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TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. CANTERLOT - DAY

PEGASUS GUARDS gallop/fly through the center of town, pulling Twilight's new CHARIOT. Spike and Twilight ride in the chariot, enjoying the wind whipping through their hair.

1 TWILIGHT
I know Celestia is generous, but my own chariot? It's too much, Spike.

2 SPIKE
What?! No. This thing is awesome.

3 TWILIGHT
I don't know. I think maybe I should return it.

4 SPIKE
Come on! With this kind of horsepower-- 2 horsepower to be exact--

The Pegasus guards crane their heads back to Spike and nod. Spike waves back.

5 SPIKE (CONT'D)
--think about how fast we'll go!

6 TWILIGHT
I don't need to go fast, Spike.

7 SPIKE
But, uh, the faster we get from one place to another, the more we'll be able to get done when we get there!

Twilight considers this.

8 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Think of how many more things you'll be able to add to your to do list when you have more time to do them because you've spent less time on travel!

Twilight perks up. Spike's words have worked on her.

9 TWILIGHT
You're right! And I do have a lot I
want to get done before the books I
got in Canterlot arrive in the next
few days by trains.

10 SPIKE
Train.

11 TWILIGHT
Trainsss.
(then)
I bought a lot of books.
(sing-song)
And they'll need to be organized
and shelved in my library.

12 SPIKE
Uh, yeah, I might need a little
free time before I help organize.
(then, to the guards)
A little faster, boys?

The Pegasus guards smile. The chariot ZOOMS out the city
gates. They're going so fast, the background is nothing but a
blur.

As they SPEED down the mountain, Spike sticks his head out
the side of the chariot like a dog hanging its head out a car
window.

13 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Woo-hoo! I'm never walking again!

Twilight pulls Spike back in.

14 TWILIGHT
Safety first.

Spike gives her a thumbs up. His thumb manages to juuuust
stick out the side of the chariot. Twilight grabs his thumb
and pulls it back in.

15 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
And safety second.

END OF TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT 1

SC. 2 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

The chariot enters the outskirts of Ponyville. Above the chariot, two BLURS zip through the sky above.

16 TWILIGHT
What is that?

Twilight and Spike stop the chariot and disembark to get a better view.

UP WITH THE TWO BLURS: They zoom through the center of town, flying under ponies' legs and over town hall, then head down a building's chimney and out the front door, blasting through a window into Sugarcube Corner.

SC. 3 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - SAME

The two blurs fly so fast they leave streaks in their wake... one blur leaves a rainbow, the other leaves behind a flaming streak-- which flambés Mr. Cake's Creme Brulee. He tastes it.

17 MR. CAKE
Perfect.

SC. 4 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

Back on Twilight. She squints at the BLURS exiting Sugarcube Corner. She focuses on the rainbow blur...

18 TWILIGHT
Is that Rainbow Dash being chased
by...

19 SPIKE
...Discord?

The first blur tries to zip around a tree, but at the last second, the wind BLOWS, moving a branch directly in the blur's way. WHAM!

The blur? It is RAINBOW DASH. She shakes herself off, fine, and flaps her wings to take off again, but...

It's too late. The second Blur arrives. DISCORD. He bares his teeth and cackles like a crazed maniac!!

20 DISCORD
I've got you exactly where I want
you!

ON Spike, covering his eyes.

21 SPIKE
Discord's back to his old ways!
Twilight, do something!

Discord holds up a claw right in front of Rainbow Dash...

Spike turns to Twilight, but she's already gone...

ON Twilight, flying towards Rainbow Dash and Discord. Her
horn glows, charging up a magical blast...

22 TWILIGHT
I don't know what you're planning,
Discord, but it doesn't look
friendly!

On Rainbow Dash: her face falls, What is Twilight doing?

ON Discord, His CLAW inches from RD's face.

23 DISCORD
I'm sorry my dear Twilight, but
you're too late to save her!

Discord makes his move...

...And gently taps RD on the shoulder.

24 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Tag, you're it! Haha! Try and catch
me!

Discord flies back into the sky.

25 RAINBOW DASH
Puh-lease! You know I can fly laps
around you, Discord!

Rainbow Dash, GIGGLING with glee, flies after Discord.

26 DISCORD
 (off in distance)
You can join in next time, Princess
Twilight!

Back on the ground, Twilight and Spike are confused.

