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TEASER

FADE IN:

SC. 1 - EXT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - NIGHT

Establishing. A calm, peaceful evening.

SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE, BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

SPIKE enters, wiping his claws on a towel.

1 SPIKE
You know the worst thing about you
being the Princess of Friendship?
The dishes.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE is curled up in bed with a book.

2 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Thanks for taking care of that,
Spike. After three events in one
week, I really needed to relax with
a good book.

Spike crosses to his bed and collapses on his back.

3 SPIKE
It's kinda funny, isn't it? All
these ponies coming to you for
advice about friendship.

Twilight crosses to a bookshelf and puts her book away. The shelf sits beneath a PHOTO WALL of framed pictures of her and Spike and various friends from the MLP universe.

4 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What's funny about that?

Spike sits up.

5 SPIKE
You know, 'cause you used to be
famous for being such a bad friend.

6 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What are you talking about? I had
good friends in Canterlot.

7 SPIKE
Come on, Twilight, look at the wall. Do you see any photos from before we moved to Ponyville?

Twilight looks at them and her face falls. Spike fluffs up his bed for a good night's sleep.

8 SPIKE (CONT'D)
And look at you now. The Princess of Friendship--

9 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This is a disaster!

10 SPIKE
Huh?

Twilight paces, getting herself worked up.

11 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
All my old friends...I can't remember any of their names right now, but do you really think they think I'm a bad friend?

Spike sits up, realizing what he has done.

12 SPIKE
I only meant that you've come so far. You're a great friend now--

13 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh, I feel terrible! I've got to make it up to them.

She rushes to the door.

14 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Pack a bag, Spike! We're going to Canterlot!

She exits. A beat later, she pops back in.

15 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
And make a list of my friends' names.

She exits again. Spike, weary and exhausted, slumps over.

16 SPIKE
Awww...me and my big mouth.

FADE OUT.

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT 1

FADE IN:

SC. 3 - EXT. CANTERLOT COURTYARD - NIGHT

Twilight descends from the sky, and Spike hops off her back, carrying a small bag.

17 SPIKE
Come on, Twilight, you're getting
worked up about nothing.

Twilight looks around with determination.

18 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
The only logical place to start is
at the beginning.

She walks off. Exasperated, he follows.

19 SPIKE
Me and my big mouth...

SC. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S OLD DORMITORY - LATER

Twilight and Spike quietly enter. Moonlight floods through the wall of windows. Everything is exactly as they left it. Stacks of books are scattered around. A library ladder lays across the floor. All the sand has run out of the hourglass.

Twilight uses her magic to turn on the lights. She and Spike look around, both gripped by nostalgia.

20 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It's exactly how we left it.

She crosses to a book stand with an open book on it and blows away a cloud of dust.

21 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Look! It's "Predictions and
Prophesies!" And it's still opened
to the Elements of Harmony.

Spike holds up a small, crushed PRESENT in one hand, and a TEDDY BEAR in the other. It has been pierced, its stuffing leaking out.

22 SPIKE
And here's that present I was gonna
give Moondancer!
(tossing the teddy bear)
Guess she won't be needing that.
(opening present)
Hey, look! The rest of it's still
here!

But Twilight's mind is in another place. She crosses to the huge window overlooking Canterlot. Spike joins her.

23 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
How could I have let this happen?

24 SPIKE
Come on, Twilight, the princess gave
you an assignment. No pony could
blame you for that.

25 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But look at the way I left this
place. It's a total mess...

ON THE DORMITORY -- it is, indeed, a mess.

26 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Just like how I left my
friendships. I've got to make it
up to...

A beat, then Spike realizes.

27 SPIKE
Oh, uh, Minuette, Twinkleshine,
Lemon Hearts, Lyra Heartstrings,
and Moondancer.

28 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yeah...
(sadly)
...them.

And she looks out at the full moon...

SC. 5 - EXT. CANTERLOT - NIGHT INTO DAY

Establishing. The moon drops and the sun comes up.

SC. 6 - EXT. CANTERLOT COURTYARD - MORNING

Twilight flies through Canterlot wearing a saddlebag, mirroring the opening of episode 101. She passes some PONIES who smile and wave just as the ponies in 101 did.

She flies up the spiraling staircase and into...

SC. 7 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S OLD DORMITORY - MORNING

...where Spike is asleep, curled atop a stack of books.

29 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.)
Spike? Spike! Come on! We've got
work to do!

Spike's eyes flutter open. He stretches and yawns.

30 SPIKE
Have you been awake all night?

She runs to a desk and magics a scroll from her bag.

