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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 frowns, then looks back down to his book.

4 SUNBURST
 (absently)
Mm-hmm. Sure thing.

Sunburst takes the letter, turns and walks back inside, shutting the door.

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

SC. 2 - INT. SUNBURST'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

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Sunburst tosses the letter onto a pile of unread mail and walks to his desk, reading the whole way. TIGHT ON his face as he **pours** over the book, rapt. Suddenly, his face is uplit by a PULSING LIGHT. *

6 SUNBURST
 (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.

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

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

8 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.

9 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. 3 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE, HALLWAY - DAY

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

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

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

12 SPIKE
 (cocky, to Sunburst)
If you need some pointers, let me
know. I've been on my fair share of
missions.

13 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You've been on one, Spike.

14 SPIKE
(proud)
And that's my fair share.

Twilight rolls her eyes as she magics open the door and they step inside the...

SC. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE, MAP ROOM - CONTINUOUS

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Sunburst looks in to see STARLIGHT standing by the map over which both of the cutie marks float.

15 SUNBURST
Starlight, you were called too?

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

Starlight points to the spot on the map under their cutie marks. Sunburst's eyes go wide.

17 SUNBURST
(disbelieving)
Sires Hollow?

18 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(flat)
Yep. Home.

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,
since I'm kind of an expert.

OFF them all rolling their eyes at Spike...

SC. 5 - INT. FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS - DAY

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Starlight and Sunburst walk through the train car as they chat.

23 SUNBURST
 (forced happiness)
So... A trip back to Sires
Hollow... Bet you're excited,
right?

Starlight shoots him a guilty look.

24 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Um... not really.

Sunburst <EXHALES>, relieved.

25 SUNBURST
Oh, good. I thought I was the only
one.

26 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (confessing)
I feel terrible, but I've been
avoiding going home. Whenever I do,
my dad treats me like a filly -
like nothing's changed since I was
a foal.

27 SUNBURST
Huh.

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

29 SUNBURST
No, no. My mom actually does kind
of the same thing--

30 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Really?

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31 SUNBURST
--just the opposite.
 (beat)
As soon as I set hoof in the house,
she starts asking about my plan for
the future. (imitating) "You're a
grown up pony, Sunburst."
 (MORE)

SUNBURST (CONT'D)

You need to make plans." (guilty) I haven't been home in awhile either.

Starlight stands, resolved.

32 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
We'll just have to explain to our parents that we're on an important friendship mission, so they can't bother us.

33 SUNBURST
Do you think that will work?

Starlight slumps back down.

34 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
No.

The train slows and comes to a stop. Off the two of them looking out the window...

SC. 6 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW, TOWN SQUARE - LATER

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Starlight and Sunburst leave the train depot and head toward the center of town. Starlight takes a deep breath and smiles.

35 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Parents aside, it is good to be back.

36 SUNBURST
Yeah. The great thing about home is it always stays just how you left--
<ARGOOPH!>

Sunburst walks right into an ornate gilded, iron gate.

37 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
 (takes a step back)
Where did this come from?

They both look up to see a fancy, gated archway across one side of the street. They share a confused look, then push the gate open and walk through as a melodic voice intones.

38 MELODIC VOICE (SILVER AURA)
Welcome to Sires Hollow.

Sunburst and Starlight exchange another look.

They both turn to see a SLEEK PONY standing at a kiosk. The Sleek Pony offers a tiny spray bottle.

39 SLEEK PONY
Essence?

40 SUNBURST
Essence of what?

41 SLEEK PONY
You tell me.

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

42 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
What is it?

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

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

Sunburst wipes his face and looks up at the kiosk.

45 SUNBURST
Didn't this used to be a fruit stand?

46 SLEEK PONY
(smug) I don't know what it used to be. The Series Hollow Development Committee determined what it is.

47 SUNBURST
The Series Hollow Development what? Where do ponies buy fruit?

48 SLEEK PONY
(shrugs) There's a smoothie stand two doors down.

Sunburst looks up to see the entire side of the street is lined with fancy shops (think upscale shopping mall a la The Grove).

49 SUNBURST
All the shops are different. Everything's changed!

Starlight looks across the street.

50 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Not everything.

Sunburst follows her gaze to the other side of town where the buildings look older, even dilapidated - most with plaques and stanchions in front of them. They head over.