SC. 5 - EXT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - DAY

Spike and Twilight make their way to the front door.

27 TWILIGHT
Do think I should mention that
Discord and Rainbow Dash are closer
friends now?

Spike shrugs.

28 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I think I should. It's a good thing
to see him finally integrating
himself, right?

Spike thinks about it. Sure.

SC. 6 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - DAY

PINKIE PIE PIE and FLUTTERSHY are sewing a piece of clothing together. APPLEJACK glues on huge gems. Pacing behind them is Twilight, mid-conversation...

29 TWILIGHT
And they were flying around playing
a game while making jokes. Can you
believe it: jokes?

30 PINKIE PIE
I love Jokes! Here's one: A
Manhattan Pony, a Cloudsdale pony
and a Baltamore pony were on a
boat...
(Off Rarity's face)
Hey, what's with that look, Rarity?
You've heard this one before?

Rarity, lips pursed, eyeballs the piece of clothing the ponies are sewing like a drill sergeant. Clearly it's not going very well...

31 RARITY
It's nothing, but perhaps, just
perhaps, I should help with the
sewing--

32 APPLEJACK
--Don't get your saddle in a twist,
Rarity, They're doing a great job.

ON Rarity: she disagrees. But she turns that frown upside down and nods. Then sees she might have hurt Fluttershy and PINKIE PIE Pie's feelings.

33 RARITY
Oh darlings, I trust both of you,
it's just that I really need to
finish this piece. And I really
want it to be perfect.

Rarity holds up a beautiful, if extremely long and bizarrely
cut pair of pants.

34 TWILIGHT
Ehem, not to interrupt your
interruption and get back to what I
was saying, but did you hear me
about Rainbow Dash and Discord?
It's like they were best friends...
Not that Discord isn't my friend. I
really like him.

Applejack looks up from her work.

35 APPLEJACK
We all like him, Twilight. We like
him a lot.

36 TWILIGHT
That's good to hear. Sometimes I
worry he'll never be truly accepted
as part of the group.

37 APPLEJACK
Why not?

38 TWILIGHT
You know cause he used to be a tiny
bit of a master villain.

39 APPLEJACK
That's all in the past, Twilight.
We've talked with him about it.

LAUGHTER from off screen. Twilight turns to see Discord and
Rainbow Dash entering in hysterics. Fluttershy, Applejack,
Rarity and PINKIE PIE smile at them.

40 TWILIGHT
Well look who decided to show up.
The two new best buddies!

But Rainbow Dash and Discord don't hear Twilight because the
ponies are all hugging and saying hello, while Discord
continues to laugh with Rainbow Dash.

41 PINKIE PIE
Hey, I want to laugh, too! Did you
just tell the joke about the three
ponies on the boat?

42 RAINBOW DASH
Even better.
 (then)
Peanutbutter feet!

Every pony (but Twilight) starts LAUGHING. Happy, guttural
belly laughs. Nothing has ever been funnier.

Discord snaps his fingers and a butter knife appears and he
slathers his feet in peanut butter. This just makes the
ponies laugh even harder.

Twilight watches, flabbergasted. She doesn't get it. As the
ponies and Discord calm down...

43 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Wait, wait, who wants to take
another ride on the unicorn
unicycle!!!!

Discord and the ponies DROP TO THE GROUND, pained with
laughter.

44 APPLEJACK
You've got me hootin' and
hollerin'!

Discord rolls around, holding his belly.

45 DISCORD
It's too funny! The funny hurts!

46 FLUTTERSHY
It is a little comical.

CLOSE ON Twilight watching her friends laugh with Discord.

We SLO-MO and PUSH IN on their laughing faces. Their high
pitched laughter drops a few octaves, becoming creepy.

47 RAINBOW DASH
 (slo-mo)
Weeeee lovvvvve yooooou
Disssscorrrrd.

Twilight shakes her head out. And we're back to normal speed.
She's a little confused by her creepy day dream...

Rarity picks up the weird pants she was sewing and holds them up to Discord's legs. They line up perfectly.

48 TWILIGHT
Wow, Rarity, you got his
measurements exactly right. It's
like you know him so well all of a
sudden...

Rarity looks at Twilight sympathetically.

