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TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - ESTABLISHING

The rising sun shines against the front of the castle.

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

Giant stacks of books in the center of the room. Every bookshelf is empty. SPIKE pops up from between two stacks of books and holds a book in the air.

1 SPIKE
Didn't we just re-shelve all the
books in the library a few weeks
ago?

TWILIGHT uses her magic to float the book Spike was holding across the room and deposit it on a bookshelf. She inches the book over with her hoof so it leans "just so."

2 TWILIGHT
Yes, but that was before I devised
an even better system for
organizing them.
 (then, proudly)
It decreases the amount of time it
takes to find the book you're
looking for by nearly 3/4 of a
second.

3 SPIKE
 (faux impressed)
Whoa! That much?!

Twilight ignores him and looks at the stacks of books.

4 TWILIGHT
By my calculations we only have to
sort through...
 (adding in her head)
20,000 more books!

The joy on her face is not shared by Spike.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 3 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - NIGHT

Moonlight streams in through the open window, filling the library with a warm glow.

The piles of books are gone. All the shelves are filled.
Spike picks up the last book from the middle of the room.

5 SPIKE
Twilight, we're finally...

He forces the book into a tightly packed shelf.

6 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Done.

7 TWILIGHT
<Sigh>. Already?

Spike looks at her like she's crazy, then leans against the side of a bookshelf to finally rest--

Tipping the shelf right INTO THE NEXT SHELF...

8 SPIKE
Uh-oh!

But it's too late, he's started a domino effect. Crash! Wham! Bookshelf after bookshelf topples, until every bookshelf is on the ground. Books everywhere. Spike is horrified, until...

9 TWILIGHT
Oh Spike, you always know how to make me happy!

Twilight begins happily sorting through the books.

END OF TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT 1

SC. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - DAY

A cloud of dust fills the screen. As it clears, we find Spike dusting the books. They're so clean they almost sparkle.

10 SPIKE
We're finished! Again.

Twilight admires the shining books. She notices a particle of dust on one book in the corner. She licks her hoof like a mom cleaning a baby's face and polishes it.

She nods to Spike. Now they've finished. They smile at each other, a job well done.

11 TWILIGHT
It's time to see our friends!

12 SPIKE
It's been soooo long. I wonder what
Rarity's been up to?
(off Twilight's look)
...And also everypony else.

Twilight nods. That's right.

SC. 5 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

Bright sunshine. The front door swings open and Twilight and Spike walk into the sunlight. Spike COVERS his eyes and drops to the ground.

13 SPIKE
It burns! It burns!

14 TWILIGHT
Alright, alright. So it's been a
little while since we've been
outside.

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

16 TWILIGHT
Yes! But they were three very
productive days!

17 SPIKE
I guess--

VRRRRMMMMM! TWO SPEEDING BLURS in the sky pass overhead.
Twilight focuses on the first blur, a rainbow blur...

18 TWILIGHT
Is Rainbow Dash being chased by?

The second blur slows down enough for us to get a look at it--

19 SPIKE
...Discord?

Rainbow Dash zips around a tree, but at the last second, it
sprouts an additional branch directly in the her path. WHAM.
She gets up, slightly dizzy.

20 RAINBOW DASH
Points off for failing to stick the
landing.

Rainbow Dash shakes herself off, fine, and flaps her wings to take off again, but...

It's too late. Discord arrives. He bares his teeth and <CACKLES> like a crazed maniac!!

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

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

Spike turns to Twilight worried, 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...

Discord makes his move... and holds up a WRAPPED PRESENT with his other hoof.

24 DISCORD (CONT'D)
I don't have a present for you.

Discord uses his outstretched MENACING CLAW to cut open the elaborate bow and several layers of different colored wrapping paper. They magically fold into origami ponies and fly away.

25 RAINBOW DASH
Whoa! Sweet.

26 DISCORD
I went a little overboard with the
gift wrapping.

27 RAINBOW DASH
Overboard is kinda your thing.

28 DISCORD
Thanks for noticing.

29 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah. Yeah. No need to get all
sappy on me.

ANGLE ON Twilight: She hovers above them, a little nervous, a lot curious.

BACK ON Rainbow Dash: She opens the present and a giant SUPER SCARY SNAKE pops out! It HISSES at Rainbow Dash.

