**HEROES FOR ONE ADVENTURE: Part 1**

Fall of the Mane 6

**Twilight’s Castle: Ponyville**

Twilight Sparkle was sitting at her desk in the library in her castle catching up on her studies while Spike and **~~Owlicious~~** Owlowiscious were cleaning the shelves and looking over some of the books and records that Twilight hadn’t used in a while. I would suggest breaking this opening sentence up into several smaller ones. This is to both avoid creating a run-on sentence and also to expand the moment, adding more life to the scene.

“Twilight, I was wondering. (I would add “Spike asked” here instead of at the end of the paragraph. That way, the reader doesn’t have to wait to learn who’s speaking.) You and the others have been fighting evil and saving Equestria for nearly 6 years now. Aren’t you and the other 5 beginning to feel a little bit worn out all of this?” Spike asked.

“What makes you think that, Spike?” Twilight responded, looking up from her book.

“I don’t know, maybe it’s just that maybe some ponies might feel as though **they**would like a chance to be heroes like you. I’m not saying that they’re jealous of you or anything, but let’s face it, you’re not going to be around forever, and chances are you’re going to need somepony to carry the Element of Magic in your absence. Right?” Spike answered.

Twilight turned to Spike and said: “You know Spike, I never thought about that. But that is something to ponder. Ever since coming to Ponyville and joining up with the others, everypony has been having to rely on us to save Equestria. But it’s not like we really have a choice in the matter, either. We’re heroes **not** because we **want**to be, we’re heroes because the Elements of Harmony **chose**us to represent them. But we do know other ponies who do exhibit the very elements that we represent, and the elements could have chosen **any**6 ponies to represent them and defend Equestria. But in the end those responsibilities were placed in the hooves of Fluttershy, Pinkie Pie, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and myself.”

Spike questioned: “But Twilight, what if something were to happen to anypony in which they can’t be able to defend Equestria?”

This question made Twilight nervous. She didn’t want to imagine what would happen if she or any of her friends were put in a position in which they wouldn’t be able to defend the ponies of Equestria from the forces of evil.

She finally answered looking at the time: “I’d rather not think about that, Spike. Besides, I’m set to meet with Starlight Glimmer for her next friendship lesson really soon so we’ll discuss this later.”

“Alright, Twilight. But do you still suppose other ponies might have a chance to become heroes?” Spike asked.

“You just never know when the opportunity comes,” **~~ended Twilight~~** Twilight concluded before exiting out the door into the hall.

At the other end of the hall, there was a shadow on the wall of a pony that, for some strange reason, was not there.  **~~The shadow illuminated evil glowing green eyes and hissed in a distorted tone:~~** Suggested edit: Luminous, green eyes watched with keen interest, a disembodied voice hissing, “Oh, Princess Twilight Sparkle. You’re about to find out sooner than you think!**HAHAHAHAHAHAAAA!!!!!!” I never personally thought that laughter counted as dialogue. Instead of “HAHAHAHAHAHAAAA!!!!”, I’d simply turn it into an action, such as “The voice cackled as the shadow slowly dissipated.**

**Sugarcube Corner: Same time**

Pinkie Pie was baking in the kitchen of Sugarcube Corner. She was super excited because, well when is she not super excited… At the moment, I would consider this opening a little bit weak. What is she baking? How is she baking? Also, it’s always safe to assume that Pinkie is excited, so a more unique idea would be to describe her expression.

“Well, there have been times when I wasn’t super-duper excited, like when my hair deflates and I’m sad, or when I feel my friends don’t want to play with me or when Pound and Pumpkin misbehave or when smiles seem wrong or…”

Cut to the chase Pinkie. What are you super-duper excited about today?

“There’s some new **fantastic** additions to the menu of **SUGARCUBE CORNER!!!!!!!!!!** This time, we’ll be including donuts, éclairs and mousse!!!! I recently contacted Donut Joe, Gustave le Grand and Mulia Mild and we all agreed to share some of our recipes with each other.”

That way everypony in Ponyville can enjoy any fantastic treats here at Sugarcube Corner! And as soon as I perfect the recipes I’m going to throw a Donuts, Éclairs and Mousse Party! A DEM party! **WEEEEEEEEEEE!!!!!!!!!!!!** By the way I received a letter in the mail from Cheese Sandwich today. He says that he’s doing fantastic as a party pony in a way that only I could be proud of. He also asks if It’s ever possible that he could be a hero and save Equestria just like me someday. What should I tell him?” I feel that this paragraph and the last one could be merged.

Tell him that anything’s possible and that he’ll never know when the opportunity arrives. By the way do you and Cheese Sandwich have a “thing” for one another by chance?

“I’m not entirely sure, but I do get a little blush when he’s brought up at any point. But it’s your story after all so do whatever you please.”

I’ll take that as a yes then, okay?

“Okey Dokey Lokey!” “grin” Not sure why you chose to go with “grin” instead of “Pinkie grins.”

Anyway back to the story. While Pinkie was practicing her craft at the new treats, the same pony shadow with no owner peered from outside the door of the kitchen and ~~it’s~~ its eyes glowed an evil green.

**Canterlot Carousel: Same time**

Rarity was making another fabulous dress for the boutique. Sassy Saddles trotted in the back room to tell Rarity about the sales they’ve made. Same with the other opening paragraphs, I feel some elaboration could take place.

“Everypony loves the dresses and they’re all excited for the new fall line that you’re planning on making soon.”

