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TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - ESTABLISHING

The rising sun shines against the front of the castle.

SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - MORNING

Giant stacks of books in the center of the room. Every bookshelf is empty. SPIKE pops up from between two stacks of books and holds a book in the air.

1 SPIKE
Didn't we just shelve all the books
in the library a few months ago?

TWILIGHT uses her magic to float the book Spike was holding across the room and deposit it on a bookshelf. She inches the book over with her hoof so it leans "just so."

2 TWILIGHT
Yes, but that was because we *needed*
to, this is just because I *want* to:
I call it my booksortcation. Three
uninterrupted days of re-organizing
books! Can you think of anything
more relaxing?

3 SPIKE
Claw massages, back rubs, bubble
baths...
(then)
You weren't really looking for an
answer were you?

Twilight smiles and looks at the stacks of books.

4 TWILIGHT
I've even devised a better system
for organizing them.
(then, proudly)
It decreases the amount of time it
takes to find the book you're
looking for by nearly 3/4 of a
second.

5 SPIKE
(faux impressed)
Whoa! That much?!

Twilight ignores him and eyes the stacks of books.

6 TWILIGHT
Look at them all. Why there must be
at least 20,000 books to organize.
(then, super-excited)
Best long weekend ever!

Twilight notes that Spike doesn't quite share her joy.

7 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I'm sure we can make some time for
a claw massage and a back rub too.

Now he's feeling it!

8 SPIKE
Yes! Best long weekend ever!

END OF TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT 1

SC. 3 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - DAY

A cloud of dust fills the screen. As it clears, we find Spike dusting the books. They're so clean they almost sparkle.

9 SPIKE
We're finished!

Twilight admires the shining books. She notices a particle of dust on one book in the corner. She licks her hoof like a mom cleaning a baby's face and polishes it.

She nods to Spike. Now they've finished. They smile at each other, a job well done.

10 TWILIGHT
It's time to see our friends!

11 SPIKE
It's been soooo long. I wonder what
Rarity's been up to?
(off Twilight's look)
...And also everypony else.

Twilight nods. That's right.

SC. 4 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

Bright sunshine. The front door swings open and Twilight and Spike walk into the sunlight. Spike points to the sun.

12 SPIKE
(joking around)
That strange yellow orb in the sky?
What is that?

13 TWILIGHT
Alright, alright. So it's been a
little while since we've seen the
sun.

14 SPIKE
A little while?! We've been in that
library for 3 straight days.

15 TWILIGHT
Yes! But they were three very
productive days!
(then, under her breath)
Even if you did take that 2 hour
claw massage break.

16 SPIKE
Hey! You promise a claw massage,
I'm getting a claw massage.

17 TWILIGHT
It's not like we missed anything.

Suddenly, flying down at them, like two flaming asteroids,
it's RAINBOW DASH and DISCORD.

WHAM. They land at the exact same time, perfectly
synchronized.

18 DISCORD/RAINBOW DASH

DISCORD
Hello Twilight.

RAINBOW DASH
Hello Twilight.

Twilight awkwardly waves. It's strange seeing them together.

19 DISCORD/RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

DISCORD
Hi Spike.

RAINBOW DASH
Hi Spike.

And now Spike's equally weirded out.

20 TWILIGHT
Hi, Rainbow Dash.
(slightly squinty eyed)
Good to see you, Discord...

21 SPIKE
Did you rehearse before you found
us?

Rainbow Dash and Discord smile.

22 RAINBOW DASH/DISCORD

RAINBOW DASH	DISCORD
What makes you think we practiced?	What makes you think we practiced?

23 TWILIGHT
Come on, Rainbow Dash. What's going
on here?

24 RAINBOW DASH
<LAUGHING> Sorry, me and Discord
are just messin' around.
(then)
Like we do.

25 TWILIGHT
Since when?

26 DISCORD
Oh, Twilight, we've simply had a
momentous time together these past
three days.
(then, with a grin)
You could say it was hisss-
sterical.

Discord waves a claw and POOF. He TURNS INTO A GIANT SNAKE
and slithers around Twilight and Spike who REACT.

27 TWILIGHT
Ahhh!

28 SPIKE
Protect me, Twilight!

Rainbow Dash <LAUGHS> like it is the funniest thing she's
ever seen.

