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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, princess 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's flank 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 there's no doubt it's
worth fighting for.

7A 70 71 72 73 74
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...

8A 10
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!

75
10 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(with disgust)
What is that?

7 8
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
there's no doubt it's worth
fighting for."

75
PLOP! The pages drop right out of the cover.

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

76 77 78 79 A/E
FADE OUT.

12A 11ABC Twilight
MAIN TITLES

ACT I

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

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

12 (13) 13 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Thanks for coming, everypony! I've got a surprise for you...

80 (81) 14 FLUTTERSHY
What is it, Twilight? Do I need to prepare myself?

12 (13) 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.

80 (81) 16 RARITY
What is that thing? It smells ghastly!

17 ~~RAINBOW DASH~~ PINKIE PIE
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.

81 18 APPLEJACK
Hooo-wee, it's lookin' a little... overripe.

19 RAINBOW DASH
I'll say.

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

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

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

206 22 RAINBOW DASH
--I don't even know what this is.
She holds up the book and reveals ornate, curlicue writing.

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

Applejack takes the book and we can see her through all the
puncture holes and scratches.

24 APPLEJACK
Looks like you got a little
aggressive with your friendship
lessons, Rainbow Dash.

25 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.

26 PINKIE PIE
Ooh! I am surprised!

27 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 nods to Starlight, who fires
up her horn and 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."

28 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Ta da! Starlight and I decided to
make one for each of you!

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

93 (95)
30 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I learned the spell years ago when
I need to make copies of a
certain... (uncomfortable laugh) 97 96
manifesto.
Rarity sniffs hers. She approves.
31 RARITY 98 99
Even better than a perfect copy.
As they all excitedly flip through the pages:
95
32 FLUTTERSHY
(reading) I'd forgotten all about this ~~one~~ *lesson*!
33 RAINBOW DASH
(laughing) Remember this ~~lesson~~ *one*? From when I
helped Daring Do? "Never
underestimate the power of friends
who always got your back."
34 PINKIE PIE 96
Aww, Cheese Sandwich! Party cannon!
Birthaversary!
35 STARLIGHT GLIMMER 100 101 B
After Twilight remembered the
journal, I had so much fun reading
all the stuff you've all learned. I
just had to have my own copy.
12 13
36 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
And that brings me to the second
part of the surprise. My idea. How
would 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.
93 95
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.

93 95

41 RAINBOW DASH
Hahaha, I'm awesome.

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

93 94

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

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 5 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE STREET - DAY

A smiling Twilight delivers a small stack of books to a BOOKSELLER PEGASUS, who puts them in the window of his shop.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 6 - EXT. CANTERLOT NEWSSTAND - DAY

Starlight helps a NEWSBOY PONY put copies of the journal on the newsstand shelf.

DISSOLVE TO:

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

Twilight and Starlight are with CHEERILEE, passing out books to STUDENTS. The class buzzes with excitement. Twilight and Starlight give each other a happy look. Then...

106 107 108

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

REVEAL Toola Roola and Coconut Cream by a hopscotch court.

44 COCONUT CREAM
Why not? You love playing hopscotch.

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

Twilight comes over with a copy of the book.

17 18

46 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.

106 107A-B

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

Then Twilight and Starlight notice a small group of foals gathered around the CMC's. They are buzzing about the books.

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

Twilight looks taken aback.

17 18

49 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh...

50 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.

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

52 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yes, but the purpose of the journal isn't supposed to be marketing...

SC. 8 - EXT. PONYVILLE STREET - LATER

Twilight and Starlight are walking away from the school.

19 20

53 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I just hope those foals actually learn something from our lessons.

54 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
~~I'm sure~~ they will. I'm sure ponies all across Equestria will--AAAH!

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

19 20 21

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

112 113 56 OUT-OF-TOWN PONY #1 114 115 Alt
 Are you the princess? We're here
 all the way from Fillydelphia
 because we got copies of your
 friendship journal.

19 20 57 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 Wow! How wonderful. What was your
 favorite friendship--

They thrust their journals into her face along with quills.

112 113 58 OUT-OF-TOWN PONY #1 114
 Will you sign them?

19 20 59 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 Oh. Uh, I guess so...

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

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

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

112 113 61 OUT-OF-TOWN PONY #1 114 116 Alt
 Oh, we haven't read them. These are
 keepsakes.

