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TEASER

SC.1 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - BANQUET HALL - DAY

TWILIGHT SPARKLE and STARLIGHT GLIMMER set a banquet table for four guests.

Starlight stands near a cart with FINE CHINA, GOBLETS, and SILVERWARE. Twilight lays out a table cloth.

CLOSE ON Twilight, who turns her back on the table/Starlight to get NAPKINS.

1 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
First lesson of the day. We very carefully set the table without using magic so that-- YIPES!

Twilight turns around and is startled to see the table now has FOUR FULL PLACE SETTINGS. The cart by Starlight is EMPTY.

2 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Did you-- how-- when-- what?

Starlight raises an eyebrow.

3 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
What?

4 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I said no magic. You were supposed to do it by hoof so I could work in a friendship lesson.

5 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Oh. I heard set the table and just kinda went for it.

6 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, if you hadn't used magic, you'd have heard me say, um, the plate represents your head, this spoon is your heart, and the knives... are sharp, always be careful with knives.

Starlight gives her an odd look.

7 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
(flustered)
The metaphors make more sense when we're actually setting the table.

8 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Should I change it back?

9 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(sweetly)
I just want to make sure you're
ready for this dinner. Princess
Celestia will be joining us
tomorrow night to see how the
friendship lessons are going.

10 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
If it's just you, me, and Princess
Celestia... why are there four
seats?

11 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, the whole point is for you to
bring a new friend. That way the
Princess will see for herself just
how far you've come.
(proud little head wiggle)
And how good a teacher you have.

12 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I can't choose. I like all your
friends.

13 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's the best part. You have to
make a new friend.

14 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(sotto, worried)
New friends...?
(cheerful, to Twilight)
Hey, maybe I'll just force
friendships by magically enslaving
the entire population of Ponyville.

15 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Starlight!

16 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(sing-song)
Kiiid-ding!

END TEASER.

MAIN TITLES.

ACT 1**SC.2 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY**

Starlight trots through Ponyville.

17 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Let's see. Make new friends in
Ponyville, the friendliest place in
Equestria. Shouldn't be hard...

Starlight looks to her right and we PAN with her to see that
PINKIE PIE is suddenly there, startling Starlight.

18 PINKIE PIE
Need to make a new friend, huh? I
know just the pony for you!

Off Starlight's smile...

WHIP PAN TO:

SC.3 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - DAY

Close on PINKIE PIE.

19 PINKIE PIE
Ms. Starlight Glimmer, meet Mrs.
Cake.

Reveal - Starlight stands next to Pinkie. Mrs. Cake looks
down, concentrating as she, carefully, slowly ices a large
cake on the other side of the counter.

20 MRS. CAKE
(not looking up)
How are you, dearie?

21 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Are you baking? Can I help?

Starlight smiles, eager to please. Her horn pulses and
ingredients from all over the shop WHOOSH together in a
midair TORNADO directly over Mrs. Cake's head.

When it clears, a fully finished and completely decorated
CAKE hovers in its place. Pinkie stares, impressed.

22 PINKIE PIE
Wow. Mrs. Cake! Look what your "new
friend" made you.

23 MRS. CAKE
(still not looking up yet)
New friend? Well, I like the sound
of that.

Starlight grins. Pinkie Pie winks at her. Mrs. Cake puts the last, deliberate, finishing touch on her cake and looks up.

24 MRS. CAKE (CONT'D)
In fact, I--
(seeing FLOATING CAKE)
howza-whoza-- <GASP>! Are you
trying to put me out of business
with your fancy magica-whatsit
cake?

Starlight's magic "stops." The cake falls right on Mrs. Cake. Starlight and Pinkie cover their mouths, shocked.

25 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Sorry...!

26 MRS. CAKE
Harumph!

Beat. Pinkie licks Mrs. Cake's face.

27 PINKIE PIE
In her defense, it is delicious.

28 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(soft)
...Thanks for trying, Pinkie. I'm
going to go see if Applejack has
any ideas.

WHIP PAN TO:

SC.4 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

Starlight and APPLEJACK trot outside the farm. They join BIG MAC, who's bucking a tree.

