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Friendship lesson: Love isn't a weakness, it's a strength.

TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. CHANGELING HIVE - DAY

We're on a ridge close to the changeling hive. Suddenly, STARLIGHT GLIMMER and TRIxie appear in a POOF! They look around.

1 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Yes! Now that Chrysalis' throne is
destroyed, I can take us right to
the changeling hive because magic
works here again!

Trixie waves her hoof and with a less impressive POOF, a bouquet of flowers appears.

2 TRIXIE
And stage magic works here, too! Of
course, stage magic works
everywhere. That's the magic of
stage magic.

Trixie collapses the bouquet like an umbrella and sticks in her hat.

They walk toward the hive, through a mostly barren landscape, though a few patches of green have begun to grow - dotted with chewed-up plants, scratched trees, and an occasional hole in the ground next to mounds of dirt.

3 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Thorax is going to be so happy to
see us.

4 TRIXIE
(building in drama) Of course he
is. I mean, who wouldn't be happy
at the chance to marvel at the
overwhelming talent that is... the
Great and Powerful Trixie?

Trixie swirls her cape with a flourish and a small fireworks display shoots out.

5 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I was thinking more about how he
could use our encouragement and
support, since all of Thorax's
letters make it seem like he's
overwhelmed by everything about
being the changeling leader...

The Black Changeling <GROWLS> and charges at them. Starlight shoots a magical BLAST, but the changeling dodges it and the blast leaves a smoking mark in the rock behind him.

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15 TRIXIE
Starlight, you got us here, I'll
take us home. Transportation spell,
go!

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Trixie nods her head, but nothing happens. The changeling throws a bag over Starlight and Trixie.

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16 TRIXIE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Did I save us?

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17 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (O.S.)
Nope.

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END TEASER

MAIN CREDITS

ACT 1

SC. 2 - INT. BAG - A LITTLE LATER

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CLOSE on Starlight and Trixie, who are tangled up and jostled about as the changeling drags them in the bag.

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18 TRIXIE
What are you waiting for? Use some
magic to get us out of here!

19 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Calm down, Unscareable. We have to
find out what's going on. Thorax
might need our help.

20 TRIXIE
We need our help! (then)
Transportation spell, go! (nothing)
Transportation spell, go! (nothing)
Transportation spell, go!

21 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Why do you keep doing that? You
know it doesn't work that way.

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22 TRIXIE
I know! But this is my process.

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Suddenly they're spun upside-down and...

SC. 3 - INT. CHANGELING HIVE - THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

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...dumped out on the floor.

23 BLACK CHANGELING
I captured these trespassers.

24 THORAX (O.S.)
Starlight? Trixie?

Starlight and Trixie look up and see THORAX sitting on the throne. The hive is much different than last time, with brighter colors and plants and flowers growing everywhere.

25 THORAX (CONT'D)
It's okay, Pharynx. You can let them go.

26 BLACK CHANGELING/PHARYNX
But they were lurking on our grounds! *In the old days I would have already* feasted on their love.

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Pharynx steps towards Starlight and Trixie, *but Thorax flies in between.*

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27 THORAX
Well, that's why they're called the old days. Because they're old. We don't do that anymore.

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28 PHARYNX
I liked the old days better.

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Thorax comes over to the ponies.

29 THORAX
What are you two doing here?

30 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
We wanted to surprise you. (weakly)
Surprise!

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31 THORAX
I'm so sorry about all this.

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32 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I thought Ember helped you get more assertive so you could deal with all the renegade changelings who didn't want to change?

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33 THORAX
Oh, she did. Really helpful. I was
able to convince all of them to
change... except one. My brother.

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34 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Your brother?!

35 THORAX
Yep. Pharynx here is my older
brother.

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Starlight looks back and forth between Thorax and Pharynx.

36 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Oh, yeah. You guys have the same...
(gestures vaguely) eye shape?

37 PHARYNX
(not getting it) What a ridiculous
comparison. All eye shapes are
similar. We are nothing alike.

He stalks off. Thorax hangs his head and turns to Starlight
and Trixie.

