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TEASER

SC1. EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S HOUSE - DUSK

FLUTTERSHY and PRINCESS TWILIGHT are covered in mud as they finish giving a moose a bath.

1 FLUTTERSHY
Phew! That's the last one. Thanks
for helping me get them so fresh
and clean, Twilight.

2 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No problem! Happy to do it.

REVEAL the house is packed with fluffy clean animals.

3 FLUTTERSHY
You probably can't wait to get back
to your castle and take your own
bath, huh?

4 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Nope. I'm in no hurry.
(then, a little too eager)
Aren't there more animals that need
cleaning?

5 FLUTTERSHY
I think you and I are the only ones
left. And I can't wait to get the
mud out of my mane!

Twilight looks around, spots Angel preening himself by a tub of muddy water, and not-so-subtly nudges him into it.

6 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh no! Angel got dirty! I'd better
stay longer to help give him a bath
too.

OFF Angel glaring at Twilight and Fluttershy's puzzled expression we...

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

SC2. EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S HOUSE - SOON AFTER

Angel grimaces as Twilight, still muddy, dries his fur with a towel.

7 FLUTTERSHY
Thank you ever so much for staying
to give Angel a bath, too...

Fluttershy, also still muddy, watches as Twilight continues drying Angel.

8 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
But um, I think he's dry.

Twilight pulls away the towel to reveal Angel's super-fluffed out fur. He is not amused by his new appearance.

9 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Goodness it's gotten late. You
really didn't have to stay all day.
Not that we don't appreciate it.
(then)
Isn't that right?

The other animals nod in agreement. All except the poofy Angel who does not look like he appreciated it one bit.

10 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I for one am exhausted. <EXAGGERATED
YAWN> Plus, I really need to rest up
for that big pancake breakfast
tomorrow!

Twilight smiles uncomfortably, clearly reluctant to leave.

11 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
And I'm sure you have to get the
castle ready--

12 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No! The castle's...fine.
(brightening)
But maybe I'd better see if Pinkie
Pie needs help with the pancakes!

Twilight gallops off. Fluttershy gives her a strange look as she watches her go.

SC3. INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - KITCHEN - THAT NIGHT

A still dirty Twilight walks in. PINKIE PIE zips around, mixing a batter and throwing various chips and ingredients into it. As they converse, Pinkie is busy mixing, rolling, and flambéing all sorts of things. It's like a kitchen on "Chopped."

13 PINKIE PIE
Hey Twilight! What a surprise!
(then)
Why are you covered in mud?

Before Twilight can answer, Pinkie Pie goes off.

14 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Ooh, let me guess! There was a mud parade and you were the pony of ceremonies? It's raining mud and you were caught without a mudbrella? No, I'VE GOT IT! You've discovered a new species of insect called the mud-erfly and they just looove landing on your head!

15 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I've been helping Fluttershy give her animals a bath.

Pinkie flips multiple pancakes in multiple skillets.

16 PINKIE PIE
Oh. I was so close! So what brings you by?

17 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(hopeful)
Well, I thought you might need some help getting ready for the pancake breakfast!

18 PINKIE PIE
Nope, got it all under control. Just fine-tuning my recipes so I'm ready for the morning.

Twilight's face falls and she turns to go.

19 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh. Okay.

20 PINKIE PIE
Now I just have to decide which ones to serve.

Twilight perks up.

21 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Then you're going to need somepony
to taste test them all!

Twilight magics over a fork, a knife, and a plate.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC4. EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - ESTABLISHING - MORNING

SC.5 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - AT THE SAME TIME

APPLEJACK, RAINBOW DASH, RARITY, Pinkie Pie, and Fluttershy are seated at the round table munching away at plates of multi-colored pancakes chock full of berries and chips.

22 APPLEJACK
These are delicious, Pinkie Pie!

23 PINKIE PIE
Thanks! Twilight spent all night helping me pick the flavor. I kept thinking we'd found the right one, but she *insisted* I make even more to try. And more. And more. And more. And more. It was like she never wanted to--

24 FLUTTERSHY
--leave?

25 PINKIE PIE
Exactly! Eventually we ran out of time so we just went with Everyberry Anychip Surprise. The surprise is I lost a measuring spoon in the batter. Somepony's gonna get a very special pancake.

