

Equestria Girls 4 - “Legend of Everfree”

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SUNSET SHIMMER, TWILIGHT SPARKLE, FLUTTERSHY, RAINBOW DASH, RARITY, APPLEJACK, and PINKIE PIE are looking forward to fall break and a week of fun at Camp Gemwell, the upscale campgrounds of the Everfree Forest. Principal Celestia and Vice Principal Luna will be chaperoning. They’re looking forward to it, as they spent many of their own childhood vacations in the Everfree Forest back when it was Camp Equinox. When they arrive, the girls find that students from Crystal Prep, including LEMON ZEST, SOUR SWEET, and SUGARCOAT are there too!

GLORIOSA DAISY, the super helpful and free-spirited girl whose family owns Camp Gemwell greets the campers and cheerfully hands out the bunk assignments. Twilight Sparkle and Sunset Shimmer are in Sapphire cabin, separated from the rest of their friends who all end up in the Emerald cabin. Gloriosa announces that tonight, there will be a big bonfire to welcome everyone to camp. And that means they will be doing the time-honored tradition of telling spooky stories around the campfire. She tells the girls that this will be the last opening bonfire Camp Gemwell will ever have. The camp is up for sale and already has an offer her dad can’t refuse.

Later, on her way to the bonfire, Twilight meets TIMBER SPRUCE, a handsome woodsy guy and Gloriosa’s brother. They hit it off, but FLASH SENTRY, who can’t hide his jealousy, interrupts them. Twilight is confused - she doesn’t know Flash that well. Embarrassed, Flash remembers it was the other Twilight he had a crush on. Fortunately, Sunset Shimmer bails him out and we...

CUT TO: Rarity finishing her spooky story: “And then, the damsel looked down and was horrified to find she was wearing PURPLE SOCKS WITH AN EMERALD DRESS!” GASP! Then it’s Gloriosa Daisy’s turn. She tells the tale of The Lost Camper of Equinox. A long time ago, there was another camp in the Everfree Forest. One night a young camper ventured out into the forest alone. Everyone searched but she was nowhere to be found. They thought she was gone forever when out of blue, she returned. But she wasn’t the same. She ranted and raved about a magical crystal cave. Everyone thought she was crazy so she retreated into the forest and lived a solitary life. Equinox shut down and Gemwell took its place. But legend has it now the lost camper haunts the forest. THUNDER CRASHES! Fluttershy hugs Twilight tightly, then apologizes. Fluttershy: “You know how I get.” Twilight: “Um, not really.” “Right, sorry, other Twilight...”

After the campfire, Flash thanks Sunset for the save earlier and says she’s changed a lot since they dated. Sunset says it’s all thanks to her new friends. Meanwhile, Twilight is walking back to her cabin with Spike and tells him that she’s having a great time at camp but sometimes worries that the other girls are nice to her because they genuinely like her, or because she reminds them of the other Twilight.

The next day, Gloriosa announces the camp activities. It seems like there's something for everyone - baking, crafts, a nature walk, sports, log splitting, etc. Sunset goes on a nature hike with Fluttershy, Pea Cues, and Lemon Tart. Fluttershy says it was so nice of Gloriosa to organize these activities for everyone, but it's clear that Gloriosa hasn't won over Pea Cues and Lemon Tart, who say in any other situation, a girl like her wouldn't be nearly as popular as she is here. They continue on their hike. It's kind of a scary path, but Fluttershy leads the way with the help of her animal friends. Suddenly a root comes out of nowhere and trips them. Fluttershy thinks they just didn't see it but Sunset swears she saw it move. What's more, she saw a shadowy figure leave the scene!

Meanwhile, Twilight is with Rainbow Dash. They're in the middle of a three-legged race in a flower field, which Rainbow Dash is winning because she can go insanely fast. Suddenly, all the flowers in the field open up, releasing pollen into the air. Everyone coughs and sneezes. Twilight sees someone in the forest fleeing the scene!

When everyone regroups, they talk about the weird stuff that happened to them. In addition to the root and flower debacle, the ground shook when Applejack was splitting logs and a cloud of bugs ate Pinkie Pie's cupcakes as soon as they were done. No one can explain it, but everyone says they saw a shadowy figure moments before the weird thing happened. Pinkie Pie gasps - what if it's the Lost Camper of Equinox?! Timber adds fuel to the fire, saying nothing like that has happened before. It's definitely spooky. Gloriosa reassures everyone it's probably just random acts of nature. Sunset and Twilight don't look so sure.

Twilight confides in Spike that she thinks something magical is afoot. What's more, she blames herself. Surely it was the magical rifts she created during the Friendship Games that have something to do with these strange magical happenings now. Meanwhile, Sunset writes those same suspicions in her journal to Twilight, only she believes it's her fault for bringing Twilight's crown through the portal. Unbeknownst to each other, they both come to the conclusion that it's up to them to figure out what's happening -- and neither one of them wants to ruin the camp experience by burdening their friends with their problems.

