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TEASER**SC. 1 - EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE - DAY**

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TILT DOWN from the spires of the Crystal Castle and PAN through town, past the statue of Spike, finding a MAIL PONY on his rounds. TRACK WITH HIM as he <KNOCKS> on a door and it opens, REVEALING SUNBURST, his nose in a book.

1 MAIL PONY
 (getting his attention)
Ahem... Morning Sunburst.

2 SUNBURST
 (glancing up)
What? Oh. Hi.
 (awkward laugh)
You know, no matter how many times
I read it, *Houyhnhnm's Guide to
Magical Arcana* never gets boring.

3 MAIL PONY
If you say so.
 (hoofs over mail)
I've got another letter for you
from Sires Hollow.

Sunburst's gaze drifts back down to his book.

4 SUNBURST
Mm-hmm. Sure thing.

Sunburst takes the letter and absently tosses it onto a pile of similar letters on a small table just inside the doorway.

5 MAIL PONY
Ookay, then. Have a good day.

6 SUNBURST
 (not listening)
Absolutely.

GO INSIDE as Sunburst closes the door and walks past his pile of unread mail to his desk, reading the whole way. TIGHT ON his face as he **pours** over the book, rapt. After a few seconds, his face is uplit by a PULSING LIGHT.

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7 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
 (confused but excited)
What's this? Could I be
experiencing the Cerebration
Transmogrification Effect described
in Chapter 17?!

Sunburst looks around for the source of the glowing light and realizes it's coming from his flank.

8 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Oh, my cutie mark is glowing.

PAN back to see his cutie mark PULSING in a steady rhythm.

9 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
 (realizing)
My cutie mark is glowing!!

Thrilled, Sunburst prances around in circles, casting glances at his flank to make sure this is really happening.

10 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
 (looks around)
I know what this means!!
 (then, manic)
Why am I yelling?!

OFF his excitement...

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE, HALLWAY - DAY

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Sunburst walks with TWILIGHT SPARKLE and SPIKE toward the map room.

11 SUNBURST
Princess Twilight, what an honor
this is. I mean, it is, right? I'm
called for a friendship mission??

12 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 (nods, smiling)
You sure are and it must be a
special one. No pony outside of
Ponyville has ever been called
before.

13 SPIKE
Even though there are perfectly
capable dragons already living
here.

14 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm sure you'll be called someday,
Spike. Though I'm not sure how
since you don't have a cutie mark.

Twilight magics open the door and they step inside the...

SC. 3 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE, MAP ROOM - CONTINUOUS

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Twilight points to Sunburst's cutie mark hovering over the map -- right next to Starlight's. STARLIGHT looks up from the map.

15 SUNBURST
Wait. You got called too?

16 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Looks like it. And it also looks
like we're headed...

Starlight points to the map, where Sunburst's and Starlight's cutie marks float over a valley we've never seen before.

17 SUNBURST
(disbelieving)
Home?

18 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(flat)
Yep. We are headed to Sires Hollow.

19 SUNBURST
(also flat)
Oh. (beat) Great.

Twilight notes their unenthusiastic expressions.

20 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(shrewd look)
If I didn't know better, I'd think
you two didn't want to visit your
hometown.

21 STARLIGHT GLIMMER/SUNBURST
(defensive)
Who, us? Nooo! / Pshaw! What?

22 SPIKE
I'll go if they don't want to.

OFF them rolling their eyes at Spike...

SC. 4 - INT. FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS - DAY

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Starlight and Sunburst walk through the car as they chat.

23 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (forced happiness)
So... Heading back to Sires
Hollow... Pretty great, right?

24 SUNBURST
 (also forcing it)
Yeah, who'd have thought I'd go on
friendship mission-- and with my
oldest friend-- to where we grew
up.

They share a look. They know each other too well to fake it.

25 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
 (sitting)
You don't really want to go either,
do you?

26 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (relieved)
No!
 (beat)
I mean... I miss our town, it's
just... (ranting) My dad likes to
pretend that everything I did after
I left never happened, so he treats
me like the little filly I was when
I lived there. I wish he could just
let go of the past and move on.

27 SUNBURST
Umm...

28 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
What? You think I'm a horrible
daughter, don't you?

29 SUNBURST
No, no. My mom actually does
something similar--

30 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Really?

