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MY LITTLE PONY 5

Discord's +1

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TEASER**SC1. EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE – DAY**

From inside, we hear giggling and “oh mys!” It would seem Fluttershy is having lovely girl time with one of her friends, and that would be right. Sort of.

SC2. INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE – CONTINUOUS

Once inside, we see Fluttershy is having a tea party...with Discord. He is utterly relaxed and himself, and letting his natural high-pitched laugh come through. “This is so nice,” he says. After all this time, he finally *gets* the whole “friendship is magic” thing! She is SO happy to hear this, of course, and mentions that he’ll only feel that more as he makes other friends. Discord’s light mood instantly darkens: “Others?” She tells him of a new friend she just made, a pony called Tree Hugger she met on her visit to the Breezies. Tree Hugger is a member of the Equestrian Society for the Preservation of Rare Creatures. Discord stirs his tea with distaste and gives a weak smile when she suggests they’ll have to meet soon. “Yeah, yeah, sure, sounds great.” Fluttershy perks up when she realizes they will meet at the Grand Galloping Gala, since Tree Hugger is coming as her +1! **HOLD THE PRESSES.** Discord tries to hide the fact that he is now VERY hurt. He casually mentions that he wasn’t invited to the Gala, and that he would have thought Fluttershy would want to take HIM, her best friend of all. It’s a bit awkward. Fluttershy says she didn’t mean to hurt his feelings. She just assumed he’d get an invite and Tree Hugger is so excited to attend the Gala. Discord, fighting a losing battle against his rising agitation, says he needs to go. He left the iron on or something...

SC3. EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE – CONTINUOUS

“Why does Fluttershy need other friends when she’s got me? Obviously there are those other five, but I’m clearly above all of them in her heart. So who is this new one? Am I not enough?”

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT 1****SC4. INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE – DAY**

Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle, and Scootaloo are so excited! This will be their first visit to the Gala and it is sure to be the **BEST NIGHT EVER!** As Rarity, Applejack, and Rainbow Dash discuss the Crusaders’ gowns, Discord roams the edges, pretending to browse the fashions. “I remember my first trip to the Gala,” says Applejack. “What a night! I feel sorry for anypony who has to miss it!” Discord cringes, then slithers over. So Rarity, Applejack, and Rainbow Dash’s +1s are all spoken for, then? “They sure are!” shouts Sweetie Belle with unbridled excitement. Discord heads for the door in a dark mood...

SC5. INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER – DAY

Discord enters, casually pretending to be shopping for sweets. He offhandedly asks Pinkie Pie if she has any plans for her +1. In waaaaay too much detail, she explains how she’s taking Cranky Doodle since Matilda will be out of town so she is forcing him to go even though he had no interest in going **WHATSOEVER** and even shoved a piece of cake in her mouth to get to stop talking, but why would that be a good strategy since that just made her want to talk about the cake, but in the end friendship won and he agreed to go with her! She finishes, but Discord is already gone...

SC6. EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER – CONTINUOUS

He steps into the streets of Ponyville and comes face to face with Fluttershy and her new friend, Tree Hugger, who is the Martha Stewart of ponies – calm, collected, boring. Fluttershy introduces them, and Discord can barely disguise his contempt. He quickly excuses himself and goes on his way.

SC7. EXT. MOUNTAIN – DAY

Discord climbs up a mountain, musing to himself: “I don’t care one bit if she takes her *new friend* to the Gala. I hope she has a *wonderful* time...”

SC8. EXT. SEASHORE – LATER

He walks into the water until he is completely submerged, and keeps right on walking: “Okay, maybe I did start to feel things like compassion and a desire to drink tea in the middle of the afternoon, so what?”

SC9. EXT. FOREST – LATER

Distractedly pulling seaweed off himself, he enters a forest and walks into cave hidden in a tree (a la PAN’S LABYRINTH): “I was right all along...friendship isn’t magic! Friendship is mean and cruel...”

SC10. EXT. DISCORD’S REALM – LATER

In the midst of a world of chaos sits a pristine, white-picket-fence house right out of Main Street, USA. This is Discord’s home. Still lost in his thoughts, he prepares to head inside, but he is stopped by a harried mailpony. “You Discord?” He hands over an envelope. It’s Discord’s invite to the Gala! The mailpony apologizes for being so late, but it’s not the easiest place to find. Discord is over the moon that he has been invited! He’ll show Fluttershy that he doesn’t need her friendship by having the BEST NIGHT EVER! But he can’t possibly show up ALONE and have Fluttershy think she’s his only friend, especially since she sees him as only one of many friends. He needs a date, and fast. According to the invitation, the Gala is, well, now! He scans his neighborhood and sees a big, gelatinous blob blobbing its way down the street. “THE SMOOZE!” He races to the blob and shouts, “Grab your tux, Smooze, we’re going to the Gala...” MANIACAL LAUGHTER...

