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Friendship Lesson: Fame can have its ups and downs, but remembering why you did it in the first place makes it all worth it.

TEASER**SC. 1 - EXT. STREETS OF PONYVILLE - DAY**

Twilight is strolling through town. SPLAT!! A glob of ice cream hits Twilight's shoulder. She looks to see it was thrown by a filly, TOOLA ROOLA.

1 TOOLA ROOLA
Oops! Sorry, Princess Twilight!
That was meant for her!

TOOLA ROOLA points a hoof at another filly across the way who is hiding behind a barrel, COCONUT CREAM. As she gears up to throw something...

2 TOOLA ROOLA (CONT'D)
INCOMING!

Twilight and Toola Roola duck as a banana split sails past.

3 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Toola Roola! Coconut Cream! What
are you doing?

4 COCONUT CREAM
You might want to look out,
Twilight! That was meant for my ex-
friend!

5 TOOLA ROOLA
I'm not your ex-friend! You're my
ex-friend!

SPLAT SPLAT SPLAT!! Twilight gets hit from both sides with more ice cream!

6 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Both of you, stop!

TIMECUT TO:

SC. 2 - EXT. STREETS OF PONYVILLE - LATER

MUSIC SWELLS as Twilight talks to the now calm Toola Roola and Coconut Cream.

7 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
So you see, friendship isn't always
easy but no doubt it's worth
fighting for.

Toola Roola and Coconut Cream hug. Twilight's expression
changes as she realizes something.

8 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
(to herself)
Hmm. That sounds familiar...

SC. 3 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - LATER

Twilight searches the shelves in her pristine library.
STARLIGHT ENTERS just as Twilight magics a big, old,
overstuffed and tattered book off the shelves.

9 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Aha! Here it is!

10 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(with disgust)
What is that?

11 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Come on, Starlight. Don't judge a
book by its cover. This is the
friendship journal my friends and I
used to keep. It's filled with all
the things we've learned! Like
"friendship isn't always easy but
no doubt it's worth fighting for."

PLOP! The pages drop right out of the cover.

12 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I'll judge a book by its cover just
this once.

FADE OUT.

MAIN TITLES

ACT I

SC. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - DAY

APPLEJACK, RAINBOW DASH, FLUTTERSHY, RARITY, PINKIE PIE, and Starlight are gathered. Twilight the room with a big, excited smile on her face.

13 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Thanks for coming, everypony! I've got a surprise for you...

14 FLUTTERSHY
What is it, Twilight? Do I need to prepare myself?

15 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(bursting)
It's this.

Her horn glows. The friendship journal floats into the room. It drops to the table with a THUD.

16 SPIKE
What a surprise. An old book.

17 RARITY
What is that thing? It smells ghastly!

18 RAINBOW DASH
Wait a minute!
(taking a closer look)
Is this our old friendship journal?
I haven't seen this thing in forever!

Applejack reaches out and prods the warped cover.

19 APPLEJACK
Hooo-wee, it's lookin' a little... overripe.

20 RAINBOW DASH
I'll say.

She starts flipping the pages, which look like they might disintegrate at any moment.

21 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
There's a smooshed apple in Applejack's lessons. Fluttershy's lessons are so small you can barely read them--

22 FLUTTERSHY
I wanted to leave room for all of
you.

23 RAINBOW DASH
--I don't even know what this is.

She holds up the book and reveals ornate, curlicue writing.

24 RARITY
It's called calligraphy, darling.
If you're going to make words, at
least make them fabulous.

Spike holds up the book and we can see him through all the
puncture holes and scratches.

25 SPIKE
Looks like you got a little
aggressive with your friendship
lessons, Rainbow Dash.

26 RAINBOW DASH
What can I say? When I learn
something, I learn it hard.

Rainbow Dash turns a page and confetti falls out. Everypony
looks at Pinkie.

27 PINKIE PIE
Ooh! I am surprised!

28 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That wasn't the only surprise...

Twilight magics the book out of Rainbow's hands and drops it
on the center of the table. She aims her magic at the book.
It starts to SHUDDER and SHAKE. The cover FLIES OPEN and the
pages flip. As they do, new pages machine gun off of them and
form a new pile (like the automatic card shufflers in Vegas).
She does this a few more times as the ponies watch in
amazement. Within seconds, she has a brand new journal for
everypony.