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31 SUNBURST
--just the opposite.
 (beat)
 (MORE)

SUNBURST (CONT'D)

I guess she doesn't want to talk
about me flunking out of magic
school, but she never brings up the
past. As soon as I set hoof in the
house, it's all about my...

(air quotes)

"plan for my future." It's
exhausting.

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32 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Well, at least our families get
along. When we're not solving the
friendship problem, let's all hang
out together. That way they'll be
too busy talking to each other to
focus on us.

Sunburst holds out a hoof. Starlight shakes.

33 SUNBURST
Deal!

OFF the two of them, heartened by their talk...

SC. 5 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW, TOWN SQUARE - LATER

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Starlight and Sunburst leave the train depot and head toward
the center of town.

34 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(smiling)
You know, I've got to admit, it's
good to be back.

35 SUNBURST
Yeah. The great thing about home is
it always stays just how you lef--

Sunburst doesn't notice a gilded, iron gate in front of him
and walks right into it.

36 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
OW!
(takes a step back)
When did they put this here?

Starlight tilts his face up. PULL WIDE to show a fancy, gated
archway across one side of the street. The two of them share
a confused look, then push the gate open and walk through as
a melodic voice intones.

37 MELODIC VOICE (SILVER AURA)
Welcome to Sires Hollow North.

Sunburst and Starlight exchange another look.

38 SUNBURST
North?

Sunburst looks up to see the entire side of the street is lined with ultra-modern shops - chrome and glass everywhere. Confused, they head down the street to an...

SC. 6 - EXT. EXERCISE STUDIO - CONTINUOUS

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...where a PERKY PONY (wearing a sweatband on her brow and leg warmers) comes out of a storefront.

39 SUNBURST
Excuse me. Didn't this used to be a fruit stand?

40 PERKY PONY
Fruit? No. This is a ponymetrics studio.
(slapping her side)
Really tones your flank.

41 SUNBURST
But where do ponies buy fruit?

42 PERKY PONY
(shrugs)
There's a smoothie shop two doors down.

Put off, Sunburst looks over at...

SC. 7 - EXT. KIOSK - SAME

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ON Starlight, with a SLEEK PONY at kiosk further down.

43 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
What do you sell here?

The Sleek Pony holds up a tiny spray bottle as Sunburst walks over.

44 SLEEK PONY
Essence.

45 SUNBURST
Essence of what?

46 SLEEK PONY
You tell me.

With that, the Sleek Pony gives Sunburst a squirt right in the face. Sunburst backs away <COUGHING>.

47 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Well? What is it?

48 SUNBURST
(coughing) Ah... Chocolate? Maybe?

49 SLEEK PONY
Not chocolate maybe. Chocolate definitely. All the benefits with none of the drawbacks.

50 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Okay, that's kind of neat.

51 SUNBURST
(still coughing)
Neat!? This place has gone crazy!
Everything's different!

Starlight looks across the street.

52 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Not everything.

Sunburst follows her gaze as we PAN past a HUGE, DERELICT FOUNTAIN that dominates the square to the other side of town where the buildings look more traditional, though most have plaques and stanchions in front of them.

53 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
(leading him over)
See, the town fountain is still here. And there's the bookstore...

54 SUNBURST
(lighting up, relaxing)
Ahh, the old bookstore. Thank goodness, something familiar.

SC. 8 - EXT. BOOKSTORE - CONTINUOUS

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They walk up, but before they can go in, a pair of FEMALE PONIES (think the feminist bookstore owners on *Portlandia*) come out and hold up their hooves to stop them.

55 BOOKSTORE PONY #1
Um... Can we help you?

56 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (confused)
We just want to look at the books.

57 BOOKSTORE PONY #2
 (shaking her head)
Yeah. The inside is a sacred space.
You can experience the books from
here. That's why windows are see-
through.

58 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (incredulous)
We can't go in?!

59 BOOKSTORE PONY #1
We've been declared a "site of
historical significance" by the
Sires Hollow Preservation Society.

60 BOOKSTORE PONY #2
Which means we have to maintain the
bookstore's integrity.
 (repeating)
Sacred space.

61 SUNBURST
I guess that makes sense.

62 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (shock)
It does? Come on, there's gotta be
someplace normal here.