30 TWILIGHT
Watch out, Rainbow Dash!

But Rainbow Dash PETS the snake and starts to <LAUGH HYSTERICALLY>. Twilight lands next to Rainbow Dash and Discord.

31 RAINBOW DASH
A snake! Hilarious!

Not what Twilight was expecting to hear. Rainbow Dash gives the snake a "noogie" until POOF, it transforms into Discord.

32 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
<LAUGHS>. Good one, Discord!

Twilight is thoroughly confused.

33 TWILIGHT
It is?

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

35 TWILIGHT
Oh. Okay.

36 RAINBOW DASH
How are the books? All alphabetized and Twilight Sparkle Decimalized?

Twilight nods.

37 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Cool. Well, uh, catch you later, Twilight.

Discord grins, something in his expression reads a bit sinister.

38 DISCORD
Catch you later, Twilight.

He gives her a little wave and then disappears.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 6 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

Spike and Twilight walk through town.

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

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

41 TWILIGHT
Hey, you didn't have to volunteer
to help me.

They head into...

SC. 7 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS

Spike and Twilight enter. Twilight rings a <BELL> up front.
She calls to the back:

42 TWILIGHT
Rarity? Are you here?

RARITY trots out, looking radiant as usual.

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

44 TWILIGHT
Thanks. It was very relaxing.

Spike shoots her a look -- really?

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

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

47 SPIKE
(no idea who that is)
Ooh, I love her.

48 RARITY
Him.

49 SPIKE
<EMBARRASSED CHUCKLE>. Both.

Spike, embarrassed, avoids Rarities gaze, and collects the books.

BING BONG! In comes FLUTTERSHY.

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

51 TWILIGHT
It was good.

52 FLUTTERSHY
(then, a little giggle)
Orange you glad you did it?

Rarity lets out a little <SNORT GIGGLE>.

53 RARITY
"Orange" you glad! Fluttershy, you're too much!

54 FLUTTERSHY
(so embarrassed)
Please, you'll make me blush.

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

That gets them both <GIGGLING>. Spike and Twilight stare at them, not getting what they're talking about.

56 RARITY (CONT'D)
Oh sorry, darling. You see, we were at Sweet Apple Acres with Discord and...

57 TWILIGHT
Discord?

58 RARITY
I know, right?
(then)
We were with Discord and he ended
up turning-- oh I simply can't do
it justice. You really had to be
there.

59 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.

60 TWILIGHT
Oh, thanks. I appreciate that.
(then)
Speaking of books, I should get
these on the shelves.

As she leaves, Fluttershy and Rarity start to <CRACK UP>
again. Twilight puts on a half-hearted smile, then heads out
of the store with Spike.

SC. 8 - EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - LATER

Twilight and Spike, who has Rarity's fashion books in a bag
on his back, walk down the street.

61 TWILIGHT
Rainbow Dash accepting gag gifts
from Discord, Rarity finding
something he did genuinely funny?
Must have been some weekend.

62 SPIKE
Somepony sorry she missed it?

63 TWILIGHT
Of course not.

They are suddenly startled by Applejack's <BOOMING LAUGHTER>
pouring out of the SUGARCUBE CORNER.

64 SPIKE
Is that... Applejack?

SC. 9 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - SAME

Dumbfounded, Spike and Twilight stare at PINKIE PIE and APPLEJACK. The two of them are <LAUGHING> on the floor.

65 TWILIGHT
What's got you two in hysterics?

WHIP CAM to DISCORD leaning all slick at the counter on the other side of the store. He smiles at Twilight.

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

67 PINKIE
It was almost too wild! And I have had some pretty wild weekends.

68 TWILIGHT
(whispers to Spike)
He's everywhere today, isn't he?

As Applejack and Pinkie Pie catch their breath, Discord continues talking.

69 DISCORD
Where was I? Ah, yes: And then Applejack said,
(his best AJ impression)
"Peanutbutter hoof? No way-- not even with Jelly."

This makes Pinkie Pie and Applejack <LAUGH> all over again. Twilight and Spike stare at their giggling friends.

