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*Friendship Lesson: Fame can have its ups and downs, but remembering why you did it in the first place makes it all worth it.*

## TEASER

### SC. 1 - EXT. STREETS OF PONYVILLE - DAY

Twilight is strolling through town. SPLAT!! A glob of ice cream hits Twilight's shoulder. She looks to see it was thrown by a filly, TOOLA ROOLA.

1                   TOOLA ROOLA  
Oops! Sorry, Princess Twilight!  
That was meant for her!

TOOLA ROOLA points a hoof at another filly across the way who is hiding behind a barrel, COCONUT CREAM. As she gears up to throw something...

2                   TOOLA ROOLA (CONT'D)  
INCOMING!

Twilight and Toola Roola duck as a banana split sails past.

3                   TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Toola Roola! Coconut Cream! What  
are you doing?

4                   COCONUT CREAM  
You might want to look out,  
Twilight! That was meant for my ex-  
friend!

5                   TOOLA ROOLA  
I'm not your ex-friend! You're my  
ex-friend!

SPLAT SPLAT SPLAT!! Twilight's flank gets hit from both sides with more ice cream!

6                   TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Both of you, stop!

TIMECUT TO:

### SC. 2 - EXT. STREETS OF PONYVILLE - LATER

MUSIC SWELLS as Twilight talks to the now calm Toola Roola and Coconut Cream.

7 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
So you see, friendship isn't always  
easy but there's no doubt it's  
worth fighting for.

Toola Roola and Coconut Cream hug. Twilight's expression  
changes as she realizes something.

8 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
(to herself)  
Hmm. That sounds familiar...

### SC. 3 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - LATER

Twilight searches the shelves in her pristine library.  
STARLIGHT ENTERS just as Twilight magics a big, old,  
overstuffed and tattered book off the shelves.

9 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Aha! Here it is!

10 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
(with disgust)  
What is that?

11 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Come on, Starlight. Don't judge a  
book by its cover. This is the  
friendship journal my friends and I  
used to keep. It's filled with all  
the things we've learned! Like  
"friendship isn't always easy but  
there's no doubt it's worth  
fighting for."

PLOP! The pages drop right out of the cover.

12 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
I'll judge a book by its cover just  
this once.

FADE OUT.

### MAIN TITLES

### ACT I

**SC. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - DAY**

APPLEJACK, RAINBOW DASH, FLUTTERSHY, RARITY, PINKIE PIE, and Starlight are gathered. Twilight enters the room with a big, excited smile on her face.

13 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Thanks for coming, everypony! I've got a surprise for you...

14 FLUTTERSHY  
What is it, Twilight? Do I need to prepare myself?

15 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(bursting)  
It's this.

Her horn glows. The friendship journal floats into the room. It drops to the table with a THUD.

16 RARITY  
What is that thing? It smells ghastly!

17 RAINBOW DASH  
Wait a minute!  
(taking a closer look)  
Is this our old friendship journal?  
I haven't seen this thing in forever!

Applejack reaches out and prods the warped cover.

18 APPLEJACK  
Hooo-wee, it's lookin' a little... overripe.

19 RAINBOW DASH  
I'll say.

She starts flipping the pages, which look like they might disintegrate at any moment.

20 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
There's a smooshed apple in Applejack's lessons. Fluttershy's lessons are so small you can barely read them--

21 FLUTTERSHY  
I wanted to leave room for all of you.

22                RAINBOW DASH  
--I don't even know what this is.

She holds up the book and reveals ornate, curlicue writing.

23                RARITY  
It's called calligraphy, darling.  
If you're going to make words, at  
least make them fabulous.

Applejack takes the book and we can see her through all the  
puncture holes and scratches.

24                APPLEJACK  
Looks like you got a little  
aggressive with your friendship  
lessons, Rainbow Dash.

25                RAINBOW DASH  
What can I say? When I learn  
something, I learn it hard.

Rainbow Dash turns a page and confetti falls out. Everypony  
looks at Pinkie.

26                PINKIE PIE  
Ooh! I am surprised!

27                TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
That wasn't the only surprise...

Twilight magics the book out of Rainbow's hands and drops it  
on the center of the table. She nods to Starlight, who fires  
up her horn and aims her magic at the book. It starts to  
SHUDDER and SHAKE. The cover FLIES OPEN and the pages flip.  
As they do, new pages machine gun off of them and form a new  
pile (like the automatic card shufflers in Vegas). She does  
this a few more times as the ponies watch in amazement.  
Within seconds, she has a brand new journal for everypony.