38 THORAX
<SIGH> Why don't I take you on a
tour?

SC. 4 - INT. CHANGELING HIVE - COMMON ROOM - LATER

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Thorax brings Starlight and Trixie into the common room. It's
been redecorated in the same style as the throne room. We see
small groups of changelings doing activities which Thorax
describes:

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39 THORAX
...And finally, the common room.
I'm trying to start a lot of new
activities since the only thing we
did before was hunt and patrol. So
now there's theater, swing dance, a
once a week potluck luncheon...
Ooh, and who can change shape and
organized craft time? (briefly
changes size) This guy!

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40 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(taking the room in) I don't
believe this.

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41 THORAX
(suddenly worried) Craft time is
too much. I knew crafts would be
too much.

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42 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
What? No, I'm talking about
everything. The hive, the
activities, it's all amazing. And
who doesn't love crafts?

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In a flurry of activity, the changelings at the arts and
crafts table quickly slap paint on a banner and hang it. It's
a picture of Starlight and Trixie - sort of.

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Trixie swirls her cape and lets a smoke bomb off. When the
smoke clears, the sign's been switched around so that Trixie
appears first. Trixie nods in agreement with Starlight.

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43 TRIXIE
I know I do.

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Just then a CHANGELING COVERED IN BLACK PAINT rushes up to
them, angry.

44 PAINTED CHANGELING
He did it again! Pharynx dumped an
entire can of black paint on me! He
said my fuchsia color wasn't
"intimidating to our enemies." What
enemies?!

45 THORAX
Oh, no. I am so sorry. I promise
I'll talk to him.

46 PAINTED CHANGELING
With all due respect, this is the
third time this week and I'm
getting sick of it.

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The changeling storms off.

47 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Okay, that part didn't seem
amazing.

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48 THORAX
<SIGH> Pharynx used to be Head of
Patrol. But now that we're
peaceful, there's no need to
patrol, so he stalks around the
hive making everyone as miserable
as he is.

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(MORE)

THORAX (CONT'D)

If he'd just accept love and
friendship and change like the rest
of us, I know he'd be happier.

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Starlight and Trixie share a look. Trixie shakes her head
"no." Starlight nods her head "yes." Trixie <SIGHS> and
reluctantly shakes her head "yes."

49 STARLIGHT GLIMMER

We know a thing or two about what
it's like to be outsiders. Maybe we
could talk to him for you.

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50 THORAX

Do you really think you can help?

Trixie puts her hoof around Starlight's neck.

51 TRIxie

Thorax, if there's anypony who can
help your brother... it's me. And
with Starlight helping, it might
take slightly longer, but I
guarantee you we can do it.

Starlight rolls her eyes, then smiles at Trixie. An ASSISTANT
CHANGELING comes over to Thorax.

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52 ASSISTANT CHANGELING

Thorax, we're ready to start
filling in the Maulwurf holes.

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53 THORAX

(to Starlight and Trixie) I have to
head outside. You're sure you're
okay handling Pharynx?

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STARLIGHT GLIMMER

Absolutely!

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Suddenly there's a COMMOTION coming from the other side of
the common room. They look and see Pharynx rampaging and
ripping down the vines. Starlight and Trixie turn back to
Thorax, smiling with fake confidence.

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55 TRIxie

Yeah. We totally got this!

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As Pharynx continues ripping down vines, Starlight's and
Trixie's fake smiles falter as we:

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END OF ACT 1

ACT 2

SC. 5 - INT. CHANGELING HIVE - COMMOM ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

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Starlight and Trixie watch as Pharynx continues to rip down vines.

56 TRIXIE
How do you want to play this? I'm thinking good pony/bad pony. You yell and **blast him with magic**, while my natural **charisma** will convince him that-- Starlight?

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Starlight has already gone over to Pharynx. Trixie follows.

57 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Hey, Pharynx. Buddy. Pal.

58 PHARYNX
I put you in a **bag**. We are far from "pals."

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He rips down another vine.

59 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Good point. **So... not a big fan of** vines, huh?

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60 PHARYNX
They're a safety hazard. An enemy could hide behind them, or **use** them as weapons. I'm perplexed as to why they're even here.