26 RAINBOW DASH
Up all night, huh? Is that why she's so... um... out of it?

REVEAL Twilight is sitting at her throne, fast asleep. Her plate of pancakes is untouched. She stirs in her sleep. The other ponies speak in hushed tones.

27 FLUTTERSHY
I don't mean to sound
unappreciative, but has anypony
else noticed that Twilight's been a
little too helpful lately?

28 APPLEJACK
Now that you mention it, she was
lendin' a hoof at Sweet Apple Acres
the other day and stuck around 'til
near midnight. Dug up fifty tree-
plantin' holes when I only needed
ten.

29 RARITY
She spent an entire afternoon
rearranging a single gem drawer at
the boutique. An entire afternoon!

30 RAINBOW DASH
You think that's weird, she raced
me, like, a hundred times the other
day and lost every time.

31 PINKIE PIE
That's not weird. You're the
fastest pegasus in Equestria - of
course you'd win. Duh.

32 RAINBOW DASH
I know that, and so does Twilight -
but she just kept going! Best out
of ten. Best out of twenty. Best
out of a hundred! I mean, I know
hanging out with me is awesome but
it was like she'd rather keep
losing than--

33 FLUTTERSHY
--leave.

34 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah. Who does that?

The girls eye the sleeping Twilight.

35 APPLEJACK
Somepony who's avoidin' something,
that's who. Soon as she wakes up,
we're gonna find out what.

Pinkie Pie bites into a pancake.

36 PINKIE PIE
Ow!

She pulls a measuring spoon out of her mouth.

37 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(loud)
I WIN!

At Pinkie Pie's outburst, Twilight jolts awake.

38 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm pancake! I mean, awake!

The ponies gather around their friend.

39 APPLEJACK
Twilight, is there something you
want to tell us?

40 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What do you mean?

41 RARITY
You know how much we appreciate all
you do for us, and we simply adore
having you around. But we worry you
may be... avoiding something else?

Twilight <SIGHS> and hangs her head, busted.

42 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Has it been that obvious?

43 FLUTTERSHY
Whatever it is, I'm sure we can
help you face it.

The other ponies nod in agreement.

44 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(struggling to come clean)
I've been... The thing is... I know
it's silly but I...
(then)
I've been avoiding...*this place.*

45 RARITY
(over-dramatic)
<GASP> Why in Equestria would you
want to avoid such a gorgeous
castle?!

46 PINKIE PIE
Yeah, this place has everything!

Pinkie Pie points to the big vaulted ceilings.

47 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Big tall ceilings that make you
feel tiny...

She zips to the floor and puts her cheek on it.

48 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Shiny new floors that are cold to
the touch... BRR!

She zips into the hallway attached to the throne room:

49 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
And it even has long empty
hallways...
(echoes)
...hallways... hallways.

As Pinkie's words echo through the castle, we PULL BACK to reveal just how large and empty it really is. Pinkie zips back to her seat.

50 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Okay, I get it.

51 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
See what I mean? The castle is
amazing... but it just... <SIGH> it
doesn't feel like home.

52 RARITY
Is that all? Why you simply need to
decorate, darling. Make this space
your own!

53 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It's just so daunting. Look how
big it is. I don't even know where
to start.

ON THE MANE 6

54 RARITY
You can start by letting us do it
for you!

The other ponies <AD-LIB AGREEMENT>.

55 RARITY (CONT'D)
We'll make this the castle of your
dreams while you go the Ponyville
spa for some much needed rest and
relaxation.

(then)

I'm saying this with love, but...
have you looked in a mirror lately?

Rarity holds up a mirror to Twilight. She sees how bad she
looks: mane tangled, bags under her eyes, twigs in her hair,
dirty coat, etc.

56 RARITY (CONT'D)
I've never seen you look this...

57 FLUTTERSHY
Frazzled?

58 RARITY
"Frazzled". Yes, that is absolutely
the word I was going to use.

59 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I guess I do need a little help,
and so does my castle.

(then)

And I just know you'll do a great
job because nopony knows me better
than you!