SC. 7 - 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.

51 BOOKSTORE PONY #1
Um... Sorry our bookstore's been
declared a "site of historical
significance" by the Sires Hollow
Preservation Society.

52 BOOKSTORE PONY #2
You'll have to experience the books
from here. That's why windows are
see-through.

53 SUNBURST
 (incredulous)
WHAT!?

54 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Preservation Society? What is
happening around here?

A resonant VOICE (Golden Glimmer) comes from behind them.

55 VOICE (O.S.)
I'll explain it to you, sugar-plum.

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Starlight whirls around to see her father, GOLDEN GLIMMER, a unicorn with a handlebar mustache. He walks up and pinches Starlight's cheeks between his hooves.

56 GOLDEN GLIMMER
You are just as cutsie-wootsie as
ever!

Starlight pulls her face away.

57 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Dad! Quit it! What is going on?

58 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Just a father wanting to preserve
our town's rich history for his
little pumpkie-wumpkin...

59 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (gritted teeth sotto)
Dad. You promised no pumpkie-
wumpkins in public.

60 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Sorry, chipmunk cheeks.

Golden Glimmer smiles and reaches for her cheeks again, but she holds up a hoof.

61 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Don't. (then) You're preserving the
whole town? That's crazy.

Another VOICE (SILVER AURA) comes from behind them.

62 SILVER AURA (O.S.)
That's what I said.

Sunburst turns to see his mother, Silver Aura, a pony in the pony equivalent of a sensible pants suit.

63 SUNBURST
Mom?

64 SILVER AURA
Pay attention, Sunburst, this is
how business works. There's a spot
for you on my Development Committee
board. I've got plans for this
little town. Big plans.

Sunburst rolls his eyes. Golden takes an indignant step toward her.

65 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Well, I'm not going to let you turn
our historical heritage into Las
Pegasus!

Silver gets right in his face.

66 SILVER AURA
And I'm not going to let you turn
it into a museum!

PAN OVER to see Starlight and Sunburst staring at them.

67 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Wait. Are you two fighting over
this?

68 SUNBURST
Like, having a friendship problem?

Aura turns her back to Glimmer, nose in the air.

69 SILVER AURA
Oh, there's no problem.

He turns his back to her, same pose.

70 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Because there's no friendship.

Starlight and Sunburst share a look - their parents are pretty much the illustration of a friendship problem.

71 SUNBURST
Wow. I thought this would be harder.

Both parents turn to address their kids.

72 GOLDEN GLIMMER
You thought what would be harder?

73 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
We were called here to solve a friendship problem and it looks like you two are it.

Silver and Golden share a quick, excited look. They immediately drop their anger and look to their kids.

74 GOLDEN/SILVER
How can we help?

Off Sunburst and Starlight's uncertain looks...

SC. 8 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW - MONTAGE

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In a series of shots we watch as both parents take Starlight and Sunburst around town to view their achievements:

THE FANCY GATE - Silver stands on one side as Sunburst walks through. The melodic voice intones:

75 MELODIC VOICE
Welcome to Sires Hollow.

Silver looks to Sunburst and smiles, spreading her hooves like, "Ta-da!"

THE BOOK STORE - The Book Store Ponies stand in front of Starlight and Sunburst while Golden and Silver look on.

76 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
So we can't hold the books?

77 BOOKSTORE PONY #1
(laughs) No.

78 SUNBURST
Can you hold the books?

79 BOOKSTORE PONY #2
No.

80 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
So nopony can read the books?

81 GOLDEN GLIMMER
 (to the bookstore ponies)
Isn't she adorable?!

Starlight and Sunburst look to Golden who smiles awkwardly.

BACK TO THE FANCY GATE - Silver stands on one side as now Starlight walks through. The melodic voice intones:

82 MELODIC VOICE
Welcome to Sires Hollow.

Starlight looks at her and Silver smiles, giving a much less confident, "ta-da".

THE ESSENCE KIOSK - where the Sleek Pony shows his wares - dozens of little spray bottles.

83 SLEEK PONY
You can call them (disgusted)
smells, but I call them essence!

He squirts Sunburst again, who <COUGHS> again. Starlight gives him a <SNIFF>.

84 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Fruity.