49 RARITY
Oh, darling, I hear it in your
voice-- don't think I'm leaving you
out. I'll make you something--
right after I finish a few more
pieces I promised to Discord...

Discord smiles sympathetically. Then conspiratorially, leans to Twilight:

50 DISCORD
Be patient with Rarity, she's
making me a nine piece suit. What
friends'll do for each other,
right?

Off Twilight, a little confused, but agreeing, we CUT TO:

SC. 7 - EXT. TRAIN STATION - DAY

Twilight watches the train station attendant flip through his schedule.

51 TRAIN ATTENDANT
Every book will arrive on Friday.

52 TWILIGHT
That's just what I wanted to hear.
Thank you! I could kiss you!

The train attendant blushes.

53 TRAIN ATTENDANT
Awww. That's nice.
 (then, huge smile)
Go ahead.

Twilight was NOT expecting him to say that. She backs away--

54 SPIKE
Sorry, we're running late, right
Twilight?

Twilight nods. The attendant looks disappointed.

55 TWILIGHT
 (whispers)
Nice save, Spike!

SC. 8 - EXT. PONYVILLE - MOMENTS LATER

Twilight and Spike walk down the street. Twilight appears lost in thought.

56 SPIKE
Whatcha thinking about?

57 TWILIGHT
This morning was... different.
Our friends are sewing Discord
outfits. They have inside jokes.
It's like they're best friends with
him... in a way that I'm not.

Spike puts on a pair of glasses and takes out a psychologist-style note pad.

58 SPIKE
Does that bother you?

59 TWILIGHT
That they're close? No. Why would
it bother me?

60 SPIKE
I don't know, but maybe, possibly,
you're a little jelly aka jealous?

61 TWILIGHT
That would normally make sense, and
it's what I would think if it were
anyone else-- like you for instance--
- BUT, I'm the Princess of
Friendship. That can't possibly be
it.

Spike takes off his glasses.

62 SPIKE
You want my professional opinion?

63 TWILIGHT
You're a professional what again?

64 SPIKE
It's jealousy. Classic case.

Twilight waves him off with her hoof.

65 TWILIGHT
I'm simply curious how they grew so
close so fast.

Twilight nods, yup that's it.

66 SPIKE
If you say so.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 9 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - SOON AFTER

The Mane 6 and Spike sit down to feast on treats.

67 PINKIE PIE
I'm so glad my best friends could
all join me on this very special
day. Wednesday.

WHAM the door flies open.

68 DISCORD
Sorry I'm late.

Discord walks in with his "warmest" smile.

69 PINKIE PIE
Now all my best friends are
here!!!! Yippeeeee!!!

PINKIE PIE punctuates her celebration with a Michael Jackson-eque moon walk.

70 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
And now, may the Wednesday feast
begin!

The ponies dig in, happily taking bits of pies and cakes.

Discord slams a cupcake into his mouth, whole. Then a pie. In fact, Discord's eating at such a rate, that he starts using his magic to make replacements of the desserts he's eating appear around the room.

...And then he eats those too. Meanwhile, the ponies (minus Twilight) cheer him on.

71 FLUTTERSHY
So unhealthy, but so impressive.

72 APPLEJACK
You should compete in next year's
apple pie eating contest. Big Mac
won't know what hit him!

73 DISCORD
This is the life! And you know, I
never get full.

Discord's belly is HUGE. He removes a stopper from his belly
button and it deflates like a balloon.

74 RAINBOW DASH
<LAUGHING> Classic Discord!

Discord bows and the rest of the ponies laugh.

75 TWILIGHT
Eating Mr. And Mrs. Cake out of
house and home sure is funny... So
tell me -- how did you all become
so close over the last few days?

The ponies and Discord share a look, not sure of the answer.

76 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
What was that look?

77 APPLEJACK
Guess it's hard to remember exactly
how it happened is all.

78 FLUTTERSHY
We've done an awful lot while you
were away, Twilight.

79 RAINBOW DASH
I'd say it started with The-Apple-
Balancing Fiasco.

80 PINKIE PIE
No way, it was our cake duel. "Take
ten paces, turn, and fire!"

PINKIE PIE laughs, then grabs a cake and throws it at
Discord, but instead of dodging it, he catches it in his
mouth, eating it.

81 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Again! Again!

PINKIE PIE throws another one, this time Discord does a
double summersault before catching it in his mouth.

