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NOW, SUNSET SHIMMER... FOR YOUR FINAL TEST, YOU SHALL NEED TO WOW US. GIVE US THE BEST YOU'VE GOT.

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING IF YOU CAN TOP YOUR "SYNCHRONIZED DANCING CATS" PIECE FROM LAST SEMESTER. THAT WAS A DAZZLER!

AS PRINCESS CELESTIA'S OWN PUPIL, WE EXPECT BIG, BIG THINGS TODAY!

WELL, YOU'LL CERTAINLY SEE THAT.

PRINCESS CELESTIA'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED UNICORNS

The Fall of Sunset Shimmer

OH! LOOKS LIKE SHE'S GOING TO DO A GROWTH SPELL... CLASSIC! BUT IS IT ENOUGH?

LET'S HOPE IT TURNS OUT BETTER THAN JUNIPER BERRY'S ATTEMPT.

DO NOT PUT GUM UNDER SEATS

GAH! GET OFF ME!

FWOOMP!

FWIP!

CRACK

I SEE SOMEPONY JUST PASSED THEIR MID-TERM!

BRAVO! WONDERFUL!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU! IT WAS NOTHING!

LATER THAT DAY...

CAMPUS

SUNSET SHIMMER! THAT VINE YOU MADE WAS *AMAZING!*

REALLY EXQUISITE!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME HAVE LUNCH WITH US?

HMPF. I HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN ***SOCIALIZE***. I'M GOING TO RE-READ "ADVANCED ELEMENTAL MAGICAL PRACTICES" AND THEN PRACTICE FOR MY ADVANCED SUMMONING SPELLS EXAM. WHAT ARE ***YOU*** STUDYING FOR? NOTHING, THAT'S WHAT.

WELL, SHE WASN'T VERY NICE.

SHE'S RIGHT FULL OF HERSELF, THAT'S WHAT!

HER LOSS, I'M AWESOME.

SUNSET SHIMMER, I HAVE HEARD THAT YOU'RE NOT GETTING ALONG WELL WITH THE OTHER STUDENTS— WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS...

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS? WHO NEEDS ANYPONY? THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN LIFE IS TO BE THE *BEST*.

WE'VE TALKED ABOUT FRIENDSHIP AND ITS IMPORTANCE BEFORE, AND WE'VE DISCUSSED THAT YOU NEED TO START OPENING YOURSELF UP TO NEW FRIENDS. AND REMEMBER THAT TALK WE HAD ABOUT *HUMILITY*?

I REMEMBER HOW BORING IT WAS.

LOOK INTO THIS MIRROR AND TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE.

A BEAUTIFUL PONY THAT HAS NOTHING BUT POWER AND POTENTIAL.

CARE TO TRY THAT AGAIN WITH OUR TALK ABOUT *HUMILITY* TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT?

I SEE A PONY WHO ISN'T POWERFUL ENOUGH. SOMEPONY WHO COULD BE GREAT, POWERFUL...

SOMEPONY THAT COULD RULE EQUESTRIA.

MAYBE WE BETTER MOVE ON...

WAIT, WHAT WAS THAT? I THOUGHT I SAW...

OH, IT WAS PROBABLY A TRICK OF THE LIGHT. OUR LESSON IS OVER FOR TODAY. FOR TOMORROW, I WANT YOU TO REFLECT ON THE DISCUSSION WE'VE JUST HAD.

HMM.

THE NEXT DAY...

ABOUT THAT MIRROR...

NO. YOU AREN'T READY TO KNOW ABOUT THAT MIRROR.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

AND THE NEXT DAY...

SO... THAT MIRROR...

NO.

AND EVERY DAY FOR WEEKS...

YOU KNOW WHAT'S *FASCINATING?* MIRRORS... ABOUT THAT ONE IN...

SUNSET SHIMMER. WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS, WE WILL GET TO THE MIRROR AND MANY OTHER LESSONS IN DUE TIME... WHEN YOU'RE READY.

I AM READY.

DARK MAGIC NO ENTRY

NOT READY? I'LL SHOW HER NOT READY.

YOU'D THINK THIS PLACE WOULD BE BETTER GUARDED.

NOTHING ON THE MIRROR YET, BUT A FEW OF *THESE* SPELLS WILL COME IN HANDY...

SALEM'S STABLE

INFAMOUS CEMETERIES OF EQUESTRIA

ZFT THE OBSERVERS MEMENTO MORI WHO WAS MEGAN?

CROSSING OVER -BY- BELL ✦ BISHOP

THE FIRST PONIES

WHO DO THE CHANGELINGS WORK FOR?

THERE IS MORE THAN ONE OF EVERYTHING

CRISIS OF INFINITE EQUESTRIAS

HERE WE GO!

CANTERLOT CASTLE A HISTORY VOL. II

DARK MAGIC NO ENTRY

THE CRYSTAL MIRROR... EVERY 30 MOONS, A PORTAL WILL OPEN TO... ANOTHER WORLD?

