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**TEASER****SC. 1 - EXT. PONYVILLE – MORNING**

Morning in Ponyville and Starlight is running errands in town. Everything is awesome. She is feeling great about her progress with Twilight and how her life has really turned around. Things couldn't be better. Spike rushes up to tell her she's got mail! Starlight wonders who would have sent her a letter at the castle. Turns out it's an invitation from the villagers back in her old village! They're having a festival and would like her to attend! Spike thinks that's is really nice of them and asks if Starlight is excited, but from Starlight's expression it's clear she isn't... at all.

**END TEASER****MAIN TITLES****ACT ONE****SC. 2 – EXT. STARLIGHT'S VILLAGE – DAY**

Starlight arrives at her old village. She takes a deep breath and heads towards the center of town. The villagers all walk out of their buildings and stare at her. She nervously says hello and one of them steps forward and says that she's surprised Starlight accepted their invitation. They didn't really think she would come. Starlight says that she's learned a lot while she's been gone and was glad for the chance to come back and show them. But the ponies all look at each other and say they don't know that they can ever REALLY accept her as a friend of theirs. Their cutie marks all start turning back into equal signs. They all tell her to stop! Starlight says she isn't doing it. Things keep getting weirder and weirder.

Starlight turns to run away... and right into Princess Luna! She asks what Luna is doing there and Luna reveals they are in Starlight's dream. She says no one understands being afraid of the pony that you once were more than she does, but you can't let that fear rule you. Starlight asks how Luna got past it. Luna smiles and says that she talked to some ponies who know a lot about friendship... some ponies that Starlight knows very well. She suggests that Starlight share her concerns with them and see what they have to say about it.

**SC. 3 - INT. STARLIGHT'S BEDROOM**

Starlight wakes up.

**SC. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE – LATER**

Starlight explains the invitation and the dream she had. She asks the Mane 6 what they think she should do. They've been to the village, they've met the ponies, do THEY think she should go back? All of the ponies offer positive advice. Applejack says to just go be honest with them, she really HAS changed and they will recognize that. Fluttershy says she thinks the town really is delightful and Starlight should definitely go back for a visit. Rarity offers to make her a traveling outfit, to "build her confidence from the outside in." Rainbow Dash says she's pretty awesome and Pinkie Pie insists that missing a party for ANY reason is about the worst thing a pony could do. Twilight says that she knows Starlight is nervous and that maybe she just needs some moral support. She could take a friend, somepony who has been there for her, somepony who gets who she is and what she is about, a pony that has been a good sounding board all of this time...

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

Starlight and Trixie are throwing their bags on Trixie's cart! Starlight is thrilled that Trixie was available. As one of her close friends she will be the perfect moral support. As they wave good-bye and head out of Ponyville, Twilight says she's glad Starlight has a friend, but admits she was talking about herself (womp womp).

**SC. 6 - EXT. STARLIGHT'S VILLAGE – LATER**

Starlight and Trixie arrive at Starlight's old village. In contrast to the dream, the ponies are actually glad to see her! They really have forgiven her for her past deeds. Starlight is thrilled and things seem to be going great... until the ponies start asking Starlight's opinion on things. It starts small, "do you think these banners should go here or here?" Then it's "Which muffins should we bake more of?" Eventually leading up to bigger things, "What should the prize be for the most festive cottage decorations? Do you want to judge the competition? What should we do for NEXT year's festival?" Starlight refuses to offer her opinion. She doesn't want to be in charge, she doesn't want to tell them what to do! Starlight starts to panic!

**END ACT ONE****ACT TWO****SC. 7 - EXT. STARLIGHT'S VILLAGE – CONTINUOUS**

Trixie realizes that Starlight isn't having fun anymore and asks if she wants to leave. Starlight nods her head yes. Trixie makes a grand announcement about someplace they need to be and drops her smoke bombs. In a flash, they are both gone (well mostly, we see them running out of town together). The townponies all watch them go, wondering what that was all about.

