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After Princess Celestia mysteriously disappears into a mirror, Luna calls on Twilight Sparkle and friends to find answers in the long lost library of Star Swirl the Bearded. After finding out information about Celestia's past, the Princess herself emerges from the mirror injured!

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A LONG TIME AGO

ALMOST DONE! APPRENTICE! HAND ME THAT THING-A-MA-JIG AND WE'LL GET THIS SEALED INTO PLACE!

OOPS!

FOR WANT OF A NAIL...

BUMP!

SMASH

AW, PEGASUS FEATHERS!

LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE! NOW NO PONY WILL EVER KNOW ABOUT THE AMAZING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR BELOVED PRINCESS AND HER MAGICAL COUNSEL, STAR SWIRL, JUST BY LOOKING UP AT A WINDOW! IT'LL BE LIKE SOME BIG SECRET OR SOMETHING! YEESH!

NOT SO LONG AGO...

SISTER, HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

YOU LOOK RATHER PECKISH... AND YOUR HAIR IS A BIT OF A MESS.

PRINCESS CELESTIA, CAN I GET YOU ANYTHING? TEA? A COLD COMPRESS?

CAKE?

WHERE DOES SHE *GET* THESE?

I'VE STOPPED ASKING.

GLAD YOU AREN'T MANGLED OR ANYTHING...

I'M FINE, THANK YOU, EVERYPONY.

SWABS

BANDAGES

REFLECTIONS

Part 2

Back to Where You've Never Been Before

FINE? YOU TUMBLE OUT OF A MAGICAL MIRROR INTO A LIFELESS HEAP AND YOU'RE FINE? WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? WHAT HAPPENED?

I WAS... IN ANOTHER WORLD. I WAS ATTACKED.

WE SAW KING SOMBRA IN THE MIRROR! IS HE THE ONE WHO ATTACKED YOU?

WHAT? NO! OF COURSE HE DIDN'T!

HE'D NEVER... I MEAN...

UH... PRINCESS? HE'D NEVER WHAT?

OF COURSE HE WOULD, HE'S A VILLAIN!

NO, HE'S NOT... NOT WHERE I WAS.

WHAT? PRINCESS? WHAT'S GOING ON?!

I'D LIKE TO KNOW THAT MYSELF.

YOU'RE ALL AWARE OF THE MIRROR THAT LEADS TO THE WORLD WHERE SUNSET SHIMMER HAS MADE HER HOME?

SURE! I WAS A DOG THERE... IT WAS... AWKWARD.

THE MIRROR THAT I POURED OUT OF EARLIER IS A VERY DIFFERENT MIRROR. A PROTOTYPE, IF YOU WILL. IT LEADS TO ANOTHER WORLD.

I WAS... VISITING... ONE OF THOSE WORLDS. A WORLD SO LIKE OUR OWN, BUT SO DIFFERENT. SOMBRA IS THE KING OF THAT EQUESTRIA, AND THERE HE IS A KIND AND WONDERFUL RULER OF HIS PONIES.

SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED THAT IS TOO CLOSELY BINDING OUR WORLDS TOGETHER. HIS FIGHT AGAINST EVIL IS BEGINNING TO ENCROACH ON OUR WORLD... ON ME.

THEN I SHALL GO INTO THIS OTHER WORLD AND SMITE THE ENEMY! I'VE BEEN ANXIOUS FOR A GOOD SCUFFLE FOR *MONTHS*.

YEAH! LET HER HAVE THE ADVENTURE. WE CAN ALL GO HOME!

NO. LUNA, YOU AND I *CANNOT* BE INVOLVED IN THIS.

WHAT? WHY? PERILOUS JOURNEYS ARE WHAT I THRIVE UPON!

PERILOUS?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE. I NEED YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO TAKE THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY THROUGH THE MIRROR. THEY MAY BE THE ONLY HOPE FOR SAVING HIS WORLD.

PRINCESS? JUST WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?

YOU ARE TO TAKE THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY TO KING SOMBRA. YOU'LL BE ABLE TO HELP HIM LOCK AWAY THE EVIL THAT IS THREATENING HIS SUBJECTS. THEY ARE VILLAINS OF UNIMAGINABLE POWER, BUT NOT INFALLIBLE. I HAVE EVERY FAITH YOU SIX...

SEVEN!

...SEVEN CAN ACCOMPLISH THIS.

WHAT'S AN INFALLIBLE?

?

AND JUST *WHY* CAN YOU AND I NOT DO THIS OURSELVES? I KNOW A THING OR TWO ABOUT POWERFUL YET FLAWED MALEFACTORS.

