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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.

A LITTLE LATER:

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

4 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
...We've been friends ever since we
were foals. Well, we lost touch for
a bit after he moved off to study
magic and I took away a whole
village's cutie marks...

The Porter stares at her.

5 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Long story.

A LITTLE LATER:

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

6 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
...But now we'll finally be able to
spend some time together.
(humblebrag) I mean, sure, we saved
the Crystal Empire from the Frozen
North and made Flurry Heart's
crystallizing possible, but that
wasn't really one-on-one time
between friends. You know?

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, 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.

7 SUNBURST (O.S.)
Starlight!

8 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(brightens) Sunburst! I'm so glad
you're here!

9 SUNBURST
Me, too. I've really been looking
forward to this visit.

10 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I have so much planned. We can play
board games or read scary stories.
You know, like when we were foals.
I mean, we don't have to. We're not
foals anymore, obviously...

11 SUNBURST
No, that sounds great but since
Ponyville is kinda known for it's
antiques shops--

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

12 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
It is?

13 SUNBURST
--and I totally love antiquing--

Starlight makes an even more confused face.

14 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You do?

15 SUNBURST
--maybe we could do that too!

16 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(shrugs) Sure.

17 SUNBURST
Great! So...

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

18 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Any idea how I get over there?

Off Sunburst's meek smile we...

END OF TEASER

OPENING CREDITS

ACT 1

SC. 2 - INT. HOUSE OF ANTIQUES - LATER

Sunburst is in his element as he walks through the cluttered store, happily browsing the antique furniture, clothing, jewelry, toys, knick-knacks, etc.

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

Starlight looks around, trying hard to find something she's interested in.

20 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
No pony is more surprised than me.

They go to a crate of bricks. Sunburst begins shuffling through them. One. By. One. They all look the exact same.

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

Starlight, smiles (no idea what he means) and nods encouragingly. Suddenly Sunburst looks up and sees a series of steampunk-style chandeliers.

22 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Oooh! Check out all these Hoofison light bulbs. Retro is very cool right now in the Crystal Empire.

23 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Huh.

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.

24 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sunburst? Hi! I didn't realize you were in Ponyville.

25 SUNBURST
Hey, Twilight. Yeah, I'm visiting Starlight. You like antiquing, too?

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

26 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Are you kidding? Who doesn't like antiquing? (to Starlight) Right?

Starlight gives a nervous laugh and forces a smile.

27 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Right.

28 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
And look what I found.

She unfurls an old map.

29 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Whoa! An original earth pony map of Equestria!

30 SUNBURST
This is amazing. Without the help of unicorn magic or pegasus flight, the ancient mathematician Skyrosophocles was able to map the entire coast of Equestria.

31 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Oh. Cool.

Sunburst can tell Starlight is just being polite.

32 SUNBURST
Okay, I think I can tell when my oldest friend is just being polite. Why don't we go do something you want now.

33 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
No, It's fine. Really. Besides, you
need to stock up on retro stuff and
Ponyville is known for it's
antiquing.

34 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It is?

35 SUNBURST
(to Starlight) Okay. But only if
you're sure.

36 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I'm sure. Besides, how much more is
there to see?

Twilight leads Sunburst around a corner.

37 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
If you really like antiques you
should see this Barn Deco writing
desk over here...

Starlight follows them and finds herself staring down a
loooooong aisle.

38 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
This shop looked a lot smaller from
the outside.

Off her uncertain expression...

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

Starlight watches Sunburst and Twilight go through all of
their antique store purchases. Sunburst looks in a barrel
filled with books.

39 SUNBURST
I can't wait to see what's in here.

40 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You don't know what you bought?

41 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It's a blind buy. They fill it up
with all kinds of stuff. Mostly
it's just junk, but sometimes you
get lucky.

Sunburst turns to Twilight.

42 SUNBURST
This one time I found a copy of
Poniwulf - in the original Olde
Ponish.

43 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh... "*Hliet foresettan pliht*."

Sunburst and Twilight laugh. Starlight stares at them,
confused.

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

Starlight smiles and nods. Twilight can tell she isn't super
thrilled.

45 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Why don't we look through this
stuff later. (nods to Starlight)
Starlight's been pretty patient
with us.

46 SUNBURST
(realizing) Oh, wow. I'm sorry,
Starlight. What do you want to do?

Starlight smiles and pulls out a dusty box. She opens it to
reveal a board game.

