

MY LITTLE PONY

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"Three's a Crowd?"

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EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY - TWILIGHT'S HOUSE - ESTABLISHING

INT. PONYVILLE - TWILIGHT'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

SPIKE
Mail's here.

TWILIGHT
Please be a "yes". Please be a "yes".
Please be a "yes".

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
YES!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
She can make it! She can make it!

SPIKE
Going out on a limb here, but I'm
guessing that Princess Cadance said
she can come this weekend.

TWILIGHT
I'm finally going to get to spend some
quality time with my sister-in-law.
This is the best news EVER!

FLUTTERSHY
So sorry for barging in like this.
But I'm so excited I just couldn't
wait to tell somepony.

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
The Equestrian Society for the
Preservation of Rare Creatures has
given me permission to observe the
rarest, tiniest, most adorable
magical creatures in all of Equestria
-- The Breezies!

TWILIGHT
Wow, Fluttershy, that's fantastic!

FLUTTERSHY
It's not just fantastic - it just
might be the best news EVER!

PINKIE PIE
just got the most incredible mail
anypony's ever received in all of
recorded pony postal history! It's -
it's - it's a FLYER ABOUT A ONE-DAY
SALE ON USED PATIO FURNITURE!

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Could this day get any better?
WHOO-HOOO!

EXT. PONYVILLE - STATION - NEXT DAY

RARITY
Here's a wrap in case it gets cold.

APPLEJACK
And I packed you a basket of nice fresh
apples in case ya git hungry!

TWILIGHT
Have a great time.

FLUTTERSHY
Oh, I will. And I hope you have fun
with Cadance!

CONDUCTOR
ALL Aboard!

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Goodbye! Goodbye, everypony!

PINKIE PIE
Fluttershy, I'll never forget
yooooooooou!!!!

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
OOO, something floaty! La la la...

TWILIGHT
(patting it into place)
I'm a bit nervous about Cadance's
visit.

APPLEJACK
What could you be nervous about,
Twilight? Cadance just loves you to
pieces!

TWILIGHT
I know. But I really want her visit to
go without a hitch!

PINKIE PIE
Why wouldn't it?

TWILIGHT
Well, the last few times we've seen
each other haven't exactly been
"worry free."

FLASHBACK TO:

INT. WEDDING BALLROOM - (EPISODE 226)

FLASH BACK TO:

EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE - (EPISODE 302)

BACK TO:

EXT. PONYVILLE - STATION - THE PRESENT

RARITY

The fate of Equestria has hung in the balance during most of your visits with her.

TWILIGHT

Exactly. Cadance and I haven't really had a chance to just enjoy being friends again. Which is why it is so important that this visit be about the two of us having some real quality time together.

APPLEJACK

I'm guessin' you've got a plan that'll keep it that way.

TWILIGHT

The timing couldn't be more perfect. For one day only, right here in Ponyville...

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

The 'Starswirl the Bearded' Traveling Museum! Cadance and I can spend the whole day looking at Starswirl the Bearded artifacts

RARITY

Sounds like the perfect, drama-free way to spend the day with Cadance.

TWILIGHT

(then, nerding out)

Not counting the drama surrounding which of the bells from his cloak they've chosen to put on display.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

(whispering)

Spoiler alert: It's this one.

RAINBOW DASH

BLECH!

(off the others' looks)

Yeah, um... sorry, something in my throat - like a big ball of "lame?"

RARITY

I think it sounds delightful.

APPLEJACK

Yep. Definitely sounds like you two will have some real quality time together.

TWILIGHT

Exactly. Just quiet time.

CADANCE

Your highness.

TWILIGHT

Your highness.

CADANCE

I'm teasing Twilight we're sisters in law, we don't have to be so formal.

CADANCE (CONT'D)

Sunshine, Sunshine...

CADANCE AND TWILIGHT

...ladybug's awake. Clap your hooves and do a little shake.

CADANCE

Oh, Twilight, I still haven't gotten used to seeing you so grown up. Look at you. So tall and graceful.

