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TEASER

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

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

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1 STARLIGHT

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Excuse me, when does the noon train from the Crystal Empire arrive?

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2 TICKET AGENT

Uh... noon?

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3 STARLIGHT

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(hoof-plants) Right. Sorry, I'm just a little excited because my friend Sunburst is coming.

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A LITTLE LATER:

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

4 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)

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...He's my oldest friend. I mean, we've known each other practically forever. We have tons in common...

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A LITTLE LATER:

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

5 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)

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...we both love magic and games and jokes-- everything, really. Now that I think about it, there isn't a pony in all of Equestria I have more in common with...

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

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Just then a train pulls into the platform. Starlight jumps up, excited, as PASSENGERS exit. But as the car clears out with no sign of Sunburst, her expression drops.

Disappointed, she watches as the doors close and the train pulls away-- revealing Sunburst standing on the platform on the other side of the station.

6 SUNBURST (O.S.)

Starlight!

7 STARLIGHT *
(brightens) Sunburst! You made it! *

8 SUNBURST *
Of course! I've been looking *
forward to this visit for a while. *

9 STARLIGHT *
I know. It'll be so great to spend *
time together without having to *
deal with some crisis. It'll be *
like when we were younger. Just you *
and me doing the stuff we like, *
games, magic... *

10 SUNBURST *
(like he's continuing her list) *
Antiquing. *

11 STARLIGHT *
What? *

12 SUNBURST *
You know I love antiquing. *

We cut in CLOSE (shot reverse shot) for the following *
exchange as Starlight makes a confused face. *

13 STARLIGHT *
You do? *

14 SUNBURST *
Of course! And you are so lucky. *
Ponyville is antique central. *

15 STARLIGHT *
It is? *

16 SUNBURST *
How have we never talked about *
this? (decisive) We are going *
antiquing. You'll love it. Just one *
thing... *

PULL WIDE to reveal they are still on opposite sides of the *
tracks. Sunburst looks around for a way across. *

17 SUNBURST (CONT'D) *
How do I get over there? *

Off Sunburst's meek smile we...

END OF TEASER

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OPENING CREDITS**ACT ONE**

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SC. 2 - INT. HOUSE OF ANTIQUES - LATER

Sunburst walks through the cluttered **shop**, happily browsing antique furniture, clothing, jewelry, knick-knacks, etc.

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18 SUNBURST
This is **so** great. Who knew **I'd** be
the one showing **you** the cool sights
of Ponyville?

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Starlight looks around, trying **to get excited too**.

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19 STARLIGHT
I'm a little surprised, myself.

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Sunburst slides out a crate of bricks **and excitedly starts**
shuffling through them. They all look the exact same.

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20 SUNBURST
Wow, what a difference between the
hoof-molded bricks and the extruded
ones, right?

Starlight, smiles and nods encouragingly (**not sure what he's**
talking about). Suddenly Sunburst looks up and sees a series
of **crystal** chandeliers.

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21 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Oooh! Check out all these
chandeliers. Sometimes the crystals
have magical properties.

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22 STARLIGHT
Huh.

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As Sunburst walks through the aisle looking up, TWILIGHT
SPARKLE, comes walking towards him, also looking straight up
at the chandeliers. They bump into each other.

23 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sunburst! I'm so glade you're here!

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24 SUNBURST
In the antique store?

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25 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
In Ponyville! Starlight's really
been looking forward to your visit.
(MORE)

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TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

(beat) Though I'm glad you're in
the antique store too! I'm usually
the only one.

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Starlight makes her way over just in time for...

26 SUNBURST

That's crazy? Who doesn't like
antiquing? (to Starlight) Right?

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Starlight gives a nervous laugh and forces a smile.

27 STARLIGHT

Right.

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Twilight looks to a map on the wall.

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28 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Oooh, look! An ancient map of
Equestria made by the Mighty Helm.
(with a smile) Maybe it was
Rockhoof's.

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Sunburst looks at it in awe, then turns to Starlight.

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29 SUNBURST

Without the help of unicorn magic
or pegasus flight, the earth ponies
of the Mighty Helm were able to map
the entire coast of Equestria.

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30 STARLIGHT

Cool.