60 APPLEJACK
That's right. We'll make this place
feel cozier than hot cider on a
rainy day.

61 RAINBOW DASH
(perking up)
There's gonna be cider?!

Applejack shoots her a look.

62 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I mean, uh, let's decorate!

Just then, Spike trudges into the room rubbing his eyes.

63 SPIKE
Oh no, did I miss the pancakes? I
sleep like a baby under that cold,
cavernous ceiling.

64 RARITY
Spike, I'm so glad you're here!

65 SPIKE
Really?!

66 RARITY
Yes. You're taking Twilight to the
spa.

67 SPIKE
Great! I've been meaning to get my
claws done.

Spike shoves a pancake in his mouth. He notes that the ponies
are all staring at him.

68 SPIKE (CONT'D)
(mouth full)
Oh. You mean now.

He quickly shoves another pancake in his mouth and he and
Twilight make their exit.

69 APPLEJACK
Come on y'all, we've got work to
do!

MUSIC UP on the "Dream Castle" SONG (in the vein of Mulan's
"I'll Make a Man Out of You")

70 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
*Let's all work together,
To make this castle shine.*

71 RARITY
*Once we add some sparkle,
It'll feel divine!*

72 FLUTTERSHY
*Sure, the castle's big and empty
now But if we work on it as a
team...*

73 ALL
*Twilight's gonna feel right at home
in the castle of her dreams!*

They all go their separate ways and we CUT TO:

SC6. INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - FARM HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Applejack gathers BALES OF HAY, QUILTS, OAT BARRELS, and
APPLE CRATES. She loads them onto a cart and sings:

74 APPLEJACK
*Some apples and bales of hay,
make me feel at home every day!*

SC7. INT. RARITY'S BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS

Rarity grabs BOLTS OF FABRIC, GEMS and some LACE with her unicorn magic and sings:

75 RARITY
*Give me ruffles, gems, and lace
and I'll make a home out of any
place!*

SC8. INT. RAINBOW DASH'S CLOUD HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Rainbow Dash flies around, grabbing TROPHIES, DARING DO POSTERS, and WONDERBOLTS PARAPHERNALIA from her wall. Rainbow Dash sings:

76 RAINBOW DASH
*She'll need this, and this for her
wall. My stuff's so awesome! I'll
just bring it all!*

SC9. INT. FLUTTERSHY'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Fluttershy walks through the door and is immediately greeted by a GROUP OF WOODLAND CREATURES, who hug her as she sings:

77 FLUTTERSHY
*Getting a cuddle or two or seven
makes my home a little slice of
heaven.*

SC10. INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - CONTINUOUS

Pinkie Pie gathers BALLOONS, CONFETTI, and a bunch of CUPCAKES and stuffs them in some saddle bags and sings:

78 PINKIE PIE
*Nothing like balloons and confetti
galore to greet you when you walk
through your door!*

DISSOLVE TO:

SC11. INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - HALL TO THRONE ROOM

CLOSE UP of FLUTTERSHY putting the finishing touches on a petting zoo full of critters.

79 ALL
We'll make a home!

80 FLUTTERSHY
*With all the warmth of a cuddly
zoo.*

CLOSE UP of PINKIE tying a bunch of balloons to a pillar.

81 ALL
We'll make a home!

82 PINKIE PIE
*It's so much fun I could almost
scream!*

As Pinkie Pie ties, she bumps into one of Fluttershy's bunnies. Startled, she <SCREAMS>.

SC12. INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

CLOSE UP: Rarity finishing up some curtains; Rainbow Dash flies by carrying a trophy and Applejack gallops by with a checkered quilt on her back. They sing:

83 ALL
We'll make a home!

84 RARITY
*A fitting place for a lovely
princess!*

The ponies come together to finish the song triumphantly.

85 ALL
*The castle was big and empty
But we worked on it as a team...
Twilight's gonna feel right at home
in the castle of her dreams!*

PULL OUT to REVEAL: the Throne Room and the hallway leading to it look ridiculous. The hallway is decked out with party decorations (balloons, confetti, streamers) on one end and animals on the other. In the Throne Room, Applejack's made it cozy/country with quilts, accent bales of hay, oat buckets, etc. Rarity took care of the walls by adding window treatments, tasteful curtains and bedazzled sconces.