29 APPLEJACK
I think I have just the pony for
you, Starlight. Meet Big Mac.

30 BIG MAC
Eyup.

He gives a friendly nod. A beat while he just... smiles.

31 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
So... You're Applejack's brother?

32 BIG MAC
Eyup.

Starlight Glimmer looks at him weird. Applejack realizes this might not work out, but tries to stay optimistic.

33 APPLEJACK
He's not much of a talker.

Big Mac holds his smile for a beat, then...

34 BIG MAC
Nope.

35 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
That's too bad. I love a good conversation.

36 BIG MAC
Eyup.

37 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Hey, I've got an idea.

Her horn sparkles with magic, which sends sparkly streams to Big Mac's head. His eyes go wide with surprise as...

38 BIG MAC
(growing more panicked
with every word)
Eyyyyyyyyup-yup-yeah-you did
something whoa what's happening I
feel really weird how I am talking
so much and I'm so articulate
enunciating with such precise
pronunciation!

He gallops away.

39 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
(fading out as he departs)
Annie Apple Awoke And Accidentally
Ate an Auburn Azalea -- AHH MAKE IT
STOP!

He's gone. Applejack glares at Starlight.

40 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(lamely)
I can't be friends with somepony
who doesn't talk.

PUNCH IN ON Applejack with a <WHIP SOUND> as she glares HARDER.

41 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
(realizing)
Annnnd I guess my first instinct shouldn't be to magically command ponies to act the way I want them to.

PUNCH IN EVEN CLOSER ON Applejack with that <WHIP SOUND> as she glares her hardest.

42 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Alright! I'll change him back!

WHIP PAN TO:

SC.5 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - DAY

Rarity unspools a bolt of shimmering fabric. Starlight watches.

43 RARITY
The trick to finding a new friend, darling, is to render yourself radiant. First impressions count a great deal, you know.

44 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I'm glad you all got past my first impression.

Rarity goes about measuring her.

45 RARITY
Everypony deserves a second chance! Now, I have a top-notch idea. I'm thinking pastel silk here and here, with crinoline underneath.

46 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You really think a new outfit will help me meet ponies?

Rarity strikes a proud pose.

47 RARITY
With the right outfit, you can do anything.

Starlight appreciates it.

48 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
When will it be ready?

49 RARITY
Three weeks.

50 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(face falling)
The dinner's tomorrow.

51 RARITY
(lamely)
Well then... how about a hat from
the, ahem, "clearance bin?"

Rarity offers a box of oversized garden party hats. Starlight takes one. When it doesn't fit, she struggles and her horn RIPS through the fabric. Off Rarity's perturbed expression...

52 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
...Maybe not.

WHIP PAN TO:

SC. 6 - EXT. CLEARING - DAY

RAINBOW DASH hovers in mid-air, leading Starlight through the grass.

53 RAINBOW DASH
No pony's gonna make friends with
you because of your *outfit*. And the
only thing you want a new friend
draped in is coolness.

54 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Like you?

55 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, but you already know me,
so...

Rainbow Dash scratches her chin.

56 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
OH! Spitfire!

57 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Who's that?

58 RAINBOW DASH
Only the Wonderboltiest Pony in the
Wonderbolts. Come on, I'll
introduce you! Follow me!

Rainbow Dash zooms off to the horizon.

Starlight stands there.

Beat.

Rainbow Dash flies back.

59 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Are you coming or what?

60 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I guess my first question would
be... what's a Wonderbolt?

61 RAINBOW DASH
You've never heard of the
Wonderbolts?! Where've you been?!

62 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(lame)
Heh... enslaving villiages, I
guess.

63 RAINBOW DASH
Rrrrrrrright.

64 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Maybe I'll go ask Fluttershy.

WHIP PAN TO:

SC. 7 - EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S HOUSE - DAY

Fluttershy has set up an outdoor picnic with ANGEL and a few
other animal friends.

Starlight stands to the side, thinking it over.

She looks at Angel, who blushes, smiles, and waves.