85 SUNBURST
I almost wish there was somewhere I
could get actual fruit.

86 SILVER AURA
Don't aim so low, dear.

PAN OVER to reveal Sliver, who passes him a smoothie. He <SLURPS> disconsolately.

BIKE SHOP - where a bald pony with a soul patch tries to balance on a penny farthing-type bicycle. *

87 BIKE SHOP PONY
Yep. This ponyfarthing's an exact replica of the bikes that the ponies who founded our town rode. (struggles) Of course, they're uncomfortable and really hard to ride.

He immediately falls over.

The others look to Golden, who smiles sheepishly.

BACK TO THE FANCY GATE - Silver stands on one side as Golden just stands opening and closing the gate over and over. The melodic voice intones:

88 MELODIC VOICE
Welcome to Sires Hollow. Welcome to Sires Hollow. Welcome to--

Finally, Silver reaches out and stops him.

89 SILVER AURA
Okay, it's annoying. I get it.

END MONTAGE

SC. 9 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW - TOWN SQUARE - DAY *

Starlight and Sunburst watch as their parents talk.

90 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Alright, maybe my preservation efforts were a little over the top.

The Bike Pony wobbly rides his ponyfarthing into frame in the background - and falls over.

91 SILVER AURA
And I might have been trying to turn the town into a shopping mall.

The Book Store Ponies cross frame behind them, followed by the Sleek Pony trying to spray them.

92 GOLDEN GLIMMER
 (holding out his hoof)
Well, whatever direction the town
takes, from now on how about we
work together on it?

93 SILVER AURA
 (shakes)
Deal.

They turn to their children with a smile.

94 SILVER AURA (CONT'D)
You two are really good at this.
Sunburst, you should move closer to
Ponyville. After this, I'm sure the
Princess of Friendship will want to
send you on more missions.

95 SUNBURST
That's not really how it works.

Sunburst looks at his hoof like he's wearing a watch-- he's
not.

96 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Oh, look at the time. We should get
going now that we solved the
friendship problem, right
Starlight?

PAN OVER to Starlight who's staring at her flank.

97 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Yeah...The thing is, I don't think
we did solve it.

She looks down at her cutie mark which is definitely not
glowing. As Sunburst's expression drops we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 10 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW, TOWN SQUARE - RESUME

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They all look at Starlight and Sunburst's cutie marks.

98 SILVER AURA
What are we looking at?

99 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
When we solve a friendship problem
our cutie marks are supposed to
glow.

100 SUNBURST
Maybe it just takes a minute.

They all stare at their marks for a beat -- nothing. Golden
walks up and puts a hoof on Starlight's shoulder

101 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Don't be disappointed, puddin'.
Your papa'll work this out for you.

102 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
My "papa" wasn't called by the map
in Twilight's castle. I was.

Silver takes a worried step towards Sunburst. Tiger mom:

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103 SILVER AURA
How are you going to explain this
to the princess? What's your plan
if she fires you from friendship
quests?

104 SUNBURST
Mom! She doesn't...It's not...

105 SILVER AURA
Use your words, Sunburst.

Sunburst <GRRRRS> in frustration. Starlight looks around at
the town thinking.

106 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I guess you two weren't the problem
we were sent to solve.

107 SILVER AURA
So now you don't even know why
you're here? We have to figure this
out before you run out of time!

108 SUNBURST
(deep breath, then)
Mom. There isn't a time limit.

109 GOLDEN GLIMMER
(to Starlight, thrilled)
So you're here for an extra long
visit?

(MORE)

GOLDEN GLIMMER (CONT'D)

You can stay in your old room,
punkie-wunk. It's just like you
left it!

Suddenly, Starlight is reinvigorated to end this mission.

110 STARLIGHT GLIMMER

(to Sunburst)

We need to find this friendship
problem now.

Golden smiles and pats Starlight.

111 GOLDEN GLIMMER

I know you have your little job to
do, but Silver and I know the town
a lot better than you two.

112 SILVER AURA

That's right. Neither of you have
been home in ages. You're going to
need our help to succeed.

Sunburst and Starlight share an uncertain look. Finally...

113 STARLIGHT GLIMMER

(reluctantly)

I guess that makes sense.

Silver claps her hooves together, excited. Golden nods
approvingly.