DICTIONARY

HEY! ANOTHER WORD I DON'T KNOW! THIS IS FUN!

WHERE-

SHH-

LUNA, WE CANNOT GO BECAUSE *WE* ARE THE EVIL THAT IS ENCROACHING UPON THAT LAND. WE... WE'RE THE VILLAINS.

PFFT! PRINCESS LUNA HAS BEEN THERE, DONE THAT. WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

A-HEM?

NOT TO QUOTE THE RAINBOW-HAIRED ONE, BUT ***YES, I HAVE*** BEEN THERE, DONE THAT. I WILL GLADLY TAKE UP THE MANTLE AND FIGHT THIS BATTLE... AGAINST ME... AND EVIL YOU.

ACTUALLY, THE IMAGE OF AN EVIL YOU MAKES ME QUITE GIDDY. I'D RATHER LIKE TO SEE IT.

LUNA, I SAID "NO." THERE'S BEEN A SHIFT IN BOTH WORLDS THAT HAS LINKED US TOO CLOSELY. I DARE NOT RETURN SO SOON AFTER THIS PAST VISIT AND DEEPEN THAT BOND... AND I THINK IT BEST TO KEEP YOU HERE AS WELL.

HMPF. VERY WELL.

WHAT DIFFERENCE ARE WE GOING TO HAVE? ARE WE NOT BOUND TO BOTH WORLDS AS WELL?

AFTER MUCH THOUGHT, I DON'T THINK SO. THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY DO NOT EXIST IN THIS SOMBRA'S UNIVERSE... YOU SHOULD ALL BE ABLE TO GO AND HELP WITHOUT ADDING TO THE RIFT.

PRINCESS... YOU'RE ASKING US TO FIGHT *YOU*. I... I DON'T THINK I CAN DO THAT. I DON'T THINK I COULD HURT YOU, GOOD *OR* BAD.

MY DEAR TWILIGHT, I'M NOT EXPECTING YOU TO HURT ME, I'M EXPECTING YOU TO ***HELP*** ME.

THAT WAS NEEDLESSLY CRYPTIC.

I'M AFRAID THE TIME FOR TALKING IS OVER, WE *MUST* HURRY. DO YOU ACCEPT THIS TASK?

OF COURSE. SPIKE, GO RETRIEVE THE ELEMENTS AND BRING THEM HERE, PLEASE.

RIGHT!

DARN TOOTIN' I'M IN!

I'M ALL ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SEEING HOW AWESOME I AM IN A PARALLEL DIMENSION. I'M IN!

UGH, ARE WE GOING TO *HAVE* TO MEET OUR OTHER SELVES? THAT'S VERY CLICHE.

I'M SURE IT WON'T COME TO THAT.

A FIGHT TO SAVE TWO WORLDS THAT WILL COME DOWN TO THE DEFEAT OF AN ALTERNATE EVIL VERSION OF A BELOVED CHARACTER? WHO *WOULDN'T* BE ALL ABOUT THIS?! IN!

PACKING UP THE ELEMENTS GONNA SAVE THE WOOORLD

GOING THROUGH THE MIRROR BY MEANS OF MAGIC IS MUCH DIFFERENT THAN WHEN YOU WENT THROUGH VIA THE PHASE OF THE MOON.

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO RETURN AT ANY TIME VIA THE SPELL ON THIS PAGE. READ IT, REMEMBER IT. DON'T FORGET IT.

I'VE ALREADY CREATED A FUN MNEMONIC DEVICE TO REMEMBER IT! THERE'S *NO WAY* I'LL FORGET IT!

SEND ME A MESSAGE THROUGH SPIKE IF YOU RUN INTO TROUBLE. KING SOMBRA WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU IN THE CASTLE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF HIS PORTAL.

GOOD LUCK.

POT!

AND NOW YOU AND I ARE GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE CHAT ABOUT ALL THIS.

GULP!

WHAT IF OUR *OTHER* PONY SELVES ARE ALL MIXED UP? LIKE... HERE I'M A UNICORN? I COULD BE *MAGICAL!*

WHAT IF YOU'RE AN EARTH PONY?

YAWN. BORING.

HEY!

I CAN FEEL SOMETHING AWFUL HAPPENING TO MY HAIR. *SOMEPONY TELL ME MY HAIR IS OKAY?!*

THIS SWIRLING VORTEX IS MAKING ME A LITTLE... *HURK*

OOF!

...I HURT MY DIGNITY.

AGAIN!

OUR HERO

OH MY...

CANTERLOT?

IT'S SO... BLEAK. THINGS REALLY MUST BE BAD HERE.

