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To Change a Changeling - Rebreak

Outline V2 by Kevin Lappin

*Friendship Lesson: "Love isn't a weakness, it's a strength."***TEASER**

- Starlight and Trixie are on their way to visit Thorax and see the new hive/how Thorax is holding up with being a new ruler. Last time he was in Ponyville he mentioned he was having troubles and they want to check in.
- They notice the landscape around the hive is pretty desolate. SL explains it's because of a star-nose mole, a creature that digs tunnels and ruins the vegetation. "It's got massive claws and beady eyes!" TX thinks it's not real. "You're just trying to scare me." SL insists it's real.
- "You can't scare me." Just then, Pharynx pops up in front of them. AAH!

ACT ONE

- Pharynx captures them and presents them to Thorax. "I caught these trespassers." Thorax says SL and TX are his friends. PX: "They were lurking around our grounds." Trixie: "I don't lurk!"
- Thorax orders SL and TX to be released. PX stalks off. Thorax explains Pharynx is his brother. "Remember when I said there was a renegade group of changelings who refuse to change? My brother is the last one."
- As Thorax shows SL and TX around, it seems like he's doing well as a ruler. Changelings are getting along and Thorax is trying to implement things like luncheons and craft time, since all the changelings used to do was hunt or patrol. Then a changeling comes up to TX and complains about something PX has done. "He made throwing stars in craft class."
- Thorax doesn't know what to do. All the other changelings want Pharynx out but Thorax stands behind his brother.
- SL and TX find out PX used to be head of patrol. But now that the changelings are friends with everyone, they have no enemies and PX's job is obsolete. The hive thinks he's useless, they don't need him, he just makes everyone miserable.
- If he would just accept love into his heart like everyone else, the other changelings would let him stay. But he refuses.
- SL and TX think maybe they can help - they know what it's like to feel like outsiders and not be wanted. They're sure they can reason with him.
- CUT TO Pharynx hulking out ripping out some of the new vines that were planted. This might be harder than they think...

ACT TWO

- Pharynx explains the vines were a safety hazard. An enemy could be hiding behind them, or use the vines as a weapon. Pharynx: "Why have them at all??" "Because they're pretty?" "That's dumb." SL/TX (trying to reason with him): "Totally, we get you. But maybe don't express it by destroying them?" Pharynx: "I don't take advice from ponies. The only thing I take from you is breakfast." He stalks off.

- SL and TX turn to Thorax. That didn't go well. SL: "Your brother is... (searching for a nice way to say it) challenging." Thorax agrees, he's not easy. "Wait until you hear what they say in the 'Feelings Forum.'"
- Thorax explains that he thought it would be a good idea to have regular meetings where the changelings could gather and talk about issues and come up with solutions as a community. SL and TX are like "Hey that's a great idea! Way to go Thorax!" Thorax: "Yeah I thought it would be too, until it turned into this."
- CUT TO: The "Feelings Forum" is just the changelings gathering to complain about Pharynx. "He lined the hallway in thorns! / He taught my son how to shoot a bow and arrow! / My soup is too hot!" Thorax tries to defend Pharynx - he's sure his brother didn't mean to do those things but Pharynx says he absolutely meant to do all of those things! Not the soup thing but everything else. It was all in the name of defense.
- Pharynx can't believe what a bunch of ninnies the Changelings have turned into - they used to be a proud and fearsome swarm. Now they're weak and lame. He storms off.
- All the Changelings reiterate how they think Thorax should banish him. Clearly he'll never accept love in his life and make the change. Thorax says no.
- Even SL and TX wonder why Thorax is so willing to keep defending his brother (sometimes there are just bad seeds).
- Pharynx overhears, decides that if everyone wants him gone - he's gone. He slinks off without anyone seeing him go.
- Thorax finds SL and TX and tells them when he was little - sure Pharynx took his toys and made fun of him, but he also protected him. He never let the older changelings pick on him, that's why Thorax knows there's good in him somewhere and he won't give up on Pharynx.
- Meanwhile the story of Pharynx and Thorax as children inspires SL to do something rather impetuous. She tells TX she has a plan. "You get PX and meet me back here."
- CUT TO later with SL and TX. SL explains her plan: if the "good" in Pharynx came out when he was protecting Thorax - then they just have to retrigger those protective instincts. So she enticed the star-nosed mole to attack Thorax and Pharynx will save him.
- She tells Trixie the mole will be here soon. She left a trail of it's favorite food right to the hive. Trixie: "You did what?!" Starlight: "Now Pharynx can save his brother and he'll accept love and friendship!" Trixie: "Wow" Starlight: "I know right? Great plan!" Trixie: "Not exactly. Pharynx is gone. We can't find him anywhere."

ACT THREE

- They tell Thorax what they've done. Thorax: "My brother is out there alone! We have to save him." SL and TX volunteer to help. Thorax: "Yeah you will. This is your fault." Starlight: "Way to be assertive, Ember would be proud."
- SL and TX remind the changelings of all the awesome stuff Thorax has done for them and some Changelings volunteer to help search for Pharynx too. They don't like Pharynx but if it's important to Thorax it's important to them. He's the best ruler they've ever had. The search party heads out.
- They find Pharynx losing to the giant Star Nosed Mole. He's fighting bravely but he's just one guy. Everyone helps. SL uses her magic, TX uses hers (little smoke bombs to blind it) etc. The

Changelings charge its side and Thorax is able to knock Pharynx out of the mole's grip just before he was about to be devoured. The mole runs away from the weird onslaught.

- Pharynx turns to Thorax and Co. "You came for me." Thorax explains he'll always come for him - they're brothers. And everyone else says they love Thorax and were willing to follow him into danger. Pharynx realizes that love isn't weakness.
- He changes. It's magical.
- The Changelings realize they weren't right either. Having someone like Pharynx around isn't a bad thing. Someone brash and brave can also have feelings and that makes them really good protectors.
- Next Day - Pharynx is inducted as the head of the new Changeling Patrol. SL and TX are happy they "helped".
- The END.