**SC. 8 - EXT. FOREST ROAD – LATER**

Back at the wagon, Trixie asks Starlight what happened. Starlight reveals that while she feels ready to be friends with the townponies, she felt uncomfortable telling them what to do, even the simple little stuff. When she was the leader of the town, she did such terrible things. She's afraid if she were to take charge again, it would possibly lead her down a path where she would go back to her old ways. She's better off just hanging out in the background. Trixie doesn't necessarily agree but offers up that this sounds like friendship stuff so she should talk to (big roll of the eyes from Trixie) Princess Twilight.

**SC. 9 - EXT. PONYVILLE – LATER**

Trixie and Starlight arrive back in Ponyville. They run into Pinkie Pie who is acting very out of sorts (not bouncy at all). Starlight says Pinkie is probably wondering why she is back so early. Pinkie asks where she went. Starlight explains that she went to the party in the village... that she already told Pinkie about. Pinkie shrugs and says she must have forgotten. Trixie and Starlight run into the other Mane 6 as well. Each of them reacts similarly, somewhere between confusion and downright rudeness. Starlight looks at Trixie who shrugs – they're STARLIGHT'S friends, not hers. They head to the castle.

**SC. 10 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER**

Starlight tells Twilight and Spike what happened. It seems like Twilight and Spike are listening and responding in normal, Twilight and Spike-type ways. But when Starlight finishes the story Twilight says it sounds like Starlight really screwed up. Spike adds that Starlight should probably NEVER go back to that village, they'll think she is even MORE messed up after the stunt she pulled. Starlight is hurt. She doesn't know how to respond so excuses herself.

**SC. 11 – EXT. STARLIGHT'S VILLAGE**

Starlight is back in her village, but nopony else is there. She looks around, calls out for anypony but...nothing. Something about the town is odd enough that Starlight realizes she is in a dream again. She calls out to Princess Luna. She hears Luna whisper from further into the village. She runs after the voice. She turns a corner and things start to morph into scarier shapes... the cottages turn into misshapen rocks and twisted trees. Luna bursts into the dream looking disheveled and distressed. She says she doesn't have much time! She and Princess Celestia have been

abducted, she isn't sure who else has been taken. The Changelings are back! Starlight asks what she should do! Luna begins to speak but is suddenly cut off. She disappears and the dream falls apart behind her.

#### **SC. 12 - INT. STARLIGHT'S BEDROOM**

Starlight wakes up in a cold sweat! THE CHANGELINGS ARE BACK!

#### **END ACT TWO**

#### **ACT THREE**

#### **SC. 13 - EXT. TRIxie'S CART**

Starlight wakes up in a cold sweat! THE CHANGELINGS ARE BACK! Starlight sneaks out of the castle to Trixie's cart to wake her up. She quietly tells her that she thinks she knows why Twilight and the others have been acting so weird. Trixie says that's great but did she really need to wake her up in the middle of the night to give her that information? Starlight says she's not sure who else she can trust. Trixie asks what she is talking about. Starlight says to follow her and they head back into the castle.

#### **SC. 14 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE**

Trixie and Starlight sneak down a hallway. They can hear the Mane 6 all talking in the throne room. Trixie (who is still waking up) asks if ANYpony in this town actually SLEEPS. Starlight shushes her and they both peer around the corner.

The Mane 6 and Spike are all laughing and gloating. Spike messes with the map (like one would with an old TV, trying to get reception). A strange glow emanates from the center, forming a swirling cloud. QUEEN CHRYSALIS APPEARS!!! Spike and the ponies all turn into Changelings and say that things went just as planned. The Mane 6 and the little dragon were captured and they've all assumed their identities without anypony being the wiser. Chrysalis is pleased. The Changelings have learned from past mistakes. They didn't plan on Twilight knowing Princess Cadance well enough to recognize she was an imposter back during the Canterlot Wedding. THIS time they've taken all of the major players out of the game at the same time. NOpony will be able to stand in their way. They can rule all of Equestria and nopony will be the wiser.

