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*Logline: When Starlight accompanies Trixie on tour in her caravan, they both learn that even the greatest and most powerful friendships can be challenged by close quarters.*

Trixie finishes a show in Ponyville with Starlight helping out. Afterward, Cadance (who's come down for the show) compliments them on their chemistry. It's almost like they've known each other as long as she and Twilight have. Twilight agrees there's nothing better than sharing a deep bond with another pony. She and Cadance do their "Sunshine, sunshine, ladybugs awake..." chant as an example. Trixie and Starlight sarcastically agree their bond isn't as deep as that. Even so, Trixie is inspired by the interaction, along with the great and powerful teamwork they display on stage, and invites Starlight to come on tour with her. It'll be a chance to bond like no ponies have ever bonded before. Intrigued and delighted at the prospect, Starlight agrees.

While Starlight packs, Trixie works out the details of her tour with a pony from Saddle Arabia – which is where the trip will culminate. He is quite taken with her caravan and asks if she'd like to trade it for his, much bigger one, but Trixie has a Han Solo/Millennium Falcon relationship with her wagon and could never part with it – it is precious to her. Starlight arrives and we discover that Trixie is a bit of a hoarder. She's not just precious about the caravan, but everything in it as well. The place is filled to the gills and it's obviously going to be cramped for two ponies. Starlight suggests a few things Trixie might leave behind, but quickly learns that's a losing argument. Starlight pairs down her own belongings (to just a toothbrush and a good book) to try to find room, but Trixie can't even find space for that! "Can't you just use my stuff?" Trixie assures her friend that she'll find a place for her things—but surreptitiously leaves Starlight's bag by the side of the road as they head off. Trixie does manage to make sleeping arrangements for Starlight – under a bench next to her smoke bombs – which Starlight accidentally sets off in the night.

They both have a terrible night's sleep, but arrive at their first stop and somehow manage to get through a show. Immediately afterward Starlight just wants to lay down under her bench and curl up with her book, only to discover that Trixie didn't bring her things—after all, that would have meant she'd have had to part with some of her own great and powerful stuff to make room. Starlight doesn't even have her toothbrush! Trixie is upset that Starlight just assumed she'd get rid of her things for her and Starlight can't believe she invited her without making any kind of allowances for her presence. Trixie decides to sleep outside which suits Starlight just fine – not that it'll mean any more room under her bench! She slams the door and the smoke bombs go off again. In the morning Trixie wakes up to discover that her caravan is gone! Starlight proudly announces she's solved their problem. She traded the caravan to a wonderful Pony from Saddle Arabia for a much larger one!

Furious, Trixie cancels her tour, or at least Starlight's part of it, and walks off along the road to Saddle Arabia, leaving Starlight to drive the disgustingly large caravan back to Ponyville. Trixie tracks down the Pony of Saddle Arabia and her caravan, but he has no interest in returning it – especially since she doesn't even have his wagon to exchange. Moments later, Starlight appears in the Saddle Arabian camp with the larger caravan. The Saddle Arabian pony insists that he's not going to change his mind, regardless of whatever tricks Trixie and her assistant are trying to pull. Trixie balks, "Assistant? I have no assistant. I barely know this pony at all." Starlight admits that she shouldn't have traded the caravan, because it wasn't hers, it was her friend's. Impressed, the Saddle Arabian pony confesses that if they really were friends, he'd be honor bound to return the caravan, but since they're not, he gets to keep it. In that case, Trixie tells him they are friends who share a deep bond. But when the Saddle Arabian pony asks them to prove it, Trixie is at a loss until Starlight gives her a wink. "Would a friendship chant count as proof?" With that she and Trixie do the "Sunshine, sunshine" chant, culminating in slamming the door to the caravan which causes the smoke bombs inside to go off again. The Saddle Arabian pony stumbles out and admits he's willing to reconsider.

On the way home Starlight admits that she was wrong to trade Trixie's caravan, she was just mad that Trixie hadn't made any plans for her to be on the trip. Trixie admits that she could have done a much better job considering what her friend's presence would mean. They both agree the road is a hard place for a friendship, but having overcome it, they feel their friendship is greater and more powerful than ever!