She leads him over to a...

SC. 9 - EXT. BICYCLE SHOP - CONTINUOUS

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...where a BIKE SHOP PONY stands off to the side spinning a
wheel clamped to a workbench.

63 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
This is the town bicycle shop,
right?
 (off his nod)
And we can go inside, and touch the
bikes?

He looks at her like she's nuts as he affixes the wheel to
something off screen.

64 BIKE SHOP PONY
Of course... Though I wouldn't
recommend riding them. These
ponyfarthings are extremely
difficult to balance on - pretty
uncomfortable too.

PULL WIDE to reveal what he's been working on - an old-timey
bike with a huge front tire and a small rear one.

65 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Then why do you sell them?

Intrigued, Sunburst inspects the antique bike.

66 SUNBURST
Because they're so cool!

The Bike Pony shakes his head and points to a plaque on the
wall.

67 BIKE SHOP PONY
Because they're approved by the
Preservation Society. These were
the bikes ponies rode when the town
was founded.

68 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
What is this Preservation Society?

69 MALE VOICE (O.S.)
That would be me, sweetums.

They turn to see Starlight's dad, GOLDEN GLIMMER, complete
with handlebar mustache. He pinches Starlight's cheeks
between his hooves.

70 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Dad! Come on. Stop it. (then)
You're the Preservation Society?

71 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Well, not the whole Society, of
course, but I started it.

72 SILVER AURA (O.S.)
Only as a reaction to my
Redevelopment Committee.

They turn as Sunburst's mom, SILVER AURA, walks up. She wears
a crisp suit.

73 SUNBURST
Mom?? What do you mean your
Redevelopment Committee?

74 SILVER AURA
I'm the chairmare. We've all got to
have goals (aside to Sunburst) and
I can't wait to hear all about
yours, by the way.

Sunburst rolls his eyes as Golden regards Silver Aura coldly.

75 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Hello Silver Aura. Destroy any of
our town's rich history lately?

76 SILVER AURA
Please, if you had your way, we'd
all be plowing the fields like
settler ponies.

77 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Maybe that wouldn't be so bad!

Silver Aura gives a haughty <LAUGH> as Starlight steps
between them, confused.

78 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Wait. Why are you arguing? You're
friends.

79 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Not anymore.

With that, Golden Glimmer turns on his hooves and walks off.
Silver Aura does the same, heading off in the opposite
direction.

Starlight and Sunburst watch them go, then...

80 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (dread)
So, the friendship problem we came
to solve...

81 SUNBURST
 (matching her)
Is between our parents.

Off Starlight's and Sunburst's look of dread...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO**SC. 10 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW, TOWN SQUARE - RESUME**

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Starlight and Sunburst stare at each other, flabbergasted.

82 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
So my parents want to turn the
clock back on Sires Hollow to pony
settler times and your mom wants to
drag it into the future.

83 SUNBURST
This is simple. I mean, I know
she's worked hard on it, but we
obviously have to convince my
mother to give up her ridiculous
redevelopment plan and let your dad
put everything back the way it's
supposed to be.

84 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Umm...

85 SUNBURST
What? You think I'm a horrible son,
don't you?

86 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
No, no. I was actually thinking
something similar--

87 SUNBURST
(smiles)
Really?

88 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
--just the opposite.

89 SUNBURST
What!? How could you possibly want
to keep the town like this?

Quick PANS follow Starlight's gaze from the modern side of
town to the preserved part.

90 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I don't.

91 SUNBURST
(relieved)
Oh. Okay, because I thought--

92 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I just want to undo all the
ridiculous "preservation" my dad's
done.

Starlight gives a wave toward the book shop where the Book Ponies eye them suspiciously and the bike shop where the Bicycle Pony falls off of one of his ponyfathings.

93 SUNBURST
But... but... that's the good part!

94 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Well, we're not going to solve our
parents' friendship problem if we
can't agree.

95 SUNBURST
Probably not.

96 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
So let's just pick a side and
convince our parents that their
friendship is more important than
any plans for the town.

97 SUNBURST
(hesitant)
Oh-kay... but we're gonna pick
preservation, right?

Starlight looks at him, frustrated.

98 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Let's talk to your mom first. Maybe
if we hear what she has to say it
will help us pick.