IS THIS... IS THIS WHAT *OUR* EQUESTRIA WILL LOOK LIKE IF WE *FAIL*?

I SURE HOPE NOT.

OUR HERO

MAYBE IT'S NOT SO BAD?

IT'S SO BAD!

HELLO?

WHAT ARE YOU SIX...

SEVEN!

...SEVEN DOING HERE?

WHY, I'M VERY GLAD YOU ASKED! WE'RE HERE TO...

HOLD IT. IT'S THESE HOOLIGANS! ARREST THEM!

WHAT?

WANTED DO NOT APPROACH

THE MANE 6 AKA: THE MALCONTENT MAVERICKS- THE ERRONEOUS EQUINES

IN THE PAST...

WE'RE HERE FOR FIVE SECONDS AND YOU INSULT A PALACE GUARD. NICE.

HE HAD ON A FUNNY HAT.

YOU'RE ONE TO TALK.

DON'T SPIT ON THE FLOOR

YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I HAD TO DO TO FIND A CHAPEAU QUITE THIS SPECTACULAR.

I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS. CAN'T WE JUST USE OUR MAGIC AND "POOF" OUT OF HERE?

BEST NOT. WE DON'T WANT TO CAUSE A RUCKUS WHILE WE'RE HERE. ESCAPING IS A RUCKUS. THIS WORLD IS SO LIKE OUR OWN... WE DON'T WANT TO RISK CREATING PARADOXES. WE'LL WAIT FOR OUR AUDIENCE WITH THE *KING*. WE'LL MEET HIM AND STRAIGHTEN THIS OUT.

HMPH.

CLINK

AH! AND THERE HE IS.

GOOD MORROW, NEWCOMERS. WELCOME TO CANTERLOT.

BACK IN THE PRESENT...

YOU JUST *HAD* TO MAKE FUN OF THEIR HELMETS, DIDN'T YOU? THEY WERE PROBABLY GOING TO JUST GIVE US A SLAP ON THE HOOF UNTIL YOU MENTIONED THE HELMETS!

WHAT? I WAS MAKING AN OBSERVATION! IT *IS* A FUNNY HAT!

I HAVE TO AGREE WITH TWILIGHT ON THIS ONE, THEY ARE A BIT TACKY.

BROOKS WAS HERE

SO WAS RED

IT WASN'T ME! IT WAS THE ONE-ARMED PONY!

ATTICA!!

LET MY PONIES GO

STARSWIRL WAS HERE!

DON'T SPIT ON THE FLOOR

UNG NUNG NOM GRRRR!

HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET OUT OF HERE TO FIND KING SOMBRA?

I DON'T KNOW...

...

WHAT?

TWANG

OH! RIGHT!

TWINKLE TWINKLE TWINKLE TWINKLE TWINKLE TWINKLE TWINKLE TWINKLE

LET'S GO! MAYBE THIS PLACE HAS CUPCAKES!

DISMAL CUPCAKES...

YOU KNOW... SOMETIMES I THINK SHE'S THE SMARTEST ONE OF US ALL.

SCARY, ISN'T IT?

WANTED!

"THE BARON"

FAIRNESS

HUMILITY

THE ROUTE TO THE THRONE ROOM SEEMS TO BE THE SAME AS THE *OTHER CANTERLOT.*

COULD THERE BE *MORE* ALTERNATE UNIVERSES OUT THERE?

WHO ARE WE IN EACH ONE OF THEM? THERE'S AN INFINITE NUMBER OF POSSIBLE SELVES! AND *OF* THOSE SELVES, WHO IS THE REAL *YOU?* IT'S FASCINATING. TRULY A LIFETIME OF RESEARCH IS TO BE HAD IN THE *SIMPLE* IDEA OF TRAVERSING THE INTERDIMENSIONAL *COSMOS! EEE!*

SIMPLE?

WISDOM

LOVE

WHAT IF, IN ANOTHER DIMENSION, WE'RE ALL *DESSERTS*? I BET I'D BE A LAYER CAKE... AND I BET ALL OF YOU WOULD BE *DELICIOUS*.

I THINK IT'S A BIT EARLY FOR EXISTENTIALIST TALK, ISN'T IT? CAN WE DISCUSS SOMETHING ELSE?

THE GLASS HERE IS LOVELY.

GASP CAN WE SLOW DOWN? SOME OF US *HUFF* ARE CARRYING ALL *PUFF* YOUR STUFF!

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BACK IN CANTERLOT... WELL, THE OTHER CANTERLOT. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

I UNDERSTAND YOU COULDN'T TELL ME... BEFORE. WE WEREN'T CLOSE DURING MY... DARK TIME BEFORE I WAS BANISHED. BUT WHEN I CAME BACK, WHEN I RETURNED TO YOUR SIDE, YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME.