Rarity **~~responded smiling:~~** smiled in response. “That’s fantastic Sassy, I’m so proud of how well you have handled the Canterlot Carousel.”

“It’s thanks to you Rarity, that I have grown to fully understand what generosity is all about, and I want to give so much for everypony. And yet. I somehow get this feeling that maybe I could do more.” Sassy said.

Rarity asked: “What do you mean, Darling?”

Sassy answered: “I mean you and your friends also become heroes to all of Equestria, and I was wondering if there’d ever be a chance for me to do something as wonderful as that.”

Rarity chuckled: “Oh, Sassy. Strangely though, **~~Minuet~~** Minuette asked me something like that just yesterday on my lunch break and I told her this as well. There are certain little things you can do to become a hero to somepony. Even I never really had any desires to become a hero to Equestria. It just so happened that Twilight, the others and myself were **chosen** to represent the elements. But don’t think that it means that you or anypony else won’t have a chance to do something close to as great. Just be patient is all.”

Sassy smiled and said: “Okay. Thanks Rarity, I gotta go back out, I heard some customers enter. Talk to you later.”

Sassy went back out into the store, but for some reason there was nopony in the boutique that wasn’t in there before she went in the back to talk to Rarity. Everypony who was in there were the same ponies she had helped before. Sassy just shrugged it off and stood by just in case.

Little did she know however there was a new presence in the Canterlot Carousel, it was the same pony shadow with no owner and glowing green evil eyes hiding on a wall behind a rack of dresses.

**Fluttershy’s Cottage: Same time**

Fluttershy was in the kitchen of her cottage, making lunch for all of her animal friends. She had just finished making her last dish before she took it out with the rest **~~of the dishes~~** (redundant) to the back of the cottage where **~~the animal friends~~** they (it is obvious enough to assume who Fluttershy is bringing the dishes to. Using the full name when you specified the indirect object in the last sentence just sounds redundant.) were waiting. She laid down the dishes and said sweetly, “Alright everyone, lunch is ready.” All the animals came up and started chowing down on their food. Just then she heard somepony out by her mailbox and went to check to see who it was.

Derpy was out in front of the cottage to place the mail into the mailbox when Fluttershy came out and greeted her.

“Oh. Hello Derpy. Do you have any mail for me today?” Fluttershy asked.

“I sure do, Fluttershy.” She said as she stuck her head into the mailbag and pulled out a letter for her.

Fluttershy took the letter and thanked Derpy **~~for the letter~~** (also redundant) before she began to head back to the cottage. However Derpy wasn’t finished yet.

“Hey, Fluttershy. I’ve kind of had something I wanted to talk to you about for some time.”

“Oh. What is it, Derpy?” Fluttershy asked.

“Well, ever since you became the Element of Kindness, I’ve always admired you for how you are with the animals, and I myself have looked up to you and the other 5 for how you have saved Equestria so many times. I, like you, have a tendency to care for others despite not being perfect. Do you think I have what it takes to be like you?” Derpy asked.

Fluttershy smiled and said: “Funny thing is I was asked a similar question by Cheerilee yesterday when I saw her in the market after school, and I was asked that in a letter that you delivered to me from my brother Zephyr Breeze last week. Derpy, I’ve seen how **~~much~~** considerate and caring you are with other ponies, especially the fillies and colts, and as long as you truly care for the well-being of other ponies and make them feel loved and appreciated. I’m sure that as long as you show a considerable amount of compassion that will make them become better ponies in the long run, ponies will know that even though you may have challenges with yourself, ~~you’re~~ your heart is most certainly in the right place, and that is what ponies will want to know you for.”

“Gee. Thanks Fluttershy. Do you think that Cheerilee and Zephyr also have what it takes?” Derpy asked.

Fluttershy laughed and said: “Well, Cheerilee is the schoolteacher here in Ponyville after all, so it’s her job to care about the fillies and colts in her class, and she’s a very good one at that. Zephyr on the other hand has been doing great as in the hairstyling field and he’s treating his customers nicely, and he’s been less and less of a dependent on my parents in the past few months, but I feel he’s got a while to go before other ponies say that he’s one of the kindest pegasi in Cloudsdale.”

Derpy smiled and responded before flying off to the next address on her route: “Okay. Thanks, Fluttershy. I’ll see you tomorrow.”

Fluttershy went back into her cottage and opened up the letter she received. It was from Big Macintosh asking her out on a date for Friday night. She and Big Mac had gotten to be close friends ever since she officially joined the Ponytones, and eventually a romance began to blossom. Fluttershy really liked Big Mac for his quiet, easy going, yet hard working persona, and he in turn liked her for her kindness towards others. Fluttershy put down the letter and sighed happily.

“I’ll write him back later tonight. Right now I’d better check to see if the animals are done with their lunch.”

Back outside, the animals were almost finished with their meals, however amongst the animals was the same shadow without an owner laying on the ground, and it tilted its head up and it’s eyes began to glow green. (Run-on sentence, suggest breaking it up)

**Wonderbolts Academy: Same time.**

Rainbow Dash and the rest of the Wonderbolts had just finished practicing one of their routines and were taking a lunch break. Rainbow Dash met up with her fellow Wonderbolts: Soarin’, Fleetfoot, High Winds, and Misty Fly in the mess hall and sat with them at one of the lunch tables.