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61 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Because they're pretty?

Pharynx blinks.

62 PHARYNX
That's dumb.

63 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Totally. We get you. But maybe don't express how you feel by destroying them?

64 PHARYNX
I don't take advice from ponies. The only thing I take from you is breakfast. **At least I used to.**

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Pharynx starts to walk away. Trixie hurries after.

65 TRIXIE
You know, you're a lot like us.

66 PHARYNX
Doubt it.

67 TRIXIE
It's true. Do you know who Twilight Sparkle is?

68 PHARYNX
No.

69 TRIXIE
Well, she's the most well-liked, studious, do-goodiest pony in Equestria.

70 PHARYNX
She sounds awful.

71 TRIXIE
Oh, you'd hate her. I used to. She made me unsure about my place in the world, which led me to act out against her.

Pharynx considers this. Starlight picks up what Trixie's putting down.

72 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
And I used to be a dictator who ran a village with an iron hoof!

73 PHARYNX
Really? Hmm. Maybe you two do understand me.

Starlight can't believe the change in attitude.

74 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Yes! We do! But now, Trixie has come to terms with being second-best--

Trixie makes a face.

75 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
--and I no longer viciously control a village of ponies against their will. And our lives are so much better for it.

Pharynx scowls at them.

76 PHARYNX

Wow. So you're both losers. Stay away from me, or I'll do to you what I did to the vines.

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Pharynx stalks off just as Thorax returns to the common room,
brushing off his hooves.

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77 THORAX

Well, the repairs outside are coming along. (then) How'd it go with Pharynx?

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78 STARLIGHT GLIMMER

Your brother is... (trying to be gentle) challenging.

79 THORAX

That bad, huh?

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80 STARLIGHT GLIMMER

It wasn't great.

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81 THORAX

Wanna talk it out? You can come with me to the Feelings Forum.

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82 TRIxie

The what, now?

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83 THORAX

A place for changelings to talk about whatever issues they want. It's really helped bring the hive closer together.

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84 STARLIGHT GLIMMER

Look at that. Another great idea. Way to go, Thorax!

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SC. 6 - INT. CHANGELING HIVE - FEELINGS FORUM - LATER

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A GONG GENTLY RINGS. Thorax, Starlight, and Trixie sit in a circle with a GROUP of CHANGELINGS. Two changelings who sit next to each other look very similar.

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85 DORYLUS 1

Hello. My name is Dorylus 1--

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The others smile.

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86 DORYLUS 2

--And my name is Dorylus 2.

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The others make confused faces.

87 DORYLUS 1
Our favorite part of the new hive
is the focus on individuality...

DORYLUS 2
(finishing the thought) ...and how
unique we changelings are from one
another now.

88 DORYLUS 1
Though it has come to our attention
that there are those who feel we
aren't unique enough.

89 DORYLUS 2
Which is ridiculous since Dorylus 1
is a dark turquoise, while I am a
light teal.

90 DORYLUS 1
And I'm right-hoofed, while Dorylus
2 is left-hoofed.

91 GROUP LEADER
But you both still have the same
name?

92 DORYLUS 1
What are you talking about? I'm
Dorylus 1 and she's Dorylus 2.

93 DORYLUS 2
Totally different.

94 GROUP LEADER
Well, we acknowledge your
differences, and we respect them.

She hits the <GONG> again. The group all exchange confused
looks, shrug, then nod in support. Dorylus 1 and Dorylus 2
share a satisfied smile.

95 CHANGELING 1
What I really love is craft time.
It's given me a creative outlet to
express who I really am.

96 CHANGELING 2
(nods) Everyone loves craft time.

The others nod and <MURMUR> in agreement. Starlight nudges
Thorax.

97 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(whispers) Told you.

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Thorax smiles.

98 CHANGELING 1
Well... except for maybe you-know-who.

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99 DORYLUS 1
That's true. You-know-who spends
all his craft time making spears.

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Thorax starts to get nervous.

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100 DORYLUS 2
Very scary and intimidating. It
makes me uncomfortable.

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101 CHANGELING 2
Pharynx makes everyone
uncomfortable!