A new copy floats to each of them, ribbon magically threading  
through the "spine."

28                TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Ta da! Starlight and I decided to  
make one for each of you!

29                APPLEJACK  
That's amazin'! A perfect copy!

30           STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
I learned the spell years ago when  
I need to make copies of a  
certain... (uncomfortable laugh)  
*manifesto*.

Rarity sniffs hers. She approves.

31           RARITY  
Even better than a perfect copy.

As they all excitedly flip through the pages:

32           FLUTTERSHY  
(reading)  
I'd forgotten all about this one!

33           RAINBOW DASH  
(laughing)  
Remember this lesson? From when I  
helped Daring Do? "Never  
underestimate the power of friends  
who always got your back."

34           PINKIE PIE  
Aww, Cheese Sandwich! Party cannon!  
Birthaversary!

35           STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
After Twilight remembered the  
journal, I had so much fun reading  
all the stuff you've all learned. I  
just had to have my own copy.

36           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
And that brings me to the second  
part of the surprise. My idea. How  
would you girls feel about making  
our journal available for  
everypony? If we can get these  
lessons into other ponies' hooves,  
maybe they'll benefit from them.

37           FLUTTERSHY  
I think that's a great idea.

38           APPLEJACK  
We always said we wanted to.

39           PINKIE PIE  
I'm in! YAY!

40           RARITY  
Sounds fabulous.

41               RAINBOW DASH  
Hahaha, I'm awesome.

ANGLE ON Rainbow, still reading the journal. She looks up.

42               RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
Oh yeah, good idea.

DISSOLVE TO:

**SC. 5 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE STREET - DAY**

A smiling Twilight delivers a small stack of books to a BOOKSELLER PEGASUS, who puts them in the window of his shop.

DISSOLVE TO:

**SC. 6 - EXT. CANTERLOT NEWSSTAND - DAY**

Starlight helps a NEWSBOY PONY put copies of the journal on the newsstand shelf.

DISSOLVE TO:

**SC. 7 - INT. PONYVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE - PLAYGROUND - DAY**

Twilight and Starlight are with CHEERILEE, passing out books to STUDENTS. The class buzzes with excitement. Twilight and Starlight give each other a happy look. Then...

43               TOOLA ROOLA (O.S.)  
No, I don't want to play with you  
anymore.

REVEAL Toola Roola and Coconut Cream by a hopscotch court.

44               COCONUT CREAM  
Why not? You love playing  
hopscotch.

45               TOOLA ROOLA  
No, you do. Because you always win!

Twilight comes over with a copy of the book.

46               TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Hey girls. Couldn't help but  
overhear... You might want to take  
a breather, maybe read Rainbow  
Dash's chapter on Rainbow Falls. It  
might help.

The girls look at the book and shrug.

47 COCONUT CREAM / TOOLA ROOLA  
Okay. / Sure, princess.

Then Twilight and Starlight notice a small group of foals gathered around the CMC's. They are buzzing about the books.

48 APPLE BLOOM  
Thanks Twilight! The friendship  
journal's makin' us super popular!

Twilight looks taken aback.

49 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Oh...

50 APPLE BLOOM  
We were thinkin' of putting  
together a Cutie Mark summer Camp.  
Now everypony's definitely gonna  
sign up for it!

The CMC's excitedly walk off. Starlight turns to Twilight.

51 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
A Cutie Mark Camp is a great idea.

52 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Yes, but the purpose of the journal  
isn't supposed to be marketing...

#### SC. 8 - EXT. PONYVILLE STREET - LATER

Twilight and Starlight are walking away from the school.

53 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I just hope those foals actually  
learn something from our lessons.

54 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
I'm sure they will. I'm sure ponies  
all across Equestria will--AAAH!

REVEAL three OUT-OF-TOWN PONIES are suddenly blocking their path, each with a copy of the journal and an expectant look.

55 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Uh, hello. Can I...help you?



56           OUT-OF-TOWN PONY #1  
Are you the princess? We're here  
all the way from Fillydelphia  
because we got copies of your  
friendship journal.

