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TEASER**SC. 1 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE – LUNA’S ROOM – MORNING**

As PRINCESS LUNA readies herself for the day, a pair of guards arrive and explain that Celestia wants to talk to her in the throne room. Luna wonders aloud why her sister didn’t simply come talk to her in person. The guards share a look. With Luna’s back to them, one of the guards transforms into an exact copy of Luna, and they both turn their GREEN GLOWING horns toward the unsuspecting princess. At the last minute, Luna catches site of them in a mirror and blasts them both, revealing they are CHANGELINGS!

Luna rushes into the throne room to find PRINCESS CELESTIA. Luna explains that she was just attacked by two changelings and that it was more frightening than the trap door in the Grand Foyer of their old castle. When Celestia agrees that was frightening Luna immediately BLASTS her, revealing that she too was a CHANGELING! As the changeling flies off, Luna explains to the shocked guards that Celestia would have known the trap door in their old castle was in the Hall of Hooves, not the Grand Foyer. Leaving the guards on alert, Luna flies off to get the Mane Six’s help in finding her sister.

SC. 2 - EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE – SAME

CADANCE and SHINING ARMOR accompany SUNBURST as he walks around the castle with BABY FLURRY in an Equestrian Baby Bjorn. Sunburst asks the parents what magic he and the baby should work on next. Cadence suggests teleportation and Shining Armor thinks transfiguration. As Sunburst marvels at their obviously too advanced suggestions, Thorax pops out of the shrubs and waves covertly at Sunburst. He points to himself, then to the royal couple. When Sunburst doesn’t understand, an exasperated Thorax blurts out, “Their changelings!” When Sunburst still doesn’t get it, Thorax’s hits them with a GREEN BLAST of his own magic revealing they are all imposters—even the baby in the bjorn. As the changelings fly off, Sunburst calls the guards. He tells Thorax to go get help explaining that THE CHANGELINGS HAVE RETURNED!!!

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT ONE****SC. 3 - EXT. PONYVILLE – DAY**

STARLIGHT and TRIxie unload boxes from a cart outside a cute little cottage. Starlight is nervous and excited. She’s moving out of Twilight’s castle and into a place of her own. Trixie insists that she must be relieved to finally be getting some space, but Starlight admits she’s forcing herself to do it. It wasn’t an easy decision. She doesn’t mind living in the Castle and she’s always felt welcome, but the time has come for her to stand on her own. They head back to the Castle for the rest of Starlight’s things.

SC. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT’S CASTLE – CONTINUOUS

On their way to her room, Starlight and Trixie pass the throne room. The MANE SIX and SPIKE are all there, but when Starlight asks why they’ve all gathered, they each give a different reason. When Trixie points this out, Twilight is overly nice to her, explaining that of course Trixie is right and she is sooo thankful, etc. Trixie turns to Starlight, “This is weird, right?” Starlight shrugs, but as they start to leave Luna comes soaring in through one window just as Thorax flies in through another. Luna looks to the Mane Six and explains that she needs their help. Changelings have attacked Canterlot and taken Princess Celestia. As the Mane Six stare back at her, Thorax explains that Twilight and her friends aren’t going to be much help. With a burst of GREEN GLOWING changeling magic, Thorax reveals that the Mane Six (and Spike) are also CHANGELINGS!

Luna, Starlight, Trixie and Thorax form ranks and, after an brief skirmish, chase the imposters off. Starlight wonders where the real Mane Six are and Thorax quickly reveals that the same fate befell Cadance and Shining Armor. Luna

suggests that they all are likely together in Chrysalis' kingdom. At that moment Discord appears looking for Fluttershy. They were supposed to meet for tea but she wasn't in her cottage and she never cancels. Discord is brought up to speed as the others explain that Fluttershy was likely kidnapped along with the others by the Changelings. For the first time since turning good we see Discord ANGRY. Lightening flashes out of nowhere as he threatens to turn the entire Changeling Kingdom and every changeling in it into stinky cheese—after, of course, he rescues Fluttershy with a snap of his claws, or maybe before.

Luna explains that if conquering the Changelings were as simple as using magic, she and her sister would have done it long ago. Unfortunately it is not. She doesn't know why, but they've never been able to even locate the entrance to their kingdom. Discord suggests that it might be because they aren't gods of Chaos. With that he disappears, then almost immediately reappears, admitting that he couldn't find it either. Thorax explains that the rock from which the changelings build their hives is imbued with the same magic they use to disguise themselves. Only a changeling can find the entrance and once inside, only a changeling can navigate the maze of tunnels without alerting the entire Kingdom to their presence. Any magic other than a changeling's will set off the alarms. Discord fails to understand why they should trust Thorax and Luna fails to see why they should trust either of them.

