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MY LITTLE PONY

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All is quiet in Twilight Sparkle's treetop library as she and Spike sleep soundly, curtains closed, lights off, beds warm. Suddenly, Twilight Sparkle bolts upright, completely awake. With a big smile on her face, she jumps out of bed. "Wake up Spike! Wake up! It's Winter Wrap-up!" Spike rolls around his bed, unable to get up. "Huh?" he mumbles. "C'mon! The first day of spring is tomorrow so we have to clean up winter!" Twilight Sparkle runs about, getting ready for the day, bundling herself in a jacket and flipping a scarf around her neck. Spike opens up one eye. "Clean up winter? Who cleans up winter?!" Twilight Sparkle puts her feet into a set of goulashes. "All the ponies of Ponyville do! While we use magic to change the seasons in Canterlot, all the Ponyville ponies have to use their sweat and muscle to clean up winter and welcome in spring, WITHOUT MAGIC!" "That's ridiculous. No magic. Pshaw." Spike closes his eyes & goes back to bed. Twilight Sparkle looks at her list. "Let's see...jacket, check; boots, check; scarf, check; read list, check. It's a good thing I'm so organized. I'M READY! Bright and EARLY!" She thrusts open the door and runs out. But no one is outside. In fact, it's dark. The stars and moon are still out, and everyone is asleep except for the crickets. "Oh. Maybe a little TOO early..."

ACT I

The morning is finally getting underway, and Twilight Sparkle leaves her house, dragging Spike along, joining all the other ponies heading over to the Town Square. Every pony is fitted with one of three different colored vests, blue, green, and tan. The Ponyville Mayor is at the center of town square, giving all of the ponies a pep talk. "Thank you everypony for coming out to help wrap up winter and welcome in spring! This year we're going to do our best job ever!" The ponies all cheer in unison. The mayor proceeds to describe the three groups of pony teams: Plant, Animal, and Weather. Twilight Sparkle wants to know exactly what each group does, so she knows where she'll fit in best. A large musical act (with singing) explains everything to Sparkle Twilight, how the plant team clears the snow from the ground and plows the earth, how the animal team wakes up the hibernating wildlife and gets the nests made for the birds, & how the weather team clears the clouds to make room for the sun to shine through. Twilight sings about her determination to be a team member and help wrap up winter without the use of magic. At the end of the musical number, Twilight asks the Pegasus if she can help them find the birds and bring them back to Ponyville. Alas, they explain, she can't fly, and that's how they go and round up the birds. Surely there is something else she can help with. Similarly, Rainbow Dash explains that Twilight can't help clear out the clouds because she can't fly. Undeterred, Twilight knows there will be something she can do on the ground, and sets off to help the animal team.

ACT II

Twilight finds Rarity delicately sewing together a beautiful bird's nest. Rarity explains how, as part of the Animal team, she fixes up the birds' homes so they have a cozy and comfortable place to come home to. Rarity, with her creativity, is putting together a most exquisite nest, and she welcomes Twilight to give a hand. Twilight gets right to work, but her lack of artistic ability gets the best of her. In the end Twilight makes a dysfunctional and downright ugly nest (if you can call it a nest). Rarity delicately suggests that Twilight might be better suited for something else; in fact, she thinks Pinkie Pie can use a hand. Twilight Sparkle sets off to find Pinkie Pie. She discovers her elegantly skating across Saddle Lake. Pinkie Pie explains that, as part of the Weather team, she is "scoring" the lake, helping to slice up the ice so it can be broken into pieces and melted easier by the sun when spring comes. Twilight Sparkle grabs a pair of skates and sets out to give Pinkie Pie a hand. It's not as easy as it looks. Twilight can't seem to keep off her bottom, continually crashing

onto the ice, and snow banks. Pinkie tries to help Twilight but more crashing ensues. Together they decide that maybe Twilight is better off keeping her feet on the solid ground. Twilight is a little let down, but Pinkie assures her there will some way she can help out....as long as it has nothing to do with ice.

Twilight finds Animal Team member Fluttershy gently awakening little hedgehogs from their dens. There are so many friends to wake up; squirrels, hamsters, even lizards! Just be gentle, and quiet, advises Fluttershy. Twilight sticks her head deep into a warren, quietly nudging, "Wake up little friends, wherever you are..." She hears rustling, and some yawning, and with Twilight's head still stuck in the warren, out come....a whole family of... SNAKES!! "SNAKES!!!" Twilight screams! Apparently, Twilight is afraid of snakes!! She quickly backs out of the den, screaming. She backs out too far, and quickly enters a dark cave behind her. All of sudden, flapping noise can be heard, and Twilight screams dashing out, being following by an entire group of bats! Fluttershy quickly covers her eyes with her hooves, too scared to look at the mayhem that Twilight is causing. Twilight accidentally bangs into a tree, waking up a a swarm of bees as their hive ends up on her head. She blindly enters another warren, followed by bees. All of sudden, it's quiet. Fluttershy slowly opens her eyes. From the warren, out pops a family of disgruntled skunks....their odor trailing from their tails. A scene cut reveals Twilight sitting in a tomato juice bath at home, covered in stench and bee stings. Spike scrubs her, wearing a clothespin over his nose. "Why don't you use magic, Twilight, and get it done the RIGHT way." "No, Spike! Ponyville has never needed magic to wrap up winter." "And they've never needed you, either..." Twilight is determined to help....the Ponyville way.