A new copy floats to each of them, ribbon magically threading
through the "spine."

29 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Ta da!

30 APPLEJACK
That's amazin'! A perfect copy!

Rarity sniffs hers. She approves.

31 RARITY
Even better than a perfect copy.

As they all excitedly flip through the pages:

32 FLUTTERSHY
(reading)
I'd forgotten all about this one!

33 RAINBOW DASH
(laughing)
Remember this lesson? From when I
helped Daring Do?

34 PINKIE PIE
Aww, Cheese Sandwich! Party cannon!
Birthaversary!

35 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Wow. You've all learned so much.
(then) Would've been nice to have
this when I was learning friendship
lessons...

She playfully nudges Twilight.

36 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(blushing) Sorry about that. But it
does bring me to my next point. How
you girls feel about making our
journal available for everypony? If
we can get these lessons into other
ponies' hooves, maybe they'll
benefit from them.

37 FLUTTERSHY
I think that's a great idea.

38 APPLEJACK
We always said we wanted to.

39 PINKIE PIE
I'm in! YAY!

40 RARITY
Sounds fabulous.

41 RAINBOW DASH
Hahaha, I'm awesome.

ANGLE ON Rainbow, still reading the journal. She looks up.

42 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Oh yeah, good idea.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 5 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE - STREET

A group of pegasi come out of a STORE holding copies of the book.

SC. 6 - INT. CELESTIA'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - DAY

Twilight gives PRINCESS CELESTIA a copy of the book.

43 PRINCESS CELESTIA
Ah yes, the "friendship journal."
The thing that replaced all those
lovely letters I used to receive.

Twilight looks bashful, but Celestia smiles.

44 PRINCESS CELESTIA (CONT'D)
I can't wait to read it.

SC. 7 - INT. PONYVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE - PLAYGROUND - DAY

Twilight and Starlight are with CHERILEE, passing out books to STUDENTS.

45 STUDENTS
Awesome!/ Wow, a whole chapter on
Discord? / Thanks, Princess
Twilight!

46 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
My pleasure. Anything I can do to
help spread the magic of friend--

47 TOOLA ROOLA (O.S.)
No, I don't want to play with you
anymore.

REVEAL Toola Roola and Coconut Cream by a hopscotch court.

48 COCONUT CREAM
Why not? You love playing
hopscotch.

49 TOOLA ROOLA
No, you do. Because you always win!

Twilight comes over with a copy of the book.

50 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Hey girls. Couldn't help but
overhear... You might want to take
a breather, maybe read Rainbow
Dash's chapter on Rainbow Falls. It
might help.

The girls look at the book and shrug.

51 COCONUT CREAM / TOOLA ROOLA
Okay. / Sure, princess.

Then Twilight and Starlight notice a small group of foals
gathered around the CMC's.

52 STUDENTS
Whoa! / The CMC's are in here too!
/ I can't believe it!

The CMC's approach Twilight and Starlight.

53 APPLE BLOOM
Thanks Twilight! The friendship
journal's makin' us super popular!

Twilight looks taken aback.

54 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh...

55 APPLE BLOOM
We were thinkin' of putting
together a Cutie Mark summer Camp.
Now everypony's definitely gonna
sign up for it!

The CMC's excitedly walk off. Starlight turns to Twilight.

56 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
A Cutie Mark Camp is a great idea.

57 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yeah, but that's not really what
the journal's for...

SC. 8 - EXT. PONYVILLE STREET - LATER

Twilight and Starlight are walking away from the school.

58 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I really hope those foals learn
something from the journal.

59 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I'm sure they will. I'm sure ponies
all across Equestria are reading it
and getting inspired to be better
friends--AAAH!

REVEAL three OUT-OF-TOWN PONIES are suddenly blocking their
path, each with a copy of the journal and an expectant look.

60 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Uh, hello. Can I...help you?

61 OUT-OF-TOWN PONY #1
Are you the princess? We're here
all the way from Fillydelphia
because we got copies of your
friendship journal.