99 SUNBURST
(getting it)
Fine. But then we talk to your dad
before we decide.

100 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Deal.
(they shake hooves)
See, we're agreeing already!

OFF the two of them sharing an uncertain smile...

SC. 11 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW, NORTH - LATER

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Silver Aura stands next to the fancy gate. She checks its interworkings and we see how it triggers a PHONOGRAPH to play the greeting, which plays again as Sunburst and Starlight walk up.

101 SIVLER AURA (OVER PHONHGRAPH)
Welcome to Sires Hollow North.

102 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Is that your voice?

103 SILVER AURA
It sure is, dear. Somepony had to set Sires Hollow North apart from the rundown side.

104 SUNBURST
You mean the part that still looks like our town?

105 SILVER AURA
Exactly. Stuck in the past. The future is Sires Hollow North.

She swings the gate, triggering the phonograph again.

106 SILVER AURA (OVER PHONHGRAPH) (CONT'D)
Welcome to Sires Hollow North.

107 SILVER AURA (CONT'D)
Ponies will come from far and wide and before you know it our town will rival Canterlot and Manehattan.

108 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Wow.

109 SUNBURST
What? That's crazy!

110 SILVER AURA
Is it?

With that she pulls out a set of BLUE PRINTS showing the whole town - remade like the north side.

111 SUNBURST
You're going to remake the whole town?

112 SILVER AURA
(pointing out spots)
Of course, dear. There'll be a
shopping complex, a theater...

Sunburst looks at the plans, concerned.

113 SUNBURST
But where's the town square?
Where's the fountain?

114 SILVER AURA
Oh, we're tearing that old,
unpleasant fountain down. Your
magic school has to go somewhere.

115 SUNBURST
My what?

116 SILVER AURA
Now dear, I know you're not one to
plan for the future, and working in
the Crystal Empire is nice, but you
have to think about what's next.

117 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(agreeing)
You really should think about the
future.

118 SILVER AURA
(sing-songy)
And you know where the future is?

She works the gate again, triggering the phonograph.

119 SILVER AURA (OVER PHONOGRAPH) (CONT'D)
Welcome to Sires Hollow North.

120 SUNBURST
ARRRGGGHHHHH!

With that Sunburst turns and walks off. Starlight follows
to...

SC. 12 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW, TOWN SQUARE - CONTINUOUS

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Starlight catches up to him right in front of the fountain
and Sunburst whips around.

121 SUNBURST
I never even graduated from Magic
School and she wants me to open
one?

122 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
She just wants you to think about
the future.

123 SUNBURST
Why? What's wrong with things
staying the same?

He looks up at the old fountain.

124 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
This fountain is as old as the
town. Who in their right mind would
what to tear it down?

125 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(hesitant)
Well, it hasn't worked in a long
time...

126 SUNBURST
(exasperated)
But-- Ah-- Gah-- Phfit! Let's just
go find your dad!

With that, Sunburst stalks off toward...

SC. 13 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW, SOUTH - CONTINUOUS

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Golden Glimmer stands outside the bike shop as the Bike Pony
continues trying to mount a ponyfarthing. Sunburst walks up
with Starlight reluctantly following behind.

127 SUNBURST
My mother wants to tear down the
fountain in the middle of town and
you daughter thinks that's okay.

128 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
That's not what I said.

Golden turns to them as the Bike Pony falls over in the
background.

129 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Now, honey-bunny, you should be
clear when you talk. Did you say
that or didn't you?

130 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (frustrated)
I just said I didn't.

131 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Now, there's no need to throw a
fit.

132 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I'm not throwing a fit!

133 GOLDEN GLIMMER
 (patting her on the head)
There, there, sour puss.
 (aside to Bike Pony)
I think somepony's hungry.

Starlight seethes and Golden continues.

134 GOLDEN GLIMMER (CONT'D)
It's true Silver Aura wants to rip
up the town and start over, like
erasing a black board.

Behind him, the Bike Pony climbs onto a chair and tries to
hoist himself onto the bike-- but just immediately falls over
again.

135 GOLDEN GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Which is why I started the
Preservation Society - to keep the
town how it's always been. That
fountain sits on the original water
source for the town. Some say it's
the reason we have a town at all.

Sunburst turns to Starlight.

