

MY LITTLE PONY 6

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"To Where and Back Again - Part 1"

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SC. 1 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - MORNING

SPIKE

Whoa, whoa, whoa ahhhhhh!
Well, we don't all have magical horns.

TWILIGHT

I've been meaning to move these older books to my "reference" section for awhile. Gotta keep the new books front and center! Thank you both for your help.

STARLIGHT

Are you kidding? After all you've done for me? This is the least I can do.

TWILIGHT

Oh please, I haven't done that much.

STARLIGHT

Nah... you just taught me the value of friendship. Not much at all.

TWILIGHT

I may have offered some guidance, but you are responsible for the pony you've become. I'm proud to call you my student AND my friend.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Now, we just need to get rid of these boxes. Spike, can you... Spike?

SPIKE

What's that?

TWILIGHT

Is it.. A bird?

STARLIGHT

Is it a parasprite?

SPIKE

It's... It's... INCOMING!!!!

TWILIGHT

Oh. I usually get letters by dragon.

SPIKE

It IS the fastest way to get mail.

STARLIGHT

For me? Who would be sending me a letter?

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)

It's the ponies from my old village.

TWILIGHT
Are they in danger?

SPIKE
Are they upset with you?

STARLIGHT
No. It's worse. They've invited me to
the annual sunset festival!

SC. 2 - EXT. STARLIGHT'S VILLAGE - DAY

STARLIGHT
Uh, hey there everypony.

PARTY FAVOR
Uh.. Hey Starlight. What are you doing
here?

STARLIGHT
I... I was invited. To the Sunset
Festival?

DOUBLE DIAMOND
Uh yea. But we didn't think you would
actually show up.

PARTY FAVOR
You didn't think we really wanted you
here did you?

STARLIGHT
But... I apologized... I thought
everything was fine.

EVERYPONY
<Laughing!>

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
PLEASE. Stop. STOP!

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
What happened? Is anypony there??

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Princess Luna? What are you doing
here?

LUNA
Dreams are my domain Starlight
Glimmer. I am here because you need me
to be.

STARLIGHT
Oh! It's only a dream.

LUNA

It may only be a dream, but the feelings in it are real.

STARLIGHT

Great. So I guess I'm more afraid of going back to the village than I thought. What do I do now?

LUNA

I have been helped time and again by six very special ponies. They helped me overcome my past. You are fortunate to have them as friends. I suggest you share your concerns with them.

LUNA (CONT'D)

I see much of myself in you Starlight Glimmer and I can tell you from personal experience that things do indeed get better.

SC. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - THE NEXT MORNING

STARLIGHT

... and Princess Luna said I should tell you all how I was feeling. So, there it is. I'm afraid to go back to the village for the celebration.

RARITY

But why darling? You went back to apologize, they accepted. Everypony has moved on!

STARLIGHT

But have they? They don't really know how much I've changed. Or even worse, maybe I haven't changed as much as I think I have!

RAINBOW DASH

TRUST ME. You are a totally different pony now. I mean...you were pretty awful!

APPLEJACK

RAINBOW DASH!

RAINBOW DASH

WHAT?! She WAS!!! It's a compliment!!

FLUTTERSHY

I don't think they would have sent the invitation if they didn't want you to come. I'm sure they'd be happy to see you.

PINKIE PIE

And getting an invitation to a party
and NOT GOING!? That's like... it's
like... Well, I don't know what it's
like, but it is definitely bad.

APPLEJACK

Just be honest with them. I'm sure
they'll understand where you're
comin' from.

TWILIGHT

I understand how hard this is for you.
Maybe if you took a friend along it
might make things easier. Somepony
you trust who would look out for
you...

SC. 5 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER

STARLIGHT

Thanks so much for doing this Trixie.
When Twilight said I should bring a
friend you were the first pony I
thought of.

TRIXIE

Great idea Princess Twilight. Asking
me, Starlight's BEST friend to help
her on this difficult journey really
shows how wise a princess you have
become.

TWILIGHT

Thanks Trixie.
I was TALKING about me...

STARLIGHT

The festival lasts a whole week, but
I'm sure we won't stay that long.

TRIXIE

Oh I don't know Starlight, time really
flies when you're spending it with
your BEST FRIEND!