65 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(chuckling)
You're adorable, but probably not
what Twilight had in mind.

She walks off. Angel waves, then <SIGHS> a love-sick sigh.

CUT TO:

SC.8 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TOWN SQUARE - LATER

Starlight walks through town, shoulders slumped.

She lets out a long <SIGHHHH>.

66 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
What is going on. This is
Ponyville! If I can't make a friend
here, there's got to be something
wrong with me.

She takes a <DEEP BREATH>.

67 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
 (to herself)
Okay. Calm down. Nobody makes
friends with a total stress case.

She scrunches her face up.

68 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Stop stressing! STOP STRESSING!

Other ponies give her odd looks and back away, giving her space. Then, something catches Starlight's eyes that snaps her out of it.

It's the PONYVILLE DAY SPA.

Starlight raises an eyebrow and gives a sly smile.

CUT TO:

SC.9 - INT. PONYVILLE DAY SPA - DAY

Wearing a mudmask and cucumber slices over her eyes, Starlight reclines in a comfortable mani-pedi chair. LOTUS BLOSSOM and ALOE tend to her hooves.

69 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Ahhh. This is just what I needed.

70 MUFFLED VOICE (O.S.)
Tell me about it.

WIDER - revealing a pony under a blanket, with a wet towel over her face.

BACK TO CLOSE ON STARLIGHT.

71 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You ever have one of those days?

72 MUFFLED VOICE (O.S.)
For me they're all one of those days.

73 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Ha.

74 MUFFLED VOICE
I'm going to start coming here every time I visit Ponyville.

75 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I'm not from here either. I've been trying to make friends, but it's not easy. They're not saying it, but I think everypony knows about my past. I... may have been a tiny bit...

(searching for the word)
...completely and utterly evil?

76 MUFFLED VOICE (O.S.)
Ponies judge me on my past too.

Even under the mud mask, this makes Starlight smile.

77 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Finally, a pony I can relate to.

SC.10 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - PONYVILLE - LATER

Twilight stands at the BANQUET TABLE, adjusting the positions of spoons and plates.

78 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This dinner is going to be so fancy. Soup spoon, salad fork, pasta spoon, strawberry pick.
(enjoying this too much)
I'm beginning to think that after Friendship, the greatest magic of all... is proper silverware placement.

She finishes shuffling things around and <SIGHS> happily.

79 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
At last, the perfect arrangement.
Four hundred twenty-third time's a
charm!

<GALLOPING HOOVES> approach, getting Twilight's attention.
Into the hall comes Starlight Glimmer.

80 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Twilight, guess what-- I made a new
friend!

81 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's fantastic news.

82 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
She's great!

83 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Great!

84 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
She's powerful!

An odd look of recognition from Twilight...

85 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
...Powerful?

86 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
She's--

Twilight's eyes go wide.

87 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
--Trixie?!

WHIP PAN to the entrance.

...INTO THE HALL STEPS TRIXIE, who raises an eyebrow.

88 TRIXIE
Hello, Princess.

Off Twilight's shock...

END OF ACT 1

ACT 2

SC.11 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - PONYVILLE - RESUME

Twilight and Trixie approach each other. Starlight is a bit confused

89 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You know each other?

INSERT - FLASHES OF MEAN-TRIXIE SCENES FROM OLDER EPISODES.

BACK ON - Twilight, really downplaying all that--

90 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
...You could say that.

91 TRIXIE
(to Starlight)
We've had our differences. What matters is... Twilight gave me a second chance, and I appreciate it.

92 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
So, um... what brings you to Ponyville?

93 TRIXIE
The great and powerful Trixie has come to perform a new stage show of grand illusion. I'm calling it "The Humble and Penitent Trixie's Equestrian Apology Tour."

94 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(quick aside to Trixie)
That's kind of a mouthful.

95 TRIXIE
(quick aside to SL)
It's a working title.

96 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Starlight? A moment? Over here?

She takes Starlight aside.

97 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
I know I said make friends with "anypony," but... well, with Trixie's past, and your past... I'm just not so sure she's the best "first friend."

