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Friendship lesson: Just because your friends have other interests, doesn't mean you aren't one of them.

TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. PONYVILLE TRAIN STATION - PLATFORM - DAY

STARLIGHT GLIMMER is on the platform. She looks down the tracks, then turns to the ticket window behind her.

1 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Excuse me, what time does the noon
train from the Crystal Empire
arrive?

2 TICKET AGENT
Um, noon?

3 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Oh, right, obviously. Sorry, I'm
just excited because my friend
Sunburst is coming to visit. He's
my oldest friend. (bragging) He
pretty much knows everything there
is to know about magic. No big
deal.

A LITTLE LATER:

Starlight walks alongside to a PORTER, who pulls a luggage cart.

4 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
...He can finally meet all the new
friends I've made. There's Trixie,
and Maud Pie, and... that's it. But
that's a lot for me.

A LITTLE LATER:

Starlight sits on a bench, talking to an unseen pony.

5 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
...He's never been to Ponyville
before. Well, one time, but it was
for a ceremony at the Castle of
Friendship and I hardly got to see
him. And he didn't get to see much
of Ponyville. An outsider might not
think there's a lot to see, but you
and I know better. Right?

REVEAL Starlight is talking to DJ-PON3, bopping HER head to her music. Starlight sees she isn't listening and frowns.

Just then a train pulls into the platform. Starlight jumps up, excited.

She hurries towards the train and waits expectantly as PASSENGERS exit. The car clears out with no sign of Sunburst. The doors close and the train starts to pull away. Starlight's face drops, when:

6 SUNBURST (O.S.)
Starlight!

Starlight turns and sees SUNBURST at the far end of the platform with a bag. Starlight runs to him and gives him a hug.

7 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Sunburst! You're here!

8 SUNBURST
And I'm so happy to be here! I've been wrapped up in my studies, I really need this break.

They start walking down the platform. Starlight uses her magic to bring Sunburst's bag with them.

9 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Well, good news, because I've got a lot planned for us. We can take in Ponyville and tour the Castle of Friendship today, then play some board games like we used to tonight, and tomorrow there's a lunch for you to meet my new friends.

10 SUNBURST
That all sounds really great.

11 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
But I thought we'd start by going up to Winsome Falls. It's a bit of a hike, but it's a special place that means a lot to me.

12 SUNBURST
A hike, huh? Eh, I don't know...

13 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(back peddling) I mean, there's no rush. You just got here. We'll do it later. I should ask what you want to do.

14 SUNBURST
(brightly) Well, I have been
dreaming of Ponyville's famed House
of Antiques!

15 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(not thrilled) Oh. Cooool. Antiquing
sounds... fun.

Off Starlight's unenthusiastic look, we:

END OF TEASER

OPENING CREDITS

ACT 1

SC. 2 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LATER

Starlight is leading Sunburst down a hallway.

16 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
...And the library is just down
this hallway.

Sunburst looks around, taking the hallway in.

17 SUNBURST
How can you tell? Everything in the
castle looks the same.

18 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I used to think that. But after
awhile, you get the hang of it.

She opens a door, revealing SPIKE standing in front of a
mirror, shaving.

19 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Oh, Spike! Sorry! I thought this
was the--

20 SPIKE
(finishing the thought) --library?
(points) It's still that door over
there. Hi, Sunburst.

She closes the door and turns to Sunburst.

21 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I knew that. Really.

Just then, TWILIGHT SPARKLE comes out of the library.

22 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I thought I heard you two out here.
Welcome, Sunburst.

23 SUNBURST
Thanks, Twilight. It's good to see
you again.

24 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I was just showing Sunburst...
Spike's bathroom.

25 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sounds like a very thorough tour.

26 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Originally I was going to take
Sunburst up to Winsome Falls--

27 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Wow, that's kind of a hike.

Starlight frowns.

28 SUNBURST
And I suggested the House of
Antiques, but I could tell
Starlight didn't want to go.

At the first mention of the House of Antiques, Twilight can
barely contain her excitement.

29 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
The House of Antiques?! I loooooove
the House of Antiques! And isn't it
time for their...

