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TEASER**SC. 1 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY**

TWILIGHT SPARKLE and STARLIGHT GLIMMER are setting a table for a fancy dinner. When Twilight isn't looking, Starlight uses magic to place a plate—but she gets busted by Twilight: “Whoa, you have hooves for a reason!” Starlight feels like she also has magic for a reason—why waste it? Twilight: “Some would say that silverware organization is the coolest magic of all.” Starlight calls her out: “Pretty sure only you would say that.”

When they finish, Twilight tells Starlight why this dinner is so important: in a few days, Princess Celestia will be joining them for a meal to see how the friendship lessons are going. Starlight is confused: if it's just the three of them, why are there four seats? Twilight explains that Starlight will need to bring a friend. That way Princess Celestia will see for herself just how far she's come (“and how good a teacher I am.”). Starlight agrees... except, um, maybe Twilight hasn't noticed, but she hasn't made any friends yet. Twilight isn't worried. With organized place settings like these, she'll be making “cool” friends in no time. Starlight sure hopes so...

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT ONE****SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE – DAY**

Picking up where we left off, Twilight reiterates Starlight's assignment. The friendship lesson for this week is “get out there and make a friend, so when we have this dinner, we can show Princess Celestia how far we've come.” Starlight agrees to give it her best shot.

SC. 3 - EXT. PONYVILLE – DAY

Starlight trots through Ponyville. Potential friends are everywhere, but where to start?

SC. 4 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER – DAY

Starlight checks in on PINKIE PIE, who's covered head to toe in frosting. Pinkie's baking a cake and wants to know if Starlight can HELP?! Starlight says sure, but when she begins to use magic to mix ingredients, Pinkie stops her. The whole point is to take their time, then stare into the oven watching the cake rise for thirty minutes, silly! (Pinkie starts staring in the oven, so excited!!!) That doesn't sound very fun to Starlight, so she secretly ZAPS the oven with magic. Black plumes of stinky smoke come out—the cake is a burned mess. Pinkie Pie tries to resuscitate the cake: “Don't you die on me!” Starlight shrugs it off: “Baking's not really my thing anyway.”

SC. 5 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – DAY

APPLEJACK welcomes Starlight to the farm. She's just in time to help buck apples for harvest! Starlight tries to impress her and offers to make her job easy... “how about a little magic?” But Applejack sweetly lets her down: “We don't need magic to buck apples here.” Boom boom boom—the entire Apple Family bucks different trees and apples fall. Starlight smirks. Brimming with confidence, she blasts a spell that knocks down ALL the apples in every tree... which seems great, until one second later the trees all fall down too. The Apple family glares. Starlight says, “Geez, it's not a big deal,” and uses a spell to prop the trees back up. CUT TO:

SC. 6 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE – DAY

Starlight helps RARITY unspool a bolt of shimmering blue fabric. Starlight makes conversation, trying to see what they have in common. What does Rarity do for fun? “Why, ever so many things, darling! Like, designing fashion, making fashion, selling fashion...” Starlight says that sounds “really fun,” although she’s dripping with sarcasm. Rarity doesn’t catch it and agrees: “it is really fun!” Starlight rolls her eyes. CUT TO:

SC. 7 - EXT. CLEARING – DAY

RAINBOW DASH hovers in mid-air, talking about all the sweet aerial moves she loves to do. Reveal: Starlight clinging to a branch of a tall tree, trying to be agreeable: “I love doing those too!” RD is excited: “you do?!” Starlight thinks, then: “....Nah.” CUT TO:

SC. 8 - EXT. FLUTTERSHY’S HOUSE – DAY

FLUTTERSHY pours a cup of tea, which sits on a table set for ten animal friends having a Fluttershy-Style-Tea-Party. Starlight stands off to the side, watching. A beat, then Starlight says, “Nah,” and leaves without Fluttershy even knowing she was there.