47 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Two words: Dragon Pit!

She looks up at him, excited. Sunburst looks less so.

48 SUNBURST
Oh. Right. We used to play that all
the time. And you wanna play it
now?

49 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I mean, if you don't want to--

50 SUNBURST
(back peddling) Of course I do! I
mean, we spent all day doing my
thing. A board game sounds fun.

Pleased, Starlight starts to set up the board. Sunlight nods
encouragingly, then casts a quick glance back at his antiques.

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

CLOSE ON: A tiny volcano which spits up a MARBLE. We follow the marble as it rolls along a "lava path" in a Dragon Lands-themed Rube Goldberg machine which culminates in trapping a dragon figurine in a pit.

Starlight finishes a story as they play.

51 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
...and Sunburst got so excited when
the marble covered up the pit, his
horn glowed bright blue!

Sunburst casts an embarrassed look at Twilight.

52 SUNBURST
(in Olde Ponish) "*Gamenung copor
ungewintred.*"

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

53 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
(explaining) It's another Olde
Ponish saying that means, "Games
are for the young."

54 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(disappointed) Oh. I just thought
it would be fun.

Sunburst realizes what he said.

55 SUNBURST
Oh, it is. I'm sorry. I'm having a
great time. I love remembering all
this stuff.

Starlight doesn't seem convinced. Twilight makes with a big
<YAWN>.

56 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, it is getting late. Maybe we
should call it a night.

57 SUNBURST
(still trying to salvage things)
Oh, no. We can keep playing.

58 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
It's fine. I am kind of tired.

59 SUNBURST
(Olde Ponish) *The lar nae go lar.*

He and Twilight share a smile while Starlight just looks on.

60 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
(explaining) That's Olde Ponish
for... well, actually I don't think
that translation makes sense,
either.

Starlight smiles uncomfortably.

SC. 5 - INT. STARLIGHT GLIMMER'S ROOM - LATER

Starlight and Sunburst are getting ready for bed. Starlight floats an extra blanket over to a guest bed set up across from her own.

61 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
So... great day, right?

62 SUNBURST
Oh, right. Really great.

Awkward beat as Sunburst arranges the sheets and pillow to his liking while Starlight pulls down the sheets on her bed. Sunburst YAWNS.

63 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
So, what should we do tomorrow?

64 SUNBURST
Whatever you want. I do want to go
through those books I bought at
some point. <YAWN> Just to see if
there's anything good.

65 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Sure.

66 SUNBURST
Ooh! Maybe you could show be the
throne room? I've always wanted to
take a closer look at the Map of
Friendship. It's so fascinating.

67 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Really? I kinda just think of it as
a tool, I guess.

68 SUNBURST
Huh. <YAWNS> (then, sleepily) I
guess you and I just like different
things.

69 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Yeah... (nervous laugh) It's almost
like we don't even have anything in
common any more (more nervous
laughter). Ridiculous, right?

She turns to look at Sunburst, but he's already asleep and
<SNORING>. Starlight slowly pulls her covers up and stares at
the ceiling. Off her wide-eyed, worried look we...

END ACT ONE

ACT 2

SC. 6 - INT. STARLIGHT'S ROOM - THE NEXT MORNING

The room is dark. Suddenly the door FLINGS open and Starlight
enters with manic energy.

70 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Rise and shine, sleephead!

She pulls back the curtains to let the sunlight in. A groggy
Sunburst wakes up.

71 SUNBURST
Wh-what? What's wrong?

72 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Wrong? What? Nothing. Your visit's
gotten off to such a rip-roaring
start, I don't want to lose
momentum!

Sunburst gets out of bed.

73 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
You've got to meet all my new
friends in Ponyville! I mean,
there's Trixie, and Maud, and...
well, that's it for now, but they
like stuff I like and I like stuff
they like and you'll like all the
stuff too. You'll see!

74 SUNBURST
Okay. Sure, but... Can I get
dressed first?

Starlight takes in Sunburst's pajamas.

75 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Oh. Right. I'll just wait outside.

She exits. Off Sunburst, confused...

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.

76 TRIXIE
(presentational) Behold, citizens
of Ponyville, and be amazed by the
Great and Powerful Trixie!

Trixie holds up two rings then taps them together. Then she hits the rings together and suddenly they interlock. Starlight and Sunburst applaud.

77 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(whispered aside) I told you it'd
be fun watching Trixie rehearse.
Isn't she good?