136 SUNBURST
See?

137 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Shouldn't we at least fix it?

138 GOLDEN GLIMMER
 (patronizing)
Oh, honey, it's an artifact. Fixing
it would be ignoring it's
historical significance.

Behind him the Bike Pony uses a CHAIN and PULLEY to finally
mount his tall bike -- and instantly does a header over the
handlebars.

139 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Why don't you get a bike you can
ride!?

140 BIKE SHOP PONY
 (rubbing his head)
What would be the historical
significance of that?

141 GOLDEN GLIMMER
 (to Bike Pony)
My daughter's too young to
understand what we're trying to do.

142 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
ARRGGGGHHHHH!

With that, Starlight turns and storms off. Sunburst follows
her back to...

SC. 14 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW, TOWN SQUARE - CONTINUOUS

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Starlight stops in the middle of the square and points to the
cracked, dirty fountain.

143 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
How is historical significance more
important than a working fountain?
Or a bicycle? Or books you can
actually read?

144 SUNBURST
Sometimes it's important to
preserve things, even if you can't
really use them.

145 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
That makes no sense!

146 SUNBURST
Well, it makes more sense than just
throwing everything away and
starting from scratch!

Starlight opens her mouth to retort, but a voice from O.S.
causes them both to turn their heads.

WHIP PAN TO:

SC. 15 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW, FOUNTAIN - SAME

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...where their parents are having the same fight.

147 GOLDEN GLIMMER (O.S.)
We're preserving the history of the
town! That's why it's called the
Sires Hollow Preservation Society!!

148 SILVER AURA
You're standing in the way of
progress!! This fountain is more
than unpleasant. It's an eyesore!

Off Golden's <DRAMATIC OFFENDED GASP>.

WHIP PAN BACK:

SC. 16 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW, TOWN SQUARE - SAME

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Sunburst and Starlight look at each other.

149 SUNBURST
I feel like maybe we forgot about
the friendship problem.

150 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Maybe.

They turn and race over to...

SC. 17 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW, FOUNTAIN - CONTINUOUS

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Starlight and Sunburst get in between their feuding parents
to try to defuse their argument as a crowd begins to gather.

151 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Dad, c'mon--

152 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Starlight, the grown ups are
talking. Besides, she started it!

153 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Well, I'm finishing it.

Starlight uses her magic to drag her father to the SOUTH SIDE
of the fountain, while...

ANGLE ON Sunburst with his mom on the NORTH SIDE.

154 SUNBURST
Why can't you two just find a
compromise? You used to be friends.

But Silver Aura isn't listening. She looks at Sunburst and gets a sudden idea.

155 SILVER AURA
Oooh, I bet if you work hard you could get Princess Cadance to appoint you head of all fountains in Equestria. Then you could issue a decree to have this one torn down! That would be such a step up for you.

OFF Sunburst, gritting his teeth...

CUT TO:

SC. 18 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW, FOUNTAIN, SOUTH SIDE - SAME

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...where Starlight is dealing with her dad.

156 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Dad, why don't you just let her have the fountain??

157 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Never! That fountain is town history! I know you don't really understand, but you have to trust that your father knows best.

158 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(seething)
No, I don't!!

SC. 19 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW, FOUNTAIN, NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES - INTERCUT

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Sunburst and Starlight face off against their parents on their respective sides of the fountain-- neither can see or hear the other.

ANGLE ON:

159 SUNBURST
Why can't you focus on the past for once and stop worrying about the future!?

ANGLE ON:

160 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Why can't you stop treating me like
a foal and let go of the past?

ANGLE ON:

161 SUNBURST
If I have to chain myself to this
fountain to prove to you that
history is important, than that's
what I'm going to do!

Sunburst levitates the chains from the bike shop over, and
starts to bind himself to the fountain.

ANGLE ON:

162 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
If I have to knock this fountain to
the ground to get you to live in
the present than that's exactly
what I'm going to do!

Starlight charges up her horn and levels it at the fountain,
unaware of Sunburst simultaneously chaining himself to the
other side as we...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 20 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW, FOUNTAIN, NORTH SIDE - RESUMING

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CLOSE ON Starlight, about to blast the fountain to pieces.
She looks at her dad.

163 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Once this fountain is gone, maybe
you'll be able to stop living in
the past!