70 TWILIGHT
I don't get it.

71 PINKIE PIE
(between laughs)
It was hilarious. I wish we'd taken a picture for you.

72 DISCORD
This should do.

Discord snaps. A butter knife magically appears and slathers his hooves in peanut butter. He tries to trot, but HE JUST CAN'T MOVE. This just makes the ponies <LAUGH> even harder.

73 TWILIGHT
(unconvincing)
I guess that's funny.

74 DISCORD
Seems this has become quite the
sticky situation.

This causes Applejack and Pinkie Pie to lose it again.

75 PINKIE PIE
Sticky situation!!

76 APPLEJACK
 (through laughter)
Hoo-boy, I think I'm gettin' a
cramp from laughin' so hard.

Spike looks to Twilight who stands there awkwardly, clearly the odd pony out. Applejack stops laughing when she sees the look on Twilight's face.

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

78 TWILIGHT
It was fine.

Discord, now peanut butter free, sidles up to Twilight.

79 DISCORD
And yet you look so glum.
 (then)
Does somepony need a hug?

Discord wraps his arms around Twilight and SQUEEZES her so tightly it looks like her head is going to pop off. Twilight TELEPORTS out of the hug.

80 TWILIGHT
I'm 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.

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

He puts his head in his hooves and pouts a little.

82 APPLEJACK
Oh, don't worry 'bout Twilight.
I'm sure she and Spike had plenty
of their own fun. Bet you were in
hog heaven organizin' all them
books. Again.

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

SC. 10 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER

Twilight paces while Spike watches.

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

85 SPIKE
I knew it! You are jealous.

Twilight waves off the notion as if it is the most ridiculous
thing she's ever heard.

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

Spike, doubtful, takes out a bag of jewels and pops them in
his mouth like he's watching a movie with bag of popcorn.

87 SPIKE
 (mouthful)
Come again?

88 TWILIGHT
Yes, Discord is our friend, but
let's face it, we tolerate him a
lot more than we genuinely love
spending time with him.
 (then)
If our friends could enjoy three
full days with Discord that much,
it *must* have something to do with
the things they did together.
 (MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

If we could find out what those things were and then recreate them for others who are trying to become better friends, it could be a real breakthrough in the science of friendship.

89 SPIKE

The "Science" of Friendship.

90 TWILIGHT

This is definitely worth investigating.

91 SPIKE

(swallowing)

Are you *sure* you're not just jealous because they all had this great time and you missed it?

Twilight gets a dramatic look on her face and sticks her head out the window, lit by the moonlight.

92 TWILIGHT

Spike, I wish it were as simple as that.

FADE OUT.

END ACT 1

FADE IN:

ACT 2

SC. 11 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

The town square. Twilight, with Spike by her side, stands before the other ponies and Discord.

93 TWILIGHT

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

94 PINKIE PIE

Oooh. I love important!

95 TWILIGHT

I want to know how these "funny" moments you shared came to pass.
(MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I really think I can use this
information to help advance
friendships all over Equestria.

96 APPLEJACK
I like the sound of that.

The other ponies nod in agreement.

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

Discord and Rainbow Dash look at each other and then start
<HYSTERICALLY LAUGHING>. The others join in.

98 RAINBOW DASH
 (through laughter)
Do we have to?

She drops down on the ground and grabs her belly as she
laughs.

99 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
It's too funny!

100 DISCORD
 (holding in laughter)
No. No. I can do it. I can tell you
the story. It started when we were
helping Granny Smith with her
garden...

101 APPLEJACK
I reckon you mean my sister, Apple
Bloom.

He waves her off.

102 DISCORD
 (to himself)
All you Apples look the same.
 (then)
And then Rainbow Dash saw a snake.

103 FLUTTERSHY
I think it was a garden hose.

104 RAINBOW DASH
You're both right. It was a "Hose
Snake." Super Deadly. It could
water Granny Smith's garden with
all the venom it spits.

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

106 PINKIE
Point is WE galloped away!

107 RAINBOW DASH
And it chased after us!

108 TWILIGHT
The hose? A snake? A stick?

RAINBOW DASH FLUTTERSHY

A snake! A hose!

109 APPLEJACK
A stick!

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110         DISCORD
We literally trotted for our lives.
Isn't that hilarious?!
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Rainbow Dash pretends to <HISS> like a snake.

