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TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - DAY

A glorious day. Sun shines and birds chirp. We hear the soft sounds of FLUTTERSHY giggling from inside.

1 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)
Oh my! It’s too funny! I can’t stop laughing long enough to pour the tea!

SC. 2 - INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

And we see the delicate, elegant tea she has set up for...a girlfriend? A visiting relative? Not quite.

2 DISCORD
But that’s not all! When I went to look for them again they were on the ceiling!

Fluttershy giggles again (her version of riotous laughter).

3 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, Discord, I’ve never known anypony as funny as you. I love that story about the time you tried to train your right paw to fetch your left leg!

4 DISCORD
Now don’t breathe a word of that to anypony! That’s something I would only tell YOU!

5 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, I do love our Tuesday Teas. And I can’t wait for you to meet my friend Tree Hugger. She’s going to love you, too.

THUNDERCLAP. Anger flashes through Discord’s face. He covers it quickly.

6 DISCORD
What’s this, *another* friend? You've already got me and those five lesser friends, aren't you spreading yourself a bit thin?

7 FLUTTERSHY
I just know you'll love her. I met her on a trip to see the Breezies. She's a member of the Equestrian Society for the Preservation of Rare Creatures.

8 DISCORD
How nice for you.

He sips his tea with distaste.

9 FLUTTERSHY
We're all going to have so much fun together at the Grand Galloping Gala--

10 DISCORD
(perking up)
I was wondering when you were going to ask me! I'd love to!

Fluttershy's eyes go wide.

11 FLUTTERSHY
Oh. Oh no. I'm afraid I've already asked Tree Hugger--

12 DISCORD
Tree Hugger, ah ha ha!

He quickly stands, bumping the table. He zaps about the room, putting on a jacket and hat that materialize out of the air.

13 FLUTTERSHY
I'm sorry, Discord, I assumed you'd have your own ticket since you and Princess Celestia are friends now. Were you not invited?

14 DISCORD
Who, me? Not recently, but it probably got lost in the mail. No BIGGIE as the foals say. Well, gotta go!

15 FLUTTERSHY
But we haven't had any of our Tuesday Tea cakes.

16 DISCORD
(snapping)
I guess we'll have to EXCLUDE them from our party this time!
(MORE)

DISCORD (CONT'D)
(catching himself)
I mean, ta ta!

He heads for the door and we see a look of simmering anger on his face. Before he reaches the door, he disappears.

FADE OUT.

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT 1

FADE IN:

SC. 3 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - DAY

Spike is snoozing away, in the middle of a happy dream. Suddenly, Discord appears, looming over him.

17 DISCORD
Where's Twilight?

18 SPIKE
Aaaaahh!!

Discord leers down at Spike, not smiling.

19 SPIKE (CONT'D)
She's, uh, in Canterlot, helping Princess Celestia with the Gala.

20 DISCORD
Mmmm...

And he's gone, leaving Spike wide awake and freaked out.

SC. 4 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - DAY

RARITY, APPLEJACK, RAINBOW DASH, SWEETIE BELLE and SCOOTALOO are gathered together, clearly very excited. Sweetie Belle looks at herself in a gown in the mirror as Rarity observes.

21 RARITY
Your first Grand Galloping Gala! The excitement, the anticipation! I wouldn't miss this for all the jewels in Equestria!

Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo squeal, jumping up and down.

22 SWEETIE BELLE & SCOOTALOO
We're going to the Gala! We're going to the Gala!

23 APPLEJACK
Alright y'all, keep it down. It ain't like it's life changin' or nothin'--

APPLE BLOOM comes out of the dressing room in her gown. Applejack tears up instantly.

24 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
My little sister's all grown up!

25 APPLE BLOOM
Do you like it?

26 APPLEJACK
Do I LIKE it? I love it! I feel sorry for anypony who has to miss seeing you in it!

The CMCs are looking at themselves in the mirror and are now doing a synchronized dance.

27 CRUSADERS
We're going to the Gala! We're going to the Gala!

They stop dancing as they break into laughter and hug each other, bouncing up and down.

28 CRUSADERS (CONT'D)
This is going to be the best night ever!

All of a sudden Discord materializes. The CMCs SHRIEK, the other ponies are startled. He doesn't care, he's used to it. He has a one track focus now, anyway.

29 APPLEJACK
What are you doin' here, Discord?

He sees the CMCs all dressed up and scowls.

