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TEASER**INT. THRONE ROOM - DAY**

Starlight is having trouble closing the lid on a chest that's full of snacks. Spike asks what she's doing. She tells him she's packed Twilight and the girls some snacks for their friendship retreat. Spike: "That's nice." But Starlight can't get the lid closed, and she gets more and more frustrated until finally she ends up smashing it, splintering the chest to pieces. Spike: "That's not so nice." Starlight's a little taken aback with her own aggression: "Yeah, I may have a problem."

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT I****EXT. TRAIN STATION - DAY**

Starlight and Trixie walk the Mane 6 to the train. Twilight says she's so excited for this friendship retreat with the mane 6 because she can't remember the last time they all just hung out without having to save Equestria. Starlight tells Twilight they deserve a little R&R! She's just gonna hang out with Trixie and work on some tricks while they're gone. Twilight says that sounds like a great time! Starlight hands Twilight some crushed potato crisps and smushed apples. "Here, I made you snacks for the train." Twilight: "Oh! Um, thanks."

EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

Starlight, Spike and Trixie walk back to the castle. Trixie asks what the deal was with the smushed apples and crushed chips? Spike: "Shh. Don't ask." Trixie playfully ribs Starlight about it. Trixie: "I mean only your best friends give you smushed train snacks." Starlight flushes with anger and embarrassment but tries to keep a lid on it: "Yeah, heh heh."

INT. ESCAPE EXPERIENCE - HALLWAY - LATER

As the Mane 6 follow an attendant pony down a hallway, Rarity says she's so excited for this "Escape Experience" they're going to. She can't wait to get a facial, get her hooves done, and hang out in the steam room. Twilight says it's not that kind of retreat. Rarity: "What are you talking about? Isn't it a spa? It's called 'Escape Experience' so you can escape your troubles." Twilight says actually, it's called "Escape Experience" because you get locked in a room and have to solve puzzles and riddles in order to escape! They get to:

INT. ESCAPE EXPERIENCE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

The mane 6 enter a room full of symbols on the wall, picto-grams, cryptograms, and a broken statue. The attendant pony explains that if they solve all the clues it will lead them to a key and then they can escape! Twilight is super excited. Everypony else has an "Oh, Twilight" look, but they're happy to be together nonetheless. Rarity asks how long this is going to take? The attendant pony says that a group of Griffons set the record for the fastest escape - it took them less than an hour. Rainbow Dash says they can totally beat that record. Rainbow Dash: "I mean, Griffons barely like each other, and we've saved Equestria with the power of our friendship, so this should be a sinch!"

INT. TWILIGHT'S THRONE ROOM - LATER

Starlight and Trixie get back to the castle. Starlight asks what Trixie'd like to do first? Trixie says she has been working on a something pretty incredible if she does say so herself. Starlight smiles, "Oh yeah?" Trixie: "It's a new trick and it is going to blow your mind. Like really really blow it." Starlight laughs, "Ok, Trixie, wow me." With that, Trixie does an incantation, "What lies before me, present and near, I command you to disappear!" Her horn glows. Poof! Everything in front of Trixie disappears including Twilight's map table! Trixie proudly turns to a wide-eyed, red-faced Starlight. When Trixie sees Starlight's reaction, she squeaks out: "Ta Da?"

END ACT I

ACT II**INT. THRONE ROOM - SAME**

Starlight is almost hyperventilating! Bring it back! Trixie says small problem, she doesn't know to do that part yet. Starlight gets even angrier, then why would Trixie do that trick? Totally calm, Trixie shrugs and says she thought it would be impressive. "Don't worry, we'll find it. No big deal." Starlight thinks it's a pretty big deal. How is the Princess of Friendship supposed to find friendship problems without her magical map?! Twilight left her in charge and if they can't find that map table she'll never trust Starlight again!! "And it's all your---" Starlight spots the broken chest on the floor from earlier and stops herself. She tells Trixie they have to find that map - but she needs a minute first. She'll catch up with her in a jiff.

INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - KITCHEN - MOMENTS LATER

Starlight is looking for something in the kitchen cabinets, but can't find it. Spike follows her in. She testily asks where she can find a container or a jar. Spike finds one for her and asks if she's making jam or something, because this doesn't seem like the best time? Starlight says no and her horn glows as she casts a spell that will contain her angry energy in the jar. Spike asks if that's a good idea? Starlight: "You saw what I did to the chest. Imagine what I'm gonna want to do to Trixie if we don't find that map!" Starlight insists this is a simple, harmless spell - a slight alteration on the one she used to contain everypony's cutie marks back in the village. Spike: "Yeah, and that went great." Starlight says it'll just take out her anger so she doesn't blow up on Trixie while they find the map. Spike reluctantly says ooo-kay and volunteers to look around the castle for the map table. "Maybe it disappeared into a closet or something?" Starlight thanks Spike and goes to join Trixie.

