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TEASER**SC. 1 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - NIGHT**

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Dressed for bed, SPIKE walks towards the library, girding himself for what he's about to see.

1 SPIKE
 (to himself)
Okay Spike. Get ready for some
serious Twilighting...

As Spike enters the library his eyes go wide and he GASPS!

REVERSE SHOT - The library is perfectly in tact, everything neat and orderly, and Twilight is nowhere to be seen!

2 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Huh. No charts. No diagrams. No
notes covering the floor. And the
books all put away? That's weird.

Spike turns to leave and bumps right into TWILIGHT SPARKLE!

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3 SPIKE (CONT'D)
AHH! Oh, hey Twilight! I thought
you'd be studying for Trivia Trot?
Why aren't you pulling an all-
nighter?

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4 TWILIGHT
Great question, Spike! And the
answer is: Because brains need
eight hours of sleep to perform at
optimum levels!

5 SPIKE
Oh! Cool. But tomorrow is your big
chance to be the first pony to win
the Ponyville trivia night three
times in a row, right?

6 TWILIGHT
The answer is: Yes!

Spike nods as Twilight smiles, staring at him. A BEAT as neither says anything.

7 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
(nudging) ...Ask me another one.

8 SPIKE
Another one what?

9 TWILIGHT
The answer is: Another question to
keep me in top question answering
shape!

10 SPIKE
Oh! Got it! Okay... Well, um, let
me think... Hmmm...

As Spike rubs his chin, thinking, Twilight gets closer and closer, searching his face for any clues that might give away his next question. Spike clearly gets uncomfortable.

11 SPIKE (CONT'D)
This is a whole new level of
Twilighting, isn't it?

12 TWILIGHT
The answer is: Yes!

13 SPIKE
Are you okay?

14 TWILIGHT
(gaining excitement) The answer is:
Yes!!!

As Spike doesn't quite know how to react, he starts to slowly back away.

15 SPIKE
Ooookay. Well, goodnight, Twilight.
Good luck with your brain sleep and
getting that third win.

16 TWILIGHT
(ultimate excitement) The answer
is: Goodnight and YES!!!!

With that, Twilight excitedly gallops away to bed, leaving Spike as confused as ever.

17 SPIKE
Thattttt wasn't a question.

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 2 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

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Twilight and Spike happily walk down the street.

18 TWILIGHT
I'm glad you decided to come watch
your first Trivia Trot, Spike! I
hope the rules aren't too
confusing.

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19 SPIKE
Rules? Isn't trivia just asking
questions and answering them?

20 TWILIGHT
(laughs) The Trot is a little more
involved than that. Let's start
with the first category of rules:
Categories! Rule 1.1: Each category
must be categorically designated
and thoroughly researched in all
categorical...

As Spike's eyes start to glaze over we...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 3 - EXT. PONYVILLE CAFE - LATER

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Twilight and Spike approach the cafe. Spike looks exhausted
and dizzy as Twilight continues going through the rules!

21 TWILIGHT
...of any and each team
participating in Trivia Trot. And
that wraps up rule 41.6! Of course
the exception to that, 41.6a, is
interesting itself because--

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22 SPIKE
(desperately interrupting)
--Oh look we're here!

Twilight excitedly stamps all four hooves.

23 TWILIGHT
Oooh! I can't wait to see who my
partner is going to be!

24 SPIKE
You don't get to pick your own
team?

25 TWILIGHT
Rule 20.16b Spike! To keep things
fair, the teams are randomly
selected!

26 SPIKE
20.16b. How could I forget?

Twilight magics up a scroll.

27 TWILIGHT
And based on the regular attendees,
I've charted every potential
teammate's strengths and
weaknesses, plus my percentage of
winning with each one!

28 SPIKE
Ha! I knew there'd be a chart! (off
her look) Glad I'm just watching. I
don't think I could handle being
your teammate. What if I let you
down?

As Spike curiously reaches for the paper, Twilight rolls it
up and LAUGHS.

29 TWILIGHT
You could never let me down, Spike.
But I'm glad you're watching too.
I'm going to need all the support I
can get for win number three!

Twilight heads inside and Spike shrugs, following.

CUT TO:

SC. 4 - INT. PONYVILLE CAFE - CONTINUOUS

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Twilight and Spike enter to find the place is already packed!
As Twilight looks around, eyeing her opponents, APPLEJACK
walks up.