30 DISCORD
All dressed up and I guess *somewhere* to go? I don't suppose these...
(with distaste)
(MORE)

DISCORD (CONT'D)
...adorable little cutie pies have their own tickets to the Gross Gruesome Gala do they?

31 APPLEJACK
Well howdy to you too!

32 DISCORD
I never said that. I would never use that word.

33 RARITY
To answer your rather rude question, they do NOT have their own tickets. They're going as our dates. Our +1's.

The CMCs can't keep their excitement down.

34 THE CMCS
We're +1's!! We're +1's!! We're +1's!!

35 DISCORD
(bellowing)
YES! I believe I got that!

He vanishes as quickly as he came and the CMCs look at each other in confusion. Then they start jumping up and down and begin their chant again.

36 CMCS
WE'RE GOING TO THE GALA!! WE'RE GOING TO THE GALA!! WE'RE GOING TO THE GALA!!

SC. 5 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - SOON AFTER

PINKIE PIE is saying goodbye to a customer leaving the sweet shop. Otherwise the store is empty.

37 PINKIE PIE
Have a wonderful special fantastic day! Eat lots of cake!

As the customer leaves we see a Discord shaped shadow come over the counter. Pinkie Pie looks up at him, oblivious to the potentially ominous nature of his visit.

38 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Hi Discord! Want some cake? I can give you a list of all of the flavors we have in order of most delicious to incredibly, unbelievably delicious?

39 DISCORD
Actually, Pinkie Pie, I have a question for you.

40 PINKIE PIE
I LOVE questions!

41 DISCORD
Who are you taking...I mean, do you...

He is too embarrassed to ask.

42 DISCORD (CONT'D)
You know what, I AM famished! I'll take all the cakes!

43 PINKIE PIE
(her eyes go wide)
ALL OF THEM????
(to no one)
HE WANTS ALL OF THE CAKES!!!

Pinkie Pie is now in a complete tizzy running around the shop gathering boxes to put all the cakes in. Discord talks loudly over the chaos she's creating.

44 DISCORD
Well I'll need my energy when I'm dancing at the Gala...IF I decide to go, that is. Oh, by the way, are you...bringing anypony?

45 PINKIE PIE
Oh, of course! I WAS going to ask my mom because she's, you know, MY MOM, but it turned out she didn't want to go, so...

Discord turns away from her and we see his angry, fuming expression. As Pinkie Pie goes on, he notices that Fluttershy and TREE HUGGER are outside. His eyes narrow.

46 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

I started asking around and around and around and I couldn't think of ANYpony and I was about to just go by myself but then I realized OF COURSE!! Who loves fancy, exciting affairs more than anypony else??? My sister MAUD!!

Discord teleports right next to her.

47 DISCORD
You know what? I've suddenly lost my appetite. Cancel my order!

He DISAPPEARS. Pinkie Pie looks up and yells to the air.

48 PINKIE PIE
You want NONE of the cakes now? WHAT ABOUT A PETIT FOUR? DISCORD?

SC. 6 - EXT. PONYVILLE - CONTINUOUS

Fluttershy and TREE HUGGER, her +1, are taking a stroll. She is your standard hippie--all peace and love and detached enough to not be rattled by anything unusual. Fluttershy giggles softly.

49 FLUTTERSHY
Oh my, you are funny.

Discord materializes in front of them.

50 DISCORD
I guess every being in Equestria is funny today! Do you find that squirrel over there particularly amusing??

Fluttershy looks over at the squirrel in the tree.

51 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, no. Snuffy is much more left brain.

Discord grumbles and looks at Tree Hugger. He tries to strike an imposing figure over her, but she just thinks he's fascinating and looks back at him like, "cool".

52 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh, how rude of me. Tree Hugger, this is Discord. Discord, Tree Hugger.

53 TREE HUGGER
Radical to meet you. Really digging your vibe.

Discord is put off by how she's looking at him like an experiment.

54 DISCORD
My *vibe*?

55 FLUTTERSHY
It's a compliment.

56 DISCORD
Oh I'm SURE it is! Well, I must be off! It has nothing to do with seeing you or not seeing you, you can rest assured of that! Have fun at the Gala!

He disappears.

57 TREE HUGGER
(off his disappearance)
Righteous.

SC. 7 - EXT. CHAOSVILLE - CONTINUOUS

Discord is now HOME. He appears in front of an underground tunnel in the capital of chaos. Strange creatures, bubbling ooze, rocks floating through the air. And in the middle of it all...