114 SILVER AURA

I already have some ideas.

115 GOLDEN GLIMMER

Me too.

The two parents link hooves and prance happily across the
square. Starlight and Sunburst stare after, frustrated.

116 SUNBURST

I think I liked it better when they
were fighting.

CUT TO:

SC. 11 - INT. STARLIGHT'S FOALHOOD HOME - LATER

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Golden Glimmer stands at a chalkboard, filling the last
available space with writing.

117 GOLDEN GLIMMER
And that's how Sires Hollow was
founded.

WHIP PAN to Starlight, sitting at a table covered in open books.

118 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Dad, I don't need a history lesson,
I need to find a friendship
problem, you know, in the present.

119 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Now, hon-bun, this is just the
backstory. But I know how hard it
is for you to sit still and focus,
so...

He levitates an old, worn baby blanket over to her.

120 GOLDEN GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Would it help you pay attention to
hold on to your bwankie?

Off Starlight, seething...

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SC. 12 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW - TOWN SQUARE - LATER

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Sliver excitedly leads Sunburst through town, talking a mile a minute.

121 SILVER AURA
Now you've had a little setback,
but don't worry. I know exactly
what you need to do.

122 SUNBURST
(sarcastic)
Make a plan?

She turns to him with a big smile.

123 SILVER AURA
(sing-songy)
Already got one. Step one,
interview the suspects. Step two,
use your talents to solve the
issue. Step three, get the Princess
of Friendship to send you on more
missions!

124 SUNBURST
Mom. IT DOESN'T WORK LIKE THAT.

125 SILVER AURA
(chipper, not listening)
Uh-huh!

She leads them up to the Sleek Pony who's standing beside the Bookstore Ponies. She looks to the Sleek Pony and urges him on with a wave.

126 SILVER AURA (CONT'D)
<AHEM>

The Sleek Pony looks to Sunburst, talking like he's reading from a script.

127 SLEEK PONY
Oh, thank goodness you are here.
These two ponies refuse to use my essences.

128 BOOKSTORE PONY #1
(quickly)
Maybe because we don't like to cover our natural scent.

129 SILVER AURA
<AHEM>!

Silver glares at her. Bookstore Pony 2 rolls her eyes. She too talks like she's reciting lines.

130 BOOKSTORE PONY #2
And he refuses to buy our books.

All three of them turn to Sunburst in union.

131 ALL THREE
Surely this is a friendship problem.

Sunburst turns to his mother, who smiles at him eagerly.

132 SUNBURST
Mom. It needs to be a real friendship problem. You can't just make one up.

With that, a frustrated Sunburst turns and walks off. Silver calls after him.

133 SILVER AURA
Well, excuse me for trying to build up your confidence!

SC. 13 - EXT. BICYCLE SHOP - DAY

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Starlight peers around the corner of the building at Golden who walks down the street looking for her.

134 GOLDEN GLIMMER
 (calling out)
Starlight? Sweetie? I found a really interesting town bylaw that nopony agrees on. Maybe that's the problem? Sillyfilly?

She quickly stands straight up, pressing herself against the side of the building, hiding as he walks by.

After he's gone she turns and we PAN OVER to reveal...

SUNBURST - also plastered against the side of the building.

135 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
What are you doing?

136 SUNBURST
Hiding from my mother. She started making up friendship problems for me to solve.

137 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
My dad won't even let me talk to anypony in case they're "strangers." I'm A GROWN MARE!

138 SUNBURST
We're never going to find the friendship problem with them around, let alone solve it.

PAN OVER to reveal...

THE BIKE PONY - staring at them.

139 BIKE SHOP PONY
Maybe you two should start looking for it on your own?

Off Starlight and Sunburst's frustrated looks...

CUT TO BLACK:

A LIGHT BULB IS SWITCHED ON

CLOSE ON Starlight, up-lit in a dark space.

140 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (whispering)
Okay, so we wanted to talk to all
of you, you know, in private.

CLOSE ON Sunburst, similarly lit.

141 SUNBURST
 (also whispering)
Yeah, just to see if there were any
issues any of you had with any
friends.

CLOSE ON the Sleek Pony, same.

142 SLEEK PONY
 (whispered)
Got it. Just one question--

PULL WIDE to reveal...

