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Friendship Lesson: A good friend is able to look past their own insecurities and know when somepony truly needs help.

Twilight and Starlight head to the Crystal Kingdom. Twilight is in super-excited-aunt mode. It's Flurry Heart's "graduation" from baby flying class. Starlight is happy to come along for the chance to see Sunburst – who will also be at the graduation since he's Flurry's Crystaler.

Starlight and Twilight arrive the day before the graduation and Sunburst asks Starlight if she wants to go antiquing. She's less than enthusiastic but it's right up Twilight's alley. Neither want Starlight to feel left out – but Starlight insists they go. In fact, she's couldn't be happier that the two ponies she has the strongest connections to will have a chance to develop a connection of their own. Cadance and Shining Armor are happy to entertain Starlight – they hate antiquing too.

In a dusty old shop, Twilight and Sunburst are ecstatic when they find one of Starswirl the Bearded's ancient artifacts – the Monocle of Scrying. It's accompanied by half of a diary that confirms the legends surrounding it. Supposedly, the monocle allowed Starswirl to learn twice as much as the average pony and many attribute his magical acumen at least in part to its use. Since nopony had ever found it, many assumed it was just a legend. Twilight and Sunburst are so excited by their discovery, they immediately start testing the monocle out.

As they read the diary they discover Starswirl wasn't always the wealth of magical knowledge he came to be. He even had some embarrassing encounters with other legendary ponies we've heard about. Twilight and Sunburst had no idea they were all peers! Regardless, it seems as though many of Starswirl's important magical discoveries came after he created the monocle.

Twilight and Sunburst skip the family dinner that Cadance and Shining Armor have planned. The discovery is too exciting and everypony understands. Starlight is happy that the two of them are getting along, though suspicious that Twilight would miss dinner with her family. The rest of the family convince Starlight that, for Twilight, when it comes to learning everything else takes a back seat.

But when both Twilight and Sunburst miss the actual graduation the next day, Starlight is sure something is not right. She goes to Sunburst's and finds he and Twilight are still at it. They are learning so much, it just didn't make sense to stop. She confronts them, but they suggest that she might be experiencing some jealousy since they are connecting over learning (not Starlight's forte). They understand how that might make Starlight feel bad, but they don't have time to help her through it. There's just too much to learn and they only have a lifetime to learn it.

Starlight is conflicted. She isn't convinced that Twilight and Sunburst situation is okay, but she also realizes that what they said was true. She is a little jealous that Twilight and Sunburst are sharing something that she isn't. She decides to leave them alone since they are so smart and obviously know best. But when Flurry's post-graduation party rolls around and Starlight sees Flurry in tears over the fact

that her Aunt Twiley and Sunburst aren't there, she changes her mind. There's no way the friends she knows and loves would do this to somepony they cared about.

At Sunburst's house she finds Sunburst and Twilight are acting completely indifferent, so engrossed in uploading books to their brains. They've gone through every book in his library and have moved on to all the books in the Crystal Empire (outside we see ponies pulling up a wagon train of carts filled with books). Starlight tries to use magic to freeze them and make them see sense, but thanks to the monocle, Twilight's learned all kinds of counterspells that free them. Twilight and Sunburst stand by their claim that knowledge is the most important pursuit of all. Starlight asks what about their friends? Their family? Flurry Heart? "In fact, let me show you something." Using a magical projection, Starlight shows them what Flurry's life would be like if they just continued to hole up in Sunbursts house until the end of time, instead of being a part of her life – and it isn't pretty. Twilight and Sunburst are convinced and lock the monocle away. Twilight and Sunburst apologizes for missing Flurry Heart's graduation and promise to never miss another milestone again. Then they thank Starlight for not listening to them when they weren't being kind, and for not giving up on them. Starlight admits she was jealous, but she also knew her friends were better than they were acting.

As Twilight and Starlight head home, we stay with Sunburst as he opens one more book...