Trixie slips, drawing the Changelings attention. Before they're discovered Starlight uses her magic to get them back outside the castle.

#### **SC. 15 - EXT. CASTLE – CONTINUOUS**

Outside Trixie and Starlight try to figure out what to do. They know the Mane 6 are Changelings as well as Celestia and Luna. Their best bet is to head to The Crystal Empire to get Cadance and Shining Armor's help.

A Changeling steps out of the bushes nearby and says that's not going to work. Trixie freaks out but Starlight calms her down. She recognizes THIS Changeling. It's Thorax. He's a good Changeling, from the Crystal Empire. Trixie asks how Starlight can tell. She points out his shimmering wings and a few other details that will help Trixie (and the audience) keep track of him.

Thorax explains that he discovered that Cadance, Shining Armor and Flurry Heart were taken as well. He was coming to Ponyville to get Spike and the others to help. Starlight realizes that there is no help coming. Starlight is no slouch when it comes to magic, and Thorax knows the area. Together they can probably get into the Changeling kingdom and find their friends. Trixie says she's coming too. Starlight points out that this is dangerous. "You needed moral support from a friend to go to a festival in your old village, you're DEFINITELY going to need me to get through this. I'm coming." Starlight says she's happy to have such a good friend by her side. But even with the three of them the odds are rough. The Changelings have taken all the most powerful magic users (i.e: the alicorns) off the table. They could really use a heavy hitter when it came to magic, an ace in the hole. "Did someone say

magical heavy hitter? How can I be of service? What is the Equestria-shattering emergency THIS season?” They all turn to see Discord floating innocently behind them, knitting a sweater. Starlight brightens, Discord has chaos magic, he can do anything. Discord shrugs off the compliment saying he can’t do ANYthing, just... MOST things. He asks what’s going on. Starlight explains that the Princesses and the Mane 6 have been captured and replaced with Changelings. This gets Discord’s undivided attention. “The Changelings took Fluttershy? Why didn’t you say that to begin with?” For the first time EVER we see Discord with NO sense of humor. His friend is in danger there’s no time to lose. Starlight starts to say they need a plan but only gets as far as “We need...” before Discord snaps his fingers sending them to—

## **SC. 16 - EXT. BORDER OF THE CHANGELING KINGDOM**

The four of them are all magically dressed for a quest with all the supplies you could think of. They all turn to look as we reveal the creepy as hell entrance to the Changeling Kingdom, and the ever changing landscape beyond that seems to twist in and around itself. “—a plan. We REALLY need a plan.” Finishes Starlight as we....

### **END OF PART ONE**

## **PART TWO**

### **TEASER**

Re-cap of Part One.

### **END TEASER**

### **MAIN TITLES**

## **ACT ONE**

### **SC. 1 - EXT. BORDER OF CHANGELING KINGDOM**

Discord is gung-ho to head in guns blazing and rescue their friends but Starlight says they should take a minute and formulate a solid plan. Trixie backs her friend up. Discord asks why she’s even there, how are silly illusions supposed to help them? Thorax tries to speak up but Discord cuts him off. They don’t NEED illusions OR a plan. He has all the powers of chaos magic on his side, what can an army of mighty morphin swiss cheese ponies do against that? Thorax tries to interject but Starlight interrupts saying that shape shifting is tricky business and she has some spells that she thinks will help she just needs a few minutes to get everything set up. Discord says Fluttershy might not HAVE a few minutes. Before Starlight can stop him, Discord snaps his fingers and a giant pig with wings appears. Discord leaps on it and yells “I’m coming Fluttershy!” the pig takes off, goes across the border... and disappears. Discord falls to the ground. He stands, dusts himself off and walks back to their side of the border. He snaps his fingers and a smaller pig appears. He sends it across the border and it disappears. He snaps his fingers several times creating a bunch of things and they all disappear when they cross the border. He looks at the Starlight and Trixie confused. Thorax steps forward. “That’s what I was trying to tell you guys!” Thorax says. “Chrysalis’ throne is made of an ancient stone that soaks up magical energy the same way we soak up love. Her throne would have to be destroyed for any magic in the Changeling Kingdom to work.”

