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Turn down your lights. (If there's an alicorn available.)

In the not too distant future  
Up in Equestrian space,  
Twilight Sparkle and her friends  
Are stuck in a nasty place.

Sent up there by the new Nightmare Moon  
An evil mare trying to rule the world soon,  
So she got the drop on the Mane Six  
And put them into one helluva fix.

[Nightmare Moon]  
I'll send them cheesy movies  
And the worst fics I can find, (La la la)  
I'll make them view them all  
Until I break their minds! (La la la)

Now keep in mind Twilight can't control  
Where these things begin or end, (La la la)  
She'll try to keep her sanity  
With some help from her friends...

EoH roll call:  
Applejack! (What the buck?)  
Fluttershy! (... Yay.)  
Pinkie Pie! (Party time!)  
Rainbow Dash! (I'm awesome!)  
Raaarity! (Fabulous!)

If you're wondering how they eat and breathe  
And other science facts, (La la la)  
Just remember: it's just a show  
You should really just relax...

For Mystery Equestria Theater 3000! (Twang!)

[The bridge. Twilight Sparkle is absorbed in an odd bit of tech she's  
levitating in front of her, prodding every so often with a hoof.  
Pinkie Pie pops up right in front of the camera from below.]

Pinkie Pie: Oh, hi everypony! I'm Pinkie Pie and welcome to the  
Satellite of...

[Pinkie pauses, scratches her head, and then turns to Twilight.]

Pinkie Pie: Twilight, what are we calling this place?

[Twilight Sparkle doesn't even look up from the object.]

Twilight Sparkle: What do you mean?

Pinkie Pie: You know, what are we calling the satellite? So everypony knows where we're at!

Twilight Sparkle: I really don't want to...

[Twilight stops poking at the object and turns to Pinkie.]

Twilight Sparkle: ... Pinkie, what do you mean 'everypony'?

Pinkie Pie: Oh, just everypony watching. Or reading. Maybe it's both! Can you do both at once? Well, if we were subtitled you could. It's better than a bad dub job.

[Pinkie rears back onto her hind legs and starts posing sentai style.]

Pinkie Pie: We must \*huh\* defeat Nightmare Moon and fight \*huh\* for our freedom of oppression! Whoouuuuaaaaaayyaaaaaaa!

Twilight Sparkle: No Pinkie, I mean how can you be talking to anypony? You're talking to a wall.

Pinkie Pie: Yeah, the fourth wall. Duh.

[Pinkie turns back to the camera and gives it a 'Sorry, she's kinda new at this' look. Twilight just sighs.]

Twilight Sparkle: Anyway, I don't want to give a name to this place because I don't plan on us staying here for long. If I can't get us out of here by magic, then I'm going to figure out how to use the... what did Nightmare Moon call it... Oh, the technology on board to get us out of here.

Pinkie Pie: Sooooo, you're going to hit buttons until something works?

Twilight Sparkle: Not quite. I would love to do careful study and experimentation under a more controlled environment, but time is of the essence.

Pinkie Pie: ... Button hitting.

Twilight Sparkle: No. I just have to combine study and experimentation while leaving it plugged in. It's not really dang~

[Twilight pokes it one more time and the object sends out a zap, electrocuting her.]

Twilight Sparkle: ... Okay, that's not it.

[Commercial sign starts flashing.]

Pinkie Pie: Speaking of button hitting, we'll be right back.

[MET3k logo. Another zap is heard before it fades out.]

[Battleship, the Movie! Followed by next year's hit: Boggle! Please watch them... Please?]

[The Fluttershy, Pinkie Pie, and Applejack can be seen on the bridge now. Their attention is drawn off screen.]

Fluttershy: ... How long has Twilight being doing this?

[There's a noticeable sounding zap from off screen, followed by a growl of frustration from Twilight.]

Applejack: Twenty-three.

Pinkie Pie: Hmmm... About the past five minutes now.

Fluttershy: Will she be alright?

Applejack: Seeing on how much Twi has probably zapped herself with...

[Another off screen zap, and another growl that's noticeably more agitated than before.]

Applejack: ... Twenty-four; magic spells over the years, she should be used to it.

Fluttershy: Still, some many shocks over such a short time can't be healthy... And I'm certain that with Rarity and Rainbow Dash placing bets on how many times she'll do it isn't helping.

[The camera pulls back to see Rarity and Rainbow Dash at the far end of the console. There's a pile of bits between the two.]

Rainbow Dash: Come on Twilight! Two more times! You can do it! Try the green and blue wires next!

Rarity: My dear Rainbow Dash, you seem to have forgotten Twilight's need for perfection. She will stop after the next zap.

Rainbow Dash: No, if I took Twilight's perfectionism into account I would've placed my bet at 'Until she gets it right or kills herself.'

[As if on cue, there's another zap and Twilight Sparkle lets loose a scream of utter frustration. The object comes shooting across the screen, encased in purple magic until it hits the wall and shatters. Twilight then stomps into view, slightly smoking. She sits down right behind the console with a 'harrumph' and crosses her front hooves.]

Twilight Sparkle: Buck technology.

Rarity: ... Well, there's only one thing to say. Twenty-five. Pay up Dash.

[As Rainbow Dash pushes the bits towards Rarity, grumbling all the way, the lab light starts flashing.]

Rarity: Oh, and look. The terror that flaps in the night is calling.

\*The Lab\*

Nightmare Moon: Ah, justice bucks. How are we today?

\*Satellite\*

Twilight Sparkle: Kiss. My. Flank.

\*The Lab\*

Nightmare Moon: Somepony's pissy. Well, join the club. Apparently whenever you start a new company in Equestria, no matter if it a snack shop, a tile factory or an evil lab dedicated to taking over the planet, you have to make sure your employees are trained in life saving techniques. Needless to say, training the lackeys has been a bit taxing.