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102 THORAX
Okay, look, I know he's difficult--

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103 DORYLUS 1
That's an understatement. He lined
the hallway with thorns!

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104 DORYLUS 2
He teaches little changelings to
growl and hiss!

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105 CHANGELING 3
My soup is too hot!

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REVEAL a random CHANGELING in the circle with a bowl of soup.
Everyone looks at him.

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106 CHANGELING 3 (CONT'D)
I thought the Feelings Forum was
for sharing our problems?

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107 PHARYNX (O.S.)
It sounds like your lame Feelings
Forum is for talking about me
behind my back.

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REVEAL that Pharynx has entered the throne room.

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108 GROUP LEADER
This is a safe space to talk about
our feelings. Pharynx, perhaps
you'd like to share?

109 PHARYNX
Changelings don't share. We take!

110 THORAX
Brother, please, if you'll just
give the new way a chance--

111 PHARYNX
Never! We changelings were once a
proud and fearsome swarm! Now we
are weak. All talk, no action. And
talking about "feelings" won't keep
the hive safe.

Pharynx storms off.

112 CHANGELING 1
I don't feel safe with him around.

113 CHANGELING 2
I would feel safer if he were gone.

114 THORAX
I can't do that.

115 DORYLUS 1 AND 2
We want him banished!

The changelings all begin <YELLING> over each other about Pharynx.

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116          CHANGELING 3
Hey! My soup cooled down! These
Feelings Forums are great for
solving problems!
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The Group Leader hits her <GONG> several times, trying to regain order.

117 GROUP LEADER
Okay! That's it for now. Feelings
Forum is done until we can have a
constructive dialogue!

The complaining continues as the Forum breaks up and changelings go their separate ways. Starlight and Trixie see Thorax, upset as he watches his subjects walk off.

SC. 7 - INT. CHANGELING HIVE - TUNNEL - LATER

Starlight and Trixie are walking down a tunnel. Starlight goes to say something, then stops. Then she goes to say something, and stops again.

118 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I want to say something, but it goes against everything I've been taught as Twilight's pupil.

119 TRIXIE
Oh, then **by all means**, say it.

120 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(deep breath) **I think** Pharynx is a **lost** cause.

121 TRIXIE
(agreeing) **I'm all for second chances, third even, but he just seems like a bad seed.**

122 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
And Thorax has a duty to the whole hive, not just his brother.

123 TRIXIE
(nods) **If he keeps sticking up for Pharynx, the hive might decide they don't want Thorax as their leader.**

124 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I think he might have to kick Pharynx out, but I don't want to be the one to tell Thorax that.

125 TRIXIE
Me neither. **But someone probably should. (then) I nominate you.**

Starlight and Trixie continue walking down the tunnel. After a beat, Pharynx transforms, revealing that he was blending in with the tunnel wall and overheard the entire conversation.

SC. 8 - INT. CHANGELING HIVE - COMMON ROOM - LATER

Thorax is slumped in his throne when Starlight and Trixie enter.

126 **STARLIGHT GLIMMER**
Thorax... we have something to tell you.

127 THORAX *
It's about Pharynx, isn't it? *

128 TRIXIE *
Maybeeee...? *

129 THORAX *
Look, I know he's an aggressive *
warrior type, but when I was *
little, every young changeling *
wanted to be like that. *

SC. 9 - INT. CHANGELING HIVE - TRAINING CLASS - FLASHBACK *

Thorax continues narrating over: a group of THREE YOUNG CHANGELINGS (short legs, small wings and antennae) with angry faces stand in a row. The changelings rise up in unison and attack DUMMY PONIES that have been set up. *

130 THORAX (V.O.)
Every young changeling except me.

We see A YOUNG THORAX (no antennae or wings) sitting in the corner playing nicely with some dolls made out of twine. *

131 THORAX (V.O.)
The others would pick on me for not wanting to fight.

A shadow falls over Young Thorax. He looks up and sees the five changelings standing over him, looking threatening.

132 YOUNG CHANGELING
Look at the tough changeling playing with his dollies.

The others <LAUGH> as they all step closer to Young Thorax, who cowers in the corner.

