

MY LITTLE PONY
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"What About Discord?"

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SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - MORNING

SPIKE

Didn't we just shelve all the books in the library a few months ago?

TWILIGHT

Yes, but that was because we *needed* to, this is just because I *want* to: I call it my booksortcation. Three uninterrupted days of re-organizing books! Can you think of anything more relaxing?

SPIKE

Well, claw massages, back rubs, bubble baths... You weren't really looking for an answer were ya?

TWILIGHT

I've even devised a better system for organizing them. It decreases the amount of time it takes to find the book you're looking for by nearly 3/4 of a second.

SPIKE

Whoa! That much?!

TWILIGHT

Look at them all. Why there must be at least 20,000 books to organize. Best long weekend ever!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

I'm sure we can make some time for a claw massage and a back rub too.

SPIKE

Yes! Best long weekend ever!

SC. 4 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

SPIKE

Whoa, that strange yellow orb in the sky? What is that?

TWILIGHT

Alright, alright. So it's been a little while since we've seen the sun.

SPIKE

A little while?! We've been in that library for 3 straight days.

TWILIGHT
Yes! But they were three very
productive days!
Even if you did take that 2 hour claw
massage break.

SPIKE
Hey! You promise a claw massage, I'm
getting a claw massage.

TWILIGHT
It's not like we missed anything.

DISCORD/RAINBOW DASH
Hello Twilight.

DISCORD/RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Hi Spike.

TWILIGHT
Hi, Rainbow Dash.
Good to see you, Discord...

SPIKE
Did you rehearse before you found us?

RAINBOW DASH/DISCORD
What makes you think we practiced?

TWILIGHT
Come on, Rainbow Dash. What's going on
here?

RAINBOW DASH
<LAUGHING> Sorry, me and Discord are
just messin' around.
Like we do.

TWILIGHT
Since when?

DISCORD
Oh, Twilight, we've simply had a
momentous time together these past
three days.
You could say it was hisss-sterical!

RAINBOW DASH
(through guffaws)
Sneaky Snake.

DISCORD
Just snaking around.

RAINBOW DASH
<LAUGHS>. Good one, Discord!

TWILIGHT
It is?

RAINBOW DASH
Kind of an inside joke from this weekend. You wouldn't really get it unless you were there.

TWILIGHT
Oh. Okay.

RAINBOW DASH
Cool. Well, uh, catch you later, Twilight.

DISCORD
Catch you later, Twilight.

SC. 5 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

TWILIGHT
That was strange, right? Since when have Rainbow Dash and Discord had "inside jokes"?

SPIKE
Since sometime in the last three days, I guess.

TWILIGHT
Hey! Nopony *made* you join me on my booksortcation.

SPIKE
I'm joking. I'm joking.

SC. 6 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS

TWILIGHT
Rarity?

RARITY
Twilight! You've returned from your book-sorting sabbatical. All that organizing has done wonders for your complexion.

TWILIGHT
Thanks. It was very relaxing.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
And we were able to clear a shelf for those old fashion books you wanted to donate.

RARITY
They're not old, darling, they're vintage. And they're over there. I've even included my favorites by former Canterlot Designer to the stars, Rococo Froufrou.

SPIKE
Ooh, I love her.

RARITY
Him.

SPIKE
<EMBARRASSED CHUCKLE>. Both.

DISCORD
Twilight! This makes twice I'm seeing you in one day. Aren't I lucky?

TWILIGHT
Weren't you just with--

FLUTTERSHY
Hi, Twilight! Hi, Spike! How was your booksortcation?

TWILIGHT
It was good.

FLUTTERSHY
Orange you glad you did it?

RARITY
"Orange" you glad! Fluttershy, you're a card!

FLUTTERSHY
Please, you'll make me blush.

DISCORD
You do seem to be turning a shade of... orange!

RARITY
Oh sorry, darling. You see, we were at Sweet Apple Acres... And oh, how to explain...

DISCORD
Well, let me try and paint her a picture, dearest.

SPIKE
<WHISPER> "Dearest?"

DISCORD
You see, we were all at Sweet Apple Acres and I ended up turning the trees into the most--

DISCORD (CONT'D)
Oh, who am I kidding...

DISCORD (CONT'D)
I simply can't do it justice. You really had to be there.

FLUTTERSHY
We would have invited you to come along too, but we didn't want to interrupt your organizing. We know how important it is to you.

DISCORD
And I'm sure it was much more important than the fun that we had...

TWILIGHT
I appreciate that. Speaking of books, I should get these on the shelves.