There's even a glamour portrait of all the ponies in a jewel encrusted frame. Rainbow Dash decorated the other side of the room with a trophy case and awesome action posters of the Wonderbolts and Daring Do.

OFF the ponies' forced smiles we...

END ACT ONE.

ACT TWO

SC13. INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - SAME

Fluttershy, Rarity, Rainbow Dash, Applejack, and Pinkie Pie are still in their triumphant pose from end of the song, but looking around the castle - their faces don't look quite so triumphant.

86 APPLEJACK
 (stilted)
Wow, girls. We did a great job.
Together!

87 ALL
 (lackluster)
Together! / Yeah, that. / We sure
did... something.

They look at each other with forced smiles and look around.

ANGLE ON the hallway - it's full of woodland creatures and party decorations. The girls search for nice things to say to each other.

88 RAINBOW DASH
Fluttershy, I love that you brought
sooo many animals.

89 FLUTTERSHY
And I love what you've done.

Fluttershy flies up to a shelf of trophies and looks closer.

90 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Are these *your* trophies?

91 RAINBOW DASH
I prefer to think of them as
everypony's trophies. But with *my*
name permanently etched into them.

Back on the ground, Rarity examines Applejack's area.

92 RARITY
My my, Applejack. Bringing the outdoors inside... what a lovely touch. Are these quilts vintage?

93 APPLEJACK
Nope. Just old. Unlike your sparkly window doohickeys, which are... why, they're just swell.

94 PINKIE PIE
No one said anything about my hidden confetti cannons!
(then)
Oh right. They're hidden.

Just then, Spike bursts into the castle.

95 SPIKE
Hey guys, how do my claws look--
SWEET CELESTIA!

96 RARITY
Spike! Are you and Twilight done already?

97 SPIKE
Don't worry, I ordered her the super-deluxe mane blowout. She'll be awhile. What happened in here? This place looks terrible!

All the girls immediately breathe a sigh of relief.

98 FLUTTERSHY
Oh thank goodness somepony said something.

99 RAINBOW DASH
It's pretty bad, right?

100 APPLEJACK
This place looks like a mishmash of knickknacks.

101 RARITY
I suppose it is a little cluttered.

Pinkie Pie pops up from the foreground.

102 PINKIE PIE
What are you guys talking about? I think it looks super fun!

BOOM! A confetti cannon blasts, scaring Fluttershy's animals. They start running amok, trampling over some of Applejack's hay bales and making a mess. Some of the birds fly up and knock Rainbow Dash's trophies from the shelves.

103 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Okay, now it's a mess.

Fluttershy attempts to calm the animals down.

104 FLUTTERSHY
Oh no! Please don't do that. If we could just all take a deep breath and calm down...

But another confetti cannon goes off and the animals go nuts. It's utter chaos! The ponies look around in a panic.

105 RAINBOW DASH
What are we gonna do?

106 SPIKE
I don't know, but Twilight's blowout won't take that long! If she was avoiding the castle before, she'll never set hoof in here now!

A couple of scared squirrels scurry up Rarity's curtains and make a small rip.

107 RARITY
No! That bunting is embroidered by hoof! Don't you move one more paw!

The squirrels stop but their weight on the curtains causes a bigger rip.

108 RARITY (CONT'D)
EVERYPONY STOP!!

All the animals freeze in place. A rogue confetti cannon goes off but this time no one reacts, scared of Rarity's wrath.

109 RAINBOW DASH
Come on, guys! We gotta do something! Twilight's counting on us!

110 APPLEJACK
Rainbow Dash is right. We wrecked this place together, we can fix it... together!

111 RARITY
(to Spike)
You've got to get back to that spa
and stall her! Whatever you do,
don't let her come home!

112 SPIKE
Like forever? But we live here.

113 RARITY
Maybe you could manage until...
(coquettishly)
...sunsetish?

114 SPIKE
Anything for you, Rarity!

He zips off.

115 RARITY
Let's get to work.

116 APPLEJACK
We all agree the castle is too
cluttered, right?
(then)
So why doesn't everypony take one
of their own decorations out and
we'll see how it looks?

Everyone nods their agreement and heads to their section.