30 APPLEJACK
Well, well, well, if it ain't our
reigning champ. Think you can win
again this week, Twilight?

31 TWILIGHT
Everypony here has a different area
of expertise, so it really is
anypony's game. (then, quickly)
But, yes.

Twilight fills out a slip of paper and confidently drops it
in a bowl filled with similar slips, then turns to see
RAINBOW DASH.

32 RAINBOW DASH
Then you better hope you get paired
with me, because I am gonna rule
this game!

33 SUNBURST (O.S.)
We'll just see about that. I don't
come all the way from the Crystal
Empire to lose.

The all turn to see SUNBURST who also drops his name in.

34 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
 (to Dash)
And I hope you realize there's
going to be more categories than
sports and Daring Do.

35 RAINBOW DASH
I hope you realize there isn't
going to be a category on Spells So
Old Not Even Starswirl the Bearded
Remembers Them.

36 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)
I hope they ask about fur
maintenance for adorable creatures.
Because I've been brushing up.

FLUTTERSHY walks up pulling a brush through Angel's fur.
Angel just shakes his head, embarrassed.

37 MUDBRIAR (O.S.)
Technically, that was a category
last week.

38 MAUD (O.S.)
It won't be in the game tonight.

They all look over to see Maud and Mudbriar, standing side by
side like the twins from The Shining. Twilight nods,
agreeing.

39 TWILIGHT
Rule 37.2c - no back to back
categories-- (to Mudbriar) But I
think Fluttershy was joking.

40 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
Sure sounded like a joke to me!

Twilight spins around just as PINKIE PIE bounces in and drops
her name in the bowl!

41 TWILIGHT
Pinkie Pie?

42 PINKIE PIE
Present!

With that, Pinkie hops off. Suddenly concerned, Twilight steps toward a corner.

SC. 5 - INT. PONYVILLE CAFE - CORNER - CONTINUOUS

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Twilight magics out her chart and unrolls it. It unravels down onto the floor, past Spike who jumps over it, and out the cafe door.

Twilight frantically scans through her endless list, MUMBLING to herself as Spike leans over.

43 SPIKE
What's wrong, Twilight?

44 TWILIGHT
I hadn't anticipated Pinkie Pie as a potential player! She's never played before! My chart is completely off! I have no way to predict what will happen and unpredictable is not good for a Trivia Trot Three-peat!

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45 SPIKE
Hehe. Three-peat. It's like three plus repeat.

46 TWILIGHT
Spike! Focus! Didn't you hear what I said?

47 SPIKE
Sure, but you're Princess Twilight! You've solved hundreds of problems, fought against the toughest villains and won every time! This is just a game.

Proud of himself, Spike puts a claw on Twilight's shoulder, pretty sure he just talked her down. But then...

48 TWILIGHT
(are you insane?!) Spike!! This is not a Princess thing! And this is not just a game! This. Is. TRIVIA. TROT!!!

49 SPIKE
Uh... Maybe forget what I said and
just try to fix your chart - fast.

But before Twilight can dive in, a *TAP TAP* comes from the front of the room as GRANNY SMITH raps her hoof on a podium with the bowl full of names!

50 GRANNY SMITH
Okay, settle down everypony. I'm
fixin' to pick these here teams!

Everypony CHEERS, stomping their hooves!

51 TWILIGHT
Oh no! There's no time!

Twilight scurries off to the center of the room to hear.
Spike follows as we...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 6 - INT. PONYVILLE CAFE - A SHORT TIME LATER

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Spike looks up at an ever more harried Twilight than before.
Her hooves shake as she squints at her list.

52 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Okay. Sunburst was my first choice,
but he's with Cranky Doodle. I
mean, just because he was the
teammate that gave me the highest
chance of winning doesn't mean I
still can't...

Spike looks over at Sunburst and CRANKY sitting at a table together. Cranky's eyes start to glaze over. Sunburst gives him a nudge and he bolts upright.

53 CRANKY DOODLE
Who-- Whazzit-- WHAT?!

Back with Twilight--

54 TWILIGHT
And at least Rainbow Dash and
Applejack aren't together. Team
AppleDash is basically unstoppable.

Spike looks at Applejack sitting with DR. HOOVES and Rainbow Dash with MATILDA. Applejack and Dash stare daggers at each other.

55 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
But apart they'll spend all their
energy trying to one up each other,
so that only helps my chances.

At the next table over, Fluttershy sits with BULK BICEPS.