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As Twilight wanders down the aisle, Sunburst can tell
Starlight isn't super thrilled.

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31 SUNBURST

If you're not having fun, we don't
have to stay. Is there something
else you wanna do?

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32 STARLIGHT

What? No. This is fun... I mean, if
you like it, I like it, right?
Besides, we've almost looked at
everything, right?

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Twilight calls to them from down the aisle.

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33 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Oh, wow. You have got to see this
Saddle Arabian vanity!

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Excited, Sunburst rushes after her. Starlight follows and finds herself staring down another loooooong aisle.

34 STARLIGHT
This shop looked a lot smaller from the outside.

Off her uncertain expression...

SC. 3 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - CONTINUOUS

Starlight watches as Sunburst and Twilight excitedly go through all of their antique store purchases.

35 SUNBURST
Did you see this Palominian letter opener?

36 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Wow. That goes well with this ancient Phoenix feather quill. We could write to each other!

They both laugh. Wanting to be a part of it, Starlight laughs along too. She points to a barrel.

37 STARLIGHT
I really like this old-timey barrel.

38 SUNBURST
Actually, the stuff I bought is inside the barrel, but I can't wait to see what it is.

He walks over and magics off the top. It's full of old books.

39 STARLIGHT
Wait, you don't know what you bought?

40 SUNBURST
Sometimes shops get too busy to go through everything so they load up a box or a barrel and sell it without knowing what's inside.

41 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Buying one is sort of like a treasure hunt.

Sunburst turns to Twilight.

42 SUNBURST
Once I found a first edition
History of Equestria - in the
original Olde Ponish. *

43 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
"Hliet foresettan pliht." *

Sunburst and Twilight <LAUGH>. Starlight stares at them,
confused. *

44 SUNBURST
It's an Olde Ponish saying. "Reward
prefers risk." (thinks) It loses
something in the translation. *

Starlight smiles and nods. They can both tell she isn't super
into all this. *

45 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Why don't we look through this
stuff later? *

46 SUNBURST
Yeah. What do you want to do,
Starlight? *

Starlight lights up and pulls out a dusty box. *

47 STARLIGHT
Well, remember how I said we should
do stuff we both love, like when we
were foals? *

48 SUNBURST
Yeah... *

Starlight pulls the lid off the box to reveal a BOARD GAME.
Sunburst looks down at it, impressed. *

49 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
(gasps) Is this...? *

50 STARLIGHT
(unable to contain herself) DRAGON
PIT! *

51 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I remember that game. You two used
to play it? *

52 SUNBURST
Pretty much any time we weren't
working on magic. (to Starlight) I
can't believe you found a copy!

Off Starlight, beaming...

SC. 4 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - A LITTLE LATER

Starlight, Sunburst, and Twilight lay on the floor around the board. Twilight floats the die over and rolls it. As Twilight moves her dragon piece, Starlight reminisces...

53 STARLIGHT
...and Sunburst got so excited when
his dragon got trapped he knocked
the whole board over.

54 SUNBURST
(vaguely embarrassed) Well, that
was a long time ago...

He rolls the die and moves his piece. Starlight reacts,
excited.

55 STARLIGHT
Uh-oh! Look out, your dragon is
about to get trapped!

They all lean in to watch.

CLOSE ON: A tiny volcano which spits up a MARBLE. We follow the marble as it rolls along a "lava path" through the Dragon Lands-themed board, finally landing on a mechanism that drops Sunburst's piece into a tiny pit.

They all look at it for a beat.

56 SUNBURST
Huh. I remember it being more
dramatic than that.

57 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(in Olde Ponish) "*Gamenung copor
ungewintred.*"

Twilight and Sunburst <LAUGH> as Starlight looks at them,
confused.

58 SUNBURST
(explaining) Oh. It's just another
Olde Ponish saying. Um... "Games
thrill the young."

The both <LAUGH> again. Off Starlight joining in halfheartedly...

SC. 5 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - GUEST ROOM - LATER

Starlight helps Sunburst unpack, she looks at him a little uncertain.