Starlight and Trixie both step across the border with their horns lit up. As soon as they cross, their horns dim. Thorax is right. NONE of their magic is going to help them.

Starlight says that it’s even MORE important now that they come up with a plan. Without magic their chances of survival, let alone rescue just got very, very slim. IF they can get to the throne and destroy it then they can use their magic to free their friends and escape. To get there, Thorax is their best bet. He can think like a Changeling (being that he IS one). He can guide them to the castle. They are just going to have to be very cautious and very smart.

Discord says that's fine. Even with NO magic he's the most cautious and smart draconequis he knows. He marches past them... and promptly trips and falls on his face. He stands and dusts himself off. Walking is new for him. He's used to floating.

## **SC. 2 - EXT. CHANGELING KINGDOM – LATER**

As the rescue team travels through the Changeling landscape things keep, well... changing. The entire land is constantly shifting, making it impossible to keep track of where they are going. To make matters worse, Thorax's confidence as navigator starts to waver as his decisions on which path to take grow less and less sure. All the while, Discord pouts. His lack of magic is more challenging than he thought it would be. Trixie is kind of freaking out. She was counting on having some magical friends at her side. THIS is a whole other situation. Meanwhile Starlight isn't sure WHAT to do. She was counting on the combined power of hers and Discord's magic and she's wracking her brain trying to come up with a plan B. Things are completely messed up, which to Starlight proves that she really isn't any kind of leader. At that moment Thorax stops at the next fork in their path. He turns to the rest and admits they are hopelessly lost.

Trixie starts to lose it. Not only do they not have any magic, but they don't have any idea where they are going either! Starlight asks Thorax why he's having so much trouble. He reveals that all Changelings have an innate sense of the land and each other—kind of like a psychic link with the hive. But since he left, something's changed. He can't sense it anymore. He feels cut off from the others, which makes traversing the Changing landscape challenging. It's almost like he's not a Changeling anymore. Trixie asks if he still has to do that gross “feeding off of love” thing. This gives Thorax pause. He realizes that he hasn't been hungry since he met Spike. Changelings are ALWAYS hungry, they never get enough love. But ever since he made friends with the ponies of The Crystal Empire he kind of... forgot about it. This piques Starlight's curiosity. Thorax says he stopped being hungry about the same time his wings started to shimmer like this, he flaps his wings, again showing how they're different from the typical Changeling. Discord says he is all for discussing Changeling feeding habits but being in the middle of enemy territory may not be the most opportune time. They are powerless, they have no idea which way to go and THEIR FRIENDS NEED THEM! Trixie tells him to be quiet! They don't want to get caught. Discord says there's no one around to hear them. But a buzzing makes them stop. What is that? Thorax says he knows that sound, it's a Changeling patrol... and it's headed right for them!

## **END ACT ONE**

## **ACT TWO**

## **SC. 3 - EXT. CHANGELING KINGDOM – CONTINUOUS**

No one knows what to do! The changeling patrol is right on top of them! Trixie starts to panic. Starlight rushes to her friend's side and gets her to calm down. They are going to be fine. “How!” Trixie asks, “You can't use magic and it's not like my silly illusions are going to save us!” Starlight brightens. That is EXACTLY what is going to save them! Starlight asks Trixie how her smoke pellets work. She explains that they explode as soon as they hit the ground. Discord complains that he can't have any fun without his magic. Starlight asks him how his throwing arm is. He asks how throwing a smoke pellet is going to save them. Starlight grins and says to just do what she says...