111 TWILIGHT
Something is being lost in
translation. Why is that funny?

112 RARITY
Maybe you're not picturing it
right?

FLASH TO:

SC. 12 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - NIGHT

Discord and the ponies, terrified, GALLOP AWAY from an unseen scary thing. We hear it hissing. Nothing about this is funny.

BACK TO:

SC. 13 - EXT. PONYVILLE - SAME

113 TWILIGHT
No, I think I'm picturing it
exactly as you described it.

114 PINKIE
And it's hilarious!

Twilight's dour expression kills Pinkie's buzz.

115 FLUTTERSHY
I guess you had to be there.

Twilight takes in her words--

116 TWILIGHT
You're right! I need to be there...

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

118 PINKIE
Time Travel!?

119 TWILIGHT
Absolutely not! Time travel is not
something to be messed with. We
simple need to recreate everything
that lead to these jokes. Every.
Single. Moment

120 FLUTTERSHY
You mean like peanut butter feet?

Everyone <LAUGHS>. Twilight doesn't.

121 TWILIGHT
(reluctant to say it)
Yes, like "Peanut butter feet."

SC. 14 - EXT. PONYVILLE - CAFE - DAY

An outdoor cafe in the center of Ponyville. The Mane 6 and Discord stare down at an open table. Spike holds a pen and note pad.

122 TWILIGHT
We have to be scientifically
accurate. You're sure it was this
table?

123 RAINBOW DASH
Does it really matter? They all
look the same.

They do, in fact, all look the same.

124 TWILIGHT
It all matters.

They all sit down at a table.

125 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Alright, so you sat down at the
table, and then what happened.

126 RARITY
First, I expressed my displeasure
with the design of the menu.

Twilight looks to Spike who scribbles onto the note pad.

127 SPIKE
(as he writes)
Displeasure with design.

128 DISCORD
Nothing that interesting happened
after that.

129 TWILIGHT
Come on, I don't believe that.

130 DISCORD
Until... Applejack was served her
lunch.

Discord makes a piping bowl of soup appear before Applejack.

131 APPLEJACK
This looks pretty good, Discord.
(then to her friends)
Y'all mind if I eat? I'm famished.

132 TWILIGHT
Did you eat the soup the first
time?

133 DISCORD
I thought it spilled.

134 PINKIE
This isn't familiar at all.

Discord makes the soup fly out of the bowl and spill into his
mouth. Twilight rolls her eyes.

135 APPLEJACK
I don't even know if it WAS soup
the first time. Who remembers what
they ate two days ago? I thought I
had pie.

Spike scratches out his notes.

136 TWILIGHT
How can you mix up soup and pie?

137 FLUTTERSHY
You *did* have apple pie. Remember,
it wasn't...
(feels so bad saying it)
...very tasty?

138 RAINBOW DASH
Whoa Fluttershy, don't say that too
loud, the owner will hear.

139 DISCORD
I could have sworn it was soup.
Silly me. Maybe it was corn-on-the-
cob but off-the-cob?

Spike starts to write that down, but is stopped by Twilight's magic.

140 TWILIGHT
Discord, you wouldn't be trying to
tamper with my data would you?

141 DISCORD
Whatever do you mean?

142 TWILIGHT
I know that look.

Discord has a particularly conniving look on his face.

143 DISCORD
This is my standard expression.
(an explanation)
I have what's referred to as
"resting mischief face".

144 APPLEJACK
Oh, wait, now I remember, I got a
free sandwich on account of the bad
pie...

A light bulb goes off for Twilight.

145 TWILIGHT
A peanut butter sandwich!

146 APPLEJACK
That's right!

147 TWILIGHT
Okay! Then what happened?

All the ponies and Discord look at each other. They're confused.

148 APPLEJACK
Shucks, I don't remember the order
of the next few things.

149 RAINBOW DASH
Point is, some hooves were involved
with some peanut butter...

150 TWILIGHT
Anypony remember exactly?

Fluttershy and Rarity shake their heads.

151 DISCORD
Oh! I've just remembered something!

Spike awaits, pen at the ready.

152 DISCORD (CONT'D)
We sat over there.

Discord points to the next table over. Twilight slumps. Spike slaps his forehead.