29 RAINBOW DASH
(through guffaws)
Sneaky Snake.

Discord Sheds his skin, then spins back into normal Discord.

30 DISCORD
Just snaking around.

Discord wiggles his body. Discord and Rainbow Dash <CRACK UP>. We hold on Twilight and Spike, not laughing at all.

31 RAINBOW DASH
<LAUGHS>. Good one, Discord!

Twilight is thoroughly confused.

32 TWILIGHT
It is?

33 RAINBOW DASH
Kind of an inside joke from this weekend. You wouldn't really get it unless you were there.

34 TWILIGHT
Oh. Okay.

35 RAINBOW DASH
Cool. Well, uh, catch you later, Twilight.

Discord grins, something in his expression reads a bit sinister.

36 DISCORD
Catch you later, Twilight.

He gives her a little wave and then disappears.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 5 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

Spike and Twilight walk through town.

37 TWILIGHT
That was strange, right? Since when have Rainbow Dash and Discord had "inside jokes"?

38 SPIKE
Since sometime in the last three days, I guess.

39 TWILIGHT
Hey! Nopony *made* you join me on my
booksortcation.

40 SPIKE
I'm joking. I'm joking.

They head into...

SC. 6 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS

Spike and Twilight enter. Twilight calls to the back:

41 TWILIGHT
Rarity? Are you here?

RARITY trots out, looking radiant as usual.

42 RARITY
Twilight! You've returned from your
book-sorting sabbatical. All that
organizing has done wonders for
your complexion.

43 TWILIGHT
Thanks. It was very relaxing.

Spike shoots her a look -- really?

44 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
And we were able to clear a shelf
for those old fashion books you
wanted to donate.

45 RARITY
They're not old, darling, they're
vintage. And they're over there. I
even included my favorites by
former Canterlot Designer to the
stars, Rococo Froufrou.

46 SPIKE
(no idea who that is)
Ooh, I love her.

47 RARITY
Him.

48 SPIKE
<EMBARRASSED CHUCKLE>. Both.

Spike, embarrassed, avoids Rarity's gaze, and collects the books. Just then, in comes FLUTTERSHY followed by Discord. Twilight seems a bit surprised to see him.

49 TWILIGHT
Weren't you just with--

50 DISCORD
Twilight! This makes twice I'm
seeing you in one day. Aren't I
lucky?

51 FLUTTERSHY
Hi, Twilight! Hi, Spike! How was
your booksortcation?

52 TWILIGHT
It was good.

53 FLUTTERSHY
(then, a little giggle)
Orange you glad you did it?

Rarity lets out a little <SNORT GIGGLE>. Discord <LAUGHS>.

54 RARITY
"Orange" you glad! Fluttershy,
you're too much!

55 FLUTTERSHY
(so embarrassed)
Please, you'll make me blush.

56 DISCORD
You do seem to be turning a shade
of... orange!

That gets Rarity and Discord <GIGGLING>. Then Discord SNAPS his fingers and Fluttershy turns BRIGHT ORANGE. She looks at her skin and joins in the <LAUGHTER>.

Spike and Twilight stare at them, not getting what they're talking about.

57 RARITY
Oh sorry, darling. You see, we were
at Sweet Apple Acres... And oh, how
to explain...

58 DISCORD
(then)
Let me try and paint her a picture,
dearest.

59 SPIKE
 (to Twilight)
<WHISPER> "Dearest?"

ON DISCORD who now sports a smock and beret and stands in front of an enormous canvas.

60 DISCORD
You see, we were all at Sweet Apple Acres and I ended up turning the trees--

Discord starts to paint, then pauses...

61 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Oh, who am I kidding...

Spike ducks as Discord tosses aside the canvas.

62 DISCORD (CONT'D)
I simply can't do it justice. You really had to be there.

63 FLUTTERSHY
We would have invited you to come along too, but we didn't want to interrupt your organizing. We know how important it is to you.

64 DISCORD
It is your special thing. And I'm sure it was much more important than the fun we had...

Discord wraps his arms around Rarity and Fluttershy.

65 TWILIGHT
 (ignoring his tone)
That's true. I appreciate that.
 (then)
Speaking of books, I should get these on the shelves.