(then)

I can't tell you how much I've been looking forward to spending some real quality time with you. You know...

TWILIGHT

When the fate of Equestria doesn't hang in the balance?

CADANCE

Knowing you, you've made some plans.

TWILIGHT

Boy, have I!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Hang on just one second...

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

You guys, I was just wondering...

RARITY

Now, now don't worry about a thing! We'll make sure that nothing - but nothing! - interferes with your visit!

APPLEJACK

Go on, have a hootenanny with your kinfolk!

TWILIGHT

You all really are the best friends a pony could ever have. Coming, Cadance!

PINKIE PIE

Oooh, two sisters-in-law bonding. Well, I for one, am gonna make sure nothing spoils their day.

APPLEJACK

What is that thing? A big blue beetle?

RAINBOW DASH

A small blue rain cloud?

RARITY

Whatever it is - DUCK!

PINKIE PIE

Rarity, that doesn't look anything like a duck!

RAINBOW DASH

What is *that*?

DISCORD (O.S.)

(sick and snuffly)

Not a what but a "who," dear.

RAINBOW

Oh, no, that sounds like...

DISCORD (O.S.)

AAAAAAH-CHOOOO!

PONIES

DISCORD!

EXT. PONYVILLE STATION - A MOMENT LATER

APPLEJACK

What in tarnation are you doin' here? And why the jumpin' junebugs are you blue?

RARITY

More like a shade of cerulean, to be precise.

RAINBOW DASH

Whatever color you are is the color of trouble!

DISCORD

Oh, Rainbow Dash, I've changed!
Surely you remember I was reformed by
lovely little...
(starting to sneeze)
Flah - Floo - Fluttershy!
FLACHOOOOOO!

APPLEJACK

What are you? Sick or somethin'?

DISCORD

Well, of course I'm sick! The blue
skin? These sneezes? Could somebody
find me a fainting couch?

DISCORD (CONT'D)

Charming, thank you. I can't stop
sneezing and wheezing. In short! I
need help.

RAINBOW DASH

IF you're so sick, why have you came
here instead of... y'know, staying
home in bed and getting over your
weird illness?

DISCORD

Because this condition has left me
helpless. Simply helpless.

DISCORD (CONT'D)

Why I can barely lift a spoon.

DISCORD (CONT'D)

I came to find the one pony who truly
understands me and could nurse me back
to health.

DISCORD (CONT'D)

Where is that dear, sweet Fluttershy.
I need attention! I need some care! I
need...

RAINBOW DASH

...You need to chill! Fluttershy's
out.

DISCORD

Oh, of course. Her trip to see the
Breezies. I'd forgotten that was
today.

APPLEJACK

How do you know about her trip?

DISCORD

She told me all about it in her last letter.

PINKIE PIE

You and Fluttershy write each other letters?!

DISCORD

Of course we do. We're friends.

(laying it on thick)

It's just such a shame that today of all days is when I really need her.

(then, quickly)

Oh, well. I know what to do--

RAINBOW DASH

Good thinking, head on home, put your feet up, I'm sure eventually you'll have the strength to make yourself soup or something.

DISCORD

No, no, no. I mean while she's gone, you ponies can take care of me. Isn't that what friends are for? Taking care of each other?

DISCORD (CONT'D)

Let the healing begin!

RAINBOW DASH

Ummmm... not it.

DISCORD

(calling after her)

Well! That's some way to treat a suffering friend. ACHOOOO!

PINKIE PIE

Don't you worry Discord, I'll give you cuddles and read stories and tell you all about me! I was born on a Tuesday...

DISCORD

You're so sweet to offer. But Rarity and Applejack already volunteered to be my own personal nursemaids!

RARITY / APPLEJACK

We did?

DISCORD

I SO hope you don't mind, Pinkie Pie.

PINKIE PIE

Well, as a matter of fact, I most certainly...

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Hey! Who keeps throwing away these
perfectly good balloons?!

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
That guy's jokers up to somethin'. And
whatever it is, we're gonna keep it as
far away from Twilight and Princess
Cadance as possible.