153 DISCORD (CONT'D)
I'm sorry, Twilight, it seems we'll
need to start all over from that
table. Unless, of course, you don't
believe in the Scientific Method.

154 TWILIGHT
Did you just accuse me of not
believing in the Scientific Method?

155 SPIKE
Hoo-boy.

156 DISORD
Why I would never.

157 RARITY
 (pouting)
But I'm already comfortable at this
table.

158 TWILIGHT
You know what, we'll come back to
peanut butter feet.

Everypony laughs when she says the magic words.

CUT TO:

SC. 15 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER

All the trees are now banana TREES. Spike <CRACKS> his cramped writing claw and flips to a fresh page in the notebook that is now nearly filled with writing.

159 APPLEJACK
I just think we should change them
back is all. Big Mac's not gonna
like this...

160 TWILIGHT
Don't worry. I'm sure he'll
understand once he hears it's for
the benefit of science.
 (then)
So then what happened?

161 RAINBOW DASH
Wait. Why are they banana trees?
The joke is about orange trees.

162 DISCORD
Oopsie. My mistake.

163 TWILIGHT
 (very suspicious)
Was it a mistake?

Discord zaps the trees. They transform into lemon trees.

164 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
What are you doing? Orange trees.

165 DISCORD
These are yellow oranges.

166 TWILIGHT
No they're not and you know it.

167 DISCORD
What would you call them?

168 TWILIGHT
Lemons. Yellow lemons.

Discord tastes one. His face sours.

169 DISCORD
 (mock surprise)
These are lemons.

He reluctantly turns them into oranges.

170 TWILIGHT
Thank you.

171 APPLEJACK
Okay, I was about to buck, and I
was standing at the fourth tree.

Applejack bucks the tree. Oranges plop to the ground.

172 TWILIGHT
Love it, then what?

173 DISCORD
One. Two. Three. You're only at the
3rd tree.

Twilight counts for herself, then looks to Spike who slumps
and scratches out everything he's written.

174 TWILIGHT
 (like an angry director)
Okay, let's take it from the top!
Fourth tree! Let's go ponies! No
time to lose.

Applejack walks to the next tree, but when she turns around--

--Discord has magically tripled the amount of trees. Who
knows if it's the fourth tree or the fifteenth?!

175 APPLEJACK
This mighta been it? I'm really not
sure, Twilight.

176 TWILIGHT
It's fine! Just try it at every
tree and when I laugh at the
"orange you glad" joke we'll know
it's right!

177 APPLEJACK
Seriously?

178 TWILIGHT
When it comes to science, I am
never not serious.
 (then)
Action!

Applejack bucks another tree.

179 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Again! Next tree. Go!

Applejack stops bucking and eyes Twilight, annoyed.

180 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Go!

181 FLUTTERSHY
(sensing AJ's feelings)
That's quite a lot of trees,
Twilight.

182 RARITY
We certainly want to be helpful,
dear, but I just don't think we can
be. Clearly we can't remember all
the details. We'll never be able to
re-enact every little thing that
happened.

183 RAINBOW DASH
And we kinda have to get back to,
you know, our lives...

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

Discord puts his arm around her and walks her under the shade
of an Apple tree to talk away from the other ponies.

185 DISCORD
Twilight, Twilight as hard as you
try, you just can't quantify
friendship. Friendship is something
you feel in your heart.

Discord touches his heart and it glows red, then detaches
from his chest, and floats away like a balloon.

186 DISCORD (CONT'D)
But you? You feel friendship in
your brain.

Discord makes Twilight's head start to pulse. She grabs her
head.

187 DISCORD (CONT'D)
If you don't watch out, you might
just blow a gasket.

Twilight's eyes go wide, she grips her head, preparing for the worst. Discord looks at her like she's crazy. Her head stops pounding.

188 DISCORD (CONT'D)
You must let friendships sprout
naturally-- like a spore in your
ear you've ignored for too long.

A flower sprouts from Twilight's ear.

189 DISCORD (CONT'D)
That's what I always do. You
understand my meaning?

Twilight plucks the flower.

190 TWILIGHT
You? You're telling me how
friendship works?!

Discord nods, then takes the flower like she was handing him a gift.

191 DISCORD
Thank you. That's what I'm talking
about. Act natural-- like me.

That sends her over the edge.