When Pea Cues and Lemon Tart both go missing, Twilight and Sunset have to kick it into high gear. Twilight makes a tracker and Sunset uses her teleportation powers to look all over the forest for the source of the magic. Meanwhile, the campers blame Pea Cues's and Lemon Tart's disappearance on the Lost Camper of Equinox! Celestia and Luna say that's not possible. They were here when that happened and that camper was fine. She was a little shaken up but she lives in the city now, not the forest. The campers are confused. Then who could it be?

Twilight and Sunset individually track the magic to a cave in the middle of the woods, surprising each other. The cave is full of crystals and geodes. They find Pea Cues and Lemon Tart trapped inside by brambles. While trying to free them, Sunset and Twilight don't see a shadowy figure sneak up behind them! The shadowy figure traps Twilight and Sunset in the cave and reveals herself to be GLORIOSA DAISY!

She explains that she found this cave full of magical geodes and she's been using them to make all this weird stuff happen because she was trying to find a geode that will get her what she wants - friends who will be with her forever. She's tired of making great friends every year who promise they'll stay in touch but never do. She's tired of mean girls like Lemon Tart and Pea Cues and she can't have Twilight and Sunset ruin her plans either. So she's going to trap them here while she surrounds the camp with her magical brambles, keeping her and her new friends safe inside and those who want to steal the camp from her family out. With that, she takes off to set her plan into motion.

Inside the cave, Twilight and Sunset realize they were both doing the same thing, but they didn't confide in each other because they each believed it was their own mess to clean up. Well, they have each other now and somehow they'll figure out how to get out of this cave. Sunset's teleportation is magically blocked by the cave and Twilight can levitate a few things but she can't do much else. What are they going to do?

Meanwhile back at camp, Gloriosa, physically transformed by her new magical abilities, has begun to surround the camp in magical brambles. They grow thick and fast - so fast that if you try and chop them down, more grow in its place. She tells the campers the "good news". They'll be staying with here with their new friends forever!!! Now who wants to do some activities?

Back at the cave, Twilight and Sunset realize they overlooked the obvious - they're in a magical cave! Together they find several geodes and try to use their power. Finally Twilight finds a geode that makes her telekinetic powers even more powerful. Sunset asks if she can try it. She holds the geode and manages to teleport the four of them out of the cave!

At camp, everyone is doing Gloriosa's activities but they're not having any fun. The Mane 5 want to do something to stop Gloriosa's magic, but they need Twilight and Sunset to create enough of their own magic to do so. They try reason instead and tell Gloriosa you can't trap people into being your friends - it won't mean anything. In her efforts to keep herself from being lonely, Gloriosa will only succeed in making herself even lonelier.

Gloriosa looks around at the forced smiles of the campers and realizes they're right. She decides to stop the magic. Only, she can't! The brambles continue to grow, reaching out to each other overhead - soon the entire camp will be covered in a dome-like thicket. It won't be long before they're all enclosed - no light, no outside supplies... no air!

Twilight and Sunset Shimmer teleport into the camp. They tell the girls they can stop the brambles and keep them from growing back if they destroy them all in one shot. If they all work together, they can use the geode they found to magnify their power. As soon as everyone touches it, they all pony up, but in crystal/nature-based versions of their ponyed-up selves. When they all band together and hold the geode, their rainbow burst refracts through the crystal and destroys the bramble dome! The campers cheer!

Gloriosa is sorry; she didn't want to hurt anyone - she just wanted some forever friends. Now that she'll have to leave the camp with her family, she doesn't have much hope of making friends out in the world. The girls say that's not true - she has plenty of friends. And if she had come to them with her predicament in the first place instead of dealing with it on her own, they would have helped her out. Fortunately, it's not too late to get the help she needs. They have an idea to help her family keep the camp!

We CUT TO the camp all glammed up for a masquerade fundraiser ball. The campers used the skills they've learned at camp towards the ball. There's a fully stocked dessert table, animal performances, a silent auction on crafted goods, and booths with games you can play. Applejack and Timber even build an exquisite trellis arch for photos. And obviously Rarity outdid herself with their outfits! At the dance, Flash tells Sunset Shimmer he's pretty sure her friends like her because of her - and if it means anything - so does he. He's glad they're friends now. Meanwhile, Timber asks Twilight to dance - and confesses he has a huge crush on her. Twilight's like "Don't you mean other Twilight?" Timber doesn't know what she's talking about. Twilight realizes he doesn't know other Twilight and this guy has an honest to goodness crush on *her*. It's a pretty magical night. By the end of the night, the masquerade ball has raised enough money to save the camp!

Sunset, Twilight, and Gloriosa all learn an important lesson. When you have friends, you don't have to shoulder your burdens alone. The girls all make plans with Gloriosa and Timber - there's a football game next Saturday at CHS maybe they'd like to come? Off Gloriosa's huge smile, we FADE OUT. THE END.