30 TWILIGHT SPARKLE/SUNBURST
(in unison) Spring clearance sale!

As Sunburst and Twilight excitedly blurt, Starlight follows
their exchange, her head ping-pong back and forth like she's
watching a tennis match.

31 SUNBURST
I just love antiquing. That moment
you discover the perfect piece--

32 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Knowing you're connected to a
bygone era--

33 SUNBURST
The stories antiques tell!

34 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
The lessons antiques teach!

35 SUNBURST
Well, the next time I'm in
Ponyville, we should definitely go.

Starlight takes in their enthusiasm, considering.

36 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Or... we could just go now.

37 SUNBURST
That's nice of you to offer,
Starlight, but we don't have to.

38 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
No, come on. If you really want to
go, we should go. We'll have plenty
of time to do the stuff I have
planned.

Twilight puts her hooves up to her mouth and <BARELY
SUPPRESSES A SQUEAL>.

39 SUNBURST
Okay, then. Let's go.

Twilight lets out a <FULL-ON SQUEAL>. Starlight and Sunburst
react and cover their ears.

SC. 3 - INT. HOUSE OF ANTIQUES - LATER

Sunburst, and Twilight are in their element as they walk
through the cluttered store, happily browsing the antique
furniture, clothing, jewelry, toys, knick-knacks, etc.

40 SUNBURST
This place is better than I even
imagined. There's so much here.

Starlight puts on a good face, trying to make the best of it,
but it's even more than she bargained for.

41 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
So, so much.

Sunburst and Starlight go to a box of plain tiles. Sunburst
begins flipping through them. One. By. One. They all look the
exact same.

42 SUNBURST
Wow, what a difference between the
hand-glazed ones, the kiln-glazed
one, and the machine-glazed ones,
right?

Starlight stares at them as Sunburst keeps flipping. She
can't help it and her eyelids start drooping, then her eyes
go crossed.

She's brought out of her trance by Twilight:

43 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You guys have to see this! An
original Earth Pony map of
Equestria!

Sunburst and Starlight join her at a table where a bunch of
old maps are laid out.

44 SUNBURST
Without the magic of unicorns or
the flying perspective of pegasi,
the ancient mathematician
Skyrosophocles was able to map the
coast of Equestria to within a
mile.

45 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Look how different the route of the
Guto River used to be.

46 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Where's Manehattan?

47 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It didn't exist yet.

48 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(confused) What good is a map that
can't tell you where things are?

49 SUNBURST
While it's true the information it
was originally meant to convey is
no longer valid, there's still a
lot of valuable insight to be
gained from a piece like this.

50 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
It just looks old to me.

51 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Starlight, maybe it would help if you think of antiquing like treasure hunting. Buried among all this "old stuff" there's bound to be something that excites you.

52 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(considering) I guess I could try.

Starlight looks around and pokes at various items. She touches a crystal chandelier and all the dangling crystals begin <CLANGING> together. She quiets them, then slowly backs away... into another chandelier that <CLANGS> loudly.

Starlight quiets this one, then very carefully looks at a book shelf filled with little knick-knacks. She notices a small salt-and-pepper shaker set: one shaker is a pegasus, one is a unicorn.

53 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Oh, these are cute. (looks at price) What?! Old and expensive?

Sunburst and Twilight have come over, having heard her outburst.

54 SUNBURST
We don't have to stay, Starlight. I know antiquing isn't your thing, but I do appreciate you trying.

55 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
No, no, I'm fine. Really. Besides, we've seen almost everything, I can stay until you're finished.

They turn the corner and find themselves at the beginning of another loooooong row of items. Starlight stares down the long row.

56 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
How big is this place?!

57 SUNBURST
Really, Starlight, we can go. I don't want to make you do something you don't want to.

Starlight recovers and tries to reassure Sunburst.

58 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
But this is what you wanted to do most.

(MORE)

STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Even if I totally hated it - which
I don't - I'd stay... (with dread)
until the end.

59 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, you don't have to. Sunburst
and I could finish here and meet
you later?

60 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(excited) Really? (then, to
Sunburst) I mean, you know, if it's
okay with you - I do have to pick
up stuff for tomorrow's lunch...

61 SUNBURST
It's fine. We'll see you back at
the castle for game night--

62 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Great!

