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MY LITTLE PONY 3

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Princess Cadence is searching for a new member of her royal staff and has asked Princess Celestia to help her ultimately choose the right candidate for the job. Princess Celestia agrees to come to the Crystal Empire and, hoping to enjoy some quality time with her favorite student at the same time, she invites Twilight to join her there. Twilight is equally looking forward to the chance to get some one-on-one time with her mentor and teacher. But when Princess Celestia mentions that she really wanted this time with Twilight because Twilight won't be her student forever and will soon need to forge her own path, she makes poor Twilight nervous. Once Twilight is no longer Princess Celestia's student, what will her role in Equestria be? Then it hits her. Princess Cadence is interviewing for a new member of her staff. Twilight would be perfect for the job! But when Twilight suggests this to Princess Celestia, she's surprised to find that her teacher disagrees.

Determined to ensure a bright and meaningful future when her role as a student ends and eager to prove Princess Celestia that she would actually make a great addition to a royal staff, Twilight decides to apply for the open position. But when the other candidates complain that Twilight's relationships with Princess Cadence and Princess Celestia gives her an unfair advantage, Twilight wants to prove them wrong. (She also thinks that rather than being biased *for* her to get the job, Princess Celestia actually has it in the back of her mind that Twilight *isn't* right for the gig.) Twilight casts a spell to disguise herself as just another Crystal Pony job-seeker. She soon finds herself struggling to bounce back and forth between spending quality time with Princess Celestia and proving she's got what it takes to be a member of Princess Cadence's royal staff.

Ultimately, Twilight manages to emerge as one of the top two candidates for the job. Princess Cadence turns to Princess Celestia to help her make the final decision and Twilight is devastated when Princess Celestia advises her to choose the other pony. Twilight reveals her true identity and expresses her concerns about what she'll do when she isn't Princess Celestia's student any more. If she isn't qualified to assist a Princess, what will she be qualified to do? Princess Celestia informs her that she was aware of Twilight's disguise (she was clued-in by an earlier sip-up) and only dissuaded Twilight from pursuing the royal staff position because she truly believes there is something even more important that Twilight is meant to do once her studies are complete. Twilight wants to know what that something is, but Celestia says that her destiny will be revealed in good time. But while they still have the opportunity to spend time together, they should enjoy it to the fullest. Twilight agrees and the two spend the remainder of their time in the Crystal Empire enjoying one another's company.