SC. 14 - INT. BOOKSTORE - STACKS - DAY

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Starlight and Sunburst sit in a dark corner of the bookstore at a small table with the Bike Pony, the Sleek Pony, and both Bookstore Ponies. Tall bookshelves surround them on all sides.

143 SLEEK PONY
Why are we whispering?

144 BIKE SHOP PONY
They're avoiding their parents.

Sleek Pony and the two Bookstore Ponies all nod.

145 THE REST
Ohhhhhh.

146 SUNBURST
Not avoiding. Not really. Just
taking a break.

147 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Yeah. We needed to focus, but we're
definitely not avoiding them.

The Bookstore Ponies share a look.

148 BOOKSTORE PONY #1
So you're whispering with all of us
in the darkest corner of the shop,
where nopony can possibly see
because you're not avoiding them.

Starlight and Sunburst nod, brightly.

149 BOTH
Mm-hmm!

150 SUNBURST
(with sudden worry)
But they definitely can't hear us
in here, right?

151 BIKE SHOP PONY
No way. This is the antiques
section. Nopony ever comes back
here.

WHIP PAN to reveal...

GOLDEN - standing in front of a nearby bookshelf.

152 GOLDEN GLIMMER
What are you two doing here? The
map called you to the town, not to
my favorite section of the
bookstore!

Off Starlight and Sunburst sharing an exasperated look.

SC. 15 - EXT. BOOKSTORE - CONTINUOUS

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Golden exits the store, Starlight and Sunburst dragging
themselves behind as he talks without even looking back.

153 GOLDEN GLIMMER
...and then I thought the best way
to look for a friendship problem in
the present was to go back even
farther.

Starlight drops her head, dejected, as Silver walks up to
Sunburst.

154 SILVER AURA
There you are! Now, I know you
didn't want me to "make up" a
friendship problem, but what if I
START one?

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155 SUNBURST
 (shaking his head)
Mom, I really think Starlight and I
should figure this out on our own.

Starlight turns to her dad.

156 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Yeah. The map called us for a
reason. We appreciate what you're
both doing, but it's not helping.

157 GOLDEN/SILVER
What?

158 SILVER AURA
How can you say that?
 (to Starlight)
Golden and I know this town better
than anypony.

159 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Exactly! Why in Equestria wouldn't
you want our help?

160 SILVER AURA
Yes, why?

Not able to take it anymore, Starlight and Sunburst lose it.

161 STARLIGHT GLIMMER/SUNBURST
BECAUSE YOU'RE DRIVING US CRAZY!

Off Golden and Silver's looks of shock...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 16 - EXT. BOOKSTORE - RESUME

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Golden and Silver stand staring at their children. Silver
looks to Sunburst.

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162 SILVER AURA
How am I driving you crazy?

163 SUNBURST
By always coming up with plans! I
don't need a plan! I mean, maybe I
do, but it'll be mine, not yours.

Silver looks at him, welling up.

164 SILVER AURA
Well, I'm sorry for trying to help!

With that, she turns and runs off SOBBING. Before Sunburst can even feel bad, Golden looks to Starlight.

165 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Now, sweetie pie--

166 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Dad. Stop. You're not any better.
I'm not a little filly. I'm a grown
pony with a job to do and I need to
do it on my own.

Golden stiffens.

167 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Well, you obviously don't need me
anymore.

With that, he turns and walks off. Starlight shakes her head.

168 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Great. Now we have to smooth things
over with our parents on top of
finding and solving a friendship
problem.

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169 SUNBURST
It's almost like our parents are
the friendship problem.

170 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(laughs)
I know, right?

171 SUNBURST
(less sure laugh)
Yeah. Good thing it's not that.

Sudden realization dawns on the both of them. Starlight turns to Sunburst.

172 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You don't think it's that. Do you?

PAN OVER to reveal the Bike Pony, the Sleek Pony, and both Bookstore Ponies staring at them.

173 BOOKSTORE PONY #1
(sarcastic)
NO!
(MORE)

BOOKSTORE PONY #1 (CONT'D)
Dealing with the problems you have
with your parents couldn't possibly
be the reason the map sent you to
see them.

174 BOOKSTORE PONY #2
(leaned in aside)
She means yes.

175 BIKE SHOP PONY
We kinda all think that's why your
here.

The townspopies all nod. Both Sunburst and Starlight realize
they're right and <GROAN>.