While Luna, Discord and Thorax all argue about how to proceed, Starlight confides to Trixie that she wishes Twilight were there. When she said she needed to stand on her own, this isn't what she meant. Trixie tells her to just figure out a way to get her and the others back. Starlight admits that between Luna, Discord, and a Changeling she feels a little out classed. After Trixie reminds her that she TRAVELED THROUGH TIME Starlight speaks up. She has an idea for a spell that can take Thorax's magic and use it to disguise their own. If Discord can teleport them close, they could sneak in undetected and use their own magic as long as they stay together. Luna is impressed and asks if Starlight can truly do it. Starlight confirms that she can. Discord, "Well, why didn't you say so?" He snaps his claws and they are all transported to...

SC. 5 - INT. EXT. THE EDGE OF THE BADLANDS – CONTINUOUS

They all appear in full travelling regalia, staring out at a seemingly endless and dangerous looking stretch of rocky terrain. They all look to Starlight expectantly.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 6 - EXT. THE EDGE OF THE BADLANDS – RESUME

As they stand on the edge of the Badlands, Thorax explains that Starlight should cast her spell. Once they enter, the Changelings can be alerted to their presence at any moment. Starlight prepares her spell and suggests they all limit their use of magic. She can keep it hidden but she's not sure how far the protection extends. Trixie points out, sarcastically, how helpful it will be to not be able to use magic when they fall under attack from any of the numerous and ghastly creatures that inhabit the Badlands. Discord tells them that ghastly creatures are his bread and butter, off handedly turning nearby rocks into bread and butter. Luna points out that is just the sort of behavior that will get them all discovered and put their friends in even greater peril. Thorax considers traveling on alone—he could probably at least save Spike. As they all continue bickering, Starlight tries to tell them that they all need to work together if they want to save their friends. Finally, Trixie screams at them to be quiet so Starlight can cast her spell. She does and when she is done, all of their magic takes on the same GREEN GLOW as Thorax's. Satisfied, they head into the Badlands.

SC. 7 - EXT. NATURAL LABYRINTH – LATER

As they travel, the canyon they are following opens onto a labyrinth-like series of rock formations. The long shadows cast by the columns of rough stone and the sound of the wind whipping around them give them all pause, but Thorax insists that this is the only way. Discord agrees to continue, but says he's keeping an eye on Thorax.

Luna maintains that she's keeping an eye on Discord. Trixie tells them to instead keep their eyes peeled for danger. As a traveling performer, Trixie has acquired quite the collection of legends and she shares what she knows of The Badlands: Poison lizards that blend in with the rocks, roving packs of Blink Dogs that can teleport and attack without warning, and the most fearsome of all—the Displacer Beast. As she starts to describe the creature as a massive black mountain lion, Discord finishes explaining that it also has six legs and two huge spiked tentacles. When Trixie asks how he knows that, Discord points to the giant DISPLACER BEAST crouched on the rock formation above them. "Just a lucky guess." In the ensuing battle, it becomes clear that despite the power and talent of their group, they are a far cry from a cohesive team: Discord turns the ground into squeaky toys and they all stumble; Luna blasts at the beast but misses, causing a rock slide; Thorax tries to confuse the Beast by changing into one himself, but the creature isn't fooled. Starlight and Trixie barely manage to scramble away, ducking just as the creature lunges for them and luckily goes sailing over the side of a steep cliff. The whole group looks over the edge to see the Beast run off far below and realize as powerful as they are, they might not be up to the task in front of them.

SC. 8 - EXT. ROCKY PLATEAU – DUSK

As the sun sets, the group stops to camp for the night. Discord conjures up a campfire, marshmallows, and an easy chair. Luna disparages him for his constant use of magic and inability to control himself. Discord counters that it's always been his most endearing quality and unlike Luna, he at least has one. Trixie tells them to quit arguing and Thorax wonders exactly why Trixie is even there, since she doesn't have much to offer. Trixie counters that she's along to support her friend – who, by the way didn't get kidnapped by changelings like Thorax's friend Spike. As they all start to go at each other, Starlight reminds them why they're there. She tells Trixie that she appreciates her support. She tells Thorax that he's the key to them making any kind of rescue at all. She credits Luna with discovering the Changeling plot to begin with and compliments Discord for being so committed to Fluttershy that he's willing to try to save her even if he can't just snap his claws to do it. Calmed by Starlight's speech, the group settles in for the night.