As she leaves, Discord starts JUGGLING apples that suddenly turn into oranges, Fluttershy and Rarity start to <CRACK UP> again. Twilight puts on a half-hearted smile, then heads out of the store with Spike.

SC. 7 - EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - LATER

Twilight and Spike, who has Rarity's fashion books in a bag on his back, walk down the street.

66 TWILIGHT
Rainbow Dash bonding with Discord,
Rarity finding something he did
genuinely funny? Must have been
some weekend.

67 SPIKE
Somepony sorry she missed it?

68 TWILIGHT
Of course not.

They are suddenly startled by Applejack's <BOOMING LAUGHTER>
pouring out of the SUGARCUBE CORNER.

69 SPIKE
Is that... Applejack?

SC. 8 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - SAME

Dumbfounded, Spike and Twilight stare at PINKIE PIE and
APPLEJACK. The two of them are <LAUGHING> on the floor.

70 TWILIGHT
What's got you two in hysterics?

WHIP CAM to DISCORD leaning all slick at the counter on the
other side of the store. He smiles at Twilight.

71 DISCORD
Oh, we're just reminiscing about
the best weekend ever!

72 PINKIE
It was wild! Almost too wild. And I
have had some pretty wild weekends.

73 TWILIGHT
(whispers to Spike)
He's everywhere today, isn't he?

As Applejack and Pinkie Pie catch their breath, Discord
continues talking.

74 DISCORD
Where was I? Ah, yes, we'd just
finished our soup: And then
Applejack said,
(his best AJ impression)
"Peanutbutter hoof? No way-- not
even with Jelly."

This makes Pinkie Pie and Applejack <LAUGH> all over again. Twilight and Spike stare at their giggling friends.

75 TWILIGHT
I don't get it.

76 PINKIE PIE
(between laughs)
It was hilarious. I wish we'd taken a picture for you.

77 DISCORD
This should do.

Discord snaps. A butter knife magically appears and slathers his hooves in peanut butter. He tries to trot, but HE JUST CAN'T MOVE. This just makes the ponies <LAUGH> even harder.

78 TWILIGHT
(unconvincing)
I guess that's funny.

79 DISCORD
Seems this has become quite the sticky situation.

This causes Applejack and Pinkie Pie to lose it again.

80 PINKIE PIE
Sticky situation!!

81 APPLEJACK
(through laughter)
Hoo-boy, I think I'm gettin' a cramp from laughin' so hard.

Spike looks to Twilight who stands there awkwardly, clearly the odd pony out. Applejack stops laughing when she sees the look on Twilight's face.

82 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Aw shucks, Twilight, we haven't even asked you how your weekend went.

83 TWILIGHT
It was fine.

Discord, now peanut butter free, sidles up to Twilight.

84 DISCORD
And yet you look so glum.
 (then)
Does somepony need a hug?

Discord wraps Twilight in a bear hug. Twilight TELEPORTS out of Discord's arms.

85 TWILIGHT
I'm not glum. I'm glad. I'm glad
you all had such a good time
together. Having inside jokes can
really create a lasting bond
between friends.

86 DISCORD
I'm just sorry all this bonding
happened while you were holed up in
your castle.

He puts his head in his hooves and pouts a little.

87 APPLEJACK
Oh, don't worry 'bout Twilight.
I'm sure she and Spike had plenty
of their own fun. Bet you were in
hog heaven organizin' all them
books. Again.

Twilight puts on a happy face.

88 TWILIGHT
I'm sure I had just as much fun as
the rest of you.

SC. 9 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER

Twilight paces while Spike watches.

89 TWILIGHT
I can't believe I missed out on all
that bonding.

90 SPIKE
I knew it! You are jealous.

Twilight waves off the notion as if it is the most ridiculous thing she's ever heard.

91 TWILIGHT
Spike, I'm the Princess of
Friendship. I don't get jealous.
 (MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

(then)

I'm sorry I missed out because sharing that experience would have helped me with my Princess of Friendship duties.

Spike, doubtful, takes out a bag of jewels and pops them in his mouth like he's watching a movie with bag of popcorn.

92 SPIKE

(mouthful)

Come again?

93 TWILIGHT

Yes, Discord is our friend, but let's face it, we tolerate him a lot more than we genuinely love spending time with him.

(then)

If our friends could enjoy three full days with Discord that much, it *must* have something to do with the specific things they did together.