[The camera pans over to light blue unicorn with a dark red mane in a nurse's uniform. Her cutie mark of a heart with a normal green EKG heartbeat line over it. Standing next to her is Snails, and both are over a CPR dummy.]

Nurse Steady Pulse: Okay Snails, when you do chest compressions you have to maintain a constant rhythm and pressure. Too little and it does nothing, too much and you could be doing more harm than good.

[Snails starts to do chest compressions on the dummy, with a decent amount of accuracy. After ten pumps, he stops.]

Snails: How's that?

Nurse Steady Pulse: Very good, I think you got it! Now Snips, how are you... do...

[The camera pans over to Snips who's having a grand ol' time lip locked with the CPR dummy, complete with an odd murmur of satisfaction coming from the stubby little unicorn. Nurse Steady Pulse as a look of pure what the fuck, while Snails is laughing like crazy. The camera pans back to Nightmare Moon, where her face is a mix of bewilderment and disgust. It turns into an angry sneer quite quickly as her horn begins to glow. Off screen there come a THOOM, followed by a yelp from Snips and a noticeable thud. Nightmare Moon turns back to the camera.]

Nightmare Moon: Well, while I'm trying to scrub that image from my mind, you six have another fantastic voyage through the world of Griffy with this week fic: The Swarm Strike. Snips! ... Oh, wait. Snails!

[The camera pans back over to Snails and Nurse Steady Pulse standing over an unconscious Snips. Snails has a hoof against Snips' neck.]

Nurse Steady Pulse: That right Snails, check his pulse, but be careful around his head and neck. He could have trauma and the wrong move could be the difference between walking or not.

Snails: I'm not going to have to kiss him, am I?

Nurse Steady Pulse: ... No, I think he's had enough of that.

[The camera pans back to Nightmare Moon.]

Nightmare Moon: Ugh, have to do everything myself. Suck on it girls. Suck it long, suck it hard.

\*Satellite\*

Applejack: C'mon Twilight. Just keep at it, you'll figure it out.

Rainbow Dash: But next time, try the blue and green wires.

Applejack: Dash!

[The lights and klaxon start going off.]

Applejack: It's going to have to be later anyway. We got fanfic sign!

(Door 7: The heavy steel door with the Nightmare Moon logo on it.  
It wheels to one side.)

(Door 6: The top of a cardboard box. It pops open easily.

(Door 5: Clouds. They part like a curtain.)

(Door 4: Tom the Boulder! Rarity quickly shoves him out of the way.)

(Door 3: Princess Celestia's locker. A replica of her horn is inserted  
into the hole, and it opens with a slightly noticeable moan.)

(Door 2: The Ponyville Library door. First only the top opens, then  
closes. The bottom then follows suit. Then it swings the wrong way.  
Finally, it opens the right way.)

(Door 1: The safe. It unlocks and swings open.)

[Seated from left to right: Fluttershy, Twilight Sparkle, Rarity,  
Applejack, Rainbow Dash, and Pinkie Pie.]

Twilight Sparkle: You guys were betting on how many times I would  
shock myself?

Rarity: It was that or how far you would launch whatever you were  
screwing with.

Twilight Sparkle: ... I want half.

> The Swarms Strike

Rainbow Dash: I can combo into that easy.

> By Wesdaaman

Pinkie Pie: A name that will go down in non-infamy.

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> Chapter 1: Griffy and Spike are Bored

Twilight Sparkle: Riveting title.

Rarity: Rarity and Fluttershy are annoyed.

Applejack: Applejack and Twilight Sparkle are pestered.

Rainbow Dash: Rainbow Dash and Pinkie Pie are sleepy.

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> Griffy was just strolling along through Ponyville on his way to his

> part time job at the spa as a janitor.

Rarity: Remember kids: You too can get a glorious job removing globs  
of hair from a pipe with your hands!

> When he arrived, the twins who ran the place (Lotus and Aloe))

> immediately greeted him with happiness.

Fluttershy: Doesn't that come after the massage?

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> "Why so happy girls?", he asked the two female Earth Ponies.

Rainbow Dash: And here... we... go!

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> "We are just so excited that you had part in saving the world those

> dreadful monster Ants", said Lotus.

Applejack: Picnics all over were saved.

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> "Do you mind telling us how it went?", asked Aloe.

Rainbow Dash: We mind!

Twilight Sparkle: We don't have a choice in the matter.

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> "A story eh?", replied Griffy with a smile, "Well then have a seat

> and let tell you how it all happened"

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> Lotus and Aloe sat down and Griffy got into a chair and began.

Rarity: Welcome to Mastercrap Theater.

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> It was just an ordinary summer night, me and Spike were just bored,

> hanging out next to my Tree. We could'nt see our female Pony

> friends because they were having a girls-only slumber party at  
> Twilight and Spike's place.

Twilight Sparkle: No boys because they have cooties.

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> "I'm bored", complained Spike.  
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> "Ditto", I replied.

Rainbow Dash: Ladies and Gentlecolts: A Beavis and Butt-head  
moment of the fic. Don't worry, there'll be more.

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> "Why don't we just prank the girls Griffy?", suggested Spike.  
>  
> "BRILLIANT!", I exclaimed,

Pinkie Pie: ... Meh, doesn't work without the cigar and mustache.

> "Let's freak out some females!"

Applejack: Iggity biggity boo, someone's spanking it just to you.

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> Chapter 2: Acceptance

Rarity: [Griffy] My name's Griffy and I'm... a mary sue.  
Rest: Hi Griffy!

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> At first, me and Spike thought we should look at my big book of  
> party pranks,

Fluttershy: Written by Ken Kesey.

> but we decided against it.

Twilight Sparkle: [Spike] As the number one assistant to Ponyville's  
head librarian I can say that books ain't shit.

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> First we tried the knock-on-the-door-and-run-away trick, but we  
> failed miserably, for we had never done it before.