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

19 20 62 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 Oh.

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

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

63A 22AB Twilight looks disappointed. Starlight puts a hoof on her
 shoulder.

SC. 9 - EXT. CAFE - DAY

Twilight and Starlight walk past.

119 120

64 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Don't worry, Twilight, I'm sure
lots of other ponies are being
inspired to be better friends...

121 122 123

As they pass by the cafe, they overhear two BRUNCH PONIES.

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

1746 175 128A6 129

65A Twilight perks up and drags Starlight behind a bush to listen in.

120

66 BRUNCH PONY #2
I agree. I'm seeing sides of these
ponies I didn't know were there...

6

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

67 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.

68 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!

175

24116 25 26

69 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(to Starlight)
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.

70
Rarity!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

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70A Rarity runs off, leaving a concerned Twilight and Starlight behind.

END ACT I

ACT II

SC. 10 - EXT. CAFE - DAY

Twilight looks on as Rarity runs away in tears.

71 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Poor Rarity. She overheard all the mean things those ponies were saying! She must be devastated. I'm going after her.

72 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Go ahead. (sternly) I'm going to have a ~~talk~~ *chat* with these two.

Twilight races away as Starlight turns toward the Brunch Ponies.

SC. 11 - EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - DAY

Rarity, upset by what she's just heard, races past Sugarcube Corner. Twilight runs after.

73 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Rarity, wait!

Suddenly Pinkie Pie lightnings out and tackle-hugs her to the ground!

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

75 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Pinkie! I've got to--

76 PINKIE PIE
Ponies keep stopping by to tell me my entries are hilarious!

77 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's great, Pinkie, but I've--

78 PINKIE PIE
I even had somepony come all the way from Las Pegasus to say how much he liked my lessons!

Twilight starts to realize that Rarity is gotten away, and Pinkie's words begin to sink in.

After the horrible experience with Rarity, hearing this good news from Pinkie gives Twilight pause.

27 28 (29)

79 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(relieved) I am so glad to hear
someponies are being inspired by
the journal!

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

137 138 139

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

142 143 144 145 146 (147B)
↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓

They all LAUGH. Pinkie perks up.

81 PINKIE PIE
Giggly feedback is the best kind!

They LAUGH again.

82 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.

83 PINKIE PIE
Aww. That's too bad.

They LAUGH again.

84 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Wait, that wasn't even funny.

More LAUGHTER.

85 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.

86 PINKIE PIE
Yup. Bye Twilight.

They LAUGH.

87 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Sparkle.

87A More LAUGHTER. Twilight exits. Pinkie smiles, but is definitely unnerved. She ducks into the shop and the locals LAUGH for some reason.

87B 137 139 140 88 LOCAL #1
Classic Pinkie! She's even funnier in real life!

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

89A 148 Off the locals LAUGHING we CUT TO...

SC. 12 - EXT. PONYVILLE STREET - LATER

Twilight is headed for the Boutique in search of Rarity when she overhears something...

150 151 90 RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)
Okay, everypony, maybe it's time to call it a day...

Rainbow Dash is ignored by a PEGASUS FOAL.

152 91 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 looks over to find Rainbow Dash sitting on a low cloud with a handful of PEGASUS FOALS around her. She looks somewhat uncomfortable.

32A 33 92 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What do you mean you skipped the lessons? We've all had valuable experiences!

150 152 93 RAINBOW DASH
Hey, here's a great idea! Why don't you guys talk to Twilight for awhile so I can get back to things like working and napping and... well, pretty much anything else.

Once again, the foals ignore her in their excitement.

94 PEGASUS FOAL #1
We don't want to hear her boring lessons! Come on, tell us again about when you met Daring Do!

150 (152)

95 RAINBOW DASH
(uncomfortable laugh) Again?
Haven't we already covered that
one? A couple dozen times?

96 PEGASUS FOAL #1
We can't get enough of it! Come on,
you don't want to disappoint your
fans!

97 RAINBOW DASH
It's just that I, uh, really need
to get those stormclouds back in
their pens.

98 PEGASUS FOAL #1
Cool! We'll come along and you can
tell us the story there!

The pegasus foals all cheer their excitement as they fly off
in one big Rainbow Dash-smothering herd. Twilight watches
them and seethes.

