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TEASER

SC.1 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - BANQUET HALL - DAY

Find TWILIGHT SPARKLE and STARLIGHT GLIMMER setting a banquet table for four guests.

Starlight stands near a cart with FINE CHINA, GOBLETS, and SILVERWARE. Twilight lays out a table cloth.

CLOSE ON Twilight, who turns her back on the table/Starlight to get NAPKINS.

1 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
First lesson of the day. We very
carefully set the table without
using magic so that-- YIPES!

Twilight turns around and is startled to see the table now has FOUR FULL PLACE SETTINGS. The cart by Starlight is EMPTY.

2 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Did you-- how-- when-- what?

Starlight raises a smug eyebrow.

3 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I think the word you're looking for
is, "Wow."

4 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I said no magic. You were supposed
to do it by hoof so I could work in
a friendship lesson.

5 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(not that sorry)
Sorry. I heard set the table and I
did it.

6 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, if you hadn't used magic,
you'd have heard me say, um, the
plate represents your head, this
spoon is your heart, and the
knives... are sharp, always be
careful with knives.

Starlight gives her an odd look.

7 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
(flustered)
The metaphors make more sense when
we're actually setting the table.

8 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Should I undo it? I can change it
back.

9 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(sweetly)
I just want to make sure you're
ready for this dinner. Princess
Celestia will be joining us
tomorrow night to see how the
friendship lessons are going.

10 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
If it's just you, me, and Princess
Celestia... why are there four
seats?

11 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, the whole point is for you to
bring a new friend. That way the
Princess will see for herself just
how far you've come.
(proud little head wiggle)
And how good a teacher you have.

12 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I can't choose. I like all your
friends.

13 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's the best part. You have to
make a new friend.

Starlight looks worried, which she covers with a smile:

14 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Hey, maybe I'll just force
friendships by magically enslaving
the entire population of Ponyville.

15 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Starlight!

16 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(sing-song)
Kiiid-ding!

END TEASER.

MAIN TITLES.**ACT 1****SC.2 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY**

Starlight trots through Ponyville.

17 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Let's see. Make new friends in
Ponyville, the friendliest place in
Equestria. Shouldn't be hard.

Starlight looks to her right and we PAN with her to see that
PINKIE PIE is suddenly there, walking right beside her.

18 PINKIE PIE
Need to make a new friend, huh? I
know just the pony for you!

Off Starlight's stiff smile...

WHIP PAN TO:

SC.3 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - DAY

Close on PINKIE PIE.

19 PINKIE PIE
Ms. Starlight Glimmer, meet Mrs.
Cup Cake.

Reveal - Starlight stands next to Pinkie. Mrs. Cake is icing
cupcakes on the other side of the counter.

20 MRS. CAKE
(not really paying
attention)
How are you, dearie?

21 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Are you baking? Can I help?

22 MRS. CAKE
Of course.

Starlight smiles, eager to please. Her horn pulses and
ingredients from all over the shop WHOOSH together in a
midair TORNADO.

When it clears, a CAKE hovers in its place.

23 PINKIE PIE
Mrs. Cake! Look what your "new
friend" made you.

Mrs. Cake GASPS.

24 MRS. CAKE
Are you trying to put us out of
business with your fancy magica-
whatsit cake up there, Dearie?

25 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Sorry!

Starlight's magic "stops." The cake falls-- SPLAT.

Starlight covers her mouth... she feels stupid.

26 MRS. CAKE
Harumph!

Pinkie and Starlight exchange a look--

27 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (soft)
...Thanks for trying.

WHIP PAN TO:

SC.4 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

Starlight and APPLEJACK trot outside the farm. They join BIG
MAC, who's bucking a tree.

28 APPLEJACK
Starlight Glimmer, meet Big Mac.

29 BIG MAC
Eyup.

He gives a friendly nod.

30 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
So...

He smiles.

31 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
You're Applejack's brother?