They look at Trixie, who grins. A tooth <DINGS> with niceness.

98 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
But whatever she did, you've
forgiven her, right?

99 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Of course.
(can't let it go)
It's just...
(hates to say it,
sympathetic)
She wasn't the nicest pony.

CLOSER ON SWEET TRIxie, whose tooth <DINGS> even
brighter/louder.

100 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(frustrated)
Well, you did say anypony and I
just assumed that you'd trust me to
make my own friends the way
Princess Celestia trusted you.

This gives Twilight pause.

101 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Right.
(then, resolved)
You're right. I trust you. Just be
back in time for the dinner.

102 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Thanks, Twilight. You won't regret
it.

Twilight eyes Trixie, who throws her a wink as she and
Starlight head out.

103 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(sotto)
I hope not...

Off Twilight's look of concern...

SC.12 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TOWN SQUARE - DAY

Starlight Glimmer and Trixie set up a WOODEN STAGE.

104 TRIxie
This Magic Show's gonna be the
greatest thing Ponyville's ever
seen.

ANGLE ON - two BG ponies, who eye Trixie and Starlight suspiciously, then whisper to each other. ANOTHER ANGLE - three ponies do the same thing.

Starlight notices all the staring and turns to Trixie who nods.

105 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Everypony always says they'll give you a second chance, but deep down they never forget.

106 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
That's what I'm worried about.

Trixie sighs, something heavy on her mind.

107 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
What is it?

108 TRIXIE
I heard what Twilight said about me and she's right, I wasn't very nice. So, I'd understand if you didn't want to be friends.

109 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Are you kidding? You're the first pony I've met who has any idea how I feel.

Trixie looks around furtively.

110 TRIXIE
Can you keep a secret...?

111 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(trying out the phrase)
What are friends for?

Trixie appreciates that. She leans in...

112 TRIXIE
The things I've done, I did them because I was jealous of Twilight. She's the best at everything. I just wanted to beat her at something.

113 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Your secret's safe with me.

114 TRIXIE
Thanks.

Starlight smiles. Being a confidant feels good.

115 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Wanna help me unpack my wagon?

116 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (grinning)
You bet.

CUT TO:

SC.13 - INT. PONYVILLE - LATER

Trixie leads the way, with Starlight behind her.

117 TRIXIE
I spend a lot of time on the road
with my wagon, so it might be a tad
messy.

118 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (joking with her)
Maybe I can help. I'm pretty good
at organizing stuff. Magic props,
brainwashed crowds, anything
really.

Trixie laughs. Starlight passes a SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING BUSH.

119 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.)
Psssst!

Starlight slows, considering the bush. Twilight peeks out.

120 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Shhhhh!

Starlight is confused, but...

121 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (to Trixie)
Uh... I'll catch up. I think
there's something in my hoof.

Trixie looks back just as Twilight hides again.

122 TRIXIE
Sure, the wagon's right around the
corner.

Starlight watches her walk out of sight. Then she turns and
is startled by Twilight standing RIGHT NEXT TO HER.

123 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(anxious)
So... How's it going with your new friend?

124 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(dry)
Great. Thanks for asking in a completely not creepy way.

125 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Because, you know, if it isn't working out for any reason I could introduce you to my friend, here...

Twilight turns to the bush. Starlight looks at it.

126 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(dry)
Nice to meet you.

She shakes hands with a branch.

127 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No, no...
(peeking behind the bush)
You can come out now.

DJ-PON3 (in headphones with muffled music playing) pops out from behind the bush. She gives a head-nod 'sup.

128 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
You like music, right?
(sotto, to Starlight)
DJ-Pon3'd be the perfect friend for tonight's incredibly important dinner with Celestia...
(tweaking a little)
You know, if you decide to make a last minute change. Heh.

129 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
So... back at your castle when you said, "I trust you," you meant, "I don't trust you."

130 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(nervous laugh)
Who can really say who said what? I know I can't.
(to DJ-PON3)
Can you?

DJ-PON3 shrugs and goes back to groovin' with her headphones. Twilight looks back at Starlight and softens.