Applejack: Kept asking ponies if they caught Prince Albert when they

answered.

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> Twilight answered the door to find me and Spike standing there,  
> trying to figure out what comes next after you knock.

Rainbow Dash: Knock on the door and run away. Real difficult directions there.

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> "You boys obviously don't know how to do this prank, do you?", she  
> said.

Pinkie Pie: [Twilight] Okay. First you need to go down to the garage and ask Grease Monkey for a left-handed wrench...

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> Spike and I nodded in agreement.

Rarity: You can hear the rattle.

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> "You need to run away and hide after you knock", Twilight  
> explained.

Rainbow Dash: Preferably far, far away.

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> "Oh", me and the Dragon chick said in response.

Flutterhsy: Twilight? Did Spike grow boobs?

Twilight Sparkle: Unless somepony hacked #63 into the world, then no.

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> After that rather embarrassing mess-up,

Rarity: One of many.

> me and Spike decided that we should indeed follow that book  
> for instructions.

Twilight Sparkle: Chapter One: LOL n00b.

Rainbow Dash: For Ding Dong Ditch, turn to page 35. Page 35: You've been trolled, you've been trolled, you've probably been told...

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> After reading it, we were practically the pranks lords: prank  
> calling our female friends, leaving gag hay at the door, you name  
> it!

Rainbow Dash: Plastic Wrap around the door?

Applejack: [Griffy] I got tangled in the tape.

Rarity: Shaving cream in the sleeping pony's hoof?

Applejack: [Griffy] I can't grow any facial hair.

Pinkie Pie: Change every single clock in Ponyville so everypony  
thinks that they're late?

Applejack: [Griffy] Trying to... [Normal] ... Wait, that was you?!

Pinkie Pie: ... eh-heh...

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Applejack: [Adam] Next on Mythbusters: Can Xs save this fic?

Rainbow Dash: [Jamie] If not, we'll use C4.

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> Pretty soon, we got bored and snuck through one of the windows of  
> the "Book Tree", as sometimes like to call it,

Fluttershy: Breaking and entering: Only legal when you're bored.

Twilight Sparkle: Okay, who is Sometimes and why can't he say library?

> and started to get some snacks from the fridge. That's when the  
> six girls caught us and did not look very happy with our pranks  
> from earlier.

Applejack: Let's tar and feather them.

Rarity: With Griffy we're halfway there!

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> "Let us punish these two hooligans by giving them makeovers",  
> suggested Rarity in a somewhat sinister fashion.

Rarity: I may not be able to get rid of it, but I'll try to hide  
Griffy's ego as best as I can!

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> Spike and I got frightened and tried to zoom out the window we came  
> through but got telekinized into the library by Twilight's magic.

Rainbow Dash: Get over here!

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> "Now why in the hay are ya'll torturin' us", asked Applejack.

Pinkie Pie: [Griffy] Because I want to take over Equestria!

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> "We're just bored", said Spike in a depressed fashion.

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> "We've got nothing to do because you girls wouldn't invite us to  
> your slumber party", I added.

Fluttershy: [Griffy] Peeping on you would be loads easier if we  
were inside the room.

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> "Aaaawwww", the ponies said in response as if we were being both  
> serious and "cute".

Twilight Sparkle: And the views of girls in the Griffyverse come  
shining on through.

Rainbow Dash: The poor little guys think we don't care for them.

Pinkie Pie: ... So wet willies first or right to Indian burns?

Rainbow Dash: I think we're gonna have to jump straight to swirlies  
for this one.

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> "You know what", said Twilight, "You boys can join. After all,  
> there's nothing in the book that boys can't join a slumber party".

Rarity: Save for the fact it's a \*girls-only\* slumber party.

Twilight Sparkle: Actually, it's right on the first page, in a big  
bold font. It's even in the Clop Notes.

Pinkie Pie: He probably has one of those revised editions from Texas.

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> So the 8 of us were then having fun all night long,

Rainbow Dash: Sleep is for the weak!

> but I did remind them that they would need our help some day, even  
> though they are the representatives of the Elements of Harmony.

Fluttershy: [Griffy] I will go drop off your Red Box stuff for you.

Twilight Sparkle: Subtle foreshadowing!

Applejack: Subtle as what? A brick to the face?

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> Chapter 3: The Awakening

Pinkie Pie: I have risen... and I hunger!

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> The next day, me and Spike joined Rarity on yet another gem hunt to  
> make the fancy suits for another upcoming concert performed by the  
> Pony of Pop herself, Sapphire Shores!

Rarity: Just something to help offset the bottle caps, griffin feathers  
and manticores teeth that make up the rest of the outfit.

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> Now, another reason why I was assisting Spike and Rarity seek out  
> gems in the rocky hills outside of Ponyville (but this time, out of  
> Diamond Dog territory),

Applejack: [Griffy] I had to make sure they didn't run across those  
shallow graves.

> was so that I could "protect" Rarity from Spike's romantic  
> infatuation with her.

Twilight Sparkle: Anypony else find that just a little creepy?  
Fluttershy: ... A little?

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> After a few more gem finds, Rarity gave both me and Spike rewards  
> for being so loyal on this job thing.

Rarity: [Griffy] Is this a tugboat?

> She gave me both a Rose and an Earthworm to eat and gave Spike one  
> of the gems to eat. I quickly got into action as soon as Spike was  
> staring at Rarity and imagining her sweet-talking him.

Rainbow Dash: Never mind that Rarity uses that to her advantage  
whenever she can.

Rarity: I do not!

Rest: ...

Rarity: ... Not really that often?

Rest: ...

Rarity: ... I try to limit it to once every three days.

> I got out the baseball bat I had brought for this very reason and  
> (while Rarity had her back turned for a second)

Applejack: He took aim and swung for the fences.

> gave Spike a huge bonk on his scaley crested noggin.