Like an Olympic judge, PINKIE PIE holds a cake with the number ten written in frosting on it above her head. Discord makes roses appear and catches them like an ice-skater after a great performance. Then PINKIE PIE throws the 10-cake at him and he eats that whole, too.

82 FLUTTERSHY
Well, we were definitely close when
Photo Finish shot us for that
feature for *Best Friends Magazine*.

83 TWILIGHT
Best Friends Magazine?

84 RAINBOW DASH
It's a publication we started with
Discord while you were gone.

ANGLE ON DISCORD who is now running a printing press.

He hands Twilight a copy of "Best Friends Magazine". He and the rest of the Mane 5 are smiling on the cover.

85 RARITY
I only wish I'd had a chance to
finish your suit before the shoot.

86 DISCORD
Now don't go beating yourself up
over it, Rarity. We were on a very
tight deadline to get out the first
issue.

The rest of the Mane 6 gather around to look at the magazine.

Twilight and Spike back away and whisper...

87 TWILIGHT
*Isn't it weird that they don't
remember how they became so close
while I was away?*

88 SPIKE
*I think you're blowing things out
of proportion-- they don't even
seem that close.*

Just as he utters those words-- The ponies and Discord put their hoofs in a circle like a team before a game.

They pound hoofs five times, spin around twice, pick each other up, creating a six pony tall tower with Discord on top, drop back down to the ground and back-spring into a group high five. It's impressive... and completely over the top.

Hold on Twilight, feeling sad for being left out.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT 1

ACT 2

FADE IN:

SC. 10 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - DAY

Twilight and Spike make their way through the thick trees.

89 SPIKE
This isn't you. You like to analyze
and weigh your options.

90 TWILIGHT
There's no other explanation,
Spike.

91 SPIKE
Sure, normally I'm all for assuming
Discord cast a spell on our friends-

92 TWILIGHT
-Because that's what he used to do.

93 SPIKE
Right --"Used to"-- But I don't
think just because they're all
friends means he's using his
powers.

94 TWILIGHT
But what if he was having so much
trouble truly understanding
friendship, that he decided to take
a short cut and FORCED them to be
closer friends with a spell or
potion?

95 SPIKE
 (not buying it)
Discord made a love potion?

96 TWILIGHT
Let's call it a "like" potion.

They arrive outside Zecora's hut.

SC. 11 - INT. ZECORA'S HUT - CONTINUOUS

CLOSE on a rotten apple. PULL BACK to reveal Zecora. She considers the rotten apple, then throws it into the garbage.

97 ZECORA
Not quite rotten enough/ I need the
extra disgusting stuff.

She sifts throw a barrel of gross things, and finds an apple festering with worms. She throws it into her caldron.

98 SPIKE
I don't know, as apples go, they
both seemed pretty gross.

99 TWILIGHT
Spike, Shhh.
(then)
Zecora, what do you think? Can you
undo Discord's spell?

100 ZECORA
How can we possibly tell/if they
are truly under a spell?/ Even if a
close friendship with Discord is
truly a shock/but spell or not, who
says it is something to block?

101 TWILIGHT
Trust me, this won't end well.

102 ZECORA
This potion will break any
spell/then you will be able to
tell.

Zecora retrieves potion from her wall of potions.

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

104 ZECORA
When I tell you, you're eyes might
scrunch/But this is my wildly-
delicious lunch.

Spike's eyes do indeed scrunch.

Zecora hands the potion to Twilight. But before she lets go, she gives Twilight a stern look--

105 ZECORA (CONT'D)
Asking your friends to drink a
potion is a problem/ It says you
have no trust in them.

Spike shoots Twilight a look, but she dodges his gaze.

SC. 12 - EXT. PONYVILLE - MORNING

A new day in Ponyville. Rarity, Rainbow Dash, PINKIE PIE Pie, Fluttershy and Applejack trot towards Twilight's castle.

106 RARITY
Now that we've finished Discord's
suit, we finally have time to hear
all about Twilight's adventures in
Canterlot.

107 FLUTTERSHY
I wouldn't mind hearing stories
about her non-adventures, too.

Everypony looks at Fluttershy like she's crazy.

108 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
What? Maybe she had a nice nap or
used some aromatic candles.