131 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Starlight, as your teacher, I'm
just trying to look out for you.

132 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I appreciate it, but you're wrong
about Trixie. She's just like me.
We have a real connection.

133 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's kind of what I'm afraid of.
OH! What about her!

Excited, Twilight points across the road. Starlight turns...

DERPY HOOVES stares back. She cocks her head, confused.

Starlight turns back to Twilight.

134 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Please, Twilight. I know you're
trying to help, but... I need to
make friends on my own if I'm going
to become a better pony.

135 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
...But do you really think Trixie
is the one to help you with that?

Starlight is insulted.

136 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Wow, Trixie was right. You're not
really giving her a second chance.
I wonder what that says about how
you feel about me.

Starlight leaves, upset. Twilight starts to go after her.

137 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(softening her tone)
Starlight, wait...

But then Twilight perks up!

138 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Oh! Now he'd be PERFECT!

Twilight points across the way...

...to CRANKY DOODLE.

Starlight looks back, then rolls her eyes.

CUT TO:

SC.14 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

Trixie and Starlight unload trunks and curtains from Trixie's WAGON. Starlight is still annoyed at Twilight.

139 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I was thinking. You said Twilight
is better than you at everything,
but that's not true. You're better
at magic.

140 TRIXIE
Only when I'm wearing a soul-
sucking evil amulet, so I don't
think that counts.
 (off Starlight's confused
 look)
Funny story-- Don't need to get
into it.

141 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I meant stage magic...

Starlight opens one of Trixie's FOOTLOCKERS. She pulls out magic-show props: a wand, a mirror, a saw, a deck of cards...

142 TRIXIE
Well of course. Great? Yes.
Powerful? Obviously. But... I'm not
the best.

Trixie gets a dreamy look in her eyes...

143 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
As great and powerful as I am,
there's one trick I've never been
able to do.

As Trixie explains, we see her imagination in a thought-bubble-type device over her head:

144 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
...The Moon-shot Manticore Mouth
Dive.

Trixie imagines a CANNON. Imaginary Trixie climbs inside and pokes her head out (probably after strapping on a funny unicorn-head-shaped helmet, right S&P?).

145 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
You're supposed to blast yourself
into the open mouth of a hungry
Manticore.

In Trixie's imagination, the cannon BOOMS and Trixie sails
through the air... into a Manticore's open mouth.

Starlight <GASPS>.

146 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Save your gasps for the finale,
because that's not all. After the
Manticore chews you up and swallows
you... you magically step out of a
box on the other side of the stage.

In her imagination, we see her pop out of the box.

147 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Completely unharmed.

An imaginary crowd of ponies cheers, and imaginary Trixie
bows. Then, the THOUGHT BUBBLE DISAPPEARS.

148 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
That sounds very...

149 TRIXIE
Dangerous?

150 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I was going to say, "cool."

151 TRIXIE
(grinning)
I knew I liked you for a reason.

Starlight blushes.

152 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Only one magician has ever pulled
it off... my hero, Hoofdini. And I
don't know how he did it. If I
tried it, I'd get chewed up and
swallowed by that Manticore.

153 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Not if you could use real magic.

154 TRIXIE
(gritted teeth)
Obviously. Way to rub it in.

Starlight didn't mean to offend her.

155 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
No, I mean-- I could help. You could start the trick, and right before you got chewed up... I could use magic to save you and make you appear in the black box.

156 TRIxie
I guess that would work. But if you made one mistake, I'd be a goner.

157 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
When it comes to magic, I don't make mistakes. Maybe I could be your... "magic-show-helper-pony?"

Trixie is surprised by Starlight's sincerity.

158 TRIxie
We call it "assistant" in the magician biz, and... nopony's ever offered to help before.

159 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Well I'd be honored.

160 TRIxie
(happy)
You may have just made my great and powerful magic show even better, which I didn't think was possible.

Starlight <LAUGHS>.

161 TRIxie (CONT'D)
We're gonna blow them away tonight!

Starlight is surprised.