Soarin’ said: “Hey Rainbow Dash, you’ve really gotten better at working **with** the rest of the team as opposed to being a showoff.” (For most of the following dialogue, while it’s good not to make your reader wait to find out who’s talking at the moment, I would still put it after the first sentence. Otherwise, it because repetitive.)

Fleetfoot agreed: “Yeah, Dash. We’re so proud of how well you have progressed as a part of the team.”

High Winds replied: “Yeah. We Wonderbolts always look out for each other.”

Misty Fly concluded: “You should know about that after all.”

Rainbow Dash smiled: “Thanks, guys. You’re all awesome as well. You know, it’s funny that you bring up the subject of Loyalty. Since as you pointed out, the Wonderbolts are all about loyalty. Which makes me wonder if it’s possible that other ponies might have been chosen to represent this element? Spitfire last night prior to curfew asked me about the possibilities of any one of the representatives of the elements falling and somepony else having to carry the banner for that element, just as they do with flag bearers in war.”

Soarin’ asked: “What did you tell her?”

Rainbow Dash answered: “I said ‘We’ll just have to wait and see what happens’ and then I went to bed.”

Fleetfoot said: “Yeah. Who knows, the opportunity to carry an element could happen at any time.”

Rainbow Dash laughed: “I wouldn’t go **~~holding my breath for it waiting for that chance to arrive~~**.” (Holding one’s breath and waiting are synonymous. I’d choose one to avoid more redundancy.)

As Rainbow Dash and her fellow Wonderbolts continued to talk and mingle, at the other end of the mess hall sat the shadow pony with no owner and the evil green eyes glaring at Rainbow Dash’s team. (Run-on sentence)

**Sweet Apple Acres: Same time**

Applejack was out doing her daily apple-bucking rounds when she came across Big Macintosh who was doing **~~his rounds~~** the same thing (if both characters in a sentence are doing the same thing, it’s more correct to apply the action to both at the same time instead of one at a time.). **~~When she came across him~~** (You mentioned that in the last sentence, you don’t need to mention it again.) he looked rather glum. At first she didn’t quite acknowledge it, but she could clearly tell that something was troubling him so she went up to him and asked: “Big Mac, is there somethin’ wrong. Ah can tell ‘cause ah know that look on yer face. ”

Big Mac answered: “Applejack. I was thinking about that conversation we had as soon as you got back from Manehatten.”

Applejack nodded and said: “Ya mean the one we had in which ya felt as though ah’m gettin’ all the love and attention (from Apple Bloom especially) because ah became the hero of the family.” (This may just be my own personal opinion, but parentheses in dialogue typically have a more furtive use, like when someone is mumbling under their breath. This could work for comedic effect, but at the same time, it sounds a little out of character for Applejack to hide something like that from her brother, of all ponies.

Big Mac said: “Eeyup.”

Applejack sighed and said: “Truth is, Big Mac, ah never **wanted**nor **asked**to be the hero of the family. Ah never asked for any of the glory and attention that came with that status. Ah didn’t CHOOSE to represent the Element of Honesty. The only reason ah became the hero of the Apple Family is because the element chose ME to represent it during the return of Nightmare Moon. Same goes for Twilight, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, Fluttershy and Pinkie Pie and their respective elements. The 6 of us go out there and defend Equestria because it’s our**duty** to do so. It ain’t only that, but ALL of the heroic acts ah do are to benefit you, Apple Bloom, Granny Smith, the rest of the Apple Family, Ponyville, and all of Equestria. Besides, ah for one ain’t one to flaunt mah success or brag about it at anypony. None of us are.”

Big Mac nodded and joked: “Well, except for maybe Rainbow Dash.”

Applejack chuckled and said: “You’re right about that, Sugarcube. But we always keep her in line. But the point is the reason the 6 of us are the heroes of Equestria ain’t because we **want**to be, but because we **have** to be.”

Big Mac nodded and said: “I guess that make sense now. But don’t the pressures of the responsibilities of protecting all of Equestria get to you at times and make you wish that somepony else could carry the banner for honesty?”

Applejack thought and said: “Yep, It’s tough bein’ the heroes, but the safety and wellbein’ of everypony makes it all the more rewarding. However, that don’t mean there are times that ah wish we didn’t have the **~~bourdon~~** burden of havin’ the weight of Equestria on our backs. Chances are there are there are ponies who are just as honest, if not more so than mahself. But ah wouldn’t keep mah hooves crossed for the moment when that opportunity does arrive. Ya just never know, Big Mac. Besides ya got plenty of good qualities. I mean you are very skilled at Mathematics. Some of the darn best test scores in all Ponyville.”

Big Mac smiled: “Eeyup.”

Applejack continued: “Also, yer Turkey Gala contest title, which ya regained this year after ya lost it in a rather controversial fashion.”

Big Mac smiled proudly and said: “Eeyup! How well did Pinkie Pie take her losing the title?”

Applejack chuckled again and said: “Well, she certainly didn’t like it. Ah saw her make a pouty face when ya were awarded back the metal. But after a few days she was just as cheerful as before. Plus ever since the Sisterhooves Social, even though ya didn’t walk away with the blue ribbon, ya got something more valuable. You and Apple Bloom have been closer than before.”

Big Mac said: “Eeyup. I guess she also learned to give just as much time for me as she does for you and not to show favoritism towards one or the other.”

