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When Princess Cadance reaches out to Sunburst for help with a Flurry Heart issue, Sunburst knows just where to find the answer: a book, of course. Since the book he needs is in the library of their hometown, Sunburst asks Starlight Glimmer to accompany him, thinking the two of them are long overdue for a homecoming. He also thinks they both could use the support of a friend, as neither of them has been back to Sires Hollow in years, and he's a little anxious.

On the way, Starlight and Sunburst fondly recall the countless hours they spent in the Sires Hollow library. Starlight points out that her favorite thing about their village is how it never changes and they both list several spots they're looking forward to visiting. But when they arrive everything looks different! Thinking they're lost, they ask some townspies, who treat them like celebrities—even in this quaint small town, news of Sunburst's role in saving the Crystal Empire and Starlight's apprenticeship with the Princess of Friendship has made the rounds. The townspies explain that the whole town is being revamped. The pair rush through town to the library only to find it boarded up and prepped for demolition!

Sunburst is in shock – this offends his love of books and preserving history. Starlight can't even process what's going on—things at home aren't supposed to change. The pair goes to town hall, where the town council explains that this is all part of a plan to not just modernize, but futurize Sires Hollow and turn it into the vanguard of Equestria. Sunburst starts to ask for details, but Starlight is furious. Why is Sunburst even discussing it when nopony should EVER want to change ANYTHING in her perfect, idyllic town?!

Sunburst suggests they research the historical significance of the town to try and convince ponies it's worth preserving, but Starlight points out they can't find their answers in a book – the library is closed! Determined to prove the way things were is better, Starlight uses her powerful magic to turn Sires Hollow back to the way she remembers it. Unfortunately, this causes problems for the townspies who liked/supported some of the updates and now won't even listen to Sunburst's arguments about the town's rich history.

Sunburst confronts Starlight and the two of them have a sweet moment in front of the library, where they realize that what makes their friendship special is the way they complement each other. Neither of their approaches would work on its own—they can't research their way out of this situation, and even though Starlight could keep magic-ing everything back the way it was, that doesn't help the dissatisfied townspies.

Vowing to work together, the two friends come up with a plan that both preserves the history of Sires Hollow and allows it to move forward into the future. Sunburst presents the plan to a receptive town council and Starlight promises to use her exceptional magic to make it happen. The pair returns to Cadance with the promised book and a better understanding of how to deal with change.