Twilight Sparkle: Giving Spike a grade 3b concussion and a cerebral hemorrhage. He died, painfully, four days later.

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> "Geez Griffy!", complained Spike, "Why do you keep doing that to me?"

Fluttershy: [Griffy] I like it rough.

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> "Because you and Rarity are two totally different Creatures!", I explained in rough fashion.

Pinkie Pie: [Spike] So are you! Why aren't you slapping the crap out of yourself?

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> "Now boys!", Rarity said butting in, "There is no need to battle physically over some male thing"

Rainbow Dash: [Rarity] That's what FPSs are for!

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> Spike and I just rolled our eyes and continued with Rarity on our gem hunt.

Applejack: They called it a hunt. The cops called it a heist.

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> Just a little further on, we came to what appeared to be an abandoned cave in the ground that was blocked by many medium-sized boulders.

Twilight Sparkle: Better hurry. It'll be dark soon and you don't have enough candles to keep the Creepers away.

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> "Looks like this cave hasn't been used in ages", I commented.

Rarity: That or the maid's been lacking.

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> "Well this deep cavern does look like a perfect place for gems to  
> be hiding", suggested Rarity.

Pinkie Pie: [Rarity] But what does this 13 mean?

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> So the 3 of us managed to remove the boulders aside with Rarity's  
> telekinesis spell and proceeded into the dark tunnel.

Fluttershy: In the back way.

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> After 20 or 23 more meters into the underground cavern,

Twilight Sparkle: What are they doing?

Applejack: Spelunking.

Pinkie Pie: They have pills for that.

> we came across a huge Insect nest-like chamber. The enormous  
> chamber had a tiny bit of lighting to it from myserious green  
> steam rising up from the floor.

Rainbow Dash: Views from inside a bong.

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> "Look at this guys!", said Spike, pointing to a strange carving of  
> a message on the cave wall that read, "Beware the Swarm, Wake one  
> and you Wake them All".

Applejack: [Spike] Also 'OMG posting in a sticky.'

Twilight Sparkle: And not to three sad onions.

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> "Seems like a warning you guys", I said while shaking with fear.

Fluttershy: Oh, what gave you that idea?

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> "It seems like we are in danger", added Spike.

Pinkie Pie: The Danger Cave?

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> "Sounds more like an old mare's tale", said Rarity.

Twilight Sparkle: [Rarity] I mean, who is this Hellstrom character

anyway?

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> "Are you serious?", Spike asked, "We might be putting our lives at  
> risk"

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> "I don't really believe in most old legends", replied Rarity,

Applejack: [Rarity] Though I have defeated two different old legends  
myself.

> "And you two should not really believe them either"

Twilight Sparkle: [Spike] I've seen a being made up of different  
animals change Equestria to suit his whims. Then Discord came after  
Griffy moved to that tree.

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> We looked curiously at the strange 1 meter-wide dome like objects  
> on the side of the cave wall, there must have been at least  
> hundreds of these things.

Pinkie Pie: Oh, that's where Tom's spare heads are!

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> Suddenly, as Spike took a closer look at one of the 1 meter-wide  
> dome things; he noticed that inside it was the coiled up body of  
> what looked like an enormous Arthropod.

Applejack: [Spike] Okay, where do you stick the quarter in to get  
it out?

> Then Spike did one of the worst things possible,

Fluttershy: Voted Santorum.

> tap on the dome thing;

Rainbow Dash: [Spike] Dude, it's awesome when I do this at the  
pet store!

> causing the Beast inside to wake up and burst free out of its  
> dome thing!

Rarity: Wouldn't get that sleeping at a Holiday Inn.

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> The three of us were terrified as the thing landed on the floor

> just 20 feet away from us and started to uncoil itself.

All: (singing) Then it walked down stairs, alone or in pairs and made a slinkity sound!

> We couldn't see it clearly (due to the cave being mostly dark),

Applejack: So let's BS it instead.

> but we could tell it looked like an Ant walking on two of its six  
> legs and standing at a height of 10 feet when on those two legs. It  
> also was carrying four swords, 1 sword per hand.

Rarity: But does it make julienne fries?

> It then turned around and stared at us with its glowing red eyes in  
> a menacing stare.

Rainbow Dash: Behold, optic blast!

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> All of a sudden, more huge Ant things started bursting out of their  
> little "wall domes".

Applejack: Just like bubble wrap. Once you start...

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> Me, Spike and Rarity all freaked out and started to make for the  
> exit, which would be the only way we got in here.

Pinkie Pie: Exit, stage left even!

Rarity: ... The canary's dead.

Applejack: Out of the hole!

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> It was as if we had awoken something evil from an ancient past. And  
> you know what, We did!

Twilight Sparkle: But later we found out it was just misunderstood  
and more like a slight annoyance.

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> Chapter 4: Arrival of the Antmen

Rainbow Dash: Do they backhand wasps too?

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> By the time Spike, Rarity and I had gotten back to Ponyville, We  
> decided to not tell anypony about what we saw in that underground  
> lair.

Applejack: You just woke up hundreds of ants that are the size of  
a small house and you think it won't be a problem?

Rarity: And this coming from someone who wound up smarter than  
Twilight in the last fic?

Fluttershy: The magics, they wear off.

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> "Perhaps we had seen what we shouldn't have seen", I hypothesized.

Pinkie Pie: But once seen it cannot be unseen!

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> "We should obviously keep this our little secret now boys", Rarity  
> said.

Rainbow Dash: Oh, somepony's got the dumb.

Applejack: [Rarity] Let's invest in Enron!

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> "Now I'll never get to sleep", complained Spike all shaken up with  
> fear.

Twilight Sparkle: Don't worry. If Griffy keeps smacking you, you'll  
eventually wind up comatose.

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> Later that night, it was time for the Sapphire Shores concert. We  
> all excited as heck for this show, including me!