With that, Starlight exits the shop in a flash.

SC. 4 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - HALLWAY - LATER

Starlight walks down the hallway, floating a few board games
in front of her. She opens the door to the library, during:

63 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(calling) I hope you got all that
antiquing out of your system,
because it's time for some serious
playing of games...?

She enters the library...

SC. 5 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - CONTINUOUS

... and discovers Sunburst and Twilight surrounded by all
their antique store purchases.

64 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Or... we can look through all the
stuff you guys bought.

65 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Hey, Starlight. We're just
cataloguing all our antique finds.

66 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(not excited) Ooh, that sounds
exciting.

67 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I know, right? Want to help?

68 SUNBURST
I think that was sarcasm. Starlight doesn't actually think cataloguing sounds exciting.

69 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What? No. Really?

Starlight shrugs and pulls out one of the games. She shows it to Sunburst.

70 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Okay, I know how much you like old things, so I dug up an original version of Dragon Trap! Remember how much we played this game? I'll set it up while you finish your... "cataloguing."

71 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, of course it doesn't sound exciting when you say it like that.

Starlight begins setting the game up.

SC. 6 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - A LITTLE LATER

CLOSE ON: A plastic volcano which spits up a MARBLE. We follow the marble as it rolls down the side of the volcano along a "lava path" and sets off a Dragon Lands-themed Rube Goldberg machine which culminates in a cage dropping on a dragon figurine.

PULL BACK to reveal this is the Dragon Trap game, and Starlight is sitting before it, alone.

72 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Come on, you two. I've already trapped the dragon six times by myself.

REVEAL Twilight and Sunburst are still looking through their antiques.

73 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sorry. We got a lot more than I thought.

74 SUNBURST
We'll finish this later. Let's play the game!

Starlight immediately perks up and brings the board game over to them.

75 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Great! (to Twilight) Sunburst and I
used to play this game every day
when we were young.

She's about to set it down when she notices a barrel

76 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
What's this barrel for?

77 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's a blind buy from the store.
They fill the barrel with random
things, and you buy it without
knowing what's inside.

78 SUNBURST
I got it because I like the barrel.
Sometimes you get lucky and there's
something good inside, but usually
it's just junk.

79 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(joking) How is that different from
everything else you got?

Starlight turns the barrel upside-down to set the board game on the bottom, dumping the contents as she does. An old, brittle-looking book is among the items that fall out.

80 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Alright, Sunburst, you roll first.

But Sunburst has noticed the book. Curious, he picks it up. He sees the strange symbol on the cover and <GASPS>. He gives the book to Twilight.

81 SUNBURST
Is this what I think it is?

82 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
An old book?

Twilight's eyes go wide as she notices the symbol on the cover.

83 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Not just any old book.

Twilight gets another book off a shelf. She flips through the pages until she finds what she's looking for.

84 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
(reading) "Starswirl the Bearded's writings are required reading for any serious magic practitioner. Yet some scholars believe his most important works are contained in a journal that disappeared around the same time he did."

Twilight turns the book to show Sunburst and Starlight. The entry includes a drawing of the same symbol on the brittle book, which Twilight lifts up.

85 SUNBURST
(shocked) I can't believe it. We found Starswirl the Bearded's lost journal.

Twilight and Sunburst excitedly freak out and <SCREAM>. Starlight takes in their giddy exhilaration, then looks at the abandoned board game and realizes she won't be playing any games with her friends tonight.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 7 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - MOMENTS LATER

Twilight is looking through Starswirl's book.

86 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
So, this book is kind of a big deal?

87 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
"Kind of?" The existence of this lost volume is the biggest mystery in all pony magic.

88 SUNBURST
Starswirl's ideas about magic were really outside of the box.

89 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Some ponies think he discovered the truth.

90 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
About what?

91 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(whispers) Everything. (then) Maybe
there's even some clues about why
Starswirl disappeared.

Sunburst takes the book and begins looking through it.

92 SUNBURST
It's written in Olde Ponish. It'll
take longer to decipher.

93 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Oh, more old stuff.

94 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We're talking about the most
important wizard of all time!
Completing one of his unfinished
spells led to me getting my wings
and become an Alicorn!