117 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, maybe I got a teensy bit
carried away. I don't need the
"Best Cloud Wrangler" trophy from
both years.

ON Fluttershy looking at her collection of animals.

118 FLUTTERSHY
And I guess I didn't need to bring
Mr. Nuts *and* Mr. Chumblefoot...

Fluttershy ushers a squirrel out the door.

119 APPLEJACK
That's the spirit! Let's home-ify
this place!

SC14. INT. PONYVILLE - DAY SPA - LATER THAT DAY

From the back we see Twilight is getting her mane done at the Day Spa by some SPA PONIES. Spike returns.

120 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Spike, you're back! How do I look?

She turns around. She looks nice, but her mane is a little overdone ala 1980's bangs.

121 SPIKE
Great!

122 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
And more importantly, how does the castle look?

123 SPIKE
Great!

124 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I can't wait to go home and see it!

125 SPIKE
Great!
(then, realizing)
I mean, NO!
(then, calmly)
I mean, uh, I'm not quite ready to go yet. Why don't we have a massage? I was really hoping to get this thingy!

Spike points blindly at the Spa Menu on the wall.

126 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
The extra strength hot stone deep tissue massage?

127 SPIKE
<GULPS>. Yep.

128 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I think I'll just have a traditional massage, but you go for it.

BOOM! A door slams open. We see a huge shadow and hear a DEEP BOOMING voice.

129 SPA PONY
Did somepony order some massages?

Spike looks scared, until the pony steps into the light. It's just a regular SPA PONY. Spike looks relieved.

130 SPIKE
Yup. That would be us.

BOOM! The wall next to the door crumbles and BULK BICEPS steps through. Spike's eyes go wide.

131 BULK BICEPS
YEAH! Let's DO this, little dragon!

He grabs Spike and plows through the wall, making another hole next to his first hole. The Spa Pony ushers Twilight in through the hole.

132 SPA PONY
I hate it when he does that. Come with me, Princess...

Twilight gingerly steps over the rubble and follows her Spa Pony.

SC15. INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - SAME

The room looks slightly less cluttered and everyone is gathered around a pensive Rarity.

133 APPLEJACK
Come on, Rarity. Everypony has taken somethin' out except you.

134 RARITY
I know! I simply can't decide. Everything I've chosen is so tastefully arranged!

135 RAINBOW DASH
How about this?

Rainbow Dash flies up to the portrait of all the ponies.

136 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
It's huge and it will really free up some space!

137 RARITY
No! Not that! Anything but that!

138 RAINBOW DASH
OK, how bout these?

Rainbow Dash points to the wall sconces.

139 RARITY
But those brighten the whole room!
They're my favorite accent!

140 RAINBOW DASH
Then let's lose the curtains. The
room wouldn't need brightening if
they weren't making it so dark!

141 RARITY
Not them! They're my favorite, too!

142 RAINBOW DASH
They can't all be your favorite!
I'm taking down the portrait. We
already know what we look like.

Rainbow Dash takes the portrait down with her mouth and flies it out of the room. Rarity fumes, but tries to contain it.

143 RARITY
The room still looks a bit
cluttered, doesn't it? Perhaps I'll
take down a poster or two. Only to
be helpful, of course.

Rarity magics some of Rainbow Dash's posters out a window. Rainbow Dash glares. Applejack tries to do damage control.

144 APPLEJACK
Okay, everypony calm down. I'm sure
we can find a way to remove the
clutter... together!

Rainbow Dash and Rarity share a look.

145 RARITY
You're absolutely right, dear.

Rainbow Dash and Rarity pull all of Applejack's cozy quilts out - together.

146 RARITY/RAINBOW DASH
Together!

147 APPLEJACK
Hey! Those are my warmin' quilts!

148 PINKIE PIE
Fluttershy, tell your birds to stop
pecking at my balloons!

149 FLUTTERSHY
(pointedly)
I guess they must not like being
scared out of their wits by
exploding confetti cannons or
something.

150 PINKIE PIE
But we can't get rid of the
cannons!

They all give her angry looks.

151 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I don't remember where I hid them!

BOOM! Another one goes off, covering a bunch of animals.

IN THE BG, we hear Applejack, Rarity, and Rainbow Dash
bickering.