Fluttershy: [Griffy] Hit the mosh pit, scored some weed, and some  
chick flashed me in Section G!

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> Just 3 minutes after the show ended, Lyra and Bon-Bon ran out of  
> nowhere in panic.

Rarity: [Lyra] They're charging 25 bits for a t-shirt!

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> "They're coming for us!", they cried in terror.  
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> "What in the hay are ya'll talkin' 'bout?", asked Applejack.

Applejack: [Bon-Bon] Westboro!

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> All Bon-Bon and Lyra could do was stammer what they had seen, "Big!

> Scary! Bugs! Ants! Swords! Hundreds! Run! Hide!"

Twilight Sparkle: Can't! Get! Beyond! One! Word! Sentences!

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> "Do you two have Entomophobia or something?", asked Twilight.

Pinkie Pie: I welcome our new ant overlords...

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> "No!", exclaimed the two, "Huge Ant things are attacking! They're

> coming for us all!"

All: (singing) The ants are coming for us! Let them live, let them  
live...

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> That's when me, Rarity and Spike suddenly looked at each other in a  
> very worried fashion, realizing those Monster Ants had already  
> emerged to the surface.

Fluttershy: [Rarity] Don't worry, we're well beyond the statute of  
limitations.

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> Chapter 5: The Antman History

Twilight Sparkle: Next on Discovery.

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> Pretty soon (the next morning specifically), there were those huge  
> Ant things everywhere in Equestria, causing trouble to all Pony  
> civilization. In fact Ponies were the only things these monstrous  
> Bugs were attacking.

Rarity: [Griffy] But that left the stores free and clear. First in  
line for everything!

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> Twilight, Rainbow, Pinkie, Fluttershy and Applejack confronted

> Spike, Rarity and I for they discovered that we somehow knew of  
> these Creature's existence.

Applejack: That freaking huge parade the antmen were throwing in  
their honor was a good indication.

> We explained how we encountered their nest and everything and that  
> it was really our fault that they were awake and rampaging  
> everywhere.

Rainbow Dash: [Rarity] ... It was Spike's fault! Completely and utterly!  
Pinkie Pie: [Griffy] He had to tap on the glass like an idiot!

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> "Well, it looks like we may have to report all this to Princess  
> Celestia", said Twilight.

Twilight Sparkle: Dear Princess Celestia, Today I learned that my  
friends are dumbasses.

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> Once the 8 of us were in Canterlot, we asked both Celestia and Luna  
> together on what those Creatures were, where did they originally  
> come from and what were they wanting with murdering Ponies.

Applejack: Getting rid of them? Not a priority.

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> The two regal sisters then revealed a tale to us.

Rainbow Dash: Four score and seven damns ago...  
Twilight Sparkle: A year passed: winter changed into spring, spring  
changed into summer, summer changed back into winter, and winter  
gave spring and summer a miss and went straight on into autumn...  
until one day...

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> Hundreds or thousands of years ago,

Rarity: We're not quite sure. Just go with it.

> Celestia and Luna's ancestors wanted to create a better way of law  
> and order across Equestria.

Rainbow Dash: There was a dome. Two ponies enter, one pony leaves.  
Pinkie Pie: Get Lennie Briscoe. JOB DONE.

> So to do this, they used some of they're magic on Carpenter Ants,  
> which caused those Insects two grow into those large and menacing  
> Creatures with swords.

Twilight Sparkle: [Celestia] We thought this was a good idea. We  
were young and dumb back then.

> They were then given the name "Antmen" (combining the two words  
> "Ant" and "Human" (which are extinct savage Apes)

Pinkie Pie: A planet where man evolved from apes?

> together). They even made two leaders of the Antmen  
> who were these 40 foot tall Ant Queens who were named as the  
> Mega-Ant twin sisters (Caron and Gooyok).

Applejack: Four story tall ants, no pony cared.

Rarity: [Caron] We are your gods now! Bring us your virgins!

> The Antmen were then living in ever Pony nation, being the  
> enforcers of the law, chasing after lawbreakers and either  
> thorwing them into a cell or just simply eating them.

Twilight Sparkle: Justice, Joe Don Baker style!

Rainbow Dash: In the criminal justice system, the ponies are  
represented by two separate yet equally important groups: the  
Antmen, who investigate crime; and the Antmen, who eat the  
offenders. These are their stories.

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> After a while, the Antmen were being forced to do more and more law  
> enforcement and they could not take it anymore,

Fluttershy: They fought the law, and the law lost.

> so they just all snapped under so much pressure and started to  
> destroy anything that was a Pony and made by a Pony.

Applejack: So they're the Manehattan PD?

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> Luckily, Celestia and Luna's ancestors used the power of the six  
> Elements of Harmony to defeat the Mega-Ant sisters, as well as the  
> rest of the Antmen, but it wasn't strong enough.

Pinkie Pie: They needed Industrial Strength Elements of Harmony.

> So that's when those ancestors of Celestia and Luna summoned the  
> great power of the seventh Element of Harmony, which was the spirit  
> of Unity!

Rarity: Unfortunately the Spirit of Unity jumped on their furniture  
with its boots on.

Rainbow Dash: Buck your couch donkey! Buck your couch!

> And with that, the Antmen and their leaders were imprisoned from  
> for all eternity underground in a chamber-like nest that Celestia  
> and Luna's ancestors created.

Twilight Sparkle: That had easy access.

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> Just after the whole world was happy about the Antmen defeated,

Applejack: [world] Mmmmm, Bitchin' man.

> Celestia and Luna's ancestors did not let the 7th element stay with  
> the other six, no,

Fluttershy: It got voted off.

> they either hid it away from all or they just simply destroyed it,  
> it's truthfully unknown.

Pinkie Pie: [Luna] We invented bookkeeping before writing. That's  
our bad.

> But one thing is for sure, they did try there best to erase any  
> evidence of this element's existence from history and the future.