SC. 9 - EXT. ROCKY PLATEAU – LATER

As the sun streaks across the horizon, Starlight wakes up. She yawns and stretches and looks out at the completely empty campsite. The others are all gone!

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 10 - EXT. ROCKY PLATEAU – RESUME

Starlight looks out at the vast emptiness. There's not another soul for miles. She starts to freak and shouts out, but the only sound that comes back is her own echo. She gallops toward the edge of the bluff and looks out at only more emptiness. Suddenly the ground beneath her gives way and she tumbles down the side of the plateau. Starlight lands and dusts herself off to find that she is back in her Village of Equality. She runs through the main street, but here too she is alone. She turns and finds herself in Ponyville, but again there are no inhabitants. In a blind panic she rushes toward Twilight's Castle and inside, but every room is empty. There is nopony else. Anywhere. She stands and looks at her own reflection in a mirror – totally alone. After a beat her reflection turns into Luna and Starlight realizes that she is dreaming. Luna asks her why she is so afraid of being alone. Starlight admits that she didn't know she was. She knew the time had come to stand on her own, that's why she decided to move out of Twilight's Castle, but being alone is terrifying and the task before them isn't even possible by herself. Luna explains to her that standing on your own doesn't mean not needing others. It means doing your part. Starlight asks what her part is and Luna admits that's something Starlight will have to discover for herself.

SC. 11 - EXT. ROCKY PLATEAU – CONTINUOUS

Starlight wakes up to find the rest of the group arguing once again. Discord, in a chef's hat, has made himself an omelet, but is complaining that Thorax's magic makes it taste funny. Thorax tells him he's lucky to have his magic

as cover since he's apparently incapable of doing anything without conjuring stuff up. Trixie complains that none of them are actually ready to get going. When the subject of what to do next comes up, none of them can decide since none of them are willing to listen to each other. As they continue to argue Luna looks to Starlight and suggests that it might be time for her to do her part. Starlight hesitantly asks if they would be willing to listen to her. Discord admits he certainly can't imagine listening to anypony else in the group. Thorax and Trixie agree, given how successful she was at defusing all the angst the night before, maybe having Starlight take the lead is the best option.

SC. 12 – EXT. RAVINES – LATER

As they continue on their journey, Starlight has Discord and Luna flying above, to keep a lookout for any potential threats. In the ravine below she and Trixie listen as Thorax explains more about the Changeling Kingdom. It exists in a network of interconnected underground caverns that allow every changeling to sense what's happening within them. He describes it like a spider's web. The slightest change in magical vibrations reverberates throughout the entire Kingdom. Even with Starlight's spell disguising their energy, once inside it will be even more important to stay close. He goes on to describe that changelings feed off of the love of others not merely to survive, but to be what they are. They are able to convert feelings of love into magical energy that sustains them and allows them to transform. Without the energy it is generally believed that they would vanish out of existence. Trixie says that explains why they're not too keen on sharing it. As Starlight wonders what it would be like to blink out of existence, a feral looking dog appears in front of her and Trixie exclaims that it's the opposite of that. Trixie then shouts that they are under attack from a pack of BLINK DOGS.

Several more growling dogs appear around them as Luna and Discord swoop in. They all look to Starlight who immediately tells Discord and Luna to keep the pack at bay while she figures out what to do. Discord and Luna share a look. As the dogs start diving at them, Discord makes a collection of sofa cushions appear. Luna blasts them with her horn, sending the cushions careening into each dog's mouth. Meanwhile Starlight asks Trixie what she knows about the Blink Dogs. Trixie explains that now that they have their scent, the teleporting animals will track them forever. The only thing that the ferocious animals are afraid of is their natural enemy, the Displacer Beast, and they are fresh out of those. Starlight, "Or are we?" She looks to Thorax who immediately transforms into the giant cat-like creature once again. The Blinks Dogs take one look at the monster and run off.