56 BULK BICEPS
LET'S DO THIS! YEAAHHHHH!

Angel bunny jumps off the table, annoyed, then jumps back on wearing earmuffs.

On Twilight:

57 TWILIGHT
And not every team is a threat, but
there aren't many ponies left--

Twilight and Spike look toward Granny who pulls two names out of the bowl.

58 GRANNY SMITH
Alrighty, hold on to yer horse
shoes cause the next pair of
players is... Maud and Mudbriar!

GROANS and DISBELIEF from everypony. Spike looks around confused.

59 SPIKE
What's wrong?

60 TWILIGHT
Maud and Mudbriar have been paired
together every week. It's a
statistical impossibility! Which
would be fine, if they weren't so
good!

Determined, Twilight dives into her chart, making adjustments so fast and furious the quill starts to SMOKE! Spike points at it.

61 SPIKE
Um, Twilight? Maybe you should take
it easy?

Twilight puts the finishing touches on her chart and comes up for air.

62 TWILIGHT
Okay! I've rerun the numbers and it
looks like there's only one pony I
could be paired with that could
really threaten my winning streak.

63 SPIKE
Who would that be?

Before Twilight can answer, Granny reaches into her bowl and
pulls out two more names.

64 GRANNY SMITH
And our final pair of contestants
for this week's Trivia Trot is...
Twilight and Pinkie Pie!

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Twilight drops her chart and her jaw in disbelief as Pinkie
bounces and SQUEES with excitement as she waves from across
the room.

65 PINKIE PIE
Twilight it's you and me! Isn't
that great!

66 TWILIGHT
(forced smile) Yeah. Greeeeaaat.

Off Twilight's disheartened expression we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 7 - INT. PONYVILLE CAFE - RESUME

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Spike looks on as Pinkie hops her way through the crowd
toward Twilight.

67 SPIKE
So, I'm guessing the one pony who
could mess up your winning streak
is Pinkie.

68 TWILIGHT
(through clenched teeth)
Uh-huh.

Twilight gives a slight nod to Spike before Pinkie bounces
right in front of her face. Still in shock, Twilight's eyes
follow each bounce.

69 PINKIE PIE
Twilight! I can't believe we're partners! For a game! And I LOVE games! And I'm super duper excited for this game because it'll be my first time ever playing it and I get to play it with you which makes it even funner!

Pinkie ZIPS off screen and ZIPS back with matching BALLOONS for each of them.

70 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Twilight and Pinkie forevrrrr! Oh! We can be team Twinkie! Or... Team Pinklight! Sparkle Pie! NO... (gasps, eyes widen) TWIIPIE!

Twilight rolls up her chart and tucks it away. She does her best to smile.

71 TWILIGHT
Pinkie... I'm glad you're excited, but tonight's game is special. I could be the first pony to ever win three consecutive Trots in a row and I'm really hoping I do!

72 PINKIE PIE
Twilight, you don't have anything to worry about. I will do everything I can to be the bestest and most funnest teammate ever!

With that, Pinkie rushes over to their table and proceeds to RING their answer bell repeatedly.

Twilight takes a deep breath as Spike sidles up to her.

73 SPIKE
So... still think you can win?

74 TWILIGHT
I know I can. Pinkie might not be the perfect partner for trivia night, but she is my friend. And besides, I'm pretty good at this game. If she misses a few, I'm sure I can pick up the slack.

They look over to see Pinkie is still RINGING the bell.

75 PINKIE PIE
LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED!!!

SC. 8 - INT. PONYVILLE CAFE - GAME CIRCLE - MOMENTS LATER

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The cafe has been rearranged to start the game. The players' tables sit in a semi-circle, each with flippable score cards and a bell. All eyes are on Granny Smith who stands at the podium facing them, a stack of notecards at her side.

Pinkie fiddles with the score cards, then the bell, then her chair as Twilight tries not to let any of it distract her.

76 GRANNY SMITH
Now first order of business is we
need somepony to keep score.

Spike jumps up.

77 SPIKE
I'll do it!

78 APPLEJACK
(laughs) I'm not sure you wanna
take that job, Spike. The
scorekeepin' can get a might
intense.

79 SPIKE
What do you mean?

Sunburst leans over.

80 SUNBURST
Starlight used to do it, but she
quit. Now I can't even say the word
trivia around her.

Granny grabs Spike's claw and pulls him toward the front.