Twilight Sparkle: Equestria's first government cover-up.

Rainbow Dash: And they just told us about it. We're going to get  
taken away by the black ponies, aren't we?

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> Or so they believed they had erased record of it.

Applejack: Until the royal sisters spilled their guts about it just  
now.

Fluttershy: [Luna] Sister? Were we not told to never regale the  
Antman story to any pony for all time?

Rainbow Dash: [Celestia] ..... FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF-

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>  
> "Whoa! Epic!", said Spike after the story was finished.

All: (Singing) Can you feel it, hear it, see it today? If you can  
then it doesn't matter anyway.

>  
> "Awesome!", said Rainbow Dash.  
>  
> "Sweet!" I said.  
>  
> Everyone else just gaped in amazement

Twilight Sparkle: If you were just told to you have the magical  
equivalent of a Broken Arrow, wouldn't you too?

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> "All you all have to do is search any evidence of this 7th  
> element", said Luna.

Applejack: [Luna] Any evidence that we had destroyed long ago...  
whoops.

>  
> "And remember", added Celestia, "We must not let it fall into Antman  
> hands or else all is lost.

Rainbow Dash: [Celestia] We're going to sit on our omnipotent flanks  
while you do that.

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> Chapter 6: The Search is On

Rarity: For Equestria's next top idol.

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> And so we split up into four teams of two: Twilight and Rarity,  
> Applejack and Pinkie, Rainbow and Spike, Me and Fluttershy.

Fluttershy: I take it I drew the short straw?

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> Our Mission Objective:

Pinkie Pie: {Humming the Mission: Impossible theme}

> Find more evidence of the 7th Element of Harmony, Unity.

Rainbow Dash: Ah, darkness! Now the tables have turned...

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> The two Unicorn Ponies (Twilight and Rarity) searched in the rocky  
> hills,

Fluttershy: Watch out for snakes.

> the two Earth Ponies (Pinkie and AJ) searched near Canterlot,  
> Rainbow and Spike searched the EverFree Forest's Great Swamp and  
> Fluttershy and I searched

Twilight Sparkle: The library to find a clue in an ancient text?

> at the ancient temple in the EverFree Forest of which the Elements  
> of Harmony used to reside.

Twilight Sparkle: Awwww.

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> Of course, as we all searched, Antman squads kept on attacking us,  
> trying to only kill the Ponies, of course, and not me nor Spike.

Rarity: Why not send out just Griffy and Spike then?

Twilight Sparkle: Logic? In this fic?

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> With me and Fluttershy, we found out a whole lot of info on the  
> Element's past.

Pinkie Pie: ElementsOfHarmony.wikia.com

> That's when it occurred to me, why couldn't I have been one of the  
> harborers for the Elements's spirits.

Rainbow Dash: Well, it'll take a minute to put the list into  
alphabetical order.

> Of course, Fluttershy tried to cheer me up with friendly love.

Fluttershy: Anything more and it costs ya.

>  
> "You know", I said, "I'm not the only one to have wanted to be a  
> representative of the Element's spirits"

Rarity: The down payment is a pain though.

>  
> "You're not?", responded Fluttershy in amazement that I wasn't the  
> only wisher.

Rainbow Dash: There's thousands upon thousands of OCs that want it  
one too.

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> "Spike also wishes he could have been one of the hosts of those  
> spirits", said.

Twilight Sparkle: [Griffy] Head spinning, spitting up pea soup.  
That's what it means, right?

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> "Aaaww, that's both sweet and sad at the same time Griffy", said  
> Fluttershy in a trying-to-cheer-me-up voice.

Applejack: [Fluttershy] That's right, feed him horse apples and  
he'll do anything you say...

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> That's when we found a yellow tablet hidden inside the main  
> structure of the temple.

Fluttershy: [Griffy] Dude, an upper! Score!

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> "This could be some evidence on the whereabouts of the 7th Element  
> of Harmony!", I cried

Rarity: [Griffy, reading] You have been pre-approved for a platinum  
Equestria Express...

>  
> "Oh, how wonderful!", Fluttershy replied gleefully.  
>  
> Of course, neither of us could decipher its text.  
>  
> "Man", I said, "Haven't seen this form of alphabet"

Pinkie Pie: Must be wingdings.

>  
> "Me neither", added Fluttershy, "Better find the others and tell  
> them that we have possible evidence on the Element of Unity"

Rainbow Dash: Enjoy yourself bitches, we'll have a celebration.

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> To Be Continued  
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> Chapter 7: Answers Revealed

Twilight Sparkle: It's C.

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> Pretty soon, the eight of us were heading back to Canterlot with  
> the maraculous tablet me and Fluttershy discovered.

Rairty: The iPad 4.

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> "Look out!", cried Spike as a small squad of Antmen charged out of  
> the underbrush, swaying their swords around and making these  
> wierd-sounding calls (sounding a lot like a combination of a Screech  
> Owl screech and a Domestic Cat hiss).

Rainbow Dash: Great. White trash Antmen.

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> "Brace yourselves!", cried Twilight as the Ponies activated their  
> inner power from the Elements of Harmony's spirits and got  
> sweet-looking armor.

All: (singing) Go go Power Rangers!

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> As the girls battled those giant Bugs, me and Spike just sat on a  
> boulder.

Applejack: [Spike] You got it! We can tell from here!

> We both new

Rarity: Yeah, don't want to ruin that finish before the paint cures.

> that the Antmen only attack and murder Horses, so that's why we

> just kicked back on that boulder.

Applejack: Yeah, sit back and do nothing to something all because  
it won't retaliate because you're not a pony... wat?

Pinkie Pie: Logic, why you no in story?

> Another reason why me and the Dragon chick (another word for a  
> Dragon hatchling) sat there was because we had no spirits of  
> harmony residing in our bodies,

Rainbow Dash: Just these cans of Black Flag.