Trixie points at a poster: TONIGHT! THE GREAT AND POWERFUL TRIxie, where she's posed like a "cool" (ahem, not cool) modern magician. Think: Criss Angel.

162 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(annoyed)
I can't. Tonight's this "incredibly important" dinner with Twilight.

163 TRIxie
Oh.

Starlight checks to make sure the coast is clear-- does a quick sweep of a nearby bush, then...

164 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Can I vent for a minute?

165 TRIxie
What are friends for?

Starlight appreciates having someone to complain to.

166 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Even after Twilight says she trusts me, she clearly doesn't trust me enough to choose my own friends.
(beat)
I guess you were right. No second chances.

Trixie shakes her head, annoyed.

167 TRIxie
I wish I could say I was surprised. Well, lucky for "Princess" Twilight I have my magic show tonight.

She turns to Starlight, laying it on thick.

168 TRIxie (CONT'D)
If you have to go to the dinner, I completely understand. You might still have a chance at Twilight giving you a real second chance.
(over-dramatic sigh for Starlight's benefit)
I just hope I find a way to survive the Moon-Shot Manticore Mouth Dive without my new assistant.

PUSH IN on Starlight, conflicted...

END OF ACT 2

ACT 3

SC. 15 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - EVENING

<FANCY MUSIC>. The banquet hall has been decorated with colorful banners.

CLOSE ON - PRINCESS CELESTIA, sitting at the head of the table. Twilight sits next to her-- she keeps glancing at the EMPTY CHAIR on the other side of Celestia.

169 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Starlight Glimmer should be here
any minute. Any... minute... now...

Beat.

170 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Heh. How about I introduce
everyone? Our friendship lessons
are going so well... she made three
new friends!

REVEAL - There are three other ponies seated at the table (which has been expanded and set for six). DJ-Pon3 nods "'sup," Derpy waves, and Cranky Doodle frowns.

171 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
She has such great taste in
friends. I don't know where she
would have learned that.

Cranky Doodle looks around, not pleased (obviously).

172 CRANKY DOODLE
Starlight Glimmer? I thought you
said nose-hair trimmers! What's
going on? I'm hungry! And my nose
is too hairy!

173 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(trying to cover)
HAHA! Cranky Doodle, you're so
funny!
(then, to all)
If you'll excuse me, I'm going to
check the kitchen. Maybe she... got
lost among the... artichokes.

Twilight smiles lamely and forces an <AWKWARD LAUGH>. She GALLOPS out of there.

CUT TO:

SC. 16 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TOWN SQUARE - SAME

CLOSE ON THE FRONT OF A STAGE.

PULL BACK to reveal the completed stage. On one side is a black box. On the other, A MANTICORE ON A CHAIN. It <ROARS>.

WHOOSH PAN to a faraway CANNON on the other side of Town Square.

Trixie and Starlight take in the sight.

174 TRIXIE
This is going to be the greatest
night of my life. Excuse me-- our
lives.

Starlight smiles. And then--

The Manticore LUNGES for them, <ROARING>! They <SCREAM>, but its chain holds it back. Relieved, Starlight and Trixie look at each other and crack up like middle schoolers.

175 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I'm so glad we're not at that
boring dinner.

SC. 17 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

Twilight gallops through town, frantic.

176 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Starlight?! Has anyone seen
Starlight Glimmer? I'm looking
for...

She trails off as she sees... THE STAGE.

SC. 18 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TOWN SQUARE - CONTINUOUS

A small crowd of ponies have gathered around the stage. The curtain is still down.

Pinkie Pie, Applejack, Fluttershy, and Rainbow Dash are near the front.

177 PINKIE PIE
So this is the "The Humble and
Penitent Trixie's Equestrian
Apology Tour."

178 APPLEJACK
Ain't that a mouthfull'a molasses.

Trixie's head pops through the curtain, flummoxed.

179 TRIXIE
It's a working title!

Meanwhile, Twilight nudges her way through the crowd.

180 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(knowing, mad)
Trixie.

Twilight finds the stairway at the side of the stage.