SC. 7 - EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - LATER

TWILIGHT
Hmm, Rainbow Dash bonding with Discord, Rarity finding something he did genuinely funny? Must have been some weekend.

SPIKE
Somepony sorry she missed it?

TWILIGHT
Of course not.

SC. 8 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - SAME

TWILIGHT
What's got you two in hysterics?

DISCORD
Oh, we're just reminiscing about the best weekend ever!

TWILIGHT
He's everywhere today, isn't he?

DISCORD
Oh now where was I? Ah, yes, we'd just finished our soup: And then Applejack said,

"Peanutbutter hoof? Yuck-- not even with Jelly."

TWILIGHT
I don't get it.

PINKIE PIE
It was hilarious. I wish we'd taken a picture for you.

DISCORD
Oh well this should do.

TWILIGHT
I guess that's funny.

DISCORD
Well, seems this has become quite the sticky situation.

PINKIE PIE
HA! Sticky situation!!

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Aw shucks, Twilight, we haven't even asked how your weekend went.

TWILIGHT
It was fine.

DISCORD
And yet you look so glum.
Does somepony need a huggy-wuggy?

TWILIGHT
I am not glum. I'm glad. I'm glad you all had such a good time together. Having inside jokes can really create a lasting bond between friends.

DISCORD
I'm just sorry that all this bonding happened while you were holed up in your castle.

APPLEJACK
Oh, don't you worry 'bout Twilight. Bet you were in hog heaven organizin' all them books. Again.

TWILIGHT
I'm sure I had just as much fun as the rest of you.

SC. 9 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER

TWILIGHT
I can't believe I missed out on all
that bonding.

SPIKE
I knew it! You are jealous.

TWILIGHT
Spike, I'm the Princess of
Friendship. I don't get jealous.
I'm sorry I missed out because sharing
that experience would have helped me
with my Princess of Friendship
duties.

SPIKE
Come again?

TWILIGHT
If our friends could enjoy three full
days with Discord that much, it *must*
have something to do with the specific
things they did together.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
If we could find out what those things
were, it could be a real breakthrough
in the science of friendship.

SPIKE
I guess so.

TWILIGHT
I know so! You thought our
booksortcation was fun? This is going
to be even better!

SC. 10 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

TWILIGHT
Thank you for coming. I wouldn't have
asked you here if it wasn't important.

PINKIE PIE
I love important!

TWILIGHT
I want to know how these "funny"
moments you shared came to pass. I can
use this data to help advance
friendships all over Equestria.

APPLEJACK
Well I like the sound of that.

TWILIGHT
Perfect. Let's start with, "The
Snake."

RAINBOW DASH
<THROUGH LAUGHTER> I don't know if I
can get it out! It's too funny!

DISCORD
Oh, but we must. It's for the greater
good.
It started when we were helping Granny
Smith with her garden...

APPLEJACK
I reckon you mean my sister, Apple
Bloom.

DISCORD
All you Apples look the same.
And then Rainbow Dash saw a snake.

FLUTTERSHY
I think it was a garden hose.

RAINBOW DASH
It was a "Hose Snake." Super Deadly.

APPLEJACK
I recall it being a large stick that
looked like a hose that in turn did in
fact resemble a snake.

PINKIE
Point is WE galloped away!

RAINBOW DASH
And it chased after us!

TWILIGHT
The hose? A snake? A stick?

RAINBOW DASH
A snake!

FLUTTERSHY
A hose!

APPLEJACK
A stick!

DISCORD
We literally trotted for our lives.
Isn't that hilarious?!

SC. 12 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

FLUTTERSHY
I guess you had to be there.

TWILIGHT
I DO need to be there...

RARITY
But you weren't... And it's already happened. Are you suggesting--

PINKIE
Time Travel!?

TWILIGHT
Absolutely not! Time travel is not something to be messed with. We simply need to recreate everything that lead to these jokes.

DISCORD
Oh! What a brilliant idea!

DISCORD
Shall we begin with the lunch date that kicked off the glorious weekend you missed out on?

SC. 13 - EXT. PONYVILLE - CAFE - DAY

TWILIGHT
Are you sure it was this table?

RAINBOW DASH
Uhh, does it really matter?

TWILIGHT
When it comes to science, *everything* matters. One change to the equation could ruin the experiment.

DISCORD
It was this table here.

TWILIGHT
Alright, so you sat down at the table, and then what happened?

RARITY
Oh well first, I expressed my displeasure with the design of the menu and--

DISCORD
Oh, I'm sorry to interrupt, but I've just noticed something.

TWILIGHT

Yes?

DISCORD

The tablecloth. It isn't the same color as the one the restaurant used on the day in question.