RARITY
You're right. We promised we wouldn't
let anything ruin their visit.
Though I do so wish that "anything"
had turned out to be something else.

DISCORD
Did I hear you two talking about
Princess Cadance's visit with
Princess Twilight?

APPLEJACK
Maybe.

DISCORD
Fluttershy had mentioned that those
two were getting together today. How
wonderful for them both. It's so rare
those two get to see one another.
(then)
I don't know about you, but I
sometimes wonder how close they could
actually be. All those years apart
before being reunited...

APPLEJACK
They're plenty close.

DISCORD
And if they're not, this rare
opportunity to focus on their
friendship will certainly bring them
closer. Unless of course--

RARITY
Don't even think about it. They
mustn't be disturbed...

DISCORD
Disturb them? Why I wouldn't dream of
it. Not when I have two such dear
friends of my own who have already
offered to take care of me.
(then)
And at such peril. This flu of mine is
highly...
(starting to sneeze)
Con...conta..conta --AAAAHCHOO!

DISCORD (CONT'D)
Contagious.

RARITY / APPLEJACK
AAAAAHHHHHCHOOO!

DISCORD
Oh. No. I've gotten you noth sick.
Whomever will I turn to now in my time
of need?

INT. - PONYVILLE FESTIVAL GROUNDS - SOON AFTER

TWILIGHT
A whole day to celebrate Starswirl the
Bearded. What could be better?

CADANCE
Absolutely nothing!
(then, excited)
Is that the candlestick he used to
light the way when he was exploring
the caverns of Maretania?!

TWILIGHT
It sure is.

CADANCE
I can't believe I'm getting to see it
in real li--

CADANCE/TWILIGHT
AAAAHHHH!

DISCORD
---CHOOO!

TWILIGHT
DISCORD?! What are you doing here?

DISCORD
(extra-snuffly, pathetic)
Oh, dear, dear Princesses, I'm sorry
to say I'm sick. Blue Flu.

CADANCE
(incredulous)
Blue Flu?

DISCORD
It's very rare. And very contagious.

DISCORD (CONT'D)
I fear I've already given it to poor
Applejack and Rarity.
(then)
AHHH---

DISCORD (CONT'D)

---CHOO!

CADANCE

Magic health bubble.

TWILIGHT

Good thinking.

DISCORD

Indeed. However would Twilight nurse me back to health if she was sick too?

(then, to Twilight)

You will be letting me stay at your place until I'm all better won't you?

TWILIGHT

Stay? With me? Uh, now is not really the best time.

(then, under her breath)

Though I'm sure you already know that.

DISCORD

(really wheedling)

But taking in the sick and the desperate - isn't that what Fluttershy would do? Isn't "helping" something friends do for friends?

(then, pointedly)

Unless, of course, you're really saying is that you're not my friends.

TWILIGHT

(gritting her teeth)

No. That is not what I'm saying.

DISCORD

Oh, how elated I am to hear that.

(then)

Shall the three of us head back to your place? I don't want to get anypony else sick.

TWILIGHT

<SIGH> I guess we don't have much choice.

DISCORD

Carry me?

TWILIGHT

Yeah. I don't think so.

DISCORD

Cadance? A little help here?

CADANCE

It isn't far. I think you can manage.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT - TWILIGHT'S HOUSE - LATER

TWILIGHT
Need anything else?

DISCORD
To tell you the truth, just knowing I
have a good friend like you to take
care of me has made me feel better
already.

(then)
I'll be fine here on my own.

DISCORD
Oh. But before you go... just a small
request...

CADANCE
It's going to be fine. We'll just get
him what he wants and be back to the
exhibit in no time.

CADANCE (CONT'D)
What was it that you needed?

MUSIC UP.

DISCORD
(sings)
*A little glass of water please?
A fresh-pressed hankie if I sneeze?
Some tea with honey from the bees
Whenever you can brew it.*

CADANCE
I'll get your tea...