81 GRANNY SMITH
Aw, applemash! Don't let them scare
ya. You'll be fine! (slapping the
podium) Now let the game begin!

The contestants CHEER, then immediately begin eyeing each other warily. Rainbow Dash and Applejack exchange looks.

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82 RAINBOW DASH
Get ready to be squished!

83 APPLEJACK
Get ready to be squashed!

83A RAINBOW DASH
Hey don't copy me!

83B APPLEJACK
Hey don't copy me!

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Granny reaches over to her stack of cards and picks one.

84 GRANNY SMITH
The first category is "Literary
Figures!"

Everypony GROANS except Twilight, who claps her hooves.

85 TWILIGHT
Oooh! A category about books! We
are off to a good start.

86 GRANNY SMITH
(reads) Who's the pony that
despises the holiday season in that
old classic, "A Hearth's Warming
Tale?"

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Twilight reaches for the bell, but Pinkie Pie is already
furiously RINGING in. She jumps onto the table, flings her
arms wide, and shouts:

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87 PINKIE PIE
The answer is NOPONY because
everypony ends up loving the
holiday with singing, festive
cakes, and thoughtful presents!

SILENCE. Actual CRICKETS CHIRP as everyone looks at Pinkie,
confused.

88 GRANNY SMITH
Well, much as that ain't exactly
wrong, it ain't right neither.

89 TWILIGHT
Pinkie, wrong answers lose us
points!

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With a deflated, embarrassed CHUCKLE, Pinkie climbs back down
into her seat, as Spike walks up and stares at their score
card, thinking.

90 SPIKE
Hmmm... How do I take a point away
from zero? (realizing) Oh! I know.

He flips their card to show one TALLY MARK then draws a minus
sign in front of it. Twilight frowns at him.

91 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Just doing my job, Twilight.

Twilight SIGHS.

92 PINKIE PIE
Sorry. I didn't know we could have
negative points.

93 TWILIGHT
It's fine, Pinkie, but maybe only
ring in when you're 100% sure you
know the answer.

Pinkie stands ram-rod straight and salutes.

94 PINKIE PIE
(confident) Can do, Captain Twi--

95 TWILIGHT
(interrupting) --Also try sitting
still. And don't get distracted, or
be distracting. Oh! And remember to
listen carefully! Also it's best to
keep quiet in between questions.

Pinkie's posture slumps.

96 PINKIE PIE
(less confident) Gottttt itttttt.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 9 - INT. PONYVILLE CAFE - GAME CIRCLE - LATER ON

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Twilight and Pinkie now have TWO TALLY MARKS on their score
card (no minus sign). Twilight tries desperately to focus on
Granny while Pinkie does her best to sit still.

96A PINKIE PIE
Sitting still, sitting still,
sitting still, sitting
still...

96B GRANNY SMITH
Which topographical local
used to be a cavern but is
now--

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Unable to focus, Twilight turns to Pinkie, startling her.

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97 TWILIGHT
Pinkie!

98 PINKIE PIE
WHAAAAAAGHT!

Maud immediately RINGS in.

99 MAUD
The answer is The Ghastly Gorge.

100 GRANNY SMITH
That is 100% corr-ect!

Spike toddles over to Maud and Mudbriar and flips their score card. They now have SEVEN TALLY MARKS. Twilight drops her head onto the table as we...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 10 - INT. PONYVILLE CAFE - GAME CIRCLE - LATER STILL

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Twilight sweats, looking around the room. Every scorecard has more tally marks than hers. Pinkie sits stone still, her eyes darting left to right. Granny picks another card.

101 GRANNY SMITH
The next category is... APPLES!

102 RAINBOW DASH
What!? Come on! That's not fair!

103 APPLEJACK
I didn't hear you complain when the category was Wonderbolt History.

104 RAINBOW DASH
That's totally different!

On Pinkie:

105 PINKIE PIE
Wow. Applejack will absolutely know this... unless she doesn't, but she has to... unless she--

Twilight looks over at Pinkie, trying to reign in her anxiety, then has an idea.

106 TWILIGHT
Gee, Pinkie, I am super thirsty.
Would you mind getting us some drinks?

Pinkie jerks up, excited to be helpful.

107 PINKIE PIE
You got it! Operation hydrate team
TwPie is go!

With a quick salute she zips off, just as Granny starts to read the next card.

108 GRANNY SMITH
Which variety of apple only blooms for five days?

Dash leans over to Applejack.

