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*Friendship Lesson: Twilight learns you can let someone you love spread their wings and still have a place in their life.*

### TEASER

#### SC. 1 INT TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - HALLWAY - DAY

We OPEN ON SPIKE knocking on STARLIGHT GLIMMER'S door. Starlight answers.

1 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Hey Spike. What's up?

2 SPIKE  
Just, uh, wanted to make sure you're ready for your big ceremony today.

3 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Yup. I still can't believe my friends and I are getting medals of honor.

As they talk, we see TWILIGHT teleport in behind Starlight's back, give Spike a wink, and quietly measure a blank spot on Starlight's wall.

4 SPIKE  
Are you kidding? You totally deserve it! (stalling) After all, you saved Equestria... from Queen Chrysalis... with the help of Trixie, Thorax, and Discord...

5 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Um, yeah. I know what happened. I was kinda there?

6 SPIKE  
Right. Uh, so what are you wearing?

7 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Not sure. Why, am I supposed to dress up?

8 SPIKE  
No. I mean, you could. It's like Rarity always says: (impersonating Rarity) "There's no such thing as overdressed. You're just the best-looking pony in the room!"

Spike keeps looking at Twilight over Starlight's shoulder.

9 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
What are you looking at?

Starlight turns to look.

137b 139  
10 SPIKE  
No, don't look--!

But Twilight teleports out just in time.

140b 11 SPIKE (CONT'D)  
Cuz there was a spider there but it's  
gone now sooo... Thanks, Starlight  
byeee! 141b

11A

Spike walks off. Starlight looks confused, but shrugs it off.

SC.2 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - TWILIGHT'S BEDROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Twilight is writing measurements on a scroll. Spike walks in with a cocky swagger.

143 144a  
12 SPIKE  
Heh heh. She had no idea. We're a good  
team, Sparkle.

13 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Sparkle? (laughs) Yeah we are. So, do  
you think she'll like it? I want this  
present to say "I'm so proud of you,  
both as a mentor and a friend.  
Equestria is safer thanks to you."

143 144  
14 SPIKE  
Oh. I thought you were getting her a  
mirror, like yours.

ANGLE ON a mirror in Twilight's bedroom. It's framed with cute  
pictures of Twilight and all her friends.

15 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I am.

143 144  
16 SPIKE  
Maybe you should get her a card, cuz I  
don't think the mirror will say all  
that. But I think she'll like it.

17 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
It's just what her room needs. The  
first thing she'll see when she wakes  
up is herself surrounded by all her  
friends!! I plan on giving it to her  
after the ceremony.

143 144

18 SPIKE  
About that. Don't you need to get the castle ready for the celebration?

19 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Nah. Pinkie Pie's got that covered.

CUT TO:

SC. 3 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DINING HALL - SAME

PINKIE PIE is in the bare, undecorated dining hall. She pulls on a cord that is attached to something unseen above. Suddenly, bunting, balloons, tablecloths, centerpieces, etc., all fall perfectly into place. The room is instantly decorated! Pinkie wipes sweat off her brow like it was super hard to pull that cord.

END TEASER!

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 4 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DINING HALL - DAY

PONIES (including our Mane 6, SUNBURST, and DIGNITARY PONIES), and CHANGELINGS are gathered. Twilight is making a speech at the front of the room with PRINCESS CELESTIA and PRINCESS LUNA at her side. There's a podium of pink heart-shaped medals. Starlight, TRIxie, THORAX, and DISCORD are standing proud.

20 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
...Starlight, Trixie, Thorax, and Discord were brave in the face of danger, resourceful when things got challenging, and proved that the bonds of friendship, no matter how unlikely, are stronger than any adversity. By stopping Queen Chrysalis, not only did they save Equestria, they set the changelings free from her reign.

ANGLE ON the crowd. The ponies and changelings smile big. Discord poofs himself into the audience, dressed as a sports fan rooting for team Discord. He has a baseball cap and pennants with his silhouette on them.

21 DISCORD  
Go Discord!

He poofs back on stage. Trixie rolls her eyes at him.

13 14 (15)

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PRINCESS CELESTIA

That's why we're proud and honored to give them the Equestrian Pink Hearts of Courage.

