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Discord is having tea with Fluttershy when she mentions that she's going to Grand Galloping Gala and taking a friend from the Equestrian Society for the Preservation of Rare Creatures (E.S.P.R.C for short) whom she met on her trip to study the Breezies. Discord is visibly miffed that she didn't think to invite him. Fluttershy explains that she didn't think the Gala was something Discord would be interested in attending. Apparently neither did any of the rest of the Mane 6 as Fluttershy reveals that they too have already invited other ponies to be their +1s. She explains that neither she nor the rest of the Mane 6 can rescind the invitations to their other friends to bring Discord. It simply wouldn't be right. Discord leaves, claiming he understands.

The night of the Gala arrives and the Mane 6 express concern when, seemingly uninvited, Discord arrives. What is he up to? Their concerns are momentarily put to rest, however, when Princess Celestia tells Discord she is glad he was able to make it, but surprised because she hadn't gotten his RSVP. It turns out his invitation arrived well after the others because the mail pony had a really, really, really difficult time finding his address. A quick cut to the truly bizarre location of Discord's home reveals why that was the case.

Fluttershy is thrilled that Discord received his own invitation but he is noticeably cold to her and the other ponies. He tells them that he also received a +1 and has invited his new bestie an amorphous sentient blob – a.k.a. The Smooze. Discord claims that his B.F.F. is going to be the life of the party. "Nothing can stop the Smooze!" he declares.

The Mane 6 can't believe that Discord considers the Smooze a friend and their fears that he is up to something resurface. But Fluttershy encourages them to be nice. This is the first friend Discord has made outside of the Mane 6 and they should be supportive of his efforts. Alas, the more Fluttershy embraces the Smooze and tells Discord how pleased she is that he brought him, the colder Discord acts toward Fluttershy and the more desperate he seems to prove that the Smooze is a better guest than Fluttershy's friend. A task that becomes increasingly difficult as the pony from the E.S.P.R.C turns out to be a lot of fun and the Smooze is, well, a blob.

Things only get worse when Discord and the Smooze participate in an impromptu dance off with Fluttershy and her friend. Discord hits the dance floor and does some very self absorbed dancing that he clearly thinks is awesome, but gets interrupted because the Blob keeps flinging purple goo everywhere instead of following Discord's lead. Fluttershy and her friend, who turns out to be a great dancer, are easily declared the winners and a furious Discord storms off in a huff leaving the Smooze behind.

Fearing what the irate Discord will do now, the Mane 6 chase after him and he finally cops to how he's really feeling -- he can't stand to spend another minute with the Smooze and reveals that he's just some guy he met a few hours before the party. He was hurt that Fluttershy didn't think to invite him and was trying to act like he could replace her as a friend just as easily as she replaced him. Fluttershy points out that just because she brought someone else to this particular party doesn't mean she's replaced Discord as one of her closest friends.

Discord is relieved and tells her he's going to kick the Smooze to the curb and enjoy the rest of the party. But Fluttershy tells him that just as she couldn't rescind her invitation to her friend, Discord can't now decide to un-invite the blob. Fluttershy tells him maybe he will find something he likes about the blob now that he's not just out to prove something to Fluttershy. Discord and the Mane 6 then spend the rest of the party trying to keep the blob from overflowing onto party guests, and as chaos ensues, Discord realizes that perhaps he and the Smooze do have something in common.

As Princess Celestia looks on at the goop covered Gala, Princess Luna expresses her surprise that Celestia invited Discord and allowed him to bring a guest in the first place. Didn't she know things would end up in disarray? Princess Celestia reveals that's exactly why she invited Discord. The Gala is never a particularly exciting event and she knew Discord would bring someone who would make things interesting.