

Part 4

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"Here it is, Trotting Castle." Twilight said looking at the large structure that sat before them, built up from stone. Flags decorated the sides and large buildings towered inside the walls. However, what was most important at the moment was the open draw bridge leading into the castle's vast front garden, where they could see many demons had gathered before a stage.

"Well, we made it." Applejack said walking up next to Twilight, "So what's this here ingredient we need?"

"We need a lock of hair from a powerful bard." Twilight smiled walking towards the stage that had been set up.

"A lock of hair from a bard?" Rainbow Dash said surprised, thinking about it, "That's an ingredient?"

"I know it's a little unusual, but trust me, it's a very important ingredient." Twilight nodded her head.

"Well shucks, makes sense why we're here then. Even ah heard about this performance." Applejack said lifting her hat a little to look at the stage, "Performing Live Today, Stage Name DJ-Pon3." Applejack said reading aloud the boards that were on either side of the large stage. A curtain was currently drawn, covering most of the stage; however two very large speakers were set up on either side. Many of the demons waiting before the stage looked more than eager for the show to start.

"Ooh, ooh, there's going to be a concert!?" Scootaloo said springing to the front of the group, "I LOVE concerts!" She zoomed forward, past most of the demons looking for a good front row seat.

"We're...not here to enjoy the concert." Twilight had tried to tell the eager young filly, but she had been too late. She let out a sigh. "I don't care how we get that lock of hair, I just know we need to get it."

"Any means necessary right?" Rainbow grinned, "No problem, we just rush the stage when this DJ Pony shows up! Then we use a bit of persuasion to clip their hair!" Rainbow said flapping her wings, eager to get moving with this plan already.

"Ah suppose that is the fastest way." Applejack said thinking about it.

"...We couldn't just ask her politely?" Spike asked, looking at the demons oddly.

“...Spike, that’s quite possibly one of the stupidest things you’ve ever said.” Twilight said rolling her eyes, “Demon etiquette clearly says that upon being asked politely, you are to turn down the request in the requesters face. Quite bluntly.” Twilight quoted a boom she read precisely.

“Sides, no demon likes giving things away fer free.” Applejack explained, “Even if this DJ were willin’ to part with a lock o’ their hair, they’d likely charge a hoof and a leg. An I ain’t willin’ to part with mah hard earned HL.” Applejack stomped her hoof down.

“Yea, action is the only route to take!” Rainbow said grinning, beating her chest.

“I guess so.” Spike said just shaking his head softly.

Suddenly, the lights in the area began to dim, as mist began to pour onto the stage. The demons began to cheer as lasers began to shine into the audience, lights beginning to shin everywhere when a [low beat began](#) to surge forth from the speakers. It started off low, building up volume and speed as the song began to play.

“I think that’s our queue.” Twilight said grinning, preparing with the others to rush the stage.

The curtains flung up as the music suddenly slowed, before the stage lighting up as the song picked back up, striking the high and fast notes. In the middle of the stage, amongst the lasers and mist, bobbing her head away as her horn glowed mixing a turn table before her, was a white unicorn with messy blue hair and glowing purple goggles. The DJ known as Pon-3 was rocking her beats for the crowd.

“Target acquired!” Rainbow said rushing straight for the stage.

The crowd of demons bounced to the rhythm of the music, completely enthralled by every burst of rhythm. The team of demons rushing the stage were completely camouflaged by the raving demons. The only thing that could be heard was the mad mix of the mare on the stage.

“I’ve got you now!” Rainbow said to herself, unable to be heard over the roar of the music. She was the first to reach the stage, rushing full speed with her wings spread and bladed wings equipped, ready to strike her target.

Her whole body stopped dead in its tracks however, hitting an invisible wall that was just before the DJing mare. The DJ looked at the pegasus that had crashed into her No Entry Geo Panels, not stopping the music for a moment.

“Gah!” I hate these things!” Rainbow said beating her hoof against the invisible wall. “Get over here!” She yelled but her voice was drowned out. DJ Pon-3 just looked at the strange Pegasus trying to get to her in confusion.

As the music of the first song came to its climax, two other mares arrived on the stage as well.

“Well, that was a hassle.” Twilight said shaking off sweat that she had caught from the raving demons as she had run through the crowd, “But we can do this now!” She grinned before pulling out her base panel and placing it on the edge of the stage.

“Hey, you DJ Pony-whatever!” Applejack yelled while the music was stopped, “You’re givin’ us a lock of your hair! No ifs or buts about it!”

The DJ just stared at the strange mares who had invaded her stage with a bit of curiosity. However, a grin soon formed on her face. Her horn glowed, picking the needle of her DJ table up once more and placing it down on her next disc as the [music began to flare up](#) once more.

“Fine, we’ll do this the hard way.” Twilight said, the hologram of the base panel appearing first.

