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PART 2:

We open on Spike still in a state of shock having learned that his friends are about to lose their Cutie Marks to Glimmer Twirl. Meanwhile, as the last of the Mane 6's Cutie Marks are bottled up by Glimmer Twirl and placed in a vault, the girls make their move to distract Glimmer Twirl and go in to release all of the Cutie Marks. But since Glimmer Twirl is aware of their plan, she has the upper-hand, and is able to stop them.

Glimmer Twirl now possesses their Cutie Marks and informs the Mane 6 that they have forced her hoof. She has no choice now but to have WIND DRIFTER keep the collection of Cutie Marks safe by removing them from the vault and constantly changing the location where they are stored. The villagers have clearly been brainwashed by the Mane 6 and their so-called "friendship". It's obvious to Glimmer Twirl that Princess Twilight is trying to destroy the utopian society she created. She must protect the villagers from the Mane 6's bad intentions.

Princess Twilight and her friends are distraught. They try to use their unique talents, but just like the ponies that gave up their Cutie Marks before them, they've lost those abilities. Rainbow Dash is especially distraught to have lost her speed and declares that they never should have listened to the map. Princess Twilight rallies her friends. They'll find the Cutie Marks and get them back.

Alas, Wind Drifter is always one step ahead and the girls can't locate the ever-moving Cutie Marks. Unlike the other ponies of the village that have been won over by the Mane 6, Wind Drifter is completely loyal to Glimmer Twirl and a true believer in her philosophy that Cutie Marks are the worst thing to happen to ponies. She will not be convinced that she is on the wrong side of things.

As Princess Twilight reflects on the moment their Cutie Marks were taken away, she remembers that she noticed something strange. Where was the Magic Orb that Glimmer Twirl usually used to remove the Cutie Marks? She doesn't remember seeing it in the cave. In fact, it seems that Glimmer Twirl was using her own magic to collect the Cutie Marks from the Mane 6. Doesn't that seem like a particularly unique talent?

Princess Twilight has a hunch; one that proves to be correct when she sends Spike to do a little spying on Glimmer Twirl, and he discovers that ... she still has her Cutie Mark! Glimmer Twirl has convinced everyone in the village to abandon their individual talents but has held onto her own!

The Mane 6 work together and hatch an elaborate plan -- one that to Glimmer Twirl appears to be an attempt to find the secret new location of the Cutie Marks and get them back. But this time it is Princess Twilight and her friends who are pulling a fast one. So focused on trying to stop the Mane 6 from finding the Cutie Mark, Glimmer Twirl doesn't notice that they've stealthily removed the make-up she has been using to cover up her own. They then draw the villagers' and, most importantly, Wind Drifter's attention to Glimmer Twirl and reveal the truth about her not-so-blank flank.

Wind Drifter reacts in shock as Glimmer Twirl struggles to explain her actions. Yes it was really her magical talent for collecting and not the "magical orb" that was making it so the Cutie Marks could be removed! She had to keep her Cutie Mark! She's carrying this burden so that others don't have to suffer! But Wind Drifter doesn't accept this explanation. Feeling betrayed, she leads Princess Twilight to the secret location of the Cutie Marks.

The Mane 6 find that the villagers' Cutie Marks are in the vault and return them to the villagers. But as the Cutie Marks are distributed, Princess Twilight realizes something—there are six Cutie Marks missing – their own! Wind Drifter is as shocked as they are to make this discovery. As it turns out, Glimmer Twirl did not even trust her closest ally enough to leave Princess Twilight and her friends' Cutie Marks in her care and has now fled the village with them.

Eager to help the Princess of Friendship, several of the villagers join the Mane 6 in their pursuit of the fleeing Glimmer Twirl. Ultimately, in an over-the-top action set piece, the villagers use their newly reacquired talents to

help the Mane 6 trap Glimmer Twirl and force her to return the Cutie Marks that belong to Princess Twilight and her friends.

Glimmer Twirl escapes sans the Mane 6's Cutie Marks, but not before she vows revenge on the Princess of Friendship and her friends. She will destroy their friendship if it is the last thing she does! It is a threat that Princess Twilight does not take lightly, but one she is still certain she and her friends will ensure does not come to pass.

Soon after, everyone is joyfully showcasing their talents and expressing their amazement at how extraordinary each and every pony in the village is. As they do so, our Mane 6 sing a SONG that expresses their POV – that being true to yourself and being able to show your talents and make a contribution to the world is the best path to creating real and lasting friendships.

Princess Twilight and her friends return to Twilight's castle. As they enter what is now the "Map Room", the holograms of their Cutie Marks disappear back into the map. Their success in the village has given Twilight's friends confidence that wherever they go, they'll always be excellent representatives of the Princess of Friendship and will never let her down. Twilight agrees. It is because they are such strong individuals that they have been called upon to help Twilight spread the Magic of Friendship. And the best way to do so will always be to remain true to themselves. She's certain that they can face any challenge that comes their way -- a sentiment she'll include in her next entry in the Journal of Friendship.

As the Mane 6 eye the map, wondering what challenge it has in store for them next we...

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