Celestia and Luna magic the medals from the podium over to Starlight and her friends. Everypony starts to cheer, but Discord bows his head, then pulls it up, making Luna struggle to get the medal around his head. ON Pinkie trying to cheer:

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PINKIE PIE

YAAA--oh--oh--nope--no--okay there it is. (beat) YAAAAAY!

Luna finally gets the medal on.

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TWILIGHT SPARKLE

We are so proud of all of you.

Twilight's gaze lingers on Starlight for just a beat more. They share a smile as the crowd CHEERS.

SC. 5 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DINING HALL - LATER

The celebration is underway. Starlight and her friends are gathered, surrounded by changelings and Sunburst. Trixie is eating up the attention.

19 (20)

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TRIXIE

It was the Great and Powerful Trixie's pleasure to save you from your imminent doom.

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DISCORD

Yes. Because you did it all by yourself.

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SUNBURST

I can't believe you managed to do it without magic.

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CHANGELINGS

It was amazing! / No one's ever stood up to Chrysalis like that.

Off to the side, Twilight watches like a proud mama. Celestia walks up to her.

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PRINCESS CELESTIA

It's a wonderful feeling, isn't it? Watching your student shine the way you always knew they could.

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30 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
My cheeks are sore. I don't think I've  
ever smiled this much in my life.

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31 PRINCESS CELESTIA  
I can only imagine what that feels  
like.

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Celestia winks at Twilight and leaves. Then Discord poofs up  
next to her.

32 DISCORD  
Yes, Starlight is student of the year,  
isn't she? She has so much potential.  
So, what are we going to do with her?  
And by "we" I definitely mean you.  
Being her mentor and all, her destiny  
falls squarely on your shoulders.

33 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Oh don't you worry. I've planned  
enough friendship lessons to cover the  
next three years.

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- Discord just starts laughing.

34 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
What's so funny?

35 DISCORD  
Clearly Starlight is beyond basic  
friendship lessons. She just won a  
medal, for Equestria's sake! I thought  
you were joking. (beat) You are  
joking, right?

36 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
<LAUGHS NERVOUSLY> Of course I was.

37 DISCORD  
Obviously you should have a grand  
master plan for her, the same way  
Princess Celestia set you on a path  
that eventually made you a princess.

38 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
...Yup.

39 DISCORD  
Oh good. I'm sure she can't wait to  
hear all about it!

Before Twilight can stop him, Discord poofs away.

ANGLE ON Starlight with Thorax.

25 (26)

40 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
So how's the whole ruling-a-kingdom  
thing going?

41 THORAX  
It's a bit... overwhelming. But we're  
adjusting.

27 28 (29)

He gestures over to some changelings with Rarity and Applejack.

(26)

42 CHANGELING GIRL  
(confused) So you can't have  
friendship without makeovers?

(She gets it. 42A RARITY) 42B APPLEJACK  
Not Exactly.  
*did not record.*

Rarity and Applejack both look at each other like the other one  
is crazy. Starlight smiles, amused. Just then, Discord poofs up  
next to her.

43 DISCORD  
Oh Starlight! Princess Twilight has  
something very important to tell us.  
Well, just you really, but I'm nosey  
and want to hear.

(26)

44 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Okay. (to Thorax) Would you--

Discord poofs himself and Starlight next to Twilight.

45 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)  
--excuse me for a... never mind. (to  
Twilight) What's going on?

46 DISCORD  
Twilight was just about to reveal her  
grand master plan for you.

(26)

47 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Really? I was kind of wondering what  
we were going to do next...

48 DISCORD  
Yes, I'd say we're both fairly  
interested.

49 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Of course you are. And I do have a plan, obviously, but now's clearly not the time to do it. You should enjoy your party. I promise when the time is right for big announcements about your future, you'll know.

Just then, Trixie approaches excited.

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50 TRIxie  
Starlight, come on! The Ponyville Chronicle wants to take our picture! (then) Ugh. You too, Discord.

As Starlight and Discord walk off, Twilight's face looks relieved. Then a mini Discord pops up on her shoulder. Twilight looks startled.

51 DISCORD  
PSST. I see what you're doing.

52 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
You do?

53 DISCORD  
Yes. You already planned the perfect moment during the party to make a grand announcement to everypony about your plan! Such a planner. Brava, Twilight. I can't wait to tell Fluttershy and the others!