TWILIGHT

Really?

RARITY

He's right. The tablecloth was red. I remember because it clashed with the font on the menus.

APPLEJACK

I don't suppose that means we're gonna need to get a new tablecloth, does it?

DISCORD

Oh, most definitely.

DISCORD (CONT'D)

One change to the equation could ruin the experiment. Twilight said so herself.

DISCORD (CONT'D)

Anything stand out as being different? Anything at all?

FLUTTERSHY

Um, I've noticed a couple of things.

PINKIE PIE

Me, too!

DISCORD

Excellent.

DISCORD

A little to the left... no my left... a little bit more... oh no, no, no, a little more right.

PINKIE PIE

The cloud over our table looked like an ice cream sundae.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

Perfect

DISCORD

No. No. No. No. No. This is barely room temperature.
Garcon! Garcon, over here.

SC. 14 - EXT. CAFE - LATER

DISCORD
No? Nothing?

TWILIGHT
Are you sure there's not something you missed? Some other detail about your lunch together that you're forgetting?

DISCORD
Well, I don't know about the rest of you but I feel we've been pretty exhaustive in our attempts to recreate every single detail of our previous encounter.

RAINBOW DASH/PINKIE
PIE/RARITY/APPLEJACK/FLUTTERSHY
Yeah!/That's for sure!

RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, Twilight. If you don't get it by now. I don't think you're ever gonna get it.

TWILIGHT
But it is *really* important that I figure this out. It's for the good of all Equestria.

DISCORD
Well perhaps we should have another look at the data we've collected.
(then)
Of course! There is one last variable we haven't accounted for.

TWILIGHT
What?

DISCORD
You.

TWILIGHT
Me?

DISCORD
You weren't there observing us. No matter how hard we try, we can't possibly recreate our weekend of fun *exactly* as it happened because you'll always be watching and you weren't there.

PINKIE PIE
He makes a good point.

DISCORD
It has only served to prove that moments of levity and bonding between friends simply cannot be recreated so that others might share in the experience.

PINKIE PIE
He makes another good point.

RARITY
Oh don't worry, darling, I'm sure there will be plenty of other chances for you to share in the kind of frivolity we had with Discord while you were away.

RAINBOW DASH
Yeah. And I'll bet they'll be just as...hisssterical. Hahaha!

FLUTTERSHY
Absolutely.

SC. 15 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER

TWILIGHT
I'm not buying it. Not for a second. There is definitely something else going on here, Spike.

SPIKE
Or maybe there isn't and you should just drop this whole thing and admit that you're a little jealous?

TWILIGHT
Even if I'm not able to laugh at what happened, I should be able to figure out why *they* find it funny. Why they think they had this amazing and hilarious time together. But I can't figure it out. It doesn't make sense.

SPIKE
Some things just can't be explained.

TWILIGHT
Our friends *think* something great happened to them while I was away but no... it was something awful!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

If we don't break the spell they're under, who knows what terrible things could happen?

SPIKE

Spell?

TWILIGHT

Come on, Spike! There's no time to lose!

SC. 17 - INT. ZECORA'S HUT - A MOMENT LATER

TWILIGHT

Zecora, what do you think? Can you undo Discord's magic?

ZECORA

In what way can you tell/that they are indeed under a spell?

TWILIGHT

They're having fun with DISCORD, that's why.

ZECORA

Ahh, a friendship with Discord is truly a shock/but who says it is something that we must block?

TWILIGHT

Trust me, they would never laugh like that unless something magical was involved. It's not that funny. I know funny.

ZECORA

Alright, this potion will break the spell/then you will be able to tell.

SPIKE

Wait, if that's the potion, then what's brewing in your cauldron?

ZECORA

It ties the room together and emits a warm glow/ but if I am to be honest, it's just for show!

SC. 18 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - LATER

APPLEJACK

I wonder why she asked us here so bright and early.

RARITY
Another "map adventure" perhaps.

PINKIE PIE
Nope. No glowing tushies here.

FLUTTERSHY
Maybe it's more of a non-adventure. She just wants to tell us how last night's slumber went?

TWILIGHT
Hey gang!

PINKIE
Ooh, you look excited.

TWILIGHT
I am excited! We're gonna have fun today!

PINKIE
Yes!

TWILIGHT
Just one tiny, miniscule, microscopic thing before fun times. I need everypony to sip this potion to break Discord's spell on you.

APPLEJACK
A-wut now?

TWILIGHT
Don't be embarrassed. So what if Discord cast a spell on you so you THOUGHT you had a great time and now have all these inside jokes that you seem to be constantly laughing at. Don't worry, you didn't have your defenses up, I get it...