31 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I did a little research and I think
I know where we can find Minuette.
(beat)
That's one of my friends, right?

SC. 8 - EXT. MINUETTE'S COTTAGE - DAY

KNOCK KNOCK. Twilight and Spike wait on the front step.

32 SPIKE
It's not too late to forget I
opened my big mouth.

33 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No, Spike. I'm glad you opened your
big mouth. These ponies have
probably been suffering ever since I
left, wondering why their supposed
friend would treat them so badly--

The door opens to reveal MINUETTE. Twilight takes a deep breath.

34 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Hi...Minuette? It's me...Tw--

35 MINUETTE
Twilight Sparkle, you old so-and-
so!! What are you doing here?
Hey! Spike!

She barrels outside and gives Twilight and Spike enthusiastic hugs. She is a bubbly, talkative optimist, like Del in PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES. She is always chuckling.

36 MINUETTE (CONT'D)
Look at these wings, huh?
 (handling Spike a camera)
Hey, grab a picture of me and the
Princess, willya?
 (to Twilight)
I tried to tell my coworkers we
used to be friends back when, but
they've never believed me.

Spike gives Twilight a look that says, "Should I?" Twilight smiles uncomfortably, then poses with Minuette.

37 MINUETTE (CONT'D)
Wait wait wait, really fluff 'em
out, huh?

She pulls Twilight's wings until they are fully spread, then poses for the pic. Spike takes it with a flash pop.

38 MINUETTE (CONT'D)
So what are you doing here? I
mean, I know you're here all the
time, but you never come to see me!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

I--

 MINUETTE
Hey! I just had the greatest idea!
What are you up to right now? You
want to go see Lemon Hearts and
Twinkleshine?

Twilight surreptitiously glances at Spike, who nods enthusiastically.

39 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Of course! My old friends!

40 MINUETTE
Let's go blow their minds! It'll
be great! Come on, let fly! Get
it? Heh-heh-heh...

She heads off.

41 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(to Spike)
This is perfect! I can apologize
to all three of them at once!

42 SPIKE
Let's hope they're not as
traumatized as Minuette.

They exit.

SC. 9 - EXT. DONUT SHOP - LATER

Establishing. RAUCOUS LAUGHTER from inside.

SC. 10 - INT. DONUT SHOP - CONTINUOUS

Twilight and Minuette are having donuts with TWINKLESHINE and LEMON HEARTS. There is the happy atmosphere of reunion in the shop. In the background, Spike sits at the counter feasting on a huge pile of donuts and chatting with PONY JOE.

43 MINUETTE
She did! Twinkleshine literally
spit out her oats when she heard you
were the Princess of Friendship!

44 TWINKLESHINE
We saw you at the coronation. That
was some shindig!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You did?

TWINKLESHINE
Sure! We see you all the time.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You do?

MINUETTE
You remember our old friend Lyra,
right? She lives in Ponyville,
too. We're always over there
visiting her or she's coming
here...

She exchanges a look with the other two.

MINUETTE (CONT'D)

We've thought about asking you to join us from time to time, but we just sorta figured you'd moved on.

45 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

(sadly)

Oh...

There's a heavy beat, then Lemon Hearts tries to lighten the mood.

46 LEMON HEARTS

So what brings you by, anyway? All those times you've come back to Canterlot you've never had donuts with us before.

47 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Well, uh, you see...

(deep breath)

I came to apologize.

The other three look at one another in confusion.

48 MINUETTE

For what?

49 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Before I left Canterlot, I didn't really appreciate my friends...

SAPPY MUSIC starts to play...

50 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

And that's because I didn't know how important friendship was. But I've learned so much since I moved to Ponyville. I learned what it means to be a good friend, and that I certainly wasn't one to the three of you. So, for all the pain I caused you...I truly am sorry.

There's a pregnant pause where the three consider her words. Then they BURST OUT LAUGHING.

51 MINUETTE

Aw, come on, Twilight! Sure it mighta stung a little bit when you ran off to Ponyville without saying goodbye, but it's not like we weren't used to that from you.

52 TWINKLESHINE
Yeah, we didn't take it personally.
We still thought of you as a
friend, we just didn't want to
bother you in your new life with
your new friends.

53 LEMON HEARTS
But it's really good to see you
now. Hey! Anypony up for a blast
from the past?

Twilight is utterly taken aback by their reactions.

54 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Uh...why not?

SC. 11 - EXT. CANTERLOT PRIMAREY SCHOOL - LATER

The four ponies plus Spike stand outside, looking in the window.