INT. LIBRARY - CONTINUOUS

Starlight sets the jar down on a table. Trixie says she's looked everywhere and can't find a counterspell...but she only has two books open in front of her. Starlight asks if Trixie checked the original spell for extra details? Trixie: "Oh. Nope, didn't do that." Starlight starts to get angry, then the jar glows (unseen by Trixie) and she instantly turns calm. She magics a spell book over and discovers that the map table was likely transported to the last place Trixie was thinking of. Trixie: "Wonderful! Except I have no idea what that would be." Seems the Great and Powerful Trixie doesn't have the best memory. Unfazed, Trixie says they can just check every place she might have been thinking of! That shouldn't take long at all! They'll definitely find it before Twilight and her friends return. Besides, it'll be super fun, like a high-stakes scavenger hunt, right? Starlight: "Fun???" We see more of Starlight's anger being contained. Trixie starts to head out, but Starlight says she's just gonna grab some snacks. Trixie: "Boy, you're really big on snacks." Starlight quickly magics over a saddle bag, puts the jar in it, and heads out after Trixie, wearily telling herself, "You got this." CUT TO:

INT. ESCAPE EXPERIENCE - SAME

Applejack cheering for Twilight: "You got this!" REVEAL Twilight is working on a picto-gram. She moves a piece and completes the puzzle, which opens up to reveal a purple jewel. Applejack asks if anypony needed a jewel? Rarity and Rainbow Dash call out they need it to complete this color pattern they're working on! Then Pinkie Pie exclaims: "Look what I did!" REVEAL she's arranged a bunch of pins on a map to form a happy face. Fluttershy: "Is that what the clue said to do?" Pinkie: "There were clues?" Fluttershy explains they're supposed to find all the streets that end in E on the map. Pinkie quickly fixes the pins, which form an arrow that points to a stone on the wall. Rainbow Dash says they're really flying through this thing!

EXT. PONYVILLE - VARIOUS - LATER

Conversely, Starlight and Trixie have made zero progress. We see Starlight and Trixie checking the places Trixie might have been thinking of. They go to Sugarcube Corner because Trixie might have been hungry when she cast the spell. Mrs. Cake says she hasn't seen a huge map table, then tends to the Cake Twins. Next they go to Sweet Apple Acres because Trixie's not sure what she was hungry for. Granny Smith says she hasn't seen it. Trixie does a weird snake-charmer like head bob in front of Granny Smith: "We were never here." Starlight rolls her eyes but even that is sucked into the jar.

EXT. PONYVILLE PARK - MOMENTS LATER

As they walk through the park, Trixie prattles on about other random stuff she might've been thinking of. Starlight's saddle bag glows, only now it seems that she's more than just calm, she's becoming a more unenthusiastic, lackluster version of herself. Trixie asks if she's okay? Starlight says she's fine. Trixie: "Are you sure? Because you

seem a little...what's the word? Haggard." Starlight starts to get upset, but the saddle bag glows and she just responds with a monotone: "Nope. I am great."

Trixie says she hopes they find the map soon. The Mane 6 will probably be back soon. Starlight: "What do you mean?!" Trixie explains that the Escape Experience is actually a game, one that Twilight and her friends should ace in no time. Starlight really starts to lose it! Starlight: "AND YOU DIDN'T THINK TO TELL ME UNTIL--" Her saddle bag glows. Starlight, calm: "--never mind. It is okay." Trixie asks if Starlight's saddle bag just *glowed*?? Starlight says no, but Trixie doesn't buy it. She tries to take the saddle bag from Starlight, who weakly protests: "No. Don't." They have a tug-of-war over the bag until it goes flying into the park. The glowing jar of angry energy flies out and shatters by some other ponies at the park: Bulk Biceps, Granny Smith, and the Cake twins. The angry energy settles over the four ponies and turns their eyes red. They all turn to Trixie and glare. Off of Trixie's scared look we...