62 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Wow! How wonderful. What was your
favorite friendship--

They thrust their journals into her face along with quills.

63 OUT-OF-TOWN PONY #1
Will you sign them?

64 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh. Uh, I guess so...

Twilight uses her magic to float the journals while she signs
with her mouth.

65 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
So, what did you think of the
lessons?

Out-of-Town Pony #1 hugs her journal close.

66 OUT-OF-TOWN PONY #1
Oh, we haven't read them. These are
keepsakes.

The other two take theirs back, leaving Twilight with a
mildly frustrated expression.

67 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh.

The Out-of-Town Ponies head off into town, excitedly discussing their new swag.

68 PONY WALLA
That was worth the trip! / They're
much more valuable now! / Queso
Fresca is gonna be so jealous she
didn't come!

Twilight looks disappointed. Starlight puts a hoof on her shoulder.

69 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Well, I'm sure *other* ponies are
being inspired to be better
friends...

END ACT I

ACT II

SC. 9 - EXT. CAFE - DAY

Twilight walks past. A baguette sticks out of her shopping bag. She is lost in her own thoughts.

70 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(to herself)
I can't believe those out-of-
towners just wanted them as
souvenirs. Is anypony going to
actually read the journals...?

As she passes by the cafe, she overhears two BRUNCH PONIES.

71 BRUNCH PONY #1
...well I for one found the journal
terribly illuminating.

Twilight perks up and ducks behind a bush to listen in.

72 BRUNCH PONY #1 (CONT'D)
I've known most of those ponies for
years, but I've never known them
quite like this.

73 BRUNCH PONY #2
I agree. I'm seeing sides of them I
didn't know were there...

Twilight is just about to step out and join the convo when...

74 BRUNCH PONY #2 (CONT'D)
...I only wish they'd left Rarity
out. She clearly doesn't belong in
that book with the rest of them.

Twilight looks horrified, then ducks back behind her bush.

75 BRUNCH PONY #1
Oh, I know! Who does she think she
is? Certainly she did a fine job
setting up the Ponyville Days
Celebration, but does she really
believe it was a success just
because of her? The nerve!

76 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(to herself)
But that's not what Rarity was
saying!

Twilight looks like she's about to confront the Brunch Ponies
when Rarity slips by her, teary-eyed. She obviously heard
what the Brunch Ponies were saying.

77 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Rarity!

Rarity turns, but the Brunch Ponies notice her too.

78 BRUNCH PONY #2
There she is. Such a drama queen.

Rarity runs off, leaving a concerned Twilight behind.

SC. 10 - EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - LATER

Twilight is passing by with more groceries in her bag when
Pinkie Pie lightnings out and tackle-hugs her to the ground.

79 PINKIE PIE
Twilight, isn't it amazing? Our
journals are everywhere!

80 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sure is, heh-heh. So you've been
getting good feedback?

Some LOCALS approach, each with a copy of the journal.

81 LOCAL #1
Hey look! There's Pinkie Pie, the
funny one!

They all LAUGH. Pinkie perks up.

82 PINKIE PIE
Laughy feedback is the best kind!

83 LOCALS
HAH-HAH-HAH-HAH-HAH!!!

84 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, at least you're getting a
positive reaction. I just saw
Rarity and I'm afraid this whole
journal thing really upset her.

85 PINKIE PIE
Aww. That's too bad.

86 LOCALS
HAH-HAH-HAH-HAH-HAH!!!

87 PINKIE PIE
Wait, that wasn't even funny.

88 LOCALS
HAH-HAH-HAH-HAH-HAH!!!

89 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Okay. Well, I guess I'll catch you
later.

She looks up at the Locals, but none of them make a sound.
One of them COUGHS.

90 PINKIE PIE
Yup. Bye Twilight.

91 LOCALS
HAH-HAH-HAH-HAH-HAH!!!

92 PINKIE PIE
Sparkle.

93 LOCALS
HAH-HAH-HAH-HAH-HAH!!!

Twilight exits. Pinkie smiles, but is definitely unnerved.
She ducks into the shop and the locals LAUGH for some reason.