109 RAINBOW DASH
(cough-talking) Don't choke!

110 APPLEJACK
Now why would I choke on a question
about apples? (then) Uh... What was
the question?

Twilight smiles and reaches for her bell when Pinkie
reappears.

111 PINKIE PIE
Twilight! They have lemonade, grape-
ade, and lime-ade. Which ade did
you want?

As Twilight turns to Pinkie, distracted, Fluttershy RINGS in.

112 FLUTTERSHY
Is it Zap Apples?

Granny looks at Fluttershy, surprised, then turns a stern,
squinty gaze at Applejack.

113 GRANNY SMITH
Why yes, Fluttershy, it is. I'm
glad somepony here knows their
apples!

Spike adds a point to Fluttershy and Bulk Biceps' score.

114 BULK BICEPS
YEAAAAH!

Twilight turns to Pinkie who gives her a weak smile...

SC. 11 - INT. PONYVILLE CAFE - GAME CIRCLE - EVEN LATER

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Twilight looks out at the field of players like a pony
possessed (though not Lesson Zero levels... yet).

115 TWILIGHT
Okay. We got this. We're only down
by eight. We can go on a run and
still win this thing!

PAN OVER to reveal Pinkie, eagerly looking from Twilight to
Granny.

116 PINKIE PIE
I believe in us!

117 TWILIGHT
SHSHSHHHHH! Granny's about to read
the question!

At the podium, Granny pulls out the next card.

118 GRANNY SMITH
Let's see, hmmm. How do you say
'reward' in Old Ponish.

Twilight jerks, excited.

119 TWILIGHT
I know this! I know--

But a RING comes from off screen. Twilight whips her head around to see Sunburst, smiling. Cranky Doodle, passed out on the table beside him SNORING.

120 SUNBURST
The answer is 'hlight'

121 GRANNY SMITH
Corr--

122 TWILIGHT
(interrupting) SLEEPING!

Everypony looks to Twilight, confused.

123 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Sunburst's partner is sleeping and
according to rule 57.6 sleeping at
the table is subject to
disqualification!

124 SPIKE
Rule 57.6? I didn't realize the
rules even went that high.

125 TWILIGHT
Well they do!

Sunburst frowns.

126 SUNBURST
She's right. And without a partner
I have to leave the game too.

As Sunburst gets up and drags the still sleeping Cranky into the gallery of spectators, Twilight looks back at the rest of the field-- wheels turning. She turns to Pinkie, her eye twitching.

127 TWILIGHT
Don't worry, Pinkie. We're not out
of this game yet!

SC. 12 - INT. PONYVILLE CAFE - MONTAGE

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In a quick series of shots, we watch as Twilight calls out the other competitors for various infractions:

--ON FLUTTERSHY AND BULK who huddle with Angel, then RING in.

128 FLUTTERSHY
Is the answer carrots?

Twilight stands, pointing an accusatory hoof.

129 TWILIGHT
Rule 13.2! No help from pets!

Spike looks at them and shrugs as he takes away a point.

--ON RAINBOW DASH AND APPLEJACK glaring across their tables at each other. We cut back and forth between them, their hooves inching closer and closer to their bell every time until...

Twilight stands and points.

130 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Rule 72.8. Hoof distance
infractions!

Both AJ and Dash look to Twilight in shock as Spike measures the space from their hooves to the bell and shakes his head, then takes a point away from each.

--ON MAUD AND MUDBRIAR who stare off, expressionless.
Twilight points at them.

131 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Rule 92. No expressionless
contestants!

132 MAUD
That's not a rule.

Twilight grits her teeth and sits back down.

133 TWILIGHT
Fine.

Pinkie and Spike share a look of concern as we... END
MONTAGE.

SC. 13 - INT. PONYVILLE CAFE - GAME CIRCLE - RESUME

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Twilight looks out at the field. Her score more competitive now, though you wouldn't know it from her intense stare. Pinkie hesitantly leans over.

134 PINKIE PIE
So... Looks like we're still in
this thing, eh, Twilight?

135 TWILIGHT
Oh, we're in it alright.

Granny pulls out another card.

136 GRANNY SMITH
The next category is, cupcakes!

Pinkie's eyes light up!

137 PINKIE PIE
WHAT?! I know all about those! I
can actually help, Twilight!

Twilight turns, still crazed, eye twitching.

138 TWILIGHT
Of course you can, Pinkie.

Thinking fast, Twilight looks towards the window, pointing.

139 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
(gasps, acting) But isn't that a
Confetti Appreciation Parade I
see?!