SC. 19 - EXT. TOWN SQUARE - BACKSTAGE - CONTINUOUS

Starlight helps Trixie adjust her cape/outfit. They don't see, in the background, as Twilight ascends the steps and steps backstage with them.

181 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Ahem.

182 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(embarrassed, busted)
Twilight!

183 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You just decided to skip our dinner without telling me? Are you aware that at this very moment, Princess Celestia is waiting for you at a table--
(can't help it)
--with exquisite silverware placement?!

184 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Yes, but...

185 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This is exactly why I didn't want you to make friends with Trixie.

Trixie leaps between them with a dramatic, maniacal laugh.

186 TRIxie
Ah-HA! You still don't trust me! But guess what, "princess?" It doesn't matter if you want to give me a second chance or not. Starlight had to chose between you and me and she chose me! Your pupil chose me! So HA. I win!

187 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You win? That sounds like you just made friends with me to beat Twilight.

188 TRIXIE
 (still worked up)
Exactly!

Starlight backs away. Trixie realizes what she said...

189 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Wait. I mean, no! I got caught up
in the moment. I like you. Beating
Twilight is just a bonus.
 (oops)
Saying that didn't help, did it.

190 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (on the verge of tears)
I should have known. No pony else in
Ponyville wanted to be my friend.
Why would you...?

Starlight turns to go.

191 TRIXIE
Wait-- it's not like that! I am
your friend!

Starlight gallops off-stage. Trixie <WHIMPERS>.

192 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, you "won." I hope you're
happy.

Trixie is most definitely NOT happy. Twilight sees her hurting and she softens up, a bit confused...

193 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Trixie...?

194 TRIXIE
 (sigh)
Looks like the great and powerful
Trixie is back to a solo show...

Trixie suddenly gets self-conscious in front of Twilight...

195 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
 (full of bravado)
...Which is exactly the way she
likes it. Thank you, Princess
Twilight, for getting rid of that
annoying pony who wanted to be my
first friend. I am not sad at all.
I definitely don't feel like my
heart is breaking into a million
pieces.

PUSH IN ON TWILIGHT, feeling awful.

SC. 20 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TOWN SQUARE - CONTINUOUS

The stage, curtain down.

196 TRIXIE (O.S.)
Come one, come all! Come and see
"The Pathetic and Friendless
Trixie's Way-To-Go-Dumb-Dumb-You-
Really-Messed-It-Up-This-Time
Repentance Tour."

<CONFUSED MURMURS> Trixie pops her head out.

197 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
<SHOUTS> IT'S A WORKING TITLE!

Trixie ducks back in and the curtain RISES. Trixie stands center stage. To one side, the pony-sized BLACK BOX. To the other, the MANTICORE. It <ROARS>.

The crowd <GASPS>. Trixie comes down and the crowd parts for her. She walks toward the CANNON.

198 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Behold, your fears come true... a
pony-eating MANTICORE, for tonight,
the great and powerful Trixie will
be performing the Moon-shot
Manticore Mouth Dive.

The crowd <GASPS> louder.

199 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Now, now. Save your gasps for when
I defy the beast's jaws of doom and
appear inside that black box.

Trixie's eyes scan the crowd.

200 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
I was supposed to perform this
trick with my great and powerful
assistant, who was also my great
and powerful friend.

SC. 21 - EXT. HILLTOP - SAME

FROM A HILLTOP, Starlight watches the show in the distance.

SC. 22 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TOWN SQUARE - SAME

NOW AT THE CANNON, Trixie lights the LONG FUSE. She prepares to climb in the cannon (putting her helmet on, I presume).

201 TRIXIE
But the great and powerful Trixie
got so caught up in being the best,
she ended up acting like the worst.

IN THE CROWD, Pinkie Pie leans to Rainbow Dash.

202 PINKIE PIE
This trick is getting weird, huh?

AT THE CANNON, where Trixie climbs inside.

THE FUSE crackles and sparks, flame on its way to the cannon.
Trixie <GULPS>.

SC. 23 - EXT. HILLTOP - SAME

Starlight watches, nervous.

203 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.)
Starlight?

Twilight steps up next to her.

