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MY LITTLE PONY

Season II - Premises

"It's About Time"

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IT'S ABOUT TIME

Twilight Sparkle is in the middle of a normal day of studying when she is visited by a vision of her future self. (Not too far in the future. The vision is from next Tuesday.) Twilight has a million questions about Time Travel for her future counterpart. Future Twilight has to rudely interrupt herself. Future Twilight only has a limited time and she has an important message to impart! But the vision ends before Future Twilight can relay the crucial information. Twilight speculates that there must be some sort of impending disaster and that she has till next Tuesday to figure out how to prevent it.

For a worrywart like Twilight this is the worst kind of problem to have. At first she puts on her Leader Girl Hat and gets down to business. She scans Ponyville for potential disasters, making note of each possibility. She grows more frantic as she reads the stars, tries to harness Pinkie Pie's Pinkie Sense, bribes Pegasus ponies to travel the country and bring back information and grills everypony she knows for clues. As the week wears on, Twilight becomes obsessive, going through countless scenarios and making endless flow charts. She shirks her responsibilities and cancels plans with friends. She spends sleepless nights trying to figure out what she's supposed to do. Then it occurs to her that maybe it's something she's *not* supposed to do. But what if she's already done what she's not supposed to do???

Her attempts to solve the puzzle grow ever more frenetic and madcap as the Tuesday deadline approaches. In a last minute 'Hail Mary' play, she races off to Canterlot to search for the secret to time travel in the Central Archives in a desperate attempt to actually *buy* herself more time to find the answer. After an all night search, she finds the proper scrolls. But it's too late! She's out of time!! Twilight braces for the disaster but disaster doesn't strike. Nothing bad happens at all. A whole week wasted! Twilight learns that worrying solves nothing. Sometimes you need to relax and let the future take care of itself, solving problems as they come.

If only she'd learned that lesson a week ago! She reads the scrolls and casts a spell that connects her to the past. She tries to pass on the wisdom she gained but Past Twilight keeps peppering her with a million questions about Time Travel and she runs out of time before she can warn herself not to worry so much.