Applejack said with a tear rolling down her cheek: “That’s exactly what mama and papa wanted for us to do. But anyway you’re also a member of the Ponytones along with Rarity and Fluttershy.” (That tear kinda came out of nowhere. It’s also my opinion that this is out of character, both because “Applejack cries on the inside” and also that she would be the least likely pony in the entire immediate Apple family to cry at the thought of her parents. She works hard to support the family that she has left, and I’d think that she has the strength to keep herself focused on the things that are of importance in the present.)

Applejack’s face turned smug as she continued: “By the way, How’s the relationship between you and Fluttershy goin’?”

Big Mac answered: “Great. I just sent a letter asking her for a date on Friday night. She’s such a great mare.”

Applejack agreed: “Ah know, she is mah friend after all as well as the Element of Kindness so ah ain’t  gonna debate yer taste in mares. Fluttershy’s a keeper if ya ask me.”

Big Mac smiled: “She sure is. Oh and just to let you know, Apple Bloom said that she’s planning on going out for ice cream later tonight with that dancing colt she became friends with. I think his name is Tender Taps or something.”

Applejack responded: “Alright, but she ain’t stayin’ out past nine. She’s got school tomorrow. We’ll tell ‘er that once we get finished applebuckin’ for the day. I’ll see ya back at the barn. OK?”

Big Mac responded simply: “Eeyup.”

As Applejack and Big Macintosh went in separate directions, watching from the wall of the barn was that very same pony shadow with glowing evil eyes. (This is probably just my opinion, but I felt that your portrayal of Big Mac was a little out of character. His most noticeable trait has always been his laconic style of speaking, and if he were ever asked a question that wasn’t as simple as “Eeyup” or “Nope”, he’d keep the words to an absolute minimum. His answers would probably cryptic and barely give any sort of minor detail, but he at least gave an answer.)

**Unknown Location**

Two silhouetted figures are looking into a cauldron showing the 6 shadows from before. One of them was a large bulky male unicorn wearing what appeared to be a crown, robe and knights armor. His eyes also glowed an evil green. The other was what appeared to be a female alicorn with tattered wings, holes in her tail, legs and horn and a small crown on her head. Her eyes also glowed an evil green. (By this point, your description makes it painfully obvious who they are. Either cut down on the description so that there’s barely a hint of who it could be, or go all the way.)

The female spoke in a distorted voice: “My minions are now in place, what happens now?

The male spoke in a gravelly distorted voice: “Wait until each of them are alone and then they fall into the trap. I have fed each of them a potion that enhances all of their abilities so that this phase of the plan will not fail.”

The female agreed: “Yes. But just to be extra sure that they don’t suspect anything, they’ll use their specialty. It’s what we do best after all."

The male responded: “Excellent, let’s watch."

**All 6 locations at the same time ~~(A/N: The scenes will be jumping around based on the Mane 6 member since they’re all in different locations.)~~ (A better idea would be to simply have cuts in between the scenes, such as a horizontal line or three, centered asterisks.)**

Twilight peered around the corner of the hallway and was frightened by the sudden appearance of Starlight Glimmer. Twilight staggered back for a bit before regaining her composure.

Starlight asked in a sarcastic tone: “Oh, I’m sorry. Did I startle you?”

Twilight answered: “That’s okay, Starlight. I was looking for you anyway. Let’s head downstairs for our friendship lesson.”

Pinkie Pie was still baking her new treats when she heard the little bell to the door indicating a customer. She looked and it was none other than her favorite stoic sister Maud.

Pinkie squealed with delight and hugged Maud and said “Maud. It’s so great to see you! But you didn’t write me saying you were coming to Ponyville!”

Maud stated in her usual bored like tone: “I wanted to surprise you.”

Pinkie responded: “Well this is a superly-duperly (For any “Pinkie-ism”, I’d put a hyphen between the two words as they build off of each other.) WONDERFUL surprise!

Maud asked: “Is there anypony else home?”

Pinkie answered: “Nope. Carrot and Cup Cake took Pound and Pumpkin for a stroll in the park. What do you say we go into the living room and have a wonderful time catching up!”

Rarity was just leaving the Canterlot Carousel when she opened the door and was shocked to find Coco Pummel waiting there for her.

Coco said putting on a relatively fake smile: “Hello, Rarity.”

Rarity responded: “Coco Pummel. What are you doing here in Canterlot?”

Coco hesitated and said: “I’m… here on vacation. Yeah, that’s it.”

Rarity said: “Okay. Well I was on my way to lunch. Would you like to join me?”

Coco answered with a devious look on her face: “Absolutely. Let’s head to someplace a little out of sight from the public, It’s more peaceful and quiet.”

Rarity responded: “Sure, there’s a restaurant hidden behind the street of where the other restaurants are located.”

Fluttershy had just collected the plates from the animals after they finished their lunch when she turned around and suddenly saw her grizzly bear friend standing in the living room.

Fluttershy gasped: “Oh! Next time knock before you enter.”

The bear just nodded with a menacing glare in his eyes.

Fluttershy invited: “Why don’t you come in to the living room for some tea.”

Rainbow Dash was heading back to the barracks to relax for an hour before getting back to the routines when she opened the door to all of a sudden find Soarin’ standing behind the door.

Soarin’ said with a small hint of falseness in his voice: “Oh, I’m sorry, did I startle you. I was looking for something and can’t seem to find it anywhere. Could you please help me find it? I think it may have rolled under one of the beds.”

Rainbow Dash answered before entering: “Sure thing.”

Applejack was bucking the apple trees near the barn when she turned around the corner and suddenly her cousin Braeburn appeared right in front of her and caught Applejack off guard.