CANTERLOT CASTLE A HISTORY

EVIL ORIGINS OF CANTERLOT

GRAVEYARD DIRT

POWDERED BAT WINGS

THAT'S NOT REALLY FOR YOU TO KNOW, NOW IS IT?

HOW *DARE* YOU KEEP *THIS* KIND OF MAGIC FROM ME! YOU KNOW THAT I'M READY FOR THIS, THAT I CAN BE *GREAT!*

YOU *COULD* BE GREAT. I THOUGHT I SAW COMPASSION AND SINCERITY IN YOU, BUT IT WAS NOTHING BUT AMBITION. YOU'RE BEING SELFISH, YOU NEED TO STEP BACK AND REFLECT...

I'M SELFISH? THAT BOOK RIGHT THERE SAYS I COULD BECOME AS POWERFUL AS AN *ALICORN PRINCESS*. I COULD *RULE HERE*. IT'S SELFISH OF *YOU* TO KEEP ME FROM *MY RIGHTFUL PLACE*.

LEGENDS

SEA-PONIES

KANDOR

GHOST'S

CREATION OF DISCORD

HISTORY of AQUASTRIA

I DESERVE TO STAND BESIDE YOU AND BE YOUR EQUAL... IF NOT YOUR *BETTER*.

MAKE ME A *PRINCESS*.

NO. BEING A PRINCESS MUST BE *EARNED*... I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO TEACH YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW, BUT YOU'VE TURNED FROM IT.

EVERY TIME YOU SAY YOU "*DESERVE*" TO GET SOMETHING WITHOUT THE EFFORT JUST PROVES TO ME THAT YOU ARE NOT READY.

SUNSET SHIMMER, I AM REMOVING YOU FROM THE POSITION OF MY PUPIL. IF WE CANNOT GET PAST THIS, YOUR STUDIES END HERE. YOU ARE WELCOME TO STAY IN CANTERLOT, BUT YOU ARE NO LONGER WELCOME IN THE CASTLE.

WE'LL NEVER GET PAST THIS BECAUSE YOU AREN'T SEEING HOW ***GREAT I DESERVE TO BE.*** IS THAT REALLY ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY TO ME?

NO. THE GUARDS WILL ESCORT YOU OUT.

THIS IS THE BIGGEST MISTAKE YOU'LL MAKE IN YOUR ENTIRE LIFE.

CORTEX PHAN

THE BANISHING OF NIGHTMARE MOON
SILK AND VELVET : DATE UNKNOWN

ONE OF MANY.

SIGH.

OH, SUNSET SHIMMER... NO...

SHE TOOK US BY SURPRISE AND JUST... JUST... JUMPED IN THE MIRROR. I DON'T KNOW...

SHH. IT'S FINE. IF YOU'RE FEELING UP TO IT, WOULD YOU PLEASE HELP MOVE THE MIRROR TO A SAFER PLACE?

WHY HANG IT IN AN EVEN MORE PROMINENT PLACE? SHOULDN'T YOU HIDE THE MIRROR, PRINCESS?

NO... I WANT IT HERE... TO REMIND ME. ALSO, MAYBE SHE'LL COME BACK... SOMEDAY.

WELL, WELL, THIS IS AN INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT...

THE CANTERLOT HIGH SUNDANCE
CHS YEARBOOK
-BRING SUBMISSIONS TO- MEGAN, DANNY, OR MOLLY - ROOM E-1

EQUESTRIA GIRLS

REC

YOU WANT TO INTERVIEW US? FOR THE SCHOOL PAPER?

THAT'S RIGHT!

REC

B-BUT... WE HAVEN'T DONE *ANYTHING* SPECIAL, HAVE WE? I MEAN, WE'RE JUST *FRIENDS*...

THAT'S JUST *IT!*

WE WANT TO PROFILE A GROUP OF SUCH *GOOD FRIENDS.*

REC

OUR READERS WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU FIVE *MET*, WHAT MADE YOU *BECOME* FRIENDS—

OH! THAT'S *EASY!*

WE BECAME FRIENDS AT THE FRESHMAN FAIR!

REC

Third Peri

OR... WELL, WE *MET* AT THE FAIR. BUT WE WEREN'T REALLY *FRIENDS* FOR A *WHILE.*

NONE OF US REALLY KNEW WHAT KINDA *PERSON* WE WERE YET, Y'KNOW?

REC

IT'S KIND OF A LONG STORY.

BUT IT DEFINITELY *STARTS* AT THE FAIR.

THEN LET'S START *THERE*, OKAY?

"I ALREADY KNEW FLUTTERSHY FROM CLOUDSDALE JUNIOR HIGH, SO WE WENT TO THE FAIR TOGETHER."

FRESHMAN FAIR

SWIM TEAM

SCIENC

MATH CLUB

YOU SEE THE *SOCCER TEAM* BOOTH YET, FLUTTERSHY?

UM... SORRY, NOT YET.

HEY! WHILE WE'RE LOOKIN', MAYBE WE'LL FIND A CLUB FOR YOU!

OH... UM... MAYBE?

I GUESS THEY'VE GOT CLUBS FOR... EVERYTHING...