78 SUNBURST
(nods) She's doing a lot of tricks
inspired by the Great Hoofdini.

Trixie stops and looks down at them, pleased.

79 TRIXIE
Normally, I don't encourage talking
during performances, but if you've
heard of the Great Hoofdini, I'll
make an exception.

Starlight smiles at seeing her friends getting along.

80 SUNBURST
Of course I've heard of him. Do you
know his Three of Hearts trick?

81 TRIXIE
I could hardly call myself "Great
and Powerful" without knowing that.
(to Starlight) What's that in your
mane?

Starlight pulls a card out of her mane: it's a three of hearts.

82 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(amazed) How did you do that?!

83 SUNBURST
She most likely planted it on you
when we first got here.

Trixie frowns at Sunburst then takes the card from Starlight and makes it disappear. Starlight makes another delighted face.

84 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Wow. That was really great. I
almost didn't see you put it in
your cape.

Trixie holds out one side of her cape, showing there's nothing there.

85 TRIXIE
You mean, this cape?!

86 SUNBURST
Yeah, but on the other side. Where
you hid the bouquet of flowers.
(off their looks) What? It's just
stage magic.

87 TRIXIE
Just stage magic?

88 SUNBURST
No offense. I mean, I was a big fan
when I was a foal, but after I
figured out all the tricks I sort
of lost interest.

89 TRIXIE
Well, I'm sorry, but I'm going to
have to ask you to leave before you
give away my entire act.

Sunburst shrugs and walks off. Starlight's expression drops.

90 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I was kind of hoping you two would
have something in common.

91 TRIXIE
Well, apparently we used to, he
just grew out of it.

92 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Yeah. I'm starting to think he's
outgrown me too.

93 TRIXIE
Well, personally, I'm not sure why
you'd need any friend who isn't me.

Trixie makes a bouquet of flowers appear from nowhere and
offers them to Starlight.

94 SUNBURST (O.S.)
(from far away) Told you!

Trixie and Starlight make faces.

SC. 8 - INT. CAVERN - LATER

CLOSE on a rocky cave wall with a vein of a mineral running
through it. A HOOF starts tapping at the mineral, causing
small pieces to break off.

PULL BACK to reveal it's MAUD PIE carefully tapping at the
rock with her hoof. Starlight and Sunburst are with her. They
all wear protective helmets with lights on them.

95 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(to Sunburst) You'll definitely get
along with Maud. She's an academic
like you. She even has her
Rocktorate, but we still have tons
in common.

As Maud continues to tap, there's a far-off <RUMBLING> noise.
Sunburst looks around nervously.

96 SUNBURST
I'm not a huge fan of tight spaces.
(then, to Maud) Are you sure it's
safe to break up the rocks like
that?

97 MAUD PIE
It's safe. These naturally forming
caverns make cave ins extremely
unlikely.

98 SUNBURST
(starting to panic) Cave ins?! Is
that what that noise is?

Maud stops working and turns to him.

99 MAUD PIE
No. That's the acoustical
vibrations from shifting strata.
See?

She taps on the wall and the <RUMBLING> is heard again.
Sunburst is not reassured.

100 MAUD PIE (CONT'D)
Sometimes the pressure builds up so
much it releases steam.

Suddenly a JET OF STEAM WHOOSHES out of a hole in the wall
next to Sunburst.

101 SUNBURST
(screams) AAAAAHHHHHHHHH!

A terrified Sunburst books it down the tunnel.

102 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(calling) Sunburst! Wait!

The light from Sunburst's helmet gets dimmer and dimmer as he
keeps running, and his <ECHOING SCREAMS> get quieter and
quieter.

Starlight's shoulders slump as Maud comes up next to her.

103 MAUD PIE
I think that went well.

Off Starlight's disappointment...

SC. 9 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - THRONE ROOM - LATER

Twilight enters and sees the Friendship Map is on. She looks
around, confused.

104 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Um... Starlight?

From under the map there's a loud <THUD>, then slowly
Starlight raises her head, rubbing her horn with a hoof.

105 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Oh. Hi Twilight.

106 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What are you doing under there?

107 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I know you and I fixed the Map of
Friendship before, but I'm still
not sure how it works.

108 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Starlight, I'm the Princess of
Friendship and I'm not sure how it
works.

Distraught, Starlight drops her head onto the table, bumps
her tender horn and immediately shoots back up again, rubbing
it.

