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After an extended stay taking care of official business with Celestia, Princess Twilight returns to Ponyville and senses something is amiss. She zips through town, but nothing seems to be wrong. Just when she thought she must have been imagining things, she here's a distinctive, somewhat maniacal laugh coming from Rarity's house. She busts open the door to find our main ponies having an elegant and subdued dinner party with Discord. It's not much of a surprise that Fluttershy is enjoying his company, but the rest of the Mane 6, who have more tolerated than truly befriended Discord, seem to be just as thrilled to be spending time with him.

A private talk with the ponies reveals that while Twilight was away, Discord and the other ponies became really, really good friends. Twilight tries to get details out of what could have bonded them with Discord but, as a running joke, they only reveal snippets that leave Twilight even more confused. Twilight is suspicious that, even if his motives are innocent, Discord's methods will certainly lead to trouble. He's up to something and she is eager to prove it. But as she seeks proof that Discord is trying to create a friendship problem, she only uncovers more and more evidence that he and the rest of the Mane 6 have somehow established a really deep friendship while she was away. Discord and Twilight's other friends now have secret hoofshakes, synchronized dances, inside jokes...

Twilight does her best to seem fine with it, but when Discord shows up to her private book organizing event (she's so excited about it!), she freaks, what is he doing here?! The other ponies are confused; doesn't Twilight know Discord also loves organizing things? Twilight completely freaks out, which ultimately leads to her alienating the rest of the Mane 6. This of course only makes Twilight go even crazier. She's only acting this way because Discord manipulated her! It all makes sense now! Becoming best friends with her friends was all part of Discord's plan to tear them apart! But she is not going to let that happen!

Princess Twilight comes up with one grand scheme to prove that she too thinks Discord is the best friend ever! The plan is insane and embarrassing, and when it fails, the other ponies are completely put off by it. But not Discord. He comes to Twilight's defense and tells the others why Twilight has been so suspicious of their friendship. She is his friend, but she's always been waiting for him to make another mistake. Twilight realizes that Discord is right. She may have forgiven him for his past misdeeds, but she hasn't forgotten them. In order to be a true friend, she has to be willing to let go of the past. Just as her friends have inexplicably done. Seriously, what happened while she was away?!

In the end, Discord swears he wasn't trying to drive them apart, but he has to admit, watching Twilight go nuts was pretty great. He kind of wishes it had been his plan!