GLEE CLUB

GARDEN

OOH, GARDENIN' CLUB? WHEN DO Y'ALL MEET?

UH—THURSDAYS AFTER SCHOOL.

THANKS! I'LL SEE YOU GALS THERE!

"Y'ALL"? "GALS"?

OMIGOSH, IS SHE FOR *REAL?*

GOSH, LOOK AT ALL THESE ACTIVITIES...

I SHOULD FIND OUT WHAT *BABS* AND *SUNNY* DO AFTER SCHOOL...

ACK!

OOF!

OH MY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I'M SO SORRY— I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION—

NAW, S'MY FAULT, I WASN'T WATCHING.

TERRIBLY SORRY ABOUT THAT—UM—

APPLEJACK. NO WORRIES...

RARITY.

AND I'M *PINKIE PIE!*

WHUGH!

PINKIE WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF SUGGESTING SOME *ACTIVITIES* WHEN YOU... BUMPED INTO ME.

OOH, YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE GARDENING CLUB?

THEY THROW SOME *KICKIN' PARTIES!*

OH, YOU'RE A MEMBER?

NOPE! I'M JUST HELPING PEOPLE FIND CLUBS!

OOH! *SPORTS!* I BET YOU'D BE *GREAT* AT SPORTS!

WHERE'S THE *SOCCER* BOOTH?

UH, THANKS, PINKIE, BUT AH THINK—

EEP!

WHOA NELLIE!

THIS WAY!

SOCCER CLUB

"WE DIDN'T KNOW EACH OTHER AT FIRST..."

"AND WE EACH STILL HAD A LOT TO LEARN ABOUT *OURSELVES*..."

"NOT TO *MENTION* LEARNING WHAT WE *WANT* TO BE..."

"BUT THAT'S HOW IT ALL BEGAN."

"THAT'S HOW WE BECAME *FRIENDS*."

REC ●

SO WERE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS?

WELL, I CERTAINLY WAS.

"I HAD A *SPLENDID* NEW OUTFIT I WANTED TO SHOW OFF!"

WHOA, LOOKING *GOOD!*

WHO'S *THAT?*

"BUT I KNOW THAT NOT *EVERYONE* WAS SO OPTIMISTIC..."

FLUTTERSHY?

OH! UM. YES!

YES?

WE MET AT THE *FAIR*, DIDN'T WE?

OH... THAT'S RIGHT.

HELLO, RARITY.

HEY NOW— AH KNOW YOU TWO!

RARITY AN' *FLUSTERSHY*, AM I RIGHT?

UM—

—CLOSE ENOUGH.

PHEW!

AH SURE AM GRATEFUL FOR A COUPLE'A *FAMILIAR FACES* IN MAH HOMEROOM.

THAT'S—QUITE AN INTERESTING *OUTFIT* YOU'VE GOT, APPLEJACK.

THESE DUDS? SHUCKS, AH JUST TOSSED 'EM ON THIS MORNIN'.

WOULD'A WORN MAH GALOSHES, BUT IT AIN'T S'POSED TO RAIN TODAY.

SHOOT! THEN I BROUGHT MY UMBRELLA FOR *NOTHING!*

GLEEP!

OOH, NOW THERE'S A HAIRDO I RECOGNIZE! HOWDY, FLUMBERSHY!

IT'S, UM—

HUFF

PUFF

HUFF

PUFF

SAFE!

YOU'RE NOT LATE IF YOU GET IN AHEAD OF THE *TEACHER*, RIGHT, MRS. *HARSHWHINNY*?

WELL, YOU'RE NOT LATE YET, BUT THE DAY'S STILL YOUNG.

ALL RIGHT, EVERYBODY, SETTLE DOWN...

...I'M HARSHWHINNY, AND SOME OF YOU MIGHT *ALSO* HAVE ME FOR SOCIAL STUDIES.

LET'S START BY TAKING ATTENDANCE...

"MY FIRST DAY, I ALREADY KNEW WHAT I WANTED TO DO IN HIGH SCHOOL.

"I WAS LOOKING AHEAD TO THE SOCCER TRYOUTS AFTER SCHOOL.

"I DON'T THINK I HEARD A *SINGLE THING* IN CLASS.

"ALL I CARED ABOUT BACK THEN WAS *MAKING THE TEAM.*

"FORTUNATELY..."

HEYA!

"I HAD *PEOPLE* WHO CARED ABOUT *ME.*"

MIND IF AH JOIN YOU FER LUNCH?
YEAH, SURE!
SO WHAT'S *YOUR* STORY, AJ?
ME? AIN'T MUCH TO TELL, REALLY.
JUST YOUR AVERAGE COUNTRY GAL LOOKIN' FORWARD TO A WHOLE NEW SCHOOL!
YEAH... NO OFFENSE, BUT... YOU MIGHT WANNA THINK ABOUT CHANGING YOUR STYLE.
WHADDYA MEAN?
WELL, THE OUTFIT, THE ACCENT, THE HAIR...
YOU JUST... KINDA COME OFF AS A... *HAYSEED.*
SORRY, BUT IT'S TRUE!
OOH, HEY, ***SPITFIRE!*** OVER HERE!
WELL, ***HOWDY,*** YOUNG'UN! HOW'S YOUR FIRST DAY SO FAR?
UH— JES' FINE, GRANNY, THANKS.