57           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Wow! How wonderful. What was your  
favorite friendship--

They thrust their journals into her face along with quills.

58           OUT-OF-TOWN PONY #1  
Will you sign them?

59           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Oh. Uh, I guess so...

Twilight uses her magic to float the journals while she signs  
with her mouth.

60           TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
So, what did you think of the  
lessons?

Out-of-Town Pony #1 hugs her journal close.

61           OUT-OF-TOWN PONY #1  
Oh, we haven't read them. These are  
keepsakes.

The other two take theirs back, leaving Twilight with a  
mildly frustrated expression.

62           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Oh.

The Out-of-Town Ponies head off into town, excitedly  
discussing their new swag.

63           PONY WALLA  
That was worth the trip! / They're  
much more valuable now! / Queso  
Fresca is gonna be so jealous she  
didn't come!

Twilight looks disappointed. Starlight puts a hoof on her  
shoulder.

#### **SC. 9 - EXT. CAFE - DAY**

Twilight and Starlight walk past.

64           STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Don't worry, Twilight, I'm sure  
lots of *other* ponies are being  
inspired to be better friends...

As they pass by the cafe, they overhear two BRUNCH PONIES.

65           BRUNCH PONY #1  
...well I for one found the journal  
terribly illuminating.

Twilight perks up and drags Starlight behind a bush to listen in.

66           BRUNCH PONY #2  
I agree. I'm seeing sides of these  
ponies I didn't know were there...

Twilight is just about to step out and join the convo when...

67           BRUNCH PONY #2 (CONT'D)  
...I only wish they'd left Rarity  
out. She clearly doesn't belong in  
that book with the rest of them.

Twilight looks horrified, then ducks back behind her bush.

68           BRUNCH PONY #1  
Oh, I know! Who does she think she  
is? Certainly she did a fine job  
setting up the Ponyville Days  
Celebration, but does she really  
believe it was a success just  
because of her? The nerve!

69           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(to Starlight)  
But that's not what Rarity was  
saying!

Twilight looks like she's about to confront the Brunch Ponies when Rarity slips by her, teary-eyed. She obviously heard what the Brunch Ponies were saying.

70           TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Rarity!

Rarity runs off, leaving a concerned Twilight and Starlight behind.

**END ACT I**

**ACT II****SC. 10 - EXT. CAFE - DAY**

Twilight looks on as Rarity runs away in tears.

71 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Poor Rarity. She overheard all the mean things those ponies were saying! She must be devastated. I'm going after her.

72 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Go ahead. (sternly) I'm going to have a talk with these two.

Twilight races away as Starlight turns toward the Brunch Ponies.

**SC. 11 - EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - DAY**

Rarity, upset by what she's just heard, races past Sugarcube Corner. Twilight runs after.

73 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Rarity, wait!

Suddenly Pinkie Pie lightnings out and tackle-hugs her to the ground!

74 PINKIE PIE  
Twilight, isn't it amazing? Our journals are everywhere!

75 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Pinkie! I've got to--

76 PINKIE PIE  
Ponies keep stopping by to tell me my entries are *hilarious*!

77 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
That's great, Pinkie, but I've--

78 PINKIE PIE  
I even had somepony come all the way from Las Pegasus to say how much he liked my lessons!

Twilight starts to realize that Rarity is gotten away, and Pinkie's words begin to sink in.

After the horrible experience with Rarity, hearing this good news from Pinkie gives Twilight pause.

79 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(relieved) I am so glad to hear  
*someponies* are being inspired by  
the journal!

Some LOCALS approach, each with a copy of the journal.

80 LOCAL #1  
Hey look! There's Pinkie Pie, the  
funny one!

They all LAUGH. Pinkie perks up.

81 PINKIE PIE  
Giggly feedback is the best kind!

They LAUGH again.

82 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Well, at least you're getting a  
positive reaction. I just saw  
Rarity and I'm afraid this whole  
journal thing really upset her.

83 PINKIE PIE  
Aww. That's too bad.

They LAUGH again.

84 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)  
Wait, that wasn't even funny.

More LAUGHTER.

85 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Okay. Well, I guess I'll catch you  
later.

She looks up at the Locals, but none of them make a sound.  
One of them COUGHS.