94 LOCAL #2
Classic Pinkie! She's even funnier
in real life!

95 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
You've known me for years!

Off the locals LAUGHING we CUT TO...

SC. 11 - EXT. PONYVILLE STREET - LATER

Twilight stalks through, her shopping bag full. She is deep in her own thoughts, and they are troubled thoughts indeed.

96 PEGASUS FOAL #1 (O.S.)
I tore out all the Twilight Sparkle lessons 'cause they were getting in the way of the good ones!

Twilight trips over her own hooves, the shopping bag goes flying, and star-shaped soaps clink down on her head. She looks over to find Rainbow Dash reclining on a low cloud with a handful of PEGASUS FOALS around her.

97 PEGASUS FOAL #2
I skipped the ones that weren't Dash's. Didn't want to waste my time.

98 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Hey!

She approaches, looking irritated.

99 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
What do you mean you skipped the lessons? We've all had valuable experiences!

100 RAINBOW DASH
I can't help it if mine are the best, Twilight.

She holds out a hoof, which is promptly high-hoofed.

101 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It's not a competition, Rainbow Dash.

102 RAINBOW DASH
I know, I know. (pointing to fans)
But they don't.

103 PEGASUS FOAL #1
Ooh! Ooh! Tell us again about when you met Daring Do!

104 RAINBOW DASH
Sure, kid, sure. So like I was
saying, I've been through tons of
scrapes in my day--

105 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Which you couldn't have made it
through without your friends, right?

106 RAINBOW DASH
Totally!

107 PEGASUS FOAL #1
Riiight. (then, under to friends)
But we know who really did all the
heavy lifting.

Twilight overhears and seethes. She picks up her shopping bag
and moves on.

SC. 12 - EXT. PONYVILLE MARKETPLACE - LATER

Twilight walks and thinks when she runs into Starlight.

108 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Hey Twilight! (then) Ooh. You have
that "somepony used my books and
didn't put them back where they
found them" look. What's the
problem?

109 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Nothing. It just feels like
everypony in Equestria is missing
the "friendship" part of the
friendship journals.

Suddenly there are SCREAMS from up ahead!

110 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
That sounds like Fluttershy!

She races ahead to the marketplace where she finds a group of
TOWNSPONIES crowded in front of a shop. Fluttershy is there,
looking miserable and scared. She is cornered.

111 FLUTTERSHY
Please! Just leave me alone!

112 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Fluttershy? What's going on?

113 TOWNSPONY #1
We want answers!

114 TOWNSPONY #2
Yeah! We're entitled to know!

115 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What is it, everypony?

116 TOWNSPONY #2
We want to know why Fluttershy
keeps learning the same thing over
and over again. Be assertive,
already.

117 TOWNSPONY #1
Even I've learned more than she
has! Why can't I be in the book?

118 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
What?! Really? Are you attacking my
friend because you want to be in a
book?

119 FLUTTERSHY
I got this, girls.

Fluttershy takes a deep breath, then fixes her eyes on the crowd, determined.

120 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Listen up. I *am* more assertive. And
yes, it took me awhile to get
there. But can you honestly say you
only make a mistake one time and
completely change who you are? (a
beat of silence) I didn't think so!

The Townsponies look shocked.

121 TOWNSPONY #1
Wow. (then) You're way different
than the Fluttershy in the book. I
don't know how I feel about that.

The crowd GRUMBLES its dissatisfaction. Fluttershy flies off, but it's clear she's a little upset. Twilight's irritation has started to turn to real concern.

SC. 13 - EXT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - LATER

Twilight and Starlight continue toward home.

122 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Have I made a horrible mistake?

123 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(unconvincing) Noooo... (beat)
Maybe.

124 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I don't get it. How could
publishing a journal about
friendship be a mistake?

Twilight and Starlight are suddenly pulled into...

SC. 14 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS

Rarity accosts Twilight and Starlight with a whirlwind of measuring tapes and ribbons and fabrics.

125 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Gah! Rarity, what are you doing?

Rarity seems to have tipped from Katharine Hepburn to Joan Crawford. Her mane is frizzy and her manner is manic.

126 RARITY
Why I'm creating a gown, darling!

127 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What? Now?