59 STARLIGHT
I hope you're enjoying your visit so far.

60 SUNBURST
Are you kidding? It's been fantastic.

61 STARLIGHT
Oh. Good, because tomorrow--

62 SUNBURST
(excitedly continuing) I mean, first antiquing and then spending time with Twilight.

63 STARLIGHT
Oh. Yeah. She's pretty great.

64 SUNBURST
Right? I know she's a Princess, but I never thought she'd be so fun to hang out with.

Starlight floats some towels and an extra blanket onto a bedside table.

65 STARLIGHT
Well, she is the Princess of Friendship.

66 SUNBURST
(laughs) Right. I guess that makes sense.

Sunburst unpacks a stack of books from his suitcase.

67 STARLIGHT
So tomorrow I thought--

68 SUNBURST
I suppose I'm just surprised at how well we get along. I don't have much in common with most ponies.

Starlight watches as Sunburst unpacks a second stack of books.

69 STARLIGHT
You two are pretty similar. I don't know many ponies who are fluent in Olde Ponish.

70 SUNBURST
Exactly! I probably have more in common with Twilight than any pony in Equestria!

Starlight's expression drops.

71 STARLIGHT
Right.

72 SUNBURST
Anyway, I better get some sleep. Ponyville might be small, but there's a lot to do.

He leads Starlight to the door.

73 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Maybe we should ask Twilight what she recommends we see?

74 STARLIGHT
Um... Sure.

75 SUNBURST
Great! Goodnight Starlight.

With that, Sunburst close the door.

Starlight stares at the closed door, unsettled.

76 STARLIGHT
Um... Goodnight.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 6 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - GUEST ROOM - MORNING

The room is dark. Suddenly the door flies open and Starlight pops her head in.

77 STARLIGHT
Knock, knock!

Sunburst groggily opens his eyes.

78 SUNBURST
Wh-what? Oh. Hi, Starlight. Is it
morning already?

Sunburst puts on his glasses and glances out the window --
the sun is just peaking over the horizon.

79 STARLIGHT
Yep! Maybe a bit early, but like
you said, there's a lot to see in
Ponyville!

80 SUNBURST
Uh... Right. Okay.

Sunburst gets out of bed and puts on his cape.

81 STARLIGHT
Plus, I couldn't really sleep. I
just kept thinking about all the
stuff we have in common and how
much fun we'll have today.

82 SUNBURST
Great. Do you think Twilight is up
yet?

83 STARLIGHT
Actually, I'm pretty sure
Twilight's busy with Princess stuff
today.

84 SUNBURST
(disappointed) Oh.

85 STARLIGHT
(thinking fast) But we can visit
some of my other friends. You'll
totally like them too. I mean, you
won't have as much in common with
them as you and I do, but it'll
still be fun.

86 SUNBURST
Okay. Sounds good.

Off Starlight's eager smile...

SC. 7 - EXT. TRIXIE'S CARAVAN - LATER

Starlight and Sunburst are by Trixie's caravan. TRIXIE stands on a small stage set up in front of it, casting a side-eye at Sunburst as she addresses them like a big audience.

87 TRIXIE
Behold visiting friends from
Starlight's past, and be amazed by
the Great, Powerful and current
bestest best friend of Starlight,
TRIXIE!

Trixie levitates two metal rings up and taps them together to show they are solid. Then, with a flourish, she hits the rings together and-- nothing happens.

She shoots an embarrassed look at her audience.

88 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
<AHM> Yes! The rings are indeed
solid, but OBSERVE!

She tries again, but again the rings just bounce off each other. Trixie drops the rings.

89 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Ugh! Ridiculous defective trick
rings!

She hangs her head, dejected. Sunburst walks over and floats the rings up.

90 SUNBURST
I remember this trick. There's a
spot on one ring that isn't
connected, but I could never hit
them together hard enough to force
the other ring through it.

He tries, but has the same problem Trixie had. Starlight floats them over and SLAMS them together. They interlock instantly.

91 TRIXIE
(sigh) I wish my magical abilities
were as strong as that.

92 SUNBURST
You and me both.

Sunburst and Trixie share a smile.

93 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
I've always been fond of stage
magic because it was something I
knew I could do if I just practiced
hard enough.

With that, Sunburst reaches over and pulls an endless,
multicolored scarf from behind Trixie's ear.

Starlight stares at it in wonder.

94 STARLIGHT
But... your horn didn't even glow.
How did you do that?

Trixie smiles.