"NOW, MUCH AS I WANTED TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS, I ALSO WANTED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH MY *RELATIVES*.

"I HAD TWO *COUSINS* AT CANTERLOT HIGH—"

BABS! SUNNY!

"—AND I WAS LOOKIN' FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW THEM."

HOWDY, BABS! HOWDY, SUNFLOWER!

IT'S ME, APPLEJACK! SHOOT, I AIN'T SEEN YOU IN *YEARS!*

HEYA, CUZ! HOW Y'BEEN?

SUNNY AN' ME HAVE BEEN LOOKIN' FORWARD TO MEETIN' YOU.

WE'RE ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR NEW *FRIENDS.*

WE'RE ACTUALLY JUST GETTING TO KNOW ONE OF YOUR CLASSMATES—

—HAVE YOU MET *RARITY?*

WELL, ACTUALLY, I MADE IT *MYSELF! THANK* YOU!

OH, APPLEJACK!

WE *DO* SEEM TO KEEP BUMPING INTO EACH OTHER, DON'T WE?

GUESS SO!

SO HOW'RE YOU—UH—

YOU KNOW, APPLEJACK, WHY DON'T WE CATCH UP *AFTER* SCHOOL?

IT'S SO *CROWDED* HERE, IT'S HARD TO *TALK!*

SURE, AH GUESS—

OH, STAY FOR A BIT, APPLEJACK! I'M SURE WE CAN *MAKE ROOM!*

WELL, UH—

NO, IT'S OKAY. APPLEJACK CAN BE WITH HER *OTHER* FRIENDS RIGHT NOW!

I DON'T—

LISTEN, WHY DON'T WE JUST—

WHOMP

ACK!

UM...

SORRY, I ...

OH, SWEETIE! YOUR *CLOTHES!*

HERE, LET'S FIND YOU SOMETHING ELSE TO WEAR!

SO... UH...

...HOW 'BOUT THAT LUNCH?

LISTEN, AJ—CAN I CALL YOU AJ?

AJ, I KNOW THIS IS YOUR *FIRST DAY* HERE AND YOU'RE STILL *LEARNING* THINGS...

...BUT YOU'RE NOT REALLY A *CANTERLOT HIGH GIRL*, YOU KNOW?

I THINK YOU NEED TO *UPDATE* YOURSELF A LITTLE.

LIKE... MAH CLOTHES?

YOUR *CLOTHES*, YOUR *HAIR*, YOUR *ACCENT*, YOUR *WALK*— OH, AND DEFINITELY GET RID OF THAT *HAT*.

Y'MEAN— HATS AREN'T *COOL*?

LOOK, AJ, YOU'RE JUST NOT... *THERE* YET.

IF YOU WANT TO STAY WHERE YOU ARE, WELL, THAT'S FINE.

BUT IF YOU WANT TO HAVE A *PLACE* HERE—IF YOU WANT TO BE ON TOP—

—WELL, YOU'VE GOT SOME CHOICES TO MAKE.

MY LOCKER'S RIGHT OVER HERE...

NO, IT'S OKAY—

I THINK I HAVE SOMETHING IN YOUR SIZE...

REALLY, IT'S NOT A PROBLEM, I DON'T MEAN TO BE A—

—BOTHER...

OH, IT'S NO BOTHER AT ALL!

I'D HATE TO SEE YOU LOOKING LIKE *THAT* THE REST OF THE DAY.

BESIDES, A CHANGE OF OUTFIT CAN DO ***WONDERS*** FOR ONE'S OUTLOOK!

I THINK *THIS* ONE LOOKS BETTER, DON'T YOU?

HERE, TRY THIS ON.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, RARITY. THIS IS SO ***KIND*** OF YOU—

NONSENSE! WE ***ALL*** NEED A LITTLE ***KINDNESS*** EVERY NOW AND THEN.

"WHAT RARITY SAID WAS IMPORTANT...

"...EVEN IF I DIDN'T REALIZE IT AT THE TIME."

"I WAS STILL LOOKING FOR THAT LAST *MISSING PIECE*—

"A PART OF ME THAT I DIDN'T EVEN *KNOW* ABOUT.

"IN THE *MEANTIME*, THOUGH, I WAS STILL TRYING TO GET THROUGH MY FIRST DAY.

"I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW THIS, BUT ... I'M A VERY SHY PERSON."

"I ...COULDN'T *TELL*."

"OH, YES! *ESPECIALLY* BACK THEN.

"SO IT WAS HARD FOR ME, EVEN WITH MY NEW FRIENDS.

"BUT I WAS ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT AFTERNOON.

"RAINBOW DASH WAS GOING TO TRY OUT FOR THE SOCCER TEAM...

"...AND AS A LOYAL FRIEND, I WANTED TO BE THERE."

WELL, LOOKIE WHAT WE GOT *HERE*...