192 TWILIGHT
Tell me what happened this weekend!

Discord shakes his head, perturbed she's still on this subject. Twilight trots away, annoyed.

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

Back with ~~Twilight~~ Twilight and Spike. Twilight is a bit amped up as she looks over a blackboard covered in numbers and scribbles. It's like something out of "A Beautiful Mind."

193 TWILIGHT
I just don't have enough data.
Bucking orange trees instead of
apple trees, chased by snake
sticks, feet slathered in peanut
butter? None of that should have
them laughing like it was the most
fun weekend they've ever had. It
doesn't make sense.

194 SPIKE
You were never able to explain
Pinkie's Pinkie Sense either.
Some things just can't be
explained.

195 TWILIGHT
This is different. This is related
to *friendship*. The Princess of
Friendship should be able to find
an explanation for how this
happened.

(then)
Unless... It didn't happen.

196 SPIKE
Umm, our friends are all laughing
about something.

197 TWILIGHT
Something. But maybe it's really
nothing?

198 SPIKE
You've lost me.

199 TWILIGHT
What if Discord put them under a
spell to make them *think* they had
fun together? To make them *think*
they had all these shared memories
and inside jokes.

Twilight is looking a little wild-eyed.

200 SPIKE
That is far fetched even for
someone suffering from a massive
jealousy induced hysteria, but
okay, why would he do that?

201 TWILIGHT
I'm not sure. But we're going to
find out!

202 SPIKE
We are?

203 TWILIGHT
(so happy)
I am glad you're with me on this!

Off Spike's look of concern, we...

FADE OUT.

END ACT 2

FADE IN:

ACT 3

SC. 17 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - DAY

Twilight and Spike make their way through the thick trees.

204 TWILIGHT
There's no other explanation,
Spike.

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

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

207 SPIKE
Right --"Used to"-- Yes, he's still
weird and annoying and a pain in
the tail, but he isn't evil
anymore.

208 TWILIGHT
No. But he is still struggling with
this whole friendship thing. He'd
have no problem with using a spell
or a potion to trick his friends
into thinking they'd had fun
together as a shortcut to making
their friendship even stronger.

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

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

They arrive outside Zecora's hut.

SC. 18 - INT. ZECORA'S HUT - A MOMENT LATER

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

211 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.

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

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

214 ZECORA
How can we possibly tell/if they
are truly under a spell?/ Besides,
a friendly relationship with
Discord is truly a shock/but spell
or not, who says it is something to
block?

215 TWILIGHT
Trust me, They would never laugh
with him like that unless something
magical was involved. He's not that
funny.
(then)
I know funny. I'm kind of known for
how much I know funny.

Spike looks at Twilight -- really?

216 ZECORA
Who are you to condemn?/And judge
that which tickles them?

217 TWILIGHT
Zecora, this is serious. There
isn't much time.

Zecora thinks it over. Spike taps his foot. She gives him a look and he stops tapping.

Then she continues to think. It gets awkward... Twilight and Spike exchange glances. Spike starts tapping again.

218 ZECORA
Fine! This potion will break any
spell/then you will be able to
tell.

Zecora retrieves a potion and holds it up.

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

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

Zecora holds it up for Spike to taste. His entire face
scrunches and he looks like he might be sick.

221 SPIKE
Yeah, I'm good.

SC. 19 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - MORNING

The sun rises. In the distance, Rainbow Dash flies towards
the castle.

SC. 20 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER

The front hall. Rarity, Fluttershy, Pinkie, Rainbow Dash and
Applejack stand around waiting.

222 APPLEJACK
I wonder why she asked us to her
castle so bright an' early.

223 RARITY
Another "map adventure" perhaps.

Pinkie Pie turns around to look at her Cutie Mark. She then
takes a closer look at everyone's flanks.

224 PINKIE PIE
Nope. No glowing tushies here.

225 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe it's more of a non-adventure.
She just wants to tell us how last
night's slumber went? I love when
people tell me every detail of
their dreams.

226 APPLEJACK
If I had my druthers, we'd be
hanging out and having fun. I hope
that's the plan.

Twilight bounces in. She appears WAY TOO HAPPY.