32 BIG MAC
Eyup.

Starlight Glimmer looks at him weird.

33 APPLEJACK
He's not big into talking.

He holds his smile for a beat, then...

34 BIG MAC
Nope.

35 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
That's too bad. I love a good
conversation.

36 BIG MAC
Eyup.

37 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Hey, I got an idea.

Her horn sparkles with magic, which sends sparkly streams to
Big Mac's head. His eyes go wide with surprise as...

38 BIG MAC
 (growing more panicked
 with every word)
Eyyyyyyyyyup-yup-yeah-you did
something whoa what's happening I
feel really weird how I am talking
so much and I'm so articulate
enunciating with such precise
pronunciation!

He gallops away.

39 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
 (fading out as he departs)
Annie Apple Awoke And Accidentally
Ate an Auburn Azalea -- AHH MAKE IT
STOP!

He's gone. Applejack glares at Starlight.

40 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (lamely)
I can't be friends with somepony
who doesn't talk.

PUNCH IN ON Applejack-- <WHIP SOUND> as she glares HARDER.

41 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
I'll change him back! Sheesh.

WHIP PAN TO:

SC.5 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - DAY

Rarity unspools a bolt of shimmering fabric. Starlight watches.

42 RARITY
The trick, darling, is to render
yourself radiant. First impressions
count a great deal, you know.

43 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
That's true.

Rarity goes about measuring her.

44 RARITY
Wonderful. I have a top-notch idea.
I'm thinking pastel silk here and
here, with crinoline under here.

45 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You really think a new outfit will
help me meet ponies?

Rarity strikes a proud pose.

46 RARITY
With the right outfit, there's
nothing you can't do.

Starlight appreciates it.

47 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
When will it be ready?

48 RARITY
Three weeks.

49 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(face falling)
The dinner's tomorrow.

50 RARITY
(lamely)
Well then... how about this hat
from the, ahem, "clearance bin?"

From a box of colorful fabric, Rarity offers an oversized garden party hat. When she puts it on Starlight's head, Starlight's horn pokes through the fabric.

51 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
...Maybe not.

WHIP PAN TO:

SC. 6 - EXT. CLEARING - DAY

RAINBOW DASH hovers in mid-air, leading Starlight through the grass.

52 RAINBOW DASH
Forget clothes. You want to meet
somepony who only wears one thing:
coolness! But you already know me,
so...

Rainbow Dash scratches her chin.

53 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
OH! Gilda!

54 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Who's that?

55 RAINBOW DASH
Only the Griffonest Griffon in
Griffonstone. Come on, I'll
introduce you! Follow me!

Rainbow Dash zooms off to the horizon.

Starlight stands there.

Beat.

Rainbow Dash flies back.

56 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Oh right. Well... I guess you kinda
hafta sorta, um, "fly," so... maybe
not.

57 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Maybe not.

WHIP PAN TO:

SC. 7 - EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S HOUSE - DAY

Fluttershy has set up an outdoor picnic with ANGEL and a few other animal friends.

Starlight stands to the side, thinking it over.

She looks at Angel, who blushes, smiles, and waves.

58 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (chuckling)
 You're adorable, but probably not
 what Princess Celestia had in mind.

CUT TO:

SC.8 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TOWN SQUARE - LATER

Starlight walks through town, shoulders slumped.

She lets out a long <SIGHHHH>.

59 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 What is going on. This is
 Ponyville! If I can't make a friend
 here, there's got to be something
 wrong with me.

She takes a <DEEP BREATH>.

60 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
 (to herself)
 Okay. Calm down. Nobody makes
 friends with a total stress case.

She scrunches her face up.

61 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
 Stop stressing! STOP STRESSING!

Other ponies give her odd looks and back away, giving her space. Then, something catches Starlight's eyes that snaps her out of it.

It's the PONYVILLE DAY SPA.

Starlight raises an eyebrow and gives a sly smile.