Twilight paces, deep in thought.

94 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

If we could find out what those things were, it could be a real breakthrough in the science of friendship.

95 SPIKE

(not buying it)

I guess so.

Twilight stops pacing.

96 TWILIGHT

I know so!

(then)

Spike, get your magnifying glass!

97 SPIKE

--Don't have one--

98 TWILIGHT

Because we're about to do some investigating!

Twilight gathers up some quills and some parchment. (Maybe dons a lab coat?)

99 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
You thought our booksortcation was
fun? This is going to be even
better!

FADE OUT.

END ACT 1

FADE IN:

ACT 2

SC. 10 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

The town square. Twilight, with Spike by her side, stands before the other ponies and Discord.

100 TWILIGHT
Thank you for coming. I wouldn't
have asked you here if it wasn't
important.

101 PINKIE PIE
Oooh. I love important!

102 TWILIGHT
I want to know how these "funny"
moments you shared came to pass. I
can use this data to help advance
friendships all over Equestria.

103 APPLEJACK
I like the sound of that.

The other ponies nod in agreement.

104 TWILIGHT
Perfect. Let's start with, "The
Snake."

Discord and Rainbow Dash look at each other and then start
<HYSTERICALLY LAUGHING>. The others join in.

105 RAINBOW DASH
<THROUGH LAUGHTER> I don't know if
I can get it out! It's too funny!

106 DISCORD
Oh, but we must. It's for the
greater good.
(MORE)

DISCORD (CONT'D)

(then)

It started when we were helping
Granny Smith with her garden...

107 APPLEJACK
I reckon you mean my sister, Apple
Bloom.

He waves her off.

108 DISCORD
(to himself)
All you Apples look the same.
(then)
And then Rainbow Dash saw a snake.

109 FLUTTERSHY
I think it was a garden hose.

110 RAINBOW DASH
You're both right. It was a "Hose
Snake." Super Deadly. It could
water Granny Smith's garden with
all the venom it spits.

111 APPLEJACK
I recall it being a large stick
that looked like a hose that in
turn did in fact resemble a snake.

112 PINKIE
Point is WE galloped away!

113 RAINBOW DASH
And it chased after us!

114 TWILIGHT
The hose? A snake? A stick?

115 RAINBOW DASH/FLUTTERSHY

	RAINBOW DASH	FLUTTERSHY
A snake!		A hose!

116 APPLEJACK
A stick!

117 DISCORD
We literally trotted for our lives.
Isn't that hilarious?!

Rainbow Dash pretends to <HISS> like a snake.

118 TWILIGHT
Something is being lost in
translation. Why is that funny?

119 RARITY
Maybe you're not picturing it
right?

FLASH TO:

SC. 11 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - NIGHT

Discord and the ponies, terrified, GALLOP AWAY from an unseen scary thing. We hear it hissing. Nothing about this is funny.

BACK TO:

SC. 12 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

120 FLUTTERSHY
I guess you had to be there.

Something in those words resonates with Twilight.

121 TWILIGHT
I DO need to be there...

122 RARITY
But you weren't... And it already
happened. Are you suggesting--

123 PINKIE
Time Travel!?

124 TWILIGHT
Absolutely not! Time travel is not
something to be messed with. We
simply need to recreate everything
that lead to these jokes.

125 DISCORD
What a brilliant idea!

Twilight is a little surprised to hear Discord is so enthusiastic about her plan.

126 TWILIGHT
Uh, thanks.

127 DISCORD
Shall we begin with the lunch date
that kicked off the glorious
weekend you missed out on?

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 13 - EXT. PONYVILLE - CAFE - DAY

An outdoor cafe in the center of Ponyville. The Mane 6 and Discord stare down at an open table.

128 TWILIGHT
You're sure it was this table?

129 RAINBOW DASH
They all look the same. Does it
really matter?

They do, in fact, all look the same.

130 TWILIGHT
When it comes to science,
everything matters. One change to
the equation could ruin the
experiment.

131 DISCORD
Ahem. It was this table here.

On Discord who now strikes a luxurious pose atop another table. He hops down and pulls out a seat for Fluttershy. The rest of Twilight's friends take a seat as well.

