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TEASER

TWILIGHT and SPIKE are outside together working on a new spell, but Twilight's having a tough time getting Spike to attend to his assistant duties because he's too distracted by PINKIE PIE's strange behavior. Pinkie Pie (in a rainbow colored umbrella hat) is darting around erratically, ducking under things... first a tree, then a rock, then a porch, etc. Finally Twilight, no longer able to resist, asks what in the world Pinkie Pie's up to. Pinkie tells her that her "Pinkie Sense" has been tingling and this particular twitch tells her that something's going to fall out of the sky, and they should all duck for cover. Twilight scoffs at this... there's not a cloud in the sky! "How could anything possibly..." Twilight looks up and instantly – SMACK! – a frog hits her right in the face.

ACT ONE

Twilight, still looking up with a frog on her face, sees that FLUTTERSHY happened to be flying overhead at that moment, carrying frogs in a basket. Fluttershy explains that the local pond is getting overpopulated, so she's moving these critters to Froggybottom Bog. Twilight responds dryly: "Of course you are." Pinkie Pie (re: the frog): "Um, Twi... you've got a little something on your face there." Twilight: "Oh really? Did your 'Pinkie Sense' tell you that, too?" Pinkie Pie: "Naw. I could just see it."

As Twilight finally wipes the frog from her face, Spike is awestruck by what has just occurred. He sees this demonstration of Pinkie Pie's predictive ability as nothing short of incredible, but Twilight insists that it's merely a coincidence. Just then, Pinkie Pie's tail begins to twitch again. Something else is going to fall! Spike runs for cover, but Twilight refuses. She walks off, looking back over her shoulder while asserting her certainty that the odds of such a coincidence occurring twice in a row like this are practically – WHAM! Twilight falls. Right into a ditch. Pinkie Pie turns to Spike and matter-of-factly tells him he can come out of hiding. Her tail's finished twitching, so that must've been it.

Spike remains awestruck by Pinkie Pie's "special powers," but Twilight admonishes him from the ditch for being so gullible. Two coincidences in a row like that may be unlikely, but it's still possible. APPLEJACK walks in and wonders why Twilight is hanging out in a ditch. Twilight is happy to see another pony with some horse-sense. But, as soon as she begins to tell the story, Applejack interjects: "Twitchy tail?" She adds that, though no one really understands why, the ponies have learned over time that "if Pinkie's a'twitchin', ya better listen." Twilight still scoffs at the whole thing. Just then, Pinkie Pie's ears start flopping... which means that somepony will be taking a bath soon. Twilight starts to laugh. A bath?! That is the most ridiculous – SPLOOSH! A passing cart hits a puddle and makes the ditch into a mud pit. Twilight glowers in the mud as we DISSOLVE TO:

Twilight glowering in a bathtub at Pinkie's place. Pinkie Pie cheerfully adds some more bubble bath. As she does so, she genially explains how this whole thing works. Different niggly things in her body happen, and they mean different specific things. Like, when her back gets itchy, that means today's her lucky day. And when her knee gets pinchy, that means something scary is about to happen. Twilight: "Is your knee pinchy now?" Pinkie: "No... but my shoulder's achy. That means there's a toaster in the tub." Pinkie reaches into the suds and, sure enough, pulls out a toaster. Twilight screams! How come Pinkie Pie's knee wasn't pinchy? A toaster in the tub is dangerous! Pinkie Pie giggles: "It wasn't plugged in, silly!"

Twilight still thinks this whole "special powers" thing is mumbo jumbo. Pinkie Pie finds it

strange that Twilight has such a hard time believing when she herself does magic, but Twilight insists magic is completely different. First of all, she's a unicorn, and, unlike Earth Ponies, Unicorns are born with magic. Also, magic is something you have to study and practice; something you do when you choose to get a specific result. Pinkie Pie claims to be able to predict the future when stuff just... happens. It makes no sense! But Twilight says that if she's able to understand it, she might eventually be willing to believe, so Pinkie Pie agrees to let Twilight subject her to a series of tests.