227 TWILIGHT
Hey gang!

228 PINKIE
Ooh, you look excited.

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

230 PINKIE
Yay!

Pinkie pulls a cord dangling from Twilight's ceiling and
confetti pours down on Twilight followed by some baked goods.

231 PINKIE (CONT'D)
 (a proud explanation)
I love you so much I rigged this
trap door months ago so I could
surprise you with fun stuff when
you wanted to have fun.

232 TWILIGHT
Awww, Pinkie Pie! I love you, too!

233 PINKIE
Then let's do something fun!

Spike reaches for a pastry. Pinkie quickly stops him.

234 PINKIE PIE
Maybe not the pastries.

Spike looks at the pastry and notices the fuzzy mold growing
on it. He reacts and quickly drops it.

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

Everypony stares at her like she's lost her mind.

236 APPLEJACK
A-wut?

237 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...

Twilight pours a bit of the potion into PARTY-THEMED paper
cups that fell from the confetti trap door.

238 RAINBOW DASH
You're kidding.

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

239 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
You're not kidding?! Come on,
Twilight. We had a good time with
Discord. I can't explain how it
happened. But I know for sure that
it happened.

240 TWILIGHT
Uh-huh. I figured you might say
that. That's what ponies under
spells always say.

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

242 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.

Pan over to Pinkie Pie. She's just downed the potion in all
the cups. Twilight and the rest of the ponies look at her in
shock...

243 PINKIE
Delicious! Got anymore, Twilight?

244 RARITY
Do you feel any different?

245 PINKIE
I don't think so?

KNOCK KNOCK. The front door bursts open. It's Discord.

246 DISCORD
Hi, Twilight, I just came by to
say... Peanut butter feet.

The ponies can't help but <GIGGLE>.

247 PINKIE
(laughing)
It's still funny!

248 TWILIGHT
Why? Why is that funny? It's not
funny!

Rainbow Dash shrugs.

249 RAINBOW DASH
It's funny if you were there.

250 TWILIGHT
BUT I WASN'T THERE!

The rest of the Mane 6 are a bit surprised by her sudden outburst. Twilight's a bit shocked herself.

251 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
(then, softer)
I wasn't there. I missed out. And
seeing you having all these jokes I
wasn't a part of made me--

252 SPIKE
Jealous?

253 TWILIGHT
No. That can't possibly be what I'm
feeling. The Princess of Friendship
can't get jealous.

254 APPLEJACK
Sure you can, Twilight. And won't a
one of us begrudge you for it.

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

The rest of Twilight's friends nod in agreement.

256 TWILIGHT
You don't have to feel sorry. You
didn't do anything wrong.
(MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

You're allowed to share things that don't include me.

257 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.

258 RAINBOW DASH

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

259 DISCORD

Of course none of this would have happened at all if I hadn't discouraged everypony from inviting you to join us this weekend. I feel just terrible.

Discord's expression looks more conniving than remorseful. Pinkie Pie eyeballs him up close.

260 PINKIE PIE

You don't look like you feel terrible.

Discord spins his head around and when it faces front again he wears a sadder expression.

261 DISCORD

Better?

262 APPLEJACK

(suspicious)

Wait a minute. You didn't suggest not invitin' Twilight to join us this weekend because you *wanted* to make her feel left out, did you?

263 DISCORD

Of course not.

(the, with a grin)

Though the old me would have found all of this quite humorous. The Princess of Friendship, jealous of me sharing a laugh with her friends?

He lets out a <CACKLE>, then notes the not-so-amused looks on the ponies faces and quickly stops laughing.

264 DISCORD (CONT'D)
But that was the old me.

A beat, then...

265 TWILIGHT
Orange you glad he's changed?

Pinkie Pie <GIGGLES>.

266 PINKIE PIE
Good one, Twilight.

Twilight smiles and then starts to <GIGGLE> too. Her laughter is contagious and soon Spike and the rest of her pony friends are <LAUGHING> with her.

Discord stares at the <GIGGLING> ponies.

267 DISCORD
It wasn't that funny.

The friends continue to laugh.

268 DISCORD (CONT'D)
I know funny. I'm known for knowing
funny. That was not that funny.

He crosses his arms and pouts. The ponies continue to
<GIGGLE> around him and...

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END