Starlight stares blankly at Twilight.

95 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Don't you remember when you used
his time travel spell, and then you
and I battled through time and
nearly changed the entirety of
Equestria's history?

96 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Oh, yeah. That was pretty powerful
stuff. Same pony?

97 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yes! Same powerful, brilliant pony.
(looking through book, points)
Like, what does that say?

98 SUNBURST
(reads) "*Iterum, ego comedi mane
pizzari.*" (then) I think that
means, "Pizza for breakfast again."

99 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Pizza for breakfast? Fascinating!
(then) Okay, what else does it say?

Sunburst notices the board game and Starlight's disappointed look.

100 SUNBURST
Maybe we should hold off on the
book and play the game.
(MORE)

SUNBURST (CONT'D)

Starlight, you've been more than patient with us.

101 STARLIGHT GLIMMER

This seems really important. Not the pizza thing, but probably other stuff in there. If you want to study that book, I'd understand.

102 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

No, Starswirl's long-lost writings can wait. It's not like the book is going to disappear on us. (suddenly worried) Unless he put a Disappearing Spell on it...

They all hold their breath and stare at the book as it sits on the table. A long beat. Nothing happens.

103 SUNBURST

I think we're safe.

SC. 8 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - A LITTLE LATER

Starlight, Sunburst, and Twilight are playing the game and <LAUGHING> at a story Sunburst is in the middle of telling.

104 SUNBURST

...So whenever I came close to beating her, Starlight would disconnect that piece so the trap didn't work, and I never captured her dragon.

105 STARLIGHT GLIMMER

Wait, so you knew I was cheating the entire time?

106 SUNBURST

It was easier to just let you win.

They all <LAUGH> again.

107 SUNBURST (CONT'D)

(Olde Ponish) *Venatus non sibilo.*

Twilight and Sunburst continue <LAUGHING> as Starlight stops and looks confused.

108 SUNBURST (CONT'D)

(explaining) It means "Games don't whistle."

Sunburst and Twilight <LAUGH> again.

109 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(confused) I don't get it.

110 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I guess it only makes sense in the
original Olde Ponish. (then,
changing subject) So, who's turn is
it?

Sunburst rolls the dice. She moves her piece, then puts one
last section of the Rube Goldberg machine on the board.

111 SUNBURST
Starlight could win here.

Starlight presses a button on the board. The marble comes out
of the volcano and kicks off the Rube Goldberg machine again,
the end result of which is both Twilight and Sunburst's
pieces are captured.

They all <CHEER>.

112 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
(Olde Ponish) *The lar nae go lar.*

He and Twilight <LAUGH> again while Starlight just looks on.

113 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(explaining) That's Olde Ponish
for... well, never mind. It won't
make any sense, either.

Starlight smiles uncomfortably. Sunburst <YAWNS>.

114 SUNBURST
I think I'm going to call it a
night.

115 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Me, too. (then) I was thinking in
the morning before you meet my
friends, maybe we could go up to
Winsome Falls?

Sunburst and Starlight stand.

116 SUNBURST
Sure. Sounds good.

117 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
And Twilight, as my mentor, I hope
you'll come to the lunch?

118 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Mentor and friend. Of course I
will.

Starlight and Sunburst start heading for the door.

119 SUNBURST
You going to bed, Twilight?

Twilight eyes Starswirl's book.

120 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
In a bit. I'm too excited to sleep.
I'm going to go through Starswirl's
book some more.

121 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Alright. See you tomorrow.

Starlight and Sunburst head for the door. Sunburst looks back at Twilight before he exits the room.

SC. 9 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - SUNBURST'S ROOM - NEXT MORNING

Starlight bursts into the room and opens the curtains to let the sunlight in. She's full of excited energy.

122 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Rise and shine! I'm so excited to
finally show you this spot in
Winsome Falls. Oh, and at the lunch
later -- Trixie can be a little
difficult at first, and Maud is
tough to read, but they're both
great and I know you'll like them.
(no response) Sunburst?

Starlight pulls back the covers and sees Sunburst's bed is empty. Suddenly there's a <LOUD BOOM!> from somewhere in the castle.

