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"To Where and Back Again - Part 2"

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RECAP OF PART I

STARLIGHT
It's the ponies from my old village.

EVERYPONY
<Laughing!>

STARLIGHT
Oh! It's only a dream.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
With my past, I should never be in
charge of anything.

LUNA
THEY'VE TAKEN MY SISTER AND I! IT'S
WORSE THAN THE LAST TIME!

STARLIGHT
Chrysalis and the changelings are
back. They've ponynapped all of the
most powerful ponies in Equestria.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
This is Thorax. He's a reformed
changeling.

DISCORD
They took Fluttershy?

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

SC. 1 - EXT. BORDER OF CHANGELING KINGDOM - RESUME

DISCORD
Oh this is so strange. We're here and
that's there and I clearly meant for
us to be there and not here.

THORAX
Oh, I can probably explain that...

DISCORD
Oh well, if at first you don't
succeed.

STARLIGHT
Maybe we should come up with a plan
first?

DISCORD
A what?

TRIXIE

You know, figuring out the best way to do something before you actually do it?

DISCORD
Oh that's adorable. But, you see, unlike you I can do anything.

THORAX
Actually...

DISCORD
That's all very nice, but really a waste of time. We have me. And what else could we possibly need?

TRIXIE
A draconequis with magic AND half a brain might help.

DISCORD
Why are you here again? I mean, it's not like you're going to stop the Changelings by pulling a rabbit out of a hat. At least my magic can do something.

THORAX
The thing about magic here is...

DISCORD
Like this!

DISCORD (CONT'D)
For Fluttershy!

THORAX
I've been trying to tell you... Nothing other than Changeling magic works here! Chrysalis' throne is carved from an ancient dark stone that soaks up outside magic the same way Changelings soak up love. It's how she keeps the hive safe.

TRIXIE
So... What kind of plan were you thinking?

STARLIGHT
Without magic I have no idea. But nopony else is coming, so somepony better come up with something.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Anypony? Anything?

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)

This throne. If we get into the hive and destroy it, can we get our magic back?

THORAX

Uh-huh.

DISCORD

Well that's a terrible plan. How are we even supposed to get to the hive?

TRIXIE

We walk?

DISCORD

I haven't walked that far in a millennia.

ALL

Ugh.

SC. 2 - EXT. CHANGELING KINGDOM - LATER

DISCORD

Ugh. I don't know how any of you manage not being able to disappear and reappear whenever you want.

TRIXIE

Well, I for one definitely miss you being able to disappear.

STARLIGHT

Give Discord a break. None of us knew we weren't going to be able to use magic.

THORAX

I did.

STARLIGHT

If we get separated it might make sense to have a way to make sure we are who we say we are.

DISCORD

Ooo. Like a secret code. How about if I say "We are" you say "Doomed?" Or you say "Rescue" and I say "Im--

TRIXIE

How about if we say "Klutzy" and you say "Draconequis?"

STARLIGHT

Klutzy draconequis. Works for me.

THORAX
I'll definitely remember it.

SC. 3 - INT. CHANGELING HIVE - CONTINUOUS

TRIXIE
Okay. I am definitely glad you came.
I don't think we'd be able to find our
way without you.

THORAX
You definitely wouldn't.

TRIXIE
Um... Where's the way out?

THORAX
It's a Changeling Hive. It shifts and
changes like we do and we're the only
ones who can navigate it. It's total
chaos to non-changelings.

DISCORD
Well, it's decent chaos. I don't know
if I'd call it total.

SC. 5 - INT. CHANGELING HIVE - CAVERN - CONTINUOUS

DISCORD
Are we sure that I'll get my magic back
when we destroy this throne-thingy?

STARLIGHT
If Thorax is right, then yes.

DISCORD
Well, that's reassuring.

TRIXIE
And how are we supposed to destroy the
throne when we find it?

STARLIGHT
I... don't know.

TRIXIE
That's reassuring.

DISCORD
I don't suppose you brought any throne
destroying tools along with these
useless side show props?