SC. 9 - INT. PONYVILLE SPA – DAY

After an exhausting day of NOT making any friends, Starlight just needs a little time to herself. She relaxes with cucumber slices over her eyes. She sighs and says to herself that it sure is harder than she thought making friends. She’s startled when the pony next to her agrees (it’s another pony wearing cucumber slices over her eyes). They begin chatting, and find out they have a lot in common. They both were “bad” back in the day. They both love magic, and Starlight feels like she’s never allowed to explore her talents... which is an amazing coincidence because that’s why the mystery pony is in town, to do a little magic show! ...and she needs a new assistant! Starlight is intrigued... that could be really great, helping out and doing magic with another REAL magician. Starlight agrees to be her assistant, and a friendship is born.

SC. 10 - INT. TWILIGHT’S CASTLE – DAY

Starlight comes galloping in to tell Twilight the good news! “I made a friend! She’s great, she’s powerful, she’s—” Twilight cuts her off with a gasp: “TRIXIE?!” WHIP PAN to Starlight, who stands next to her smirking new friend... Trixie. DUN DUN DUN...

END OF ACT ONE**ACT TWO****SC. 11 - INT. TWILIGHT’S CASTLE – DAY**

Trixie, by herself, checks out Twilight’s bookshelves and snorts/laughs: “psh... reading.” Watching from the other room, Twilight eyes her suspiciously. Sure, she apologized last time she was in Ponyville, but Twilight doesn’t exactly trust her completely. Besides, aren’t there LOTS of other ponies that could make better friends? Starlight points out that Twilight is acting like an overprotective MOM, which flusters Twilight and makes her defensive (and even more mom-like, probably). Finally, Starlight points out that Celestia let Twilight make her own friends and Twilight should do the same – even if it turns out to be a mistake. Twilight admits that Starlight is right and relents, much to Trixie’s delight (who was eavesdropping, obviously). As Twilight leaves, Trixie whispers a little challenge that only Twilight can hear: “You’re teaching her Friendship Magic, and I’m teaching her Super-Great-And-Powerful Sideshow Magic. I wonder which she’ll like better?” Trixie smirks and leaves Twilight fretting over what to do...

SC. 12 - INTERCUTTING MONTAGE:

- Trixie giving Starlight everything she couldn't get from boring ol' lessons (a.k.a fun harmless pranks). For example, using magic to tap Pinkie Pie on the shoulder so she looks, but no one's there. Or turning Applejack's apples into, uh, PEARs?!

- Meanwhile, Twilight has made it her goal to offer up *other* friend options, because obviously she thinks Trixie is up to no good—and probably trying to steal away her pupil. But Starlight turns down all of her candidates. To be fair, on such short notice Twilight could only get DJ-Pon3, Derpy, and Cranky Doodle.

SC. 13 - EXT. PONYVILLE – DAY

Starlight and Trixie run around from behind a corner, having just done an awesome magic prank. As they catch their breath, Trixie tells Starlight more about her side-show magic they'll be performing for Ponyville that night. There's this one trick that involves pulling a pony out of a hat... but of course she's never been able to try it because she never had a friend before. Starlight finishes her thought: But now they can do it together! Trixie is so happy she met Starlight... "and completely by coincidence!" But then Starlight remembers... she can't do the magic show because tonight she has her "required" dinner with Twilight and Celestia. Trixie is "hurt," but understands: if Twilight's more important, she completely gets it. Starlight thinks it over...

SC. 14 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE – EVENING

It's the big dinner with Celestia, and Twilight couldn't be more nervous. She stammers to Celestia that Starlight should be here any minute. Celestia doesn't mind waiting. In the mean time, Twilight can introduce her to Starlight's new friends, who are attending the dinner as well. Reveal that Twilight has brought Starlight's three "rejected friends" to impress Celestia, because no way is she letting Trixie ruin everything. Cranky Doodle grumbles: "Who's Stump-bright Glitter? What's going on?! I'm hungry!" Twilight laughs nervously to herself: "where IS she...?"

SC. 15 - EXT. PONYVILLE SQUARE – EVENING

A stage has been set up for Trixie's magic show. Starlight helps her prepare. Trixie shows off her hat they'll be using for their big "pull a pony out of a hat" trick. Starlight thinks it's going to be great, and then says she's "so glad she's not at that boring dinner." Reveal a little snarky badness from Trixie: "I'm glad you're not there too." She laughs...