Braeburn greeted in a slightly devious tone: “Howdy, coz’.”

Applejack excitedly responded: “Braeburn! Ya didn’t tell me you were comin’!”

Braeburn answered: “Ah wanted to surprise you. What do ya say we head into the barn to catch up on things?”

Applejack responded: “Sure. Ah guess ah could a little break.”

(Just wanted to stop here and say that I disagree with your choice to make it blatantly obvious to all that these ponies are not who they seem. Dramatic irony exists, and most anyone would be able to put two and two together in order to realize that these familiar side characters appearing unannounced are disguised changelings. There’s no need to make it any more obvious by having them act or say things in a suspicious manner. By that point, I’m wondering how the characters themselves aren’t questioning the suspicious way their friends are acting.)

As soon as each of the Mane 6 had made it to their intended locations with their backs turned, the female silhouetted figure ordered:**“NOW!” (I would rewrite this paragraph so that you can avoid the trap of “Tell, don’t show.” How did each of the Mane Six end up at their intended location with their backs turned? What were the surroundings like? For example, how busy was the restaurant Rarity and “Coco” went to?)**

Suddenly each of the respective companions delivered a powerful strike to each of the Mane 6 in the back of their necks. The forces of the blows caused each of them to fall flat on their faces, **~~accept~~** except Starlight and Coco each grabbed Twilight and Rarity and rammed their heads into a bookcase and lamppost respectively.

“CRACK!”

Twilight and Rarity had been rammed horn first when they were thrown and as a result, their horns bent back and they fell on their backs, holding their foreheads and screaming in pain. Starlight used her magic and turned Twilight on her back and held Twilight’s wings, while the bear and Soarin each grabbed a hold of Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash’s wings respectively.

“DOUBLE CRACK!” (Not sure if this is supposed to be dialogue or not, but the way you’ve written it, it appears to be. If you’re going to write an onomatopoeia, then simply write it outside of quotation marks, with or without punctuation, with or without all caps, and with italics and/or bold.)

Starlight, the bear and Soarin each pulled backwards and snapped both the wings of Twilight, Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash respectively who each screamed in pain as they lay on their fronts while Soarin and Braeburn grabbed Rainbow Dash’s and Applejack’s hind legs respectively and flipped over them to the front.

“DOUBLE CRACK!”

Soarin and Braeburn each pulled on both of Rainbow Dash’s and Applejacks legs as they landed in front. Rainbow and AJ screamed in pain as they held their hind legs. Braeburn then rolled Applejack on her front and jumped up and stomped all four legs right on Applejack’s back.

**“CRACK!”**

Applejack just screamed in pain as she lay there like a sitting duck.

Meanwhile Maud had stood over Pinkie from behind and turned around and stomped on Pinkie’s back hooves with her hind legs.

“DOUBLE CRACK!”

Pinkie screamed in pain with tears in her eyes as Maud walked up in front of her, turned her back and did the same to Pinkie’s front hooves.

“DOUBLE CRACK!”

Pinkie screamed again and ~~let the ocular gushers loose~~. (I’d consider that last half of the sentence to be a little cringe-worthy and would suggest either rewriting or removing it.)

As each of the Mane 6 looked up from the ground at their attackers, they **~~(the attackers)~~** each gave a menacing grin as they looked down at the battered Mane 6.

Pinkie Pie was the first to catch on before the others however and shouted: “HEY! YOU’RE NOT MAUD!!!”

The other Mane 5’s attackers suddenly had their eyes glowing an evil green. Then the other Mane 5 had caught on to something and shouted: “HEY! YOU’RE NOT STARLIGHT/THE BEAR/BRAEBURN/SOARIN/COCO PUMMEL!!!!”

All 6 attackers transformed back into Changelings before whole teams of Changelings appeared and surrounded each of the Mane 6. **~~Twilight and Rarity got up and tried to use their magic but wound up falling back down while holding their horns in pain. It turns out that their horns were broken, which was horrible on two fronts. Not only is a broken horn on a unicorn just like any broken bone in any body, it also means that a unicorn can’t perform any magic. Twilight, Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash got up and tried to fly but fell back down to the ground again in pain for the Changelings in disguise had broken each of their wings, which means they can’t fly. Rainbow Dash tried to get up but fell back down, while Applejack could only raise her head and front legs for her back and hers and Rainbow Dash’s back legs were injured. Pinkie Pie got up and tried to bounce away but could only bounce once before crashing down again, for she had come to realize that all four of her hooves were broken by the Changeling disguised as her sister.~~** (It’s been established in the past couple pages that the Mane 6 have been completely crippled and incapacitated. While it is safe to assume that they’d try and struggle, most of this paragraph adds nothing new. Rarity and Twilight can’t use magic because their horns are broken; Twilight, Fluttershy, and Rainbow can’t fly because their wings are broken; and all six can’t walk because their legs are broken. This isn’t something that needs to be elaborated.)

Each of the Mane 6 had come to the horrible realization that **~~they’ve got~~** they had no chance against the Changelings in the conditions that they were now in.

Suddenly, the Changeling armies pounced on each of the Mane 6 and began pounding on them mercilessly. As soon as the smoke cleared, the Mane 6 were each restrained tightly in the grasps of at least 5 Changelings. (This is just a style choice, but I disagree with your use of common cartoon tropes in a scene as serious as this one. The Mane Six have just had all of their legs, horns, and wings broken in a very graphic manner, and I don’t see the stretch involved in describing how the changelings restrained them.)