SC. 10 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - LATER

Twilight and Sunburst are already there when Starlight enters the library. Various books and scrolls are strewn about; chalkboards are filled with complicated formulas, math equations, and sketches.

Twilight and Sunburst stand before one of the chalkboards, comparing a formula to Starswirl's book. They look unkempt and worn out.

123 SUNBURST
I don't think it was supposed to do that. (re: book) We must have missed something.

124 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Hey, guys. Woke up early to look at the book, huh?

125 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Is it morning already?

126 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Wait, you've been working here all night?

127 SUNBURST
I guess so. I couldn't fall asleep so I came back to the library and found Twilight still here. We've been working ever since.

Starlight tries to make sense of one of the chalkboards.

128 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
So, did you discover the truth of everything?

129 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(bummed) No. (brightly) At least not yet. It turns we're not as fluent in Olde Ponish as we thought.

130 SUNBURST
But between the two of us, we've been able to piece together a few things. We just figured out how to turn any inanimate object into pure energy and make it explode.

131 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(impressed) Whoa! That's pretty cool.

132 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I know. Check it out.

Twilight and Sunburst lead Starlight to another one of the chalkboards. They look at Starlight with big smiles on their faces while she stares at the chalkboard. A beat, then:

133 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
So, are you going to make the
chalkboard explode?

134 SUNBURST
What? No. That would be too
dangerous. But that's the formula
that would make it explode.

135 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Magic is so magical, isn't it?

Starlight takes in the formula.

136 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
That doesn't look like magic.

137 SUNBURST
(nerdy laugh) Well, if you try to
use blue snake venom like we did
for half the night, it's not.

Twilight joins in on the nerd laugh. Starlight tries to laugh
along too.

138 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(kidding) So, I guess you'd prefer
to skip Winsome Falls and just stay
cooped up in this dusty library
with that old book all day.

139 SUNBURST
(laughs) Of course! (off
Starlight's crestfallen expression)
I mean, no. Well, yes, but I really
do want to go to the spot you were
telling me about.

Sunburst tries to stifle her disappointment.

140 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Oh. It's okay. I mean, this is
obviously once-in-a-lifetime-type
stuff you guys are working on.

141 SUNBURST
That's true, but I came here to see
you.

142 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
And you did, plus you're solving
the biggest mystery in pony magic.
I can't stop that.

143 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Are you sure?

Starlight waves a hoof.

144 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Pfft! Totally. I'll just start
getting that lunch ready, 'cause
you're not missing that. Right?

145 SUNBURST
No way! I can't wait to meet your
other friends. Thanks Starlight.
You're the best.

Sunburst and Twilight turn back to their work. Starlight
watches them for a beat, conflicted, then turns and exits.

SC. 11 - EXT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LAWN - LATER

Starlight, TRIXIE, and MAUD PIE sit around a well appointed
table, waiting. The two chairs obviously for Sunburst and
Twilight sit empty. Starlight is at the head of the table,
stewing in silence.

Trixie pulls out a pocket watch and checks the time.

146 TRIXIE
Tsk-tsk. I can't believe Twilight
would be late to your lunch. Very
un-princess-like.

147 MAUD PIE
I was looking forward... to meeting
your friend. Guess it's just... the
four of us.

Trixie counts the three of them silently to herself, then
looks at Maud, confused. Maud indicates, and we PAN OVER to
reveal BOULDER on "his" own chair.

148 TRIXIE
You've got to be joking.

149 MAUD PIE
Often I do. But not now. (to
Starlight) I'm as mad about this as
you are.

As Starlight continues to sit in angry silence, we:

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 12 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - LATER

Sunburst and Twilight are swept up in their work, rearranging a formula on the chalkboard. Sunburst points out what to do and Twilight gestures and uses magic to make the adjustments (it looks like "Minority Report.")

150 SUNBURST
(pointing) ...So move that there,
switch those, change that "7" to an
upside-down "R," and... there.

They step back and look at their work.

151 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I can't believe it! This might
actually be the basis for the time
travel spell.

They look at each other in a sudden panic.

152 SUNBURST
Time! Oh, no! What time is it?!

Twilight looks at a clock.

153 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We're late for the lunch!