54 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Discord, no...

But she's too late. He's already poofed away.

55 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Great.

She rushes out of the room.

SC. 6 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - A FEW MOMENTS LATER

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56 SPIKE (O.S.)  
Twilight? Are you reading during a party again?

Spike opens the door and walks in. REVEAL Twilight is pacing back and forth, pouring over a very long list (that's starts to tangle the more she paces).

57 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
No, no, no. She's already good at that. She mastered this. She taught me about this one!

145 147 148 58 SPIKE  
Wild guess: something's wrong.

59 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Spike, I'm a terrible mentor. Why didn't I come up with a path for Starlight? Princess Celestia had it all figured out for me-- <GASP> That's it!

CUT TO:

SC. 7 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - MAP ROOM - A MOMENT LATER

Princess Celestia is patiently seated while Twilight again paces with her list. Spike stands by.

60 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I had years worth of friendship lessons ready to go, but when we were captured by Chrysalis, Starlight took charge and really stepped up. I don't think friendship lessons are enough for her anymore.

30 31 32  
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61 PRINCESS CELESTIA  
So you have an overachieving student? Sounds familiar.

62 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
That's why I had to talk to you. You of all ponies would know what to do. I mean, you were me and I was Starlight. But for now, I need you to pretend you're you and I'm me.

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63 SPIKE 149 150  
Huh?

64 PRINCESS CELESTIA  
(smiling) Go on.

65 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
When I was your student and you were in this place, you... (dawning on her) oh no.

Twilight looks at Celestia, who just gives a grim nod.

66 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
You sent me to Ponyville. Which means,  
it's time for me to send Starlight  
Glimmer away!

Off Twilight's sad face we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 8 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - SAME

Celestia and Spike are as they were. Twilight looks bummed.

67 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I can't believe it. It really is time  
for Starlight to go, isn't it?

Celestia comes over to comfort her.

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68 PRINCESS CELESTIA  
Only you can make that decision. It's  
a difficult one, but your heart knows  
what's right. Even as it hurts.

150 151  
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69 SPIKE  
Where are you going to send her? (off  
Celestia's look) Too soon?

Twilight stops her sulking and gets a determined look.

70 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
No. This is something I have to do.

Twilight looks at a map of Equestria.

71 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
(dread) Oh boy.

SC. 9 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DINING HALL - SAME

Discord is talking with Rarity, Fluttershy, Rainbow Dash  
Applejack and Pinkie Pie.

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72 FLUTTERSHY  
(excited) Oh boy.

73 DISCORD  
I know! Whatever Twilight's planning  
for Starlight is going to be so  
exciting!

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74                   APPLEJACK  
Wonder why she didn't tell any of us  
about it?

75                   DISCORD

Probably because you're not as close  
as you think you are. Just kidding.  
She wanted it to be a surprise. Just  
between us, she's getting ready to  
make a big announcement!

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76 PINKIE PIE  
Eeeee. That's so exciting! And  
surprising. Usually you tell your  
party planner about all your plans for  
your party.

77 RAINBOW DASH  
Well, she definitely has one. I mean  
when has Twilight not had a plan?

SC. 10 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - MAP ROOM - SAME

Twilight is still silently looking at the map. Spike is bored and picking at a scale. Celestia has drifted off a bit. Then:

78 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I GOT IT! Since defeating Chrysalis,  
Starlight's given the changelings an  
opportunity to revolutionize their  
society. Maybe I can send her there...

As Twilight imagines what it would be like, she uses magic to visualize her fantasy around them:

SC. 11 INT. CHANGELING HIVE - THRONE ROOM - FANTASY

We transition into Twilight's "fantasy" world. Starlight is next to Thorax, who sits on the throne. A few CHANGELINGS are gathered in front of them. A spectral Twilight, Spike, and Celestia watch from the side. Spike waves his hand in front of a changeling, who doesn't react.

152ABC

79 SPIKE  
Cool spell.

80 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
If Starlight goes to the changeling  
hive, she can help them adjust to  
their new way of life.

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81 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Ok, friendship one-oh-one: Thorax and I are going to show you how to compromise.

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82 THORAX  
(stilted) I want to have honeysuckle nectar for lunch.

83 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
(stilted) I would like a sandwich. Oh no. What should we do?

