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MY LITTLE PONY

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TEASER

APPLEJACK and RARITY tend to the trees around the Town Hall/Main Square. Applejack glances worriedly up at the gathering clouds overhead. The PEGASUS PONIES have a storm scheduled, so the ponies need to be sure any old branches are trimmed to survive the storm safely. Rarity uses her unicorn powers to make things beautiful to sculpt a branch into an intricate topiary! A lasso whips in and snaps it off. Irritated Applejack says that branch was going to fall off and hurt somebody during the storm. Doesn't Rarity care about anything other than pretty-fying? Rarity complains that Applejack is making a dangerous mess herself: there are lasso-snapped tree branches everywhere. Applejack counters that the storm is going to make an even bigger mess if they don't hurry up and finish their job. Sure enough, it starts to sprinkle. Rarity worries that her neatly combed mane is going to get ruined... but she won't get under a tree with Applejack because she doesn't want to get her hooves muddy. It seems as if these two can't agree on anything! As the storm builds, so does their arguing, and they agree to go their separate ways to cool off before one of them says or does something she'll regret. Just as they turn their backs on each other to leave, a lightning bolt crashes nearby. Maybe they'd better stick together after all and find some shelter, fast!

ACT I

Applejack and Rarity are caught in the storm! Out of the confusion, a VOICE from a nearby tree calls out their names: It's TWILIGHT TWINKLE who lives in the LIBRARY TREE! She invites them in, but Rarity stops Applejack at the door: Applejack's hooves are all muddy! Applejack rolls her eyes and goes to wash up. Twilight says that Spike is away so she's home alone. Her eyes light up with a brilliant idea: A slumber party! She's always wanted to have one of those! Rarity, not wanting to spend any more time with Applejack, politely tries to decline the all-nighter, but Twilight has already excitedly rushed to her bookshelf and returned with a copy of *Slumber Parties for Dummies*! She never attempts any new endeavor without consulting reference material.

Applejack returns, shocked to find Twilight and Rarity now with mud masks on their faces! Rarity made Applejack wash the mud off her hooves, but it's okay for them to have mud all over their faces? Rarity explains to the cosmetically-challenged Applejack that it's called a mud mask. They're giving each other makeovers! Twilight eagerly shows Applejack the Slumber Party Check List in her book. Applejack balks at having to hang out with Rarity all night. If it's all the same to Twilight, she'll just be moseying along home now, thank you kindly. Thunder crashes. Or maybe she will stay for just a spell. Twilight beams. Yay! Slumber party! Rarity gleefully SPLOOCHES some mud onto Applejack's face and covers her eyes with cucumber slices. Clueless Applejack messily eats them... and the rest of the cucumber slices, ticking off Rarity by not leaving any for her eyes.

Twilight is so excited about getting to experience her very first slumber party that she is completely oblivious to her friends' infighting. Rarity and Applejack, realizing they are stuck here together, agree to try to get along for Twilight's sake. Naive Twilight grins: This is going to be the best-est slumber party ever!

ACT II

Rarity, Twilight, and uncomfortable Applejack all have CURLERS in their manes. Twilight checks off "Makeovers" in her book. Next? "Ghost Stories!" Applejack offers to tell the terrifying tale of the prissy ghost who drove everypony crazy with her unnecessary neatness! Rarity offers to tell the horrifying story of the messy inconsiderate ghost who got on everypony's nerves! Twilight surprises them both by launching into the legend of the "Headless Horse," with a blanket over her head making herself look headless, scaring the heck out of the other two! While her friends shiver with fear, Twilight cheerfully takes out her book, checks off "Ghost Stories," and eagerly moves on to the next item: Who wants s'mores?

Applejack's mouth is a sticky mess. She chews with her mouth open. She wipes her mouth on her fur. She belches. Rarity dabs neatly at her own mouth with a napkin, frowning at Applejack's complete lack of couth. But Twilight is still having the time of her life! She checks off "S'mores" and consults the manual for the next item of fun they're supposed to have: "Truth or Dare!" Rarity and Applejack purposely dare each other to do things that they know the other will hate. It took a while, but their open hostility isn't lost on Twilight anymore; she's finally starting to get the feeling her friends may not be getting along so well. She looks to lighten the mood and consults her book. Next item on the list? "Pillow fight!" Rarity isn't interested in participating in something so barbaric... until Applejack THWAPS her in the head with a pillow, sending her strategically placed curlers flying everywhere. Oh, that's it! It's on! Rarity and Applejack get way too into the pillow fight. Twilight intervenes suggesting they should just call it a night and go to bed, trying to salvage her party before it turns into a brawl!

Applejack and Rarity share the guest bed. They try to behave, but it isn't long before they're bickering like siblings, their whisper-arguing escalating until Twilight finally bursts up out of her own nearby bed bellowing: Enough! It says right here in the book that the number one thing you're supposed to do at a slumber party is "Have Fun," and thanks to you two, I can't check that off! You two have ruined my very first slumber party!

Suddenly, lightning strikes the LIBRARY TREE!

ACT III

The three girls rush to the window and see a branch now dangling precariously, threatening to fall on the neighbor's house! Applejack takes out her lariat and whips it around the tree branch. Rarity notices something and shouts at Applejack to wait! Stop! Don't! But Applejack, fed up with Rarity's bossiness, won't listen. Her rope

expertly snags the branch... and it comes crashing right through Twilight's window! "I tried to tell you!" Rarity shouts! Applejack can only stare speechless at her terrible mistake.

Wind and rain howl into the room. Rarity stays away from the window so she doesn't get wet and windblown. Applejack and Twilight work together to try to haul the tree branch out, but they can't do it alone and need Rarity's help. Twilight nudges Applejack, who swallows her pride and tells Rarity that she was right: Applejack really should've listened to her when she noticed where this tree branch would end up. Rarity's attention to detail would have saved them from this whole mess. But right now she needs to stop being so fussy and help! Rarity musters up her resolve and, despite the wind ruining her hair and the rain matting her coat, marches over to the window to pitch in. Working together, they save the LIBRARY TREE. Rarity is a muddy mess. Applejack helpfully puts cucumber slices on her friend's eyes: Better? Rarity can't help but chuckle.

With the emergency handled, the slumber party continues. A squeaky clean Rarity happily has rollers in her hair again now, and Applejack, equally as happy, does *not* and is munching messily on s'mores. Applejack and Rarity argue good-naturedly with each other over which of them had been more of a pain in the neck to the other one before! But Rarity has learned the value of Applejack's approach to things, and Applejack has learned that there's value in Rarity's approach to things too. Twilight declares her very first slumber party a success. She takes out her book and finally gets to check off "Have Fun."

In Twilight's report to PRINCESS CELESTIA, she writes that you can still get along with someone who has very different interests than you. Focus on what you have in common, and look for some value in whatever it is they value.

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