YOU ALL WANT TO BE *WONDERCOLTS*, HUH?

WELL, LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'VE *GOT!*

YOU *IMPRESSED* YET?

YOU WERE *GREAT*, RAINBOW DASH!

YOU'LL GET ON THE TEAM FOR *SURE!*

WAS THERE EVER ANY *DOUBT?*

I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW?

YEAH, DEFINITELY!

...NO, I'M JUST WAITING FOR BABS TO FINISH THE STUPID *RUGBY* TRYOUTS.

UGH, THIS YEAR'S FRESHMEN ARE SO *LAME.*

I KNOW, RIGHT?

I CAN'T BELIEVE *WE* WERE EVER THAT BAD!

AND THEIR FASHION CHOICES, *AUGH!*

ACK ACK

AND THEY'RE SUCH *PESTS!*

ALWAYS BUTTING IN ON MY *CALLS* AND ASKING ME STUFF!

WHAT A *PAIN*, RIGHT?

SO ANYWAY, GET THIS...

"AND SO..."

"OUR HEROES WENT TO BED AFTER THEIR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

"SOME WERE WORRIED...

"SOME WERE *BRIMMING* WITH CONFIDENCE...

"SOME WERE JUST LOOKING FORWARD TO WHAT THE COMING YEAR WOULD BRING...

"SOME WERE THINKING ABOUT THE *CHOICES* THEY'D HAVE TO MAKE...

"AND SOME WERE—"

SNORE

"UM, EXCUSE ME—"

REC

YOU DON'T HAVE TO, UH, NARRATE.

I'LL WRITE THE ARTICLE MYSELF.

REC

LET'S JUST FOCUS ON *YOU* FOR NOW.

DID YOU TRY OUT ANY CLUBS?

ACTUALLY, I TRIED THEM *ALL!*

PLEASE JOIN! YOUR BACKHAND IS *AMAZING!*

WE NEED MORE PLAYERS LIKE YOU!

HMM... *NAH.*

JAZZ BAND

PINKIE, YOU ARE ONE *SWINGIN'* CAT!

WON'T YOU STICK AROUND AND HELP THE JAZZ CLUB *JAM?*

MMM... NO.

KNITTING CLUB!

OH, PINKIE, YOU'RE A NATURAL *KNITTER!*

I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS *POSSIBLE* TO KNIT A *SKATEBOARD!*

PLEASE JOIN THE CLUB!

UMM... NOPE.

REC

YOU DIDN'T JOIN ANY CLUBS? WHY NOT?

WELL, LET ME ASK YOU *THIS*: WHY DID *YOU* START WRITING FOR THE NEWSPAPER?

ME? UH... I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUN TO WRITE FOR A NEWSPAPER.

REC

EXACTLY! *FUN!*

ALL THOSE CLUBS WERE FUN FOR *ME*, BUT WHAT ABOUT EVERYONE *ELSE*?

HOW COULD I HELP EVERYONE *ELSE* HAVE FUN?

"IT WAS A TOUGH PROBLEM, AND I WAS STILL THINKING ABOUT IT THE NEXT DAY."

HMMMMM...

MORNIN'— UH, *MORNING*, PINKIE!

WHAT'RE YOU THINKING ABOUT?

EVERYTHING.

THAT'S... A LOT TO *THINK* ABOUT.

YEAH! I *KNOW!* BUT THERE'S SO MUCH GOING *ON* AND I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT *ALL!*

LIKE RARITY'S *SWEATER* AND MY *CLUBS* AND FLUTTERSHY'S *HAIR* AND RAINBOW DASH'S *FEET* AND WHY THEY CALL THEM *FINGERS* IF THEY DON'T *FING* AND WHETHER CHICKENS CAN *DANCE* AND YOUR *HAT!*

UH— MY *HAT?* WHAT *ABOUT* IT?

YOU'RE NOT *WEARING* IT.

UH—THAT'S *RIGHT.*

ANY PARTICULAR REASON?

UM, *NO?* I MEAN—I JUST DIDN'T—UM—

ARE YOU, PERHAPS, NOT WEARING IT SO THAT YOU SEEM *COOLER?*

N-NO!

I MEAN, *YES!*

YES, I'M *NOT* WEARING IT SO AH *DON'T*—UH—

—UH, *HEY* THERE, FLUTTERSHY! HOW'RE *YOU* THIS FINE MORNIN'?

ERK!

OH! UH, I— I'M FINE, APPLEJACK, THANK YOU.
IS *RARITY* HERE YET? I STILL HAVE HER SHIRT.
I DON'T THINK SO.
OH. OKAY. WELL, IF YOU SEE HER...
...SKIRTS ARE ON THE WAY BACK, YOU KNOW.
UM... RARITY?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR—
HISSSSS!
EEK!
DIDJA GIVE IT TO HER?
I... I THINK I'LL WAIT UNTIL *LUNCH.*
GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. TAKE YOUR SEATS...

FIRST, THE PAPER'S LOOKING FOR MORE HELP...

...AND LASTLY, PLAYERS HAVE BEEN PICKED FOR ALL THE SPORTS TEAMS.