SC. 13 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER

Twilight and the rest of the Mane six are hanging out in the throne room.

109 TWILIGHT
It was hard in Canterlot without
all of you, I'm glad we're all
together again.

110 FLUTTERSHY
We are too. We missed you this past
week.

PINKIE PIE pulls a cord and confetti pours down on Twilight followed by some baked goods.

111 PINKIE PIE
I love you so much I rigged this
trap door full of confetti months
ago. I knew I'd have a chance to
use it!

112 TWILIGHT
Awww, PINKIE PIE Pie! I love all of
you, too!

113 PINKIE PIE
Then let's party! But don't eat the
pastries that fell out with the
confetti. They are super stale.

114 TWILIGHT
Noted! Now just one tiny,
miniscule, microscopic thing before
we "party". I need everypony to sip
this potion to break Discord's
spell on you. No big deal, right?

Twilight pours a bit of the potion into PARTY-THEMED paper
cups.

115 RAINBOW DASH
You're kidding, right?

Twilight tries to smile, but she just can't force it.

116 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
You're not kidding?! Come on,
Twilight. Discord's our friend,
same as you. Would we drink a
potion to escape your friendship?

117 TWILIGHT
No, but that's diff--

118 RAINBOW DASH
Exactly. We're not doing that for
Discord either.

119 TWILIGHT
I figured you might say that.
That's what ponies under spells
always say.

120 APPLEJACK
What kinda fertilizer have you been
smelling, Twilight? This is sillier
than apple picking in springtime.

121 TWILIGHT
Be honest, the only reason you
won't drink the potion is because
deep in your hooves you know
there's a chance, however slight,
that Discord has you under his
power. Why else would you all be
such close friends?

122 RAINBOW DASH
Because he's our close friend!

123 TWILIGHT
Okay, then what's the risk?

Rainbow Dash can't believe this. She makes up her mind,
AGGRESSIVELY FLIES right at Twilight, and grabs the
cup'o'potion out of her hand.

SHE GUZZLES IT DOWN and let's out a loud BURP.

124 RAINBOW DASH
Happy?

Twilight tries to keep her composure, but yes, she is HAPPY.

125 PINKIE PIE
I wouldn't normally drink a potion,
but it looks REALLY TASTY!

PINKIE PIE downs it.

126 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
More please!

The other ponies look at each other-- If Rainbow Dash and
PINKIE PIE did it, then why not? They drink.

127 RARITY
I don't feel a bit of difference.

128 TWILIGHT
But how do you feel about Discord?

129 FLUTTERSHY
Discord! Oh my goodness, we're late
for our shopping excursion.

130 RAINBOW DASH
Let's go, I don't want to
disappoint--

Rainbow Dash looks to Twilight as she finishes her sentence.

131 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
--My good friend.

The other ponies clear out in a hurry.

Twilight looks to Spike, like "uh-oh." Things are not going as they planned...

SC. 14 - EXT. TRAIN STATION - LATER

Train station worker ponies finish unloading train cars of books into a GIANT TRAILER. They hitch the trailer onto Twilight's CHARIOT. Spike stands next to her.

132 TWILIGHT
This is just the distraction I need. Let my friends have fun with Discord. I'll just make these books my new friends. To the castle! As fast as you can, please.

The Pegasus guards nod. They pull as hard as they can, but The Chariot barely moves forward. The books are HEAVY. Twilight feels bad.

133 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Maybe we take more than one trip?

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

Huge piles of unsorted books all over the giant room.

134 TWILIGHT
Relaxation, here I come.

Twilight points to a bottom shelf.

135 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
This'll be shelf one of seventeen for books on friendship...

Twilight TWITCHES as she says "friendship."

136 SPIKE
You sure you want to start with that subject? Maybe something like Equestrian history makes more sense?

KNOCK. KNOCK.

137 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Let me get that. You stay there and
try not to twitch.

Spike opens the door. It's Discord with the other ponies.

138 DISCORD
Twilight, help has arrived. I'm
here to organize all your books!
And I convinced everypony else to
join me.

Twilight freezes in place, shocked to see him.

139 TWILIGHT
Wait. How do you even know I was
planning this?

140 DISCORD
Come on now, a good friend always
knows. Besides, organizing is kinda
my thing.

Twilight blinks and TWITCHES again.

141 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Did I say something wrong?

