain his strength. The Greats and the Mane 6 are resolved to send him back to Limbo. Without the Temple of Ponhenge, they decide to use the Elements of Harmony instead. As the other ponies search the darkest places of Equestria, Starswirl and Twilight work on finding another spell that works. They eventually find a spell that works without banishing the pillars, but Starlight finds them and is afraid to doubt that they needed to banish the Pony of

Darkness. However, Twilight doesn't want to doubt an already condescending Starswirl and instead opts to continue with his plan.

They eventually narrow the Pony of Shadow's location down to an abandoned region called "the Hollow Shades." Starlight again asks to consider communicating with him to resolve the issue, but Starlight harshly dismisses her, saying, "Once a villain, always a villain." He elaborates on Stygian's backstory, claiming he was a unicorn called Stygian who originally assembled the Greats against the Sirens, but became jealous of their abilities. Consumed by darkness, he transformed into the Pony of Shadows and stole their artifacts to perform a spell to steal their power. Starlight questions his narrative, which has many missing details and assumptions, but he insists that Stygian was driven purely by envy and that they can't redeem him.

They go to the Hollow Shades and find Stygian, immediately summoning the portal and pushing him inside. However, Twilight sees a bit of a unicorn trying to escape the figure, so she jumps into the Pony of Shadows, with Starlight hot on her tail. She finds out from Stygian that he believed his friends betrayed him, when all he wanted was to replicate the artifacts to become a Great like his friends. The darkness starts to consume him again, but Starlight and Twilight work together to pull him out. The Mane 6 and the Greats eventually join in, managing to free Stygian and pushing the darkness into Limbo. They all return to the castle, and the Greats decide to split up and enjoy exploring Equestria and its changes from 1000 years ago.

*Since the Cutie Map doesn't exist, Starswirl the Bearded instead writes about these artifacts in his notebook, and they use context clues to figure out where they would likely be.

*Without the Cutie Map, they are unable to know where the Pony of Shadows is, so they have to manually search Equestria.

Current State of Affairs

There has not been anything of note recently in Equestria; much of day-to-day life has stayed the same for its citizens. However, for those who deal in specifics, who need the sameness of each day to stay consistent, they've noticed things. For the past few days, the Sun has been a bit slower to rise, the days have been a bit longer, and the moon seems to rise abruptly and hurriedly, as if there were more important things for Princess Luna to worry about than its pace. In fact, most ponies that have seen the princess in their nightmares report that she quickly deals with the threats of their imagination and leaves, never staying to comfort the ponies or provide guidance like she used to.

On one particular day, the sun rose slightly earlier than expected. Every pony awoke quite early, and those who got out of bed immediately noticed a change in their body. They physically felt weaker. Chalking it up to exhaustion, they continued on with their day. However, one pony immediately tries to talk to animals, Fluttershy, and discovers she can't. She quickly checks her own flank to discover her cutie mark is gone.

She's not the only one. Ponies all over Equestria are panicking and unsure of what to do. Mass hysteria takes hold of the population, and pony-run infrastructure quickly falls apart. Ponies are running away and locking themselves in their houses; some are resorting to thievery and buying out stores in order to prepare for the end times. Luckily, not everyone has lost their wits. A group of around 20 ponies in Ponyville are perceptive enough to calm down, keep their wits about them, and meet in the centre of town to find others in a similar state. Together, they will decide what to do next, if there is anything to be done.

Topic A - Cutie Marks:

Restoration and Investigation

For centuries, Cutie Marks have been pillars of pony society. After finding your passion, it becomes deeply intertwined with your state of mind, a core part of who you are. From Cute-ceaneras, to family pressure, to job stability, most ponies' entire lives revolve around their marks, especially noticeable from the social emphasis on young fillies and foals to get one. The Cutie Mark Crusaders, the story of Sunburst and Starlight, and the Sonic Rainboom itself are all examples of the deep relevance Cutie Marks have to society—but this morning, they've abandoned the very ponies that have relied on them, throwing the larger community into chaos.

From what has been observed in these past few hours, the loss of a Cutie Mark also comes with slight physical weakness and near-complete incompetence when attempting to perform their special talents. Take Fluttershy, who is now unable to communicate or find any common ground with animals. The connection she felt, which helped facilitate communication and understanding, is now completely gone. The local bakers, Mr and Mrs Cake, in attempting to start baking in the morning, created what could only be described as inedible biohazards not even fit for natural decomposition in the ground. The majority of the Wonderbolts have lost their ability to fly properly. These aren't isolated incidents either. It's suspected that all ponies, should they attempt to perform their talents, would fail.

It is obvious that if the delegates of this committee decide to move forward with this topic, they need to find out where the Cutie Marks went. A print that grows on a pony's fur isn't something that can just disappear. Even if you shave it off, it just grows back. It's there due to the pony's magic, so delegates are encouraged to look into the link between them to find some answers.

Additionally, delegates must consider the next steps after finding the cause. How will they bring the cutie marks back? As difficult and confusing the way they had disappeared must be, how much more convoluted will the process be to reverse? Returning the cutie marks of every pony in Equestria is a big ask; one that will certainly be hard logistically and resource-wise. Delegates must consider all possibilities of the Cutie Marks returning, whether they will return with the same or different talents, whether they will return with the same biological functions as before, or whether they will return at all.

Guiding Questions

1. Is there a common link between every pony in Equestria that can be investigated?
2. Which ways can the delegates investigate (surveying the population, attempting to experiment with the boundaries of their old talents, researching past cases of cutie mark disappearances, et cetera)?
3. What type of problem is this? A biological one, a disease, a case of magically forcible removal, or another secret option?
4. Is it even possible to look into this when no one has cutie marks/talents?

Topic B - Restoring Peace to Equestria

Everything is chaotic, and everyone is panicking. Ponies are hysterical about the loss of their marks. There have been fainting fits and cases of missing ponies, likely runaways. Many think it is the end of times. As the only ones composed enough to notice the discord plaguing Equestria, the delegates in this committee have a moral obligation to help out their fellow ponies before they hurt themselves or others. Calming ponies down and forming a plan with the larger society will be much more effective at helping solve the crisis than anything two dozen ponies can do on their own.

Understandably, any and all soft infrastructure that relies on the work of ponies, such as the mailing, justice, healthcare, and military systems, is down. As well as those, private businesses, libraries, banks, schools, childcare, and other services are down. Even more concerning is the eventual wearing down or lack of upkeep of physical infrastructure like dams, waste management, trains, seasons and weather,¹⁹ and most importantly: food. These resources do not come out of nowhere and need ponies to continue running, although now these ponies are all too busy worrying about themselves and the changes happening within them to dedicate themselves to playing their small part for society's greater good. These systems will fall apart, and though the more serious ones will take time, without action, they will fall. It is a priority to get these systems running again, or at least preserved, so they do not collapse in a way that makes it much more difficult to rebuild.

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Guiding Questions

1. How will delegates increase public morale?
2. Is it possible to continue with current public infrastructure, seeing as much of it relied on ponies with special talents doing specialised upkeep?
3. What are some emergency resources that pony society can fall back on until this is resolved?
4. What specifically should delegates aim to do, in what order, to regenerate infrastructure?

Map of Equestria



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Further Research/Helpful Media

- My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic Seasons 1 - 7
- My Little Pony Equestria Girls
- My Little Pony Equestria Girls: Rainbow Rocks
- My Little Pony: The Movie

- [My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic Wiki](#) (for researching characters, world, plot, etc.)
- [My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic Archive](#) (entire series available for free)

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