95 TRIXIE
Ah, ah. Now Starlight, we stage
magicians must never reveal our
secrets. But I bet it was--

She leans over and whispers into Sunbursts ear. His face
lights up as he nods. They both <LAUGH>.

96 SUNBURST
Ha! Starlight, you were right. This
is fun.

97 TRIXIE
Why didn't you tell me how much
Sunburst and I had in common?

98 STARLIGHT
(flat) I don't know.

Uneasy, Starlight watches as Trixie and Sunburst try to pull
the rings apart and laugh.

SC. 8 - INT. MAUD'S CAVERN - SIDE TUNNEL - LATER

CLOSE on a sheer rock cave wall. A HOOF starts tapping at the
wall, creating a hairline crack.

PULL BACK to reveal MAUD PIE is carefully tapping at the rock
with her hoof. Starlight and Sunburst stand nearby. Sunburst
looks at Starlight confused. [note: they all wear protective
helmets with lights]

99 SUNBURST
I don't understand. Trixie and I
were getting along well, weren't
we?

100 STARLIGHT *
Of course you were. Trixie and I *
are friends, so it makes sense you *
two would get along because you and *
I are so close. *

101 SUNBURST *
(even more confused) Right. So why *
did we leave? *

102 STARLIGHT *
(fumbling) Oh, uh... well, you *
know, Trixie needs to practice her *
act-- probably. Aaand (side-mouthed *
aside) I wanted you to meet Maud. *
My other really good friend. *

103 SUNBURST *
Oh. Right. Of course. (to Maud) No *
offense. *

104 MAUD *
(continues to tap) None taken. *

105 STARLIGHT *
Maud isn't super chatty. I mean, *
you and I could sit around all day *
and talk about the stuff we both *
like, but Maud is a pony of few *
words. *

Maud continues to tap at the sheer rock face. Sunburst looks *
around the cavern. *

106 SUNBURST *
So, ah-- Maud. You live down here? *

107 MAUD *
(continuing to tap) Yes. *

108 SUNBURST *
Because you study rocks? *

109 MAUD *
(continuing to tap) And rock *
formations. *

Sunburst looks up as the hairline crack Maud has been making *
starts to spread. *

110 STARLIGHT *
See? Maud is totally focused. She *
and I have a great relationship. *
(MORE)

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
(another aside) Of course we're not
in sync the way you and I are... *

111 SUNBURST
(not really listening) Uh-huh. *

Intrigued by what Maud is doing, Sunburst steps forward. *

112 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
So, what are you doing here? Some
kind of core sample? *

Maud stops and looks at Sunburst. *

113 MAUD
Not exactly. I'm uncovering this
section of strata for closer study. *

She holds out a hoof. *

114 MAUD (CONT'D)
You might want to step back. *

Sunburst takes a step back and as Maud gives the section one
last tap, the entire sheet of smooth rock comes crashing
down. Starlight waves at the dust <COUGHING> *

As the dust settles we see the section of rock that Maud's
work revealed - intricate bands of different colored rock.
She and Sunburst look up at it. *

115 MAUD (CONT'D)
This is a new area I'm studying.
Metamorphic-- *

116 SUNBURST
(finishing the thought) --
foliation! Fascinating! Is it like
this all through here? *

117 MAUD
(nods) The pressure above this
section is particularly intense.
(turns to him) You know about
Geology? *

118 SUNBURST
I dabble. *

Maud doesn't exactly smile, but she gives him a satisfied nod
and heads further down the tunnel. Sunburst follows. *

Off Starlight's despondent look... *

SC. 9 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - LATER

Twilight enters to find Starlight despondently pickup up pieces from Dragon Pit! and dropping them back onto the board.

119 TWILIGHT
Starlight? Where's Sunburst?

120 STARLIGHT
(shrugs) Doing stage magic with Trixie? Studying new rocks with Maud? You're here so I guess you two aren't off translating some ancient Olde Ponish text.

121 TWILIGHT
What are you talking about? Why would Sunburst be doing all that? I thought he came to Ponyville to see you.

122 STARLIGHT
I thought so too, but it hasn't worked out that way.

Starlight floats all the Dragon Pit! pieces, setting them up on the board.