LUNA! I JUST... I COULDN'T. THIS IS THE FINEST EXAMPLE OF MY YOUTH'S FOLLY. IT'S RECKLESS AND I CAN'T BELIEVE I'VE LET IT GO ON SO LONG. I'VE PUT EVERYPONY IN DANGER.

I'M SO ASHAMED.

NOT EVERY ROYAL NEEDS TO BE UNTARNISHED. YOU'RE ONLY A PONY, AFTERALL.

THANK YOU.

YOU'RE WELCOME, SISTER.

TWILIGHT IS GOING TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH ABOUT ALL THIS WHILE SHE'S WITH HIM, YOU KNOW THAT?

SIGH. I CAN ONLY HOPE SHE DOESN'T THINK LESS OF ME BECAUSE OF IT.

YOU SHOULD GIVE HER MORE CREDIT, SHE'S *SO* LIKE YOU IN MANY WAYS.

NOW, TELL ME MORE ABOUT YOUR ADVENTURES WITH STAR SWIRL. I REMEMBER SO LITTLE OF HIM EXCEPT THE BEARD... AND THE HAT. SUCH A HAT EVEN A THOUSAND YEARS ON THE MOON CANNOT WIPE FROM ONE'S MEMORY.

WELL...

OINK OINK OINK OINK OINK OINK

IN THE PAST... AGAIN.

KANDOR

FWOOSH

EJECTOR SEAT

FRONT

CELESTIA?

STAR SWIRL! I WAS JUST HERE TO... ER... ASK YOU IF YOU HAVE A BOOK ON THE DEFEAT OF HYDRAS. THERE'S ONE IN THE EVERFREE FOREST THAT NEEDS DEALING WITH...

AH! HYDRAS! WHAT FUN! SAVE ME A FEW SCALES. THEY'RE VERY USEFUL IN POTION MAKING.

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CORTEXAPHAN STUDIES

HYDRA

PHOENIX CARD

ACTUALLY, I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE. I'M WRITING A BIT MORE ABOUT THE PARADOX FACTOR WE'VE FOUND WHEN WE SPEND TOO LONG IN THE MIRROR. I THINK IT'S BEST WE NOT GO THROUGH IT ANYMORE UNTIL WE FIGURE THIS OUT. DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT TO TALK?

MARK-7

I'M LYING TO THE *ONLY* FRIEND I HAVE RIGHT NOW. WHAT AM I *DOING*?

NOT NOW, I SHOULD... GO DEAL WITH THAT HYDRA. WE'LL TALK LATER.

HAVE FUN! LET ME KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE SOME MAGICAL BACKUP! I'M STILL SPRY!

BACK TO THE FUTURE... PRESENT... SOMETHING.

Knock Knock

HELLO?

COME IN.

BIG DEAL.

Kingsombra!

HE'S RATHER DASHING HERE, ISN'T HE?

HELLO, EVERYPONY. CELESTIA TOLD ME SHE'D BE SENDING YOU TO HELP. I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU.

EXPECTING US? *REALLY?* BECAUSE WE WERE *ARRESTED* THE MOMENT WE *GOT* HERE!

THAT'S ODD... I GAVE ALL THE GUARDS A COPY OF THIS POSTER SO THEY'D KNOW TO LOOK FOR YOU.

EXPECTED

THE MANE 6 AKA: THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY

COME, WE HAVE MUCH TO DISCUSS.

SO... UH... YOUR MAJESTY... KING... FELLER'?

MAHARAJAH?

TO PINKIE FROM TWILIGHT
THESAURUS

JUST SOMBRA, PLEASE.

I'M SO GLAD YOU'VE COME. I'VE REALLY RUN OUT OF OPTIONS AND I'M IN DESPERATE NEED OF AID. CELESTIA HAS ASSURED ME THAT YOU SIX...

SEVEN.

...ER, SEVEN, ARE THE BEST DEFENSE SHE HAS AVAILABLE.

I'VE HEARD SO MANY STORIES OF YOUR USE OF THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY SAVING YOUR HOME WORLD. CELESTIA HAS DONE LITTLE ELSE BUT TALK ABOUT HOW PROUD SHE IS OF ALL OF YOU.

ESPECIALLY YOU, TWILIGHT SPARKLE. SHE PRACTICALLY GLOWS WHEN SHE TALKS ABOUT HOW PROUD SHE IS OF YOU.

RE... REALLY?

WE'RE ALL SO PROUD OF OUR WIDDLE TWILY-WILY-PRINCESS-POO!