55 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It's our old science lab! I have
so many great memories of this
place...

56 MINUETTE
(chuckling)
Remember when Lemon Hearts got her
head stuck in that beaker?

The Canterlot ponies ROAR with laughter. Twilight wrinkles her forehead. She clearly doesn't know what they're talking about. As they continue their nostalgic laughter, Twilight looks in the window and we...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 12 - INT. CANTERLOT PRIMAREY SCHOOL - FLASHBACK - DAY

FILLY TWILIGHT SPARKLE sits with another young pony, FILLY MOONDANCER, in front of a science experiment. They are completely oblivious that behind them FILLY LEMON HEARTS has her head stuck in a beaker. *[NOTE: Filly Moondancer should have a similar color palette to Twilight Sparkle.]*

57 FILLY TWILIGHT SPARKLE
...but according to this book,
you're supposed to add the sodium
chloride first.

58 FILLY MOONDANCER
I read ahead and to make a proper
salt lick you need to add the
molasses first.

59 FILLY TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well I read ahead too, Moondancer,
and I'm sure it said sodium
chloride first.

Filly Lemon Hearts is running into things in the background
as other fillies attempt to remove the beaker.

60 FILLY MOONDANCER
 (deadpan)
Oh, I've got the wrong book.
That's so hilarious.

They both go back to work, mirror images of each other, yet
oblivious that the other is even there.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 13 - EXT. CANTERLOT PRIMAREY SCHOOL - CONTINUOUS

Twilight seems a bit sad now, though the other three are
still cracking up.

61 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Whatever happened to Moondancer?

They look at each other in confusion.

62 LEMON HEARTS
Moondancer?

63 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yeah, you know, our other friend?

64 TWINKLESHINE
Oh right, Moondancer! I remember
her!
 (genuinely)
Aw, I really miss her.

65 LEMON HEARTS
Me too. I wonder what she's up to.

66 MINUETTE
Yeah, I always liked her. We just
sort of lost touch after you left.

67 TWINKLESHINE
I think she used to live out by the stadium, didn't she?

68 LEMON HEARTS
Well let's go!

SC. 14 - EXT. MOONDANCER'S COTTAGE - LATER

Twilight, Spike, and the Canterlot friends approach a small cottage that is in great disrepair. More modern Canterlot structures have been built around it, and even over it. The cottage looks like it hasn't been touched in years.

69 MINUETTE
I think this is the place. Didn't used to look like this, though.

Twilight KNOCKS on the door. A silent beat passes.

70 MINUETTE (CONT'D)
You catch that hoofball game the other day? Canterlot's lookin' good this year.

Another beat passes. Twilight knocks again. Finally the door opens and they all GASP.

MOONDANCER is standing there, and she's almost a dead ringer for Twilight (minus the wings, of course). She even *sounds* like Tara Strong.

71 MOONDANCER
What do you want? I'm trying to study.

72 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Moondancer? It's us...your old friends--

73 MOONDANCER
And?

She waits for a reply. Twilight is thrown by her reaction.

74 MOONDANCER (CONT'D)
Ugh!

SLAM! There's a moment where they are all stunned, then Minuette starts to chuckle.

75 MINUETTE
That's ol' Moondancer, all right.
She always did like her books. Hey,
kinda like you used to be, huh?

CLOSE ON Twilight, her eyes sad.

76 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Exactly how I used to be.

FADE OUT.

END ACT 1

ACT 2

FADE IN:

SC. 15 - EXT. CANTERLOT LIBRARY - DAY

Twilight, Spike, and Minuette watch from a distance as Moondancer enters the Canterlot Library. Her saddlebags are overstuffed with books.

77 SPIKE
Come on, Twilight, we've been
watching her for three days.
Library, house. That's it.

78 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Nopony looks at her or says hello or
even gives her a smile. It's like
she doesn't even exist. Was she
always like this?

79 MINUETTE
Moondancer? Well, she was always a
little shy. But for awhile there
she was really starting to come out
of her shell, remember?

CAMERA starts to drift away and we...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 16 - EXT. CANTERLOT GROUNDS - FLASHBACK - DAY

Minuette, Lemon Hearts, and Twinkleshine walk over a hill, each with a PRESENT on their backs.

80 TWINKLESHINE
I'm so proud of Moondancer. She
always says parties make her
uncomfortable, and now she's
throwing one herself!

81 LEMON HEARTS
She's so nervous, though. I really
hope it goes well.

82 MINUETTE
That's why, as her friends, we've
got to make sure it's great!

They notice UNICORN TWILIGHT SPARKLE coming the other way.

