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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.

1 123 124 125 SPIKE
Didn't we just shelve all the books
in the library a few months 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 1 25
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?

3 123 125 SPIKE 126 127
Claw massages, back rubs, bubble
baths...
(then)
You weren't really looking for an
answer were you?

Twilight smiles and looks at the stacks of books.

4 1 2
TWILIGHT
I've even devised a 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.

5 123 125 SPIKE 129 130 AB 131
(faux/impressed)
Whoa! That much?!

Twilight ignores him and eyes the stacks of books.

61 2 TWILIGHT
 Look at them all. Why there must be
 at least 20,000 books to organize.
 (then, super-excited)
 Best long weekend ever!

Twilight notes that Spike doesn't quite share her joy.

7 3 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
 I'm sure we can make some time for
 a claw massage and a back rub too.

Now he's feeling it!

8 123 1256 SPIKE
 Yes! Best long weekend ever!

END OF TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT 1

SC. 3 - 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.

9 132 133 SPIKE 134
 We're finished!

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.

10 5 TWILIGHT
 It's time to see our friends!

11 132 133 SPIKE 134 135
 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. 4 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

Bright sunshine. The front door swings open and Twilight and Spike walk into the sunlight. Spike points to the sun.

12 ¹³² SPIKE ¹³⁵ ¹³⁶
(joking around)
That strange yellow orb in the sky?
What is that?

13 ⁴ ⁵ TWILIGHT
Alright, alright. So it's been a
little while since we've seen the
sun.

14 ¹³² SPIKE ¹³⁵ ¹³⁶ ¹³⁷ ¹³⁸
A little while?! We've been in that
library for 3 straight days.

15 ⁴ ⁵ TWILIGHT
Yes! But they were three very
productive days!
(then, under her breath)
Even if you did take that 2 hour
claw massage break.

16 ¹³² SPIKE ¹³⁵ ¹³⁶ ¹³⁹ ¹⁴⁰
Hey! You promise a claw massage,
I'm getting a claw massage.

17 ⁴ ⁵ TWILIGHT
It's not like we missed anything.

Suddenly, flying down at them, like two flaming asteroids,
it's RAINBOW DASH and DISCORD.

WHAM. They land at the exact same time, perfectly
synchronized.

18 ⁴⁰ ⁴¹ ⁴² DISCORD/RAINBOW DASH
DISCORD RAINBOW DASH
Hello Twilight. Hello Twilight.
Twilight awkwardly waves. It's strange seeing them together.
19 DISCORD/RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
DISCORD RAINBOW DASH
Hi Spike. Hi Spike.
And now Spike's equally weirded out.

20 ⁶7 TWILIGHT
 Hi, Rainbow Dash.
 (slightly squinty eyed)
 Good to see you, Discord...

21 ¹⁴⁵146 SPIKE
 Did you rehearse before you found
 us?

Rainbow Dash and Discord smile.

22 ¹⁴³144 RAINBOW DASH
 What makes you think we
 practiced?

43 44 ⁴⁵ DISCORD
 What makes you think we
 practiced?

23 ⁶7 TWILIGHT
 Come on, Rainbow Dash. What's going
 on here?

24 ¹⁴⁵146 RAINBOW DASH
 <LAUGHING> Sorry, me and Discord
 are just messin' around.
 (then)
 Like we do.

25 ⁶7 TWILIGHT
 Since when?

26 DISCORD ⁴³44 ⁴⁵
 Oh, Twilight, we've simply had a
 momentous time together these past
 three days.
 (then, with a grin)
 You could say it was hisse-
 sterical.

hiss-terical. only.

Discord waves a claw and POOF. He TURNS INTO A GIANT SNAKE
 and slithers around Twilight and Spike who REACT.

27 ⁶7 TWILIGHT
 Ahhh!

28 ¹⁴⁵146 SPIKE
 Protect me, Twilight!

Rainbow Dash <LAUGHS> like it is the funniest thing she's
 ever seen.

29 ¹⁴⁷ RAINBOW DASH
 (through guffaws)
 Sneaky Snake.

Discord Sheds his skin, then spins back into normal Discord.

30 ^{46 47} DISCORD
Just shaking around.

Discord wiggles his body. Discord and Rainbow Dash <CRACK UP>. We hold on Twilight and Spike, not laughing at all.

31 ¹⁴⁵ RAINBOW DASH
<LAUGHS>. Good one, Discord!