RAINBOW DASH
You're kidding.

RARITY
Twilight, darling, we simply had a nice time with Discord. As I recall we spent much of yesterday afternoon re-enacting it for you.

TWILIGHT
Uh-huh. Or you re-enacted what you *thought* was fun but really wasn't

because you were under a spell that made you think what happened was fun.

APPLEJACK

What kinda fertilizer have you had your nose in, Twilight?

TWILIGHT

Be honest, the only reason you won't drink the potion is because deep in your hearts you know there's a chance that Discord has you under his power.

FLUTTERSHY

Twilight! How could you say such a thing? I know Discord still makes mistakes sometimes, but you're accusing him of being downright evil.

RAINBOW DASH

Yeah! And to top it off, you're accusing us of not being able to tell he was up to something. What do you take us for?

PINKIE PIE

Yeah... what do you... take us for?

PINKIE

Delicious! Got anymore, Twilight?

DISCORD

Hi, Twilight, the gang mentioned we'd all be hanging out together today?

TWILIGHT

The gang?

DISCORD

Yeah, the peanut butter hoof gang!

PINKIE

(laughing)

It's still funny!

APPLEJACK

So much for that whole spell theory.

TWILIGHT

Ugh!! It's still not funny!

RAINBOW DASH

It's funny if you were there.

TWILIGHT

BUT I WASN'T THERE! I WASN'T INCLUDED. MAYBE IT'S MY OWN FAULT FOR STAYING IN AND HAVING A BOOKSORTACATION WHEN I

COULD HAVE BEEN MAKING JOKES AND
MEMORIES AND HAVING A GREAT TIME WITH
MY FRIENDS. BUT I DIDN'T DO THAT, DID
I?! YOU ALL DID. YOU WERE ALL THERE
BUT...

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I wasn't there. I missed out. And
seeing you having all these jokes I
wasn't a part of and couldn't
understand made me--

SPIKE
Jealous?

TWILIGHT
No. The Princess of Friendship can't
get jealous.

APPLEJACK
Sure you can, Twilight. And none of us
begrudge you for it.

FLUTTERSHY
We're sorry if we made you feel left
out.

TWILIGHT
You didn't do anything wrong. You're
allowed to share things that don't
include me.

RARITY
And you're allowed to feel a little
jealous about it. You just have to be
able to admit that's what you're
feeling so you can let it go.

RAINBOW DASH
And, you know, not try to make us
recreate everything that happened
when you weren't around.

DISCORD
Of course none of this would have
happened if I hadn't encouraged
everypony not to invite you this
weekend.

TWILIGHT
They wanted me to be there and you
convinced them to not invite me.

DISCORD
Well I didn't think they should
interrupt you. But now I see that we
should have. Oh I feel just terrible.

PINKIE PIE
You don't look like you feel terrible.

DISCORD
Better?

APPLEJACK
Wait a minute. You didn't suggest not invitin' Twilight cause you *wanted* to make her feel left out, did you?

DISCORD
Of course not! That whole jealousy thing was just a happy accident.

DISCORD (CONT'D)
Certainly we can all agree that Princess Twilight learned a valuable lesson here -- That even she can have feelings of jealousy? That she should recognize said feelings rather than try to pretend she doesn't have them?

DISCORD (CONT'D)
Did I get the tiniest bit of glee out of watching her try to recreate our weekend of fun in the name of "science"? Oh, most definitely. But what's important here is that it was never my *intent* to make Twilight feel jealous. That's something the old me would have tried to do. Orange you glad I've changed?

DISCORD (CONT'D)
I said... "Orange you glad I've changed?"

DISCORD (CONT'D)
Orange. Like the ones at the Applejack farm. From this weekend.

DISCORD (CONT'D)
No? Nothing? Really?
(then)
I thought you'd find this hisss-sterical.

RARITY
Yes, no. Discord, I think these jokes have run their course.

PINKIE PIE
Only way we'd find them funny now is if you put us all under some kind of spell.

TWILIGHT

Come on! You'd have to be a complete crazy pony to think he'd do something like that. What are you going to say next, Pinkie? That we'd all have to drink some weird potion to break the spell?

DISCORD

What's so funny?

RAINBOW DASH

Come on, Discord, do we really have to spell it out for you?

DISCORD

I don't get it. Somepony want to tell me what's so funny? Anypony? Hello? I'm talking to you! You and you, you! Well what's so funny about spells? I don't get it, I feel left out and feel really bad about it...

SPIKE

Sorry, buddy... guess you had to be there.

THE END