83 TWINKLESHINE
There you are, Twilight!
Moondancer is having a little get-
together in the west castle
courtyard. You wanna come?

84 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Ooh, sorry girls. I got a...lot of
studying to catch up on.

She runs off, leaving the other three deflated.

85 TWINKLESHINE
Does that pony do anything except
study? I think she's more
interested in books than friends.

86 LEMON HEARTS
Gosh, I hope Moondancer doesn't
take it too hard...

They continue on their way, but a little bit of bounce has
gone out of their step.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 17 - EXT. CANTERLOT LIBRARY - CONTINUOUS

Twilight is devastated.

87 MINUETTE
Thought she might finally be
letting her guard down a little
with that party, but it just never
happened.

(MORE)

MINUETTE (CONT'D)

We invited her out a few times after that, but she was always too busy studying. So eventually we just stopped asking.

88 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I had no idea that party was so important to her.

89 SPIKE
I don't think I ever saw her again after that, either. Gosh, now I feel bad.

CLOSE ON MOONDANCER -- inside the library, her snout buried in a book, her horn magically moving a quill to make notes.

90 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I've got to find a way to make it up to her.

She charges away to the library, leaving Minuette and Spike behind. After a beat...

91 SPIKE
Donut?

92 MINUETTE
Ooh, yeah. Tuesday is blueberry-alfalfa day.

They exit.

SC. 18 - INT. CANTERLOT LIBRARY - MOMENTS LATER

Twilight pretends to browse the books and scrolls as she moves toward Moondancer, who is deeply engrossed in her work. Then...

93 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(overacting)
Oh my gosh! Moondancer? Is that--

And she is drowned by a chorus of...

94 PONIES
SSSSHHHHH!!!!

She flinches and pretends to be looking at the books. She thinks, then creeps closer. Once she's just behind Moondancer's desk, she fires up her horn and creates a SOUNDPROOF BUBBLE around them both.

95 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(normal voice)
Moondancer? Can I talk to you for
a min--

96 MOONDANCER
(reflexively)
SSSSSHHH...

She trails off and looks around in confusion.

97 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm really sorry to bother you. I
was just hoping we could go outside
and talk for a bit.

98 MOONDANCER
What is this? Libraries are
supposed to be quiet!

99 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(thrown)
Uh, well, I haven't seen you in
awhile and I thought it might be
nice to catch up.

100 MOONDANCER
For what purpose?

101 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(with a hopeful smile)
You know...'cause we're friends.

Moondancer fires up her horn and pierces the bubble with a
loud POP--

102 PONIES
SSSSSHHHHH!!!!

--and goes right back to her books. Twilight scowls and her
eyes narrow. Challenge accepted.

She stalks around another stack of books and takes up a
different position. She fires up her horn and...

LEVITATES MOONDANCER, HER DESK, AND ALL HER THINGS and starts
moving them to the door. She trots along happily behind, her
victory secured...

But Moondancer fires up her own horn and does a mid-air U-
turn, levitating herself right back where she came from
without stopping her studies.

103 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Ooh, she's good.

Twilight thinks some more. Then she crouches behind a potted plant and fires up her horn -- this time it is clearly more difficult than the last two spells -- and she...

DISAPPEARS.

Moondancer, meanwhile, scours the pages of her book until...

TWILIGHT APPEARS ON THE PAGE.

104 MOONDANCER
AAH!!

105 PONIES
SSSSHHHHH!!!!

Book Twilight pushes some words aside to give herself space, then turns to Moondancer and talks directly to her. The entire conversation is WHISPERED, and should feel like Twilight Sparkle talking to an alternate version of herself.

106 MOONDANCER
Why won't you leave me alone? I'm trying to study!

107 BOOK TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm sorry I skipped your party.

A beat. This has clearly struck Moondancer, but she quickly covers...

108 MOONDANCER
You've got the wrong pony. I don't have parties.

109 BOOK TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You did once. And I was so caught up in my own studying that I didn't take your feelings into account.

110 MOONDANCER
Look, Twilight Twinkle--

111 BOOK TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sparkle--

112 MOONDANCER
Whatever. I just need to be alone so I can study without some crazy pony trying to make friends, all right?

Twilight scowls. She realizes this isn't going to work.

113 BOOK TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Fine.

She starts to walk toward the edge of the page.

114 MOONDANCER
Wait.

Twilight looks up at her hopefully.

115 MOONDANCER (CONT'D)
How did you do that? Get into my
book like that?

A big smile comes across Twilight's face and we go...

SC. 19 - EXT. CANTERLOT GROUNDS - LATER

Twilight and Moondancer walk through Canterlot.