On their way to the Golden Oak Library for tests, Pinkie Pie explains about "combos". That's when she gets sensations in certain combinations - like ear flop / knee twitch / eye flutter, for example - which means the sky will be graced with a beautiful rainbow. Then she says: "Uh, oh... I feel a combo coming on... ear flop, eye flutter, knee twitch..." Suddenly, SMACK! Twilight walks straight into an opening door, flattening her like a piece of paper. "A-HA! You said that meant 'beautiful rainbow'!!" Pinkie: "Noooooooo... you're thinking of ear flop, knee twitch, eye flutter. I just had an ear flop, eye flutter, knee twitch... which usually means watch out for opening doors. You okay?"

In the laboratory underneath Golden Oak Library, Twilight hooks Pinkie Pie up to a bunch of old-fashioned-looking gizmos which are designed to output some scientific-looking readouts. Pinkie Pie, ever the good sport, sits patiently while Twilight eagerly awaits results... but Pinkie Pie isn't getting any twitches. None at all! Twilight can't believe it - after a whole day of non-stop twitching suddenly she isn't getting a single one?! Pinkie Pie replies that she doesn't control it... they just come and go. Twilight objects that that makes no sense, to which Pinkie Pie counters that, while that may be true, sometimes you just have to believe in things even if we can't figure them out. But Twilight's adamant - she simply doesn't believe anything she can't explain. Just then, Pinkie Pie registers a sensation. Twilight gets excited, till Pinkie Pie reveals that it's a growl in her tummy. They've been here a long time and she's hungry... let's eat!

Exasperated, Twilight unhooks Pinkie Pie from the machine: "Fine! Forget it. I don't need to know... I don't even care." Pinkie Pie leaves... and we see Twilight glowering, more determined than ever: "I have to figure this out!"

ACT TWO

Pinkie wanders around Ponyville, enjoying herself while doing not much of anything. Meanwhile, Twilight keeps popping up from hiding places with a safari hat on, covertly tracking Pinkie around town. Spike happens by and, seeing Twilight, asks what's going on. Quickly yanking Spike out of sight, Twilight explains that she's determined to get to the bottom of this thing, so she's secretly observing Pinkie Pie in her "natural habitat." She wants to remain hidden to catch Pinkie Pie unawares so she can discover what trickery may be behind this whole thing. Spike tries to ask more questions, but Twilight shushes him and instructs him to take dictation of her field observations... and when once again Pinkie Pie is on the move, they proceed to track her as stealthily as they can.

Pinkie Pie seems to notice her tail twitching. She looks up anxiously. A flower pot falls out of a window, but nowhere near her. She sighs with relief. REVEAL Twilight-in-hiding and that the flower pot broke on her head. Pinkie Pie's tail twitches again. Pinkie Pie steps to the side. Seeing this, Twilight and Spike in their hiding place also step to the side... and an even bigger flowerpot smashes on Twilight's head. Twilight's frustration mounts. They then see Pinkie Pie's tail twitching yet again! Twilight and Spike, not taking any chances this time, make a run for it... but then a whole series of ridiculous objects falls out of the sky

smashing Twilight on the head, one after the other – a cash register, an anvil, a piano - until she's buried under a huge pile of rubble, from under which Spike hears Twilight grumble: "How?! How can this possibly be happening???"

Meanwhile, Applejack walks up to Pinkie Pie asking what she's up to today. Pinkie Pie replies nonchalantly: "Oh, nothing much. Just walking along while Twilight secretly follows me." Hearing this, Twilight extricates herself from beneath the pile of objects, mad that she was caught. Just then, a huge shudder passes through Pinkie Pie's body. Spike eagerly asks what it means. Pinkie says she's not sure – she's never gotten this one before – but, whatever it is, it's a real doozy and has something to do with Froggybottom Bog. Spike registers alarm. That's where Fluttershy was headed! Is it about her? Is she okay? Applejack agrees there's enough cause for concern that they should go there to make sure she's all right. Twilight's still skeptical, but says she'll come along, too... if only to be there when they discover that Fluttershy's okay and to prove Pinkie wrong!

As the group treks through the woods, the concerns about Fluttershy's safety mount. Spike and Applejack feed off one another's anxiety, and keep dreaming up wilder and wilder scenarios of what fate could possibly have befallen Fluttershy... but Twilight proves to be a voice of calm and reason. Though she too would hate for something bad to have happened to Fluttershy, she's not worried at all. Sure, Pinkie Pie's been pretty lucky with her "predictions" so far... but that luck will have to run out eventually and it's Twilight's "counter-prediction" that this time Pinkie is wrong and Fluttershy is fine. The whole group hopes for Fluttershy's sake that Twilight's right.