109 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
OW!

110 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What's going on with you? Sunburst
is in the library studying that old
map and you're in here. I thought
he came to visit you.

Starlight <SIGHS> and slumps into one of the thrones.

111 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Exactly. Ever since he got here it
seems like we aren't interested in
the same things any more.

112 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, you don't have to like the
same things to be friends.

113 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
But I'm not sure we have anything
in common.

Starlight shoots a blast of magic at the map and Trixie's
cutie mark pops up.

114 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
I took him to see Trixie, since she
and I are totally different, but he
just started giving away all her
tricks.

She blasts the map again and Trixie's cutie mark is replaced
with Maud's.

115 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Then we visited with Maud, but he
couldn't stand being in her cavern
for five minutes!

She shoots the map again and Maud's cutie mark is replaced with both her own and Sunbursts.

116 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
If he doesn't have anything in
common with me or the ponies I care
about-- maybe we're not even
friends.

With another magical blast, the Map shuts off. Twilight looks up at her.

117 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I thought you said you didn't know
how the map works.

118 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I don't! But Sunburst is interested
in it, so I thought if I could
figure it out, we'd at least have
that to talk about.

Twilight thinks for a beat, then...

119 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, the two of you have overcome
quite a lot already. I'm sure you
can overcome this too.

120 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I don't know.

121 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
And you do have something in
common. Magic!

Starlight looks up, brightening.

122 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Of course! Thanks Twilight. You're
the best.

With that, Starlight rushes out. Twilight smiles.

123 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, I try.

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

Starlight re-enters the throne room, bringing the Dragon Trap game with her. She looks over to see the antique map is spread out on the table.

124 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Sunburst?

From under the map there's a loud <THUD>, then slowly Sunburst raises his head, rubbing his horn.

125 SUNBURST
Well, I still can't figure out the Friendship Map works, but comparing it to the map from the antique shop really gives you an overview of the topographical--

126 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(cutting him off) Yep. Maps are fun, but I have something else I want you to see.

She puts the game on the table.

127 SUNBURST
You want to play Dragon Pit again?

128 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Not exactly.

She shoots a beam of magic at the game and the pieces all assemble themselves.

129 SUNBURST
That's cool, but--

130 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
It's not done.

Once the pieces are all in place, the dragon figurine comes to life - flapping it's tiny wings. Lava erupts from the mini volcano and a glowing magma marble rises up and rolls down the track.

Sunburst looks on, impressed as the mini-dragon breathes fire at the oncoming marble which falls into place, trapping the dragon in it's pit.

131 SUNBURST
Wow. How'd you do that?

132 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(proud, modest) I dunno. I just kinda do it.

133 SUNBURST
Yeah, but is it like a variation on
Cantermane's Time Turning or maybe
Meadowbrook's Self-Animation?

Sunburst leans in close, almost laying on the table as he
scrutinizes the game pieces.

134 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(slightly annoyed) I don't know. I
just thought no matter what, we'd
always have magic in common...

135 SUNBURST
(not really listening) But the
pieces interact, so maybe Coltemy's
Relative Connectivity?

136 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(frustrated) But I guess we don't
even have that anymore.

137 SUNBURST
(totally lost in thought) No, it's
something I haven't thought of...

Totally frustrated, Starlight throws her hoofs in the air and
storms out. As she goes the pieces all stop moving. Sunburst
stares at the game, even more intrigued.

SC. 11 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - CONTINUOUS

Starlight rushes past Twilight, upset.

138 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Starlight, what's wrong?

139 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Ask Coltemy!

Twilight watches with a worried look as Starlight continue
down the hall.

END ACT TWO

ACT 3

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

Twilight enters the library and finds Sunburst has already
filled a chalk board with a mathematical-looking magical
equation.

140 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sunburst, what are you doing?

141 SUNBURST
Twilight! Great! Starlight cast this amazing spell, but of course she can't tell me how, so I'm just figuring it out.

142 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Did you tell her you thought it was amazing?

143 SUNBURST
Of course! I think. (points to the board) Does this look right to you?

Twilight glances at it and immediately gets sucked in.

144 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Actually, I think it makes more sense if this were over here--

She floats a rag over and erases a symbol, than re-writes it on the other side of the board.

145 SUNBURST
Of course! Wow. Starlight you are a magical genius. (looks around) Starlight?

146 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
She left. She thinks you two don't have anything in common anymore. I think she was hoping you could bond over this spell.