CUT TO:

SC.9 - INT. PONYVILLE DAY SPA - DAY

Wearing a mudmask and cucumber slices over her eyes, Starlight reclines in a comfortable mani-pedi chair. LOTUS BLOSSOM and ALOE tend to her hooves.

62 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Ahhh. This is just what I needed.

63 MUFFLED VOICE (O.S.)
Tell me about it.

WIDER - revealing a pony under a blanket, with a wet towel over her face.

BACK TO CLOSE ON STARLIGHT.

64 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You ever have one of those days?

65 MUFFLED VOICE (O.S.)
For me? Every day is one of those days.

66 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Ha.

67 MUFFLED VOICE
I'm going to start coming here every time I visit Ponyville.

68 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I'm not from here either. I've been trying to make friends, but it's not easy. I think everyone knows about my past. I... may have been a tiny bit...
(searching for the word)
...completely and utterly evil?

69 MUFFLED VOICE (O.S.)
Ponies judge me on my past too.

Even under the mud mask, this makes Starlight smile.

70 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Finally, a pony I can relate to.

A moment of <SHIFTING SOUNDS> off-screen.

WIDER ANGLE AGAIN - Starlight is next to the other pony, who's lying face down now, covered in her blanket while BULK BICEPS, the spa pony, pounds on her back, obscuring her from view.

When the mystery pony speaks now, her voice is broken up by the thump-thump-thump of her rigorous back massage.

71 FAMILIAR VOICE
(thump thump thump)
Ahhhhh, what kind of evil stuff did
you do?

72 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I went a little overboard with
magic.

73 FAMILIAR VOICE
(thump thump thump)
I love magic! It's actually why I'm
here, to do a little magic show.
And I need an assistant, if you're
interested.

Starlight Glimmer takes off her cucumber eye-covers. She is
genuinely surprised and pleased.

74 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Really? That means a lot. I'll...
think about it.

PUSH IN on Starlight as she gets an idea.

75 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Hey, what are you doing the rest of
the day?

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

Twilight stands at the BANQUET TABLE, adjusting the positions
of spoons and plates.

76 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This dinner is going to be so
fancy. Soup spoon, salad fork,
pasta spoon, strawberry pick.
(enjoying this too much)
Like I always say: the greatest
magic of all... is silverware
organization.

She finishes shuffling things around and <SIGHS> happily.

77 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
At last, the perfect arrangement.
Four hundred twenty-third time's a
charm!

<GALLOPING HOOVES> approach, getting Twilight's attention.
Into the hall comes Starlight Glimmer.

78 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Twilight, guess what-- I made a new
friend!

79 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's fantastic news.

80 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
She's great!

81 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Good!

82 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
She's powerful!

An odd look of recognition from Twilight...

83 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
...Powerful?

84 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
She's--

Twilight's eyes go wide.

85 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
--Trixie?!

WHIP PAN to the entrance.

...INTO THE HALL STEPS TRIXIE.

86 TRIXIE
Hello...
 (with venom)
Princess.

Off Twilight's confusion...

END OF ACT 1

ACT 2

SC.11 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - PONYVILLE - SAME

Picking up where we left off... Starlight is a bit confused
to see Trixie strut over to Twilight, who takes a step back.

87 TRIXIE
When Starlight told me you're a
Princess now, I knew I had to see
it for myself.

88 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I may be a princess, but I'm still
the same pony.

Trixie takes on the tone of a "mean girl," overly friendly.

89 TRIXIE
And I'm Soooooooooooo happy for you.
It's not like I'm jealous you're a
PRINCESS and I'm not.
 (laughing with bravado)
That would be the absolute peak of
absurdity.

Starlight interrupts them.

90 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You know each other?

INSERT - FLASHES OF MEAN-TRIXIE SCENES FROM OLDER EPISODES.

BACK ON - Twilight, really downplaying all that--

91 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
...You could say that.