DISCORD
*And while I get a little rest
a teeny tiny small request -
Some codfish oil for my chest
Poured from a crystal cruet.*

TWILIGHT
A crystal cruet?

DISCORD
*My goodness, I'm a nincompoop -
Because I fear I've got the croup
I'll need a vat of pumpkin soup
And scarves made out of zinnias!*

DISCORD (CONT'D)
*Did I say zinnias? I meant silk!
Or something shiny of that ilk,*

*Oh then I'll need some nice warm milk
And pastry from Abyssinia.*

DISCORD (CONT'D)
*And since my stomach's feeling
crummy,
Why not give my achy tummy
Something soothing, something yummy
piled up with noodles*

DISCORD (CONT'D)
*And a slice of home made rye
with a stack of Swiss way up high
Served with a side of sweet mince pie*

DISCORD (CONT'D)
More basil I need oodles

DISCORD (CONT'D)
*I'll be grateful for your charity
until the bitter end -
Because I've heard that tenderness
is what you lend an ailing friend -
(spoken)
Tenderness - isn't that right...
friend?*

TWILIGHT
*(Through gritted teeth.)
Right, but...*

DISCORD
*(sings)
Sooooooooo...*

DISCORD (CONT'D)
*Who's ready for my big reprise?
I'd like that glass of water please
Some magic spells to cure disease
A firm 'gesundheit!' when I sneeze
A fresh bouquet of roses.
Some lozenges will soon appease
My wheezing - when I start to sneeze
Aw wig to keep me from the breeze,
and blankets for my toeses.
Take tweezers out of my velize and then
massage my knobby knees.
A bowl of peas! Some extra cheese!
A cuddle with a Pekinese!
A singing harp who's named Louise!
A goat on skis! A new trapeze!
More and more and more of these - -*

*- And just because I oughta /
Make sure I'm drinking in the right
Amount of fluids day and night
I wish I may, I wish I might
Have just one little thing -
Oh will you please finally bring*

Me that tiny little glass...
OF WATER!?!?

END SONG

DISCORD (CONT'D)
What, no applause?

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Alright. This is ridiculous.

CADANCE
How did you even catch this flu?

DISCORD
(with a shrug)
Inadequate hoof and claw washing?

TWILIGHT
There must be some way to just cure
you. There has to be a spell or a
remedy in one of my books.

DISCORD
(cutting her off)
There is one way -

CADANCE
And you didn't think to mention it
earlier?

DISCORD
Slipped my mind.

DISCORD (CONT'D)
On a hill at the very edge of
Equestria, there grows an exquisite
magic flower.

DISCORD (CONT'D)
Pick the flower as it drops its petals
at sunset...

DISCORD (CONT'D)
Then you can make a magical, soothing
elixir to cure the Blue Flu!

TWILIGHT
I suppose you have a good reason you
didn't bother to go get this flower as
you soon as you realized you were
sick?

DISCORD
Why I couldn't travel that far in my
condition. By the time I got there I'd
be too weak to even attempt to
retrieve the flower.

TWILIGHT

So, where exactly are Cadance and I headed?

DISCORD

Well, you'll want to head north, turn left at the--

(then)

You know, it would be much easier if I took you there myself.

CADANCE

I thought you were in "no condition" to travel.

DISCORD

I'm not.

(then)

We'll need to make some arrangements.

DISSOLVE TO:

ET. SKY - LATER

TWILIGHT

Doing okay there?

CADANCE

To be honest, I'm a little out of practice when it comes to flying.

DISCORD

Well then lucky for you, we're here.

EXT. EDGE OF EQUESTRIA - A MOMENT LATER

DISCORD

It's just at the top of that hill.

TWILIGHT

I'm really sorry about this. All I wanted was for us to have some peaceful, quality time together.

CADANCE

I know. I was looking forward to it too.

TWILIGHT

This is the top. But where's that flower?

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Oh.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Come on. If we hurry, we can still
have some time together.

CADANCE
One - last - pull...

TWILIGHT / CADANCE
<BIG EFFORT GRUNTS!>

TWILIGHT
Whew! Let's get Discord and this
flower back home, then all our
problems...