YOU MUST BE PINKIE PIE.

FLAP FLAP FLAP

WELL, WELL, SOMBRA! WHO ARE YOUR NEW LITTLE FRIENDS?

HEH... WHERE'S THAT *PRETTY* LADY FRIEND OF YOURS? I WASN'T DONE PLAYING WITH HER WHEN SHE LEFT.

WHAT ARE *YOU* TWO DOING HERE? ANOTHER ROUND OF VICIOUS *TAUNTING*?

TAUNTING? I'M JUST HERE FOR A FRIENDLY "HELLO"! HAVE YOU RECONSIDERED MY OFFER, HMM?

YOU AND YOUR "OFFER" CAN GO...

HEY, EVIL CELESTIA!

A NEW LITTLE ALICORN PRINCESS! SOMBRA! WHEREVER DID YOU FIND HER? *LUNA!* ISN'T SHE *JUST* DARLING?

WHAT MAGIC ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH *THAT*, SMALL ONE? A CARD TRICK?

SHAMLESTIA?

FAUXLESTIA?

DUPLUNA?

TWONA?

GASP

ZOT

WELL, THIS JUST GOT MORE INTERESTING.

SPIKE! THE *ELEMENTS!* LET'S END THIS *NOW!*

COUGH RIGHT! *COUGH*

NOM UNG NUNG NUNG

NO! THERE ARE RULES TO THIS FIGHT! WAIT!

RED AND *BLACK*?! YOU CALL THAT *ORIGINAL*?

BIF BOW WHAM-O ZAP KA-POW ZLONK BLAM

NO...

STOP. EVERYPONY! STOP!

BONK!

TWILIGHT! YOU NEED TO READ THIS!

FWOOOOOOOM!!

BACK WHERE THE PRINCESSES ARE GOOD PONIES...

!

...DID YOU SEE A FEW OF THE EARTH PONY GUARD HAVE TRIED TO TAKE UP ARCHERY? NASTY BUSINESS.

...THERE WAS AN INCIDENT WITH AN APPLE THAT...

CELESTIA?!

OOF!

SISTER! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

...THE RIFT... THEY CAN'T HARM HER... I WAS AFRAID OF.. THIS.

GUARDS! GET ME PARCHMENT AND QUILL! I MUST WRITE TO THE SMALL, PUDGY DRAGON IMMEDIATELY!

BONK

GUARDS. NOW!

OW!

WANT TO STICK AROUND WHILE THEY *YAWN* READ?

NO... OH! I KNOW! LET'S GO KICK SOMEPONY WHILE HE'S DOWN!

SOMBRA! WE'LL BE BACK, YOU CAN'T SAY "NO" FOREVER!

EVEN BETTER, LET'S KNOCK SOMEPONY DOWN *THEN* KICK THEM WHILE THEY'RE DOWN!

SO WHAT WE DO TO *THAT* PAIR HERE WILL HURT PRINCESS CELESTIA AND LUNA?!

OOPS.

OH NO! WHAT HAVE WE JUST DONE?

YOU'RE SUCH A CLOTHES HORSE.

DOES IT SAY ANYTHING ELSE? DOES IT SAY IF CELESTIA IS OKAY?! MY *DEAR, SWEET* CELESTIA, I NEED TO KNOW!

...YOUR?

DEAR?

...SWEET?

...CELESTIA?

NO HARM MAY COME TO HER...

I LOVE HER.

TELL THEM THEY HAVE TO SAVE HIM...

I LOVE HIM.

Though Nothing, Will Keeps Us Together
We Could Steal Time, Just For One Day

TO BE CONTINUED

THERE'S A LEGEND THAT A HAT OF GREAT POWER IS OUT IN THESE WATERS.

IT IS PROTECTED BY THE BEASTS OF THE DEEP.

How Star Swirl Got His Hat...the other story

by katie cook

I'VE SET OFF ON AN 87 DAY VOYAGE TO FIND THIS HAT.

I WISH I'D BROUGHT A MAGAZINE.

THERE HAS TO BE A CLUE HERE SOMEWHERE...

HRM...

SPLOOSH!

"

"

BLUB.

WELL THIS IS GROSS.

HELLO.

YOU MUST CHOOSE. CHOOSE WISELY.

THIS... THIS IS THE BEST HAT EVER!

RUMBLE

SNAG!

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

YOU CHOSE... POORLY.

BLEH.

POORLY MY AUNT FANNY! THIS HAT IS GREAT!

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

BLURP

EVERYTHING'S COMING UP STAR SWIRL! WEEEEEE!

FWOOSH!

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