WE go SLO-MO as the words, "Organizing is kinda my thing."
repeat over and over.

PUSH in on her twitchy face as we FLASH BACK TO:

A SLO-MO version of the ponies laughing at the inside joke
from act one. The laughs are distorted and creepy.

A SLO-MO version of The hoofshake from act one: Discord
slapping Twilight's friends hooves. In slow motion they feel
more like punches than hi-fives.

BACK TO PRESENT: "Organizing is kinda my thing," repeats one
more time.

Twilight shakes her head out. Spike gives her look, "what is
going on?" Twilight lets out a deep, breath, trying to remain
Zen.

142 TWILIGHT
I'm pretty sure organization in
general, and organizing books in
particular, is my thing. I'm famous
for it. No offense, *my friend*.

Discord makes a sad face. He points to his heart, which magically glows red and CRACKS in two. It flies away like a bird.

143 DISCORD
Next you're going to say I don't like apple bucking or sewing fancy dresses either.

144 TWILIGHT
Do you like those things?

145 FLUTTERSHY
What do you mean, Twilight?

146 TWILIGHT
Oh nothing.

147 RAINBOW DASH
It's not nothing. You're still suspicious of Discord.

148 TWILIGHT
You're right! I'm sorry, but I am. Discord, your friendship with my friends couldn't have happened in less than a week.

149 DISCORD
Where is this coming from? Don't you TRUST me?

Twilight smiles, but doesn't answer Discord, making her answer clear.

150 APPLEJACK
It wasn't over night. Discord rejoining Equestria has been a process and we've been a part of that process. So have you Twilight. We've been bonding with Discord little by little for months...

Twilight starts to turn red, upset. Spike hands her a book to distract her.

151 SPIKE
Maybe you want to file that, huh?
Cool off.

Twilight takes the book from Spike. Then tosses it perfectly onto a book shelf.

152 TWILIGHT
I am under control! I do not need
to cool off! But I will say one to
all of you while I have you here--

Discord magically STEALS Twilight's voice. A glowing yellow orb floats out of her mouth and hovers above her. Meanwhile, She looks like she's YELLING LIKE CRAZY, but we don't hear even a peep.

153 DISCORD
I'm sorry to do this, but I don't
want you to say something to your
best friends that you'll regret.
Why don't you take a break. The
pressure of all that organizing is
getting to you.

Discord slowly picks up a book and puts it on a shelf.

154 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Let me do it for you.

155 APPLEJACK
Wow, Discord, that's real
thoughtful.

156 FLUTTERSHY
I'm embarrassed I didn't suggest
it.

157 DISCORD
I'm sure you would have suggested
it eventually, it's just that
organizing is my thing after all.

Twilight GRABS the glowing yellow orb (her voice) and swallows it.

158 TWILIGHT
It's MY THING!

The ponies all back up towards the door, scared of their friend.

159 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
ORGANIZING IS MY THING!!!!

Even Spike looks scared.

END OF ACT 2

ACT 3

SC. 16 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER

Rainbow Dash, PINKIE PIE, Fluttershy, Rarity and Applejack all comfort Discord as they leave.

SC. 17 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER

The library. Twilight stands in front of a blackboard holding chalk. Spike sits at a classroom style desk.

She TWITCHES again. Spike pretends not to notice.

160 TWILIGHT
We know one thing: There are zero
potions involved. So, as the
princess of Friendship, I've got to
figure out why my best friends and
Discord are getting along so
well...

161 SPIKE
And you want to do this because...
your jealousy is making you lose
it?

162 TWILIGHT
No, it's much more reasonable than
that. If we know why and how they
bonded, we can help even the most
unlikely of ponies becomes best
friends. Solving this mystery could
change friendship forever.
 (quieter)
Or, maybe, it will reveal what
Discord is up to...

While Twilight says the following, she maps out a complex equation on the board like something out of 'A Beautiful Mind' or 'Good Will Hunting.'

163 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Okay, if they spent the last five
days apple bucking, laughing at
inside jokes and posing for photos
as a group, and Discord hung out
with Rainbow Dash for an unknown
period of time, then to find X, I
must subtract every time Discord
tried to break up our friendship--
or take over Ponyville.