84 CHANGELING #1  
Attack! The winner gets to choose!

46 47AB

The changeling group all nod and murmur agreement.

85 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
OR, Thorax and I can talk about it and come up with a solution that works for everypony.

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86 THORAX  
(stilted) Starlight. How do you feel about honeysuckle and peanut butter sandwiches?

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87 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
(stilted) Why, that sounds delicious.

53 54 - Alt

Starlight and Thorax high-hoof and point to camera like cheesy motivational speakers:

88 STARLIGHT/THORAX  
Compromise!

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Spike eyes their cheesy pose warily.

153 154 155

89 SPIKE  
Um, this doesn't seem like something Starlight and Thorax would do.

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90 PRINCESS CELESTIA  
This is Twilight's fantasy, Spike. There is no wrong way to fantasize.

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91 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Thank you.

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92 CHANGELING #1  
Starlight Glimmer is a most apt and perspicacious pony!

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576 157AB 158 93

SPIKE

Yeah, definitely a Twilight fantasy. 159

The changelings cheer and carry Starlight and Thorax off.

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PRINCESS CELESTIA

This seems like a lovely path for Starlight. The Changelings have so much to learn about how to enjoy love through friendships. Starlight would be busy for a very long time, but her work there would be very rewarding.

Twilight's face falls a bit.

95 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Or dangerous. It would only take one changeling to deviate from the pack...

Her horn glows as the fantasy takes a dark tone and changes around them. Off to the side, a GOOFY CHANGELING sees Starlight Glimmer and changes into her, giggling.

## SC. 12 INT. CHANGELING HIVE - COMMON AREA

As Starlight, the Goofy Changeling goes around to other changelings and insults them.

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96 GOOFY CHANGELING (AS STARLIGHT)

Hi, I'm Starlight Glimmer. What's your name?

97 CHANGELING #2 65ABC

Cornicle.

98 GOOFY CHANGELING (AS STARLIGHT)

PFFFT! HA! What kind of name is that? (turns to another changeling) Your wings are soooo... um, see-through.

The changelings self-consciously look at their wings. As "Starlight" walks out of the room she announces loudly:

99 GOOFY CHANGELING (AS STARLIGHT) (CONT'D)

I'm so glad I'm a pony. Are you like bugs or what?

## SC. 13 INT. CHANGELING HIVE - HALLWAY - LATER

Actual Starlight walks out of her room to see a group of changelings. They turn on her and glare.

changelings.  
 03AB  
 100A  
 64AB  
 Starlight

62ABC  
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100                    CHANGELING #2  
 There she is! Get her!

The changelings chase Starlight down the hallway. They run past spectral Spike, Celestia, and Twilight, who looks horrified. She dissolves the fantasy until we're back to:

SC. 14 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY

Everything's back to normal.

160AB 161AB  
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101                    SPIKE  
 Um, that probably won't happen.

162B 163  
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102                    TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
 But it could. I can't just send her off to Celestia-knows-where without thinking it through!

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103                    PRINCESS CELESTIA  
 Huh. I was not aware that I was an expression.

Twilight smiles sheepishly. Celestia doesn't seem to mind.

104                    PRINCESS CELESTIA (CONT'D)  
 An appropriate one, of course, for even I don't know the answer. This is a momentous decision. You must consider all the possibilities.

Twilight starts pacing again.

105                    TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
 Rethink, rethink... What about the dragons?

164AB  
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106                    SPIKE  
 Say what now?

107                    TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
 I can send Starlight to the Dragon Lands. She and Ember would definitely hit it off!

Her horn glows as the magical fantasy starts to take shape...

SC. 15 EXT. DRAGON LANDS - THRONE CLIFF

Ember is at her throne. Starlight goes up to greet her. Again, Twilight, Spike, and Celestia stand by. [NOTE: In the fantasy, Starlight and Ember sound like bros.]

69 70 71  
 108 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
 Emberrrrr!

109 EMBER  
 Starliiiiight!

109A They do a bro-hug high five.

110 EMBER (CONT'D)  
 You ready to do some death-defying  
 dragon stuff?

111 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
 Totally.

165 166 167  
 112 SPIKE  
 Okay, that doesn't sound anything like  
 Ember or Starlight.