SC. 13 - EXT. EDGE OF THE BADLANDS – DAY

On the other side of the ravine the canyon opens up onto what looks like an endless desert plain. The group look out, but as far as any of them can see it's just cracked flat earth extending to the horizon. Discord looks to Thorax, sarcastically thanking him for leading them to nowhere. Thorax maintains that, in fact, they have arrived at the entrance to the Changeling Kingdom. Discord, "Oh, well then. I'll just walk right in—" Discord is cut off as he walks into an invisible barrier. With a blast of GREEN magic, Thorax reveals that they are standing in front of a massive cliff face extending as far up and as far across as any of them can see (think: The Wall from Game of Thrones). As they take in the sheer vastness of it Thorax walks up and touches his horn to the rock wall. A GREEN GLOW spreads up and around revealing an arched doorway carved into the rock (think: the entrance to the Mines of Moria from LOTR). Thorax steps back as the giant rock doors glow but... nothing happens. Trixie, "Aren't they supposed to open?" Thorax, "I don't know what's wrong." Slowly they all turn to Starlight. Now what?

END OF PART ONE

PART TWO

TEASER

Re-cap of Part One.

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE**SC. 1 - EXT. CLIFF FACE – DAY**

They all stare up at the vast impenetrable barrier. Thorax doesn't know what's wrong. The doors should open at a changeling's touch. Luna wonders if Chrysalis knows about Thorax's defection and has basically changed the locks. Discord tells them this is what they get for trusting a changeling—and an outcast changeling to boot. Soon the group devolves into bickering once more. Not knowing what to do or how else to stop their fighting, Starlight offers the first idea that pops into her head. If the way has been shut to Thorax, why doesn't he just change into a different changeling? They all stare at her. Discord, "For a leader you have some pretty dumb ideas." Even Trixie has a hard time believe that would work. Luna reminds them that they have nothing to lose by trying. Thorax agrees. They all wait for him to change until he tells them he already did. Trixie, "How can you tell?" (i.e., he looks exactly the same). Thorax's horn glows and he touches the doors again. To all of their surprise, the giant doors swing wide revealing a set of stone steps that descend into darkness. Discord, "The fact that your idea worked doesn't make it not dumb."

SC. 2 - INT. CHANGELING CATACOMBS – CONTINUOUS

Thorax lights the way with his glowing green horn as they traverse a maze of tunnels. Every so often the path splits into two identical passageways and Thorax instinctually picks one. The changeling leads them in this way for a while, seeming to make progress. Even Discord is forced to admit that bringing the changeling along appears to have been worthwhile. Unfortunately, after the next turn, Thorax leads them to... a dead end. The changeling stares at the blank wall, confused. He runs off, disappearing for a moment, then rushes back to the group. He checked the last turn and was sure he chose correctly. Every changeling knows the way into the Kingdom by heart. Discord comments that he knows at least one changeling who doesn't. Trixie tells them she knows her way around a maze and offers to give it a whirl. Without much to lose, they all agree. Trixie explains that navigation an labyrinth is easy, you just keep making right turns until eventually, by process of elimination, you find... "The same dead end?" Discord asks. And indeed, the group is back in the same spot. Discord offers that in an enchanted maze, making random choices is more helpful than Trixie's systematic approach, but after a few turns, he too leads them back to the same dead end. Luna suggests that they find their way back to the beginning and start over, but it's clear at this point they're too lost to even do that.

Starlight asks Thorax if he can think of any reason why he wasn't able to find the right path. He admits the only explanation would be that after his defection was discovered, Chrysalis used her magic to reconfigure the passageways. At this point, he's just as lost as they are and just as unhelpful. Starlight reasons that might not be the case. If the passageways were changed specifically to thwart Thorax, maybe the way through is as simple as picking the direction that Thorax wouldn't. Again, the whole group thinks Starlight's idea is way too simple to work, but with no other option, they give it a try. At each junction Thorax points out the way he would go and the group takes the opposite path. Convinced they're headed right back to the dead end, Discord asks what their plan will be when they get there, but on the next turn the passage opens onto...

SC. 3 - INT. CHANGELING KINGDOM – GREAT HALL – CONTINUOUS

The group looks out at a massive cavern. Stalactites and stalagmites line either side like columns and in the center is a raised DAIS to which all of their friends are chained. A group of changeling GUARDS stand watch over the prisoners and as Starlight and the others make their way closer, they see the captives are held in place with manacles made of the same rock that lines the caves (the rock covers the unicorn's horns as well). As the group tires to figure out what to do, CHRYSALIS descends from a wide staircase and walks up to her prisoners. Her horn GLOWS as she stares down at them. A weakened Twilight looks up at he and tells the Queen that she won't get away with kidnapping them. Somepony will come for them. Chrysalis insists that she already has gotten away with it and nopony is coming because nopony even knows they're gone. With that, Chrysalis BLASTS the prisoners with a BOLT of changeling magic. Energy flows from each of them down into the dais they are chained to, across the floor

and up and into the Changeling Queen, her horn glowing even more brightly. As the evil Queen laughs our heroes all turn to Starlight. Now what?

