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"TWILIGHT TIME"

Once a week, Princess Twilight takes time out of her busy schedule to be with the Cutie Mark Crusaders. She works with Sweetie Belle on her magic, teaches Apple Bloom how to create new potions, and has introduced Scootaloo to a new book series that the two love discussing in-depth. The CMCs enjoy their time with Twilight, who they think of as just a good friend. But when another pony at school sees the CMCS with Twilight, the school-pony freaks out: "You guys know the Princess!?!". The CMC's school friend would do *anything* to hang out with Ponyville's newest (and only!) Princess/celebrity. She'll trade the CMC's *anything* for a chance to join them for some quality time with Twilight. The CMCs sure would like what the friend is offering to trade, and they're also sure Twilight won't mind if they bring another pony along to spend time with the Princess. So they do. It seems like a win-win: the friend gets to spend time with Twilight and the CMCs get the cool thing the friend gave them.

But soon enough, other kids at school get wind of the CMCs arrangement with their classmate and want in on the action. The CMCs give in to this temptation and before they know it they have set up a racket, trading access to Princess Twilight for whatever kids at school can offer. The CMCS love all the loot, but problems arise when Twilight tells them that because of all the new demands on her time from all the CMCs' friends, she's going to be too busy to meet with them anymore. Without Princess Twilight's friendship and guidance, Sweetie Belle starts struggling with her magic, Apple Bloom starts making potions that don't work as they should, and Scootaloo has misinterpreted the message in the book she and Twilight were reading and has managed to offend half of Ponyville sharing its supposed message.

The CMCs finally realize what a terrible mistake they have made by using their friendship with Twilight for their own personal gain. They have acquired lots of things, but none of it compares to the friend and mentor they have lost in the process. To save their time with Twilight, the CMCs have to cancel all their deals with their classmates by giving back everything they were traded. Not a very easy thing to do. They are ultimately able to pull it off, and realize that nothing is worth more than quality time with a good friend.