> so thus we both were sad and jealous; watching our Equine friends  
> kick some Bug butt.

Twilight Sparkle: Pitchfork? Shovel? A Celestia-damned rock? ANYTHING  
HELPS.

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> "I sure wish I could have been a chosen host for those Element's  
> spirits", Spike moaned.  
>  
> "Same here pal", I replied in a moan as well.

Rainbow Dash: {singing} Crawling in my skin, these wounds they will  
not heal.

Rarity: Aww, don't cry emo griffin. Mostly because we don't want to  
hear it.

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> After that quick fight, the girls deactivated their powers and asked  
> us to proceed to Canterlot with them.

Fluttershy: ... Wait, did we fight something?

Pinkie Pie: Dragon Ball Z went over their monthly allotment of fight  
scene time so they borrowed some from us.

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> As soon as we arrived at the palace throne room, the two princesses  
> tried their best to translate it's ancient text and in the end were  
> stunned to find out what it said.

Twilight Sparkle: Can I has cheezburger?

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> "This a very elaborate translation", said Celestia.

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> "But we made the best we could of its ancient text", added Luna.

Applejack: And Bablefish.

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> "Well?", we all asked desperately, realizing that the Antmen were  
> still at large.  
>  
> "It reads that the 7th Element was indeed destroyed", they said to  
> us, which followed with us slack-jawed.  
>  
> "But its spirit still survived", Celestia said,

Pinkie Pie: It knows how to love, it's got its life to live and love  
to give.

> whith us making sighs of relief.

Rarity: The Pepto Bismol kicked in.

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> "This tablet is apparently the only evidence left of the Spirit of  
> Unity and it will, according to this here tablet, shall return",  
> Luna said.

Fluttershy: It's a true Hollywood story.

>  
> "Well then!", appointed Rarity, "We should all prepare for this  
> Element's arrival. Are my mane and tail fashioned right? Because I  
> want to look good on arrival parties"

Applejack: [Rarity] I'll need to change for when the period gets here!

>  
> "Anything's pretty and beautiful always on you", said Spike.  
>  
> "Quit it!", I demmaned, bonking him on the head.

Rarity: Giving Spike a cerebral contusion. He died, painfully, several  
hours later.

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> "Oh calm down Griffy", Fluttershy said to me sweetly.  
>  
> "No no no",

All: (singing) Nobody can do the Boogaloo like I do.

> said the two royal sisters, "The Spirit of Unity must be found"

Rainbow Dash: Before it's imprinted on somepony's forehead.

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> "Hhhmmmm...it's obviously residing in one of us", Twilight said.

Pinkie Pie: Oh crap. Chest Burster! CHEST BURSTER!

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> "Is it in me? Is it in me? Is it in me?", exclaimed Pinkie as she  
> jumped in place.

Fluttershy: [Molestia] No, but give me a minute...

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> "No, you already represent the Spirit of Laughter", said Rainbow.

Twilight Sparkle: [Pinkie Pie] Yeah, but I can take on more clients.

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Pinkie Pie: This part of the fic has been censored by SOPA.

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> "Maybe it is inside me!", said a rather familiar voice.

Applejack: [voice] Any got some oat bran? It's kinda stuck in there.

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> It was Prince Blueblood, Celestia and Luna's nephew, who just  
> happened to walk into the room and looking very narsasistic.

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> "Oh dear!", complained Rarity, "Not him again! The one who ruined  
> what was supposed to be the best night of my life!"

Twilight Sparkle: [Rarity] I set my standards low.

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> "Don't forget he ruined it fer me too!", added Applejack.

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> "I don't think so buddy!", I said, swooping over to him and gave  
> him THE STARE.

Fluttershy: But it was a Care Bear stare.

>  
> "Good gosh!", cried Blueblood, "A Creature who is obviously the  
> result of being a circus freak! Get out of my handsome face of  
> royalty you obvious carnival peasant"

Twilight Sparkle: [french] Now go away before I taunt you a second time.

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> That's when I freaked out at him (for calling me a circus freak!)  
> and attacked him.

Rainbow Dash: Was it a psychedelic freakout?  
Applejack: So you freaked from being called a freak.  
Rarity: Thus making Blueblood right.

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> To Be Continued  
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> Chapter 8: The Wonderbolts

Rainbow Dash: Will not save this story.

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> As I was physically battling Blueblood for calling me both a circus  
> freak and a carnival peasant,

Fluttershy: Sticks and stones shall break my bones, but words will turn this into fight club.

> we tumbled right out of the throne room and down the stairs. We  
> were all stopped at that very moment by none other than the  
> Wonderbolts.  
>  
> "Break it up!", said Spitfire as they all separated us.

Rainbow Dash: [vaguely Irish] Both of you are comin' downtown with us.

>  
> "He called me a circus freak and a carnival peasant!", I yelled.

Rarity: [Spitfire] ... Yeah, so what did he do wrong then?

>  
> "By the way", I asked, "What are you guys doing here?"

Applejack: [Griffy] Here, have a derail so I don't have to explain

what happened.

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> "Well, you see", said Soarin', "Everypony in Cloudsdale, including  
> us the Wonderbolts, thought we would be safe from the Antmen up in  
> the clouds since they really can't seem to fly or jump high.

Pinkie Pie: Ten feet tall and they can't dunk.

Fluttershy: [Soarin'] We would watch upon high like gods while you  
lowly earth-bound ponies were annihilated.

> But as it turns out, they have a tiny bit of magic powers in their  
> brains,

Rarity: The kind that had them taking the short bus.

> so they used those powers to make some enormous rocks and hills  
> fly.

Twilight Sparkle: ... Rock flying?

Pinkie Pie: Rock flying Twilight. Rock flying.

> So the Antmen rode those floating boulders and hills up to  
> Cloudsdale, and what came next? PANDAMONIUM! CHAOS!"