133 YOUNG PHARYNX (O.S.)
Step away from my brother.

They all look and see YOUNG PHARYNX, who is bigger and meaner than the rest.

134 THORAX (V.O.)
But Pharynx never let them hurt me.

The three changelings have become nervous.

135 YOUNG CHANGELING
We were just complimenting his dollies.

Young Pharynx suddenly TRANSFORMS into a MONSTER and <ROARS>, terrifying the other young changelings who run off.

136 YOUNG THORAX
Thanks, Pharynx.

Young Thorax smiles at Pharynx gratefully, then Pharynx takes Young Thorax's hoof and makes Thorax hit himself on the body with it.

137 YOUNG PHARYNX
Why are you hitting yourself? Why
are you hitting yourself? Stop
hitting yourself. Why are you
hitting yourself?

138 YOUNG THORAX
Ouch! Cut it out, Pharynx!

Young Pharynx stops.

139 YOUNG PHARYNX
They're right, you know. You need
to have tougher skin.

Young Pharynx leaves.

SC. 10 - INT. CHANGELING HIVE - COMMON ROOM - PRESENT TIME

Starlight, Trixie, and Thorax are as they were.

140 TRIXIE
That was a really sweet story--
until the end.

Starlight sees some workers across the room removing the vines Pharynx destroyed earlier. She takes it in.

141 THORAX
I know Pharynx loved me, in his own
way. And I know there's good in him
somewhere. That's why I keep
sticking up for him. (then) Anyway,
what did you want to talk to me
about?

Trixie points to herself like, "Who, me?"

142 TRIXIE
Me? No. (points at Starlight) But
Starlight has something she'd--

Starlight has a sudden thought.

143 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Actually, Thorax, um... never mind.
Come on, Trixie, we've got... a
thing to do.

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Starlight quickly ushers Trixie out of the throne room before
she can say anything, and into--

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SC. 11 - INT. CHANGELING HIVE - TUNNEL - CONTINUOUS

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Starlight and Trixie enter the tunnel.

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144 TRIXIE
What are you doing? I thought we
agreed you'd tell Thorax he had to
kick his brother out of the hive.

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145 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Maybe we don't have to. Get Pharynx
and meet me at the hive entrance.
I'll explain everything.

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Starlight teleports out, leaving Trixie alone.

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146 TRIXIE
(calling to the vanished Starlight)
And how am I supposed to know where
Pharynx is?!

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A PASSING CHANGELING hears her.

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147 PASSING CHANGELING
I just saw Pharynx.

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148 TRIXIE
Oh. Well, that was easy.

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SC. 12 - EXT. CHANGELING HIVE - ENTRANCE - LATER

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Starlight comes back to the hive from the surrounding land,
using her magic to lay down a trail of plants to the hive
entrance. When she reaches the entrance, we see Trixie
waiting for her.

149 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(proud) We'll just use one problem
to solve another. I'm luring the
Maulwurf here, and when it attacks
the hive, Pharynx will save his
brother, showing everypony his good
side. The others will accept him
and Pharynx will finally let love
and friendship into his life and
transform!

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Trixie looks shocked and a little nervous.

150 TRIXIE
Wow.

151 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I know, right? Great idea.
(noticing) Where's Pharynx?

152 TRIXIE
He's is gone. *

153 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(hopeful) Gone like gone to the
throne room?

154 TRIXIE
Gone like gone. One of the
changelings said Pharynx left the
hive for good. *

A group of changelings overhear this last part and <CHEER>!

155 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(freaking out) So I'm leading a
Dread Maulwurf here and Pharynx is
gone?! *

The group of changelings <SCREAM>, scared, and we:

END OF ACT 2

ACT 3

SC. 13 - INT. CHANGELING HIVE - COMMON ROOM - LATER *

Starlight and Trixie rush through the common room to Thorax.

156 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Thorax! There you are! Pharynx is
missing--

Some nearby changelings <CHEER>!

157 TRIXIE
Wait for it...

158 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
--and a Dread Maulwurf is coming
this way! *

The changelings <SCREAM> in fear.