86 PINKIE PIE  
Yup. Bye Twilight.

They LAUGH.

87 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)  
Sparkle.

More LAUGHTER. Twilight exits. Pinkie smiles, but is definitely unnerved. She ducks into the shop and the locals LAUGH for some reason.

88           LOCAL #1  
Classic Pinkie! She's even funnier  
in real life!

89           PINKIE PIE (O.S.)  
You've known me for years!

Off the locals LAUGHING we CUT TO...

**SC. 12 - EXT. PONYVILLE STREET - LATER**

Twilight is headed for the Boutique in search of Rarity when she overhears something...

90           RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)  
Okay, everypony, maybe it's time to  
call it a day...

Rainbow Dash is ignored by a PEGASUS FOAL.

91           PEGASUS FOAL #1 (O.S.)  
I tore out all the Twilight Sparkle  
lessons 'cause they were getting in  
the way of the good ones!

Twilight looks over to find Rainbow Dash sitting on a low cloud with a handful of PEGASUS FOALS around her. She looks somewhat uncomfortable.

92           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
What do you mean you skipped the  
lessons? We've all had valuable  
experiences!

93           RAINBOW DASH  
Hey, here's a great idea! Why don't  
you guys talk to *Twilight* for  
awhile so I can get back to things  
like working and napping and...  
well, pretty much anything else.

Once again, the foals ignore her in their excitement.

94           PEGASUS FOAL #1  
We don't want to hear her boring  
lessons! Come on, tell us again  
about when you met Daring Do!

95           RAINBOW DASH  
(uncomfortable laugh) Again?  
Haven't we already covered that  
one? A couple dozen times?

96           PEGASUS FOAL #1  
We can't get enough of it! Come on,  
you don't want to disappoint your  
fans!

97           RAINBOW DASH  
It's just that I, uh, really need  
to get those stormclouds back in  
their pens.

98           PEGASUS FOAL #1  
Cool! We'll come along and you can  
tell us the story there!

The pegasus foals all cheer their excitement as they fly off  
in one big Rainbow Dash-smothering herd. Twilight watches  
them and seethes.

**SC. 13 - EXT. PONYVILLE MARKETPLACE - LATER**

Twilight is headed through town when Starlight runs up.

99           STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Did you manage to talk to Rarity?

100          TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I got a little sidetracked, but I'm  
headed to the Boutique now.

101          STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
I'll come with you. I hope she's  
all right.

102          TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Do you think we might have made a  
mistake? It feels like everypony in  
Equestria is missing the  
"friendship" part of the friendship  
journals--

Suddenly there are ANGRY VOICES up ahead.

103          TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
What's going on now?

They race ahead to the marketplace where they find a group of  
TOWNSPONIES crowded in front of a shop. Fluttershy is there,  
looking miserable and scared. She is cornered.

104 FLUTTERSHY  
Please! Just leave me alone!

105 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Fluttershy? What's wrong?

106 TOWNSPONY #1  
We want answers!

107 TOWNSPONY #2  
Yeah! We're entitled to know!

108 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
What is it, everypony?

109 TOWNSPONY #2  
We want to know why Fluttershy keeps learning the same thing over and over again. Be assertive, already.

110 TOWNSPONY #1  
Even I've learned more than she has! Why can't I be in the book?

111 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
What?! Really? Are you attacking my friend because you want to be in a book?

112 FLUTTERSHY  
I got this, girls.

Fluttershy takes a deep breath, then fixes her eyes on the crowd, determined.

113 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
Listen up. I *am* more assertive. And yes, it took me awhile to get there. But can you honestly say you could learn something one time and completely change who you are? (a beat of silence) I didn't think so!

The Townsponies look shocked.

114 TOWNSPONY #1  
Wow. (then) You're way different from the Fluttershy in the book. I don't know how I feel about that.

The crowd GRUMBLES its dissatisfaction. Fluttershy flies off, but it's clear she's a little upset. Twilight's irritation has started to turn to real concern.

**SC. 14 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS**

Twilight and Starlight have finally made it the Boutique. They open the door and enter.

115 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Rarity? Are you all right?

She suddenly comes swirling out from the back and accosts Twilight and Starlight with a whirlwind of measuring tapes and ribbons and fabrics.