123 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
When we were foals, we had more in common than any two ponies in Equestria.

She floats two dragon pieces along the board side by side.

124 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
But now it seems like he's got more in common with my friends than he does with me.

She sets the figures down and one of the them drops in the pit. Twilight turns to her, sympathetic.

125 TWILIGHT
We all change as we get older, but that doesn't mean there aren't still things you both like. You both love magic, right? That hasn't changed.

Starlight sits up, brightening.

126 STARLIGHT *
Magic? *

127 TWILIGHT *
Sure. You're really good at it and *
Sunburst practically knows every *
spell that ever was. *

128 STARLIGHT *
(realizing) You're right! Thanks, *
Twilight! You're the best. *

With that, she rushes out. *

129 TWILIGHT *
(pleased) I try. *

SC. 10 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - THRONE ROOM - LATER

Sunburst enters to find Starlight putting the finishing *
touches on a scroll. *

130 SUNBURST *
Starlight, what happened? Maud and *
I found some fascinating *
sedimentary stratum, but when I *
turned to show you, you were gone. *

131 STARLIGHT *
I know Maud has a way of making *
rocks really interesting, but I *
wanted to work on something a *
little more "us." *

Starlight stands and floats the scroll she's been working on *
over to Sunburst. *

132 SUNBURST *
What's this? *

133 STARLIGHT *
Just a brand new spell I made up. *

Sunburst glances through the scroll, his eyes go wide. *

134 SUNBURST *
Whoa! You made this up? Just now? *

135 STARLIGHT *
(beaming) Yep! *

136 SUNBURST *
This is some pretty powerful stuff. *

137 STARLIGHT
I know!

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With that, Starlight powers up her horn and BLASTS the scroll. A whirl-wind of magical energy issues forth from the parchment, like a magic tornado.

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Sunburst stares in shock, his mane blowing from the gust of energy, as the vortex turns on it's side revealing a portal to a BARREN LANDSCAPE. A MASSIVE DRAGON flies by.

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138 SUNBURST
(shouting over the din) Is that the Dragon Lands?

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139 STARLIGHT
Sort of. It's the Dragon Pit game-- only for real! Let's go!

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Starlight hold out her hoof, but Sunburst steps back.

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140 SUNBURST
I'm not going in there.

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141 STARLIGHT
What? Come on! It's just magic. You love magic, and I'm great at it!

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142 SUNBURST
But I'm not. I wouldn't last two seconds.

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A short blast of fire bursts out of the vortex. Starlight laughs and grabs Sunburst's hoof, tugging him toward it.

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143 STARLIGHT
You'll be fine.

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144 SUNBURST
(resists) Starlight, no. (then) I DON'T WANT TO GO!

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Sunburst yanks his hoof back. Starlight looks at him, hurt, and shuts off the spell. Twilight rushes in.

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145 TWILIGHT
What's going on in here?

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Starlight stares at Sunburst across the now quiet throne room.

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146 STARLIGHT
I was just trying to find something
for us to do together like we used
to. But I guess those days are
over.

With that, Starlight rushes out of the room.

Off Sunburst's confused look to Twilight we...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 11 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - THRONE ROOM - RESUME

Sunburst stares at Twilight in shock.

147 SUNBURST
What was that all about?

148 TWILIGHT
Starlight's been worried you two
don't have the same connection you
used to.

149 SUNBURST
That's crazy! I came to Ponyville
to visit her. I mean, sure we ended
up spending time with her friends--

150 TWILIGHT
And I think she feels like you have
more in common with them than you
do with her.

151 SUNBURST
That's ridiculous! She's my oldest
friend. We don't need to travel to
some super dangerous magical
dimension where Dragon Pit! is real
to prove that.

Twilight floats Starlight's discarded scroll over and looks
at it.

152 TWILIGHT
(sighs) Starlight does have a
tendency to over do.

Sunburst walks over and checks out the scroll too.

153 SUNBURST
Besides, we have tons in common.

154 TWILIGHT
Great! You should pick one and show
her.

155 SUNBURST
No problem! I'll just... (thinking)
We could... Um...

Sunburst pauses, thinking hard. Then...

156 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Huh. Maybe I see what she means.