END ACT 1**ACT 2****SC11. EXT. GALA HALL – NIGHT**

Discord and the Smooze, now a blob with a tuxedo T-shirt stuck to it, wait outside the Gala. Ponies pass by them (giving the Smooze strange looks), but Discord can’t seem to make himself go inside. “Why am I so nervous?” He takes his nervousness out on his date. “Ugh, can’t you pull yourself together? This is a classy affair.” He gives the Smooze a breath mint that sinks into the ooze and then is burped out. Discord takes a deep breath, straightens his posture, and heads inside.

SC12. INT. GALA HALL – CONTINUOUS

He enters with a big, phony smile, his eyes scanning the party for Fluttershy. It is a supremely elegant affair. All our main cast are there, including the Crusaders. As the Smooze blurps through the door, Twilight races over and tries to head them off. “What are you up to, Discord?” She says this is the first Gala that she has helped organize and she doesn’t want any funny business. He tells her he’s just there to have fun, like everypony else. And the Smooze is his +1, as allowed by his official invitation. “Now, have you seen Fluttershy?” Twilight has no choice but to let them in, but can’t help wondering why Celestia would invite *him* to the Gala...

Trying to disguise his insecurity, Discord sashays through the Gala greeting everypony he passes. He tries to ignore the shrieks and scowls as the Smooze blobs behind him. And then he sees her: there, at the punch bowl, is

Fluttershy. He scowls when he sees Tree Hugger next to her. He tells the Smooze to put on his best face, er, side, er whatever. He straightens his tux, as nervous as a boy at a middle school dance, and approaches, palpably uncomfortable.

He does his best to portray that he's having the time of his life with his new friend, the Smooze, laughing extra loud at nothing. But Fluttershy and Tree Hugger are so engrossed in their conversation that he can't get her attention. He moves closer, desperate to be noticed. And he finally is noticed when the Smooze slops over the punch bowl and subsumes it into his protoplasm, causing a minor kerfuffle with some nearby ponies. Discord chastises the Smooze, and this finally draws Fluttershy's attention. She and Tree Hugger try to make conversation with Discord, but the punch problem with the Smooze is only getting worse. Finally, Discord has to excuse himself and drag his date away.

He shoves the blob outside and tells it to wait there and not get in any more trouble. He turns back around and sees Tree Hugger laughing her Martha Stewart laugh to something Fluttershy is saying. He laughs loudly, crossing the room to get to them, but by the time he gets there they have moved on to a different, much sadder topic. They look up at him, confused as to what he's laughing at. He tries to make small talk, but it goes nowhere. Tree Hugger talks in boring tones about preserving endangered species. In Discord's mind, he is thinking, "How can Fluttershy prefer THIS over me?" He tries to make a joke that he's doing his part to preserve species by being made up of several of them, but neither Fluttershy nor Tree Hugger get it. Then, there's a SCREAM: "IT'S GOT SWEETIE BELLE!" Discord cringes.

He races to the door where he finds Rarity, slimed head to toe. The Smooze mindlessly oozes along, unknowingly dragging Sweetie Belle by the hoof. Discord pulls her loose and downplays the incident, but Rarity is outraged. Her gown is ruined! He glances inside and sees Tree Hugger whisper something into Fluttershy's ear, then both of them giggle. His jealousy rises...

As the night progresses, we see our main ponies having a grand time at the Gala. The Crusaders are loving feeling grown up, and the others are enjoying their first Gala as minor celebrities due to their new Guardian status. All in all, it is the magical night that "Best Night Ever" promised but couldn't deliver. Discord, meanwhile, is growing increasingly agitated. Fluttershy and Tree Hugger are getting along famously and he's stuck with this troublesome blob of goo. He angrily shoves the Smooze into a coat closet, saying the blob is ruining everything. He slams the door and composes himself, then casts an angry eye on Fluttershy and her friend. He needs to find a way to be the life of the party, to make Fluttershy want to be with him more than dumb old Tree Hugger. He spots the piano. And the microphone. And his mischievous wheels begin to turn...

Twilight is chatting with her friends, who congratulate her on such a seamless night. They know she has been working hard with Princess Celestia to make sure everything runs smoothly, and it has really—

A lounge-style torch song begins. Discord, tux loosened like Sinatra, sings. The song is pointedly aimed at Fluttershy, but nopony notices and instead they all LOVE his rendition. But as he's singing, the Smooze starts to seep out of the coat closet. It burbles onto the stage and oozes into the keyboard, playing dissonant notes. Discord's song starts to fall apart, as does his attempt to capture Fluttershy's attention. The grossed-out crowd starts to move away from the Smooze, heading to the doors to get some air. Discord sees Fluttershy and Tree Hugger doing the same, so he impulsively tells Pinkie Pie that he's in the mood for a dance off. As expected, she screams, "DANCE OFF!!" and everypony starts to get in on the fun. Discord desperately tries to scoop the Smooze back toward the coat closet. He glances over at Tree Hugger on the dance floor...and she is AMAZING. She wins the dance off, prompting Fluttershy to say, "We should have dance parties more often! And you should come to all of them!"