113 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
 Who knows what their dynamic would be,  
 Spike?

#### SC. 16 EXT. DRAGON LANDS - SHOOTING RANGE - LATER

Starlight, Ember, and a couple other DRAGONS stand in front of targets made of rocks. Ember breathes fire and knocks a target down. Starlight does a magic blast that shoots down three of them! Ember gives Starlight a fist bump. Twilight's horn glows and the fantasy shifts to:

#### SC. 17 EXT. DRAGON LANDS - SKY - LATER

Ember is flying with other dragons. Starlight is riding on TORCH'S back, having a blast. Twilight, Celestia, and Spike float nearby.

175ABC  
 114 SPIKE (176)  
 (looking down) Freaky.

115 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
 Starlight will love it in the dragon  
 lands. In her letters, Ember said  
 dragons do a lot of fun things: The  
 Feast of Fires, the Dragon Bowl,  
 Clawchella... Starlight could be there  
 for a really long time.

Then Twilight's face falls. Her horn glows and the fantasy begins to shift:

116 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
 But then again, not all dragons like  
 ponies as much as Ember does.

In the sky, we ANGLE ON GARBLE glaring at Starlight Glimmer.

SC. 18 EXT. DRAGON LANDS - CLIFF

Starlight walks by a bunch of dragons (no Ember) lined up at a cliff and jumping off. Garble calls out to her.

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117 GARBLE  
Hey, Twinkle Star!

118 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
It's Starlight Glimmer.

119 GARBLE  
Star-kle Light-star?

(75 ABCDE) (76 AB) AIt's  
||||| |

120 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Starlight Glimmer.

121 GARBLE  
Whatever. You wanna hang with us?

Garble grabs her and dives off the cliff. As they fall:

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122 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
What are we diving into?

123 GARBLE  
Lava!

124 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
WHAT?!

REVEAL they're heading straight for a pit of lava. From the ground, Twilight, Celestia, and Spike watch. Twilight is frozen in fear. Spike shakes Twilight out of it.

177 (178)

125 SPIKE  
Twilight!

With Starlight inches away from the lava, Twilight closes her eyes and the fantasy dissolves.

SC. 19 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - BACK TO SCENE

Twilight is panting, horrified by her vision. Spike and Celestia stand by.

126 SPIKE  
Twilight, this is crazy! Starlight's really good with magic. She could just stop herself from falling into a pit of lava.

127 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
What if she didn't realize it was  
happening? (off Spike's look) You just  
never know, Spike!!

Celestia and Spike exchange a knowing smile as Twilight paces.

128 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
I just need to think of someplace safe  
to send her. Some place safe, some  
place safe. Where do I feel safe?

She looks around.

129 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
A library. That's it! I could send her  
to the Crystal Empire to continue her  
magical studies with Sunburst!

Twilight's horn lights up as fantasy takes shape around them:

**SC. 20 INT. CRYSTAL KINGDOM LIBRARY - FANTASY**

A spectral Twilight, Spike and Celestia watch as Starlight  
slathers a plain hunk of wood in a pink ooze. Sunburst has a  
pile of spell books open all around him.

130 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
It'll be perfect! Sunburst's knowledge  
of magic is only matched by  
Starlight's abilities.

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131 SUNBURST  
I've got it! Try placing your horn  
directly on the potion and picture the  
clock you wish to make.

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132 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
They could challenge each other into  
becoming the most talented unicorns  
Equestria has ever seen!!

Starlight closes her eyes and touches her horn to the pink  
potion. The wood underneath it transforms into a beautiful  
ornate Cuckoo clock with an adorable little bird. Sunburst and  
Starlight smile at each other.

77 78 79  
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133 STARLIGHT  
We did it! Quick, what's next?

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134 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Of course, the study of magic is a life long pursuit and Starlight could be there for a while, especially once they start attempting the really complicated stuff!

Spike rolls his eyes.

179 180 181  
135 SPIKE  
And three...two...one...

Twilight's expression darkens, and so does the fantasy that surrounds them. Her horn glows.

136 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
What if they become too ambitious?

Sunburst and Starlight stare in wonder at three different open spell books.

81 82 83  
137 STARLIGHT  
I never would have thought to combine Starswirl's apparition spell with spatium flexibus! But what would happen if we added Sonambula's tempus objectus?