SHOOM

I MADE IT!

I MADE IT!!!

I MEAN, OF COURSE I MADE IT.

SO YOU'RE ON THE TEAM, HUH?

YEP! I CAN'T WAIT TO SHOW OFF MY MOVES!

JUST THINK! A WHOLE CROWD, AN ENTIRE STADIUM, ALL CHEERING FOR ME!

AND THE REST OF THE TEAM, TOO, RIGHT?

OH, YEAH. I GUESS THEY'LL GET SOME APPLAUSE, TOO.

Y'KNOW, YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY PLAYER ON THAT TEAM, RAINBOW DASH.

YOU'RE GETTIN' AN AWFUL SWELLED HEAD.

MAYBE I'M NOT THE ONLY PLAYER, BUT I'M DEFINITELY THE BEST.

THEY DON'T EVEN NEED A TEAM WITH ME AROUND!

WELL, WHEN YOU'RE ON THE FIELD, CAREFUL YOU DON'T TRIP OVER YER EGO.

DON'T WORRY! I'M THE FASTEST THING ON TWO LEGS!






BRRRWWWNG


RARITY?
RARITY
WHERE DID YOU GET THOSE SHOES, RARITY?


OH, IT'S THIS DELIGHTFUL LITTLE—
—DID SOMEONE SAY MY NAME?
I DIDN'T HEAR NOTHIN'.
SO, ABOUT THOSE SHOES...

...I REALLY CAN'T THANK YOU TWO ENOUGH FOR TAKING ME UNDER YOUR WING.

I'M GLAD TO BE PART OF SUCH A *CLOSE* GROUP OF *FRIENDS!*

WELL, YOU'RE CLEARLY SOMEONE WORTH *KNOWING*, RARITY.

YEAH, YOU'RE ONE OF A *KIND!*

IS IT ANY WONDER WE WANT TO KEEP YOU *ALL* TO *OURSELVES?*

WELL, IT'S AWFULLY KIND OF YOU.

AND I'M SURE *APPLEJACK* APPRECIATES YOUR HELP, TOO!

AH... ABOUT COUSIN *APPLEJACK*, I DON'T THINK THAT WE NEED TO—

OH, SPEAKING OF APPLEJACK!

APPLEJACK! OVER *HERE!*

HEY, GANG!

HOW'RE Y'ALL—UH, HOW'S *EVERYBODY* DOING?

AH—I KNOW YESTERDAY I KINDA CAME OFF AS A—HAYSEED.

SO TODAY, I PUT ON MY BEST *DUDS*, LEFT THE HAT AT HOME, AND I'M TRYING FOR A *NEW ATTITUDE!*

YESSIR, IT'S A *WHOLE NEW APPLEJACK*—ER, AJ.

SO? WHADDYA *THINK?*

YEAH, THAT'S NOT GONNA *CUT IT.*

LISTEN, COUSIN, I KNOW YOU WANT TO BE PART OF *OUR* WORLD.

BUT WE'RE NOT A *CHARITY.*

I SUGGEST YOU FIND SOME FRIENDS YOU'RE A LITTLE MORE *SUITED* FOR.

DON'T AIM *TOO HIGH,* YOU KNOW?

UM... RARITY?

TH-THANKS AGAIN FOR THE SHIRT.
OH, IT WAS NOTHING, DEAR!
AND IT LOOKED *LOVELY* ON YOU!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?
NAW, SHE *CAN'T.*
WE DON'T MAKE FRIENDS WITH *LOSERS.*
IT'S NOT OUR *SCENE*, YA KNOW?
W-W-WHAT? I, UH...
WHAT ARE YOU *SAYING?*
I'M SAYIN' *GET LOST,* NEW GIRL.
TAKE OFF. *SKEDADDLE.* YOU'RE NOT OUR *FRIEND.*
JUST STOP *EMBARRASSIN'* YOURSELF.
THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING.

BABS IS RIGHT, *MUMBLESHY.*

FIND SOME *OTHER* FRIENDS.

UH—

WHAT'S THAT, *APPLEJACK?*

DID YOU WANT TO *SAY* SOMETHING?

...NO.

NEVER *MIND.*

B-BUT—

HOW C-COULD—

CAFETERIA

AAAUUUH HUH-HUH-HUUUUH!

"AND SO..."

"...TIME PASSED.

"AND WE ALL DRIFTED A BIT FURTHER APART."

YOU *REALLY* DON'T HAVE TO NARRATE, PINKIE.

OH, RIGHT.

AND THE FERRET TEATIME NEVER ACTUALLY *HAPPENED*.

GOTH CLUB

REC

THAT WAS A...

...A HARD TIME.

REC

FOR *ALL* OF US.

IT WAS ONLY A MONTH OR SO, BUT...

REC

IT'S LIKE–

WE WERE ALL *MISSIN'* SOMETHING. OR, NOT *MISSING*–

REC

–IT WAS SOMETHING WE ALREADY *HAD*, BUT DIDN'T *KNOW* IT!

BUT I KNOW THE DAY WE *FOUND* IT...

REC

THE FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON...

