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When Starlight discovers that the Mane Six have been replaced by Changelings, she, Spike, and Thorax travel to Canterlot for help—only to discover that Celestia and Luna have been swapped for imposters as well. As Starlight tries to figure out what to do, Celestia, Luna, and the Mane Six awake in the Changeling Kingdom where Chrysalis reveals her plan to drain them all of their love and magical friendship energy.

Unsure who to trust, Starlight seeks out Trixie, while Spike goes to ask for help from the one being they are all certain no Changeling could ever impersonate—Discord. Starlight explains the situation to this rag-tag collection of misfits: Spike, Thorax, Trixie, and Discord. She admits that even though they are the least likely team any pony could think of (and she's the least likely leader imaginable), it's up to them to save their friends.

Despite butting heads as they travel to the Changeling Kingdom, everyone on the team proves vital to getting into Chrysalis' Palace where Twilight and the rest are being held. Unfortunately the team is discovered before the rescue can be pulled off. An enraged Chrysalis decides to make an example out of Thorax for betraying his own kind—making him the first to be drained of love, which she will then use to feed her people.

Starlight tries to convince Chrysalis that sharing friendship creates an endless source of love, but the Queen refuses to believe it. Changelings feed on love. Giving it away would destroy them. Thorax sets out to prove his Queen wrong. Releasing all the love he has, Thorax gives it to Chrysalis and is suddenly transformed into a new, beautiful creature (think: butterfly version of a Changeling). In his new form, Thorax explains to Chrysalis that he no longer needs to feed on love since he can create his own. Finally convinced, Chrysalis and her subjects follow suit as the entire Changeling Kingdom is transformed in a musical celebration.

Impressed at what Starlight accomplished, Twilight hopes her student appreciates her own abilities. Starlight is thankful for everything she's learned so far and points out how integral Trixie and Discord were as well. Both Twilight and Starlight acknowledge that learning about friendship seems to be one of the most important things a pony can do.