Twilight is thoroughly confused.

32 ⁷ TWILIGHT
It is?

33 ¹⁴⁵ RAINBOW DASH
Kind of an inside joke from this weekend. You wouldn't really get it unless you were there.

34 ⁷ TWILIGHT
Oh. Okay.

35 ¹⁴⁵ RAINBOW DASH
Cool. Well, uh, catch you later, Twilight.

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

36 ^{48 ABC} DISCORD ^{49 50}
Catch you later, Twilight.

He gives her a little wave and then disappears.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 5 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

Spike and Twilight walk through town.

37 ⁷ TWILIGHT
That was strange, right? Since when have Rainbow Dash and Discord had "inside jokes"?

38 ¹⁴⁸ SPIKE ^{149 150 151}
Since sometime in the last three days, I guess.

39 ⁷⁸ TWILIGHT
Hey! No pony made you join me on my
booksortcation.

40 ^{148 149} SPIKE
I'm joking. I'm joking.

They head into...

SC. 6 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS

Spike and Twilight enter. Twilight calls to the back:

41 ⁷⁸ TWILIGHT
Rarity? Are you here?

RARITY trots out, looking radiant as usual.

42 ^{152 153} RARITY
Twilight! You've returned from your
book-sorting sabbatical. All that
organizing has done wonders for
your complexion.

43 ⁸ TWILIGHT
Thanks. It was very relaxing.

Spike shoots her a look -- really?

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

45 ^{151 153} 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.

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

47 RARITY
Him.

48 SPIKE
<EMBARRASSED CHUCKLE>. Both.

Spike, embarrassed, avoids Rarity's gaze, and collects the books. Just then, in comes FLUTTERSHY followed by Discord. Twilight seems a bit surprised to see him.

49 ⁸ ⁹⁶ TWILIGHT
Weren't you just with--

50 ⁵¹ ⁵² DISCORD
Twilight! This makes twice I'm
seeing you in one day. Aren't I
lucky?

51 ¹⁵² ¹⁵³ FLUTTERSHY ¹⁵⁴
Hi, Twilight! Hi, Spike! How was
your booksortcation?

52 ⁸ ⁹⁶ TWILIGHT
It was good

53 ¹⁵² ¹⁵³ FLUTTERSHY
(then, a little giggle)
Orange you glad you did it?

Rarity lets out a little <SNORT GIGGLE>. Discord <LAUGHS>.

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

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

56 ⁵¹ ⁵² DISCORD ⁵⁷ ⁵⁸
You do seem to be turning a shade
of... orange!

That gets Rarity and Discord <GIGGLING>. Then Discord SNAPS
his fingers and Fluttershy turns BRIGHT ORANGE. She looks at
her skin and joins in the <LAUGHTER>.

Spike and Twilight stare at them, not getting what they're
talking about.

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

58 ⁵¹ ⁵² DISCORD ⁵³ ⁵⁴
(then)
Let me try and paint her a picture,
dearest.

59 152 153 6 SPIKE (155) 156
 (to Twilight)
 <WHISPER> "Dearest?"

ON DISCORD who now sports a smock and beret and stands in front of an enormous canvas.

60 51 62 53 DISCORD
 You see, we were all at Sweet Apple Acres and I ended up turning the trees--

Discord starts to paint, then pauses...

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

Spike ducks as Discord tosses aside the canvas.

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

63 157 158 FLUTTERSHY (159)
 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.

64 51 53 DISCORD
 It is your special thing. And I'm sure it was much more important than the fun we had...

Discord wraps his arms around Rarity and Fluttershy.

65 96 99 TWILIGHT
 (ignoring his tone)
 That's true. I appreciate that.
 (then)
 Speaking of books, I should get these on the shelves.

As she leaves, Discord starts JUGGLING apples that suddenly turn into oranges. Fluttershy and Rarity start to <CRACK UP> again. Twilight puts on a half-hearted smile, then heads out of the store with Spike.

SC. 7 - EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - LATER

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

66 ¹¹ TWILIGHT
Rainbow Dash bonding with Discord,
Rarity finding something he did
genuinely funny? Must have been
some weekend.

67 SPIKE ¹⁶² ¹⁶³ ¹⁶⁷
Somepony sorry she missed it?

68 ¹¹ ¹² ¹⁶ TWILIGHT
Of course not.