140 PINKIE PIE
WHERE?!!

Pinkie ZOOMS to the window, looking out in every direction as
Granny reads the next question.

141 GRANNY SMITH
What flavor cupcakes did Princess
Celestia order for Princess Luna's
surprise birthday party last year?

142 PINKIE PIE
(pulling her head back in) Wait.
What?

Pinkie ZOOMS back to her seat, but Twilight is already
RINGING in.

143 TWILIGHT
Double midnight chocolate fudge
with chili pepper frosting!

144 GRANNY SMITH
Corr-ect!

145 PINKIE PIE
Hey, I knew that! I made those
cupcakes!

146 TWILIGHT
I'm sorry, Pinkie, but you were
looking for the parade and I didn't
want our team to miss the point.

147 PINKIE PIE
I guess that makes sense. But...

Pinkie rushes back to the window, smushing her face against
the glass.

148 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Which way'd that Confetti Parade
go, anyway?

As Spike adds points to her score, Twilight smiles, slyly
eyeballing Pinkie at the window as she rubs her hooves together,
plotting... *

GAME MONTAGE

QUICK CUTS as we stay on Twilight and Pinkie's table.

--Twilight and Pinkie gear up to answer a question. Pinkie
goes to ring in, but Twilight magic's the bell an inch closer
to herself and RINGS in first!

--Another question, as Pinkie puts her hoof down to see the
bell isn't even there. It's on the other side of the table
where Twilight RINGS in.

--This time it really looks like Pinkie's gonna get it, but
when she slaps down on the bell we see it's not a bell at
all, it's a cupcake. Pan over to reveal Twilight holding the
bell which she RINGS.

--Pinkie just watches as Twilight obsessively RINGS the bell
over and over, looking even more crazed than before - her
answers growing louder and louder...

149 TWILIGHT
(RINGS) 1547 Pony B.E. (RINGS)
Chancellor Puddinghead!
(MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
(RINGS) Vanhoover (RINGS) Cutie
Pox! (rings) BANANAS!

Through it all, Spike struggles to keep up, sweating as he adds more and more points to Twilight's score.

END MONTAGE

SC. 14 - INT. PONYVILLE CAFE - GAME CIRCLE - RESUMING

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Pinkie stares at their score, tied with Maud and Mudbriar, then looks to Twilight, a panting, mane frazzled mess.

150 PINKIE PIE
Wow, Twilight. I really think you might do it.

Twilight side-eyes her as Granny picks up another card.

151 GRANNY SMITH
The category is: Sticks and Stones!

Maud and Mudbriar share a knowing glance and Twilight starts to hyperventilate.

152 TWILIGHT
(freaking out) I don't know anything about those! What kind of category is that!?

153 MAUD
The kind where we know the answer and you don't.

Twilight starts to hyperventilate. Pinkie hands her a paper bag to breath in.

154 PINKIE PIE
Don't worry fellow Twipie! I grew up on a rock farm. I'm sure to know some of these.

Twilight takes bigger breaths, unconvinced, as Granny reads...

155 GRANNY SMITH
What kind of stone can be used to start a fire?

Pinkie and Maud RING in simultaneously.

PINKIE PIE
The black one!

MAUD
The answer is flint.

Pinkie points to Maud.

156 PINKIE PIE
Yeah! That one! We both get points,
right?

Sunburst leans forward from the spectating pony section.

157 SUNBURST
Sorry, Pinkie, but your answers
have to be exact. I'd help you if I
could. I know this category pretty
well.

Twilight jerks around and looks from Pinkie to Sunburst, a
lightbulb going off.

158 TWILIGHT
Pinkie, I forget the name of that
famous rock in Griffonstone. Could
you ask Maud?

159 PINKIE PIE
You got it! (yells across room) HEY
MAUD! WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE
FAMOUS ROCK IN GRIFFONSTONE?

160 MAUD
Pinkie, you can't ask me that.

161 PINKIE PIE
Sure I can! I just did!

Everypony stares at Pinkie in shock.

162 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
What?

163 GRANNY SMITH
You can't go and ask another player
about rocks when that's the
category. Sorry, Pinkie, but you're
disqualified.

164 PINKIE PIE
WHAT!? I'm disqualified? From a
GAME?!

Off of Pinkie's UTTER SHOCK as Twilight nervously shrugs,
shrinking back we...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

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Pinkie stares stunned and distraught. Twilight looks on, unsure.