MANE 6/SPIKE

Bye Starlight!/See you later!/Good
luck!

SC. 6 - EXT. OUTSKIRTS OF STARLIGHT'S VILLAGE - DAY

TRIXIE

There it is! The town where you --

STARLIGHT
Magically stole everypony's cutie
mark, replaced them with equal signs
and forced them all to hide their
natural talents? Yes.

TRIXIE
I was going say where you came from.
But yours is a more... emotionally
traumatic answer.

STARLIGHT
I just want to blend in. Be just
another pony in the crowd enjoying the
Sunset Festival with my friend.

TRIXIE
Sounds good to me. And if things get
weird for you just let me know. I've
got your flank.

STARLIGHT
Is that a promise?

TRIXIE
Not just a promise. A GREAT and
POWERFUL promise. <Cough>

STARLIGHT
Well, I couldn't ask for more than
that. If we're gonna do this, let's do
it!

SC. 7 - EXT. STARLIGHT'S VILLAGE - LATER

DOUBLE DIAMOND
Ahh! STARLIGHT! YOU CAME!!

PARTY FAVOR
We were worried you wouldn't be able
to make it! Are you staying the whole
week? We have different events
planned each day!

SUGAR BELLE
How is it living in a castle?

DOUBLE DIAMOND
It is SO good to see you.

TRIXIE
Oh yea. THESE ponies are terrifying.

STARLIGHT
It's good to see all of you too.

PARTY FAVOR

You got here JUST in time. We were having some debate about these banners. Which do you think feels more sunsety?

STARLIGHT
Oh, you don't need me to decide that. Whatever you think is probably best.

DOUBLE DIAMOND
Uh well, how about helping us with the routes for the relay races tomorrow. Can you take a look?

STARLIGHT
Oh, I shouldn't. You all go ahead. I just want to enjoy the festival.

SUGAR BELLE
But you WILL be a judge for the baking competition right?

DOUBLE DIAMOND
We had a few questions about the order of the acts for the talent show.

NIGHT GLIDER
And the unicorns have a fireworks show planned we could REALLY use your help!

EVERYPONY
<Talking over each other>

STARLIGHT
NO!!!

TRIXIE
The GREAT and POWERFUL TRIXIE would like to thank you ALL for being such an amazing audience! Sadly it is time for us to depart! Good night fillies and gentlefoals!

SC. 9 - EXT. FOREST ROAD - MOMENTS LATER

STARLIGHT
Ugh. I was horrible when I lead that town. I was ready for them to not trust me, but I wasn't ready for them to put me in charge again! With my past, I should never be in charge of anything.

TRIXIE
So you messed up. Big deal. Don't you ever tell another pony I said this, but even Trixie's made mistakes. Ha, I know! The trick is to

just move on and pretend they never happened!

STARLIGHT
I feel like that's almost good advice.

SC. 10 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

STARLIGHT
Hey! Uh, Pinkie Pie!

PINKIE PIE
Hey you!

STARLIGHT
So.. You're probably wondering why I'm back so soon.

PINKIE PIE
Where were you?

STARLIGHT
I went to my old village? For the festival?

PINKIE PIE
Ooo sounds fun! How was it!

STARLIGHT
It was kind of a disaster. I came back early because I freaked out.

PINKIE PIE
Ooo sounds awful! Bye!

STARLIGHT
That was... strange.

TRIXIE
Isn't she always strange?

STARLIGHT
Yeah but not like that.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Hey! I'm back early!

RARITY
Ah... welcome back.

STARLIGHT
Have you two noticed Pinkie acting a little strange?

APPLEJACK
Pinkie Pie always acts strange.

TRIXIE
Told you.

STARLIGHT
Anyway, I wanted to talk to all of you.
Things didn't go the way I thought
they were going to go at the Sunset
Festival.

RARITY
What happened?

STARLIGHT
I kind of freaked out and ran out of
the village.

APPLEJACK/RARITY
HAHAHA!

APPLEJACK
You freaked out and ran away from a
festival? Ha! That's the funniest
dang thing I've heard all day!!

RARITY
Haha, Oh my! Let me guess. The
decorations were TERRIFYING!

APPLEJACK/RARITY
HAHAHA!