132 TWILIGHT
Alright, so you sat down at the
table, and then what happened?

133 RARITY
First, I expressed my displeasure
with the design of the menu and--

134 DISCORD
Oh, dear, I'm sorry to interrupt,
but I've just noticed something.

135 TWILIGHT
Yes?

136 DISCORD
The tablecloth. It isn't the same
color as the one the restaurant
used on the day in question.

Twilight raises an eyebrow -- is he messing with her?

137 TWILIGHT
Really?

138 RARITY
He's right. The tablecloth was red.
I remember because it clashed with
the font on the menus.

139 APPLEJACK
I don't suppose that means we're
gonna need to get a new tablecloth.

140 DISCORD
Oh, most definitely.

The ponies REACT as Discord suddenly yanks on the tablecloth and pulls it off the table, leaving the place settings miraculously unmoved.

141 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Everything needs to be *exactly* as
it was. We must be diligent about
the details or this will be a
complete waste of everypony's time.
(then)
One change to the equation could
ruin the experiment. Twilight said
so herself.

He looks to Twilight and smiles. Again she's a little put off by his enthusiasm for this endeavour. Discord returns his gaze to the rest of the Mane 6.

142 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Perhaps we should all look around
and see if there is anything else
that doesn't quite match up.

The rest of the Mane 6 look around.

143 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Anything stand out as being
different? Anything at all?

144 FLUTTERSHY
I've noticed a couple of things.

145 PINKIE PIE
Me, too!

146 DISCORD
Excellent.
(then)
Twilight, I'm sure you'll want to
make a list so we can make the
proper adjustments.

He offers up pen and paper with a smile.

DISSOLVE TO:

A SERIES OF SHOTS

Twilight checks items off her list as...

A) Discord assists Rainbow Dash in positioning clouds over
the cafe.

147 DISCORD
A little to the left... no my
left... a little more... a little
more...

148 PINKIE PIE
The cloud over our table looked
like an ice cream sundae.

Discord works his magic and transforms the cloud into
something that resembles an ice cream sundae.

149 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(sing-song)
Perfect

B) Mr. And Mrs. Cake are about to put the finishing touches
on a CAKE. Discord grabs them and -- in a BLUR -- BRINGS THEM
back to the CAFE and deposits them at a table.

150 MRS. CAKE
But they need that cake today!

151 DISCORD
It's for science.

C) Fluttershy gently encourages some ants to cross the table.

152 FLUTTERSHY
That's right. Make the line just a
little straighter.

D) Discord, now wearing a lab coat, checks the temperature of
a bowl of soup. He shakes his head.

153 DISCORD
No. No. No. This is barely room
temperature.
(then)
Garcon!

He flags over a waiter.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 14 - EXT. CAFE - LATER

Twilight observes stone-faced as Discord slathers peanut
butter on his feet. Her friends <LAUGH HYSTERICALLY> at his
antics. Discord looks over at Twilight.

She shrugs, still not amused.

154 DISCORD
No? Nothing?

Twilight's friends' laughter subsides.

155 TWILIGHT
You're sure there's not something
you missed? Some other detail about
your lunch together that you're
forgetting?

156 DISCORD
I don't know about the rest of you
but I feel we've been pretty
exhaustive in our attempts to
recreate every last detail of our
previous encounter.

The rest of the ponies <AD-LIB AGREEMENT>.

157 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, Twilight. If you don't get it
by now. I don't think you're ever
gonna get it.

158 TWILIGHT
But it is *really* important that I figure this out. It's for the good of all Equestria.

ON DISCORD who is back in his lab coat. He haphazardly flips through several pages of notes.

159 DISCORD
Perhaps we should have another look at the data we've collected.
(then)
Of course! How could I not have realized this before? There is one last variable we haven't accounted for.

160 TWILIGHT
(eager)
What?

161 DISCORD
You.

162 TWILIGHT
Me?

163 DISCORD
You weren't there observing us. No matter how hard we try, we can't possibly recreate our weekend of fun *exactly* as it happened because you'll always be watching and you weren't there.

The other ponies consider this.

164 PINKIE PIE
He makes a good point.

165 DISCORD
<SIGH> I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say that I wish this little experiment of yours had resulted in some grand opportunity to bring ponies across Equestria together in friendship. But, alas, it has only served to prove that moments of levity and bonding between friends simply cannot be recreated so that others might share in the experience.