A perky little house with a white picket fence and a flag with a picture of flowers on it hanging off the porch. Discord enters through the gate and picks a stray stick off his manicured lawn as a PRIMAL ROAR echoes in the distance.

SC. 8 - INT. DISCORD'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

He walks inside his house which could be right out of Better Homes & Gardens. As he tidies up, he speaks out loud to himself. He materializes a broom and begins having it sweep the whole house as he follows it around.

58 DISCORD
Oh, Tree Hugger, you're such a great friend! So much funnier than unfunny old Discord!

He levitates some dust bunnies from behind the couch and tosses them in the trash.

59 DISCORD (CONT'D)
No no, here, take my +1! I insist! Before somepony else thinks *he's* my friend and expects to be asked instead!

He goes to the sink and starts having the dishes do themselves, maniacally.

60 DISCORD (CONT'D)
What's that? You're worried Discord might be upset? Not a problem! I can make more new friends any time I want!

He then has all of his cleaning supplies working at once, cleaning the windows, mopping the floor, dusting. Because of his anger, they are actually making his neat house messy.

61 DISCORD (CONT'D)
It's not as if any of this actually matters. I don't even want to go to the Gala anyway!!

He looks out the window and sees a MAILPONY covered in seaweed, terrified. Discord immediately has all of the supplies STOP and he materializes outside.

SC. 9 - EXT. DISCORD'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

He is now in front of the Mailpony.

62 DISCORD
Are you perhaps, looking for ME?

63 MAILPONY
(flustered)
Oh! Yeah. Are you...
(consulting envelope)
..."Discord or current resident?" I can't find any street numbers in this place. I had to go through a vortex that spit me out here, was that the easiest way? It's kind of counter-intuitive, but it felt like a short cut compared to going through the Forest of Yodeling Tears. You know, you might consider a PO box--

Discord GRABS the envelope from him and TEARS it open. His disposition changes immediately after seeing it.

64 DISCORD
My ticket to the Grand Galloping Gala! I WAS invited after all!

His eyes narrow at the Mailpony.

65 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Why is it so late?

We see the Mailpony flop-sweating and looking around lost.

66 MAILPONY
Well, I got a little lost after I escaped the flying badgers. Am I still alive?

Discord ignores him, back to exploring the invitation.

67 DISCORD
It starts in an hour? An hour?!

68 MAILPONY
Can you point me in the direction of that bottomless pit? I think I can make my way back from there.

Discord points without looking up.

69 DISCORD
Over there somewhere.

The Mailpony walks off. Discord looks up with a large, scheming smile.

70 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Looks like I'll see you at the Gala after all, Fluttershy.
(realizing)
But I can't show up alone, she'll think she's my only friend! Who could I bring on such short notice?

From the distance, we hear...

71 MAILPONY (O.S.)
AAAAHHHHH!!! Oh sweet Celestia WHAT IS THAT?!

Discord turns to the sound, his wheels turning. A slow smile creeps across his face.

FADE OUT.

END ACT 1

ACT 2

FADE IN:

SC. 10 - INT. CANTERLOT PALACE - NIGHT

Canterlot Palace is all decorated for its biggest night of the year. TWILIGHT SPARKLE and PRINCESS CELESTIA are standing at the top of the stairs talking.

72 PRINCESS CELESTIA
I must say, it's been very nice having you take over some of the planning responsibilities for this year's Gala.

73 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Anything I can do to make it easier on you. Once you've greeted all your guests, I want you to relax and enjoy yourself. Let me handle everything else.

74 PRINCESS CELESTIA
Thank you, Twilight. I must say, I am quite looking forward to just enjoying the Gala for once.

Suddenly, near the entrance, we hear TRUMPETS BLARE.

75 FOOTPONY
Announcing, the spirit of chaos, Discord, and his guest, the...uh...

Discord, wearing a tuxedo and a satisfied grin, whispers in the Footpony's ear.

76 FOOTPONY (CONT'D)
...the Smooze!

Everypony gasps as a roiling blob of translucent goo blurbs in. This is THE SMOOZE. *[A NOTE ON HOW THE SMOOZE WORKS: The Smooze is a Jabba the Hutt sized mass of goo. It is attracted to shiny things, and when it subsumes them two things happen: 1) it emits a sticky liquid, and 2) it bioluminesces. The Smooze itself never changes size, though its shape is constantly changing.]*

The Smooze gurgles straight for the Footpony's shiny trumpet, knocking it to the floor with a CLATTER.