Twilight approaches the plant team, with Applejack at the helm. The stronger ponies are busy beginning to clear the snow from the ground. They are inside individual snowplows, using their heads to steer and their own feet to push. Applejack explains that it's a job requiring great strength and energy, and Twilight is sure this is something she can do. She jumps onto the snow plow, and using her "horse-power" she pushes the mechanism with all her might. Alas, it won't budge! She looks around as the other ponies are pushing their plows and clearing the snow. She sees Applejack and other ponies watching her. She pushes on the ground again, but the plow won't move. It's just too heavy. She hears Spike's voice in her head, "Use magic, Twilight, and get it done the RIGHT way....They've never needed you, either..." Twilight has no choice. She decides to use an enchantment she's never tried before. She enchants the plow to run on its own, and "pretends" to push it. Everyone will think she succeeded! All of a sudden, the plow speeds up---she begins to gallop. It begins to steer side to side, out of control. Twilight is trapped inside the plow running her fastest, as the plow picks up more and more snow—in a snowball. It runs amok, and quickly throws ponies off of their feet, gathering them into a giant comical growing snowball. Applejack gets swept off of her feet into the snowball, too, all the while screaming to Twilight, "What's going on? What did you do?!" Twilight cries, "I can't stop it!" Finally, the plow rams into the side of a ridge, stopping the plow in its tracks. The impact loosens the snow above and sends a mini avalanche their way. The avalanche carries the plow and the giant snowball back to the middle of the field. When it all settles, there are ponies everywhere up to their necks in snow. Applejack scowls at Twilight, who is buried right next to her. The entire field is covered completely with snow, right back to where they were when they had first started. "You used magic, Twilight! That's not how we do it here in Ponyville, and especially not on my farm!" exclaims Applejack. "I know—but I – well you see--- I just ---.....I'll be going now. " Twilight feels terrible and useless, and trudges away through the snow.

ACT III

Twilight mopes through Ponyville with Spike, feeling sad and sorry for herself. "I'm a Winter Mess-up!" cries Twilight. Spike tries to reassure her. "Twilight, you're good at a lot

of things. I can't think of one right this minute, but there's something! You might not be able to ice skate, or wake up animals gently, or make a nest, or clear snow, or---" "Thanks for making me feel so much better, Spike!" Suddenly the mayor rushes by. "What are you doing out here Twilight? We need every pony's help—we're behind, again! C'mon!" Twilight follows her. "But---" "No buts, Twilight---if we fall behind any further we won't be ready in time for spring!" When Twilight follows the mayor back to the fields, she overhears Applejack, Fluttershy, and Rainbow Dash arguing over when to melt the snow. Applejack needs Rainbow Dash to melt the snow as quickly as possible to clear the land faster. They must get those seeds planted and clear the way for the young sprouts to pop up! But, Fluttershy needs Rainbow Dash to slow down or the animals' warrens will get flooded with water before she has time to wake each one up. And there is even more disorder. Rarity has paid such attention to detail that she has only completed one nest! And Pinkie Pie is standing in middle of the lake on an iceberg because she wasn't paying attention to where she was skating. The mayor tries to stop the panic, but the ponies won't listen. They are caught up in their arguing, and no work is getting done. "Please everyone," exclaims the Mayor, "Stop arguing. It's almost sundown! Spring is going to be late again in Ponyville, just like it was last year, and the year before that! What will we do?? If only we were more organized!" Suddenly, Twilight gets an idea. "Spike! My checklist! I need it, pronto!" Spike dashes off and comes back with her notebook. Twilight turns to the ponies. "QUIET!!" They all look at her. "I have an idea. But you have to take my advice. I can make this all work, and we'll be ready for spring by tomorrow morning!"

A reprise of the musical number begins, and Twilight directs the ponies with charts and guides (no lyrics this time). She looks very organized and relaxed. She rallies the ponies and gets them organized. She shows Pinkie Pie blue prints for skating grids on the other lakes. She sends Pinkie Pie off with a team of other helpers. Twilight helps set up an assembly line for the bird nests. She lines up snow plowers, dirt plowers and seed scatterers, all in neat rows. She helps Fluttershy set up bells in front of the dens that are hooked up to one string that Fluttershy can pull to wake up many animals at once. As all the animals awake, Rainbow Dash is able to melt the snow faster off of the trees and mountains. Water begins to flow from the mountains and into the lakes. As the day turns to the night, the ponies are still working, and Twilight is right there directing them efficiently. The ponies are just finishing as the sun begins to rise. The last cloud is cleared, so the sun shines brightly on the land. The birds all sing happily from their nests, the animals play and bounce in the fields, the plants emerge from the freshly tilled ground, and the turtles enjoy swimming in the lakes. Flowers bloom and bees buzz around with spring filled energy. The reprise ends. All the ponies look on, tired, wiped out, including Twilight. She is proud of the work everyone has done. The mayor thanks them all for working so hard to get the job done. Suddenly loud snoring interrupts the mayor. They look around and find Spike asleep on a mini iceberg on the lake. Applejack snickers, "Spike's going to be in for a big surprise when that last piece of ice melts!"

CONCLUSION

A still wet Spike, in robe and slippers, in front of a fireplace, writes Twilight Sparkle's letter as she recites it. Twilight explains that it can be hard when all your friends are involved in something and there seems to be no place for you. But it's important to not get discouraged if at first you can't find how to fit in. Each of us has different abilities and each of us has something unique to contribute to every endeavor.