Suddenly the 6 Changelings who posed as the Mane 6’s friends walked up to the ponies and stated: “You’re coming with us by orders of our Queen Chrysalis and King Sombra.”

The 6 Changelings then gave a major blow to the back of the heads of each of the Mane 6 who each fell to the ground unconscious. The Changelings then lifted and carried each of the fallen Mane 6 members into the sky before the last ones each created scrolls with their horns and stuck them to the door of Twilight’s personal study, the door to Fluttershy’s cottage, the door to the kitchen of Sugarcube Corner, the wall outside the barn of Sweet Apple Acres, on Rainbow Dash’s bunk in the barracks, and the door to Canterlot Carousel.

Following the attacks, however, a number of ponies had seen the Changeling armies take off into the skies and rushed to the scenes of the attacks. Starlight Glimmer and Spike had arrived at Twilight’s personal study; Spitfire and the rest of the Wonderbolt team checked out the barracks; Big Macintosh and Apple Bloom went to check out the barn; Sassy Saddles, **~~Minuet~~** Minuette and several Canterlot Carousel patrons searched out in front of the store and the street with the restaurants; Cheerilee, Derpy, and the animals looked around the cottage; and Carrot and Cup Cake along with their foals Pound and Pumpkin rushed to Sugarcube corner. (When describing a list of actions by different characters, the proper way to connect yet separate each sentence is via semi-colons.)

Once they got to the locations with the scrolls, they were horrified by what they **~~had~~** read and knew that Princess Celestia had to be informed of this immediately.

Meanwhile, the **~~2~~** two (I would try to avoid writing numerals. Instead, spell them out. It’s less confusing to the eye.) silhouetted figures finally stepped into the light to reveal none other **~~then~~** than King Sombra and Queen Chrysalis.

Queen Chrysalis stated: “Now with Princess Twilight Sparkle and her friends in our captivity…”

King Sombra concluded: “**ALL**OF EQUESTRIA WILL BE AT OUR MERCY!!!!!”

Sombra and Chrysalis stood triumphantly and let out an evil laughter.

**Princess Celestia’s Castle: 2 hours later**

Each of the witnesses along with several other ponies from Ponyville and Canterlot had arrived in the throne room at the palace in Canterlot one hour ago for a meeting with Princesses Celestia, Luna, and **~~Cadence~~** Cadance (You used the correct spelling of the actual word, but the princess’ name is officially misspelled that way for some reason.). Several of the Mane 6’s family members were also present for this meeting for they had been informed by Spike’s letters regarding the news. Night Light, Twilight Velvet, and Shining Armor were there since they lived in Canterlot ~~and since Shining was Captain of the Royal Canterlot Guards~~ (I think anyone who’s watched through to the Season 2 finale knows who Shining Armor is.). The two parents each hugged each other with tears in their eyes while Shining just stood there with Cadence for moral support, hoping that Twilight would be okay. After all, she had come through many times. Why couldn’t she figure out something now?

Rainbow Dash’s parents had flown in from Cloudsdale when they heard the news. Rainbow Blaze and Rainbow Shine were there along with Scootaloo. The mood was more disbelief than sorrowful but nonetheless there was plenty of worry as well. If they knew Rainbow Dash, she would never go down without a fight. They couldn’t believe that Rainbow Dash would fall so easily (The way you wrote this last sentence, it almost seems like Dash’s parents are more disappointed than concerned that their daughter was kidnapped.). Now what was going to happen to her?

In addition to Big Macintosh, Apple Bloom and Granny Smith, several other members of the Apple Family had made the trip to Canterlot, including the **real**Braeburn (Who was still in Appleoosa at the time of the attack and had made no plans to visit Sweet Apple Acres that week) and Babs Seed (Who was visiting Appleoosa at the time). They spoke with each other and offered moral support to ease the tension, however it was apparent that particularly amongst Applejack’s 3 closest relatives it was too strong. Like Rainbow Dash, Applejack is a fighter and was strong enough to handle threats such as this one. They could only hope that she would be able to escape and come home.

Hondo Flanks and Cookie Crumbles along with Sweetie Belle were there for they **~~(the parents)~~** were back in Ponyville from their trips around Equestria. Hondo and Cookie leaned on each other sorrowfully and hugged Sweetie Belle who was crying, scared of what was going to happen to Rarity.

 Mr. and Mrs. Shy along with Zephyr Breeze had arrived along with the Rainbows from Cloudsdale. All 3 hugged each other with tears in their eyes, sobbing quietly as they just hoped that Fluttershy would come home safely. Even Zephyr felt **~~worry~~** worried for his sister and felt forever in her debt for helping him get on the right path to a career.

 Both the Cake and Pie families were present including Carrot and Cup who were cradling Pound and Pumpkin with sad looks on their faces while the foals just cooed quietly as they were too young to understand the magnitude of the threat surrounding the abduction of their babysitter and playmate (Run-on sentence). Whereas Mr. and Mrs. Pie, the **real**Maud (who was on the Rock farm at the time her sister was attacked) Limestone and Marble just bowed their heads. Even though they aren’t as open about it as she is, each of the Pies truly loved Pinkie as much as she loved them. If one was to look closely at Maud’s face, one would notice there was a very tiny tear trickling down her cheek.