116 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I've been studying a new studying
technique. I can only do it for a
few minutes, but you'd be amazed
how much you can pick up when
you're actually in a book.

117 MOONDANCER
That's one of Haycart's methods.
How did you learn to do it?

[PRONUNCIATION NOTE FOR VAs: Haycart is a pun on Descartes.]

118 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You know Haycart?

119 MOONDANCER
Of course! He's a genius!

This is the first sign of any sort of enthusiasm Moondancer has showed.

120 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I have a copy of his "Treatise on
Ponies," you know.

ON MOONDANCER -- eyes going wide...

SC. 20 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S OLD DORMITORY - LATER

As they enter, her eyes go even wider.

121 MOONDANCER
What is this place?

She races to a shelf and looks at all Twilight's old books.

122 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This is where I used to live. You
mean I never had you over?

123 MOONDANCER
A first edition of "Principles of
Magic"! Didn't I give this to you?

124 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(wincing)
Maybe?

125 MOONDANCER
I did! Look, I even wrote
something: "To my friend, Twilight
Sparkle. Thanks for introducing me
to the classics."

Twilight magics the book out of Moondancer's hooves and back
onto the shelf.

126 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Okay, I didn't bring you over here
for even more poignant reminders of
what a bad friend I was. I brought
you here to give you this...

She holds out a key.

127 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
You can come here whenever you want
and study to your heart's content.

128 MOONDANCER
Really?

129 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But first you've got to do
something for me.

Moondancer's eyes narrow.

130 MOONDANCER
What?

131 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Have dinner with our old friends
tonight.

The enthusiasm Moondancer was showing turns right back into coldness.

132 MOONDANCER
I can't, I'm reorganizing my
biology scrolls.

133 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I've been spending a lot of time
with Minuette, Twinkleshine, and
Lemon Hearts since I've been back.
They really miss you.

134 MOONDANCER
Look, I already told you, the last
thing I need is a bunch of
ridiculous friendmaking keeping me
from studying.

She starts to head for the door.

135 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Moondancer, wait! A wise pony once
taught me that there's more to life
than dusty old books.

136 MOONDANCER
I tried friendship and it's just
not for me, all right? Now if
you'll excuse me...

And she steps out the door. But before she can close it...

137 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What if I taught you Haycart's
method?

Moondancer stops in the doorway. Twilight smiles. Success!

SC. 21 - INT. CANTERLOT GRILLE - NIGHT

In the midst of a bustling, atmospheric restaurant, Twilight, Spike, Minuette, Lemon Hearts, Twinkleshine, and Moondancer all stand at a table. It is heavy with awkwardness.

138 MINUETTE
So, uh, what are you studying these
days?

139 MOONDANCER
Science. Magic. History.
Economics. Pottery. Things like
that.

140 MINUETTE
Yowza! You plannin' on being a
professor or something?

141 MOONDANCER
No.

Beat.

142 MINUETTE
So...you're just...studying?

143 MOONDANCER
Yes.

There's a long, awkward silence. Then...

144 MOONDANCER (CONT'D)
Can I go now?

145 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Moondancer, please.

146 MINUETTE
It's all right, Twilight, we're
having a good time. Right,
everypony?

Lemon Hearts and Twinkleshine GRUNT in halfhearted agreement.

147 MINUETTE (CONT'D)
So, uh...Spike, tell Moondancer that
story about how Twilight had to read
a book about doing a sleepover--

148 MOONDANCER
"Slumber 101"? I've read that.

149 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh, heh-heh, really? Well, uh, did
you know Lemon Hearts here works at
the Canterlot palace?

150 LEMON HEARTS
Yeah, it's true. I do the big
events, mostly. State dinners,
that sort of thing.

Long, awkward silence. We hear another couple LAUGH somewhere else in the restaurant.

151 MOONDANCER
I'm gonna go.

She exits, leaving the others stunned. Twilight chases her.

SC. 22 - EXT. CANTERLOT GRILLE - MOMENTS LATER

Twilight finds Moondancer walking away into the night.

152 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Moondancer! You've got to give
friendship a chance!

Moondancer SIGHS and turns back.

153 MOONDANCER
Goodbye, Twilight. I've already
learned everything I need to from
you.

154 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What do you mean?

SC. 23 - EXT. CANTERLOT GROUNDS - FLASHBACK - DAY

Twilight and Moondancer are sitting under a tree reading books. Minuette, Twinkleshine, and Lemon Hearts race up.