Discord puts a sympathetic arm around her. Pinkie Pie pops up beside Twilight.

166 PINKIE PIE
He makes another good point.

167 RARITY
Don't worry, darling, I'm sure
there will be plenty of other
chances for you to share in the
kind of frivolity we had with
Discord while you were away.

168 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah. And I'll bet they'll be just
as...hisssterical.

Discord and rest of the ponies <GIGGLE>.

169 FLUTTERSHY
Absolutely.

Twilight forces a smile.

170 TWILIGHT
Uh-huh. Can't wait.

SC. 15 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER

Spike looks on as Twilight paces. She is a bit amped up.

171 TWILIGHT
I'm not buying it. Not for a
second. There is definitely
something else going on here,
Spike.

172 SPIKE
(hopeful)
Or maybe there isn't and you should
just drop this whole thing and
admit that you're a little jealous?

173 TWILIGHT
No. That's not it! Even if I'm not
able to laugh at what happened, I
should be able to figure out why
they find it funny. Why they think
they had this amazing and hilarious
time together. But I can't figure
it out. It doesn't make sense.

174 SPIKE
You were never able to explain
Pinkie's Pinkie Sense either.
Some things just can't be
explained.

175 TWILIGHT
This is different. This is related
to *friendship*. I am The Princess of
Friendship. You'd think I'd be able
to explain what happened!!!

Then, a revelation in her eyes! Suddenly calm, she whispers
these next words:

176 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Unless... It didn't happen.

177 SPIKE
Umm, you saw it with your own eyes,
our friends are all laughing about
something.

178 TWILIGHT
Something. But maybe... nothing?

179 SPIKE
You've lost me.

180 TWILIGHT
Our friends *think* something great
happened to them while I was away
but no... it was something awful!

Spike still looks terribly confused.

181 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
If we don't break the spell they're
under, who knows what terrible
things could happen?

182 SPIKE
Spell?

183 TWILIGHT
Come on, Spike! There's no time to
lose!

Twilight yanks a still very confused Spike off-screen as she
makes a hasty exit.

FADE OUT.

END ACT 2

FADE IN:

ACT 3**SC. 16 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - DAY**

Twilight and Spike make their way through the thick trees.

184 TWILIGHT
There's no other explanation,
Spike.

185 SPIKE
Sure, normally I'm all for assuming
Discord cast a spell on our friends-

186 TWILIGHT
-Because that's what he used to do.

187 SPIKE
Right --"Used to"-- Yes, he's still
weird and annoying and a pain in
the tail, but he isn't evil
anymore.

188 TWILIGHT
No. But he is still struggling with
this whole friendship thing. He'd
have no problem with using a spell
or a potion to trick his friends
into thinking they'd had fun
together as a shortcut to making
their friendship even stronger.

189 SPIKE
(not buying it)
Discord made a love potion?

190 TWILIGHT
Let's call it a "like" potion.

They arrive outside Zecora's hut.

SC. 17 - INT. ZECORA'S HUT - A MOMENT LATER

CLOSE on a rippled reflection in a cauldron. PULL BACK to
reveal Zecora. She mixes the cauldron.

191 TWILIGHT
Zecora, what do you think? Can you
undo Discord's magic?

192 ZECORA
In what way can you tell/that they
are indeed under a spell?

193 TWILIGHT
They're having fun with DISCORD,
that's why.

194 ZECORA
A friendship with Discord is truly
a shock/but who says it is
something that we must block?

195 TWILIGHT
Trust me, they would never laugh
like that unless something magical
was involved. It's not that funny.
(then)
I know funny. I'm kind of known for
how much I know funny.

Spike looks at Twilight -- really? Zecora retrieves a potion
hanging on the wall and holds it up.

196 ZECORA
Alright, this potion will break the
spell/then you will be able to
tell.

197 SPIKE
Wait, if that's the potion, then
what's brewing in your cauldron?

198 ZECORA
It ties the room together and emits
a warm glow/ but if I am to be
honest, it's just for show!

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We see the sun rising through a window. Rarity, Fluttershy,
Pinkie Pie, Rainbow Dash and Applejack stand around waiting.

199 APPLEJACK
I wonder why she asked us here so
bright and early.

200 RARITY
Another "map adventure" perhaps.

Pinkie Pie turns around to look at her Cutie Mark. She then takes a closer look at everyone's flanks.