Suddenly from above the rafters of the stage fell down several tall humanoid demons, each wearing a black suit with a white collared under shirt and red bat-bow tie clip on. They stood tall, crossing their arms. Each of them had their hair spiked back with a cross scar on their foreheads.

Applejack let out a whistle.

“Well ain’t that fancy, she done gone and imported them fancy [Bouncer demons](#) to protect her show.” Applejack gave her hat a small flip impressed.

“Well we’ll just have to show her the power of my minions then!” Twilight grinned as from the base panel began to appear each of her minions, jumping forward and standing tall before their mistress.

“Looks like we finally have a challenge on our hooves.” Mortal Muse said standing on top of her back legs to give her hooves a good crack.

“They don’t stand a chance.” Lunafyre said grinning, her eyes flaring up as fire sparked from her horn.

“Meow~” Mr. Mittens said swinging around his giant Sea Bass.

“Yea! I’m not going to be a projectile this time dood!” Carl said raising his flipper in the air in excitement.

“Minions...CHARGE!” Twilight ordered.

“Yes ma’am!” They each saluted before rushing forward.

The bouncers rushed forward as well, the two sets of demons clashing in the middle of the stage. Explosions began to rock the area, seeming only to add to the momentum and power of the music. A flash of fists and magic erupted from each corner as they clashed. The crowd of demons roared with enthusiasm at the amazing display.

“Triple strike!” Mortal Muse cried out, rushing straight at one of the bouncers, striking his gut with her front hooves causing him to double over. She quickly spun her body, striking his chin with her back hooves launching him into the air before jumping after him. Raising both hooves over her head she slammed them both into the bouncer with tremendous force, rocketing him back down onto the stage.

“Prinny Bomb!” Carl said pulling out a rather large sized explosive from his pack and dropping it where he stood as the fuse lit. He quickly ran behind a Bouncer in front of him before holding the Bouncer still, as the Bouncer tried to struggle against the prinny. The struggle was to no avail as the explosive erupted with a massive amount of energy before him.

“MEOW!” Mr. Mittens cried as he ran around the stage haphazardly, trying to just smack whatever he could with his Sea Bass. Most of the bouncers were able to dodge it, seeing it coming. However, he had clocked a few Bouncer’s upside the head good while they were distracted.

Fire billowed all around the stage, as Lunafyre’s eyes glowed constantly. A circle of fire had appeared around her as her horn fired spark after spark into the air, fire bursting in air and around the bouncers, their suits catching on fire and burning tightly against their skin. She whipped her head around rapidly, spreading the flames as far as she could with each swift strike being precise to not hit her allies.

Some of the bouncers had managed to break away however, rushing straight for Twilight and Applejack who still stood by the base panel.

“Blade rush!” Twilight cried out as her elegant blade appeared, coating it with her energy before surging it forward. The bouncers groaned in pain as the blade swiftly flew past them, striking each of them as it went.

“You get ‘em Big Macintosh!” Applejack called out to the base panel, the red stallion

suddenly emerging. The bouncers look shocked at the sudden appearance as Big Macintosh's hoof stomped against the ground, a gigantic stem appearing before him. The red stallion grabbed the stem with his mouth before pulling out a gigantic green apple much bigger than he was.

"Gah!" Mortal Muse cried, being struck by a Bouncer's spear. He had jumped on top of the spear driving it deeper into her before pulling it out and landing behind her.

"A smart guy huh." She wiped her mouth turning to attack the spear-wielding bouncer when she saw what was coming. "...Excuse me!" She said bouncing out of the way as the giant green apple barreled past, striking the bouncer that had just struck her.

"Uh-Uh-Uh! I DIDN'T MEAN IT DOOOOOD!" Carl cried out as he suddenly found himself surrounded by four bouncers all at once. His pleas fell on deaf ears though as each bouncer proceeded to tear into him mercilessly, one striking with fists, another with a sword, one with a spear and one with an axe.

Carl fell over defeated, his tongue hanging out pathetically. The bouncers looked triumphant over their defeat of the enemy.

That was until one of them noticed several white orbs striking the ground around them. Suddenly, several beams of energy erupted from the ground, curving through the sky to converge down on top of them.

Another massive explosion rocked the stage as the bouncers recoiled. The demons in the audience were eating up every moment of this stage show. They could easily tell that it was actually a battle but they didn't care, that only made it even better to them.

The music began to die down one last time as the song reached its end, most of the bouncers laying in defeat against the stage, the last few beginning to fall despite their best efforts. The minions were simply too strong for them.

The music died down completely, the crowd of demons cheering wildly at the display. Twilight slowly walked up to the No Entry wall before the DJing pony and grinned.

"We've taken out all your flunkies, you've lost DJ! Now hand over your lock of hair." Twilight gave her demands.

The DJ seemed to contemplate this for a moment, as if thinking it over. Then another grin appeared on her face as she once more levitated the needle onto a new disk.

Suddenly, [a new beat](#) blared loudly across the speakers, striking everyone on stage.