Moments later the Changeling patrol shows up. Trixie is standing there all alone and looks up in terror. She throws down a smoke pellet and disappears! Further down the canyon, another smoke pellet explodes and Trixie is standing there! She laughs and says they'll never catch her. They start to fly towards her, but she throws another smoke pellet and disappears again! Suddenly smoke pellets start exploding everywhere! (we see Starlight and Discord throwing them but the Changelings don't). The explosions lead back down the canyon. The Changelings scatter and rush off towards the explosions.

Once they are gone Trixie sneaks out from behind a rock. Another Trixie trots out from behind another rock and transforms into Thorax. Starlight and Discord come jogging down the canyon. Discord admits that that was a pretty solid plan, but they still don't know where the castle is since Throax has lost his special bond with the hive. Starlight

says she thinks she knows where to go. They ask how and she points up. In the distance they see several swarms of Changelings all flying in the same direction. Thorax says that when there's a threat, the swarm all head to the hive to protect the queen. Starlight thanks Celestia that they FINALLY got a break. SOMETHING went their way. Trixie points out that following swarms of creepy Changelings to the middle of the hive where there are more creepy Changelings doesn't count as "a break."

#### **SC. 4 - INT. CHRYSALIS' CASTLE ENTRYWAY**

The inside of the castle/hive is swarming with Changelings. There's no way they are going to be able to get ANYWHERE. Starlight says they are going to need some kind of distraction. Discord says AGAIN that it's a shame he doesn't have his magic. He's the most distracting thing he can think of. Trixie says Discord is so annoying that he's distracting even without his magic. Starlight turns to both of them and grins.

A "YOO HOO" gets the Changelings' attention. Discord rushes out holding Trixie's bag of tricks and starts being Discord. He throws smoke pellets, has a wand turn into a bouquet of flowers, pulls a stuffed rabbit out of a hat (you get the idea). The Changeling's are momentarily stunned. This is SUPER strange. Discord takes off down a hall. The Changelings all recover and chase after him. The hall is cleared and the others can proceed down the opposite hallway. None of them notice the shadowy form of more changelings behind them. The changelings grin at each other and skitter along the walls of the hall after them.

#### **SC. 5 - INT. CHANGELING CASTLE HALLWAY – CONTINUOUS**

Changeling's rush down a hallway. Once they are all gone, Discord peeks out from behind a column. He's lost his pursuers! He starts walking back to meet the others when he hears a familiar voice whimpering. He turns around and Fluttershy is sitting there looking scared. She asks Discord to help her. He rolls his eyes and says you can't trick a trickster, he knows a Changeling when he sees one. Fluttershy starts to cry harder. Discord says that's not gonna work when he KNOWS that it's not really Fluttershy. Suddenly he hears a bunch of voices behind him. He turns and sees multiple Fluttershys. They all look terrified. The first Fluttershy grins at him and asks if he is SURE that ALL of them aren't Fluttershy? Maybe the real one is here with the others? Maybe she really does need his help. Is he absolutely positive? Discord looks around nervously as the Fluttershys all stalk toward him.

#### **SC. 6 –INT. CHANGLEING CASTLE CORRIDOR – CONTINUOUS**

Trixie, Starlight and Thorax are hiding. Starlight says Discord should catch up with them momentarily. Trixie asks what they are going to do if he doesn't show up? What if he was caught. Suddenly Discord rushes around the corner and finds them. "Sorry! These legs just aren't meant for running! But I'm here! What's the plan?" Starlight says they should just keep heading deeper into the castle. They're sure to find the throne room eventually. Discord says he overheard the Changelings that were chasing him and he thinks he knows where the throne room is. They should follow him! They continue down the hall, Discord in the lead. Trixie walks closer to Starlight and Thorax and whispers that Discord is being a little too supportive. He's usually more of a jerk. Starlight nods her head. They all look knowingly at each other. Trixie whispers that Starlight and Thorax need to find the others. Together they will be able to figure out what to do. She's going to distract "Discord" so they can get away. Starlight argues that it's too dangerous. Trixie says she's great and she's powerful. She'll be fine. She tells Starlight to get ready to run. Trixie calls Discord's name and twirls her cape and disappears. "Discord" pauses looking for where she went. "Over here!" she calls. Discord turns back into a changeling and hisses as he turns to see her standing on a ledge. She throws down all the smoke pellets she has left causing the entire corridor to fill with smoke. "RUN!" she yells! In the silhouette of the smoke we see more changelings rushing in after all of them.