77 DISCORD
Good evening, everypony! What a glamorous affair!

Everypony looks on in horror as the Smooze subsumes the trumpet into its ectoplasm. Its entire “body” gives off a multicolored GLOW as a SPLURT OF GOO comes off the Smooze, leaving a spot on the floor.

78 DISCORD (CONT’D)
(to the Footpony)
He does have a yen for shiny things, the rascal!

79 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Discord!

She turns to Celestia with a forced smile.

80 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT’D)
I’ll take care of this.

She races over and leads him to the side. Throughout their conversation, Discord is scanning the room for Fluttershy.

81 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT’D)
What are you doing here with--that?

82 DISCORD
Now, now, now, is that any way to talk? The Smooze may be an “it” but it’s an “it” with a heart of, well, blob.

83 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This night is extremely important to me, Discord...

She looks up at Celestia and gives her a smile.

84 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT’D)
...keep...*it* under control.

85 DISCORD
(dismissively)
Yes yes, of course. Tell me, have you seen Fluttershy anywhere?

And he disappears, leaving Twilight perturbed. He materializes in front of the Smooze, blocking it from the group of ponies in shiny jewels it was headed toward.

86 DISCORD (CONT’D)
This way, Smooze!

He puts an arm around the Smooze's gloppy, sloppy "shoulder" and passes by the Cutie Mark Crusaders, who are all very excited about being there.

87 CRUSADERS
We're here!! We're here!! We made it to the Gala!!!

Discord leads the Smooze toward a...

SC. 11 - INT. CANTERLOT PALACE DRINKS STATION - CONTINUOUS

They walk up to the drinks station, where Fluttershy is deep in conversation with Tree Hugger. Discord pops around, trying to position himself perfectly to be noticed.

88 TREE HUGGER
(to Fluttershy)
...the aura coming off the waterfall was so alive, so, like, magic in manifestation...

Discord starts laughing, prompted by nothing.

89 DISCORD
(to Smooze)
Hahahaha! I'm so glad I invited you! I'm having the time of my life! You know what they say! Old friends are the BEST friends!

90 TREE HUGGER
(to Fluttershy)
...and I was like, cosmically changed.

91 FLUTTERSHY
Wow.

Discord scowls. Time to be more direct.

92 DISCORD
Oh, Fluttershy! I didn't see YOU there!

Fluttershy is so rapt by Tree Hugger's story that she doesn't hear him.

93 FLUTTERSHY
How did you even know to look for an aura on a waterfall?

He clears his throat loudly.

94 DISCORD
I said, FLUTTERSHY! I DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE!

Fluttershy finally looks up.

95 FLUTTERSHY
Discord! You made it! I thought you weren't coming!

He is clearly annoyed by this, but covers quickly.

96 DISCORD
No, I actually never said that. But funny how you remembered it that way. Anyway, good to see you...Tree Friend, is it? Your name is slipping my mind right now, how strange.

97 TREE HUGGER
Nice to meet you, I'm Tree Hugger. Blessings.

98 DISCORD
NICE TO MEET M--

Discord strangles back a burst of fury, covers with a smile.

99 DISCORD (CONT'D)
We've met before, actually.

100 TREE HUGGER
Cool. Like in another life, maybe?

101 DISCORD
You've got to be kidding, you don't remember me?

102 TREE HUGGER
I meet a LOT of different creatures. Each one of them perfect and unique.

Discord is enraged by her. He drums his fingers on the table.

103 DISCORD
Creatures. Yes, well, as I was saying, it's just great to be here with my oldest, bestest friend.

104 FLUTTERSHY
Am I really your oldest, bestest friend?

105 DISCORD
YOU?! Of course not! You think I don't have any other friends? I'm CENTURIES old! I was talking about the Smooze! Smoozeface, the Smoozenator. Well that's what we called him back in college.

106 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, that sounds fun.

Discord looks like he might explode from anger, but still manages to put on a brave smile. None of his attempts to make Fluttershy jealous are working.

107 DISCORD
It WAS fun. It was REAL fun. We created a bond that made us inseparable! And NOT just because the ooze that seeps out of him is incredibly adhesive!

He GRABS the Smooze as best he can.

108 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Smooze, I'd like you to meet Fluttershy and Tree...Embrace?

109 TREE HUGGER
Ooooh I LIKE that. It's so in rhythm with my life force. Maybe I'll change it!

110 FLUTTERSHY
Hee Hee!

The Smooze kind of burps a hello and starts heading for Tree Hugger's shiny beads, his ectoplasm GLOWING. Discord tries to surreptitiously push him back.