TRIXIE
Asks the "lord of chaos" who can't go
for a walk without whining non-stop.

DISCORD

Yes, but when the throne is destroyed
I'LL be able to rip the very fabric of
reality to save our friends while
YOU'LL still be a self-absorbed,
below average illusionist.

TRIXIE

SELF ABSORBED?! Why you--

STARLIGHT

CUT! IT! OUT!

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)

I'm just barely keeping it together
and it would be WONDERFUL if you two
could actually try to help instead of
bickering like foals.

DISCORD

Ooooookay.

TRIXIE

How can we help?

STARLIGHT

Don't ask me! I couldn't even handle
giving advice at the Sunset Festival
and I HAD magic then! And the three of
us are as good as useless. At least
Thorax knows where we're going.

THORAX (O.S.)

Um... guys?

THORAX (CONT'D)

I think we're lost.

TRIXIE

Aww great! We might as well just sit
here and wait for the changelings to
soak up all of our love or whatever
gross thing it is that they do.
How often do you all get hungry?

THORAX

Actually, I haven't been since I met
Spike. And Changelings are always
hungry. We can never get enough love.

TRIXIE

Well that's just super.

STARLIGHT

But you aren't hungry at all now?

THORAX

Once I made a few friends, I guess I just sort of... forgot about the whole feeding thing.

STARLIGHT
Is that about the same time your wings changed?

THORAX
I guess so.

DISCORD
While I would love to sit around chit chatting about feeding and not feeding... I have A FLUTTERSHY TO SAVE!
<Echo: to save, to save, to save>

TRIXIE
Can you please lower your voice?
You're going to get us all captured!

DISCORD
Oh! You keep saying that, but I haven't seen an actual changeling since we got into this hive.

TRIXIE
What's that!?

THORAX
A CHANGELING PATROL!

SC. 6 - INT. CHANGELING HIVE - CAVERN - RESUME

DISCORD
This seems like one of those moments where we need a plan.

TRIXIE
What kind of plan?! We have no magic and it's not like my illusions are going to save us.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Do you have any of your smoke bombs?

TRIXIE
Are you kidding?

SC. 7 - INT. CHANGELING HIVE - CAVERN - MOMENTS LATER

TRIXIE
Looking for somepony?

TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Is that the best you've got? Hahaha!

DISCORD
Not exactly Great and Powerful, but
effective.

TRIXIE
I'll take it.

STARLIGHT
Klutzy...

TRIXIE/THORAX/DISCORD
Draconequis.

DISCORD
I really think we need a new code word.

THORAX
That was a pretty good plan.

TRIXIE
But we still don't know where we're
going.

STARLIGHT
Actually, we might. Two of the
changelings didn't go with the rest.

THORAX
Oh! With an intruder in the hive, they
went to protect the Queen. Good
thinking Starlight!

SC. 9 - EXT. CHANGELING HIVE - CASTLE STAIRS - CONTINUOUS

TRIXIE
Now what?

STARLIGHT
We go in.

THORAX
Even if I wanted to, there's no way
past the guards. We'll be spotted for
sure.

STARLIGHT
We need some kind of distraction.

TRIXIE
I'm fresh out of smoke bombs.

DISCORD
Normally I'm the most distracting
thing I can think of, but without
magic...

STARLIGHT

You shouldn't underestimate
yourself.

SC. 10 - EXT. CHANGELING HIVE - CASTLE ENTRY - MOMENTS LATER

DISCORD
Hello, changelings and changelettes,
believe me I was just as surprised as
you that I'm here. When I heard that
I'd be playing for a bunch of
Changelings I was beside myself. Then
I realized it was just one of you.

DISCORD (CONT'D)
But seriously this isn't the toughest
crowd I've ever been in front of, but
it's definitely the easiest to bug.
To bug...

DISCORD (CONT'D)
Is this thing on?

DISCORD (CONT'D)
Well, if you think that you can do any
better by all means, be my guest!

TRIXIE
It is absolutely ridiculous that that
worked.