Off Twilight's look of concern...

SC. 12 - EXT. TRIXIE'S CARAVAN - DAY

Sunburst stands with Trixie by the small stage set up in
front of her caravan.

157 SUNBURST
...and now she's upset because it
seems like I'm getting along too
well with everypony but her.

158 TRIXIE
Well, obviously you and I hit it
off-- I am quite impressive.

Trixie pulls a bouquet of flowers out from behind her cape.

159 SUNBURST
Obviously.

160 TRIXIE
And Starlight and I became great
friends because of our common bond.

Trixie folds the bouquet up and tries stuffing it back into
her cape.

161 SUNBURST
Right. (then) What is that again?

162 TRIXIE
Oh. Well, mostly it's how we've
both made not so great choices in
the past and were self-conscious
about everypony judging us even
though we've both changed and are
trying hard to be better ponies.

163 SUNBURST
Right. We don't really have that.

As Sunburst continues, Trixie wheels out a large box and gets inside -- appearing to stick her head out one end and her hind legs out the other.

164 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
I just don't understand. We had so much in common when we were young. We're still the same ponies, right?

Trixie levitates a LARGE SAW over and starts sawing in half the box she is in.

165 TRIXIE
(while sawing) Well, it may seem like you're the same ponies, but as you know -- looks can be deceiving!

With that, she magically pulls the two halves of the box apart. She looks to Sunburst for a reaction, but he's too lost in thought.

She lowers her real legs out of the head half of the box and walks over to the other half - which she opens to reveal the other legs are fake.

166 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Sunburst, I know you've got a lot on your mind, but that's no excuse not to appreciate an superb trick.

Sunburst looks over, realizing.

167 SUNBURST
Oh. Sorry.

SC. 13 - INT. MAUD'S CAVERN - DAY

Maud leans down at the edge of her underground lake, using a sieve to clean some rock samples in the water.

168 MAUD
If I had to pick one thing Starlight and I have in common, it would be comedy.

PULL WIDE to reveal Sunburst looking on, perplexed.

169 SUNBURST
Comedy?

170 MAUD
(nods) She's one of the few ponies I know who appreciates my sense of humor.

She takes her rock sample out of the sieve and puts it onto a small scale, She writes the weight down in a journal, then turns back to Sunburst. *

171 MAUD (CONT'D) *

I'm very funny. *

Sunburst stares for a beat, then... *

172 SUNBURST *

Was that a joke? *

173 MAUD *

No. *

Maud picks up another sample and starts to clean it as well. *

174 SUNBURST *

The Starlight I remember was a pony *

I could talk to about anything and *

now it feels like we don't have *

anything to talk about at all. *

Maud continues the conversation without looking up from what she's doing. *

175 MAUD *

We don't actually talk much. I *

think we're just comfortable around *

each other. *

176 SUNBURST *

(sighs) We used to be. We did *

everything together. It never *

occurred to me to wonder why. *

177 MAUD *

(nods) Young ponies don't waste *

time wondering why they're friends. *

178 SUNBURST *

(nods) Sure, and maybe they're *

happier for it. But even though *

Starlight and I grew up next door *

to each other, and saw each other *

every day, and explored every inch *

of our home town, and started *

studying magic together, I still *

worry we don't have anything in *

common. *

Maud stops working and turns to look at Sunburst. *

179 MAUD
At least you're not over-thinking
it.

They stare at each other for a long beat, then...

180 SUNBURST
That was a joke.

Off Maud's half-smile...

SC. 14 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - HALLWAY - DAY

Twilight leads Starlight down the hall.

181 STARLIGHT
I appreciate you trying to help,
Twilight. But it seems pretty clear
that Sunburst and I have grown
apart.

182 TWILIGHT
I understand. But I feel like that
only happens if you both let it.
You still want to be friends,
right?

183 STARLIGHT
(flat) I created a spell to take us
to another world where our favorite
childhood game was real.

184 TWILIGHT
Right.

They reach the door to the library and stop.

185 STARLIGHT
It just feels like Sunburst isn't
as worried as I am.

186 TWILIGHT
I think you might be surprised.

With that, Twilight leads Starlight through the doorway
where...