“Gah!” Twilight cried out as the new stream of fast paced music began to beat across the stage. The sound itself seemed to be attacking, unleashing blast after blast of energy straight from the speakers onto the stage.

Applejack could barely stand, Big Macintosh was struggling, the hurt minions were beginning to collapse under the power of the song. The crowd of demons ate up every beat and the defeat of the demons that had crashed onto the stage. The DJ grinned devilishly as she saw the power her music was having, crippling the demons before her.

She cranked up the beat, she mixed the song faster, she poured more power into her turn table set on defeating the demons that had attacked her show here and now.

“EAT THIS!” Rainbow Dash cried, tackling straight into the DJing mare. The fast paced song suddenly was cut dead as the mare flew away from her turn table. The demon crowd gasped in shock as the music was silenced. Rainbow grinned standing before the turn table as the DJ Pony stood back onto her hooves.

“You’re not defeating us THAT easily!” Rainbow said before turning to look at the Geo Block that had been sitting behind the DJ that raised the No Entry field. “Let’s see you take us on yourself!” Rainbow said rushing over to the block.

“Boulder Crush!” Rainbow cried out grabbing hold of the block and tossing it into the air. She flew up in a spiral pattern, striking the thrown block quickly before catching it with her wings and diving straight at the ground, smashing it at high speeds back into the ground.

The block shattered and caused the panel it was sitting on to surge with energy, changing it from a red to blue, tearing down the No Entry barrier that had been stopping their advances to her.

The DJ stomped her hoof repeatedly against the ground, preparing herself. She ran at full blast at Rainbow Dash, intent on taking her down first.

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A violet blur rushed her instead though, knocking her over onto the ground. Twilight stood victorious over her catch, staring down at the white coated, blue haired DJ who had been giving them trouble.

“Well, seems like we’ve won now, doesn’t it?” Twilight grinned, pointing her blade straight at the DJ. If the DJ was reacting she couldn’t see it through the glasses. As far as Twilight could tell, the DJ seemed indifferent about her loss. “You know...I really should just kill you for giving us so much hassle.” Twilight said, licking her lips at the thought as her blade waved slowly around her prey, “After all, any good demon that is worth her merits can kill a few insignificant foals.”

The DJ pony didn't say anything, only staring up at Twilight unmoving, unflinching. Even when the blade came close to her snout she didn't flinch. Twilight found this a little odd, expecting the pony to at least speak up, to protest for her life. Did she not care that she had her life in her hooves?

"Well? Aren't you going to say anything?" Twilight glared down, unappreciative of the treatment from the DJ. The DJ didn't react at all. Twilight furrowed her brow in confusion, as the gears turned in her head, before a realization occurred.

"Wait...can you even talk?" Twilight asked curiously. The DJ slowly shook her head in response.

"Oh...a mute huh..." Twilight said, not realizing the mare couldn't speak. Twilight felt herself suddenly feel like a jerk, threatening the life of someone who couldn't even talk back. 'I really shouldn't be so rash...' she thought to herself.

She suddenly shook her head rapidly, 'What am I thinking!? I'm a demon! What does it matter if she's mute!? I shouldn't care about that! I should just do what comes naturally to demons!' She growled to herself in thought. She snapped her head to look down at the DJ who stared back at her unchanging.

Twilight gritted her teeth as she readied her blade. She wanted to bring it down, she wanted to end this demon's life for giving them so much trouble. She did right? That's what she wanted, she was a proper demon after all. All proper demons came to a point where it was kill for pride...right? She'd read about it throughout history. Demon's killed to protect their pride. It showed who the true demons were, the ones who possessed power, the authority to rule, to be respected by their peers.

It was everything that the current Overlord wasn't. And that was what upset her. That she studied and learned more and more what it meant to be a demon, the more she saw that her Overlord wasn't what a demon was supposed to be.

She grit her teeth. She raised the sword high and brought it down swiftly. The stage could very audibly be heard cracking as the sword dug down into it.

Twilight slowly pulled the sword back out before vanishing it into her inventory.

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The DJ looked up at her confused as Twilight picked up the chunk of hair she had just cut off from her head.

"Consider yourself warned. Don't try and defy us again." Twilight held her head up as she moved off of the mare and walked back over to the other, "I've got the hair. Which means we've got the first ingredient to summoning our very own Alicorn." Twilight grinned.

"Well alright." Applejack said enthusiastically, "One step closer to taking down that Overlord."

"Hah! That was great!" Rainbow said flying over to them gloating, "Did you see me take down her attack? Hah! She wasn't so tough!" She boasted loudly.

"Eeeeyup." Big Macintosh said simply.

"Well, you got the first ingredient." Spike said looking at Twilight curiously, "Do you know where the second one is?"

"Well...no. Not yet." Twilight admitted, "But I know where we can find out."

"Where's that?" Applejack raised an eyebrow curiously.

"Back to Ponyville! We're going to the Dark Assembly!" Twilight grinned.

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