138 SUNBURST  
If we do it just right, it should allow us to materialize an object that was lost in the past!

139 STARLIGHT  
Let's do it.

Sunburst draws some runes on the floor in a circle. Starlight uses her horn to make the runes glow.

140 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(whispers) No, don't do it.

But they can't hear her. There is a big burst of light, then the circle of runes turns into a black swirling vortex! Starlight and Sunburst SCREAM as the vortex starts sucking things into itself. Starlight and Suburst hold onto desks and bookshelves, attempting to avoid being swallowed up by the crackling interdimensional hole they've created. But Starlight starts to lose her grip!

81 82 83  
140B SUNBURST  
starlight! NOOOOOO....

140C TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Starlight! NOOOOO.....

182/183  
| |

141 SPIKE  
Twilight! Snap out of it!

The fantasy around them fades.

SC. 21 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - SAME

Beads of sweat roll down Twilight's forehead and her eyes are wet with tears. Spike stands by.

142 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Starlight!

184 185 186  
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143 SPIKE  
Easy, Twilight. It didn't happen.

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144 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(worried) But it could.

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144A

Spike is about to argue, but thinks better of it and bites his tongue.

145 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
I just don't think I can send her  
anywhere. What am I going to do??

10 91  
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145A

Celestia can't keep it in any more. She bursts out LAUGHING. ON  
Twilight's shocked and hurt face:

146 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Are you laughing at me?

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

10 91  
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146A

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

Celestia finishes up chuckling. Twilight can't hide the hurt in  
her voice:

147 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I can't believe you're laughing at me.

10 91  
↓ ↓

148 CELESTIA  
Oh, Twilight, I'm not. I'm laughing  
because I had the exact same fears  
you're having.

149 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
What?

90 (91)

150 CELESTIA  
Let me tell you a story.

WE CUT TO CELESTIA'S FLASHBACK:

SC. 23 INT. CELESTIA'S SCHOOL OF MAGIC - LIBRARY - DAY

We see a young Twilight pouring over a stack of books while magically taking notes in a scroll.

151 CELESTIA (V.O.)  
Once upon a time there was a very bright young filly. Her pursuit of knowledge was unparalleled! She was truly one of my best students.

SC. 24 INT. CELESTIA'S SCHOOL OF MAGIC - CLASSROOM - DAY

152 SPIKE (V.O.)  
Are you talking about Twilight? I can't see what you're thinking about.

188 189 190

90b (91)

153 CELESTIA (V.O.)  
Yes, Spike.

In the classroom, we see several students, including YOUNG MINUETTE, LEMON HEARTS, TWINKLE SHINE and MOON DANCER putting together a potion with beakers and vials. Everypony has a pot of dirt. YOUNG TWILIGHT is at a work station by herself with an already completed potion. She pours it on her pot of dirt. A GORGEOUS FLOWER instantly sprouts from it.

(92)

154 CELESTIA (V.O.)  
I was constantly surprised and impressed with her discoveries.

Twilight smiles at Celestia, who smiles back. Twilight celebrates by giving her plant a high hoof. Then the other girls make their flowers grow (although none are as beautiful as Twilight's). They celebrate by high hoofing each other and giggling together. Celestia frowns.

17AB 154A

155 CELESTIA (V.O.)  
But I noticed that her pursuit of academia was preventing her from reaching her full potential.

156 SPIKE (V.O.)  
You mean it was keeping her isolated and alone?

191 192

90 92

157 CELESTIA (V.O.)  
(clears throat) Uh. Yes, Spike. (then)  
I had a decision to make. But it  
wasn't easy...

93

As Celestia gazes down at Young Twilight, we start her DRAMATIC THINKING MONTAGE:

SC. 25 EXT. EQUESTRIAN CLIFF - SUNSET

Celestia looks out over Equestria, with a gorgeous sunset as her back drop.

158 CELESTIA  
Maybe I could close the library or  
throw a party in the castle? She'd  
have to talk to the other fillies  
then...

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She looks sadly away.

SC. 26 EXT. CELESTIA'S BALCONY - NIGHT

ON Celestia, looking sadly at the night sky, talking to the stars.

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159 CELESTIA (V.O.)  
But I knew as long as you were in  
school, making friends would never be  
your priority.