SC. 13 - EXT. PONYVILLE MARKETPLACE - LATER

Twilight is headed through town when Starlight runs up.

155 (157)

99 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Did you manage to talk to Rarity?

35 36 37

100 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I got a little sidetracked, but I'm
headed to the Boutique now.

155 156 158

101 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I'll come with you. I hope she's
all right.

35 36

102 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Do you think we might have made a
mistake? It feels like everypony in
Equestria is missing the
"friendship" part of the friendship
journals--

Suddenly there are ANGRY VOICES up ahead.

103 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
What's going on now?

They race ahead to the marketplace where they find a group of
TOWNSPONIES crowded in front of a shop. Fluttershy is there,
looking miserable and scared. She is cornered.

155 159

104 FLUTTERSHY
Please! Just leave me alone!

35 36

105 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Fluttershy? What's wrong?

155 159

106 TOWNSPONY #1
We want answers!

35 36

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

108 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What is it, everypony?

155 159

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

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

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

112 FLUTTERSHY
H's okay, I got this, girls.

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

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

The Townsponies look shocked.

114 TOWNSPONY #1
Wow. (then) You're way different from 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. 14 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS

Twilight and Starlight have finally made it the Boutique.
They open the door and enter.

39 (40)

115 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Rarity? Are you all right?

She suddenly comes swirling out from the back and accosts
Twilight and Starlight with a whirlwind of measuring tapes
and ribbons and fabrics.

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116 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
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.

176 (177)

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

39 (40)

118 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(confused) ...for what?

176 (177)

119 RARITY
I don't know! I'm stress-sewing!

39 (40)

120 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Stress-sewing?

176 (177)

121 RARITY
When I overheard those two at the
cafe today it all suddenly made
sense! I've been getting
cancellations for days!

122 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
What? Why are people cancelling
their orders?

176 (177)

123 RARITY
Because nopony likes me anymore!
They're 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. Twilight takes a deep
breath.

39 (40)

124 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It'll be okay, Rarity. I'm sure if
I go out there and talk to those
ponies they'll see they're being
unreasonable...

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.

176 177

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

Twilight's eyes wobble.

176 177

126 RARITY
Well certainly, darling.

Rarity starts sewing but Applejack impatiently grabs some fabric.

127 APPLEJACK
I don't need nothin' fancy.

Twilight slowly regains her feet.

39 40

128 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What's the matter, Applejack?

Applejack turns to her with great desperation.

176 177

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

178

Applejack rushes out the door. Twilight goes to follow but looks back at Rarity, still sewing up a storm. She locks eyes with Starlight.

130 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You go ahead, I'll stay here.

44AB
130A

Twilight nods and follows Applejack to...

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.

39 40

131 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Who are all these ponies?

179 180

132 APPLEJACK
The call themselves "the Sweet Apple Admirers." They said they read my journal entries and felt like part of the family. And now they want to actually *become* part of the family!

45 46

133 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Your journal entries?

179 180

134 APPLEJACK
Yeah, you know, all that stuff about how friends are like family and whatnot...

45 46

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

179 180

136 APPLEJACK
And kick out my own family?

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

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

138 SWEET APPLE ADMIRER #1
There she is!

138A The Sweet Apple Admirers shout out a collective "Yee-haw!" as Twilight watches with grave concern.

45 46

139 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I 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.

182 183

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

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182 (183)
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 47 (48)
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STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
 Window staring, huh? Was it that bad at Sweet Apple Acres?

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

Twilight gets up and starts to pace.

49 (50)
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 182 183
 ↓
 47 (48)
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142 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
 How could our friendship journal have led to so much...anti-friendship?

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

144 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.

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

146 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 anyone 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.

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147 APPLEJACK
I didn't know where else to go.
I've got so much cookin' and
cleanin' and familyin' to do I
ain't got time for anything else!

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

149 PINKIE PIE
At least ponies aren't laughing
every time 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.

150 RAINBOW DASH
Rarity, what are you wearing?

151 RARITY
My emotions, darling! Stress
couture!

152 FLUTTERSHY
I don't know what I'm going to do
if I have to defend myself one more
time...

193

keep both

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

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

154 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yes, I did. Releasing the journal
was my idea, and it backfired in
ways I couldn't have ~~even begun to~~
imagined *never*

155 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
It's not your fault. It's everypony
else's! They're just focusing on
the wrong things.