Sunset Shimmer was also present at the meeting. She had received word of what had happened while she was having lunch with the other 6 human counterparts to the Mane 6. She had a look of worry on her face and told the others the news and rushed back through the portal at the Canterlot High statue. When she arrived in Equestria, Sunset was nervous about facing Princess Celestia again, but once she came face to face with her former mentor, Celestia had said that she had learned of Sunset’s reformation in the human realm and that all was forgiven. The former student and teacher then embraced tearfully for a full minute. (The sentence before and after this annotation should be one.) Before heading to the throne room where the witnesses and family members were waiting.

Celestia had read the scrolls and what they said:

**PONIES OF EQUESTRIA**

WE HAVE CAPTURED YOUR PRINCESS OF FRIENDSHIP

PRINCESS TWILIGHT SPARKLE AND THE OTHER FIVE

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY!

WITHOUT THEM, YOU WILL BE AT OUR MERCY!

WE WILL GIVE YOU AN ULTIMATUM HOWEVER.

IF CELESTIA AND HER SUBJECTS SURRENDER AND JOIN OUR FORCES,

EVERYPONY IN EQUESTRIA WILL BE SPARED.

SIGNED:

**KING SOMBRA AND QUEEN CHRYSALIS**

**(That ultimatum tells us nothing. What do they mean by “join our forces”? If they’re implying that Equestria accept Sombra and Chrysalis as their rulers, then that could be implied much better in the story.**

Needless to say, Princess Celestia’s heart just sank into her chest when she read this. Ever since she sent Twilight Sparkle to Ponyville to learn about friendship, whenever things looked bleak for the ponies of Equestria, she could always count on Princess Twilight Sparkle and her friends: Rainbow Dash, Applejack, Rarity, Fluttershy and Pinkie Pie to come through for everypony and save the day in the end. Now, with the Mane 6 being made prisoners of 2 of the most powerful evil forces in all of Equestria, it appears as though the lives of **~~all~~** millions of innocents are officially at stake.

Princess Celestia finally spoke: “This is just horrible. Ever since Twilight and her friends had successfully returned you to normal, Luna, I hadn’t had too much fear for the safety of my subjects, until now.”

Luna asked in a frightened tone: “Please, don’t say that we must surrender to Sombra and Chrysalis.”

Celestia answered defiantly: “Sister, you know me better than that. For so many years, Equestria has faced many threats, many dangers, many disasters, and so many times the ponies that we’ve watched over have had their very lives at **~~steak~~** stake. And we will **NEVER** surrender to the forces of evil under any circumstances!!! However I’m not sure of what to do now as Sombra and Chrysalis have taken our wielders (wielders works, but I think bearers is more commonly used in the show and elsewhere.) for the Elements of Harmony.”

However, a cloaked figure amongst the crowd spoke up: “The odds are against you, but no need to yelp, I certainly hope I can be of help. I may be different, but do not fear, Zecora has arrived to help you here.” (Very well written dialogue for Zecora! I know how hard it is to write for her character, so well done!)

The **~~cloaked~~** (redundant) figure removed her cloak to reveal Zecora, the zebra from the Everfree Forest. Some of the ponies were shocked when she revealed herself. However, several others simply greeted her, for they had met her before.

Princess Celestia spoke: “Zecora, I have heard so much about you from Twilight’s letters. Is there a way to protect Equestria, defeat Sombra and Chrysalis and save Twilight and the others?”

Zecora bowed and answered: “Princess, I can only hope, that Equestria’s not at the end of **~~it’s~~** its rope. But if everypony gives me a chance,

Equestria’s safety might enhance. I’ll do some magic of a certain kind, to get the answers you want to find. I’ll need a cauldron to use, to find what will make evil lose. Now for this to work I must insist, on 4 unicorns and a dragon to assist. I need Sunburst and Starlight Glimmer, Trixie, Spike and Sunset Shimmer. If we want to find victory’s key, we must return to my hut in Everfree.”

Sunburst, Starlight, Sunset, Trixie and Spike followed Zecora out of the throne room. (Where did Trixie and Sunburst come from?)

Spike turned around and said: “Princess. We’ll let you know when we come up with a solution. I’ll send a letter.”

Celestia nodded before the **~~6~~** six exited the castle and headed to the Everfree Forest.

**Everfree Forest: 1 hour later**

Once Zecora, Spike and the 4 unicorns returned to Zecora’s hut in the Everfree Forest, they began to get the ingredients that Zecora requested for her spell.

Zecora commanded: “Laughter was represented by Pinkie Pie, so bring me 3 balloons so that I can apply. Kindness was represented by Fluttershy, so bring me the wing of a butterfly. Applejack represented Honesty, bring me an apple from a Sweet Apple Acres tree. Rainbow Dash shows us how to be loyal, so bring me the lightning bolt in a jar of soil. Last. Generosity suited Rarity, so bring me **~~the~~** a diamond of pure clarity.”

The 5 each brought the ingredients Zecora requested and dumped them into the boiling cauldron and surrounded it along with her. (More elaboration could be done here. Show, don’t tell. If you’re not going to include the details of how something came to be, then I’d just cut the scene.)

Zecora commanded: “Spike, **~~breath~~** breathe some fire right into the pot, The rest, fire above a unicorn magic shot.”

Spike blew some fire into the cauldron while Starlight, Sunset, Sunburst, and Trixie each fired a spark from each of their horns at the same time colliding and making a much larger spark levitating above the cauldron. All of a sudden the large spark struck down a large bolt of lightning right into the cauldron which began to glow each of the colors of the rainbow one at a time.