Tears fill Celestia's eyes.

160 CELESTIA  
I must send her away!

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She looks tortured by the revelation.

SC. 27 EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN HALL - SAME

Celestia is standing with MAYOR MARE when she notices Applejack, Rarity, Pinkie Pie, Fluttershy, and Rainbow Dash doing their own thing in the street in the BG.

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161 CELESTIA (V.O.)  
I knew there was a special group of  
fillies in Ponyville, but I kept  
inventing all kinds reasons why I  
shouldn't send you...

SC. 28 INT. CELESTIA'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - SAME

Celestia is pacing back and forth in front of her throne.

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162 CELESTIA  
What if she runs into a manticore? Or  
what if she gets pulled into Tartarus?  
Or worst of all, what if she doesn't  
get along with anypony??

102 103

REVEAL: Celestia's GUARDS look concerned.

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163 GUARD #1  
Are we supposed to say something?

164 GUARD #2  
I don't think so. Shhhhhh.

END FLASHBACKS.

## SC. 29 EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - MAP ROOM - NIGHT

Celestia looks at Twilight tenderly.

104 105 106

165 CELESTIA  
I kept you in Canterlot longer than I  
should have. Eventually, I realized  
all the anxiety I felt was because I  
didn't want you to go.

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166 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Really?

104 106

167 CELESTIA  
Of course! I loved having you as a  
student. You challenged me and taught  
me just as much as I taught you. I am  
embarrassed to admit it, but I was  
afraid if you made friends, you  
wouldn't need me anymore.

↓ ↓

111 112

Twilight's eyes are bright with tears.

168 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Princess Celestia, that is so not  
true. I will always need you.

Celestia smiles a knowing smile at Twilight.

104 106 107

169 CELESTIA  
I think Starlight Glimmer might feel  
the same way about you, if that's what  
you're afraid of.

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108 ↓

A realization dawns on Twilight. She looks at her mentor sheepishly.

170 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Maybe it is. Just a little.

193AB

171 SPIKE  
Oh it definitely is. Like a lot.

194AB

They both look at Spike.

193AB

172 SPIKE (CONT'D)  
What?

104 108 109

173 CELESTIA  
Here we are after all these years,  
Twilight. We're living proof that  
letting someone spread their wings  
doesn't mean you no longer have a  
place in their lives.

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Twilight hugs Celestia.

174 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Thank you.

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175 CELESTIA  
And if you're still worried, you can  
always make her write you letters!

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Off them smiling at each other we CUT TO:

SC. 30 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - HALLWAY - LATER

Sunburst is heading to the door, saying goodbye to Starlight.

113 114 115

176 SUNBURST  
It was so good to see you. Come visit  
soon, okay?

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177 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Sure thing! I'd love to practice some  
magic with you sometime.

Discord pops up in front of him.

178 DISCORD  
That does sound fun, but Starlight,  
you may not have time, depending on  
what happens later tonight.

114 115

179 SUNBURST  
What's happening?

180                   DISCORD  
You didn't hear? Just between you and  
me, Twilight's making a big  
announcement about Starlight's future!  
...FUTURE! ...FUTURE!

Discord's voice echoes down the hallway into the party at the  
end. Everypony gets quiet. Discord poofs himself into...

SC. 31 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DINING HALL - CONTINUOUS

Everypony stares at Discord.

181                   DISCORD  
Oops. You all heard that? Well, you  
were going to find out later anyway.

SC. 32 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - TWILIGHT'S BEDROOM - LATER

Twilight goes to her bed and magics up the wrapped present she  
had made for Starlight.

182                   TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Guess you might be more of a going  
away present now.

She steels herself up and walks out.

SC. 33 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DINING HALL - LATER

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182A The party is still in full swing. Twilight reenters to find  
Spike and Celestia have already returned. Everypony (and  
Changeling) gets quiet and turns to Twilight. Twilight nervously  
sets her present down as Discord poofs up next to her.

183                   DISCORD  
I may have let it slip that you'd be  
unveiling your big plan for Starlight  
tonight. Silly me. But we're all very  
excited to hear what you've cooked up.

Twilight's eyes go wide, looking at everypony looking at her.