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

69 SPIKE ¹⁶² ¹⁶³
Is that... Applejack?

SC. 8 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - SAME

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

70 ¹¹ 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.

71 ¹⁶ DISCORD
Oh, we're just reminiscing about
the best weekend ever!

72 PINKIE ¹⁶² ¹⁶³ ¹⁶⁴
It was wild! Almost too wild. And I
have had some pretty wild weekends.

73 ¹¹ TWILIGHT
(whispers to Spike)
He's everywhere today, isn't he?

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

74 ⁵⁹ ⁶⁰ ⁶¹ DISCORD ⁶²
Where was I? Ah, yes, we'd just
finished our soup. And then
Applejack said,
(his best AJ impression)
"Peanut butter hoof? No way-- not
even with Jelly."

168
74A
This makes Pinkie Pie and Applejack <LAUGH> all over again.
Twilight and Spike stare at their giggling friends.

75 168 11 TWILIGHT
I don't get it.

76 170 171 PINKIE PIE
(between laughs)
It was hilarious. I wish we'd taken
a picture for you.

77 59 60 60 DISCORD
This should do.

65 66 77A
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.

78 169 11 TWILIGHT
(unconvincing)
I guess that's funny.

79 59 60 63 64 DISCORD
Seems this has become quite the
sticky situation.

This causes Applejack and Pinkie Pie to lose it again.

80 170 171 PINKIE PIE
Sticky situation!!

81 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.

82 172 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Aw shucks, Twilight, we haven't
even asked you how your weekend
went.

83 168 11 TWILIGHT
It was fine.

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

84 67 68 69 DISCORD
And yet you look so glum.
(then)
Does somepony need a hug?

71
84A

Discord wraps Twilight in a bear hug. Twilight TELEPORTS out of Discord's arms.

85 10 11 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.

86 67 69 70 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.

87 173 174 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.

Twilight puts on a happy face.

88 10 11 TWILIGHT
I'm sure I had just as much fun as
the rest of you.

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

Twilight paces while Spike watches.

89 13 14 TWILIGHT
I can't believe I missed out on all
that bonding.

90 175 SPIKE 176
I knew it! You are jealous.

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

91 13 14 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.

92 175 SPIKE (176B) (177) Alt (no feel)
(mouthful)
Come again?

93 13 14 (15) 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 specific things they did
together.

Twilight paces, deep in thought.

94 5 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
If we could find out what those
things were, it could be a real
breakthrough in the science of
friendship.

95 175 SPIKE (176B)
(not buying it)
I guess so.

Twilight stops pacing.

96 13 (15) TWILIGHT
I know so!
(then)
Spike, get your magnifying glass!

97 175 SPIKE (176B) (177) (178)
--Don't have one--

98 13 (15) TWILIGHT
Because we're about to do some
investigating!

Twilight gathers up some quills and some parchment. (Maybe
dons a lab coat?)

99 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
You thought our booksortcation was
fun? This is going to be even
better!

FADE OUT.

END ACT 1

FADE IN:

ACT 2

SC. 10 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

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

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

101 (178) (179) PINKIE PIE
Oooh. I love important!

102¹⁶ (17) 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.

103 (178) (179) APPLEJACK
I like the sound of that.

(1846) (103A) The other ponies nod in agreement.

104¹⁶ (17) TWILIGHT
Perfect. Let's start with, "The Snake."

(7273) (104A) Discord and Rainbow Dash look at each other and then start <HYSTERICALLY LAUGHING> The others join in.

105 (178) (179) RAINBOW DASH
<THROUGH LAUGHTER> I don't know if I can get it out! It's too funny!

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

107 (178) (179) APPLEJACK
I reckon you mean my sister, Apple Bloom.

He waves her off.

10874 (75) DISCORD
 (to himself)
 All you Apples look the same.
 (then)
 And then Rainbow Dash saw a snake.

109 178 FLUTTERSHY
 I think it was a garden hose.

110 "RAINBOW DASH 181
 You're both right. It was a "Hose
 Snake." Super Deadly. It could
 water ~~Granny Smith's~~ garden with
 all the venom it spits.

111 APPLEJACK 182
 I recall it being a large stick
 that looked like a hose that in
 turn did in fact resemble a snake.

112 PINKIE 183
 Point is WE galloped away!

113 RAINBOW DASH 179
 And it chased after us!

114 16 17 TWILIGHT
 The hose? A snake? A stick?

115 178 RAINBOW DASH/FLUTTERSHY 179 178 179 179

A snake!