Sunburst sits with Maud and Trixie - the Dragon Pit! game set
up on the table in front of them. Sunburst points to the
empty chair beside him.

187 SUNBURST
Starlight! We've been waiting for
you.

Off Starlight looking on, uncertain.

SC. 15 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - LATER

Starlight, Sunburst, Trixie, Maud, and Twilight all sit around playing the game. Starlight takes her turn, still unsure what to think.

188 SUNBURST
...and then there was the time I found that obscure reference to a flower that was supposed to make you invisible. (to Starlight) Remember?

Starlight nods, uncertain, as she moves her piece.

189 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Starlight went right out and found one that looked almost like it.

190 TWILIGHT
Did it work?

191 SUNBURST
(shakes his head) I don't think I've ever been so itchy.

Trixie floats up the dice.

192 TRIXIE
You probably shouldn't rub strange flowers on your flanks.

While the others <LAUGH>, Trixie rolls her dice. It lands on one, but Trixie quickly magics it to six.

She looks up and sees that Starlight is the only one to notice. Starlight smiles as Trixie <SIGHS> and flips it back. Trixie moves her piece one space with purpose.

193 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
I suppose I don't have to be great and powerful at board games.

Maud picks up the dice and hefts it in her hooves, considering the weight. She tosses it and rolls a six.

194 MAUD
It's really just luck. (to Starlight) Or knowing the geometric density of the limestone the dice are made out of.

She and Starlight share a smile. *

Sunburst picks up the dice and surveys the board. *

195 SUNBURST *
Okay. Looks like my piece is pretty *
safe. *

196 TWILIGHT *
Actually, there's a seventeen *
percent chance that you'll land on *
the re-roll space. From there it's *
just one in six to... *

She looks up to see the other staring at her. *

197 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) *
Sorry. *

Sunburst rolls the dice and starts moving his piece, then *
frowns. *

198 MAUD *
Re-roll. *

They all looks to Twilight again. *

199 TWILIGHT *
What? *

Sunburst looks down at the board, suddenly tense. He rolls *
the dice again, moves his piece and <SIGHS>. *

200 STARLIGHT *
Wow. *

Sunburst closes his eyes as the marble rises up from the *
volcano, rolls along the track, then drops his dragon piece *
into the pit. *

The others all smile. *

201 SUNBURST *
(good-natured frustration) *
ARRRGHHH! *

Sunburst drops his head onto the table and with an *
inadvertent JOLT of magic from his horn, accidentally upends *
the board-- pieces go flying every which way. *

Sunburst immediately pops back up and he looks at the others, *
embarrassed. *

202 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Whoops.

They others all turn to Starlight who looks at them for a beat. A smile slowly spreads across her face as she turns to Sunburst.

203 STARLIGHT
Just like old times.

Sunburst gives her a sheepish grin as he and Starlight start to laugh.

Off the others joining in...

SC. 16 - EXT. PONYVILLE TRAIN STATION - DAY

Starlight and Sunburst walk along the platform toward the waiting train. Sunburst drags his heavy bag - made even heavier the barrel of books he bought in act one.

204 STARLIGHT
I'm sorry I got so worried about us not connecting over every little thing.

205 SUNBURST
I was worried too. We've spent so much time apart, I wasn't sure if we were still friends.

206 STARLIGHT
(nods) Twilight is right, though. That's really up to us.

207 SUNBURST
Definitely. Besides, I don't know what we were so worried about. We have our whole childhood in common.

208 STARLIGHT
I guess we do. And I'm glad you got along with my new friends.

209 SUNBURST
Are you kidding? Trixie is such a character and Maud is so funny and Twilight, I mean her library alone--

Starlight gives him a look.

210 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
--is nothing compared to our friendship.

Starlight smiles and they embrace. The train <WHISTLES>.

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211 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
See you soon?

212 STARLIGHT
You bet. I want to hear if you find
anything interesting in that
barrel.

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Sunburst walks onto the train and sticks his head out a window.

213 SUNBURST
Trust me. You'll be the first to
know!

With that, Sunburst sets his bag on the seat next to him and waves.

As the train starts to pull away, we PUSH IN on the barrel of books. A SWIRL OF STARS on the cover of one of the books begins GLOWING OMINOUSLY as we...

IRIS OUT

END.