END ACT II

ACT III

EXT. PONYVILLE PARK- CONTINUOUS

Granny Smith, Bulk Biceps and the Cake twins lunge at Trixie who dodges their advances by hiding behind playground equipment. Granny: "Stay still so I can box yer ears!" Trixie avoids Granny's blind swings pretty easily and yells to Starlight - what's going on?? Why are these ponies after her?? Starlight, who's snapped out of her stupor now that the jar is broken, explains she was trying to bottle up her anger at Trixie but when the jar broke, her anger must have infected the other ponies. Starlight: "Look out!" Starlight points to the Cake twins just as they jump off the jungle gym and onto Trixie's back from above. The Cake twins bite at Trixie, like little rabid squirrels. Trixie: " YEOW!" She shakes them off. They land and immediately growl at her. Bulk and Granny spot them and start charging. Trixie: "WHAT DO WE DO NOW??" Starlight: "RUN!" CUT TO:

INT. ESCAPE EXPERIENCE - SAME

Twilight, Applejack and Rainbow Dash pull a stone out of a wall revealing a key hole just as Pinkie Pie, Fluttershy, and Rarity find the key! They did it! The Mane 6 break into song, singing about how wonderful it is to work together. All this time being friends has made them unstoppable and their friendship will get them through anything. INTERCUT WITH:

EXT. PONYVILLE PARK - SAME

CLOSE ON: Trixie screaming and running for dear life. CLOSE ON: Starlight looking panicked and slightly guilty.

INT. ESCAPE EXPERIENCE - SAME

The Mane 6 finish their song with a big flourish! Then Fluttershy quietly mentions maybe they should put the key in the keyhole and unlock the door to officially stop the clock. Quickly the girls do just that. The attendant pony comes in and says he's so sorry, they missed beating the Griffon record by about two seconds. Rainbow Dash: "Aw! NUTS!" A beat, then the girls all start laughing, and Rainbow does too. They tell Twilight she was right, as usual. This really was a great bonding experience. Off their carefree hugs we CUT TO:

EXT. PONYVILLE - SAME

A frantic Trixie and Starlight run and duck to avoid Bulk Biceps as he hurls things at Trixie. Bulk: "Must smash Trixie!" The Cake twins aren't far behind him, and Granny Smith, although pulling up the rear, is surprisingly quick for someone her age! Trixie calls out to Starlight - "Geez, Starlight. You must have been really mad at me! What did I do?" "You lost Twilight's map, for one!" Trixie: "Yeah but we're gonna find it!" Starlight: "And you acted like it was no big deal!" Trixie is about to defend herself but then she notices Bulk's eyes flicker back to his normal color and he and the others start to slow down their charge. Trixie: "Quick, Starlight! Tell me more about what's wrong with me!" Starlight vents some more: Trixie's been making light of stuff that was really important to Starlight. It seemed like she wasn't even trying to help fix her mistake. She never even said she was sorry! As Starlight lets it all out, Bulk and the others stop running after them. Trixie and Starlight stop running too. Trixie: "I just thought if I didn't make a big deal out of it, it wouldn't seem like a big deal. But it was, and I'm sorry."

As Starlight's rage completely leaves Bulk and the others, they all shake their heads and come back to themselves. Bulk: "Why am I running this way? I work at the Spa! The spa is the other way!" As he and the others head off, Trixie turns to Starlight: "Why didn't you just tell me??" Starlight says she didn't want to lash out on her and lose her as a friend. Trixie says for the record, she wouldn't be friends with the boring pony Starlight was becoming. She's friends with Starlight because she's passionate and lively and sometimes angry. And it's okay to feel angry and let somepony know you don't like how things are going. You have to trust that our friendship is stronger than a few angry words. As Starlight and Trixie hug, Trixie suddenly remembers what she was thinking about! CUT TO:

INT. PONYVILLE DAY SPA - MOMENTS LATER

Starlight and Trixie walk in to find the map table in the middle of the spa. Starlight: "You're kidding me. You were thinking about the SPA??" Trixie says there's more to it than that. She was thinking about how glad she is to have met Starlight and remembering their first meeting: here at the Ponyville Day Spa. Starlight smiles. Their moment is interrupted by Bulk Biceps, who is playing with the map table like it's a playset. Bulk: "Aww, are you taking my new toy away?"

INT. TWILIGHT'S THRONE ROOM - LATER

Trixie and Starlight put the map table back to Spike's specifications, just as the Mane 6 return. Twilight: "Hey girls! How'd it go?" Trixie and Starlight: "Nothing." Twilight: "What?" Starlight: "Let's just say I learned a friendship lesson and a magic lesson while you were gone." Pinkie Pie: "That's great! We learned a lesson about when to sing songs." Rarity says that's all well and good, but she really was looking forward to a spa day, and the Ponyville Spa's still open. Who's in? Trixie and Starlight say they're good.

END SHOW