111 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I can't believe I've never heard you speak of the Smooze before. It sounds like you two are so close.

112 DISCORD
I'm glad you got that, because that is what is true. We ARE very close.

113 FLUTTERSHY
That's so wonderful! The four of us should go out to dinner some time!

Discord can't hide it anymore. He is furious that she is not the slightest bit jealous of his friend.

114 DISCORD
We should all go out to dinner some time??? Have you no heart??

115 FLUTTERSHY
Oh no, what did I say? Does he not eat?

Discord stares at her, realizing he needs an out for losing it, and she has just given it to him.

116 DISCORD
That's right! The Smooze is not able to eat. Restaurants are painful for him for just that reason.

117 FLUTTERSHY
Oh my, I didn't mean to offend either of you. I'm so sorry.

The Smooze has started burbling after Pinkie Pie and MAUD, who wears a simple sequined gown. Discord is trying to hold him back like a pit bull, but the Smooze has no cellular integrity, so it's like holding molasses.

118 DISCORD
Looks like somepony wants to mingle! We'll be back in a bit.

119 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, okay. Treezy and I would love to talk to you more later.

120 DISCORD
TREEZY? Really? Sort of a *juvenile* nickname, don't you think?
(yelling after Smooze)
Smoozie! Wait up!

He disappears.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 12 - EXT. CANTERLOT PALACE COURTYARD - CONTINUOUS

Smooze and Discord are outside and Discord is looking in. He sees Fluttershy and Tree Hugger laughing with Applejack, Apple Bloom, Rainbow Dash, and Scootaloo.

Fluttershy glances out the window at him and he reflexively grabs whoever is closest, which happens to be Sweetie Belle, and starts laughing as though they had been deep in conversation.

121 DISCORD
This is so great!

122 SWEETIE BELLE
What is?

123 DISCORD
(still looking at Fluttershy)
This whole thing! You!

124 SWEETIE BELLE
Oh, thanks, Discord!

Fluttershy gives him a smile and looks away. Discord immediately releases Sweetie Belle and turns his attention back to the Smooze.

125 DISCORD
Listen, Smooze, I need to make this a party of one for a little while. Just...stay out here until I come for you.

The Smooze, GLOWING, sucks in an elderly pony's diamond necklace, prompting another discharge of ooze. The ponies in the courtyard gasp and back away.

Discord, meanwhile, slips back inside and locks the doors behind him.

SC. 13 - INT. CANTERLOT PALACE DANCE AREA - CONTINUOUS

He sees Fluttershy and Tree Hugger laughing with the others and teleports right into the middle of their group. He starts laughing, acting like he gets the joke, but his entrance has startled them all and they just stare at him.

126 TREE HUGGER
What's so funny?

127 DISCORD
Exactly!

128 RAINBOW DASH
(confused)
Uh...I think we're gonna go hit the dance floor.

Rainbow Dash, Scootaloo, Applejack, and Apple Bloom leave. Discord puts his arm around Fluttershy and leans into her.

129 DISCORD
Fluttershy, tell the Hugs here about the time we went to the store and came back with TWO cakes instead of one because that's how crazy we are when we're together!

130 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, okay. Um, we went to the store and got two cakes.

He waits for her to say more, but she doesn't. He looks at her like she's really failing their friendship.

131 DISCORD
You kind of left out all of the fun and frivolity there, but I'm sure you got that, Tree Hugger.

132 TREE HUGGER
I got that you really like cake.

133 DISCORD
We like each other, THAT was the point! I'm actually pretty lukewarm about cake.

134 TREE HUGGER
Oh, that didn't come across in that story.

Discord gives her a withering look. Suddenly, a SCREAM comes from outside.

135 FLUTTERSHY
What was that?

Rarity is at the door COVERED head to toe in OOZE. She is banging on the door screaming to come in.

136 RARITY
Let me in!!

This gets everypony's attention and soon everypony, including Princess Celestia, Twilight, Fluttershy, and Tree Hugger, are gathered at the door. Twilight unlocks it.

137 RARITY (CONT'D)
That creature took my jewels!

138 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Discord! I thought I told you to keep your friend under control!

139 DISCORD
Oh please, I have better things to do than watch that THING all night.

Fluttershy and Tree Hugger both look at him.

140 DISCORD (CONT'D)
What I mean to say is, that thing is a dear, dear friend and I'll make sure the ooze he can't help but secrete doesn't get on anypony else.