92 TRIXIE
 (to Starlight)
Twilight Sparkle. Excuse me,
"Princess" Twilight Sparkle.
 (friendly chuckle)
That's gonna take some getting used
to...
 (to Twilight, real chummy)
Twilight and I go wayyyyyy back,
don't we, Princess? We've had our
differences, but we're best friends
now.
 (sly grin)
Aren't we...?

93 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 (equally pointed, to
 Trixie)
Yes, which is why I know you didn't
come to Ponyville just to cause
trouble.

94 TRIXIE
Of course not.
 (grand)
The great and powerful Trixie has
come to perform her new stage show
of the Grand Illusion. A solo act,
for now.

Trixie leans in so only Twilight can hear...

95 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Causing trouble for you would just
be a bonus.

Twilight eyes Trixie suspiciously.

96 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Starlight? A moment? Over here?

She takes Starlight aside.

97 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
I know I said make friends with
"anypony," but... Trixie? Really?

98 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
She's been nothing but nice so far.

They look at Trixie, who grins. A tooth <DINGS> with
niceness.

99 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It's all an act.

100 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Princess Celestia trusted you to
make your own friends.

This gives Twilight pause.

101 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
True...
 (then, resolved)
You're right. I trust you. Just be
back in time for the dinner.

102 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Thanks, Twilight. You won't regret
it.

Twilight eyes Trixie, who throws her a wink on their way out.

103 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(sotto)
I hope not...

CUT TO:

SC.12 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TOWN SQUARE - DAY

Starlight Glimmer and Trixie set up a WOODEN STAGE.

104 TRIxie
This magic show's gonna be the
greatest thing Ponyville's ever
seen. Even better than my last show
here...
(remembering)
...which Twilight ruined.

105 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I'm sure she didn't ruin it on
purpose.

106 TRIxie
You know, I don't actually have a
problem with her...
(sotto, grumpy)
Even if she is a princess and I'm
not.

Trixie looks around furtively.

107 TRIxie (CONT'D)
Can you keep a secret...?

108 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(trying out the phrase)
What are friends for?

Trixie appreciates that. She leans in...

109 TRIxie
She's the best at everything. It's
not fair. I just want to beat her
at something.

Trixie notices a nearby PONY listening in. She immediately
inflates her chest and lifts her head up high.

110 TRIxie (CONT'D)
(loud, for pony's benefit)
But of course The great and
powerful Trixie is better than
Twilight Sparkle in every way!

The other pony, spooked, hurries away.

111 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Your secret's safe with me.

112 TRIXIE
Thanks.

Starlight smiles. Being a confidant feels good.

113 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Hey, wanna help me unpack my wagon?

114 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(grinning)
You bet.

CUT TO:

SC.13 - INT. PONYVILLE - LATER

Trixie leads the way, with Starlight behind her.

115 TRIXIE
It's just up here. We spend a lot
of time on the road, my wagon and
me, so it might be a little messy.

Starlight passes a SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING BUSH.

116 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.)
Psssst!

Starlight slows, considering the bush. Twilight peeks out.

117 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Shhhhh!

Starlight is confused, but...

118 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(to Trixie)
Uh... I'll catch up. I think
there's something in my hoof.

Trixie looks back just as Twilight hides again.

119 TRIXIE
Sure, it's right around the corner.

Starlight watches her walk out of sight. Then she turns and
is startled by Twilight standing RIGHT NEXT TO HER.

120 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
How are things going with your new friend?

121 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(dry)
Great. Thanks for asking in a completely not creepy way.

122 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You're probably thinking, "things could be going better," right?

123 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
No.

124 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
In that case, let me introduce you to a friend of mine...

Twilight turns to the bush. Starlight looks at it.

125 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(dry)
Nice to meet you.

She shakes hands with a branch.

126 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No, no...
(peeking behind the bush)
You can come out now.

DJ-PON3 (in headphones with muffled music playing) pops out from behind the bush. She gives a head-nod sup.