Discord sees red. He has HAD ENOUGH. "Maybe my life was better without friends!" The demons that he has been so successful at keeping in now come pouring out. He snaps his fingers and the Smooze begins to bubble and expand, a la THE BLOB. Ponies scream and run for the doors as the Smooze fills the hall. Discord's wicked laughter echoes...

END ACT 2

ACT 3**SC13. EXT. GALA HALL – NIGHT**

Once again, the Gala is an unqualified disaster. From outside, we see ponies comically pressed up against the glass, trapped by the Smooze, which has expanded to fill the entire hall. They can speak to each other, but can't move. Applejack tells Twilight to use her magic to free them, but the Smooze is completely impenetrable, even for Twilight's advanced magic.

They hear a scream and turn their eyes to...

SC14. EXT. CASTLE SPIRE – CONTINUOUS

Discord has taken Tree Hugger, wrapped in Smooze-ooze, and is racing up a staircase to one of the castle's tallest spires. Fluttershy, trapped against the glass, shouts at him to stop, to not hurt her friend. He replies that he's not going to *hurt* Tree Hugger; he's simply going to banish her to another dimension where nopony will ever see her again. She tries to scream, but she has too much Smooze over her mouth.

SC15. EXT. GALA HALL – CONTINUOUS

With no way out, it seems Fluttershy will lose her new friend. But Twilight thinks fast and comes up with another solution. She may not be able to fire her magic back through the Smooze, but she can fire it forward into the glass. She powers up her horn, and POP the glass disappears! The ponies fall to the grass and the Smooze continues to seep out. Twilight says, "Come on! He's headed for the spire!" But Fluttershy tells her to stay and help the others. There are dozens of traumatized guests and buckets of Smooze to clean up, and Fluttershy wants to handle Discord on her own.

SC16. EXT. CASTLE SPIRE – MOMENTS LATER

Fluttershy chases Discord up the spiral staircase, just like the ending of VERTIGO. Finally, she reaches the top and sees that Discord has a portal to another dimension open, ready for Tree Hugger to be thrown in. She confronts Discord: "I thought we were friends! How could you do this to someone you care about?" Discord replies that he doesn't care about Tree Hugger, and besides, he thought they were friends, too. Why would a friend treat him the way she did? Fluttershy genuinely doesn't know what he's talking about. Finally, the hurt behind all of Discord's actions comes out. How could his best friend invite somepony else to the biggest night of the year? They could have had such fun together. Does their friendship mean so little? Fluttershy explains that real friendship is based on trust, and that real friends often don't do everything together. Real friendships aren't threatened by other relationships.

Discord considers. He says perhaps he has overreacted a touch. He's new to this whole friendship thing. "I don't know how it all works yet!" Fluttershy suggests that the first step would be to release Tree Hugger from the Smooze and not throw her into the portal to the other dimension. He snaps his fingers and frees her, apologizing for how he has behaved. He's never experienced this before. He's never been close enough to somepony to care if they spent time with somepony else. Fluttershy reassures him that she could have a million friends, but their friendship would always be special to her. Discord, contrite, tells Tree Hugger that she seems like a very nice pony, and any friend of Fluttershy's is a friend of his. She is still traumatized by the night's events, but nods her forgiveness. "There," says Fluttershy, "now we're all friends!"

SC17. INT. GALA HALL – LATER

Discord apologizes to the main six and the Crusaders. He says he'll get the hang of this "friend" thing soon enough. Pinkie Pie says, "It's not a party until somepony spreads uncontrollable ooze all over the entire castle and then removes it and apologizes!" The Gala is back on track, and everypony seems to be having a smashing time once again.

Discord tells Fluttershy that he's going to ditch the Smooze so they can all hang out together, but she says, "Now, Discord, did I ditch you when you took my friend and almost sent her to another dimension?" He sees her point. "Well, since the music's still playing, anypony care to...jiggle?" The ponies and Discord join the Smooze on the dance floor.

Twilight apologizes to Celestia for the disastrous night, but Celestia can't stop giggling. She says she invited Discord in hopes he might liven up the boring old Gala. She wasn't expecting something quite THIS memorable, but there's no question he livened things up. As the ponies boogie down on the dance floor...

FADE OUT.