141 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Thank you.
(to the room)
It's all right, everypony! Let's just get back to enjoying this magical evening!

Twilight looks at Princess Celestia, who gives her a nod like she handled it well, then glares at Discord, but he's looking at Fluttershy and Tree Hugger, who whisper and giggle.

SC. 14 - INT. CANTERLOT PALACE - A LITTLE LATER

Discord shoves the Smooze into a storage closet. It is stocked floor to ceiling with crystal glasses, a chandelier, and many, many assorted shiny things.

142 DISCORD
You're making me look like a fool in front of Fluttershy! I'll be back when the Gala is over.

He shuts and locks the door, not noticing the multicolored glow coming from inside. He looks around. He sees Tree Hugger talking and Fluttershy laughing.

143 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, Tree Hugger! I've never known anypony as funny as you!

This makes Discord's eyes bulge out and we can see little puffs of smoke start to smolder in his ears. He then makes a theatrical motion with his hand and produces an entire stage, complete with lights, a microphone, and a large picture of himself laughing that falls down from the ceiling. He appears on the stage with false bravado and grabs the mic.

144 DISCORD
Check, check, check. Is this thing on? Good evening, fillies and germs. I do hope everypony's having a great time tonight. I just flew into Canterlot and wow are my inter-species parts tired!

The crowd just stares.

145 DISCORD (CONT'D)
I've only got these tiny mismatched wings and even I can fly better than Twilight Sparkle, amiright?

146 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Hey!

Discord's confidence falters. He knows he's bombing.

147 DISCORD
Perhaps you're into more observational humor.

He then materializes a piano and lays on top of it like Michelle Pfeiffer in The Fabulous Baker Boys.

148 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Did you ever notice how you always materialize out of thin air? Why not thick air? What's the DEAL there?

Discord immediately starts to sweat profusely and he grabs his tie, loosening it.

149 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Tough crowd.

Twilight turns to Applejack, Pinkie Pie, and Rainbow Dash.

150 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What is he doing?

151 RAINBOW DASH
I think they're...jokes?

152 PINKIE PIE
(looking at Maud excitedly)
Maud! Jokes!

153 MAUD PIE
(flatly)
My favorite.

Discord is swimming in sweat and now wearing an outfit befitting a very sophisticated pony from Ponyville.

154 DISCORD
(Jeff Foxworthy voice)
You might be a Ponyville pony when an ordinary night on the town ends in a lesson about friendship.

He sees Fluttershy and Tree Hugger talking intensely, oblivious to his act.

155 DISCORD (CONT'D)
THESE ARE THE JOKES, PONIES!!!

Meanwhile, Smooze ooze has started to seep out from under the closet door, where multicolored lights can be seen. Discord notices and really starts to unravel.

156 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Knock knock!

He looks out at the crowd who aren't saying anything.

157 DISCORD (CONT'D)
You're supposed to say "who's there!" This is the most basic of jokes!!

158 HECKLER PONY
YOU'RE the most basic of jokes!

The ponies finally laugh and we see Discord fuming, almost about to lose it. Meanwhile, Twilight finally notices the ooze spreading across the floor.

159 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What is that?!

The closet door begins heaving. Then suddenly it EXPLODES! Ooze comes flooding out! The crowd SCREAMS and tries to stampede away, but one by one they are stuck in the rapidly rising ooze. Princess Celestia herself is stuck like a dinosaur in tar...

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT 2

ACT 3

FADE IN:

SC. 15 - EXT. CANTERLOT PALACE - CONTINUOUS

Ponies are stuck in the ooze as it rises higher and higher. Twilight tries to use her magic, but nothing works.

160 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
None of my magic works on this ooze! Discord, how could you bring him here?

161 DISCORD
Oh he's not <u>that</u> bad.

162 RAINBOW DASH
(trapped in the ooze)
Make it STOP!

163 DISCORD
Poor Rainbow DASH, I hate to see you feel so useless. But look...

He makes a feeble display of using his magic to stop the ooze.

164 DISCORD (CONT'D)
...I am too! Isn't that the silliest thing?

165 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Princess Celestia? Can you stop it?

Celestia's horn starts to GLOW. But as her magic comes in contact with the Smooze and his ooze, it fizzles away ineffectually.

166 CELESTIA
I'm afraid not. Magic doesn't seem to have any effect on it!

167 RARITY
My shoes will be ruined forever!

168 APPLEJACK
Really? That's what you're worried about?

169 RARITY
(realizing her faux pas)
It's ONE of the things I'm worried about.

170 PINKIE PIE
We can't turn on each other! We have to stay positive! Like Maud!

Maud is completely impassive as she is carried along by the tide of ooze.