"...AGAINST THE *SHADOWBOLTS*."

AWAY

AT-TEN-SHUN!

ALL RIGHT, WONDERCOLTS, WE GOT US A GAME TO PLAY.

IT'S NOT FOR A TROPHY. IT'S NOT THE MOST IMPORTANT GAME OF YOUR LIFE.

BUT IT IS OUR FIRST GAME AS WONDERCOLTS, AND I EXPECT ALL OF US TO ACT LIKE WONDERCOLTS.

YOU HEAR ME, TEAM?

WE HEAR YOU, MA'AM!

AND PLAY LIKE A TEAM OUT THERE.

HOME
AWAY

...YOU COULD HAVE ASKED ME *EARLIER*, MISS PIE.

I ONLY HAD THE IDEA LAST NIGHT!

AND I SPENT ALL NIGHT *MAKING* THEM WITH RARITY!

STILL, IT'S AWFULLY *SHORT NOTICE*...

I KNOW I KNOW I *KNOW!* BUT THE SCHOOL *NEEDS* THIS!

WE *ALL* NEED THIS!

I'VE BEEN *LOOKING* FOR SOMETHING FOR *SO LONG* AND I JUST *KNOW* THAT THIS IS IT!

PLEEEEAAASE?

FINE.

BUT AFTER THE GAME, YOU, ME, AND PRINCIPAL CELESTIA WILL TALK ABOUT WHAT COMES *NEXT.*

GLEE!

AND YOU'LL NEED *VOLUNTEERS.*

HEY *FLUTTERSHY!*

GNERP!

UH—PINKIE!
HOW ARE—
AP-AP-AP! NO *TIME!*
I FINALLY *FOUND* IT!
I FOUND MY *TRUE CALLING* AND MY *PURPOSE* AND THE THING THAT'S GOING TO BRING US TOGETHER AGAIN!
HERE, *TAKE THIS* AND *FOLLOW ME!*
HOME
AWAY

HERE Y'GO!

BUT *WAIT* FOR THE *SIGNAL!*

MAN, WHY DON'T WE GET CROWDS LIKE *THIS* AT THE *RUGBY* GAMES?

THE ONES IN BLUE ARE *OUR* TEAM, RIGHT?

EXCUSE ME...

I-I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU.

ABOUT YOUR-YOUR *DOG.*

I'M SORRY— ARE YOU TALKING TO *ME?*

Y-YES.

I KNOW YOU DON'T *LIKE* ME, BUT I THINK YOUR DOG IS *SICK* AND I W-WANT TO *HELP.*

OH! OKAY! *THANKS!*

I'M *REALLY GLAD* FOR YOUR *TOTALLY UNNECESSARY* ADVICE!

YOU FRESHMAN GIRLS. YOU'RE SO *WEAK.*

YOU ALL WANT TO BE SOMETHING YOU'RE *NOT.*

YOU CAN'T EVEN—

SUNFLOWER, THAT'S *ENOUGH.*

FLUTTERSHY IS TRYING TO SHOW YOU GREAT *KINDNESS*, AND YOU'RE *ATTACKING* HER!

YOU GOT *SOME NERVE*, TREATIN' HER— TREATIN' *US!*— LIKE THIS!

YOU AN' BABS ARE BEIN' A COUPLA' *BULLIES!*

I DON'T KNOW *WHY* I *EVER* WANTED TO BE FRIENDS WITH A COUPLA TWO-FACED *SNOBS!*

YOU'RE NOTHING BUT *UNGRATEFUL WRETCHES!*

FLUTTERSHY.