128 RARITY
But of course! Street fashion is
all the rage these days!

129 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
...Is it?

130 RARITY
I don't know. I'm stress-sewing!
I've been here all afternoon losing
customers. Apparently some ponies
are boycotting me!

Rarity crosses to the window and pulls back the curtain. There, across the way, are the two Brunch Ponies from earlier, holding anti-Rarity signs.

131 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That does it. I've had just about
enough of this.

132 RARITY
Where are you going?

133 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
To lay down some friendship.

She goes to the door. Just as she's about to open it...

WHAM! Applejack bursts in! Her eyes are red, her mane a mess.

134 APPLEJACK
I need a hundred blankets and I
need 'em now! Sorry, Twilight.

Twilight's eyes wobble.

135 RARITY
Well certainly, darling, would you
like them quilted? Crocheted? I'll
even knit if need be!

136 APPLEJACK
Just cut me some scraps of
somethin' or other, I don't need
nothin' fancy.

Twilight slowly regains her feet.

137 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What's the matter, Applejack?

Applejack turns to her with great desperation.

138 APPLEJACK
I'm popular, Twilight! I'm popular,
and I don't like it one bit!

SC. 15 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER

Applejack and Twilight look on as RANDOM PONIES treat the farm like their own personal hotel. Some sit on the porch and rock. Others eat hay straight off the bales. BIG MCINTOSH hauls luggage from one place to another.

139 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Who are all these ponies?

140 APPLEJACK
The call themselves "the Sweet
Apple Addicts." They said they read
my journal entries and felt like
part of the family. They really
took the whole thing to heart!

141 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Your journal entries?

142 APPLEJACK
Yeah, you know, all that stuff
about how friends are like family
and whatnot--DUCK!

She yanks Twilight down behind a boulder as two SWEET APPLE ADDICTS pass by wearing hats just like Applejack's. Once they've gone, Applejack and Twilight peek back out.

143 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Can't you get rid of them?

144 APPLEJACK
How could I? I'd be going against
my own word if I kicked 'em out.

She looks at her farm with distress. Now GRANNY SMITH is hauling luggage. Applejack races to help.

145 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Granny Smith! Hang on, let me help!

146 SWEET APPLE ADDICT #1
There she is!

147 SWEET APPLE ADDICTS
(all together)
YEE-HAW!!

Twilight watches with grave concern.

148 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm starting to wish we'd never
released that journal.

END ACT II

ACT III

SC. 16 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - MORNING

Twilight sits at a window looking out. She is forlorn. Upset about something. Starlight enters.

149 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
There you are. I just left Rarity,
I think she's doing better--
(notices Twilight)--Oh boy.
(MORE)

STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Window staring, huh? Was it that
bad at Sweet Apple Acres?

THUNDERCLAP! Rain starts to pelt the glass. Now her window-
staring is even more sad.

150 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It's bad everywhere. I thought I
was doing something good. I thought
I was helping--

Another THUNDERCLAP!

151 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
What?

152 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I said I thought I was helping. I
only wanted to make ponies' lives--

Huge THUNDERCLAP!

153 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I'm sorry, say that again?

154 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I only--
(THUNDERCLAP!)
--make ponies'--
(THUNDERCLAP!)
--but I didn't--

Now a THUNDERCLAP that goes on and on, drowning out
everything Twilight says, still going on, longer than any
clap of thunder ever, rumbling and rumbling and rumbling,
until Starlight starts to get annoyed, and then as it keeps
on rumbling she gets angry. She goes to the window, throws it
open, and sticks her head out.

155 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
HEY, CAN YOU KNOCK IT OFF? WE'RE
TRYING TO TALK IN HERE!!

The rain slows to a trickle, then stops. The sun comes out.

156 PEGASUS #1 (O.S.)
Sorry.

Starlight closes the window, shakes out the rain like a dog.

157 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You were saying?

Twilight gets up and starts to pace.

158 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
How could our friendship journal
have led to so much...anti-
friendship?

159 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Oh, Twilight, it's not your fault.

160 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Of course it's my fault. If I
hadn't had the big idea to make
copies, none of this would be
happening. I'm afraid I made life
awful for my friends.