FLUTTERSHY
<Whisper>

RAINBOW DASH
Hello ponies. We need Rarity and
Applejack. Very important friendship
business.

TRIXIE
I have to say... I'm really not as
impressed with your friends as the
rest of Equestria is.

STARLIGHT
I need to talk to Twilight.

SC. 11 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER

STARLIGHT
Twilight! Hello?

SPIKE
What do you want? Twilight's very
busy!

STARLIGHT

Spike, I really need to speak with her.

SPIKE
Make an appointment! She's a princess after all.

STARLIGHT
What's wrong with you? Why are you being so--

TWILIGHT
Rude? I think a certain dragon didn't get his nap today!

SPIKE
Yeah right. Whatever...

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Sorry, he's been acting a little off all day. I think he missed a meal or something.

STARLIGHT
He's not the only one. Everypony is acting a little strange today.

TWILIGHT
Yes... it's definitely been one of those days. How are you?

STARLIGHT
Not great actually. You're probably wondering why I'm back from the village so early.

TWILIGHT
I didn't want to bring it up but yeah, that did seem strange. Did it not go well?

STARLIGHT
The townsponies kept asking me things, like they expected me to be in charge again. But being a leader is the last thing I should ever be. So we left. Very suddenly. In a literal puff of smoke.

TWILIGHT
Wow. You should DEFINITELY never go back to that village!

STARLIGHT
What?

TWILIGHT

If you were worried about what they thought of you before it's probably WAY worse now. I'd cut my losses.

STARLIGHT
That's... surprising advice coming from you.

TWILIGHT
Trust me. I'm the Princess of Friendship. You don't need those ponies. You can always make more friends.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Ah, speaking of friends, if you'll excuse me. Important business to attend to!

SC. 12 - INT. STARLIGHT'S BEDROOM - LATER

STARLIGHT
Cut my losses? That can't be right.

SC. 13 - EXT. STARLIGHT'S VILLAGE - LATER

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Hey! I wanted to apologize for my behavior earlier.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Party Favor? Can you hear me?

TWILIGHT (O.S.)
I TOLD you, you can never speak to them again!

STARLIGHT
What are you all doing here?

TWILIGHT
Making sure you do what I said! I'm your teacher aren't I? Didn't I say to never come back here?

STARLIGHT
Yes but... that's just doesn't seem right. You aren't acting like yourself. Something is wrong.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
A dream! This is another dream!

LUNA (O.S.)
Starlight Glimmer...

STARLIGHT
Princess Luna?

LUNA (O.S.)
Starlight Glimmer!

STARLIGHT
Princess Luna where are you?

LUNA
STARLIGHT GLIMMER THERE IS NO TIME!
YOU MUST GET HELP!

STARLIGHT
What? What are you talking about? This
is just a dream!

LUNA
NOT HERE! IN THE WAKING WORLD! THEY'VE
TAKEN MY SISTER AND I! IT'S WORSE THAN
THE LAST TIME! YOU'RE DREAM CALLED TO
ME AND I WAS ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH! YOU
MUST FIND HELP!

STARLIGHT
What? What are you saying? WHO'S taken
you!

LUNA
BE CAREFUL WHO YOU TRUST. YOU WILL
NEED ALL THE HELP YOU CAN FIND. THE
CHANGELINGS HAVE RETURNED AND--

STARLIGHT
Princess Luna!

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
THEY'RE BACK!

SC. 15 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - NIGHT, MOMENTS LATER

STARLIGHT
Trixie? Trixie it's Starlight! Are
you awake?

TRIXIE (O.S.)
Of COURSE Princess Celestia, I'd love
to perform for Peanut Butter
crackers.

STARLIGHT
TRIXIE! WAKE UP!

TRIXIE
Starlight? What time is it?

STARLIGHT

It's late. I think I figured out what's wrong with my friends.

TRIXIE
I have a whole list of things that are wrong with your friends. We can go over it in the morning.

STARLIGHT
No! Trixie, we're in danger!

TRIXIE
Okay fine. Aside from lack of sleep, how are we in danger.

STARLIGHT
I think the--

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
What did you tell me never to tell another pony?

TRIXIE
Starlight, if you woke me up to play guessing games--

STARLIGHT
After we left my village! What did you tell me to never tell another pony you said!?