152 APPLEJACK/RARITY/RAINBOW DASH
Allow me to help you! / Oh no, I'll
help you! / NOT IF I HELP YOU
FIRST!

Decorations are flying every which way. Off the frenzy of
confetti cannons, scared animals, and the other three ponies
removing each other's decorations, we CUT TO...

SC16. EXT. PONYVILLE - SAME

A well-rested and refreshed Twilight (with her bangs back to
normal) and very sore Spike leave the Spa.

153 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Ah. Great suggestion, Spike. I feel
totally relaxed.

Twilight glances at Spike who is walking like he's in pain.

154 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
You wanna hop on? Maybe I can get
us to the castle faster.
(then, excited)
I can't wait to see what the girls
have done!

Spike glances at the sun - still well off the horizon. He
jumps in front of Twilight, hurting his back in the process.

155 SPIKE
OW! I mean, *how...* nice is this day? I was hoping we could take the scenic way back.

156 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I don't know...

157 SPIKE
Come on. Walking is good for post-massage circulation.

158 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Really? I've never heard that theory.

159 SPIKE
Bulk Biceps told me all about it while he was breaking-- I mean, massaging my back.

160 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Okay.

They take the long way through Ponyville and pass...

SC17. EXT. GOLDEN OAK LIBRARY RUINS - SAME

Spike and Twilight walk by the ruins of their former home and pause. Twilight gets a little misty.

161 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
<SIGH> I really miss this place, Spike. We had so many wonderful memories here.

162 SPIKE
We did, didn't we?

Spike wipes a little tear from his eye.

163 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh Spike, I'm so sorry. Of course losing the Golden Oak Library was hard for you too.
(then)
I've got an idea! Why don't we have the girls add some things to make the castle feel more like your home too!

Spike perks up.

164 SPIKE
Really?

165 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Hop on!

Spike hops on Twilight's back and just as she is about to fly off, he catches sight of the sun and remembers what he's supposed to be doing.

He grabs her wing and drops back down to the ground, effectively grounding her as well.

166 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Ow! What are you doing?

167 SPIKE
I, uh, I just thought of what I want. We can go get it right now.

168 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh. Okay. Great. What is it?

169 SPIKE
(stalling)
It's a... It's a... I want... I need... A bed.

170 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I thought you said you sleep like a baby in the castle.

171 SPIKE
Come on, Twilight, everypony knows babies are terrible sleepers.
(then)
Let's go!

Twilight looks confused but follows Spike back toward town.

172 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Won't take long. Probably just until sunsetish.

173 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sunsetish?

SC18. INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - SAME

CLOSE ON a Daring Do poster. PULL BACK to reveal Rarity is floating it out of the room.

174 RARITY
There! Now nothing is cluttering
the castle!

175 RAINBOW DASH
You're right. There's literally
NOTHING cluttering this castle!

WIDEN TO REVEAL the throne room and hallway are empty again.

176 FLUTTERSHY
What do we do now?

177 PINKIE PIE
I don't know. I'm out of balloons,
confetti cannons, and ideas!

178 RARITY
I hate to be the bearer of more bad
news, but it's almost sunset.
Twilight's probably already on her
way back. If we don't figure this
out soon, it's going to look like
we didn't lift a hoof to help her.

179 RAINBOW DASH
Ugh, why is this so hard? We're
Twilight's best friends. This
should be easy for us.

180 APPLEJACK
She said it herself: if anypony
should be able to make her feel
comfortable in her new home, it's
us. If we can't do it...

181 FLUTTERSHY
...then Twilight will be stuck
living in a castle that just makes
her feel sad...
(echoes)
...sad...sad.

Rainbow Dash, Rarity, Applejack, and Fluttershy hang their
heads as the echo bounces off the bare castle walls.

182 PINKIE PIE
Wow, Fluttershy, I didn't know you
could be loud enough to echo.

END ACT II.

ACT III

SC19. INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - SAME

Our mane 5 are in a tizzy. Rarity paces <MUMBLING> to herself. Rainbow Dash zooms around the room. Applejack has her head against a wall. Fluttershy is curled up on the floor and Pinkie Pie bounces nervously:

183 PINKIE PIE
What do we do? What do we do? If Twilight comes home now she'll be like "What did you guys do?" And we'll have to be like "NOTHING!" And then she'll be like "I was counting on you! Some friends you are!" and we'll be like "AAAHHH!!!"