164 SPIKE
This isn't a fair equation. He
hasn't been good that many times.

165 TWILIGHT
Are you suggesting my math is
rigged?

166 SPIKE
I just mean he's still new to the
friendship game.

167 TWILIGHT
He is new to it. A little too new.
Hmmm. You think I'm jealous.

168 SPIKE
--Yes mam--

169 TWILIGHT
But what if that's what you're
supposed to think? What if his plan
is to separate me from my friends?
Did you see how I reacted back
there? Just like he wanted me to
react.
(then)
I feel like up until now I've been
wearing blinders.
(overly dramatic)
But now I'm taking them off.

Twilight erases everything on the blackboard and starts
drawing something else.

170 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
He can't separate me from my
friends if I become best friends
with him!

Spike looks at her like, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? She
reveals her drawing. A huge smiley face that manages to look
menacing.

SC. 18 - EXT. CHAOSVILLE - ESTABLISHING - DAY

Twilight enters this crazy mixed up place.

SC. 19 - INT. DISCORD'S HOUSE - SAME

Discord, now wearing the finished nine piece suit Rarity
made, serves The Mane 5 a beautiful multi-course dinner.

171 RARITY
Between my suit and this dinner,
you are a vision of the perfect
gentleman.

Discord blushes and fans his face like a Southern belle.

The doorbell rings. He puts down the last serving bowl and
answers the door. It's Twilight.

172 DISCORD
Twilight, I wasn't expecting to see
you so soon...

Twilight's eyes look completely crazy.

173 TWILIGHT
And I'm happy to see you too,
Discord. Very very happy! That's
the emotion I'm feeling. Haha,
Happiness!

Discord's happy to hear that!

174 DISCORD
Well come on in, the other ponies
and I are in the middle of dinner.
Join us!

SC. 20 - INT. DISCORD'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Discord and Twilight enter the living room. The other ponies
wave at Twilight, but they're suspicious after what they've
experienced.

175 TWILIGHT
Discord, silly boy, you forgot to
do our super bestie double secret
hoofshake!

Discord looks confused, what is she talking about? Twilight
grabs Discord's hand and manhandles it, giving it high and
low fives. She's making it up on the fly and it's pathetic.

176 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Like I always say, "Twilight and
Discord forever!"

177 PINKIE PIE
I don't remember you saying that,
but okay: Twilight and Discord
forever!

Rainbow Dash shakes her head at PINKIE PIE.

178 TWILIGHT
Discord, remember all those crazy
times we had?

179 DISCORD
Oh my, I don't want to rehash those
times I tried to destroy you.

180 TWILIGHT
No, after that, our fun times!
Strawberry picking and skipping.
Show them how we skip!

Twilight does a light trot around the house. Discord looks
confused, but smiles and joins in.

181 DISCORD
I don't remember this, and feel
sort of silly, but okay!

182 TWILIGHT
Exactly! So many fun times!

The camera pushes in on Twilight as she says it again:

183 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
 (twitchy)
FUN TIMES!

Rarity turns to Applejack.

184 RARITY
Why is she being so aggressively
friendly?

185 APPLEJACK
It's scaring me worse than Granny
Smith without her teeth in.

Rainbow Dash stands up at the head of the table.

186 RAINBOW DASH
Enough, Twilight. Why are you
suddenly trying to be super close
with Discord? It's weirding us out.
You can't just become best friends
over night.

187 TWILIGHT
That's what I've been saying!

188 DISCORD
Hey, watch it, Rainbow Dash. She
likes me for real.

Fluttershy sadly shakes her head.

189 FLUTTERSHY
No, my friend, she doesn't.
Twilight's trying to trick you.
She's up to something.

Twilight TWITCHES OUT like CRAZY. Her horn starts glowing.

190 TWILIGHT
ME? ME?!! YOU THINK I'M UP TO
SOMETHING? WHAT IS GOING ON? UP IS
DOWN! LEFT IS RIGHT! NOTHING MAKES
SENSE!

ZAP! Her horn BLASTS a hole right through Discord's tea
kettle. Twilight's horn glows again and levitates the plates
and food on the table up into the air, spinning everything
into a whirlwind.

The whirlwind of plates and glasses is smashing into
everything in sight-- and now it's headed straight for
Discord.

WHAM! The ponies TACKLE Twilight, knocking her to the ground.
Her horn stops glowing and the whirlwind stops, dropping all
the plates and glasses back onto the table in front of PINKIE
PIE.