184                   DISCORD (CONT'D)  
You weren't coming up with a plan just  
now, were you? Slapdash and half-  
baked? Oh dear. This could be pretty  
embarrassing for you.

She narrows her eyes at him.

185                   TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Gee, thanks Discord.

186 DISCORD  
Anytime. I really do love being helpful.

Twilight casts a nervous glance at Celestia, who nods supportively at her. Twilight clears her throat and magics a spoon to a glass to clink it.

187 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
If I could have everypony's attention.

188 DISCORD  
(whispers) Pssst. You already had it.

189 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Yes, thank you again, Discord.

Discord poofs out. Twilight searches out Starlight and smiles when her eyes land on her.

190 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
As you all know, Starlight Glimmer has been my pupil for a while now, and I hoped she'd be my pupil for a long time yet to come, but it turns out that's just not meant to be.

8AB 190A Some ponies <GASP>. Starlight looks a bit worried.

191 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Starlight, you have proved yourself to be a kind, loyal, strong, honest and truly magical friend. I just have to look around this room at all the new friendships you've made to know that there is nothing more I need to teach you. So we have a second reason to celebrate today. Three cheers for Starlight Glimmer on her "graduation" day!

19AB 191A The room erupts into cheers for Starlight.

125 126 127  
192 PINKIE PIE  
EEE WHAT A GREAT SURPRISE!!!

193 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(To Starlight) Your future is in your own hooves now.

125 126 127  
194 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Really? Wow. I was not expecting this.

Thorax and Trixie all hug their friend. Discord pops up next to Twilight.

195 DISCORD  
Darn it. I was hoping you would send her to my realm. We could have been roomies! Who knows what kind of magical shenanigans we'd get into? Way to not pick up what I was putting down.

Twilight rolls her eyes and Discord goes to join Starlight, Trixie and Thorax.

196 TRIxie  
How do you wanna celebrate? Girls trip to Las Pegasus?

197 THORAX  
We can throw you a changeling Gorbfest! It's more fun than it sounds.

198 DISCORD  
Or we could go cause a little mischief. I know a trick that'll turn Celestia's castle into cheese. Do you think it's a gouda idea? Ha! That's just the first of many cheese jokes if we go down this path.

199 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
(laughing) That all sounds wonderful but um... (looks at Twilight) Give me a minute, would ya?

Starlight excuses herself and heads over to Twilight, who puts on a brave face.

200 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Congratulations!

201 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Thanks!

202 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
So, how do you feel?

203 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Happy, surprised, overwhelmed... I mean, not that I'm not grateful but are you sure?

128 129  
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204 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Believe me, I've thought long and hard  
about this.

205 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
(laughs) Of course you did.

128 129  
↓ ↓  
206 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
You can do this.

207 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
Right.

But Starlight looks doubtful.

208 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Starlight, trust me. You're ready.

128 129  
↓ ↓  
209 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (131)  
Yeah. (then) No, I'm not.

210 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
What are you talking about?

128 129  
↓ ↓  
211 STARLIGHT GLIMMER  
(blurts) I'm not ready to leave!

Starlight braces herself for Twilight's reaction, but instead,  
Twilight's smile nearly splits her face in half.

212 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Oh good! Cuz I'm not ready for that  
either! Here. I got you this present.

She magics over the present.

213 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
It was going to be a 'congrats on  
getting a medal of honor present', but  
then I was afraid it would have to be  
a 'going away' present but now it's a  
'I couldn't be happier you're staying'  
present! It fits perfectly over your  
dresser. I know. I measured!

Starlight unwraps the present, REVEALING the mirror framed with  
pictures of Starlight and her friends. Starlight tears up.

128 129  
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214 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (130)  
Thank you.

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TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Starlight, I may not know what comes  
next for you, but whatever it is, I  
promise I'll always be there for you.

Starlight hugs Twilight. Over Starlight's shoulder, Twilight  
catches a glimpse of Celestia and smiles. Off the completed  
circle of mentor/student love we FADE OUT.

FADE BACK IN:

SC. 34 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DINING HALL - LATER

It's empty but a huge mess. We hear Pinkie Pie <EFFORT SOUNDS>. She is lugging in a shop vac. She presses a button. It sucks up all the remnants from the party. Pinkie wipes her brow like it took a lot of work, then winks at camera. END SHOW!