116 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Gah! Rarity, what are you doing?

Rarity seems to have tipped from Katharine Hepburn to Joan Crawford. Her mane is frizzy and her manner is manic.

117 RARITY  
Why I'm creating a gown, darling!

118 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(confused) ...for what?

119 RARITY  
I don't know! I'm stress-sewing!

120 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Stress-sewing?

121 RARITY  
When I overheard those two at the cafe today it all suddenly made sense! I've been getting cancellations for days!

122 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
What? Why are people cancelling their orders?

123 RARITY  
Because nopony likes me anymore! They're boycotting me!

Rarity crosses to the window and pulls back the curtain. There, across the way, are the two Brunch Ponies from earlier, holding anti-Rarity signs. Twilight takes a deep breath.

124 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
It'll be okay, Rarity. I'm sure if I go out there and talk to those ponies they'll see they're being unreasonable...



She goes to the door. Just as she's about to open it...

WHAM! Applejack bursts in! Her eyes are red, her mane a mess.

125           APPLEJACK  
I need a hundred blankets and I  
need 'em now! Sorry, Twilight.

Twilight's eyes wobble.

126           RARITY  
Well certainly, darling.

Rarity starts sewing but Applejack impatiently grabs some fabric.

127           APPLEJACK  
I don't need nothin' fancy.

Twilight slowly regains her feet.

128           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
What's the matter, Applejack?

Applejack turns to her with great desperation.

129           APPLEJACK  
I'm popular, Twilight! I'm popular,  
and I don't like it one bit!

Applejack rushes out the door. Twilight goes to follow but looks back at Rarity, still sewing up a storm. She locks eyes with Starlight.

130           STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
You go ahead, I'll stay here.

Twilight nods and follows Applejack to...

**SC. 15 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER**

Applejack and Twilight look on as RANDOM PONIES treat the farm like their own personal hotel. Some sit on the porch and rock. Others eat hay straight off the bales. BIG MCINTOSH hauls luggage from one place to another.

131           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Who are all these ponies?

132           APPLEJACK  
The call themselves "the Sweet Apple Admirers." They said they read my journal entries and felt like part of the family. And now they want to actually *become* part of the family!

133           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Your journal entries?

134           APPLEJACK  
Yeah, you know, all that stuff about how friends are like family and whatnot...

135           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Can't you get rid of them?

136           APPLEJACK  
And kick out my own family?

She looks at her farm with distress. Now GRANNY SMITH is hauling luggage. Applejack races to help.

137           APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
Granny Smith! Hang on, let me help!

138           SWEET APPLE ADMIRER #1  
There she is!

The Sweet Apple Admirers shout out a collective "Yee-haw!" as Twilight watches with grave concern.

139           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I wish we'd never released that journal.

**END ACT II**

**ACT III**

**SC. 16 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - MORNING**

Twilight sits at a window looking out. She is forlorn. Upset about something. Starlight enters.

140           STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
There you are. I just left Rarity, I think she's doing better--  
(notices Twilight)--Oh boy.  
(MORE)

STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)

Window staring, huh? Was it that bad at Sweet Apple Acres?

141 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
It's bad everywhere. I thought I was doing something good. I thought I was helping...

Twilight gets up and starts to pace.

142 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
How could our friendship journal have led to so much...anti-friendship?

143 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Oh, Twilight, it's not your fault.

144 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Of course it's my fault. If I hadn't had the big idea to make copies, none of this would be happening. I'm afraid I made life awful for my friends.

145 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
I don't think you made life awful for them. I really think you're being too hard on yourself.

146 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Am I?

Just then, there's a knock at the door.

**SC. 17 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - DOOR - LATER**

Applejack (looking like she hasn't slept in weeks), Rarity (wearing a crazy mishmash of outfits), Pinkie (in a hoodie and dark glasses), Fluttershy (looking angry and hurt) and Rainbow Dash (wearing shades) are all there! The gang looks rough. Behind them a small crowd of ponies/pegasi follow them. Twilight ushers her friends inside and closes the door before anypony else can enter.

**SC. 18 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - LATER**

Applejack is totally fried and looks like she hasn't slept in weeks. She paces frantically.

147           APPLEJACK  
I didn't know where else to go.  
I've got so much cookin' and  
cleanin' and familyin' to do I  
ain't got time for anything else!