204 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
When I first came to Ponyville,
Princess Celestia gave me room to
make my own decisions, and my own
friends. I need to give you the
same freedom. I shouldn't have
tried to pick and chose your
friends for you. Just like me, you
have to make your own decisions...
and your own friends.

205 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(worried)
But what if Trixie really was using
me just to one up you?

206 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
From what I've seen... she's the
real thing. But it's not my place
to judge. It's all up to you.

Starlight isn't sure, but she wants to believe her.

INTERCUT ALL OVER! IN THE CANNON... Trixie looks nervous.

207 TRIXIE
 (to the crowd)
Starlight?! If you're out there and
you still want to be friends, let's

TRIXIE'S POV - the crowd... she can't make out any indivi be
great and powerful together.

dual ponies, or hear any particular sound other than the
<FUSE>.

...which is ALMOST TO THE CANNON.

Trixie hides a single tear.

208 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
 (soft)
Please.

CLOSE ON STARLIGHT - conflicted, eyes quivering.

THE FUSE - almost there!

IN THE CANNON... Trixie steels herself.

209 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
 (Loud magician voice)
Fillies and Gentlecolts, The great
and powerful Trixie promised you a
Moon-shot Foot Manticore Mouth
Dive, and she never backs down from
a promise. She is not afraid!
 (sotto)
Maybe a little afraid.
 (deep breath, then sotto)
Everything's gonna be fine.
Hoofdini did it. There must be a
way to get from the Manticore's
mouth to that box without
Starlight's magic. I'll just have
to... figure it out... on the
way... to all the those teeth.

She takes a deep breath.

210 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
Here goes everything.

THE FUSE hits! BOOM!

IN THE CROWD, Fluttershy covers her eyes. Pinkie <SCREAMS>.

211 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Trixie!

Trixie SOARS THROUGH THE AIR. She closes her eyes.

ON STAGE, the Manticore opens its gigantic mouth and leans back with a <ROAR>.

Still soaring, Trixie holds her breath.

She drops RIGHT INTO THE MANTICORE'S MOUTH. The beast swallows her whole.

All of Ponyville is silent. The crowd stares, mouths open.

The Manticore BURPS.

Twilight's eyes water.

212 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Trixie... no...

And then...

POOF! The black box pops open and Trixie stumbles out. She is dazed.

213 TRIxie
(slurred, dizzy)
Behold, the pate and growerful
Triskee!

The crowd <CHEERS>! Trixie regains her balance. She basks in the cheering, a bit confused as to how this happened.

Then she looks backstage and sees the glowing horn of Starlight, who gives a shy smile.

Trixie smiles back and gives a slight head nod. Then she turns to the crowd.

214 TRIxie (CONT'D)
And now, I'm proud to introduce my
great and powerful assistant... and
best friend... Starlight Glimmer!

Starlight steps out to more <APPLAUSE>. Twilight works her way to the front of the crowd.

215 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Trixie!

Trixie leans down.

216 TRIXIE
What do you want?

217 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I was wrong, and I'm sorry. And...
I have to hand it to you... I could
never have pulled off a trick like
that.

Trixie absolutely BEAMS with earned pride.

218 TRIXIE
Thank you...
 (with respect)
...Princess.

FROM HIGH ABOVE, we watch the crowd cheer as more FIREWORKS go off. It should feel like the end of the episode, until:

SC. 24 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - SAME

The banquet hall. Celestia, DJ-Pon3, Derpy, and Cranky Doodle sit around the table.

Somewhere, a CLOCK <TICKS> loudly.

At the head of the table, Princess Celestia sits perfectly still. Her mane waves beautifully, obviously. Cranky Doodle narrows his eyes.

219 CRANKY DOODLE
How do you get yer hair to do that
all the time?

Celestia smiles at him. The clock <TICKS>

220 CRANKY DOODLE (CONT'D)
I can't take it anymore! If that
purple pony's not back in ten
seconds, I'm eatin' her gespacho.
One, two, TEN!

He <SLURPS> Twilight's soup and we CUT TO BLACK.

END.