END OF ACT TWO**ACT THREE****SC. 16 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - EVENING**

Celestia, DJ-Pon3, Derpy, and Cranky Doodle sit together without talking. A clock ticks loudly to accentuate the awkwardness. Twilight tries to play it cool: "You know, I'm gonna go see if Starlight is in the kitchen!" She hurries off screen. After a long beat, Derpy asks Princess Celestia, "How do you get your hair to do that?" CUT TO:

SC. 17 - EXT. PONYVILLE – EVENING

Twilight gallops through town, but nopony has seen Starlight. It's hopeless until she hears commotion in the distance. She stumbles upon the MAGIC STAGE, where a few curious ponies have gathered. Twilight gets on stage with Starlight and Trixie, where the show is about to begin. Twilight admonishes Starlight for missing the dinner. Trixie stands up for her: "she's helping Trixie now, deal with it." As Twilight and Trixie argue, Trixie's mean/competitive side comes out and she inadvertently reveals that yeah, she's friends with Starlight, but it's an added bonus that she gets to one up Twilight by stealing her pupil in the process: "Did I do it just to get back at you? Maybe." Starlight is confused and hurt: she thought they were friends! Trixie suddenly seems less sure of herself, as she admits: "We are... wait...!" But Starlight hurries off, very upset. Trixie and Twilight try to stop her, but she's

gone. Twilight: “Well, you beat me. I hope you’re happy.” Push in on Trixie, not very happy: “I thought winning was gonna feel better than it does.”

SC. 18 - EXT – PONYVILLE – LATER

SUPER SAD SONG OF SADNESS: it starts with Starlight singing about how “I thought I made a friend / but it wasn’t genuine.” She laments that she let Twilight down and ruined the dinner. The song builds to include Twilight singing about how sorry she feels for meddling, and how much she cares about Starlight. The song of sadness ends with Starlight feeling hopeless, like she’ll never make a real friend.

And then... FIREWORKS in the sky attract Starlight’s attention. She finds her way to the large crowd of ponies who’ve gathered at the stage for **TRIXIE AND STARLIGHT’S MAGIC SHOW** (even the banner says so). Trixie stands center stage, doing confident magician patter: “Come one, come all, gather round and prepare yourselves for the great and powerful Trixie!” Except as Trixie continues, the patter *sounds* the same, but she’s no longer talking about her show... it turns into a public apology: “You should be getting dazzled by an amazing magic trick I was going to perform with my assistant, but I messed things up and got carried away. I was using her for bad reasons, but then a funny thing happened... my assistant became my best friend.” As she continues her heartfelt and genuine apology, Starlight watches from the crowd... her emotions pulling her back and forth. And then Twilight steps up behind her and owns up to her own friendship lesson: “I know I said all that bad stuff about her, and told you to stay away from her, but I was wrong. She seems genuinely sorry. Go be with your friend.” Up on stage, Trixie finishes her “apology-patter” and says that if her friend is out there, please... just say something! But... it’s silent. Trixie, ashamed, on the verge of tears, says she’ll take her hat and leave. It’s the saddest moment of all time... except when she leans down to the hat, there’s a **PUFF OF SMOKE AND STARLIGHT POPS OUT!** The crowd goes wild! Trixie and Starlight share a smile. All is forgiven!

SC. 19 - EXT. PONYVILLE – LATER

Twilight apologizes to Trixie in front of Starlight, but they counter with an apology of their own: they’re really sorry they missed Princess Celestia’s dinner. Twilight GASPS: “THE DINNER!”

SC. 20 - INT. TWILIGHT’S CASTLE – LATER

Celestia and the other “friends” sit around the table just as Twilight, Starlight, and Trixie burst in. Twilight: “We’re here!” And while we see that Trixie is “reformed,” she’s still got the same attitude, as she addresses the others: “Aaand her real friend is here. So, you three... beat it!” Starlight and Twilight share an awkward smile and we FADE OUT.