148           RAINBOW DASH  
You think you've got problems? I  
think I'm awesome but I can't even  
go to the bathroom without somepony  
trying to tell me how cool I am.

149           PINKIE PIE  
At least ponies aren't laughing  
every time you talk! Not even I  
want to be funny all the time! I'm  
telling you, my days of  
hilariousosityness... ness...are  
OVER.

Rarity paces, but as she does her ridiculous outfit bumps  
into the chairs and jingles.

150           RAINBOW DASH  
Rarity, what are you wearing?

151           RARITY  
My emotions, darling! Stress  
couture!

152           FLUTTERSHY  
I don't know what I'm going to do  
if I have to defend myself one more  
time...

Twilight turns to Starlight with a "See?" look.

153           STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Okay, so maybe they are having a  
hard time with it. That doesn't  
mean you did anything wrong.

154           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Yes, I did. Releasing the journal  
was my idea, and it backfired in  
ways I couldn't have even begun to  
imagine.

155           STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
It's not your fault. It's everypony  
else's! They're just focusing on  
the wrong things.

She trails off when she sees that Rarity is measuring her.

156 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)  
What are you doing?

157 RARITY  
Sorry, darling. Old habit.

Starlight thinks. She doesn't believe it.

158 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Wait here. I've got an idea!

She zips out, leaving them confused, annoyed, or crazed.  
Twilight turns to the others.

159 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I can't wait any longer. I've got  
to fix this.

Twilight gets a determined look on her face.

**SC. 19 - EXT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - CONTINUOUS**

There are a group of ponies at the door. Twilight opens it to  
find them all grumbling about the journals.

160 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Everypony, please stop!

A REPORTER PONY steps in front of her.

161 REPORTER PONY  
Princess Twilight? I'm with the  
Canterlot Chronicle, quick  
question... What would you say to  
ponies who wonder why you moved to  
Ponyville in the first place?

Twilight steps forward. She looks genuinely thrown.

162 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I moved here to learn about  
friendship. That's why the journal  
even exists...

Heartfelt MUSIC begins and the other girls surround her...

163 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
It took some time for me to get the  
hang of it, but it was each of  
these ponies standing next to me  
who taught me the lessons in those  
journals. Applejack. Pinkie Pie.  
(MORE)

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Rainbow Dash. Rarity. And  
Fluttershy, too.

She exchanges a meaningful look with each of her friends.  
Then she turns to the crowd.

164 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Then it was all of you. I've  
learned so much from--

165 REPORTER PONY  
What I mean is, some ponies would  
argue it just doesn't seem  
believable that the six of you  
would be friends.

MUSIC DROPS.

166 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Believable?

167 REPORTER PONY  
Well sure. I read this journal  
cover to cover, and I have to say,  
your character would have been much  
more interesting if she'd stayed in  
Canterlot.

MUMBLES of agreement.

168 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(incredulous)  
My character? We are real ponies.  
This journal is a record of things  
that really happened to us. We made  
mistakes and we learned from them.

The girls look to Twilight. Agreed. But then:

169 BRUNCH PONY #1  
What about Rarity? Are we really  
supposed to believe she learned  
anything she wrote in there?

170 PEGASUS FOAL #1  
That's why you gotta be Team Dash!  
She's the only one who didn't  
really need to learn anything  
because she was already so cool!

The various factions start to argue with each other:

171 PONY WALLA  
Twilight was better before she got wings. / Fluttershy is just so painfully shy it's hard to relate. / I can relate to her!

172 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Wait a minute, everypony...

The crowd only argues louder.

173 PONY WALLA  
But Rarity has style! / Yeah but she's so stuck up! / Are Pinkie Pie and Applejack related or what??

174 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Listen to me! LISTEN TO ME!!!

The crowd stops arguing and turns back to her. MUSIC UP:

175 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
(singing)  
*I never claimed to be perfect/  
My mistakes are all written in ink/  
None of us claimed to be perfect/  
It's sad that's what all of you think.*

*Our flaws help to make us all special/  
Without them we might not be chums/  
We've got lots in common between us/  
But the differences make our bonds hum.*

*No pony up here is flawless/  
And that's why we're singing 'Flaws, yes!'*

The crowd exchange skeptical looks as her friends join in, singing.