176 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Why couldn't we have been sent to
stop a war?

SC. 17 - INT. STARLIGHT'S FOALHOOD HOME - DAY

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Starlight walks in to find Golden erasing all the writing on
his blackboard.

177 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Dad?

Golden turns stiffly.

178 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Oh. Hello, Ms. Glimmer. How is your
friendship problem search going? I
only ask as an interested observer
since I know you are an adult pony
who is totally capably of doing
things on your own without help
from anypony else.

179 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Actually, I'm pretty sure Sunburst
and I found it.

Golden slumps, dejected

180 GOLDEN GLIMMER
I guess Silver and I really were in
your way.

181 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Well, we haven't solved it yet. In
fact, we can't do it without you.

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Golden brightens, but Starlight holds up a hoof.

182 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
But-- You can't keep treating me
like a foal.

183 GOLDEN GLIMMER
I'm sorry, sugerbun--
 (catching himself)
I mean, I'm sorry. I just know how
hard things were for you when you
left home. I guess I wanted you to
feel safe and know you were cared
for - like when you were young.

184 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Dad, I know I've made some
mistakes, but I learned from them.
I don't mind remembering that. It's
made me the pony I am today.

185 GOLDEN GLIMMER
And that's a pony this papa is
proud of.

Golden holds out his hooves and they embrace. As they do,
Starlight's cutie mark starts GLOWING. They both look down at
it and smile.

SC. 18 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW - KIOSK - DAY

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Sunburst walks up to find Silver leaning on the kiosk
rummaging through the spray bottles. She picks one up and
spritzes herself and <COUGHS>.

She recovers quickly and looks to Sunburst.

186 SILVER AURA
Oh, did you come by to be driven
crazy by your mother's plans?

187 SUNBURST
No, I came to apologize.

188 SILVER AURA
Well, it's going to take more than
an apology to make up for telling
me you don't want my help.

189 SUNBURST
Oh, I'm not sorry for that. I'm
sorry for never telling you how
much it bothered me in the first
place.

190 SILVER AURA
This is a terrible apology.

191 SUNBURST
Mom, I know you want me to succeed,
but I have to do it on my own.

Silver slumps and sits on the stool by the kiosk

192 SILVER AURA
I know. You're right. I just
remember how lost you were when you
flunked out of magic school.

193 SUNBURST
Lost?

194 SILVER AURA
You didn't know what to do with
yourself. I thought as long as you
had a plan, you'd never feel that
way again.

195 SUNBURST
Thanks, mom, but I think the only
way to really not feel lost is to
find my own way.

She nods and as they share a smile, Sunburst's cutie mark
GLOWS. Silver stares at it, impressed.

SC. 19 - EXT. SIRES HOLLOW - TRAIN STATION - DAY

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They all walk along the platform toward the waiting train.
Silver can't stop staring at Sunburst's cutie mark.

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196 SILVER AURA
The glowing cutie mark is such a
symbol of accomplishment. I don't
suppose there's a way for you to
get it to glow all the time?

197 SUNBURST
Pretty sure it doesn't work that
way.

198 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Not unless we solved a friendship
problem every few seconds, and I
kinda hope this one will be plenty
for a while.

199 SILVER AURA
Well, we're both glad you solved
it.

200 SUNBURST
We are too.

Golden takes a hesitant step to Starlight.

201 GOLDEN GLIMMER
You know, it seems to me the map's
saying we're not just your parents,
we're your friends too.

202 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I guess so.

203 GOLDEN GLIMMER
If I promise to treat you less like
a little filly and more like a
friend, will you visit more?

204 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Absolutely.

They embrace. Sunburst turns to Silver.

205 SUNBURST
And if you start to drive me crazy
again, I'll tell you instead of
never coming home.

206 SILVER AURA
That's lovely of you to say, dear,
but you know, I can always visit
you.

Golden lights up.

207 GOLDEN GLIMMER
Great idea, Silver. How do you feel
about a road trip?

Silver pulls out a giant scroll **that** unravels along the
ground.

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208 SILVER AURA
 (excited)
I've already made a list of what to
pack!

Off Sunburst and Starlight exchanging smiles we...

FADE OUT

END