Golden looks from his daughter to the fountain, and notices
the chain wrapped around it.

164 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Ah, Starlight--

He steps towards the center of the square as we...

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CUT TO:

SC. 21 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW, FOUNTAIN, SOUTH SIDE - SAME

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Sunburst pulls the chains taught and <CLICKS> a padlock through them.

165 SUNBURST
I am perfectly willing to stay here
as long as it takes for you to see
that even the "unpleasant" parts of
the past have value!

Silver Aura looks from her son to a BRIGHT GLOW on the other side of the fountain.

166 SILVER AURA
 (concerned)
Um, dear...

As she takes a step towards the center of the square...

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SC. 22 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW, TOWN SQUARE - SAME

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Both parents step around the fountain far enough to see each other and their respective children-- Sunburst settling in as Starlight prepares to blast.

167 GOLDEN/SILVER
STOP!!!

Sunburst leans over and sees Starlight who spots him just in time to jerk her head away as her BLAST of magic shoots out!

168 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
WHOA!

Starlight's shot goes wide, just skimming past Sunburst on one side.

169 SUNBURST
YAAAHHH!

And continuing on to...

SC. 23 - EXT. BICYCLE SHOP - SAME

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...where the Bike Shop Pony lowers himself from a pair of ladders on either side of his ponyfarthing and finally balances on the contraption.

170 BIKE SHOP PONY
Hey, I did it!

Immediately, the magical BOLT hits the bike, blasting it, a good portion of the shop, and the rest of his ponyfarthing fleet to pieces - leaving him hanging onto the ladders. He looks down, exasperated.

171 BIKE SHOP PONY (CONT'D)
Oh, come on!

WHIP PAN TO:

SC. 24 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW, TOWN SQUARE - SAME

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CLOSE ON a mortified Starlight Glimmer as she and Sunburst rush toward each other in the square.

172 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
What are you doing chaining
yourself to the fountain!?

173 SUNBURST
Me? What are you doing blasting
landmarks willy-nilly?!

174 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Landmark? This fountain is an old,
broken-down, pile of junk in the
middle of the town--

175 SUNBURST
The town that probably wouldn't
exist if this fountain wasn't here!

176 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Well, it looks like we'll never
agree on what to do, so I guess we
have zero chance of getting our
parents to agree and fixing the
friendship problem we were called
to solve which is the only reason
we came home at all!

177 GOLDEN GLIMMER (O.S.)
Really?

Starlight and Sunburst turn and see their parents standing to the side, staring at them with hurt expressions.

178 SILVER AURA
You only came home because you were
called here?

Starlight and Sunburst share a quick guilty look.

179 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Well, I mean, not exactly.

180 SUNBURST
Err, yeah. I mean, we're both
pretty busy, but--

181 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
--getting called here was a great
opportunity to visit.

182 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Which you wouldn't have done if you
didn't have to.

Both Starlight and Sunburst look down, ashamed.

183 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Look, dad, I love coming home to
see you, it's just you treat me
like I'm still a little filly.

Silver Aura turns to Sunburst.

184 SILVER AURA
Is that what I do to you?

185 SUNBURST
No! You never want to talk about my
foalhood. You're too busy worrying
about my future.

186 SILVER AURA
Well, your life in the Crystal
Empires is so impressive. Sires
Hollow can't compete with that. I
thought if I made our town more
impressive, you'd come home more.

Golden Glimmer steps forward and puts a hoof on Starlight's
shoulder.

187 GOLDEN GLIMMER
And I know it's been hard for you
since you left home. I thought if I
could keep this place the way it
was before things changed, you'd
want to come back.

188 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
So you two did all of this because--

189 SUNBURST
You miss us?

Silver and Golden look at each other guiltily.

Suddenly, a large section of the damaged Bike Shop comes
<CRASHING> down.

The Bike Pony steps forward from the small crowd of
townsponies and leans into Starlight.

190 BIKE SHOP PONY
I don't suppose you could help me
keep the shop from falling down
completely?

SC. 25 - EXT. BICYCLE SHOP - LATER

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Starlight magically repairs the walls of the shop while
Sunburst helps the Bike Shop Pony clean up the remains of his
ponyfarthings.

191 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I'm so sorry about your old
bicycles. (powering up her horn) I
could probably fix them too.