159 TRIXIE
Told ya.

160 THORAX
What do you mean my brother is
missing?!

161 TRIXIE
He left the hive and no one knows
where.

162 THORAX
And why is a **Dread Maulwurf** coming
here? *

Starlight laughs nervously.

163 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I might have laid out a trail of
plants to lead it directly to the
hive. *

164 THORAX
Why would you do that?!

165 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I thought if Pharynx saw you were
in danger, the loving, caring side
of him would come out when he
protected you.

166 THORAX
But instead he's **out there** alone
with a rampaging monster. **I have to
save him.** And you're both coming
with me! *
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Thorax stalks off. Starlight and Trixie look a shocked.

167 TRIXIE
I mean, I was gonna volunteer
anyway-- *

Starlight nudges her.

168 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Look on the bright side. He's way
more assertive **these days.** (then,
excited) Ember would be so proud! *

169 THORAX
Alright, who else is coming?

Thorax looks to the other changelings in the room. They scatter, avert their eyes, or pretend to be busy with something else.

170 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
None of you are willing to help?

Still no reaction. Starlight paces in front of them.

171 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
(rising in emotion) You changelings
were a fearsome swarm under
Chrysalis. You may not have had the
best intentions, but you were
together! You were united! Now
Thorax is taking the hive in a new
direction. But just because you
embrace love doesn't mean you can't
be strong! So band together once
again to save one of your own! Face
your fears and stop this Dread
Maulwurf!

SC. 14 - EXT. CHANGELING HIVE - A LITTLE LATER

CLOSE ON Thorax, Starlight, and Trixie as they walk through the desolate landscape.

172 TRIxie
That was a pretty epic speech,
Starlight.

PULL WIDE to reveal it's just the three of them.

TRIXIE (CONT'D)
I can't believe not a single one of
those changelings was moved by it.

173 THORAX
I can't blame them. They've been
begging me to get rid of Pharynx,
and I ignored them. What a terrible
leader I've been. We're going to
have to face the Maulwurf alone.

174 TRIxie
I still can't believe that's a real
thing.

175 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Well, believe it, because there it
is.

Starlight points off to the distance, where they can see clumps of dirt being thrown into the air.

SC. 15 - EXT. DESOLATE LANDSCAPE - LATER

Thorax and the others rush up to see Pharynx battling the Dread Maulwurf (looking as Starlight described). The Maulwurf is taking swipes at him, but Pharynx keeps dodging them and the Maulwurf ends up ripping up clumps of dirt.

176 THORAX
Pharynx!

177 PHARYNX
Thorax?! What are you doing here?

178 THORAX
I'm here to save you!

Thorax flies straight towards the Maulwurf.

179 PHARYNX
Get out of here! Let me handle this!

Pharynx barely dodges a claw.

180 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
We're not leaving you!

Trixie tosses smoke and flash bombs trying to blind and distract the Maulwurf.

Starlight shoots out a BLAST of magic that hits the Maulwurf square in the stomach. The Maulwurf barely reacts.

181 THORAX
I may have forgot to mention in my letters that Maulwurfs have really thick hides.

Pharynx slams into the side of the Maulwurf, also with no effect. The Maulwurf easily knocks him to the ground.

182 THORAX (CONT'D)
See?

PHARYNX
We can't beat this thing alone!

183 DORYLUS 1 (O.S.)
You don't have to!

We see [Dorylus 1 and 2](#) have arrived with some other changelings. Suddenly a lot more changelings appear over a ridge.

184 TRIXIE
(to Starlight) I told you it was an
epic speech.

The changelings charge and slam into the side of the [Maulwurf](#), but to no effect.

THORAX
It's no use! He's too tough.

The Maulwurf is really angry now, flailing around and <ROARING>. Trixie uses her horn magic to lift up a rock and hurl it at the Maulwurf, who catches it and crushes it to dust in it's claw.

185 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
And kind of strong too!

186 TRIXIE
If only we could get this thing to
fight itself, we'd have no problem
defeating it.

Pharynx **hears** this and has an idea.