Tree Hugger and Fluttershy, meanwhile, are stuck against a wall in funny positions.

171 TREE HUGGER
This is kind of a bummer.

172 DISCORD
Isn't it, though? And to think, it never would have happened had I come to the Gala as somepony else's +1.

173 TREE HUGGER
Seems like something might have harshed his flow, ya know? Like his senses are agitated--

174 DISCORD
Oh, you don't know anything about rare creatures. I've known Smoozeface for ages! He's not agitated, he's partying down!

175 TREE HUGGER
All he needs is some, like, calming auditory therapy. I know I always feel really heard when I'm being aurally fulfilled. Maybe his body will calm down with the vibration of sound. Or whatever.

176 DISCORD
Do YOU even know what you just said? Where's the popcorn in this place, Celestia? Let's sit back and enjoy this show!

177 TREE HUGGER
Where is he?

178 RARITY
He's getting uncomfortably close to the only salvageable piece of my ensemble!

The Smooze, body all aglow, writhes through his own ooze, straight at the shiny fascinator in Rarity's mane. Tree Hugger suddenly begins making crazy primal sounds, like the REALISTIC WHINNYING OF AN AGITATED HORSE mixed with MEDITATION-TYPE HUMMING.

179 TREE HUGGER
<CRAZED WHINNYING> <PEACEFUL HUMMING>

The Smooze gurgles to a stop, as though he's actually listening.

180 TREE HUGGER (CONT'D)
LET GO, SMOOZE! BLISS OUT! <CRAZED WHINNYING AND CALM HUMMING>

Now the Smooze wriggles over next to her. Everypony watches the scene in amazement. It extends a blobby bit (almost like a head) toward her. Her WHINNYING calms, until eventually she is just humming one long, peaceful note.

The Smooze's blurbing stops and so does his glowing. As he becomes calm, the ooze he has secreted all over the ballroom starts to SOLIDIFY AND HARDEN.

The Crusaders CRUNCH out of their ooze and drop to the floor.

181 SWEETIE BELLE
It worked!

All across the room, ponies stomp their hooves, breaking the Smooze's ooze to dust like peanut brittle. They all CHEER with excitement!

182 RAINBOW DASH
Way to go, Tree Hugger!

183 FLUTTERSHY
Oh my goodness, that was the most magical thing I've ever seen done with animals!

Discord's scowl turns to fury.

184 TREE HUGGER
Oh thanks, everypony. It makes perfect karmic sense your magic doesn't work on him. He only responds to vibrations that peace out his energy fields.

185 FLUTTERSHY
Oooh. Wowwww.

186 DISCORD
STOP IT!! That's IT!! I am DONE with you, Tree HUGGER!

187 TREE HUGGER
Oh man. You're really bummin' me out. Can you just like, lower your voice a skosh?

188 DISCORD
A skosh? A SKOSH?!

He levitates her, then swipes the air next to him, opening up a PORTAL TO ANOTHER DIMENSION.

189 TREE HUGGER
Whoa dude. What is THAT?

190 DISCORD
Relax, I'm not going to hurt you. I'm simply going to send you to another dimension. I can't have you interfering in my relationship with Fluttershy anymore.

191 FLUTTERSHY
Discord? What are you doing?! Stop!

192 DISCORD
I will, I will! Just as soon as she's gone! Then we can have a good laugh about this whole affair over our regular Tuesday Tea!

Twilight stands next to Celestia. Both of their horns glow.

193 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Don't worry, Fluttershy, we'll stop him!

Discord casually magics a few DISCO BALLS into existence and tosses them to the Smooze. His blubber starts to jiggle and glow with multicolored light, secreting massive amounts of ooze again! Screams everywhere!

194 DISCORD
Now, where were we? Ah yes, sending you to another dimension.

195 FLUTTERSHY
Please, Discord, stop!

196 DISCORD
I'm doing her a favor, Fluttershy! It's a lovely dimension!
(MORE)

DISCORD (CONT'D)
White sand beaches, an attentive waitstaff...I mean, okay, if I'm honest the humidity isn't great in the summer, but where isn't that the case these days?

197 TREE HUGGER
Ponyville is actually super mild in the summer.

As chaos reigns all around, and ponies struggle to flee the expanding ooze, we stay on Discord, Tree Hugger, and Fluttershy.