165 PINKIE PIE
I can't believe I'm disqualified.

166 TWILIGHT
(nervous laugh) I'm so sorry
Pinkie. I guess I forgot about that
rule.

167 PINKIE PIE
It's okay. I just feel bad that we
got disqualified. Now you can't get
your third win!

168 TWILIGHT
Actually, only you were
disqualified. And since there's
another player who also had his
teammate disqualified...

Sunburst ZIPS over to the table, instantly sitting beside
Twilight.

169 SUNBURST
Rule 19.7b. Players whose teammates
were disqualified may form a new
team.

Pinkie stares at Twilight and Sunburst, who are clearly
excited to be playing together.

170 PINKIE PIE
Oh. I guess that makes sense.

171 TWILIGHT
(to Pinkie, hesitant) You don't
mind if I keep playing, do you?

172 PINKIE PIE
(feigns nonchalance) Oh... No...
Not at all. I can still cheer you
on from... over there.

Pinkie heads to the gallery as Twilight EXHALES in relief.
Spike, walks over to Pinkie.

173 SPIKE
I'm sorry, Pinkie. It's not your
fault; Trivia Trot has a lot of
rules... Are you okay?

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174 PINKIE PIE
(hiding sadness) Oh, sure. I know
how important winning this game is
to Twilight. So... Go team Twipie!
(correcting herself) Or, err, Twi-
burst! (feeble) Yaaaay!

Off Pinkie forcing a big, supportive smile...

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Twilight and Sunburst sit up straight, confidently facing
front as Granny reads from the next card.

175 GRANNY SMITH
The next category is: Ancient
Legends!

Twilight is ecstatic! Giddily, she leans to Sunburst.

176 TWILIGHT
Oh, we are going to crush this
round!

177 SUNBURST
(unsure) I don't know, Twilight.
You're a little off your game
tonight. But don't worry. I can
pick up the slack.

178 TWILIGHT
WHAT? I am the reigning Trot champ.
If there's any slack that needs
picking, I'll be doing the up--
Wait. I mean...

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179 SUNBURST
I'm just saying. You seem a
little... frazzled.

180 TWILIGHT
I... I don't know what you're
talking about.

Suddenly self-conscious, Twilight tries to smooth her frizzed
out mane as Granny dives into the next question.

181 GRANNY SMITH
Who traveled to Equestria from a
distant land seeking to steal the
magic from its pony inhabitants?

Twilight reflexively RINGS IN. Giving Sunburst a "told you
so" look as she answers.

182 TWILIGHT
(supremely confident) That would be
Lord Tirek.

Silence. Twilight turns to Granny who looks at her expectantly.

183 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
What? Lord Tirek. That's the
answer. The answer is Lord Tirek!

Granny slowly shakes her head as Mudbriar RINGS in.

184 MUDBRIAR
Technically, that answer is
incomplete. The answer is Lord
Tirek and Scorpan.

Spike walks over and adds a point to Maud and Mudbriar's score then, hesitantly takes one away from Twilight and Sunburst.

185 TWILIGHT
(nervous fumfering) PFFT! Well!
That's just-- I mean...

Twilight looks over to see Sunburst staring at her coolly. He pulls the bell a bit closer to himself.

IN A QUICK SERIES OF SHOTS:

--Twilight moves to ring in but the bell is gone. We hear the RING as Twilight looks up to see Sunburst is levitating the bell over her head. *

--Twilight reaches for the bell, but Sunburst uses his tail to tap her on the shoulder. She turns, distracted, just as Sunburst RINGS in.

--Twilight finally beats Sunburst to the punch but when she slams her hoof down there's no RING sound, just a muffled CLICK. PULL WIDE to reveal Sunburst's hat sits on top of the bell. He lifts it off and RINGS in. *

Off Twilight staring at him, gritting her teeth we... END MONTAGE.

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Twilight looks around the room. All of the teams are close, but she and Sunburst are tied with Maud and Mudbriar. She turns to Sunburst.

186 TWILIGHT
Look, Sunburst, I realize I may
have been a little off earlier, but
I'm really good at this game.

He gives her a patronizing pat on the shoulder.

187 SUNBURST
Of course you are, Twilight.

He turns back to focus on Granny who's reaching for a new card.

188 TWILIGHT
Well, if you know, then why aren't
you letting me ring in?!

Clearly not listening, Sunburst gets his hoof ready to ring in. Frustrated, Twilight grabs the bell away just as Granny reads the question.