Pinkie Pie hyperventilates. Applejack puts a hoof on her shoulder.

184 APPLEJACK
Calm down, Pinkie. We just need to figure out what we did wrong so we can make it right.

185 RARITY
Well *I* didn't do anything wrong. I did exactly what I would if this were my home.

186 RAINBOW DASH
But it's not your home, it's Twilight's home!

187 RARITY
Twilight's home...where she keeps all her Rainbow Dash trophies?

188 RAINBOW DASH
Touché.

189 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe we're all a little guilty of making ourselves feel at home instead of Twilight. Maybe. Perhaps.

Everyone hangs their head in guilt.

190 APPLEJACK
Come on, y'all, we just need to think about Twilight! What was it she loved about living in the Golden Oak Library?

191 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, everything! The books, the
smell of books, the joy she felt
from organizing books...

192 RAINBOW DASH
Remember that time I crashed into
all those books attempting my Sonic
Rainboom after you guys *just*
cleaned up? <SIGH> That was a good
time.

193 APPLEJACK
For you, maybe...

194 RARITY
Oh and Applejack, remember when we
were stuck having a sleepover
there? That turned out to be so
much fun!

195 PINKIE PIE
Remember the time it got blown up
to smithereens?!
(then, realizing)
Wait, no. That was the worst!

A beat. Everyone gets a little sad as they dwell on that
memory.

196 APPLEJACK
We had a lot of good memories there
though. That's what made the Golden
Oak Library home.

The other ponies nod in agreement. Applejack suddenly
brightens, struck by an idea.

197 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
That's it! Girls, I have an idea...

SC20. INT. PONYVILLE'S FURNITURE BARN - SAME

Spike is lying in one of the beds, eyes closed. Twilight
gently nudges him. She looks a hair exasperated.

198 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
How's that one? Too soft? Too hard?
Too lumpy?

Spike opens his eyes and looks out the window. The sun is
starting to set.

199 SPIKE
Just right! I'll take it!

He hops off the bed.

200 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh, thank goodness. You've tried
out half the store, I thought you'd
never find one you liked.
(then, looking around)
Let's find a salespony and get out
of here.

201 SPIKE
Sounds good to me!

Spike looks out the window and sees the girls headed toward the Golden Oak with shovels. Rainbow Dash spots Spike and makes "keep going" gestures.

202 SPIKE (CONT'D)
I mean, uh... do you hear that?

Spike plops back down on the bed, his back to Twilight. He moves around on the bed and makes <SQUEAKY NOISES> with his mouth.

203 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Too squeaky.

He hops back off the bed.

204 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Better keep looking.

Twilight struggles to hide her irritation.

205 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Spike!

206 SPIKE
(laying it on thick)
Unless of course you don't think I
deserve something that makes the
castle feel more like home.

Twilight <SIGHS> and follows Spike deeper into the store.

SC21. EXT. GOLDEN OAK LIBRARY RUINS - MOMENTS LATER

Applejack, Rarity, Rainbow Dash, Fluttershy, and Pinkie Pie arrive at the former site of the Golden Oak library.

207 APPLEJACK
Maybe my plan won't work after all.
It's just... so sad.

Rarity stares at the stump and then her eyes light up.

208 RARITY
Of course it will, dear, I can see
it! You and Fluttershy stay here.
Rainbow Dash and Pinkie Pie, you
come with me! We're going shopping!
We'll meet back at the castle!

Applejack and Fluttershy and all her animal friends start
digging up the stump. The animals get dirty...

209 FLUTTERSHY
Oh no. I just gave you all baths!

SC22. EXT. PONYVILLE VARIOUS - A LITTLE LATER

MUSIC UP as Rarity, Pinkie Pie and Rainbow Dash dart through
town, going in and out of stores buying things. (NOTE: We
just see shopping bags - never what they bought).

We INTERCUT with Spike still stalling in the store -- trying
out pillows, picking out bedsheets...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC23. INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - A LITTLE LATER

Through the window we see the sun is setting outside.