#### **SC. 7 - INT. CHRYSALIS THRONE ROOM**

As the smoke clears Starlight rushes into a giant cavern where a giant mound of obsidian sits. A wicked looking throne has been carved into the center of it, surrounded by imposing statues of Changelings. Starlight whispers Thorax's name but it looks like she is all alone. Well, ALMOST all alone. She looks up and sees The Mane 6, Spike, Celestia, Luna, Cadance, Shining Armor and Flurry Heart all in cocoons suspended from the ceiling. A little lower she sees Discord and Trixie similarly encased. Laughter draws her attention. "One little pony all by herself. Whatever am I going to do? How can my brood POSSIBLY stand in the way of this daring rescue?" Queen

Chrysalis walks calmly out of the shadows and sits on her throne as dozens of changelings enter from every possible entrance. Starlight is trapped!!

## END ACT TWO

## ACT THREE

### SC. 8 - INT. CHRYSALIS THRONE ROOM

Chrysalis sits regally on her throne as several changelings restrain Starlight. “Let’s see, you’re the student, yes? The one who has been studying with Princess Twilight? Interesting. We didn’t think you were important enough to merit replacing but I guess we underestimated you.” Starlight struggles to free herself, “You won’t get away with this!” Chrysalis laughs and says they HAVE gotten away with it. She’s all alone. There’s nothing she can do. Starlight says she’s not all alone. Thorax is still out there. Chrysalis hisses angrily. The other Changelings do the same. The Queen stands and walks over, peering down at Starlight. “Don’t mention that traitor to me. When we find him, his punishment will be severe. No Changelings abandon their hive.” Suddenly Starlight transforms into Thorax! “This one did!” With that, Chrysalis turns to see Starlight, standing on one of the statues surrounding the throne, ready to smash a large rock into it. Unfortunately, before she can bring the rock down, all the statues around the throne transform into Changeling Guards and subdue her.

Chrysalis laughs as the Changeling Guards drag Starlight over to Thorax, then return to their posts around the throne. She tells Starlight she would never leave her throne unguarded, without it powerful ponies might be able to use their magic against her—not that there are any powerful ponies left. Chrysalis laughs again as she gloats. Even with Starlight’s unexpected rescue attempt her plan went off perfectly. By replacing the most beloved figures in Equestria she conquered all of ponydom and never even had to leave her Kingdom. Now, even though she and the rest of her subjects hunger for love is insatiable, they will be able to feed off of the love meant for her victims until the end of time! The changelings all buzz excitedly. Distraught, Starlight turns to Thorax and has a sudden realization. She answers back to the Queen, telling her that she didn’t actually need to do any of this. She may be able to feed on the love meant for these ponies, but her hunger remains. She and her people will always be starving. Wouldn’t it be better to never feel hunger again?

The Changelings look around at each other, considering, but Chrysalis quickly shouts Starlight down. Changelings feed on love. That is what they are. There is no Changeling who is any different. Starlight points to Thorax. “Except for him!” Starlight explains that Thorax changed when he left the Changeling Kingdom and made a friend. She turns to the crowd of Changelings. “He isn’t hungry anymore! You don’t have to live your lives starving all the time! You don’t need to take love. You can share it!” The Changelings all pause, buzzing to each other as Starlight’s words sink in. Chrysalis rears up and slams her hooves down. “Lies!” she screams, “No Changeling is different than any other. This is who we are!” Starlight explains that Thorax isn’t only different, he’s better and the rest of the Changelings can be too. Chrysalis tells Starlight she doesn’t know anything about her people, her Kingdom, or what it takes to lead them. Being the same is what makes them Changelings, and as their Queen she’ll see to it that they stay that way. Starlight admits that she was a leader once too. She thought her subjects needed to be the same. She told them not to be themselves, to be equal, no one better than the other, but she was wrong. She looks at Chrysalis and tells her that she is wrong too. Thorax has found a better way and all of the Changelings can find it too. In a rage, Chrysalis says that all Thorax did was turn his back on his hive. With that she blasts him with her horn explaining that she will drain every last ounce of love from him. Once he’s turned to stone all the Changelings will see what being different gets you.