127 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
You like music, right?
(sotto, to Starlight)
She'd be the perfect friend for tonight's dinner...
(tweaking a little)
Which, may I remind you, is very, very important. Heh.

128 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
So... back at your castle when you said, "I trust you," you meant, "I don't trust you."

129 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(nervous laugh)
Who can really say who said what? I know I can't.
(MORE)

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
(to DJ-PON3)
Can you?

DJ-PON3 shrugs and goes back to groovin' with her headphones.
Twilight looks back at Starlight and softens.

130 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Starlight, I'm just trying to look
out for you.

131 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I appreciate it, but you're wrong
about Trixie. She's just like me.
We have a real connection and--

132 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
OH! What about him!

Excited, Twilight points across the road. Starlight turns...

DERPY HOOVES stares back. She cocks her head, confused.

Starlight turns back to Twilight.

133 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(sigh)
I'll see you tonight.

134 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(hard for her to say)
I'm sorry, but I have to put my
hoof down. You can not bring Trixie
to this dinner.

135 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
She's my friend.

136 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(firm)
No she's not.

Starlight is confused and hurt.

137 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Why are you being like this? You
said make a friend, and I did. If
you don't like her, what does that
say about me?

Starlight leaves, upset. Twilight starts to go after her.

138 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(softening her tone)
Starlight, wait... I didn't mean to
upset you...

But then Twilight perks up!

139 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Oh! What about him?! He's PERFECT!

Twilight points across the way...

...to CRANKY DOODLE.

Starlight looks back, then rolls her eyes.

CUT TO:

SC.14 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

Trixie and Starlight unload trunks and curtains from Trixie's WAGON. Starlight is still annoyed at Twilight.

140 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I was thinking. You said Twilight
is better than you at everything,
but that's not true. You're better
at magic.

141 TRIxie
Actually, we had a duel that prettt-
ty well established I'm not.

142 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I mean stage magic...

Starlight opens one of Trixie's FOOTLOCKERS. She pulls out all sorts of magic-show props: a wand, a mirror, a saw, a deck of cards...

143 TRIxie
Well of course. Great? Yes.
Powerful? Obviously. But... I'm not
the best.

Trixie gets a dreamy look in her eyes...

144 TRIxie (CONT'D)
As great and powerful as I am,
there's one trick I've never been
able to do.

As Trixie explains, we see her imagination in a thought-bubble-type device over her head:

145 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
...The Fifty Foot Manticore Mouth
Dive.

Trixie imagines a tall ladder rising to a tiny diving plank. Imaginary Trixie stands at the top.

146 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
It takes the utmost concentration,
because guess what? You're supposed
to dive into the open mouth of a
hungry Manticore.

In Trixie's imagination, she dives straight into a Manticore's open mouth. Starlight <GASPS>.

147 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Save your gasps for the finale,
because that's not all. After the
Manticore chews you up and swallows
you... you step out of a box on the
other side of the stage.

We see her pop out of the box in her imagination.

148 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Completely unharmed.

A crowd of ponies cheers, and imaginary Trixie bows. Then, the THOUGHT BUBBLE DISAPPEARS.

149 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
That sounds very...

150 TRIXIE
Dangerous?

151 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I was going to say, "cool."

152 TRIXIE
(grinning)
I knew I liked you for a reason.

Starlight blushes.

153 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Only one magician has ever pulled
it off... my hero, Harry Hoofdini.
And I don't know how he did it.

154 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You could do it with real magic,
obviously.

155 TRIXIE
 (gritted teeth)
Obviously.

Starlight didn't mean to offend her.

156 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
No, I mean-- I could help. Do you
need a magic-show-helper-pony?

Trixie is surprised by Starlight's sincerity.

157 TRIXIE
We call it "assistant" in the
magician biz, and... nopony's ever
offered to help before.

158 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Well I'd be honored.

159 TRIXIE
 (happy)
You may have just made my great
magic show even better, which I
didn't think was possible.

Starlight <LAUGHS>.