Zecora asked: “Twilight and her friends are now prisoners of evil, how can we bring about their safe retrieval?”

Suddenly the cauldron puffed up a cloud which levitated above the 6 of them and then dissipated.

Zecora spoke: “Now, within the cauldron let us peek, for the answers that we seek.”

All 6 of them looked into the cauldron and saw several images. It showed each of the Mane 6 wearing the Elements of Harmony, then one by one, each of them fainted and disappeared in a poof of smoke while each of the elements continued to levitate above the ground. The Elements each began to circle before landing around the necks and on the head of 6 unidentified ponies. Spike and the unicorns each gasped at the vision.

Spike asked: “So, **that’s**what we need to do?”

Zecora answered: “Spike, send a letter that’s Canterlot bound. Say that an answer has been found. The Elements of Harmony must be assigned, to six new ponies we must find.”

Spike wrote out the letter and blew fire into it, sending it to Princess Celestia.

**Canterlot Castle: 1 hour later**

Princess Celestia stood at her balcony to address the ponies of Canterlot and all of Equestria **~~through a certain method similar to TV and livestreaming that they have in the MLP universe.~~** (I would not suggest breaking the fourth wall, especially in a serious story like this. Not only does it break the immersion and kill any tension that you’ve built, but it’s also very uncreative. I have three suggestions that could easily work in this situation. The first is the “Medieval” method, whereby Celestia is simply addressing a crowd of ponies gathered below the castle, like at the end of the Season Three finale. The second option is “Technological”, where Celestia uses modern technology, such as television, to speak to her nation. The third and final option is “Magical”, and this requires the most creativity. Perhaps Celestia is able to project an illusion of herself into every major Equestrian city? The choice is all up to you!) Princesses Luna and Cadence each stood next to Celestia as she delivered the news.

Princess Celestia spoke with a rather calm look on her face: “Ponies of Equestria, It is with great distress to announce that my beloved student and your Princess of Friendship, Princess Twilight Sparkle, along with her friends and fellow representatives of the Elements of Harmony, Rainbow Dash, Applejack, Rarity, Fluttershy and Pinkie Pie, have been viciously attacked and made prisoners of the joined forces of **~~former Crystal Empire ruler~~** the former ruler of the Crystal Empire, King Sombra, and the Queen of the Changelings, Chrysalis.”

Several ponies across Equestria and in Canterlot gasped and started to panic.

But Celestia continued: “However. Thanks to the help of some friends of Princess Twilight’s, there is a way we can fight Sombra and Chrysalis, and rescue Twilight and her friends. Throughout the years that she has learned and taught about the magic of friendship and its various attributes such as honesty, loyalty, laughter, generosity and kindness, it seems as though the six of them **aren’t**the **only**ponies who can personify those attributes. I have met and have heard of many ponies who personify the elements just as much, if not more so than Twilight and her friends. When I learned of this information myself, I was a little hesitant to go through with it because I’m quite doubtful about certain other ponies being given the daunting and dangerous task of battling the forces of evil and protecting Equestria that Twilight and her friends have the experience and capability of performing. (Run-on sentence) But, it’s either that or surrendering to Sombra and Chrysalis, and since we shall **NEVER** surrender to the forces of evil, I am willing to take this chance.”

The ponies watching were now eager as to what the Princess’s answer to the threat was.

Princess Celestia concluded: “We must find **6 new ponies** to represent each of the Elements of Harmony!”

The crowd gasped at the solution given by the princess.

In conclusion, while there is a lot of promise with this fan fic, it also needs a lot of work. Below are two points that I feel I need to make for you to improve.

First, I feel that your grammar needs a lot of practice. Run-on sentences and redundant passages were all over the place, making the original draft very hard to read. Detail is good, but there is such a thing as too much detail. Make your sentences meaty, but also be sure to trim the fat; Make them short and concise, but with enough detail tell the reader what’s going on. A good technique to use to tell a run-on sentence is to read it out loud. If you’re out of breath by the time you’ve reached the period, then consider breaking it up into two or more smaller sentences.

There were also several cases where you were inconsistent with which tense you wanted to use. Past or present, I’ll leave that decision up to you. While it’s a relatively minor thing that most people gloss over, it’s still a mark of professionalism to use a consistent tense.

Second, I feel more thought needs to be put into the plot. I don’t think it’s a bad idea, but here are a couple questions I found myself asking after reading this first chapter:

* Are those side characters who the Mane Six talked to in the beginning supposed to be the new Elements of Harmony? Aside from what you’ve told us, what have we, and by extension, you, seen that proves that they are the embodiment of their element and were not simply chosen because they happen to be friends with that particular element’s bearer? At this point in time, I’d honestly be more willing to believe that an earth pony farmer living in Dodge Junction is the next Element of Loyalty before Spitfire or any of the Wonderbolts, in fact.
* What are Chrysalis’ and Sombra’s motivations for taking over Equestria, and how do their objectives align? The latter would most likely want the nation intact so that he has something to rule and subjects to enslave, but the former only sees ponies as a food source. How do you plan to reconcile these differences so that the alliance doesn’t eventually fall apart, or is that what you intend to happen later on?

I wish you the best of luck in writing this fic! I know how hard it can be to keep up the motivation to continue to put your time and effort into something like this, but the important part is to have fun with it. Explore your creative side, develop the characters you’ve always felt needed more, tell the story you want to tell.