Thorax struggles against Chrysalis’ draining energy, but even as he tries the shimmer of his wings (that sets him apart from the other Changelings) starts to fade. He tells Starlight he doesn’t think he can hold onto his love much longer. Starlight’s eyes go wide with realization as she tells him he doesn’t have to. He should give Chrysalis all the love he has because sharing love is what made him different in the first place. Trusting Starlight’s words, Thorax releases all the love energy within him with one giant BLAST. Chrysalis falls back as the wave of energy flows over the entire cavern and when everything clears Thorax hovers above her transformed. The shimmering that once appeared in his wings now covers his entire body, no longer full of holes like the mothish Changelings, but complete

with large full colorful wings, like a butterfly. Chrysalis stares up him in shock as Starlight tells her that this is what the Changelings can be if they decide to share love instead of take it.

In that moment, a nearby pair of Changelings look to each other. After a beat they embrace and suddenly explode in another BLAST of energy—immediately transforming as Thorax did. Suddenly bursts of transforming energy start to happen all over the cavern as more and more Changelings share their love with each other. Chrysalis looks out at her rapidly disappearing Kingdom. “No!!!! Stop!!!!” But it’s too late as the wave of transformations continue and blast after blast of energy is released, shaking the ground until finally the mound of obsidian on which Chrysalis’ throne sits starts to crack. Finally, even the Guards around the throne transform as the entire thing shatters. Starlight’s horn glows as her magic returns and with a vortex-like BLAST she brings all of her friends safely to the ground and vanishes the cocoons around them. With all of the former prisoners behind her, Starlight steps toward Chrysalis. She tells her she can be different too. She can share her love and be a better leader to her people than ever before. Chrysalis’ eyes fill with rage as she screams, “Never!” and with a burst of magic she disappears. Freed her friends gather around Starlight. They are all disoriented. Twilight asks Starlight what happened. Starlight looks up at Thorax and says that what happened is that the Changelings have a new leader. And she doesn’t think they’re going to be a problem anymore. Discord rushes towards Fluttershy and grabs her in a eight armed hug. He looks around and suggests they all leave the changelings to figure out their newfound love powers. Besides, isn’t this the part when the heroes travel off into the sunset? He snaps his finger and the back of the throne room turns into a sunset. Celestia asks where they’re going but Starlight recognizes it. She looks at Discord questioningly and he shrugs. No biggie. They all go off together and---

#### **SC. 9 - EXT. STARLIGHT’S VILLAGE - LATER**

Starlight looks out at the festival in full swing. Several of the villagers see her and cheer. They’re glad that she decided to come back and participate. However they’re a little surprised she brought... all of the most powerful ponies in Equestria with her. Starlight turns and looks at all of the ponies (and draconequis) behind her. She says that she just wanted to share the festival with ALL of her friends, the old ones and the new ones. The ponies say the more the merrier. Besides, they really want her to be a judge who can help them determine the festival prizes. There’s a brief beat, then Starlight smiles and tells them she’d be happy to be a part of it. Pinkie Pie looks at Discord and says that being cocooned up in a creepy hive means she has no party cannons. Discord rolls his eyes... FINE. All of the windows in the town shoot confetti everywhere. Pinkie nods her head. Pretty good. Starlight joins the party, and Equestria is finally safe from the changelings!

**END**