SC. 11 - INT. CHANGELING HIVE - TUNNEL - CONTINUOUS

DISCORD
It is certainly a pleasure to have
such dedicated fans. I'll have to come
back with some new material after I
rescue Fluttershy.

FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)
Please... Help...

DISCORD
Fluttershy!

FLUTTERSHY
Discord! I'm stuck!

DISCORD
You certainly are. And I should
probably help you get free, but...

FLUTTERSHY
But what?

DISCORD
But you are obviously not Fluttershy.

FLUTTERSHY

Oh.

DISCORD

I mean, I'm separated from the group and just happen to come across the one pony I care most about? I can smell this set up a mile away.

FLUTTERSHY

No. You're right. There's no way you should trust me. Just go find the others. I understand.

DISCORD

Oh, come on.

FLUTTERSHY

I know. We're probably all changelings. You shouldn't rescue any of us...

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

Unless you think maybe one of us might be the real Fluttershy. That certainly would be a nasty changeling trick, wouldn't it?

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

I'm the real one. I'm the real one. I'm the real Fluttershy.

SC. 12 - INT. CHANGELING CASTLE - SAME

THORAX

We can't wait for Discord. Between seeing him and Trixie, the castle will be crawling with guards soon.

STARLIGHT

But if we do manage to destroy Chrysalis' throne we'll need him. He could take on the entire changeling army by sneezing if he wanted to.

TRIXIE

He's probably already been captured.

DISCORD

Hello? Fellow rescuers?

THORAX

We can't stay here. We've got to find the throne!

DISCORD

Oooh! I heard some of the changelings who were chasing me say that they know where it is.

TRIXIE
Klutzy...

DISCORD
Hmmm? Oh, yeah haha. I can be klutzy. Now, follow me!

STARLIGHT
You know that's not Discord, right?

TRIXIE
Obviously.

DISCORD
This way! We're almost there!

THORAX
I know this trick. If he says to go left, we should definitely go right. He's leading us to a swarm waiting to attack.

TRIXIE
Okay, I'll handle it. You two just get ready to run into the other tunnel.

STARLIGHT
Wait, what!? Trixie you can't.

STARLIGHT
I won't know what to do. We've already lost Discord. I can't lose you too. Without magic I--

TRIXIE
Starlight, you got us this far with just my illusions and Discord's annoying personality. You don't need magic to figure out what to do next. I know you're afraid to be in charge, but you're really good at it. Listen to your best friend.

TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Hey, Discord? Wanna see the new trick I've been working on?

TRIXIE (CONT'D)
I call it, "The Changeling Catcher!" Run!

TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Ta-daaa...

SC. 14 - INT. CASTLE - CHRYSALIS' THRONE ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

CHRYSALIS (O.S.)
<Evil laugh> One little pony all by herself. Oh, how will I ever prevent this daring rescue?

SC. 15 - INT. CASTLE - CHRYSALIS' THRONE ROOM - RESUME

CHRYSALIS
Well, well, well. The Princess of Friendship's sole pupil. Honestly, I didn't think you were worth replacing with one of my drones.

STARLIGHT
You won't get away with this!

CHRYSALIS
I already have. No pony is coming to save you. Your little squad was it, and now there's just you.

STARLIGHT
Thorax is still out there.

CHRYSALIS
Don't mention that traitor's name in my Kingdom!

CHRYSALIS
He was a fool to leave and even more a fool to return. When I find him he'll learn just what happens to those who betray the hive.

CHRYSALIS (CONT'D)
And it seems I don't have far to look, do I...

CHRYSALIS (CONT'D)
Thorax!

CHRYSALIS (CONT'D)
Very clever. And clearly Thorax revealed to you the secret of my throne. I can't have powerful ponies using their abilities against me.

CHRYSALIS (CONT'D)
Even with your rather embarrassing little rescue attempt, everything has gone according to MY plan.

STARLIGHT
What plan!? Why did you do all this!?

CHRYsalis
So I could feed, of course!