They rush to the door when suddenly Starlight ANGRILY BURSTS IN.

154 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Oh, what a surprise to find you two
still in the library.

155 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Starlight, I'm so sorry! We were
just on our way to meet you--

156 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Just on your way? The lunch started
an hour ago!

157 SUNBURST
I feel terrible. We just got so
caught up in Starswirl's book--

158 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(cutting him off) Oh, I know!
That's all you've been doing! Well,
you two have each other and your
book, so I guess you don't need me!

159 SUNBURST
Starlight, that's not true. Please--

But Starlight DISAPPEARS, teleporting herself away, and leaving Twilight and Sunburst alone. Off their miserable expressions...

SC. 13 - EXT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LAWN - LATER

Trixie and Maud are starting to clean up when Sunburst and Twilight hurry over.

160 TRIXIE
Well, well, well. Look who decided to finally show up.

161 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Where's Starlight?

162 TRIXIE
I don't know. She hasn't come back since she went to confront you two.

Sunburst takes in the table and decorations. He looks at a tiered serving tray filled with finger sandwiches.

163 SUNBURST
She even remembered how much I love peanut butter and pickle sandwiches.

Twilight and Trixie make a face, grossed out.

164 MAUD PIE
Starlight was excited about us all meeting.

Sunburst turns to them.

165 SUNBURST
Oh. I'm Sunburst.

166 TRIXIE
No! I refuse to meet you until Starlight is here.

167 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(to Sunburst) We have to find her and make things right.

168 TRIXIE
(sing-songy sarcastic) Good luck with that.
(MORE)

TRIXIE (CONT'D)
(off Twilight's look) Sorry.
Reflex. I actually do mean good
luck.

SC. 14 - EXT. - TOWN HALL - TOP - LATER

A part of Ponyville as seen through binoculars. The binoculars scan around Ponyville, occasionally stopping at a pony or group of ponies, before moving on.

REVEAL Sunburst looking through a coin-operated view finder at the top of Town Hall. Twilight is with him.

169 SUNBURST
No sign of her.

Sunburst steps away from the view finder.

170 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Okay, we'll have better luck if we
split up. I'll head over towards
the day spa, you check out
Sugarcube Corner, Sweet Apple
Acres, and the Ponyville Tower.

171 SUNBURST
I don't know where those are! I
never went with Starlight to see
Ponyville.

172 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Right. Follow me!

SC. 15 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - LATER

Twilight and Sunburst rush in. PINKIE PIE is putting cupcakes in a display counter.

173 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Pinkie Pie, has Starlight been
here?

174 PINKIE PIE
Yes!

175 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Today?

176 PINKIE PIE
Oh. Then no.

Twilight and Sunburst run out.

SC. 16 - EXT. PONYVILLE TOWER - LATER

A TOUR GROUP exits the tower and following a Tour Pony with a flag. Twilight and Sunburst search the group for Starlight as they pass. No sign of her.

SC. 17 - INT. DAY SPA - LATER

There's a row of beds, each with a PATRON lying in it with towels wrapped around their heads and cucumbers over their eyes.

Twilight goes down the row and one-by-one lifts the cucumbers off their eyes looking for Starlight. No Starlight.

When she reaches the end, the door to a steam room opens and Sunburst comes out in a CLOUD OF STEAM. Twilight looks expectantly at him. He shakes his head "no."

SC. 18 - EXT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LAWN - LATER

Twilight and Sunburst come back. Trixie and Maud Pie are still cleaning up the lunch.

177 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Did Starlight come back?

178 MAUD PIE
She did...

179 SUNBURST
(quickly) Great! Where is she?

180 MAUD PIE
...not.

Sunburst and Twilight sit and slump in their chairs.

181 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I can't believe I let this happen.
This lunch was a celebration of how
much Starlight worked to make
friends, and I helped ruin it.

182 SUNBURST
The entire point of me coming to
Ponyville was to spend time with
Starlight, and I've barely done any
of the things she planned.
(realizing) Things she's planned!
That's it! I know where she is!

SC. 19 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - BOTTOM - LATER

Sunburst and Twilight are at the base of the falls which tower over them. They look up.

183 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Winsome Falls.