Rainbow Dash: Rocks flew, everypony died.

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> "We had no choice...", said Spitfire, "...but to evacuate to the  
> ground and in this case, we, the Wonderbolts, decided to stay in  
> Canterlot.

Twilight Sparkle: [Spitfire] We used the general population as bait  
to save the more important ponies.

> But of course, we had to ask permission from Celestia and Luna  
> first and we stumbled across you two, a Pygmy Griffin and Unicorn  
> Pony fighting each other because of society insults"

Rarity: [Blueblood] Welfare recipient.

Fluttershy: [Griffy] 1%er

Rarity: [Blueblood] Plebeian.

Fluttershy: [Griffy] ... Republican.

Rarity: [Blueblood] Oh that's it!

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> Me and my seven friends got ready for our departure of Canterlot  
> and go on our quest/search for the seventh Element of Harmony, the  
> Spirit of Unity.

Applejack: First we must smoke the "stickiest of the icky."

>  
> That's when we bumped into the Wonderbolts again, this time,  
> however, without their uniform suits on.

Fluttershy: Bow-chica-bow-wow

> Upon seeing their true faces, Rainbow Dash got excited as heck.

Rainbow Dash: That's the only problem with wingboners: You can't  
hide them.

>  
> "Oh my gosh! Oh my gosh! Oh my gosh!", she exclaimed with  
> excitement.

Twilight Sparkle: Somepony get the leak kit. Rainbow's goshing all  
over the place.

>  
> "We just wanted to wish you all good luck", said Spitfire.  
>  
> "Yeah", said Soarin', "Oh and by the way, there is something I need  
> to tell one of you ladies, I've always found one of you EXTREMELY  
> ATTRACTIVE"

Pinkie Pie: Oh, somepony's socially inept.

>  
> And with that the six girls got all blush-faced and giggled.

Rarity: [ditzy] Remember girls, you're nothing but walking fleshbags  
of feelings tee-heee... [normal] Oh Celestia, that left a nasty  
taste in my mouth.

>  
> "Oh brother", me and Spike mumbled to ourselves.  
>  
> Soarin' then (with a blushing face) walked up to Rainbow and kissed  
> her.

Pinkie Pie: [Soarin'] Taste like Skittles.

> As a result, Rainbow's face went incredibly red and she shot  
> into the air and made a rainbow trail in the shape of a heart and  
> finally feel to the ground all love-struck by Soarin'.

Applejack: Love! It makes ponies skywrite.

>  
> "Well, didn't see that one coming", I said.  
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> The PWNies

Rainbow Dash: More leet speak? Definitely hitting our stride now.

> then told me and Spike that it would be best if we stay back in  
> Canterlot and wait for them to return victoriously.

Rarity: [Twilight] We might need you for cannon fodder later on.

> Spike and I were unhappy with this, since we had no Harmony  
> powers like our six Pony friends.  
>  
> The last one we watched go was Rainbow, who was all drunken with  
> love for Soarin'.

Pinkie Pie: Mmmmm boy, that's good Soarin'.

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[There's a 'thunk-chunk' sound and the ship shakes a bit.]

Fluttershy: What was that?

Twilight Sparkle: I don't know, but we better check it out.

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[Klaxon are going off, and the girls are running about trying to figure  
out what is going on.]

Rainbow Dash: Does any pony know what's going on?

Twilight Sparkle: It felt like we hit something. Or something hit us.  
Dammit, we need to get a view of the outer hull of the ship.

Pinkie Pie: Oh, I know! Try this one!

[Pinkie points to a button on the console. Twilight peers at it for a moment.]

Twilight Sparkle: Rocket Number Nine? I suppose it couldn't hurt.

[The exterior of the ship comes up on the view screen. Attached to the side of the satellite is what looks like an ant farm with rockets on it.]

Twilight Sparkle: What in the...

Fluttershy: I think we're being boarded.

[And almost on cue, a group of Antmen storm the bridge. One steps forward, obviously important because instead of four swords, he's carrying a sword and a shield.]

Antman: We are the Antmen, and we now control this ship!

Rainbow Dash: Oh buck. What are you guys going to do? Eat us?

Antman: Oh no, we don't do things like that anymore. Not only is it barbaric, it's highly unhealthy. I mean the white one is almost completely made up of sugary fluff.

Rarity: Hey!

Pinkie Pie: It's not so bad if you pretend she's chocolate.

Rarity: HEY!

Twilight Sparkle: What are you going to do then?

Antman: Oh, we're just going to chew through all your important wiring onboard, thus crashing all vital systems and sending you all to a fiery death.

Rarity: So... Start panicking?

[Applejack slowly saunters in, her hat drawn low.]

Applejack: There's no need to. After so many years on the farm I've learned just how to deal with varmints just like this. Ah just got one thing to say...

[Applejack tip her hat up with a hoof, and one can clearly see she has a spray can in it.]

Applejack: Bitches, I've got some Raid!

[The Antmen look at Applejack, then the cans, then back at Applejack.]

Antman: We're suddenly open to rational and fair discussions?

[Applejack slowly shakes her head no.]

Antman: ... We're boned?

[Applejack slowly nods yes.]

Antman: Well then... We'll just be...

[Twilight Sparkle notices something on the screen and hits the button for Rocket Number Nine again. The exterior is seen again, and the Antmen's ship can be seen pulling away from the satellite. The scene changes back to the bridge where the antmen have matching looks of utter shock on their faces.]

Antman: Oh \*balls.\* RUN AWAY!

[The Antmen bolt from the bridge, with Applejack right after them. The others watch in odd curiosity and abject horror at the carnage that can be heard taking place off-screen. The commercial sign begins to flash.]

Pinkie Pie: We'll be right back.

[MET3K logo. The screams of the Antmen and overzealous hollering from Applejack continued to be heard.]

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