155 MINUETTE
Hey Twilight, hey Moondancer.
We're going to go check out the Fun
Fair. Want to come?

Moondancer smiles, genuinely touched. Twilight doesn't even look up from her book.

156 MOONDANCER
Really?

157 LEMON HEARTS
Yeah, come on! It'll be fun!

They start to walk off. Moondancer stands and gets ready to follow. She turns to Twilight, genuinely excited.

158 MOONDANCER
Well? Are you coming?

159 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I can waste my time on friends or I
can invest my time studying, but I
can't do both.

We see the wind go out of Moondancer's sails. She looks off at her three friends, then sadly, resignedly, sits down next to Twilight and opens her book.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 24 - EXT. CANTERLOT GRILLE - CONTINUOUS

160 MOONDANCER
Where do you think I learned that
friendship is meaningless?

She turns and walks off into the night. Spike walks up.

161 SPIKE
Twilight? Are you all right?

162 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No. No, I'm not.

She starts to walk away.

163 SPIKE
Where are you going?

164 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I...I'm not sure I can be the
Princess of Friendship anymore.

And she slumps away into the night, leaving Spike stunned.

FADE OUT.

END ACT 2

ACT 3

FADE IN:

SC. 25 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE, CELESTIA'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

It's as tasteful and majestic as you'd expect. All is quiet. Celestia wears a sleeping mask, the full moon pouring through the windows.

TAP TAP, and the door opens. Twilight sheepishly enters.

165 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Princess Celestia?

Celestia SNORTS LOUDLY and sits up in bed.

166 PRINCESS CELESTIA
(from a sound sleep)
Hunzahuhn...not funny, Discord...

She lifts the mask and sees Twilight standing at the door.

167 PRINCESS CELESTIA (CONT'D)
Twilight?

168 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I...I'm sorry to disturb you like
this, but...I just don't know if
I'm fit to be the Princess of
Friendship.

169 PRINCESS CELESTIA
What is it this time?

170 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I...huh?

Celestia climbs out of bed and joins Twilight.

171 PRINCESS CELESTIA
You always think you've failed me,
but you never once have. My
faithful friend, Twilight Sparkle,
when will you finally learn that
life is a messy thing? Sometimes
you succeed and sometimes you fail.
But you must never quit.

172 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I made my friend think that
friendship is meaningless. How can
I tell others about the magic of
friendship if I've killed that
spirit in somepony else?

Celestia leads Twilight to the window, where the full moon
shines down on Canterlot. It is beautiful.

173 PRINCESS CELESTIA
Is this about your old Canterlot
friends?

174 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
How did you know?

175 PRINCESS CELESTIA
Because I know you. The lesson
you're here to learn is something
I've only learned since you've been
gone.

176 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You? But you know everything about
friendship.

Celestia looks to the moon. Her gaze is full of meaning.

177 PRINCESS CELESTIA
Some relationships are so broken,
so filled with bitterness and anger
that they seem impossible to mend.
But the lesson you're here to learn
now is that it's never too late to
repair a broken friendship.

Celestia looks down on her with the eyes of a sympathetic
mother figure.

178 PRINCESS CELESTIA (CONT'D)
Being the Princess of Friendship
requires a lot of work. But it may
surprise you that much of that work
must first be done on yourself.

ON TWILIGHT -- standing at the window, looking quite small.
She glances up at the moon, unsure what to do next.

SC. 26 - EXT. WEST CASTLE COURTYARD - NIGHT

Twilight walks sadly to the courtyard where Moondancer held
her party. As she looks at the cold, empty stone we...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 27 - EXT. WEST CASTLE COURTYARD - FANTASY - DAY

...and it is all decorated for the party. Food, drink,
games...

AND NO GUESTS.

Only Moondancer, looking incredibly fragile. Minuette,
Twinkleshine, and Lemon Hearts arrive and set their gifts on
the table.

179 MINUETTE
Hey, Moondancer! Look at this
spread, huh?

180 MOONDANCER
(desperate)
Thank you so much for coming!

181 LEMON HEARTS
Of course! We wouldn't miss one of
our best friends' parties!

Moondancer visibly relaxes.

182 MOONDANCER
Is Twilight coming?

The other three glance at each other sheepishly.
Moondancer's shoulders slump. She is crushed, but tries her
best to cover it.

183 MOONDANCER (CONT'D)
Oh. Okay.

184 MINUETTE
Hey, we'll still have fun, right?

185 MOONDANCER
(unconvincing)
Sure.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 28 - EXT. WEST CASTLE COURTYARD - CONTINUOUS

As Twilight looks at the courtyard, her features harden.
It's difficult to read what this means, but she suddenly
FLIES AWAY into the night...