201 PINKIE PIE
Nope. No glowing tushies here.

202 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe it's more of a non-adventure.
She just wants to tell us how last
night's slumber went? I love when
people tell me every detail of
their dreams.

Twilight bounces in. She appears WAY TOO HAPPY.

203 TWILIGHT
Hey gang!

204 PINKIE
Ooh, you look excited.

205 TWILIGHT
I am excited! We're gonna have fun
today!

206 PINKIE
Yay!

Pinkie pulls a cord dangling from the ceiling and confetti pours down on Twilight followed by some baked goods.

207 PINKIE (CONT'D)
(a proud explanation)
I love you so much I rigged this
trap door months ago so I could
surprise you with fun stuff when
you wanted to have fun.

208 TWILIGHT
Awww, Pinkie Pie! I love you, too!

Spike reaches for a pastry. Pinkie quickly stops him.

209 PINKIE PIE
But don't eat the pastries.

Spike looks at the pastry and notices the fuzzy mold growing on it. He reacts and drops it.

210 TWILIGHT
Just one tiny, miniscule,
microscopic thing before fun times.
I need everypony to sip this potion
to break Discord's spell on you.

Everypony stares at her like she's lost her mind.

211 APPLEJACK
A-wut?

212 TWILIGHT
Don't be embarrassed. So what if
Discord cast a spell on you so you
THOUGHT you had a great time and
now have all these inside jokes
that you seem to be constantly
laughing at. Don't worry, you
didn't have your defenses up, I get
it...

Twilight pours a bit of the potion into PARTY-THEMED paper
cups that fell from the confetti trap door.

213 RAINBOW DASH
You're kidding.

Twilight tries to smile, but she just can't force it.

214 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
You're not kidding?!

215 RARITY
Twilight, darling, we simply had a
nice time with Discord. I for one
can't explain why we had such a
nice time with Discord. But I do
know for certain that it happened.
As I recall we spent much of
yesterday afternoon re-enacting it
for you.

216 TWILIGHT
Uh-huh. Or you re-enacted what you
thought was fun but really wasn't
because you were under a spell that
made you think what happened was
fun.

217 APPLEJACK
What kinda fertilizer have you had
your nose in, Twilight?

218 TWILIGHT
Be honest, the only reason you
won't drink the potion is because
deep in your hearts you know
there's a chance that Discord has
you under his power.

219 FLUTTERSHY
Twilight! How could you say such a
thing? I know Discord still makes
mistakes sometimes, but you're
accusing him of being downright
evil.

220 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah! And to top it off, you're
accusing us of not being able to
tell he was up to something. What
do you take us for?

221 PINKIE PIE
(between sips)
Yeah... what do you... take us for?

Pan over to Pinkie Pie. She's just downed the potion in all
the cups. Twilight and the rest of the ponies look at her in
shock...

222 PINKIE
Delicious! Got anymore, Twilight?

KNOCK KNOCK. Discord bursts into the room.

223 DISCORD
Hi, Twilight, the gang mentioned
we'd all be hanging out today?

224 TWILIGHT
The gang?

225 DISCORD
Yeah, the peanut butter hoof gang!

The ponies can't help but <GIGGLE>.

226 PINKIE
(laughing)
It's still funny!

Rainbow Dash and AJ shoot Twilight I-told-you-so looks.

227 APPLEJACK
 (under-her-breath)
So much for that whole spell
theory. Pinkie drank plenty of that
potion and she's still laughin'.

Twilight is really starting to lose it now.

228 TWILIGHT
Ugh!! But it's still not funny! NOT
one bit! Spike back me up here!!

Spike inches away, he's not getting involved in this.

229 RAINBOW DASH
It's funny if you were there.

230 TWILIGHT
BUT I WASN'T THERE! I WASN'T
INCLUDED. OH, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE
ALL THINKING! MAYBE IT'S MY OWN
FAULT FOR STAYING IN AND HAVING A
BOOKSORTACATION WHEN I COULD HAVE
BEEN MAKING JOKES AND MEMORIES AND
HAVING A GREAT TIME WITH MY
FRIENDS. BUT I DIDN'T DO THAT, DID
I?! YOU ALL DID. YOU ALL WERE THERE
BUT...

Twilight takes a moment to catch her breath...