CADANCE
What in Equestria...?

EXT. EDGE OF EQUESTRIA - HILL - CONTINUOUS

CADANCE
Twilight! Help!

TWILIGHT
Get your coils off my sister-in-law!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Aaahh!

TWILIGHT
AAAAHHHHH!.

CADANCE
Let go of my sister-in-law!

TWILIGHT
(gasping)
Thanks!

CADANCE
Don't thank me yet!

TWILIGHT
Just... a little... more...

CADANCE
And for good measure...

TWILIGHT
(panting)
Are you okay?

CADANCE
(panting)
Yes.
(a realization)
Better than good, actually.

TWILIGHT

Then let's get Discord back to Ponyville, make that elixir, and finally get a chance to spend some quality time together!

EXT. EDGE OF EQUESTRIA - CONTINUOUS

DISCORD

To the ends of Equestria! To face such great danger! And she did it all for me. For me! For me! For me!

TWILIGHT

YOU. WERE. FAKING?!

DISCORD

(grinning)

I was.

(then)

But I have a very good reason.

TWILIGHT

We're listening.

DISCORD

Well, I was in my thinking tree...

DISCORD (CONT'D)

That's where I do most of my really deep thinking.

DISCORD (CONT'D)

I was there and I said to myself I said... Discord, your friend Twilight says she's your pal, but she never writes, she never pops in for a visit--

TWILIGHT

I don't even know where you live--

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Now that she's a Princess, maybe she's decided she's too good for you.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

I've never considered myself too good--

DISCORD

But how was I supposed to know for sure that I'm truly still friends with one of the most important ponies around?

TWILIGHT

I'm not more--

DISCORD

By seeing if you would go to the ends
of Equestria for me of course!

(then)

Which you did. Literally.

(then)

Congratulations, Twilight, you
passed my friendship test!

DISCORD (CONT'D)

Why the angry eyes? You love passing
tests.

(then, a hint of glee)

It's not because my little exam put a
damper on your visit with Princess
Cadance is it? Made it so there was no
time for you two to focus on *your*
friendship?

CADANCE

You didn't put a damper on our visit
at all.

TWILIGHT/DISCORD

(surprised/disappointed)

He didn't?/I didn't?

CADANCE

(to Twilight)

Spending the day at the Starswirl the
Bearded exhibit would have been more
relaxing, but to be honest,
relaxation is the last thing I need.

TWILIGHT

It is?

CADANCE

Don't get me wrong. Life in the
Crystal Empire is wonderful, but it's
become a little... predictable. I
enjoy a little excitement now and
then. Getting to face all these
challenges today was just what I
needed.

(then)

And facing them with you just made me
realize even more how lucky I am to
have somepony like you as a friend.

CADANCE (CONT'D)

We may not see each other very often,
but I know you'll always be there when
I need you.

(then)

Just like she was there for you,
Discord.

DISCORD

Yes. She's a real sweetheart. We're all so lucky to have her in our lives.

DISCORD (CONT'D)

What in the world---

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. - FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - LATER

TWILIGHT

I think it's pretty clear that my visit with Cadance didn't go quite the way I expected. But in the end, I realized that when you're with a good friend, even the most *chaotic* day can wind up being a great experience that brings you closer.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Wouldn't you agree, Discord?

DISCORD

(begrudgingly)

Yes, Twilight.

APPLEJACK

I don't wanna go sayin' you got what you deserved...

RARITY

Well I have no trouble saying it. "You got what you deserved."

FLUTTERSHY

Now, now. He's learned his lesson. Isn't that right my little patient?

DISCORD

I'm so glad you're back from your trip, Fluttershy. Just your presence here is making me feel so much better.

DISCORD (CONT'D)

I was just wondering...

(a gleam in his eye)

Could I trouble you for just one more thing?

TWILIGHT

No!

DISCORD

(feigning innocence)

What? I was simply going to ask for a teeny tiny glass of water.

FADE OUT.

THE END