SC. 29 - EXT. CANTERLOT LIBRARY - MORNING

Minuette walks up to the library. Inside, she can see
Moondancer at her usual table behind her usual pile of books.
Minuette looks around for Twilight and Spike, but they're
nowhere to be found. She looks disappointed.

186 MINUETTE
Huh. Guess they must have gone
back to Ponyville.

She watches Moondancer for a minute, sadly, then shakes her
head as if to say, "Such a shame."

As she turns to go, she hears something in the distance.
It's getting closer...

187 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.)
Whoawhoawhoawhoa...!

And Twilight DIVEBOMBS into the scene, crashing into
Minuette! Spike and PINKIE PIE are also in the pile.

188 PINKIE PIE
That was AWESOME! We gotta go
flying more often, Twilight!

189 MINUETTE
There you are! I thought you threw
in the ol' towel and headed home!

190 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I did head home, but not to throw
in the towel. I went to get my
secret weapon. Minuette, meet--

MINUETTE
Hey, Pinkie Pie!

They share a back-slappy embrace.

PINKIE PIE
Hi, Minuette! Twilight, you didn't
tell me Minuette would be here!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh, uh...

193 PINKIE PIE
(to Minuette)
Twilight briefed me on the way
here. We'll need fifteen bags of
confetti and as many hooves as we
can get.

196 MINUETTE
No problem. I think I've still got
a bunch of confetti left from the
last time you were here. Let's go.

Pinkie and Minuette exit, leaving Twilight dumbstruck.

MINUETTE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
We can pass by the donut place on
the way...

197 SPIKE
(to Twilight)
And what are we gonna do?

198 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We're going back in time.

199 SPIKE
Again?

200 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No, not literally, I mean...never
mind, just come with me.

She exits. He shrugs, then joins her.

SC. 30 - INT. CANTERLOT LIBRARY - LATER

Moondancer is deep in her studies. A small HOURGLASS sits on her desk. The final grain of sand slips through and CLINKS to the bottom.

201 PONIES
SSSSHHHHH!!!!

Moondancer quickly packs her things and heads for the door.

SC. 31 - EXT. CANTERLOT LIBRARY - MOMENTS LATER

She steps outside and finds a book there.

202 MOONDANCER
Oooh, "A Brief History of the Wagon
Harness"!

She picks it up and notices another book on the ground ahead. Her forehead wrinkles. She walks over.

203 MOONDANCER (CONT'D)
"The Life and Times of Marwari the
Maneless"?

Another book up ahead. She is suspicious, but continues to follow the trail...

SC. 32 - EXT. WEST CASTLE COURTYARD - LATER

Moondancer approaches another book. She collects it, and when she looks ahead for another, she finds...

The courtyard has been turned into an exact replica of her original party!

204 MOONDANCER
What is this?

Twilight steps out.

205 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It's a party. For you.

Minuette, Twinkleshine, Lemon Hearts, and Spike step out. They wear party hats and big smiles. Pinkie Pie LEAPS OUT behind her.

206 PINKIE PIE
SURPRISE!

207 MOONDANCER
AAAAHHHH!!!!

208 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Come on in!

209 MOONDANCER
Uh, thanks, but no thanks. The only thing I want from you is to leave me alone.

210 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I can't. I'll never be able to forgive myself unless you forgive me first. And the only way that's going to happen is if you admit that I hurt you. And that's why I made...this.

She points into the courtyard, where a TWILIGHT SPARKLE PINATA hangs from a tree. Moondancer gives her an "are you serious?" look.

211 MOONDANCER
Why do you even care if I have friends or not?

212 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Since I discovered the magic of friendship, my greatest regret is that I didn't discover it sooner. I never realized until now what great friends I had here in Canterlot -- what great friends I still have. And I don't want you to have the same regrets I do.

(MORE)

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
(handing her a stick)
So get over there and have fun.

Moondancer sighs and takes the stick. Pinkie Pie slaps a party hat on her head. She walks over to the pinata and looks back at everypony, annoyed.

213 MINUETTE
Go on! Let's party down!

Moondancer taps the pinata, which sways in the tree.

214 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Come on, you can do better than that!

She swings and gives it a little thump.

215 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Harder! And this time, tell me how it felt when I skipped your party!

Moondancer looks at the Twilight pinata with a sigh.

216 MOONDANCER
I didn't care then and I don't care now.

WHAP.

217 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But I completely ignored your feelings!

WHAP.

218 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
I took something very important to you and brushed it aside like a horsefly!