147 SUNBURST
That's ridiculous. We have tons in common and this spell is incredible!

148 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Maybe you should tell her that.

149 SUNBURST
You're right!

With that, Sunburst runs out the door. After a beat he sticks his head back in.

150 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Any idea where she might be?

Off Twilight's look...

SC. 13 - INT. DAY SPA - STEAM ROOM - LATER

Sunburst enters, peering through the thick steam.

151 SUNBURST
Starlight? Twilight thought you
might come here.

He spots a figure laying on a bench and takes a seat nearby.

152 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Look, I'm sorry if it's seemed like
we don't have anything in common
any more, but we totally do--

He looks over at the figure, but there's no response.

153 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Right. You probably just want to
sit in the steam and relax. I get
it.

He sits still for a second, then.

154 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Yep. Re-lax-ation is great. That's
what I think. See? We've totally
got that in common.

He sits for another beat, gets fidgety, then pulls out a book.

155 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
I'll just read for a bit. Reading
is relaxing, right?

He <HUMS> to himself as he tries to read, but his glasses fog up. He wipes them off, then water drops on his book. He stands, frustrated, wiping at his book

156 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
ARGH! Okay. Fine. Maybe I don't
much care for steam rooms but that
doesn't mean we can't be friends.

Finally, the toweled figure sits up to reveal it's a random SPA PONY.

157 SPA PONY
I don't know if I can be friends
with someone who doesn't like the
spa.

Off Sunburst's embarrassed look...

SC. 14 - EXT. ROCK QUARRY - LATER

Maud uses her hooves to pick at a rocky wall. Sunburst stands nearby.

158 SUNBURST
So, I'm sure Starlight was right. I
mean she and I have lots in common,
so I'm sure you and I do too.

159 MAUD PIE
Probably.

160 SUNBURST
Yeah. So... what kind of rock is
this? Because it looks like--

Sunburst is suddenly cut off as Maud's tapping causes a large
chunk of rock to fall from the quarry wall with a massive
<THUD>. Sunburst jumps back in shock.

161 MAUD PIE
Shale. It comes off in big chunks.

Sunburst takes a tentative step closer.

162 SUNBURST
Right. Cool. So, maybe if you see
Starlight, you could tell her I
came by and we totally bonded and--

Again, he gets cut off as Maud jumps onto of the huge chunk
and starts <JACKHAMMERING> at it with her hooves.

As a cloud of dust rises around them, Sunburst tries to
<SHOUT> over the sound.

163 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
(shouting) WE HAVE TONS IN COMMON
JUST LIKE SHE AND I DO AND SHE
SHOULDN'T--

Maud stops and the dust clears, though Sunburst continues to
<SHOUT>.

164 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
(still shouting) --BE WORRIED ABOUT
OUR FRIENDSHIP OR ANYTHING
(realizing that the noise has
stopped) <AHM> Or anything like
that.

Maud looks over, now standing next to the pile of small rocks she just turned the giant chunk into.

165 MAUD PIE
I'll tell her. You don't have to shout.

Off Sunburst's embarrassed expression...

SC. 15 - EXT. TRIXIE'S CARAVAN - LATER

Trixie is on the stage in front of her caravan, performing for a small audience. <MYSTERIOUS DRAMATIC MUSIC> plays.

166 TRIXIE
(even more presentational than before) Behold, citizens of Ponyville, and be amazed by the Great and Powerful Trixie!

The audience <OOHS!> and <AAHS!> as Trixie links the seemingly solid rings together.

Starlight is in the second row enjoying the show when she hears....

167 SUNBURST (O.S.)
Excuse me... sorry... pardon me...

Sunburst squeezes down the row past annoyed AUDIENCE MEMBERS and sits in the empty seat next to Starlight, who tries to ignore him. Sunburst sits for a beat, then leans over.

168 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
(whispered) Good show, right?

169 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(whispers) I thought you lost interest in stage magic.

170 SUNBURST
(louder whisper) No way! I love this stuff. Maybe even more than you.

An ANNOYED PONY behind them leans forward.

171 ANNOYED PONY
<SHUSH>!

Starlight shoots Sunburst a stern look and they both go back to watching the show.

ON STAGE - Trixie is now in a box with her head and all four legs sticking out of different holes.

172 TRIXIE
(dramatically) And now, before your very eyes, the Great and Powerful Trixie will cut herself in half!

<DRAMATIC DRUM ROLL> as Trixie levitates a large, two-handled, LUMBER SAW toward the box and starts sawing.