RAINBOW DASH

A hose!

FLUTTERSHY

116 APPLEJACK
 A stick!

117 76 18 DISCORD
 We literally trotted for our lives.
 Isn't that hilarious?!

Rainbow Dash pretends to <HISS> like a snake.

118 16 17 TWILIGHT
 Something is being lost in
 translation. Why is that funny?

119 RARITY
 Maybe you're not picturing it
 right?

FLASH TO:

Discord
77 78 1886
11/4A

SC. 11 - 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. 12 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

120 189 FLUTTERSHY 190
I guess you had to be there.

Something in those words resonates with Twilight.

121 189 TWILIGHT
I DO need to be there...

122 189 RARITY 190
But you weren't... And it already happened. Are you suggesting--

123 PINKIE 191
Time Travel!?

124 189 TWILIGHT 20
Absolutely not! Time travel is not something to be messed with. We simply need to recreate everything that lead to these jokes.

125 189 DISCORD 80
What a brilliant idea!

Twilight is a little surprised to hear Discord is so enthusiastic about her plan.

126 189 TWILIGHT 19
Uh, thanks.

127 189 DISCORD 82
Shall we begin with the lunch date that kicked off the glorious weekend you missed out on?

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 13 - EXT. PONYVILLE - CAFE - DAY

An outdoor cafe in the center of Ponyville. The Mane 6 and Discord stare down at an open table.

128 18 (19) TWILIGHT
You're sure it was this table?

129 192 (193) RAINBOW DASH
They all look the same. Does it
really matter?

They do, in fact, all look the same.

130 18 (19) TWILIGHT
When it comes to science,
everything matters. One change to
the equation could ruin the
experiment.

131 83 (84) DISCORD
Ahem, it was this table here.

On Discord who now strikes a luxurious pose atop another
table. He hops down and pulls out a seat for Fluttershy. The
rest of Twilight's friends take a seat as well.

132 18 (19) TWILIGHT
Alright, so you sat down at the
table, and then what happened?

133 192 (193) (194) RARITY
First, I expressed my displeasure
with the design of the menu and--

134 83 (84) DISCORD
Oh, dear, I'm sorry to interrupt,
but I've just noticed something.

135 18 (19) TWILIGHT
Yes?

136 83 (84) DISCORD
The tablecloth. It isn't the same
color as the one the restaurant
used on the day in question.

Twilight raises an eyebrow -- is he messing with her?

137 18 (19) TWILIGHT
Really?

138 192 (194) (195) RARITY
He's right. The tablecloth was red.
I remember because it clashed with
the font on the menus.

139 ¹⁹²APPLEJACK ¹⁹⁵¹⁹⁶
I don't suppose that means we're
gonna need to get a new tablecloth.

140 ⁸⁶DISCORD
Oh, most definitely.

¹⁹⁷⁶
^{140A}
The ponies REACT as Discord suddenly yanks on the tablecloth
and pulls it off the table, leaving the place settings
miraculously unmoved.

141 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Everything needs to be exactly as
it was. We must be diligent about
the details or this will be a
complete waste of everypony's time.
(then)
One change to the equation could
ruin the experiment. Twilight said
so herself.

He looks to Twilight and smiles. Again she's a little put off
by his enthusiasm for this endeavour. Discord returns his
gaze to the rest of the Mane 6.

142 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Perhaps we should all look around
and see if there is anything else
that doesn't quite match up.

The rest of the Mane 6 look around.

143 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Anything stand out as being
different? Anything at all?

144 ¹⁹²FLUTTERSHY ¹⁹⁶
I've noticed a couple of things.

145 PINKIE PIE
Me, too!

146 ⁸⁶DISCORD
Excellent.
(then)
Twilight, I'm sure you'll want to
make a list so we can make the
proper adjustments.

He offers up pen and paper with a smile.

DISSOLVE TO:

A SERIES OF SHOTS

Twilight checks items off her list as...

A) Discord assists Rainbow Dash in positioning clouds over the cafe.

1478788898 DISCORD
A little to the left... no my
left... a little more... a little
more... I

148198199 PINKIE PIE
The cloud over our table looked
like an ice cream sundae.

Discord works his magic and transforms the cloud into something that resembles an ice cream sundae.

149 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(sing-song)
Perfect

B) Mr. And Mrs. Cake are about to put the finishing touches on a CAKE. Discord grabs them and -- in a BLUR -- BRINGS THEM back to the CAFE and deposits them at a table.