161 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I don't think you made life awful
for them. I really think you're
being too hard on yourself.

162 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Am I?

Just then, there's a knock at the door.

SC. 17 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - DOOR - LATER

Applejack (looking like she hasn't slept in weeks), Rarity (wearing a crazy mishmash of outfits), Pinkie (in a hoodie and dark glasses), Fluttershy (looking angry and hurt) and Rainbow Dash (wearing shades) are all there! The gang looks rough. Behind them a small crowd of ponies/pegasi follow them. Twilight ushers her friends inside and closes the door before anypony else can enter.

SC. 18 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - LATER

Applejack is totally fried and looks like she hasn't slept in weeks. She paces frantically.

163 APPLEJACK
I can't handle it. I've got so much
cookin' and cleanin' and familyin'
to do I ain't got time for anything
else!

164 RAINBOW DASH
You think you've got problems? I
think I'm awesome but I can't even
go to the bathroom without somepony
trying to tell me how cool I am.

165 PINKIE PIE
At least ponies aren't laughing
everytime you talk! Not even I want
to be funny all the time! I'm
telling you, my days of
hilariousosityness... ness...are
OVER.

Rarity paces, but as she does her ridiculous outfit bumps
into the chairs and jingles. Rainbow Dash starts laughing.

166 RARITY
It's not funny, Rainbow Dash! It's
how I'm coping! I can't help
myself. Everypony seems to be mad
at me!

167 FLUTTERSHY
You too? I don't know what I'm
going to do if I have to do defend
myself one more time...

Twilight turns to Starlight with a "See?" look.

168 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Okay, so maybe they are having a
hard time with it. That doesn't
mean you did anything wrong.

169 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yes, I did. Releasing the journal
was my idea, and it backfired in
ways I couldn't have even begun to
imagine.

170 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
It's not your fault. It's everypony
else's! They're reading the journal
wrong.

She trails off when she sees that Rarity is measuring her.

171 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
What are you doing?

172 RARITY
Sorry, darling. Old habit.

Starlight thinks. She doesn't believe it.

173 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Wait here. I've got an idea!

She zips out, leaving them confused, annoyed, or crazed. Twilight turns to the others.

174 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I am so sorry, everypony. I just
really thought we could help.

Just then the doorbell rings rather incessantly. Twilight gets a determined look on her face.

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There are a group of ponies at the door. Twilight opens it.

175 PONY WALLA
There she is./ It's the Princess./
Do you think she'll sign the book?/
I heard they're all in the castle
right now!

176 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Everypony, please stop!

A REPORTER PONY steps in front of her.

177 REPORTER PONY
Princess Twilight? I'm with the
Canterlot Chronicle, quick
question... What would you say to
ponies who wonder why you moved to
Ponyville in the first place?

Twilight steps forward. She looks genuinely thrown.

178 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I moved here to learn about
friendship. That's why the journal
even exists...

Heartfelt MUSIC begins and the other girls surround her...

179 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
It took some time for me to get the
hang of it, but it was each of
these ponies standing next to me
who taught me the lessons in those
journals. Applejack. Pinkie Pie.
Rainbow Dash. Rarity. And
Fluttershy, too.

She exchanges a meaningful look with each of her friends. Then she turns to the crowd.

180 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Then it was all of you. I've
learned so much from--

181 REPORTER PONY
What I mean is, some ponies would
argue it just doesn't seem
believable that the six of you
would be friends.

MUSIC DROPS.

182 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Believable?

183 REPORTER PONY
Well sure. I read this journal
cover to cover, and I have to say,
your character would have been much
more interesting if she'd stayed in
Canterlot.

MUMBLES of agreement.

184 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(incredulous)
My character? We are real ponies.
This journal is a record of things
that really happened to us. We made
mistakes and we learned from them.

The girls look to Twilight. Agreed. But then:

185 BRUNCH PONY #1
What about Rarity? Are we really
supposed to believe she learned
anything she wrote in there?

186 PEGASUS FOAL #1
That's why you gotta be Team Dash!
She's the only one who didn't
really need to learn anything
because she was already so cool!