176 RAINBOW DASH  
*I know I can be a big shot/  
My ego's the size of a whale/  
But I never said I was flawless/  
And that's why I'm singing, 'Flaws, yes!'*

177 RARITY  
*Sure I can be a drama queen/  
Even a bit stuck up, it's true/  
(MORE)*

RARITY (CONT'D)

*But I never said I was flawless/  
And that's why I'm singing, 'Flaws,  
yes!'*

178 APPLEJACK

*Sometimes I can't let my hair down/  
And it seems like apples and  
honesty are all I know/  
But I never said I was flawless/  
And that's why I'm singing, Flaws,  
yes!'*

179 PINKE PIE

*I know I'm all bubbles and laughter  
It hard to take me seriously/  
But I never said I was flawless/  
And that's why I'm singing, 'Flaws,  
yes!'*

180 FLUTTERSHY

*It took me a while to be confident/  
To really come out of my shell/  
But I never said I was flawless/  
And that's why I'm singing, 'Flaws,  
yes!'*

181 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

*So you see we've got plenty of  
blind spots/  
We've each got our faults, yes we  
do/  
Not one of us claims to be  
flawless/  
And that's why we're singing,  
'Flaws, yes!'*

She holds her final note, ending with a huge stage smile.

182 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

*So you see, everypony? None of us  
ever claimed to be perfect. Without  
our flaws, there wouldn't be any  
friendship lessons to learn.  
Without our flaws...*

She turns and looks back at her friends.

183 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

*...there probably wouldn't be any  
friendships at all.*

The girls smile. Twilight turns back to the crowd, which has fallen silent. Did their song fall on deaf ears? Then the crowd goes right back to arguing.



184 PONY WALLA  
Applejack is the strongest. / Yeah  
but she's just on the boring farm  
all time. / Pinkie makes me laugh  
and that's really the only reason I  
read it.

Twilight and her friends hang their heads. As the argument continues, they turn and trudge back into...

**SC. 20 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - MOMENTS LATER**

They enter and head into the throne room, plopping onto their thrones with dejection.

185 RAINBOW DASH  
So that happened.

Beat of glumness, and then out of nowhere Starlight Glimmer teleports into the room. She's got Toola Roola and Coconut Cream with her.

186 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Twilight! Girls! I found two ponies  
who have something I think you  
should hear.

She nudges Toola Roola and Coconut Cream forward.

187 TOOLA ROOLA  
Um...we just wanted to say thank  
you to all of you.

188 COCONUT CREAM  
Yeah. Our friendship... well, we  
were having trouble until we read  
your journal. It showed us that  
friends can go through all sorts of  
tough times and come through  
stronger than before.

189 TOOLA ROOLA  
It's made us better friends than  
we've ever been.

190 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Really?

191 TOOLA ROOLA  
Mm-hm.

192 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Oh, I can't tell you how much it  
means to hear that.

The Mane 6 and Starlight share a look, they well up. This is  
it, this is why they did it.

193 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Thank you for telling us. We've had  
a tough couple of days. But knowing  
we've helped fillies like you....

194 APPLEJACK  
It makes everything we've been  
through worth it.

195 RARITY  
Absolutely. Fads come and go, but  
friendship is forever.

196 RAINBOW DASH  
There are worse things than not  
being able to do anything without  
being told I'm awesome.

197 FLUTTERSHY  
And we can't change the way other  
ponies think about us, but we can  
change how we let it affect us.

198 PINKIE PIE  
Or how we don't let it affect us.

Pinkie Pie throws a pie in her face.

199 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)  
Go ahead. Laugh!

The gang all laughs and hug Toola Roola and Coconut Cream.  
The ending music comes up. Everything's about to get sappy  
and fade to the credits. But instead we cut to...

**SC. 21 - EXT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - SAME**

...where everypony is still arguing. Music stops on a dime.  
Then we cut back to...

**SC. 22 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - SAME**

They're still all hugging, but the music and laughter have  
stopped.

200           APPLEJACK  
Reckon we still have to deal with  
them, don't we?

201           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Stay in the friendship moment,  
Applejack. They can wait a little  
longer.

They start to laugh again and the closing music comes up and  
this we really do...

FADE OUT.

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