150 MRS. CAKE
But they need that cake today!

1519091 DISCORD
It's for science.

C) Fluttershy gently encourages some ants to cross the table.

152198199 FLUTTERSHY
That's right. Make the line just a
little straighter.

D) Discord, now wearing a lab coat, checks the temperature of a bowl of soup. He shakes his head.

153919203 DISCORD
No. No. No. This is barely room
temperature.
(then)
Garcon! I

He flags over a waiter.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 14 - EXT. CAFE - LATER

200
153A
Twilight observes stone-faced as Discord slathers peanut butter on his feet. Her friends <LAUGH HYSTERICALLY> at his antics. Discord looks over at Twilight.

She shrugs, still not amused.

154 94 95 98
No? Nothing?

Twilight's friends' laughter subsides.

155 21 22
TWILIGHT
You're sure there's not something you missed? Some other detail about your lunch together that you're forgetting?

156 94 95
DISCORD
I don't know about the rest of you but I feel we've been pretty exhaustive in our attempts to recreate every last detail of our previous encounter.

201
156A
The rest of the ponies <AD-LIB AGREEMENT>.

157 204 205
RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, Twilight. If you don't get it by now. I don't think you're ever gonna get it.

158 21 22
TWILIGHT
But it is really important that I figure this out. It's for the good of all Equestria.

ON DISCORD who is back in his lab coat. He haphazardly flips through several pages of notes.

159 94 95 96 97
DISCORD
Perhaps we should have another look at the data we've collected.
(then)
Of course! How could I not have realized this before? There is one last variable we haven't accounted for.

160 21 22
TWILIGHT
(eager)
What?

161⁹⁹ DISCORD
You.

162²² TWILIGHT
Me?

163⁹⁹ 101 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. *The observer changes the observable*

2026
163A
The other ponies consider this.

164²⁰⁶ 207 PINKIE PIE
He makes a good point.

165 101 DISCORD 102 103 104AB
<SIGH> I'm sure I speak for all of
us when I say that I wish this
little experiment of yours had
resulted in some grand opportunity
to bring ponies across Equestria
together in friendship. But alas,
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.

Discord puts a sympathetic arm around her. Pinkie Pie pops up
beside Twilight.

166²⁰⁶ 207 PINKIE PIE
He makes another good point.

167²⁰⁶ RARITY
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.

168¹⁰⁷ 203AB RAINBOW DASH 208 209
Yeah. And I'll bet they'll be just
as...hisssterical.

168A
Discord and rest of the ponies <GIGGLE>.

169²⁰⁷ FLUTTERSHY
Absolutely.

Twilight forces a smile.

170 ²² TWILIGHT
Uh-huh. Can't wait.

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

Spike looks on as Twilight paces. She is a bit amped up.

171 ²³ TWILIGHT
I'm not buying it. Not for a second. There is definitely something else going on here, Spike.

172 SPIKE ²¹⁰ ²¹¹
(hopeful)
Or maybe there isn't and you should just drop this whole thing and admit that you're a little jealous?

173 ²¹ TWILIGHT
No. That's not it! 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.

174 SPIKE ²¹⁰ ²¹¹
You were never able to explain Pinkie's Pinkie Sense either. Some things just can't be explained.

175 ²¹ TWILIGHT
This is different. This is related to friendship. I am The Princess of Friendship. You'd think I'd be able to explain what happened!!!

Then, a revelation in her eyes! Suddenly calm, she whispers these next words:

176 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Unless... It didn't happen.

177 SPIKE ²¹⁰ ²¹¹
Umm, you saw it with your own eyes, our friends are all laughing about something.

178²³ ⁽²⁴⁾ TWILIGHT
 Something. But maybe... nothing?

179 SPIKE²¹⁰ ⁽²¹¹⁾
 You've lost me.

180²³ ⁽²⁴⁾ TWILIGHT
 Our friends think something great happened to them while I was away but no... it was something awful!

Spike still looks terribly confused.

181 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
 If we don't break the spell they're under, who knows what terrible things could happen?

182 SPIKE²¹⁰ ⁽²¹¹⁾ ⁽²¹²⁾
 Spell?

183²³ ⁽²⁴⁾ TWILIGHT
 Come on, Spike! There's no time to lose!

Twilight yanks a still very confused Spike off-screen as she makes a hasty exit.