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 4 - INT. CHANGELING KINGDOM – GREAT HALL – RESUME

Starlight works out a plan for the rescue. She tells Thorax and Trixie to put on a show to distract the guards. Discord needs to keep Chrysalis busy while she and Luna free their friends. Once Celestia, Cadance and the Mane Six are free, they'll have more than enough power to defeat Chrysalis and whatever changeling counterattack she can mount. As Thorax transforms into an Ursa Minor, Trixie revamps her show from her first appearance. The spectacle successfully engages the attention of the changeling guards who leave their posts at the same moment that Discord appears directly in front of Chrysalis. Discord teleports around the frustrated Changeling Queen, evading her blasts of energy, while reappearing in a different outfit every time while Starlight and Luna manage to break the rock manacles imprisoning their friends.

Once Twilight is free, she takes over (much to Starlight's relief) and tells all of them to focus their energy on the raised dais. As they all blast the structure it cracks apart and in a FLASH a massive burst of magical energy escapes and floats away. Chrysalis stares in horror, her energy depleted, just as Discord incapacitates her with a boxing glove jack in the box. Twilight tells them they need to make their way out of the Changeling Kingdom before the Queen regains consciousness. If she wakes she could change the configuration of the passageways and trap them forever. With that, they all rush out.

SC. 5 – INT. CHANGELING CATACOMBS – CONTINUOUS

As they race back through the catacombs, Thorax, Starlight and Twilight take the lead while we focus on Trixie trying to talk to the rest of the Mane Six. They ignore her and keep running, their eyes glowing. Discord tells Fluttershy how glad he is that she's all right. She looks at him, her eyes glowing, and tells him she knows. Luna tells Celestia she's never expected she'd be the sister doing the saving. Celestia turns to her with glowing eyes and admits she didn't either. Starlight confides in Twilight about just how much of an ordeal the whole rescue has been. She describes how difficult it's been getting this collection of ponies and Discords working together and still can't figure out how she became the de facto leader of the group. If there's one thing she never expected to be again, it's a leader. The last time she served in that capacity she took her village down the wrong path, even though she thought what she was doing was for their benefit. She certainly wouldn't have volunteered for the job, but somehow she managed to make it work this time. Still, she's glad Twilight is back in charge. Twilight tells her she's proud of her... and impressed. They make another turn and find they are back at the...

SC. 6 - INT. CHANGELING KINGDOM – GREAT HALL – CONTINUOUS

Starlight is confused. She's certain they were headed back the way they came. How could they have ended up back where they started? Trixie runs up behind them, but none of the others are with her. Starlight looks around and realizes that other than Trixie, Twilight, and the unconscious Chrysalis, they are alone. Twilight turns to Starlight and tells her she meant it when she said she was impressed—impressed that Starlight still hasn't figured out what's going on. Starlight looks over as the unconscious "Chrysalis" transforms into an ordinary changeling. Suddenly, Celestia, Cadance, and the rest of the M6 emerge from the shadows and also transform into changelings. Starlight turns to "Twilight" to see her transform into the real CHRYSALIS. Chrysalis laughs as Starlight and Trixie look around in horror to see they are surrounded by a massive changeling horde extending off into the darkness.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 7 - INT. CHANGELING KINGDOM – GREAT HALL – RESUME

As Chrysalis gloats, Thorax emerges from the darkness. Starlight asks why he didn't know they were rescuing changelings or why he didn't say anything if he did. Chrysalis laughs and tells her that isn't Thorax. It's a totally different changeling. Trixie, "Seriously, how can you tell?" Chrysalis reveals a manacled Thorax and tells them she grabbed the traitor and switched him for one of her minions back in the catacombs. Starlight demands to know what's happened to her friends. Chrysalis laughs and reveals the M6, Cadance, Celestia—and now Luna and Discord—in cocoon-like pods set into the rock walls. They're basically in stasis, as magical energy is drained out of them and into Chrysalis. She confesses that capturing only the most powerful creatures in Equestria was much more effective than a full scale invasion. Chrysalis reveals that she knew Starlight and her little group were coming the moment Thorax tried to open the gates. Did they really think having him change into a different changeling was going to work? Trixie, "Told you." Chrysalis let them in and drew them to her to see if they were an actual threat. Turns out they're not.