The Bike Shop Pony rush towards her, his hooves up.

192 BIKE SHOP PONY
Oh, no, no, no, no! (aside) This
way nopony has to ride them.

He gives her a wink, then points to the back of the shop at a *
half-dozen normal looking bikes.

193 BIKE SHOP PONY (CONT'D)
I'm thinking of going back to
regular bikes anyway.

The exercise Perky Pony walks by and peeks in.

194 PERKY PONY
Oooh! You have those? Biking is
such a good workout for the flank.

The Book Store Ponies walk up.

195 BOOKSTORE PONY #1
We have a whole section of books on
cycling, if you're interested.

196 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
What about your bookstore's "sacred
space?"

197 BOOKSTORE PONY #2
We've decided the sacred space of
our minds is sufficient.

Sunburst turns to Starlight.

198 SUNBURST
Looks like the town isn't as
divided as we thought.

199 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I think our problems with our
parents made things seem worse than
they actually were.

200 SILVER AURA (O.S.)
I think we did something similar.

Starlight and Sunburst turn to see their parents standing
nearby.

201 SUNBURST
Really?

202 GOLDEN GLIMMER
 (nods)
--just the opposite.

Off Golden and Silver's wan smiles...

SC. 26 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW, FOUNTAIN - MOMENTS LATER

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Golden and Silver stand with Sunburst and Starlight in front
of the fountain.

203 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Silver and I have been talking and
we realized we have more in common
than we thought.

204 SILVER AURA
So we agreed to work together.

She pulls out a new set of BLUEPRINTS and unrolls it, then
looks to Sunburst with a smile.

205 SILVER AURA (CONT'D)
Because the town history is
important.

Golden Glimmer nods and looks to his daughter.

206 GOLDEN GLIMMER
And the best way to keep it alive
is to let everypony be a part of
it.

207 GOLDEN GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Okay everypony. Stand back.

208 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
What are you going to do?

209 GOLDEN GLIMMER
You didn't get your magical
abilities from your mother.

With that, Golden stretches his neck and powers up his horn.
With a glance at Silver's blueprint, he blasts the fountain,
surrounding it in a magical glow.

The four of them watch as centuries of dirt and cracks are
cleaned and mended - the fountain magically restoring itself
until finally water shoots from the top and fills the wading
pool below.

Golden brushes his hooves off, satisfied.

210 GOLDEN GLIMMER (CONT'D)
That should do it.

211 SILVER AURA
Nice work, Golden.

212 SUNBURST/STARLIGHT
Yeah.

The four of them stand back and admire the restored fountain,
water shooting up in arcing sprays.

213 SILVER AURA
We're sorry we made such a mess of
things.

214 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
It's our fault too.

Sunburst turns to his mom.

215 SUNBURST
From now on, if something's
bothering me, I'll talk to you
instead of never coming home.

216 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (to Golden)
And if you promise to treat me like
a grown up, I promise to act like
one and visit more.

217 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Deal.

Golden Glimmer extends his hoof and he and Starlight shake,
as Silver and Sunburst embrace.

Almost instantly, Starlight's and Sunburst's cutie marks
GLOW. They look down at them.

218 SUNBURST
 (to Starlight)
If we ever get called by the map
again, remind me that the
friendship problem isn't always
obvious.

Off all of their smiles, we PULL WIDE to show the restored
fountain as townspies bike back and forth through the
square. OFF this...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 27 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE, MAP ROOM - DAY

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CLOSE on Twilight's confused expression as a dull <THUD>
comes from off screen.

219 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
So the friendship problem was
between you and your parents?

220 SUNBURST
Yep. I guess friendships come in
all different varieties.

The <THUD> turns into a <SMACK>.

221 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 (directing her voice off
 screen)
And nopony else in all of Equestria
could have solved it.

222 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Nope. It looks like the map called
the two of us for a reason.

223 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Right.

The <SMACK> shifts into a <BANGING> as Twilight looks off screen, annoyed.

224 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
SPIKE!

WHIP PAN TO:

Spike slamming his flank against the map.

225 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
I'm pretty sure you can't get the
map to call you that way!

Spike looks at them all guiltily.

226 SPIKE
Well it couldn't hurt to try.

Off all of them shaking their heads...

FADE OUT

END