FADE OUT.

END ACT 2

FADE IN:

ACT 3

SC. 16 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - DAY

Twilight and Spike make their way through the thick trees.

184²⁵ ⁽²⁶⁾ TWILIGHT
 There's no other explanation, Spike.

185 SPIKE²¹³ ⁽²¹⁴⁾ ⁽²¹⁵⁾
 Sure, normally I'm all for assuming Discord cast a spell on our friends-

186²⁵ ⁽²⁶⁾ TWILIGHT
 -Because that's what he used to do.

187 ²¹³ SPIKE ²¹⁵ ⁽²¹⁸⁾
 Right -- "Used to" -- Yes, he's still
 weird and annoying and a pain in
 the tail, but he isn't evil
 anymore.

188 ²¹⁶ 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.

189 ²¹³ SPIKE ²¹⁵ ²¹⁶ ⁽²¹⁷⁾
 (not buying it)
 Discord made a love potion?

190 ²¹⁵ ⁽²¹⁶⁾ TWILIGHT
 Let's call it a "like" potion.

They arrive outside Zecora's hut.

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

CLOSE on a rippled reflection in a cauldron. PULL BACK to reveal Zecora. She mixes the caldron.

191 ²¹⁵ ⁽²¹⁶⁾ TWILIGHT
 Zecora, what do you think? Can you
 undo Discord's magic?

192 ZECORA ²¹⁹ ²²⁰ ⁽²²¹⁾
 In what way can you tell that they
 are indeed under a spell?

193 ²¹⁵ ⁽²¹⁶⁾ TWILIGHT
 They're having fun with DISCORD,
 that's why.

194 ZECORA ²¹⁹ ⁽²²¹⁾
 A friendship with Discord is truly
 a shock/but who says it is
 something that we must block?

195 ²¹⁵ ⁽²¹⁶⁾ TWILIGHT
 Trust me, they would never laugh
 like that unless something magical
 was involved. It's not that funny.
 (then)
 I know funny. I'm kind of known for
 how much I know funny.

Spike looks at Twilight -- really? Zecora retrieves a potion hanging on the wall and holds it up.

196²¹⁹ ZECORA²²¹
 Alright, this potion will break the spell/then you will be able to tell
 197 SPIKE^{222 223 224 225 226}
 Wait, if that's the potion, then what's brewing in your cauldron?
 198 ZECORA²²¹
 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

We see the sun rising through a window. Rarity, Fluttershy, Pinkie Pie, Rainbow Dash and Applejack stand around waiting.

199^{227 228} APPLEJACK²²⁹
 I wonder why she asked us here so bright and early.

200 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.

201 PINKIE PIE
 Nope. No glowing tushies here.

202 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.

Twilight bounces in. She appears WAY TOO HAPPY.

203^{227 228} TWILIGHT
 Hey gang!

204²²⁷ PINKIE²²⁹
 Ooh, you look excited.

205^{227 228} TWILIGHT
 I am excited! We're gonna have fun today!

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Yay!

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PINKIE

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

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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.

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TWILIGHT

Awww, Pinkie Pie! I love you, too!

Spike reaches for a pastry. Pinkie quickly stops him.

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PINKIE PIE

But don't eat the pastries.

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

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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.

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APPLEJACK

A-wut?

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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.

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RAINBOW DASH

You're kidding.

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

214 ²²⁷ RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) ^{229b}
You're not kidding?!

215 RARITY ²³²
Twilight, darling, we simply had a
nice time with Discord. I ~~can't~~
can't explain why ~~we re-enacted~~
~~re-enacted~~ ~~we re-enacted~~ ~~re-enacted~~ But I do
know for certain that it happened.
As I recall we spent much of
yesterday afternoon re-enacting it
for you.

216 ²⁷ TWILIGHT ²⁸
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.

217 ²⁴ APPLEJACK ²²⁹
What kind of fertilizer have you had
your nose in, Twilight?

218 ²⁷ TWILIGHT ^{28b}
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.

219 ^{27b} FLUTTERSHY ²²⁹
Twilight! How could you say such a
thing? I know Discord still makes
mistakes sometimes, but you're
accusing him of being downright
evil.

220 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?

221 PINKIE PIE
(between sips)
Yeah... what do you... take us for?

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...

222 PINKIE
Delicious! Got anymore, Twilight?

KNOCK KNOCK. Discord bursts into the room.