198 FLUTTERSHY
I don't understand why you're doing this. We were all getting along so well!

199 DISCORD
As well as we could, considering you'd already stomped all over our friendship by inviting her to the biggest night of the year as if I didn't matter at all!

200 FLUTTERSHY
Is that what this is about?

Fluttershy flies over to where he floats in the air, her new friend under one arm and a portal to another dimension nearby.

201 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Is that what kind of pony you think I am? The kind that is so cruel she doesn't give her friends a second thought?

202 DISCORD
Well, no, of course not--

203 FLUTTERSHY
Did you really think I'd abandon you just because I have a new friend?

204 DISCORD
Yes! Because that's what you did!

205 FLUTTERSHY
No, Discord. I invited a friend to a party. I didn't abandon you.
(MORE)

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
What if you had a friend that you could discuss chaos-based magic with? Would that mean we weren't friends anymore?

206 DISCORD
(reluctantly)
No, I suppose not. It would just mean I'd have different friends for different things.
(realizing)
Oh! Oooh. Oh dear. It looks like perhaps I overreacted just a skosh?

207 FLUTTERSHY
More like a lot of skoshes. Tree Hugger, could you give us a minute?

Discord lowers her to the ground. In the background, we hear her WHINNYING like crazy...

208 TREE HUGGER (O.S.)
<CRAZED WHINNYING>

...and the chaos and screaming once again fade away as the Smooze calms and ponies break free. But we are more concerned with Discord and Fluttershy.

209 FLUTTERSHY
Thank you, Discord.

210 DISCORD
I'm just so new to this whole friendship thing! It's much more complicated than it looks to the casual observer.

211 FLUTTERSHY
Do you think maybe you owe somepony an apology?

212 DISCORD
I'm sorry, Fluttershy.

213 FLUTTERSHY
Not ME.

214 DISCORD
Oh. Right.

He snaps his fingers and everything -- the portal to another dimension, the residual mess from the Smooze's ooze -- disappears. He appears on the ground next to Tree Hugger, and Fluttershy floats down to join them.

The Smooze, calm and happy, sits next to Tree Hugger contentedly. It may even be purring.

215 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Tree Hugger, I'm sorry you got caught in the middle of my, you know, wrath.

216 TREE HUGGER
Ah, it's all groovy. But, hey, you could totally make it up to me by letting me come visit you and the Smooze in your natural environment. You gotta have the rarest of the rare creatures there.

217 DISCORD
I'd be delighted! I must say the laissez faire attitude that made my skin crawl earlier I now see is quite a delight!

He goes to put an arm around her, but she stops him.

218 TREE HUGGER
I need like a few minutes to clear out my chakras before I can hug you from a place of authenticity.

219 DISCORD
Fair enough.

SC. 16 - INT. CANTERLOT PALACE - LATER

Discord is with the Mane Six, Maud, the Smooze, and the Crusaders. Everything is back to normal and the Gala is back in relative full swing. Ponies are dancing and having fun.

220 DISCORD
(to the Smooze)
I owe you an apology, Smooze. I spent the whole evening thinking about my own feelings and none of it thinking about yours.

The Smooze sucks in a shiny button from his tuxedo jacket and splurts out a small glop of ooze. Discord laughs and gives the Smooze a "you old so-and-so" finger wag.

221 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Well--friends...
(with a chuckle)
(MORE)

DISCORD (CONT'D)
I think I may actually grow to like this multiple friend thing!

222 MAUD PIE
I like it too.

223 PINKIE PIE
Hey, it's not a party until somepony spreads magic-resistent ooze uncontrollably over the ballroom! Come on, Smoozinator, let's dance!

MUSIC UP and they all start to dance.

SC. 17 - INT. CANTERLOT PALACE - LATER

Celestia is saying goodbye to a pony and Twilight walks up to her hesitantly.

224 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm sorry, Princess Celestia. I thought I could give you a break tonight, but it turns out I was in over my head.

225 PRINCESS CELESTIA
You have nothing to apologize for. This has been the most fun Gala in years!

226 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I know, it was a mess--WHAT?!

227 PRINCESS CELESTIA
I'm having an excellent time.

228 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But...there was ooze all over the place...and one of the guests threatened to send another to another dimension...

229 PRINCESS CELESTIA
I know! Can you imagine how dull it would have been if I *hadn't* invited Discord?
(twinkle in her eye)
Come on! The night is still young!

They head to the dance floor and the Gala continues into the night as we...

FADE OUT.