Chrysalis blasts the cocoons with GREEN MAGIC from her horn and more energy flows from them into her—her horn glows even brighter. Starlight asks why she's using all the energy to make herself more powerful. Doesn't she need it to feed her people? Don't changelings need the magic of love to survive? Chrysalis can't believe Starlight, of all ponies, is trying to give her lessons in leadership. She ended up in charge of her "rescue mission" and look how that turned out. It sounds like she was a better leader before meeting Twilight and her friends. Starlight tells her the one thing she's learned about leadership since then is it's easy to convince yourself that ruling over others with an iron fist is for their benefit, but it never is. It only serves your own needs and a true leader should serve the needs of others and inspire them to do the same.

Chrysalis counters that being powerful is how she serves her people. She sees that her people have enough energy to survive, but it's not like she's going to give them more than that. Giving isn't the exactly the Changeling way. The real Thorax calls to her from his manacles that it can be. Living among the ponies, he's started to think that sharing the love inside you isn't as dangerous as Chrysalis has always lead her people to believe. Maybe there's value in giving love instead of taking it. Chrysalis, "Then you won't mind me talking yours!" With that, she hits him with a bolt from her horn. Thorax blasts back, but he's obviously outmatched. Before her energy overtakes him, he tells her that she doesn't have to take the love inside him, because he's giving it to her. With that, his entire body glows and the energy flows out of him and into Chrysalis through the bolt of energy connecting them. As the energy leaves his body, Thorax basically turns to stone. Chrysalis laughs, "So much for giving away love not being dangerous."

Chrysalis turns her attention back Starlight and Trixie. She tells her it looks like inspiring those you lead isn't such a hot idea either. As she powers up her horn, Starlight turns to Trixie and apologizes for getting her into this. Trixie responds that if this is the price she has to pay for having a real friend, it's worth it. As they prepare for the inevitable, the stone statue that was Thorax starts to break apart. BLASTS of REDDISH LIGHT pour through the cracks until the entire thing EXPLODES in a FLASH of bright RED LIGHT (or something in the neighborhood of red—because it's the opposite of green, get it?).

When the blast clears we see Thorax, but he's been transformed. If changelings are moths, whatever Thorax is now is a butterfly (but a butterfly by way of badassery). Chrysalis immediately BLASTS him, but the more energy she throws at him the brighter he glows. Thorax explains that giving his love away only made him more powerful and for the first time in his life he isn't hungry. In fact, the more love he shares the better he feels. With that, a surge of red energy flows from him to Chrysalis knocking her back. Starlight jumps up and tells the horde of changelings that they've seen for themselves what sharing love can do. She asks them if they want to go on taking love and starving or if they want to start sharing it and never go hungry again. To Chrysalis' horror, one by one the changelings all start to share energy with each other, going through the same (though truncated) transformation as Thorax. As they do the Changeling Kingdom itself transforms, going from a dark, and gloomy to bright, and polished.

As this transformation takes place, the cocoons holding all their friends burst, freeing everyone. They all turn and face Chrysalis who stares out at everything in shock. Starlight tells her it's not too late. Thorax floats down beside Starlight and tells his queen that she no longer has to provide for her people. She too can transform. He changes into

a copy of her, then an example of what she might look like in badass butterfly form, then back to his new self (i.e., basically establishing that transformed Changelings are still shape shifters). Starlight tells Chrysalis that all she has to do is share the love that's inside her. Chrysalis rises up and asks why she would ever do that. Starlight and Thorax just took everything from her. They took her entire Kingdom. She'll never forget what they've done and one day she will have her revenge. With that, she unleashes a GREEN BLAST and when it clears she's gone. Thorax is disappointed. Now he and his people have no leader. Starlight looks to the horde of transformed changelings all looking to him and tells him that she doesn't think that's so.

SC. 8 - INT. PONYVILLE – STARLIGHT'S COTTAGE – DAY

Trixie and Starlight walk toward Starlight's new cottage carrying the last of her things. They open the door and everpony yells surprise! Starlight asks how it's a surprise. It's her moving day and they all said they would help. Pinkie jumps up and tells her the surprise part is the party. It's a surprise party. Along with the Main Six, Discord, Luna, and Celestia are there, as are Cadance, Shining Armor, and the baby. Twilight thanks her team of rescuers—even Trixie—and remarks on how each of them have had their struggles with friendship in the past, but when it really counted, they all proved to be better friends than they'd ever been before. Trixie points out what a great leader Starlight was and as they celebrate the qualities of good leadership in song we...

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