The rest of the Mane 6 are a bit surprised by her sudden
outburst. Discord on the other hand is grinning ear to ear.
Twilight doesn't notice. Her gaze is on her shocked and
concerned friends' faces.

Seeing their reaction snaps Twilight out of her heightened
emotional state.

231 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I wasn't there. I missed out. And
seeing you having all these jokes I
wasn't a part of and couldn't
understand made me--

232 SPIKE
Jealous?

233 TWILIGHT
No. That can't possibly be what I'm
feeling. The Princess of Friendship
can't get jealous.

Twilight's friends finally see what all of this has been about. They gather around Twilight to give their support.

234 APPLEJACK
Sure you can, Twilight. And won't a
one of us begrudge you for it.

235 FLUTTERSHY
We're sorry if we made you feel
left out.

The rest of Twilight's friends nod in agreement.

236 TWILIGHT
You don't have to feel sorry. You
didn't do anything wrong. You're
allowed to share things that don't
include me.

237 RARITY
And you're allowed to feel a little
jealous about it. You just have to
be able to admit that's what you're
feeling so you can let it go.

238 RAINBOW DASH
And, you know, not try to make us
recreate everything that happened
when you weren't around.

ON DISCORD who REARRANGES BOOKS on the shelves.

239 DISCORD
Of course none of this would have
happened at all if I hadn't
discouraged everypony from inviting
you to join us this weekend.

240 TWILIGHT
Wait. They wanted me to be there
and you convinced them not to
invite me.

241 DISCORD
I didn't think we should interrupt
you. But now I see that we should
have. I feel just terrible.

Discord's expression looks more conniving than remorseful.
Pinkie Pie eyeballs him up close.

242 PINKIE PIE
You don't look like you feel
terrible.

Discord spins his head around and when it faces front again he wears a sadder expression.

243 DISCORD
Better?

244 APPLEJACK
(suspicious)
Wait a minute. You didn't suggest
not invitin' Twilight to join us
this weekend because you *wanted* to
make her feel left out, did you?

245 DISCORD
Of course not! That whole jealousy
thing was just a happy accident.

246 APPLEJACK
Excuse me?!

247 DISCORD
Certainly we can all agree that
Princess Twilight learned a
valuable lesson here -- That even
she can have feelings of jealousy?
That she should recognize said
feelings rather than try to pretend
she doesn't have them?

The ponies, including Twilight, <AD-LIB RELUCTANT AGREEMENT.>

248 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Did I get the tiniest bit of glee
out of watching her try to recreate
our weekend of fun in the name of
"science"? Oh, most definitely.
(off their looks)
But what's important here is that
it was never my *intent* to make
Twilight feel jealous. That's
something the old me would have
tried to do.
(then, with a big grin)
Orange you glad I've changed?

No response from the ponies. Discord produces an orange.

249 DISCORD (CONT'D)
I said... "Orange you glad I've
changed?"

Still nothing.

250 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Orange. Like the ones at
Applejack's farm. From this
weekend.

He produces an entire orange tree and peers around it. The ponies just stare at him blankly.

251 DISCORD (CONT'D)
No? Really? Nothing.
 (then)
I thought you'd find that hisss-
sterical.

He turns into a snake. The ponies are still not amused.

252 RARITY
Apologies, Discord, but I think
these jokes have run their course.

Discord resumes his normal form.

253 PINKIE PIE
Mm-hmm. Only way we'd find them
funny now is if you put us all
under some kind of spell.

Twilight grins at the chance to poke a little fun at herself.

254 TWILIGHT
Come on! You'd have to be a
complete crazy pony to think he'd
do something like that. What are
you going to say next, Pinkie? That
we'd all have to drink some weird
potion to break the spell?

That gets the ponies <GIGGLING>.

255 DISCORD
What's so funny?

256 RAINBOW DASH
 (through giggles)
Come on, Discord, do we really have
to spell it out for you?

This gets everyone but Discord really <GIGGLING>.

257 DISCORD
I don't get it. Somepony want to
tell me what's so hilarious?
Anypony?

The ponies are too busy laughing to pay him any mind.

Spike sidles up to Discord.

258 SPIKE
 (faux sympathy)
Sorry, buddy... guess you had to be
there.

Spike smiles and off Discord's scowl...

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END