191 PINKIE PIE
Ooh, more food for me! Yay!

SC. 21 - INT. TWILIGHT'S HOUSE - LATER

Twilight wakes up in her bed. It's quiet. Next to her is
Spike, he pats her head with a damp cloth.

192 TWILIGHT
Spike. I just had the most terrible
nightmare.

Was it all a bad dream? GO WIDE to reveal the rest of the
Mane Six, standing next to her bed.

193 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
And you were there, and you were
there. AND YOU!

She's pointing at DISCORD. He waves to her from the corner.

194 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Don't tell me I haven't been
dreaming.

195 PINKIE PIE
I promise we won't tell you.

Twilight eyes Discord, full of jealousy.

196 TWILIGHT
Fine Discord. You win. I don't know
what you did to turn my friends
against me, but it worked.

Everyone stares at this pitiful, defeated, sad sack. Not the
Twilight they know and love.

197 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Now please, leave me alone so I can
feel sorry for myself in peace.

198 APPLEJACK
Twilight, we haven't turned against
you.

199 FLUTTERSHY
We're still as close as ever.
Right?

Applejack, Rarity, PINKIE PIE, and Rainbow Dash all nod.

200 RARITY
The truth is, you've been acting
quite peculiar since you returned
from your jaunt in Canterlot.

Twilight stands up on her bed and faces her friends.

201 TWILIGHT
I'm sorry I've been on edge. I
guess...

She looks to Spike as she says these words:

202 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
...I've been jealous. I just don't
understand what happened while I
was gone. ...And I'm supposed to
understand everything about
friendship. But maybe if I'm having
these feelings... I don't deserve
to be the princess of anything,
much less friendship.

Discord walks over to Twilight and pushes her sad chin up.

203 DISCORD
Twilight, I know what happened to
you. You forgave me for all my bad
deeds-- which are quite a lot--
just like all the other ponies did,
but it's clear that deep down
you've been expecting me to go back
to my old ways. You forgave me, but
you never forgot what I did. Your
friends, whether they realized it
or not, chose to forget the past
and move on...

204 SPIKE
 (quiet, working it out)
Forgive *and* forget. Ah.

205 FLUTTERSHY
It's true. Once I forgot the things
he did, we were able to truly bond.

206 TWILIGHT
But what made you willing to forget
all those terrible things?

207 RAINBOW DASH
I can't speak for any other pony,
but for me, I just did what I'd
want ponies to do for me. My past
isn't perfect either. No pony's is.

208 TWILIGHT
You're right. I need to leave the
past in the past.

Twilight turns to Discord.

209 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
That's what kept me from becoming
better friends with you.

210 DISCORD
It's perfectly alright, I wouldn't
trust me either.

Discord pulls up his sleeve revealing 4 Aces.

211 DISCORD (CONT'D)
See what I mean? It's okay.

212 TWILIGHT
It's not okay. When a pony assumes
the worst, sometimes it bring out
the worst. I want to be your
friend.

213 DISCORD
That's wonderful news, Twilight!
That means it's time to learn our
proper hoofshake.

214 PINKIE PIE
Do we have time for hi-five school?
It's really complicated. I've got
people to see and parties to throw.

215 TWILIGHT
I'm a fast learner.

IN SUPER QUICK cuts we see hooves try to slap five. They miss
each other. Again and again. Misses. Then Twilight slaps a
perfect five.

CUT TO: Twilight learning the flip at the end-- she falls,
then tries again and nails it with an extra 720 McTwist (or
some other cool skateboarding spin move).

BACK TO NORMAL:

216 PINKIE PIE
Okay, that was pretty fast.

217 TWILIGHT
Okay, let's all do it!

Discord makes a move towards the ponies, then hangs back.

218 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
You too, Discord!

Discord runs in, excited to be fully accepted by Twilight.
They nail the complicated hoofshake.

219 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Yes!

220 DISCORD
I'm still shocked you believed all
of this was some evil plot to drive
you apart from your friends.

Twilight smiles a guilty smile.

221 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Although I have to admit it would
have been a pretty ingenious plan.

Discord can't help but smirk at the thought. Upon hearing that, Twilight TWITCHES, then takes a deep breath and lets it go.

FADE OUT.