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TEASER**INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - DAY**

We open on TWILIGHT SPARKLE with one hoof out the door. She calls out to SPIKE, telling him to hurry up - they're gonna be late to help Rarity. Spike rounds the corner and says he's coming... (echoes) coming... coming. "Haha! Cool echo... echo... echo..." Twilight says there must be an echo because her new castle's still a little empty... empty... empty. She tells Spike they should really get going. They don't want to keep Rarity waiting. But Spike is having a great time playing with his friend the echo. "Echo agrees with everything I say! I'm awesome... awesome... awesome." Twilight says the echo agrees with her, too: "We should leave now, right? ...Right...right. That's two votes for leaving!" She grabs Spike and they go!

ACT I**INT. RARITY'S BOUTIQUE - DAY**

RARITY and Twilight are putting the finishing touches on a bedazzled dress. Spike sits next to them, sorting jewels: "One for the dress, one for my mouth." Rarity says that should do it - they're all finished. But Twilight still want to hang out. Surely there are more things that need bedazzling? Rarity says they've bedazzled everything they need to. PULL OUT to reveal a rack of dresses all tastefully bejeweled. Rarity also points out that if they keep going, Spike will eat through her entire gem inventory. Rarity: "Besides, I don't want to keep you. I'm sure you've got a million things to do in that gorgeous castle of yours." Twilight says she's not that busy, grabs a dress and says this one could probably use a few more gems! Twilight starts to float some rhinestones over but Rarity stops her. Rarity: "My dear, there is a fine line between tasteful and tacky and that would be crossing it!" Reluctantly, Twilight puts the gems down and she says her goodbyes as she and Spike head out. Rarity watches her go - clearly confused by Twilight's sudden interest in bedazzling things...

EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S HOUSE - LATER THAT DAY (DUSK)

FLUTTERSHY and Twilight are covered in mud as they finish giving a bear a bath. Fluttershy thanks Twilight for helping her for the past few hours. Fluttershy: "Phew! That's the last of them!" REVEAL Fluttershy's house is packed with fluffy clean woodland creatures in towels. Fluttershy says it's getting late - Twilight probably wants to go home and take a bath of her own. Twilight says she's in no hurry! Maybe there are more animals that need to be bathed? Fluttershy says no. The only ones who need a bath now are she and Twilight. Fluttershy: "I'd never kick you out or anything but I would gently nudge you in the direction of the door..." Twilight looks around, spots Angel preening himself by a tub of muddy water, and not-so-subtly nudges him into it. Twilight, stilted: "Oh no! Looks like we missed one!" Off Angel glaring at Twilight we CUT TO...

INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - THAT NIGHT

Twilight visits PINKIE PIE that night and asks what she's up to. Pinkie says she's trying out a new cake recipe and she's just not getting it right. Twilight offers to help her by taste testing. Pinkie says great! She opens the door to the back room revealing a TON of cakes. Pinkie: "Grab a fork, this could take all night!" Twilight looks horrified but weakly responds, "Yaaaay!"

EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - THE NEXT MORNING

An exhausted and slightly queasy Twilight leaves Pinkie Pie's doorstep. APPLEJACK, Rarity, Fluttershy, and RAINBOW DASH spot her leaving and ask Pinkie Pie if she was there all night. Pinkie Pie says yes - they had the most amazing sleepover. Except they ate so much cake that they couldn't stop talking and it wasn't a sleepover so much as it was a talking-all-night-cake fest. Rarity says Twilight doesn't usually eat that much cake, or stay up all night - unless she's studying. She asks if anyone else has noticed Twilight's acting strange? Applejack says yes. The other day she helped Applejack dig 400 holes to plant new apple trees. Applejack: "It was weird because I only needed ten." Rainbow Dash says Twilight raced her 15 times the other day. "She lost every time, but she wanted to keep going! She was like 'Best out of 33?'" Applejack says Twilight's behavior is mighty weird. The other girls agree and decide to check up on Twilight.

INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - LATER THAT MORNING

The ponies visit Twilight, who is passed out on her throne. They're worried about her. "Just because you're the Princess of Friendship doesn't mean you have to do things you don't like doing." Twilight says it's not that. She was just trying to get away from the castle. It's great and everything but it's no Golden Oak Library. It just doesn't feel like home and she's been looking for any excuse not to be here. Rarity: "Well why didn't you say so, darling? We'll take care of it! I've been dying to get my hooves on this place for weeks." The girls all agree - together they'll make Twilight feel right at home in her castle. The girls insist that while they work, Twilight should have a day of relaxing - she hasn't been sleeping well and it's taken its toll on her. Rarity: "Darling, forgive me, but your mane is more tangled than a rat's nest, you have calluses on your hooves the size of pancakes, and the circles under your eyes are darker than Nightmare moon's mane! You desperately need a facial or maybe two!" Twilight's friends promise that by the time she and Spike get back, they'll be in the castle of their dreams!

With Twilight Sparkle gone, the remaining 5 ponies set to work on decorating the castle. They have a wonderful SONG and dance number about the things that make them feel at home. Rainbow Dash brings colors by the ton and Pinkie Pie will bring the party and the fun. Applejack makes it cozy, Rarity brings flare, and Fluttershy brings animals who care. In the montage of the song we see the ponies each gather things from their own homes and bring them to the castle. In QUICK CUTS, we see the ponies decorating individual sections of the castle. By the end of the song, the ponies think they've succeeded in making Twilight the "castle of her dreeeeaaams!" The song ends with a big triumphant flourish... but then we PULL OUT TO REVEAL the castle looks terrible! (The hallway leading to the throne room is decked out with party decorations on one end and animals on the other. The throne room looks like three layers of conflicting decorations: Applejack made the ground cozy/country with needlepoint stitchwork, accent bales of hay, oat buckets, etc. Rarity took care of the walls by adding window treatments, tasteful curtains and bedazzled sconces. There's even a glamour portrait of all the ponies in a jewel encrusted frame.

Rainbow Dash took to the "skies" and put up rainbow bunting and a prism chandelier that reflects rainbows all over the room. It's a plethora of rainbows!!) Off the ponies' forced smiles we END ACT ONE.

ACT TWO**INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - SAME**

The girls know the castle is a mess but collectively pretend it's great. They all smile at each other and congratulate themselves on working together. Yay teamwork! They search for nice things to say to each other. Rainbow Dash compliments Fluttershy on bringing *soo many* animals. Fluttershy: "And the rainbows - they're sooo bright." Rarity says Applejack did a great job of bringing the outdoors inside. Pinkie Pie: "No one said anything about my hidden confetti cannons! Oh right. You can't see them." Just then, Spike bursts into the castle: "Hey guys, forgot Twilight's bag...OH MY GOSH WHAT HAPPENED IN HERE?!" Everyone breaks their polite facade and agree it looks pretty bad, except Pinkie Pie, who thinks it looks like a super fun party! But then she walks by one of her hidden confetti cannons and it goes off, scaring her and all of Fluttershy's furry friends. The animals immediately start running amok, which in turn sets off more of Pinkie Pie's hidden confetti cannons! Our mane 5 aren't sure what to do!

The ponies tell Spike they're gonna fix this. In the meantime, if Spike could keep Twilight Sparkle busy it would really help them out. Spike says he'll try and heads out. Applejack diplomatically suggests that since they can all agree it's too cluttered, everypony should take out one of their own decorations. "We'll see how it looks then!" The ponies agree and head to their own areas to pick their one thing. Or in Fluttershy's case - an entire family of squirrels. "I guess we don't need squirrels *and* chipmunks..."

INT. PONYVILLE - DAY SPA - LATER THAT DAY

Meanwhile Twilight is at the Day Spa. Spike returns just as Twilight finishes getting her mane brushed. She tells Spike she hadn't realized how out of sorts she felt from trying to avoid going home. Now that she's looking and feeling better - she can't wait to get home and see what the girls have done to her castle! Spike stalls: "I'm not uh... ready to go. I was hoping to get uh... this thingy!" He points blindly to the spa menu. Reveal he's pointing at a painful looking deep tissue massage. Twilight is surprised. That's a pretty intense treatment. Spike gulps and says he really really wants it. Twilight shrugs and says sure. Then HELGA (an intimidating, muscular lady pony who talks like a female Arnold Schwarzenegger) says "COME WITH ME, LITTLE DRAGON!" Off Spike's wide eyed stare we CUT BACK TO:

INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - SAME

Back at the castle, everyone has taken one of their own decorations out except for Rarity. She simply can't part with any of her tastefully and carefully chosen accents. So in an effort to be helpful, Rainbow Dash picks something of Rarity's to remove for her. She grabs the portrait of all the ponies: "How about this? It's huge! Taking it out will really open up some space!" Rarity is upset. That was her favorite part! So Rainbow Dash picks something else, but Rarity says it too was her favorite part. Rainbow Dash: "They can't all be your favorite! I'm taking the portrait out." Angry, but unwilling to admit it, Rarity says the room is still looking pretty cluttered - maybe it'd be better if there weren't so many rainbows bouncing all over the room. So *only* to be helpful, she pulls Rainbow Dash's chandelier out. Needless to say, it totally chaps Rainbow Dash. She says the room would probably look more open if they could see out the windows and "helpfully" takes down Rarity's curtains. Seeing that the mood is starting to turn sour, Applejack tries to calm everyone down. "I'm sure we can find a way to do the job...together!" Rainbow Dash and Rarity share a look, then pull some of Applejack's hay bales out - *together*. Applejack then joins the passive aggressive fray and removes some of Rarity and Rainbow Dash's things. All the while, Fluttershy is having the hardest time wrangling her animal friends because Pinkie's party decorations keep surprising and scaring them. She asks Pinkie if she could maybe please remove her confetti cannons? Pinkie says sure - she totally would if she remembered where they were!! Off the frenzy of confetti cannons, scared animals, and the other three ponies removing each other's decorations, we CUT TO...

EXT. PONYVILLE - SAME

A well-rested and refreshed Twilight and very sore Spike leave the Spa. Twilight heads right for the castle saying how excited she is. Spike jumps in front of her and suggests they take the long and scenic way. Twilight's apprehensive but Spike says that walking is good for post-massage circulation. Twilight: "Really? I've never heard that theory, and I read every single informational pamphlet in the spa while you were getting your two hour massage." Spike says come on...it's a beautiful day! Twilight shrugs and goes along with it. They take the long way and end up walking by...

EXT. GOLDEN OAK LIBRARY RUINS - SAME

Spike and Twilight stop in front of the ruins of their former home. Twilight gets a little misty and says this is why she didn't want to go this way. She really loved her old home and had so many wonderful memories in it. Twilight says they should get back to the castle - she can't be here for long. It's too sad. Spike, panicking: "Uh, I too am very sad! For I also lost my home and no one is decorating for me." A sympathetic Twilight agrees and says they should remedy that right now! They should head back to town and get some things that will make Spike feel at home. Spike says that's a great idea that'll probably take a lot of time. Twilight: "What?" "Nothing. Let's go!" Twilight walks ahead of Spike and once the coast is clear, Spike wipes sweat off his brow and says to himself: "Phew! Stalling's a lot of work. Those ponies better be making some awesome changes to the castle..."

INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE- THRONE ROOM - SAME

CLOSE ON Applejack's needlepoint that says: "Castle Sweet Castle". PULL BACK to reveal Rarity is floating it out of the room. Rarity: "There! Now nothing is cluttering the castle and we're back to where we started!" A beat, then she gasps. "Oh no! We're back to where we started!" Our mane 5 wonder why this is so difficult? They know Twilight better than anypony! If anypony should be able to make their best friend feel comfortable and happy in her new home, it should be them. What are they doing wrong?? Applejack: "I don't know but it's getting late, Twilight's gonna be back any minute. If we don't figure this out soon, we're gonna let her down." Bum bum bum!!!!

ACT III**INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE -THRONE ROOM - SAME**

Our mane 5 are in a tizzy. Twilight's gonna be home any minute now and the castle looks exactly the same as she left it! They can't leave it like this. They have to do something - Twilight's counting on them. The ponies realized their mistake. They brought things that make them happy instead of thinking about Twilight and what would make her feel at home. Surely, they can figure this out. What did Twilight love about The Golden Oak Library?

Everyone talks about their fondest memory at the Golden Oak Library. Remember when they threw a surprise party to welcome Twilight Sparkle to Ponyville? Remember all the sleepovers they had? Remember how whenever they had a problem, they'd go to the books in that library to give us the help they needed? Pinkie Pie: "Remember the time it got blown up to smithereens?!" The ponies are sad - they had a lot of good memories at the Golden Oak Library. Twilight really loved that place, but it's not like they can bring it back. It's gone forever. Or is it? Applejack has an idea...