As they approach the clearing that opens up at Froggybottom Pond, they quicken their pace... then arrive and... to their great relief they discover that Fluttershy is indeed okay, contentedly busying herself with relocating her amphibious pals. Apart from the bog's distinctive heat bubbles that burble up from its depths, nothing seems out of the ordinary here at all. They're all relieved and Twilight, finally vindicated, takes the opportunity to gloat: "Ha-HA! I WAS right all along! See? There's nothing to all this. Pinkie Pie was worried that something would happen, but nothing's wrong here... nothing!" As Twilight carries on, a creepy mist rolls in. They all begin to cough. Twilight, through her coughs, persists with her triumphant harangue... not even noticing the huge shadow looming from behind her. The others notice it, though, and, looking up, register horror. Twilight, seeing their faces, turns to see what they're looking at... and registers horror as well at the monstrosity before her eyes!

ACT THREE

The strange mist that rolled in was in fact the horrible breath of a giant, multi-headed HYDRA!! The ponies and Spike run for their lives, with the hydra in hot pursuit.

The ponies and Spike come to steep incline, and head up it. Maybe a big monster like the hydra will have trouble finding its footing here... but they're wrong. Though slowed by the hill, the hydra remains close behind. Even worse news awaits our heroes at the top, where they discover a sheer cliff dropping off into more of the bog far below. The only way across is a tall stepping-stone-style rocky bridge that can get them to the other side. It seems pretty perilous, but with the hydra approaching behind them they haven't any other options. Since the bridge is so narrow they can only go one at a time (except for Fluttershy who can fly across), Twilight encourages the others to go first, but implores them to hurry so she can have her chance to get away too!

To buy time, Twilight uses her skills and cleverness (and bravery) to detain and distract the hydra while the others hurry to make their way across. Once she sees the others safely on the opposite side, Twilight goes to make her escape, but the hydra destroys the rock bridge! Now there's no way for Twilight to make her way across, and she's isolated from her friends with nobody but this nasty hydra to keep her company. And, to make matters worse, the shudder Pinkie Pie was getting before is now happening again, although this time Pinkie's getting it far more strongly. Something really big's about to happen! Pinkie yells at Twilight to jump the chasm – it's her only hope!

Twilight looks down at the big precipice leading straight down to the bog, and then at the huge distance separating her side of the cliff from the side her friends are on. There's no way she can make it. But Pinkie assures her that she'll be fine. Twilight demands to know how she can know that for sure, to which Pinkie responds that she just knows, and that Twilight just has to believe. Twilight can't seem to muster the ability to believe from this dizzying height, but the hydra coming at her doesn't leave her much choice... so Twilight takes her leap of faith... but she doesn't jump far enough. She starts descending too soon. She's not going to make it.

But then, in the bubbly bog below, a huge gas bubble begins to form below Twilight. Twilight descends right into it, and not only does it cushion his fall, but she bounces off of it all the way to safety on the chasm's other side!

A celebration ensues as the group is now fully reunited, safe and sound. Twilight admits that Pinkie must have been right about the shudder... there really was something big going on here. But then Pinkie shudders again – apparently, however big all this stuff was, it wasn't what the shudder was about. Twilight can't believe it! The hydra wasn't it??? What could possibly be a bigger doozy than that? Pinkie shrugs, she doesn't know. All she does know is that that wasn't it.

Twilight's head is about to explode. But then, finally, she just gives up. She realizes that this Pinkie Sense will never make any sense to her. She concedes that maybe there are some things she'll never understand and yet still might be true anyway. Twilight's finally willing to just believe. Just then, Pinkie notices something... her shudder has now finally gone away. Twilight's believing must have been "the doozy" that she was predicting all along.

Twilight, in her letter to the Princess, says that she just learned that there are some wonderful things in this world that you just can't explain, but that doesn't necessarily make them any less true. You just have to choose to believe in them... and sometimes it takes a friend to show you the way. Reveal Twilight and Pinkie wearing matching rainbow colored umbrella hats.

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