In a series of CLOSE UPS: we see our Mane 5 finish their
mystery decoration. Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash are
polishing something. Applejack and Pinkie Pie are tugging a
rope pulley with their mouths, adjusting as Rarity directs:

210 RARITY
A little to the left, now a smidge
to the right. Hmm maybe back to the
left a teensy bit. This has to be
absolutely perfect! We only get one
chance to make Twilight fall in
love!

Out the window we see the sun set. END MUSIC.

211 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.)
Hello? We're home!

The Mane 5 race out to...

SC24. INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

Twilight and Spike walk in. Spike is laden with items from the bedding store. Twilight's friends rush to greet her.

212 ALL
Welcome home!

Twilight looks around the castle. So far everything looks the same. She tries to hide her disappointment.

213 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh. I, uh, love what you've done with the place! You did such a good job of... preserving the integrity of the original design.

214 SPIKE
Oh, come on! It looks exactly the same! Do you know how hard it was to keep her from coming back here? I never want to see another dust ruffle as long as I live!

215 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(confused)
Wait. Keep me from coming back here?

216 RARITY
It took a teensy bit longer than we thought...

SC25. INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

The Mane 6 walk into the throne room and look up and we REVEAL a huge, gorgeous CHANDELIER hanging above the round table. It looks like a tree hanging upside down. It's decorated with beautiful ornaments that look like our Mane 6's Cutie Marks. Twilight is in awe.

217 APPLEJACK
What really makes home feel like home isn't what it looks like, it's the memories you make when you're there.

218 RARITY
So we made something that celebrates the memories we've made with you since you moved to Ponyville.

219 FLUTTERSHY
The ornaments on the chandelier are reminders of all the fun we've had together.

Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy fly up to the chandelier.

220 PINKIE PIE
(gesturing to an ornament)
That one shows your party at the Golden Oak Library welcoming you to Ponyville.

Rainbow Dash opens one of the ornaments for Twilight to see.

221 FLUTTERSHY
The time we shared donuts after the Grand Galloping Gala...

Fluttershy opens another.

222 RAINBOW DASH
This one's my favorite!

Rainbow Dash opens the ornament.

223 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
It's the first time we realized we were both Daring Do fans!

224 APPLEJACK
And the best part is it's made from the roots of the Golden Oak Library. So you'll never forget where you came from.

225 RARITY
We were hoping that being able to look at your beautiful old memories would inspire you to make new ones, dear.

Everypony looks at Twilight anxiously to see if she likes it.

A beat, then...

226 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(teary eyed)
It's exactly what the castle needed.

She wipes away tears.

227 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
And I *am* ready to make new memories
here!

The friends embrace.

228 PINKIE PIE
Then let's start right now with a
new memory cake!

Pinkie Pie holds up a seven layer multicolored cake.

229 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Seven Layer What's-That-Flavor
Mystery Surprise!

230 RAINBOW DASH
What's so mysterious about it?

Pinkie Pie points to a layer with brown specks in it.

231 PINKIE PIE
These might be chocolate chips or
they might be super spicy black
beans. Only one way to find out!

232 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Let's go to my dining room! It's a
little sparse but at least there's
a table and chairs...

SC26. INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DINING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

The girls and Spike enter to find the dining room is
elegantly bejeweled, decorated and fancy.

233 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Whoa! What happened in here? Last I
checked this place was empty. Now
it looks--

234 SPIKE
Delicious!

Everyone looks at Rarity.

235 RARITY
I couldn't help myself. It was just
begging for a personal touch.

There's a beat of silence.

236 APPLEJACK
Well truth be told, I couldn't
either. Your kitchen might have
some rustic farm decor, Twilight.

237 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, there may or may not be some
Daring Do posters up in your
library.

238 FLUTTERSHY
And some stuffed animals in your
bedroom.

Everypony smiles at each other.

Then BOOM! Another confetti cannon goes off.

239 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
What was that?!

240 APPLEJACK
 (angrily)
One of Pinkie Pie's confetti
cannons.

241 PINKIE PIE
It's not my fault I hid them so
well!

The other ponies just shake their heads as we...

FADE OUT

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