INT. PONYVILLE'S IKEA-ESQUE STORE- SAME

Meanwhile, Twilight and Spike are shopping for Spike decorations. Spike is practically drooling over a race car bed. Twilight, pushing a shopping cart full of other stuff for Spike, says they should just get the race car bed along with this other stuff and get back to the castle already! Spike panics and says he's not sure he's ready to commit to this bed. Even though it's super clear he LOVES it. He says: "I... uh should try out all the beds to be sure!" and they round the aisle to REVEAL dozens of beds. Spike: "Won't know until I've laid in them all." Twilight rolls her eyes at him. Off Spike laying in all the beds saying: "Too soft. Too hard. Too fluffy..." we CUT TO:

EXT. GOLDEN OAK LIBRARY RUINS - MOMENTS LATER

Applejack, Rarity, Rainbow Dash, Fluttershy, and Pinkie Pie arrive at the former site of the Golden Oak library. Nothing's left but a stump. The ponies are disappointed but Applejack tells them to cheer up, that might be all they need! They get to work. They sing a REPRISE of the SONG saying that home isn't about the things you add to it, but the feeling you get when you're in it. Home is a place where you can build memories and celebrate your life!

As they sing, we see everypony working together: Applejack gets down and dirty to dig up the roots of the Golden Oak Library and Fluttershy coaxes her animal friends into helping Applejack. Once they're dug up, Rainbow Dash harnesses herself to the roots and tries to heave them back to the castle - but it's really heavy. The roots snag on the ground and she can't pull them loose until Rarity uses her unicorn magic to help levitate the roots. They got this - together!

INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

At the castle, we see CLOSE UPS of Rarity and Pinkie Pie clean up the roots. (We don't see the entirety of what they're doing just yet.) They put the roots in a giant beautiful vase under the big window in the back of the throne room. Then in more CLOSE SHOTS we see them put jewels and ornaments on something. The girls finish their song with a flourish...and one more confetti cannon. Pinkie Pie: "That one was on purpose!"

A beat later, Twilight gets home and can't see any difference in the castle, but following in the vein of her friends she tries to compliment her friends on their decorating prowess anyway. "I love how you preserved the integrity of the original design..." Spike says he doesn't know what Twilight's talking about. It looks exactly the same. "What gives? I worked really hard at stalling for you guys!" Rarity sees Spike's pile of newly bought decorations: "Forgive us if we don't feel bad for you." Twilight's friends say it's not *exactly* the same and lead her into the throne room.

INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

At the end of the room, we reveal the TRINKET TREE in all its glittery glory. It's a beautiful tree, decorated with ornaments in the shape of everyone's cutie marks and memories. Twilight says it's gorgeous! Her friends say they realized the best part about the Golden Oak Library was the memories they made while they were there. So for her new home, they wanted to something that will help remember her old home as well as create memories for her new home. Every time they go on an adventure, they can add a little trinket to the tree! They go on to say the tree is made from the roots of the Golden Oak library. That way she'll never forget where she came from. AWWWWW! Twilight loves it. It's exactly what the castle needed. Twilight can't wait to start decorating the Trinket Tree. Everypony decides to celebrate and heads into the dining room for some cake! (Pinkie Pie brought some - thanks to Twilight's taste testing she finally got it right!)

INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - DINING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

REVEAL it's elegantly bejeweled and fancy. Spike's eyes light up when he sees the jeweled room. "It looks delicious!" Everyone looks at Rarity, who shrugs. "It's a castle for heaven's sake. I just couldn't help myself." BOOM! A confetti cannon goes off. Pinkie Pie: "Me neither!" The ponies all laugh.

INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - BEDROOM - THAT NIGHT

That night Twilight Sparkle settles in to her OWN bed and writes a journal entry. Today her friends helped her realize that home isn't about how a place looks, but how it makes you feel. ("At least, that's how I feel. Spike might be a different story.") She eyes Spike's corner of the room - it's decked out with all the things they bought today, including the race car bed.) Twilight goes on to say that every time she looks at her Trinket Tree, not only will she remember where she came from but she'll also look forward to making a ton of new memories in her new