160 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
We're gonna blow them away tonight!

Starlight is surprised.

Trixie points at a poster: TONIGHT! THE GREAT AND POWERFUL
TRIXIE, where she's posed like a "cool" (ahem, not cool)
modern magician. Think: Criss Angel.

161 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (annoyed)
I can't tonight. I have a "very
important" dinner with Twilight
tonight.

162 TRIXIE
Oh.

Starlight checks to make sure the coast is clear-- does a
quick sweep of a nearby bush, then...

163 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Can I vent for a minute?

164 TRIXIE
What are friends for.

Starlight appreciates having someone to complain to.

165 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I know she's trying to help, but
Twilight's been so... "intense"
about this whole friendship thing.
And this dinner... I don't even
want to go.
 (on the other hoof...)
But I don't want to let her down,
either.

Trixie likes what she's hearing.

166 TRIXIE
 (laying it on thick)
If you have to go, I completely
understand.
 (over-dramatic sigh for
 Starlight's benefit)
I just hope I find a way to survive
the Fifty Foot Manticore Mouth Dive
without my new assistant.

PUSH IN on Starlight, conflicted...

CUT TO:

SC. 15 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - EVENING

<FANCY MUSIC>. The banquet hall has been decorated with
colorful banners.

CLOSE ON - PRINCESS CELESTIA, sitting at the head of the
table. Twilight sits next to her-- she keeps glancing at the
EMPTY CHAIR on the other side of Celestia.

167 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
She should be here any minute.
Any... minute... now...

Beat.

168 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Heh. How about I introduce
everyone?
 (MORE)

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

Our friendship lessons are going so
well... Starlight made three new
friends!

REVEAL - There are three other ponies seated at the table
(which has been expanded and set for six). DJ-Pon3 nods
"sup," Derpy waves, and Cranky Doodle frowns.

169 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
She has such great taste in
friends. I don't know where she
would have learned that.

Cranky Doodle looks around, not pleased (obviously).

170 CRANKY DOODLE
Who's Stump-Bright Glitter? What's
going on? I'm hungry!

171 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Cranky Doodle, you're so funny!
(then, to all)
If you'll excuse me, I'm going to
check the kitchen. Maybe she got
lost.

Twilight smiles lamely and forces an <AWKWARD LAUGH>. She
GALLOPS out of there.

CUT TO:

SC. 16 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TOWN SQUARE - SAME

CLOSE ON THE FRONT OF A STAGE.

PULL BACK to reveal the completed stage. On one side is a
black box. On the other, A MANTICORE ON A CHAIN. It <ROARS>.

WHOOSH PAN up a 50-foot ladder/diving board (that's 15 meters
for our Canadian readers). It is dizzyingly high.

Back on the ground... Trixie and Starlight take in the sight.

172 TRIxie
This is going to be the greatest
night of my life. Excuse me-- our
lives.

Starlight smiles. And then--

The Manticore LUNGES for them, <ROARING>! They <SCREAM>, but
its chain holds it back. Relieved, Starlight and Trixie look
at each other and crack up like middle schoolers.

173 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I'm so glad we're not at that
boring dinner.

<DRAMATIC MUSIC> and...

END OF ACT 2

ACT 3

SC. 17 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

Twilight gallops through town, frantic.

174 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Starlight?! Has anyone seen
Starlight Glimmer? I'm looking
for...

She trails off as she sees... THE STAGE.

SC. 18 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TOWN SQUARE - CONTINUOUS

A small crowd of ponies have gathered around the stage. The curtain is still down. Twilight nudges her way through the crowd.

175 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 (knowing, mad)
Trixie.

Twilight finds the stairway at the side of the stage.

SC. 19 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TOWN SQUARE - BACKSTAGE - CONTINUOUS

Starlight helps Trixie adjust her outfit. They don't see, in the background, as Twilight ascends the steps and steps backstage with them.