CHRYsalis (CONT'D)
By replacing the most beloved figures
in Equestria, my drones will be able
to store all the love meant for them
and return it here... to me.

CHRYsalis (CONT'D)
Everypony will do as I command and my
subjects and I will feed on their love
for generations! <Evil laugh!>

STARLIGHT
But what if you didn't have to?

CHRYsalis
Ridiculous! The hunger of Changelings
can never be satisfied.

STARLIGHT
Exactly. Thorax left the hive and made
a friend. He shared love and now he
doesn't need to feed! You don't have
to live your lives starving all the
time!

CHRYsalis
You know nothing of the Changelings or
what it takes to be their Queen! I
decide what is best for my subjects,
not some mulling grub!

STARLIGHT
I know what it's like to lead by fear
and intimidation. And I know what it's
like to want everypony to do what you
say. But I was wrong. A real leader
doesn't force her subjects to deny who
they are. She celebrates what makes
them unique...

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
...and listens when one of them finds
a better way.

CHRYsalis
The only thing Thorax has found...

CHRYsalis (CONT'D)
...is what happens to those who turn
their back on the hive!

STARLIGHT
No! Stop!

CHRYsalis

Just as soon as I drain every last ounce of love from him and show my subjects what a real leader is.

THORAX

I can feel the love inside me slipping away. I can't hold onto it much longer.

STARLIGHT

Then don't!

STARLIGHT

Sharing love is what made you different to begin with. You should share yours with Chrysalis. Give her all of it.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)

This is what happens when you give love freely instead of taking it.

DISCORD

Fluttershy?

FLUTTERSHY

It's, um, good to see you too.

TWILIGHT

Starlight, what happened?

STARLIGHT

We defeated the Changelings with no magic at all, they found a new leader...annnnnd they're all kinda good now.

LUNA

Well done Starlight Glimmer. It seems as though you've learned a great deal since we last spoke.

STARLIGHT

When Twilight and her friends defeated me, I chose to run away and seek revenge. You don't have to. You can be the leader your subjects deserve.

CHRYSALIS

There is no revenge you could ever conceive of that will come close to what I will exact upon you one day Starlight Glimmer!

CELESTIA

Thorax, as the new leader of the changelings, I look forward to

discussing how we can improve our relationship in the future.

CELESTIA (CONT'D)
However, for the moment, perhaps it is best that we leave the Changeling Kingdom to the Changelings.

DISCORD
Splendid idea. Now who's ready for some celebratory tea at Fluttershy's?

FLUTTERSHY
Oh. Um. Everypony?

STARLIGHT
Actually, now that you can snap your claws and send us absolutely anywhere again, I think I have a better option.

Sc. 16 - EXT. STARLIGHT'S VILLAGE - LATER

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

DOUBLE DIAMOND
You left in such a hurry before, we kinda thought you didn't want to come.

STARLIGHT
Yyyeah. I guess after the way I used my magic on all of you, I wasn't sure I was somepony who should even be in charge of a baking contest. I was afraid I might go back to being the pony I used to be. But...

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
...I realized that sometimes you don't have a choice. You have to step up. And I HAVE changed. I can handle it. Whether than means saving Equestria OR helping friends with a sunset festival. Speaking of which...

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
...I know the festival is almost over, but I kinda invited a few of my friends to join. Hope that's okay.

DOUBLE DIAMOND
Are you kidding? Of course!

STARLIGHT
Great. Now, where's that baking contest? This pony needs a cupcake!

DISCORD
So I'm able to rip the very fabric of
reality again.

TRIXIE
Yea yea and I'm still a self-absorbed,
below average illusionist. Right?

DISCORD
Actually... I was going to say a
COUPLE of those illusions were
slightly above average. If you ever
need a little chaos in your act, let
me know.

TRIXIE
Ha! When pigs fly!

DISCORD
Your wish is my command!

TRIXIE
Whoa-whoaaaa!

RAINBOW DASH
Somepony is really gonna have to catch
us up on what we missed.