TRIXIE
That even Trixie's made mistakes.

STARLIGHT
Trixie, there's no time for this. What did you say!?

TRIXIE
That even Trixie's made mistakes, okay? Are you happy?

STARLIGHT
Yes. Sorry. I just had to make sure you weren't one of them.

TRIXIE
One of who?

STARLIGHT
A changeling. I think they've taken Princess Celestia and Princess Luna.

TRIXIE
What? Are you sure? I mean, what do we-- We have to tell Twilight!

STARLIGHT

If I'm right then it's too late for that.

SC. 17 - INT. TWILIGHT'S THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

RARITY
<Evil laugh>

TWILIGHT
Is it ready?

APPLEJACK
Just one more.

STARLIGHT
QUEEN CHRYSALIS!

CHRYSALIS
Ugh, I can't take any of you seriously when you look like that.

TWILIGHT
Oh. Right.

CHRYSALIS
MUCH better. Now report.

TWILIGHT CHANGELING
Everything here is going according to plan. We've replaced the six ponies and their dragon and have taken control of the castle.

CHRYSALIS
Excellent. And I've just received word that the Princesses from Canterlot have successfully been replaced as well.

CHRYSALIS (CONT'D)
We thought too small last time, ONE ponynapped princess wasn't enough. with ALL the most beloved ponies of Equestria taken care of. NOPONY can stop us.

SC. 18 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

TRIXIE
I can't deal with this. I'm just a performer. This is... this is princess level stuff. But the changeling's have all of the princesses. We're doomed!

STARLIGHT

Maybe not. Queen Chrysalis only said they took Luna and Celestia and obviously Twilight and the others, but maybe Cadance is still safe. Our best bet is to get to the Crystal Empire before the changelings do. That way we--

THORAX (O.S.)
There's no help coming from the Crystal Empire.

TRIXIE
<Frantic screaming>

STARLIGHT
Thorax?

THORAX
Yes.

STARLIGHT
Your wings look... different.

THORAX
I guess they do.

STARLIGHT
How do I know you aren't some other changeling pretending to be Throax?

THORAX
You were there when Spike defended me to the ponies of the Crystal Empire. Princess Twilight said...

THORAX (AS TWILIGHT) (CONT'D)
As the Princess of Friendship, I should set an example for all of Equestria, but today, it was Spike who taught me--

STARLIGHT
Ok! Ok. I believe you. We don't need the whole speech.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Trixie, this is Thorax. He's a reformed changeling. He's on our side, understand?

THORAX
Hi, it's a pleasure to--

TRIXIE
If Starlight says you're on our side I believe her but... maybe just stay over there for now okay?

STARLIGHT

What did you mean there's no help. Did the changelings get Cadance too?

THORAX

They took Cadance, Shining Armor AND Flurry Heart! Sunburst sent me here to get Princess Twilight's help but...but it sounds like it's too late for that too.
So what should we do?

TRIXIE

Yeah, Starlight what are we going to do?

STARLIGHT

I... I don't know... There has to be somepony else who can handle this.

TRIXIE

There is NOPONY else. Everypony with powerful magic is already gone!

DISCORD (O.S.)

You know, whenever ponies talk about powerful magic they always leave me out. If I wasn't so evolved I might decide to take it personally.

DISCORD (CONT'D)

Well, isn't this QUITE the combination of secondary characters. Where are Twilight and the girls?

STARLIGHT

First, how do we know that you're really you?

DISCORD

Shall I continue?

STARLIGHT

Chrysalis and the changelings are back. They've ponynapped all of the most powerful ponies in Equestria. Celestia, Luna, Cadance, Shining Armor, Flurry Heart, Twilight and her friends. We need to--

DISCORD

They took Fluttershy?

STARLIGHT

Yes.

DISCORD

Where?

STARLIGHT
The changeling kingdom. With you on
our side, I think we --

SC. 19 - EXT. BORDER OF THE CHANGELING KINGDOM

DISCORD
Odd. I was trying to take us right to
Fluttershy, but there is no
Fluttershy...

TRIXIE
I think I have a pretty good idea where
she might be.

THORAX
Oh...I'd hoped to never see that place
again. Now what?