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MUFFINS delivers a mystery package for Twilight. When SPIKE coughs up a scroll, TWILIGHT learns that the package is from Celestia, who was finally cleaning out Twilight's old room in Canterlot. She's saved a few items that Twilight might want. After going through a few mementos, Twilight unearths something that causes her to panic—an old library book that was never returned! She's never had a late book before, and this one's been overdue for years. How could that have happened?!

In a brief FLASHBACK, we see just that. The sweet old librarian mare, DEWDROP DECIMAL, tells pre-alicorn Twilight how important the book is (it's from the special collection) and that it must be taken care of and returned as soon as possible. Younger Twilight assures her that the book is in good hooves—she'll have it back right away! But as TS puts the book in her room, she's fatefully summoned by Celestia as in episode 101...And the book falls behind her desk, forgotten.

This is a disaster! Twilight (and Spike) hurry to Canterlot to make things right. First, she'll personally apologize to the librarian, then pay the fees, and return the book. But when they get to the library and ask for Dewdrop Decimal, the LIBRARIAN at the desk tells her Dewey's been retired for years. TS is disappointed, but still determined to return the book. She walks the dark hallway of shame to "OVERDUE RETURNS," only to discover the clerk in charge is at lunch. Spike thinks they should wait, but Twilight has calculated the astronomical overdue fine she owes – which will only get bigger the more time she wastes! They need to find the returns clerk!

But that encounter leads to Twilight learning that Dewdrop Decimal was fired from her job all those years ago... because of Twilight's unreturned book! Twilight changes her plan; she can't return the book yet – she has to find Dewdrop and give the book back to her so she can return triumphantly back to her old job.

They hear that Dewdrop has moved to a retirement community in Silver Shoals. But when Spike and Twilight arrive, they "keep missing" Dewey. As it turns out, the old mare has an extremely active social life filled with activities like windsurfing, painting on the dock, gardening, and pony Zumba. Twilight even partakes in a few activities, hoping to catch Dewdrop and return the book, but it's hard to keep up! Finally, Twilight reaches Dewey and apologizes: "Now you can take the book back to Canterlot and get your old life at the library back!" But Dewdrop refuses the book.

Twilight is baffled. Dewdrop explains that she was ready to retire, but her perfect librarian record was stopping her from doing so. Twilight ACTUALLY did her a favor. Twilight still isn't convinced, and she continues to try and sell Dewdrop on the idea of going back—she can't let the idea of absolving herself of this guilt go! Dewey ultimately makes Twilight see that perfection isn't everything—sometimes you need an impetus like an unreturned book to shake you out of your old patterns. Didn't Twilight READ the book? TS blushes – er, no, she never got a chance. Turns out the book is about letting go

of the idea of perfection. Dewey is happier than ever before, and TS needs to accept that reality instead of her own “perfect” one.

In the end, Twilight and Spike return to Canterlot to bring the book back themselves. She’s ready to pay the fees—even if the huge amount is going to take her the rest of her days (say goodbye to avocado toast!) The librarian laughs and tells Twilight that the fees cap out at a certain amount and also the book is out-of-date and they don’t even need it anymore. What?! Twilight is shocked. She pays her fees and takes the old book home as a reminder of her lesson with Dewdrop. We end on Spike trying to dodge the librarian, who recognizes him as someone with LOTS of overdue books.