The various factions start to argue with each other:

187 PONY WALLA
Twilight learned the most important
lessons. / Fluttershy is just so
painfully shy it's hard to relate./
I can relate to her!

188 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Wait a minute, everypony...

The crowd only argues louder.

189 PONY WALLA
But Rarity has style! / Yeah but
she's so stuck up! / Are Pinkie Pie
and Applejack related or what??

190 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Listen to me! LISTEN TO ME!!!

The crowd stops arguing and turns back to her. MUSIC UP:

191 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
(singing)
*I never claimed to be perfect/
My mistakes are all written in ink/
None of us claimed to be perfect/
It's sad that's what all of you
think.*

*Our flaws help to make us all
special/
Without them we might not be chums/
We've got lots in common between
us/
But the differences make our bonds
hum.*

*No pony up here is flawless/
And that's why we're singing
'Flaws, yes!'*

The crowd exchange skeptical looks as her friends join in, singing.

192 RAINBOW DASH
*I know I can be a big shot/
My ego's the size of a whale/
But I never said I was flawless/
And that's why I'm singing, 'Flaws,
yes!'*

193 RARITY
*Sure I can be a drama queen/
Even a bit stuck up, it's true/
But I never said I was flawless/
And that's why I'm singing, 'Flaws,
yes!'*

194 APPLEJACK
*Sometimes I can't let my hair down/
And it seems like apples and
honesty are all I know/
But I never said I was flawless/
(MORE)*

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

*And that's why I'm singing, Flaws,
yes!'*

195 PINKE PIE

*I know I'm all bubbles and laughter
It hard to take me seriously/
But I never said I was flawless/
And that's why I'm singing, 'Flaws,
yes!'*

196 FLUTTERSHY

*It took me a while to be confident/
To really come out of my shell/
But I never said I was flawless/
And that's why I'm singing, 'Flaws,
yes!'*

197 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

*So you see we've got plenty of
blind spots/
We've each got our faults, yes we
do/
Not one of us claims to be
flawless/
And that's why we're singing,
'Flaws, yes!'*

She holds her final note, ending with a huge stage smile.

Silence.

The sound of one dragon CLAPPING. In a castle window, Spike leans out and cheers.

198 SPIKE

Woo!!

But the crowd is mostly silent. Did their song fall on deaf ears? Then the crowd goes right back to arguing.

199 PONY WALLA

*Applejack is the strongest. / Yeah
but she's just on the boring farm
all time. / Pinkie makes me laugh
and that's really the only reason I
read it.*

Twilight and her friends hang their heads. They're about to walk back into the castle.

Just then Starlight pushes her way through the crowd with Toola Roola and Coconut Cream.

200 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Twilight! Girls! Wait. I found two
ponies who have something I think
you should hear.

She nudges Toola Roola and Coconut Cream forward.

201 TOOLA ROOLA
Um...we just wanted to say thank
you to all of you.

202 COCONUT CREAM
Yeah. Our friendship... well, we
were having trouble until we read
your journal. It showed us that
friends can go through all sorts of
tough times and come through
stronger than before.

203 TOOLA ROOLA
It's made us better friends than
we've ever been.

204 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Really?

205 TOOLA ROOLA
Mm-hm.

206 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh, I can't tell you how much it
means to hear that.

The Mane 6 and Starlight share a look, they well up. This is
it, this is why they did it.

207 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Thank you for telling us. We've had
a tough couple of days. But knowing
we've helped fillies like you....

208 APPLEJACK
It makes everything we've been
through worth it.

209 RARITY
Absolutely. Fads come and go, but
friendship is forever.

210 RAINBOW DASH
There are worse things than not
being able to do anything without
being told I'm awesome.

211 FLUTTERSHY
And we can't change the way other
ponies think about us, but we can
change how we let it affect us.

212 PINKIE PIE
Or how we don't let it affect us.

Pinkie Pie throws a pie in her face.

213 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Go ahead. Laugh!

The gang all laughs and hug Toola Roola and Coconut Cream.
The small crowd of ponies continues to argue in the BG but
our girls are over it. It doesn't matter what those ponies
think. WIDE ON THE CASTLE, sun shining, friends friending,
and...

FADE OUT.