HOW CAN WE *HELP?*

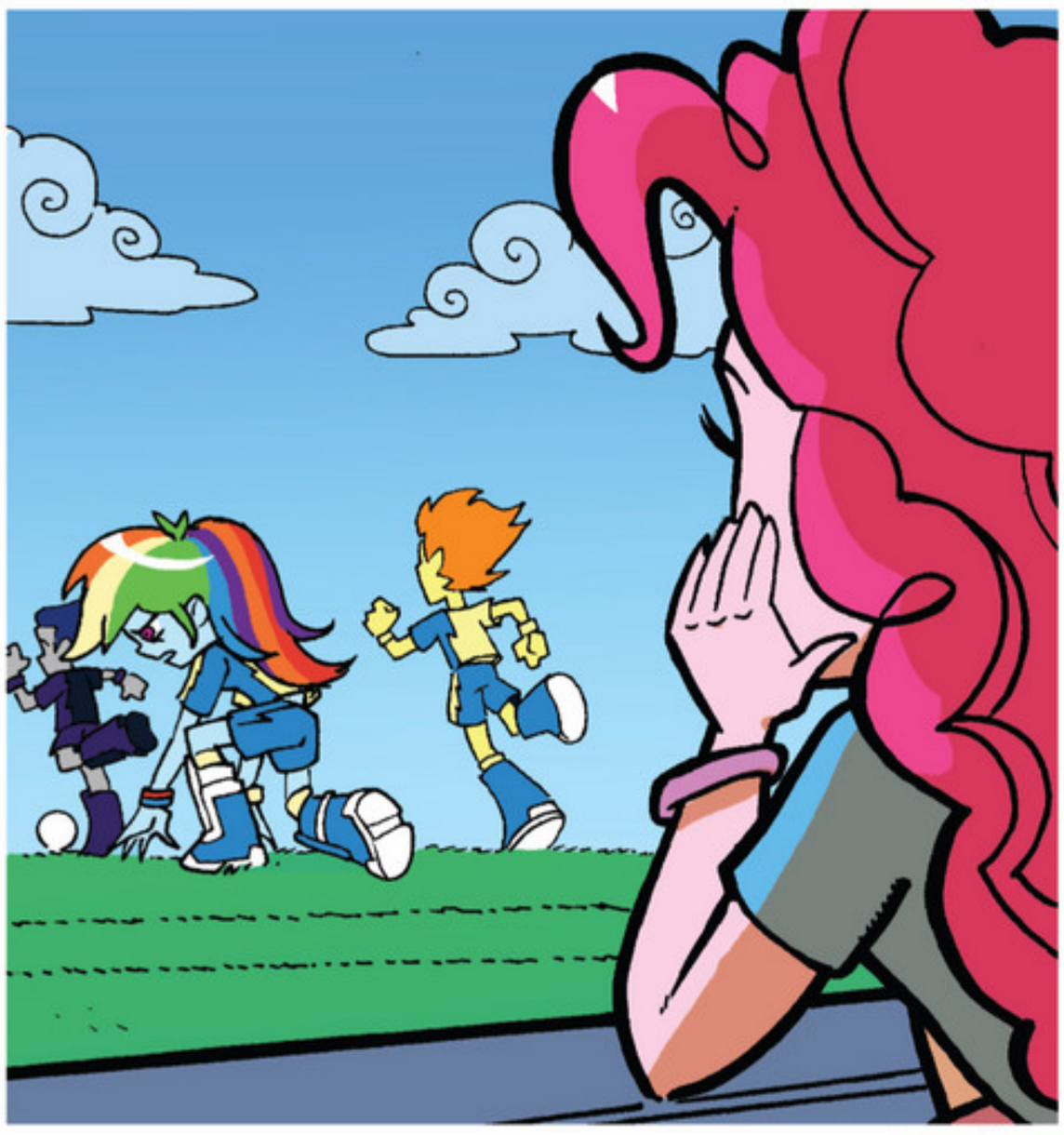
C'MON! PINKIE WANTS ME TO HAND THESE OUT!


HOME 3
AWAY 3






C'MON, RAINBOW DASH! WHAT TEAM ARE YOU *PLAYIN'* FOR?




OKAY, EVERYBODY!
WHAT! ARE! WE!

WONDERCOLTS!!!

WOW...

LET'S DO THIS!

"AND, WELL...

"THAT WAS *IT.*

"LIKE SPITFIRE SAID, IT WASN'T THE MOST *IMPORTANT* GAME...

"...BUT IT MEANT A LOT TO *ME* AND MY *TEAM.*

"I WAS PROUD TO BE A LOYAL *WONDERCOLT.*"

"I'M NOT PROUD OF THE WAY I ACTED...

"...BUT I'M PROUD O' WHAT I *LEARNED.*

"I'D LIKE TO THINK I'M A MORE *HONEST* PERSON, NOW.

"AND I *NEVER* SHY AWAY FROM EXPRESSIN' MAH *TRUE FEELINGS!*"

"WHEN I THINK OF HOW I TREATED PEOPLE THAT I CONSIDERED MY *FRIENDS*–

"WELL, I'M *FURIOUS* AT MYSELF!

"FRIENDSHIP IS SOMETHING TO BE GIVEN AWAY *GENEROUSLY*–

"NOT *JEALOUSLY HOARDED.*"

"I KNEW I COULD MAKE PEOPLE *LAUGH* EVEN BEFORE I *CAME* TO THIS SCHOOL.

JOIN THE GLEE CLUB

"BUT IT TOOK ME A WHILE TO REALIZE THAT *LAUGHTER* CAN BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER LIKE *NOTHING ELSE!*"

"THAT WAS DEFINITELY THE *TOUGHEST TIME* OF MY *LIFE*, BUT I LEARNED SOMETHING VALUABLE:

HE'S MAN'S BEST FRIEND

"*EVERYBODY* DESERVES KINDNESS."

FLUTTERSHY

REC

Y'KNOW, IT SOUNDS *WEIRD*, BUT...

SOMEHOW I FEEL LIKE WE WERE *ALREADY* FRIENDS, LONG BEFORE WE EVEN *MET!*

REC

LIKE IT WAS SOMETHING ALREADY INSIDE US, JUST *WAITING* TO COME OUT!

BWOOOOSH!

REC

AND ALL IT TOOK WAS...

...A *SPARK.*

REC

WELL, THANK YOU AGAIN, *SUNSET.*

I HOPE YOU GOT ENOUGH FOR THE STORY!

BELIEVE ME...

I'VE GOT *EVERYTHING* I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU.

THE END!