176 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Ahem.

177 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (embarrassed, busted)
Twilight!

178 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You skipped our dinner for a magic
show? That's it. I don't want you
spending any more time with Trixie.

179 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You're not the boss of me.

180 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
When it comes to friendship? Yes I
am.

181 TRIxie
Excuse me... "Princess Twilight
Sparkle." Are you jealous?

182 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No! I'm upset that Princess
Celestia is waiting and--

183 TRIxie
You're jealous. I stole your pupil,
which means I won. So there.

184 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You made friends with Starlight
just to get back at me for becoming
a princess?

185 TRIxie
(smug)
Maybe.

Starlight backs away, hurt.

186 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
What...?

Trixie realizes how that sounded...

187 TRIxie
No! I like you. Beating Twilight
was just a bonus.

188 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I thought we were friends.

189 TRIxie
We are!

190 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You were just using me?

191 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I hate to say I told you so.

Twilight sees Starlight's hurt and realizes she isn't helping.

192 TRIxie
No, I was just saying "maybe" to make her mad. You know, getting her goat. I'm a goat-getter. We're friends.

But Starlight isn't convinced.

193 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
This was never about you and me.
It's all you and Twilight. Neither of you care about me.

Starlight turns to go.

194 TRIxie
Wait-- it's not like that! I am your friend!

195 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(on the verge of tears)
I don't believe you.

Starlight gallops off-stage. Trixie <WHIMPERS>.

196 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, you "won." I hope you're happy.

Trixie is most definitely NOT happy. Twilight sees her hurting and she softens up, a bit confused...

197 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Trixie...?

198 TRIxie
(sigh)
Looks like the great and powerful Trixie is back to a solo show...

Trixie suddenly gets self-conscious in front of Twilight...

199 TRIxie (CONT'D)
(full of bravado)
...Which is exactly the way she likes it.
(MORE)

TRIXIE (CONT'D)

Thank you, Princess Twilight, for getting rid of that annoying pony who wanted to be my first friend. I am not sad at all. I definitely don't feel like my heart is breaking into a million pieces.

PUSH IN ON TWILIGHT, feeling awful.

SC. 20 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

Starlight pushes her way out of the crowd. The stage recedes behind her as walks down the road, head down, defeated.

200 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I'm so naive. Who'd want to be friends with a former evil mind-controlling sorceress? Maybe I should just go back to doing what I do best... being alone.

She trudges away, but stops when she hears BOOMING. She turns. Her face glows blue and red from...

FIREWORKS exploding in the sky.

201 TRIXIE (O.S.)
Come one! Come all! Come and see the GREAT AND POWERFUL TRIXIE!

The distant sounds of <CHEERS>.

SC. 21 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TOWN SQUARE - CONTINUOUS

The curtain RISES. Trixie stands center stage. To one side, the pony-sized BLACK BOX. To the other, the MANTICORE. It <ROARS>.

The crowd <GASPS>.

202 TRIXIE
Behold, your fears come true... a pony-eating MANTICORE, for tonight, Trixie will be performing the Fifty Foot Manticore Mouth Dive.

The crowd <GASPS> twice.

203 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Save your gasps for when I defy the beast's jaws of doom and appear inside that black box.

Trixie begins climbing the ladder. Her eyes scan the crowd.

204 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
I was supposed to perform this
trick with my great and powerful
assistant, who was also my great
and powerful friend.

IN THE CROWD, Starlight watches.

ON THE LADDER, Trixie continues her climb.

205 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
But the great and powerful Trixie
made some mistakes. Trying to be
the best only made her feel like
the worst.

IN THE CROWD, Pinkie Pie leans to Rainbow Dash.

206 PINKIE PIE
This trick is getting weird, huh?

UP AT THE DIVING BOARD, where Trixie reaches the top of the
ladder.

She steps out onto the board, which wobbles underhoof. Wind
<BLOWS>.

Trixie crouches to keep from falling. She <GULPS>.