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

189 (192)

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

157 RARITY
Sorry, darling. ~~old~~ habit.

Starlight thinks. She doesn't believe it.

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

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

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159 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I can't wait any longer. I've got
to fix this.

Twilight gets a determined look on her face.

SC. 19 - EXT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

There are a group of ponies at the door. Twilight opens it to
find them all grumbling about the journals.

55 (56)

160 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Everypony, please stop!

A REPORTER PONY steps in front of her.

209 (210) 211

161 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.

55 (56)

162 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...

163 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.
(MORE)

55 (56)

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

Rainbow Dash. Rarity. And
Fluttershy, too.

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

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164 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

Then it was all of you. I've
learned so much from--

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165 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.

55 (56)

166 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Believable?

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167 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

55 (56)

168 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:

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169 BRUNCH PONY #1

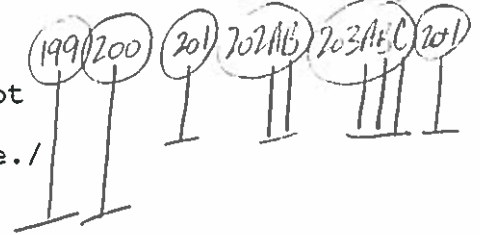
What about Rarity? Are we really
supposed to believe she learned
anything she wrote in there?

170 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:

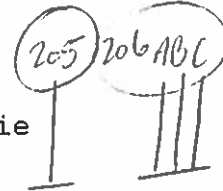
171 PONY WALLA
Twilight was better before she got wings. / Fluttershy is just so painfully shy it's hard to relate. / I can relate to her!



172 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Wait a minute, everypony...

The crowd only argues louder.

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



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

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

175 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.

176 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!'*

177 RARITY
*Sure I can be a drama queen/
Even a bit stuck up, it's true/
(MORE)*

RARITY (CONT'D)

But I never said I was flawless/
And that's why I'm singing, 'Flaws,
yes!'

178 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/
And that's why I'm singing, Flaws,
yes!'

179 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!'

180 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!'

181 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.

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182 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

So you see, everypony? None of us
ever claimed to be perfect. Without
our flaws, there wouldn't be any
friendship lessons to learn.
Without our flaws...

She turns and looks back at her friends.

183 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

...there probably wouldn't be any
friendships at all.

The girls smile. Twilight turns back to the crowd, which has
fallen silent. Did their song fall on deaf ears? Then the
crowd goes right back to arguing.

184 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.

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Twilight and her friends hang their heads. As the argument continues, they turn and trudge back into...

SC. 20 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - MOMENTS LATER

They enter and head into the throne room, plopping onto their thrones with dejection.

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185 RAINBOW DASH
 So that happened.

Beat of glumness, and then out of nowhere Starlight Glimmer teleports into the room. She's got Toola Roola and Coconut Cream with her.

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

She nudges Toola Roola and Coconut Cream forward.

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

188 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.

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

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190 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 Really?

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 Mm-hm.

TOOLA ROOLA

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60 (61) 192 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.

216 (217) 193 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....

216 (217) 194 APPLEJACK
It makes everything we've been
through worth it.

216 (217) 195 RARITY
Absolutely. Fads come and go, but
friendship is forever.

216 (217) 196 RAINBOW DASH
There are worse things than not
being able to do anything without
being told I'm awesome.

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

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

Pinkie Pie throws a pie in her face.

15 (62) 218 219 230 199 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Go ahead. Laugh!

199A The gang all laughs and hug Toola Roola and Coconut Cream.
The ending music comes up. Everything's about to get sappy
and fade to the credits. But instead we cut to...

2346 SC. 21 - EXT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - SAME

199B ...where everypony is still arguing. Music stops on a dime.
Then we cut back to...

231 232AB SC. 22 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - SAME

199C They're still all hugging, but the music and laughter have
stopped.

200 APPLEJACK
Reckon we still have to deal with
them, don't we?

235 (236)

201 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Stay in the friendship moment,
Applejack. They can wait a little
longer.

63B

They start to laugh again and the closing music comes up and
this we really do...

FADE OUT.

201A 64 233AB