189 GRANNY SMITH
How many holes are there in Daring
Do's hat!

Rainbow Dash insta-RINGS in!

190 RAINBOW DASH
Twenty! (to Sunburst) HA!

191 GRANNY SMITH
Corr-ect!

Sunburst looks up at Twilight, livid.

192 SUNBURST
Twilight! I knew that one! You just
cost us a point.

193 TWILIGHT
Well, maybe I knew it too. You're
not the only pony to ever read a
book, you know.

Suddenly, an idea pops into Sunburst's mind and he puts on a smile.

194 SUNBURST
You're right Twilight. I'm sorry,
but now that I think about it, I'm
not so sure about Dash's answer.
Think you could do a quick fact
check?

195 TWILIGHT
(brightening)
Of course! The cafe happens to have
a complete Daring Do set.

With that, Twilight rushes over to a bookshelf, pulls out a book, and starts leafing through it.

Suddenly, a TAP, TAP comes from the front of the room where Granny raps on the podium with her hoof.

196 GRANNY SMITH
Twilight Sparkle, what in tarnation
are you doing?! You know you can't
look up answers during a game!
You're disqualified!

Twilight's jaw drops as she looks to Sunburst who's leading a now awake Cranky Doodle back to the table. He innocently shrugs.

197 SUNBURST
Ooooooh. Sorry. I guess I forgot
about that rule. BUT, rule 57.6b
clearly states that players
previously disqualified for
sleeping may rejoin the game,
provided they are now well rested.

Cranky looks around, confused.

198 CRANKY DOODLE
Where am I? What time is it? Where
are my morning hay cakes?

Stunned, Twilight slumps, then makes her way to the sidelines, hanging her head. Spike appears by her side.

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199 TWILIGHT
Wow. I knew Sunburst wanted to win,
but I can't believe he wouldn't
even let me ring in and I'm pretty
sure he just tricked me into
getting disqualified.

200 SPIKE
That's rough. (then, sarcastic) I
can't imagine anypony doing
something like that...

Spike nods toward Pinkie, sitting in the gallery, a supportive smile still frozen on her face. Twilight's expression drops.

201 TWILIGHT
Oh.

Twilight <SIGHS> and heads over toward Pinkie.

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Twilight walks up to Pinkie who's still looking out at the other players.

202 PINKIE PIE
Sorry you got disqualified,
Twilight.

203 TWILIGHT
Actually, Pinkie, I'm sorry. I was
a pretty awful before. I guess I
didn't realize how much until it
happened to me.

204 PINKIE PIE
That's okay. I don't think we
really had a chance, and I know how
much you wanted to win.

205 TWILIGHT
It's not okay. Winning isn't more
important than my friend, or my
team. TwiPie forever?

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Twilight holds out her hoof. Pinkie looks down at it and screws up her face.

206 PINKIE PIE
I don't know...

207 TWILIGHT
(saddened) I understand. I thought
all my Twilight freak outs were
behind me, but I guess I still have
some work to do.

208 PINKIE PIE
Oh, it's not that.

Pinkie pulls a SHEET CAKE out from under her chair. Twilight's face is drawn in frosting on one half. On the other half Pinkie's face has been replaced with a hastily drawn depiction of Sunburst.

209 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
It's just that I already changed it
to Team TwiBurst, and now I guess I
should change it to SunDoodle.

Twilight looks down at the cake and smiles.

210 TWILIGHT
Actually, I have a better idea.

Off Pinkie's intrigued expression...

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Twilight and Pinkie sit back at a table with the other players.

211 TWILIGHT
According to rule 13.2, players can join the game at any time, provided they are willing to start from zero.

212 PINKIE PIE
Wow. These rules are really convoluted. But doesn't starting from zero mean we'll lose.

213 TWILIGHT
I can't think of anypony I'd rather lose with than you.

214 PINKIE PIE
Me too! Go team TwiPie!

Twilight and Pinkie smile as the other players lean in, listening intently as Granny asks the next question.

215 GRANNY SMITH
What's the name of the Ponyville Day Spa's most popular candle?

Pinkie and Twilight immediately RING in together!!

215A PINKIE PIE
Confetti Cannon Smoke!

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215B TWILIGHT
Friendship and Game Losing!

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Everypony just stares at them, confused.

216 GRANNY SMITH
Um... no.

Pinkie and Twilight exchange smiles, then LAUGH and high hoof as we FREEZE FRAME and...

FADE OUT

END