173 SUNBURST
(whispering again to Starlight)
I've actually been looking all over for you, but I should have known you'd be here since it's something we both like and totally have in common - like so many other things.

174 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(unconvinced) Oh, really?

175 SUNBURST
Sure! There's Dragon Pit - I mean, such a great game!

The pony behind them leans forward again.

176 ANNOYED PONY
<SHHHHHHHHH>!

ON STAGE - Trixie casts a sideways glance and Starlight and Sunburst.

177 TRIXIE
Yes! Gaze in fascination as the saw magically passes through (pointedly at Sunburst) despite other distractions!

But Sunburst plows through, desperate.

178 SUNBURST
And all of Maud's rock stuff - totally fascinating. And Trixie's magic, well, stage magic--

Another AUDIENCE MEMBER looks over.

179 ANNOYED AUDIENCE MEMBER
Which we are totally missing because of you. I want to see how she does this!

Sunburst's panic boils over and he stands up.

180 SUNBURST
Seriously? There's two ponies in the
box! Obviously. She's not going to
really cut herself in half!

Every audience member angrily turns to Sunburst, who realizes what he's done.

181 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Oh. Um... I mean, it's a really
great illusion...

Trixie scowls at him from the stage, as she separates the two halves of the box. Slowly she lowers her legs from the top half and stands. Annoyed, she SHOOS the other box away, and her hind leg half scurries off stage.

182 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Sorry.

Starlight looks up at him.

183 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Look, Sunburst, I know you're
trying to prove that we still have
things in common, but it just isn't
true. (beat) I think it's time you
went home.

Sunburst looks at her, crestfallen, then turns and walks away. Off Starlight sadly watching him go...

SC. 16 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - LATER

Starlight shuffles into the library to find Sunburst there -- standing in the middle of the life-size version of the Dragon Pit game that takes up the library. She stares in shock.

184 SUNBURST
Oh, sorry. My train doesn't leave
for a little while and I was still
trying to figure out your spell.
(then) Sometimes it helps me to
look at stuff close up.

185 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(impressed) Really close up!

186 SUNBURST
Sorry. I'll put it back.

187 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
No! It's cool. (then) You wanna see
the spell again?

188 SUNBURST
Of course!

Starlight's horn glows and she casts her same spell on the
much bigger game.

Just like before the dragon figure comes to life - flapping
it's wings. Magical lava erupts from the volcano and a now
giant, glowing marble rises up and rolls down the track.

Sunburst runs along side the track amazed.

189 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
It is Coltemy's Connectivity, but
you sprinkled some of Starswirl's
Material Animation in as well.

He runs back up to Starswirl, excited.

190 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
It's really amazing.

Starswirl smiles. Sunbursts enthusiasm is contagious.

191 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(laughs) Okay. Thanks. I guess
maybe we still have one or two
things in common after all.

192 SUNBURST
Absolutely! I mean just look--

Suddenly, they both turn around to see the giant glowing
marble bearing down on them from one side, while the dragon
figure rears back to breath fire on the other side.

Starlight's eyes go wide as her horn glows with a BRIGHT
FLASH that instantly freezes the game.

Sunburst turns to her meekly.

193 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Maybe we should put it back to it's
normal size.

Off Starlight's smile and nod...

SC. 17 - EXT. PONYVILLE TRAIN STATION - DAY

Starlight and Sunburst walk along the platform toward the waiting train. Sunburst drags his heavy bag - made even heavier with his barrel of books sticking out of the top.

194 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Well, I'm glad we were able to get
the game back to normal before
Twilight saw it. She's a little
protective of her books.

195 SUNBURST
Of course she is, I mean that
library is--

Sunburst catches himself and starts to back track.

196 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
--just okay. I mean, it's not like
Twilight and I have more in common
than you and me.

197 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(smiles) It's okay. I figured
something out after Trixie's show.

198 SUNBURST
That I shouldn't ever go to another
one?

199 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Probably not. (then) But Trixie and
I don't have a lot in common
either. Same with Maud. I think it
doesn't matter if we have things in
common or not.

200 SUNBURST
(smiles) I guess the only thing we
really have to share is wanting to
be friends.

Starlight returns his smile and they embrace. The train
<WHISTLES>. Sunburst rushes for the doors.

201 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
See you soon?

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

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

203 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.