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

224²⁹³⁰⁸ TWILIGHT
The gang?

225¹⁰⁸¹⁰⁹ DISCORD
Yeah, the peanut butter hoof gang!

The ponies can't help but <GIGGLE>.

226²³⁷²³⁸ PINKIE
(laughing)
It's still funny!

Rainbow Dash and AJ shoot Twilight I-told-you-so looks.

227⁸²³⁹⁶ APPLEJACK
(under-her-breath)
So much for that whole spell
theory. Pinkie drank plenty of that
potion and she's still laughin'.

Twilight is really starting to lose it now.

228²⁹³⁰ TWILIGHT
Ugh! But it's still not funny! NOT
one bit! Spike back me up here!!

Spike inches away, he's not getting involved in this.

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

230²⁹³⁰ TWILIGHT
BUT I WASN'T THERE! I WASN'T
INCLUDED. ~~WHY DO YOU ALL LAUGH AT ME?~~
~~WHY DO YOU ALL LAUGH AT ME?~~ 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 ALL WERE THERE
BUT...

Twilight takes a moment to catch her breath..

The rest of the Mane 6 are a bit surprised by her sudden
outburst. Discord on the other hand is grinning ear to ear.

Twilight doesn't notice. Her gaze is on her shocked and concerned friends' faces.

Seeing their reaction snaps Twilight out of her heightened emotional state.

231 ³¹ ³² ³³ 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--

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Jealous?

SPIKE

233 ³³ ³⁴ TWILIGHT ³⁴
No. That can't possibly be what I'm
feeling. The Princess of Friendship
can't get jealous.

Twilight's friends finally see what all of this has been about. They gather around Twilight to give their support.

234 APPLEJACK ²⁴⁵
Sure you can, Twilight. And ~~won't~~ a
none of us begrudge you for it.

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

The rest of Twilight's friends nod in agreement.

236 ³² ³³ TWILIGHT ³⁴
You don't have to feel sorry. You
didn't do anything wrong. You're
allowed to share things that don't
include me.

237 RARITY ²⁴⁵
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.

238 RAINBOW DASH ³⁵
And, you know, not try to make us
recreate everything that happened
when you weren't around.

ON DISCORD who REARRANGES BOOKS on the shelves.

239 110 111 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.

240 32 33 34 TWILIGHT
Wait. They wanted me to be there and you convinced them not to invite me.

241 110 111 DISCORD
I didn't think we should interrupt you. But now I see that we should have. I feel just terrible.

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

242 246 PINKIE PIE 247
You don't look like you feel terrible.

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

243 110 111 DISCORD
Better?

244 246 APPLEJACK 247
(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?

245 110 112 DISCORD
Of course not! That whole jealousy thing was just a happy accident.

246 246 APPLEJACK 247
Excuse me?!

247 110 112 DISCORD
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?

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247A

The ponies, including Twilight, <AD-LIB RELUCTANT AGREEMENT.>

248 (13) 114 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.

(off their looks)

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.

(then, with a big grin)

Orange you glad I've changed?

No response from the ponies. Discord produces an orange.

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

Still nothing.

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

He produces an entire orange tree and peers around it. The
ponies just stare at him blankly.

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

He turns into a snake. The ponies are still not amused.

252 249 250 RARITY
Apologies, Discord, but I think
these jokes have run their course.

Discord resumes his normal form.

253 249 PINKIE PIE
Mm-hmm. Only way we'd find them
funny now is if you put us all
under some kind of spell.

Twilight grins at the chance to poke a little fun at herself.

254 ^{35/6} 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?

Twilight
254 ^{36/7}
That gets the ponies <GIGGLING>.
Keep all of Twilight's giggling.

255 ^{15/16} DISCORD ^{117/118}
What's so funny?

256 ^{24/25} RAINBOW DASH
(through giggles)

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

252 ^{6/7}
256 ^{26/27}
This gets everyone but Discord really <GIGGLING>.

257 ^{18/19} DISCORD ^{120/121}
I don't get it. Somepony want to
tell me what's so hilarious?
Anypony?

253 ^{8/9}
257 ^{28/29}
The ponies are too busy laughing to pay him any mind.

Spike sidles up to Discord.

258 ^{24/25} SPIKE
(faux sympathy)
Sorry, buddy... guess you had to be
there.

Spike smiles and off Discord's scowl...

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END

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258 ^{30/31}
Discord. - laughs.