SC. 20 - EXT. HIKING TRAIL - A LITTLE LATER

Starlight is walking up the trail, trying unsuccessfully to talk herself out of her bad mood.

184 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(flat) It sure is pretty here. Good thing I don't need anypony else to enjoy it.

185 SUNBURST (O.S.)
Starlight!

Starlight turns and sees Twilight and Sunburst hurrying up the trail towards her. Starlight frowns and picks up her pace, but Twilight flies in front of her.

186 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Starlight, please you have to listen to us.

187 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Why? It's clear neither of you want to spend any time with me.

Sunburst catches up to them.

188 SUNBURST
That's not true. We like spending time with you.

189 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Really? Because I didn't see either of you at the lunch for ponies who like to spend time with me, and even Boulder made it to that!

190 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm sorry Starlight. I guess I'm not much of mentor after all.

191 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
When I first came to Ponyville, making friends was really hard.
(MORE)

STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)

I found this spot at the top of Winsome Falls, and it was so nice I didn't mind being alone there. Then when I made friends, I thought about bringing them, but I wanted to share it with my oldest friend first. Turns out he'd rather be friends with somepony else.

192 SUNBURST

Starlight, just because Twilight and I are getting along doesn't mean I'm not still your friend too.

193 STARLIGHT GLIMMER

But I don't like any of the stuff you do, and you don't want to do any of the things I want to.

194 SUNBURST

I had no idea what this place meant to you. I wish you would have told me earlier. The whole point of my visit was to spend time with you. I thought you were okay with us going to the antique store, and working on Starswirl's book.

195 STARLIGHT GLIMMER

(softening) Maybe I could have been a little more up front about how I felt.

196 SUNBURST

Well, now that I know how you do feel, how about you take us to the top of the falls?

197 STARLIGHT GLIMMER

Are you sure?

198 SUNBURST

Of course.

199 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

It'd be a shame to come so close and not see it.

200 STARLIGHT GLIMMER

Oh, there's a ways to go. We're not even halfway there yet. Come on.

Twilight and Sunburst stop smiling as Starlight starts up the trail. They look at each other, then start up the hill after her.

SC. 21 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - TOP - LATER

Starlight is in a great mood, practically skipping up the trail. Sunburst follows as Twilight flies next to them.

201 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
It's just around this bend. The
most amazing view you've ever seen.

They round the bend and find not only a beautiful view from the top of the waterfall, but also Trixie and Maud Pie waiting for them by a tastefully decorated and fully-set picnic lunch. Starlight is surprised to see them.

202 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Wha--? What are you doing here?

203 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What does it look like? They're
here to have lunch.

Starlight looks at Sunburst, who smiles.

204 SUNBURST
I wasn't going to go back to the
Crystal Empire without seeing this
place and meeting all your friends.

205 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Well, everyone, meet my oldest and
dearest friend, Sunburst.

Trixie walks up to Sunburst.

206 TRIXIE
I'm Trixie. Nice to finally meet
you.

Starlight can barely contain her happiness as they all sit around the table.

207 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I can't believe you all hiked all
the way up here for me.

208 TRIXIE
Oh, we didn't hike. I teleported us
here. Actually, it took a few
tries, but eventually we made it!

Twilight and Sunburst <GROAN>.

SC. 22 - EXT. PONYVILLE TRAIN STATION/TRAIN CAR - PLATFORM - DAY

Starlight is on the platform talking to Sunburst, whose head sticks out of the train window.

209 SUNBURST
Thanks for a great visit,
Starlight. I'm glad we finally got
to do everything you wanted.

210 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Me, too. You have everything?

Sunburst looks at the seat next to him, which is overflowing with items from the House of Antiques, including Starswirl's book.

211 SUNBURST
I think so. If not, I have an
excuse to come back and visit.

212 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You don't need an excuse for that.
(then) Good luck with the rest of
Starswirl's journal. I hope you
discover the truth of everything.

213 SUNBURST
I'll settle for some clues about
his disappearance.

The train starts to pull out of the station, and Sunburst waves goodbye to Starlight.

In the seat next to him, the symbol on the cover of Starswirl's journal begins to GLOW as we...

FADE OUT

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