WHAP! A little harder this time.

219 MOONDANCER
Okay, maybe it did hurt a little.

WHAP!

220 MOONDANCER (CONT'D)
Maybe I did want you to come. It was the first time I ever put myself out there like that and you didn't even show up.

WHAP!

221 MOONDANCER (CONT'D)
Then you left town without saying
goodbye. I thought we were
friends, Twilight!

WHAP! She hits the pinata really hard. It swings wildly
from the tree.

222 MOONDANCER (CONT'D)
You're selfish! You're cruel!
You're *the worst friend ever!!*

WHAP WHAP WHAP!!! The floodgates have opened. All that long-
buried anger starts to come out.

223 MOONDANCER (CONT'D)
I was humiliated! I felt like I
wasn't important! I never wanted
to let myself be hurt like that
again!

She WHALES on the pinata now. With one mighty swing, it
EXPLODES into a million pieces. Her friends CHEER!

But she's not done. She moves to the food table.

224 MOONDANCER (CONT'D)
(off the Canterlot ponies)
Those three finally convinced me
that I had value! That other
ponies might like me and want to be
my friend! And YOU! DIDN'T!
SHOW! UP!

She punctuates each word by SLAMMING the table with her
stick. The entire table EXPLODES in a hail of fluttering
CONFETTI!

225 PINKIE PIE
Whee!

Moondancer is on a full rampage now. She rages from balloons
-- WHACK! EXPLOSION OF CONFETTI! -- to a drinks station --
WHACK! EXPLOSION OF CONFETTI! Everything she destroys turns
into confetti until soon it has filled the air! Despite the
intensity of the scene, it is bizarrely and undeniably...
festive.

226 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(super confident)
Pressed confetti. Best choice for
buried-anger parties.

Moondancer is completely disarmed by the festive atmosphere left in the wake of her destruction. Pinkie Pie nods to Spike, who starts up some fun party music.

Minuette, Lemon Hearts, and Twinkleshine move toward Moondancer and ease the stick from her hooves.

227 MINUETTE
We were your friends then and we'd
be honored to be your friends now.

Moondancer is shocked. She can barely contain her emotion. Pinkie Pie nods to Spike again. He disappears around a corner, then reappears with a SMALL CROWD OF PONIES in party hats.

228 MOONDANCER
What...? That's the librarian!
The bookseller! My sister!

229 MINUETTE
You've got a lot of friends,
Moondancer.

Pinkie nods to Spike again and he wheels in another set of party gear -- food table, drinks station, balloons, etc. Meanwhile, Twilight approaches Moondancer.

230 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm sorry, Moondancer. I've faced
magical creatures, the end of
Equestria...all sorts of things.
But seeing how my actions affected
you, that's one of the worst
feelings I've ever had.

Moondancer's stoic face breaks into tears and a smile. She hugs Twilight.

231 MOONDANCER
Thank you, Twilight. I never
realized how much I needed to hear
that.

She turns to the small crowd with a genuine smile on her face.

232 MOONDANCER (CONT'D)
Now come on, everypony! Let's
party!
 (to Pinkie Pie)
Right?

233 PINKIE PIE
Right!

The crowd CHEERS and the MUSIC goes up.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 33 - EXT. WEST CASTLE COURTYARD - NIGHT

The party is still in full swing. Twilight and Spike approach Moondancer.

234 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I think it's time for us to go,
Moondancer.

235 MOONDANCER
Thank you for helping me make some
new friends. Even if they are my
old friends.

She and Twilight hug.

236 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We'll come back and visit soon.

237 MOONDANCER
That would be great! You've still
got to teach me that Haycart
technique.

238 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Deal.

239 SPIKE
Um, Moondancer? It got a little
banged up, but here's a little
something I wanted to give you back
at your first party. There was
more to it, but this was the only
part that survived.

Moondancer takes the OLD CRUSHED BOX from episode 101 and lifts off the cover. Tears form in her eyes.

CLOSE ON -- a FRAMED PHOTO of Moondancer, Spike, unicorn Twilight Sparkle, Lemon Hearts, Minuette, Lyra Heartstrings, and Twinkleshine from the old days in Canterlot.

And from the photo, we pull out to see...

SC. 34 - INT. MOONDANCER'S COTTAGE - DAY

...that it is hanging on the wall in her cottage. We can see through the back door that Moondancer, Minuette, Lemon Hearts, and Twinkleshine are all having a blast playing a rousing game of hoofball. We hold on them for a beat, hearing their laughter and seeing their friendship restored, and then we...

FADE OUT.

THE END