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SC. 1 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - STARLIGHT'S OFFICE - DAY

STARLIGHT GLIMMER sits in her office, fixing a KITE shaped like a CUPCAKE. She's interrupted by a gentle <KNOCK> at the door.

1 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Come on in!

Starlight uses her magic to open it, REVEALING that TWILIGHT SPARKLE is standing on the other side, about to go.

2 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Oh, hey Twilight. Did you knock?

Twilight blushes and looks to either side of the hallway, embarrassed. She steps inside.

3 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No. I mean, yes. I mean...Am I
interrupting something? I'll come
back later.

4 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
No, stay! I was just fixing Pinkie
Pie's kite for her lesson later.

Twilight is super-distracted. She searches the shelves and looks below furniture. Starlight raises an eyebrow.

5 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Uh... is everything okay?

Twilight lets out a weird, crazed <CHUCKLE>.

6 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(whispering)
Well, since you asked - there is a
little tiny something bothering me!

Starlight gestures to the COUCH/CHAIR and motions for Twilight to sit down. She does.

7 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Then you've come to the right
counsellor.

8 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh wow. This is actually kind of
embarrassing, but...

Twilight hesitates. Starlight gives her a reassuring smile-

9 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
But...

10 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
The thing is, I'm terrified of...
of...

CUT TO:

SC. 2 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - HALLWAY - MONTAGE

A smiling Twilight approaches YONA YAK, whose back is turned as she looks at the school BULLETIN BOARD. Yona turns around, holding a LADYBUG in her hoof.

ANGLE ON the cute bug.

Twilight TAKES, and flies backward, her wings sending up a huge GUST of WIND. The papers from the bulletin board rip off and fly everywhere. Yona is confused.

Sc. 3 - Int. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - DINING HALL - MONTAGE

Twilight sits down by SMOLDER and GALLUS (who have bowls of soup) with a TRAY OF LUNCH.

Twilight sits and looks happily down to her lunch tray, then FREEZES in horror when she sees:

ZOOM - LADYBUGS are on Smolder's and Gallus' lunch tray.

Twilight jumps into the air in terror and flies off, just as before. Her frantic wing-beats knock over the student's bowls of soup on them - <SPLASH!> (The ladybugs are okay.)

SC. 4 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - MONTAGE

SILVERSTREAM scans a library shelf. Twilight smiles and floats a book toward Silverstream...

Then FREEZES, seeing a LADYBUG on Silverstream's shoulder.

Twilight flaps her wings violently in her escape.

A MINI-TORNADO rips across the shelves! Books rain down as Silverstream gapes.

CUT BACK TO:

SC. 5 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - STARLIGHT'S OFFICE - DAY

11 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Ladybugs...? Like the cute, little red
beetle-things with black spots?

12 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(nodding)
Ever since Fluttershy assigned the
students that insect care project,
they're everywhere. <shudder>

Starlight uses magic to float a book over to Twilight.

13 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
What's this?
(reading the title)
"Magical Hypnosis for Phobias: A
Beginner's Guide."

14 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I've been studying the techniques.
Wanna give it a shot?

15 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(nodding)
If I don't get over my fear, my wings
are going to blow the whole school
down!

16 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Okay! All you have to do is keep your
eyes on the star.

Magic shoots from her horn and creates a small, GLOWING STAR.
It swings from side to side like a pendulum.

17 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
You should begin to feel sleepy any
moment... Just listen to the sound of
my voice...

Twilight's eyes begin to droop until they are shut.

18 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Instead of being afraid when you see a
ladybug, you will now have--

PINKIE PIE bursts into the room, interrupting excitedly.

19 PINKIE PIE
KITE FLYING TIME! WOOHOOO!

20 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(mumbling to herself)
Ladybug... kite flying time... woo...
hoo.

Starlight facehoofs. The star dissipates. Twilight snaps out of her hypnosis, groggy.

CUT TO:

SC. 6 - EXT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - FRONT LAWN - LATER

PINKIE PIE and STARLIGHT GLIMMER watch from the front steps as Twilight gallops out to the front lawn looking confused as she tosses a LADYBUG KITE in the air.

21 PINKIE PIE
Wow, Twilight likes kite-flying-time
even more than we do! I've seen her
out here seventeen times today! That
must be a record!

Starlight sighs as we...

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