187 PHARYNX
That's it! (then) Thorax! Remember
when we were young and I made you
hit yourself?

188 THORAX
Now is not the time to make fun of
me, Pharynx! (realizing) Oh! Right!
Of course! Come on!

Thorax and Pharynx dive at the Maulwurf, buzzing around it just out of reach. The creature swipes at them, but the changelings are too fast and the Maulwurf just ends up hitting itself.

189 PHARYNX
Why are you hitting yourself? Why
are you hitting yourself?

190 THORAX
Yeah, **Maulwurf**. Why are you hitting
yourself? Why are you hitting
yourself?

The Maulwurf gets angrier and angrier, swiping faster and faster. It mistakes its tail for a changeling or pony and bites down on it.

Trixie swirls her cape to make a MIRROR appear. Starlight uses magic to make it GROW. The Maulwurf looks at it's reflection and sees it's biting its own tail.

TRIXIE
That must be embarrassing.

The pain finally registers and the Maulwurf makes a <HORRIFIED NOISE> then dives underground and burrows away.

191 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
We did it! It's gone!

The ponies and changelings <CHEER>! Thorax approaches Pharynx.

192 THORAX
What were you doing out here?

193 PHARYNX
Leaving.

194 THORAX
Why?

195 PHARYNX
Because I'm done with the hive.

196 THORAX
Oh. (leading) It's just, why bother fighting the Maulwurf? You could have left it alone.

197 PHARYNX
(impassioned) Well I couldn't just let it attack the hive!

The changelings take this in. Thorax knows he's onto something.

198 THORAX
But I thought you were done with the hive, you didn't care.

199 PHARYNX
I never said that! The hive is the thing I care about most.

THORAX

Well you certainly don't act like it.

PHARYNX

Well, I'm sorry if I don't get excited about pretty flowers and a Feelings Circle.

THORAX

(correcting) Forum.

PHARYNX

Whatever. (then) It doesn't matter. Even if I do care about the hive, I obviously don't have a place there anymore.

The changelings all exchange looks. Dorylus 1 and Dorylus 2 step forward.

DORYLUS 1

Actually, you do. Because we've been wrong. The hive may be a gentler, nicer place--

DORYLUS 2

--But that doesn't mean we won't have to defend ourselves. (re: holes) Clearly.

DORYLUS 1

We need a protector.

DORYLUS 2

We need a warrior.

The other changelings <MURMUR> in agreement. Pharynx brightens at their words and his wings begin to shimmer.

THORAX

And I need to fill the newly-reinstated position of Head of Patrol.

The other changelings all <CHEER>.

PHARYNX

You all... want me to stay?

TRIXIE

I thought that was obvious.

THORAX
Unless you still want to leave the
hive.

PHARYNX
Why would I want that? I love the
hive!

Suddenly Pharynx's whole body transforms to a shimmering,
colorful one. They all "OOOH" and "AAAH."

202 TRIXIE
He did it! He transformed!

203 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I always knew you had it in you!

204 PHARYNX
Really? Because I thought you said
I was a lost cause and you were
going to tell Thorax he should kick
me out.

All eyes turn to Starlight. Trixie looks to Starlight in big,
fake shock.

TRIXIE
Starlight! How could you say that?

205 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(defensive/exasperated) Wha?...
that's... I mean...

206 THORAX
(to Pharynx) I would never have
kicked you out.

Pharynx looks down at his new form and smiles.

PHARYNX
Well, now you won't have to.

The changelings all <CHEER> and go to congratulate Pharynx.
Trixie and Starlight sidle up next to Thorax.

214 TRIXIE
Nice leadering, Thorax.

STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I don't know what you were feeling
so overwhelmed about.

They both hold up a hoof up to tap with Thorax.

215 THORAX
So... not only did you lead the
Maulwurf to the hive, but you also
drove my brother away from it?

Starlight and Trixie slowly lower their hooves.

216 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Yeah. The thing about that is...
um...

Pharynx comes over to them.

217 PHARYNX
Do you guys want to hear the story
about how I used to make Thorax hit
himself when we were younger?

218 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(quickly) Yes, we'd love to!

219 TRIxie
Tell us right now!

As Pharynx starts in on his story, Thorax smiles at the
ponies, and:

FADE OUT

END