IN THE CROWD, Starlight watches. Her eyes quiver.

207 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.)
Hey you.

Twilight steps up next to her.

208 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
I wasn't seeing Trixie for who she
is. I was seeing her the way I
wanted to, and that's not fair.
 (then)
My point is... I was wrong to force
friends on you. You have to make
your own decisions... and your own
friends.

209 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (worried)
But what if she really was using
me?

210 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I don't think so.

211 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Twilight... I'm sorry I ruined your dinner.

212 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I ruined my own dinner. Now get up there and help your new friend...

UP ON THE DIVING BOARD... Trixie steels herself.

213 TRIxie
(to the crowd)
Starlight?! If you're out there and you still want to be friends, let's be great and powerful together.

TRIXIE'S POV - the crowd below... she can't make out any individual ponies, or hear any particular sound other than <WIND>.

ON THE DIVING BOARD, Trixie hides a single tear.

214 TRIxie (CONT'D)
(soft)
Please, Starlight...

Nothing from the crowd. Trixie steels herself.

215 TRIxie (CONT'D)
(Loud magician voice)
Fillies and Gentlecolts, The great and powerful Trixie promised you a Fifty Foot Manticore Mouth Dive, and she never backs down from a promise. She is not afraid!
(sotto)
Maybe a little afraid.
(deep breath, then sotto)
Everything's gonna be fine. Harry Hoofdini did it. There must be a way I can do it. I'll just have to... figure it out... on the way down.

She takes a deep breath.

216 TRIxie (CONT'D)
Here goes everything.

She jumps!

IN THE CROWD, Fluttershy covers her eyes. Pinkie <SCREAMS>.

217 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Trixie!

Trixie FALLS TOWARD THE STAGE. She closes her eyes.

ON STAGE, the Manticore opens its gigantic mouth and leans back with a <ROAR>.

Still falling, Trixie holds her breath.

She drops RIGHT INTO THE MANTICORE'S MOUTH. The beast swallows her whole.

All of Ponyville is silent. The crowd stares, mouths open.

The Manticore BURPS.

Twilight's eyes water.

218 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Trixie... no...

And then...

POOF! The black box pops open and Trixie stumbles out. She is dazed.

219 TRIxie
(slurred, dizzy)
Behold, the pate and growerful
Triskee!

The crowd <CHEERS>! Trixie regains her balance. She basks in the cheering, a bit confused as to how this happened.

Then she looks backstage and sees the glowing horn of Starlight, who gives a shy smile.

Trixie smiles back and gives a slight head nod. Then she turns to the crowd.

220 TRIxie (CONT'D)
And now, I'm proud to introduce my
great and powerful assistant... and
best friend... Starlight Glimmer!

Starlight steps out to more <APPLAUSE>. Twilight works her way to the front of the crowd.

221 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Trixie!

Trixie leans down.

222 TRIXIE
What do you want?

223 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I have to hand it to you... I could
never pull off a trick like that.

Trixie absolutely BEAMS with earned pride.

224 TRIXIE
Thank you...
 (with respect)
...Princess.

FROM HIGH ABOVE, we watch the crowd cheer as more FIREWORKS go off. It should feel like the end of the episode, until:

SC. 22 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - SAME

The banquet hall. Celestia, DJ-Pon3, Derpy, and Cranky Doodle sit around the table.

Somewhere, a CLOCK <TICKS> loudly.

At the head of the table, Princess Celestia sits perfectly still. Her mane waves beautifully, obviously. Cranky Doodle narrows his eyes.

225 CRANKY DOODLE
How do you get yer hair to do that
all the time?

Celestia smiles at him. The clock <TICKS>

226 CRANKY DOODLE (CONT'D)
I can't take it anymore! If that
purple pony's not back in ten
seconds, I'm eatin' her gespacho.
One, two, TEN!

He <SLURPS> Twilight's soup and we CUT TO BLACK.

END.