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TEASER**SC. 1 - EXT. PONYVILLE TRAIN STATION - PLATFORM - DAY**

STARLIGHT GLIMMER waits on the platform. She looks down the tracks, then turns to the ticket window behind her.

1 STARLIGHT
Excuse me, when does the noon train
from the Crystal Empire arrive?

2 TICKET AGENT
Uh... noon?

3 STARLIGHT
(hoof-plants) Right. Sorry, I'm
just a little excited because my
friend Sunburst is coming.

A LITTLE LATER:

Starlight walks alongside a PORTER, who pulls a luggage cart.

4 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
...He's my oldest friend. I mean,
we've known each other practically
forever. We have tons in common...

A LITTLE LATER:

Starlight sits on a bench, talking to an unseen pony.

5 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
...we both love magic and games and
jokes-- everything, really. Now
that I think about it, there isn't
a pony in all of Equestria I have
more in common with...

REVEAL Starlight is talking to DJ-PON3, bopping HER head to her music. Starlight sees she isn't listening and frowns.

Just then a train pulls into the platform. Starlight jumps up, excited, as PASSENGERS exit. But as the car clears out there's no sign of Sunburst.

Starlight's expression drops as she watches the doors close and the train pull away. She looks up and down the platform, but there's nothing but LUGGAGE.

Disappointed, she starts to sulk off-- passing Sunburst who's been obscured by a stack of suitcases.

6 SUNBURST (O.S.)
Starlight?

Starlight turns to see him.

7 STARLIGHT
(brightens) Sunburst! You made it!

8 SUNBURST
Of course! I've been looking
forward to this visit for a long
time.

Sunburst levitates a few suitcases into a stack. Starlight starts to help with one, but is surprised by the weight.

9 STARLIGHT
Whoa! (re the suitcase) How long
are you staying?

She looks inside - it's full of books. Sunburst gives a slightly embarrassed look.

10 SUNBURST
Just a little reading for the
train.

11 STARLIGHT
(smiles) Same old Sunburst.

She hefts the suitcase up with some effort.

12 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
It's going to be so great spending
time together. Just like old times.
You and me doing the stuff we like:
games, magic...

13 SUNBURST
(like he's continuing her list)
Antiquing.

14 STARLIGHT
What?

15 SUNBURST
Antiquing. You know I like
antiquing.

16 STARLIGHT
You do?

17 SUNBURST
Um, Of course! Historical
knickknacks, ancient relics. You
are so lucky. Ponyville is antique
central.

18 STARLIGHT
It is?

19 SUNBURST
How have we never talked about
this? (decisive) We are going
antiquing and you are gonna love
it.

20 STARLIGHT
(shrugs) Okay. (then) Let's drop
your stuff off at the castle first.

Starlight starts off, struggling with Sunburst large
suitcase.

21 SUNBURST
Sure. Only...

PAN OVER - as Sunburst gestures to another STACK OF BAGS.

22 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
We may need to make a few of trips.

Off Sunburst's meek smile we...

END OF TEASER

OPENING CREDITS

ACT ONE

SC. 2 - INT. HOUSE OF ANTIQUES - LATER

Sunburst walks through the cluttered shop, happily browsing
antique furniture, clothing, jewelry, etc.

23 SUNBURST
This is so great. Who knew I'd be
the one showing you the cool sights
of Ponyville?

Starlight looks around, not sure what to look at.

24 STARLIGHT
I'm a little surprised, myself.

Sunburst slides out a crate of bricks and excitedly starts shuffling through them. They all look the exact same.

25 SUNBURST
Wow, what a difference between the hoof-molded bricks and the extruded ones, right?

Starlight, smiles and nods encouragingly (not sure what he's talking about). Suddenly Sunburst looks up and sees a series of crystal chandeliers.

26 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Oooh! Check out all these chandeliers. Sometimes the crystals have magical properties.

27 STARLIGHT
Oh. That's cool. How do you--

Suddenly, TWILIGHT SPARKLE rounds the corner and sees them.

28 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.)
Sunburst! I'm so glade you're here!

29 SUNBURST
In the antique store?

30 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
In Ponyville! Starlight's really been looking forward to your visit. (beat) Though I'm glad you're in the antique store too! I'm usually the only one.

31 SUNBURST
That's crazy? Who doesn't like antiquing? (to Starlight) Right?

32 STARLIGHT
(a little too eager) Right!

Twilight looks to a map on the wall.

33 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oooh, look! An ancient map of Equestria made by the Mighty Helm.

Sunburst looks at it in awe, then turns to Starlight.

34 SUNBURST
Without the help of unicorn magic or pegasus flight, the earth ponies of the Mighty Helm were able to map the entire coast of Equestria.

35 STARLIGHT
(a little over the top) Cooooool.

As Twilight wanders down the aisle, Sunburst turns to Starlight.

36 SUNBURST
You don't have to pretend to like all this stuff.

37 STARLIGHT
What? No. I do like it... I mean, if you like it, I like it, right? Besides, we've almost looked at everything, right?

Twilight calls to them from down the aisle.

38 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh, wow. You have got to see this Saddle Arabian vanity!

Excited, Sunburst rushes after her. Starlight follows and finds herself staring down another loooooong aisle.

39 STARLIGHT
This shop looked a lot smaller from the outside.

Off her uncertain expression...

SC. 3 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - CONTINUOUS

Starlight watches as Sunburst and Twilight excitedly go through all of their antique store purchases.

40 SUNBURST
Did you see this Palominian letter opener?

41 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Wow. That goes well with this ancient Phoenix feather quill. We could write to each other!

42 SUNBURST/TWILIGHT
PEN PALS!

They both laugh. Wanting to be a part of it, Starlight laughs along too. She points to a barrel.

43 STARLIGHT
I really like this old-timey barrel.

44 SUNBURST
Actually, the stuff I bought is inside the barrel, but I can't wait to see what it is.

He walks over and magics off the top. It's full of old books.

45 STARLIGHT
Wait, you don't know what you bought?

46 SUNBURST
(nods) It's a blind buy. Sometimes shops get too busy to go through everything so they load up a box or barrel and sell it without knowing what's inside.

47 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Buying one is sort of like a treasure hunt.

Sunburst turns to Twilight.

48 SUNBURST
Once I found a first edition History of Equestria - in the original Olde Ponish.

[Note: Olde Ponish is loosely based on Old English, but ultimately made up. However the talent and voice director interpret it will be fine.]

49 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
"Hliet foresettan pliht."

Sunburst and Twilight <LAUGH>. Starlight stares at them, confused.

50 SUNBURST
It's an Olde Ponish saying. "Reward prefers risk." (thinks) It loses something in the translation.

Starlight smiles and nods. They can both tell she isn't super into all this.

51 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Why don't we look through this
stuff later?

52 SUNBURST
Yeah. What do you want to do,
Starlight?

Starlight lights up and pulls out a dusty box.

53 STARLIGHT
Well, I don't know if you're going
to remember this, but...

Starlight pulls the lid off the box to reveal a BOARD GAME.
Sunburst looks down at it, impressed.

54 SUNBURST
(gasps) Is this...?

55 STARLIGHT
(unable to contain herself) DRAGON
PIT!

56 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I remember that game. You two used
to play it?

57 SUNBURST
Pretty much any time we weren't
working on magic. (to Starlight) I
can't believe you found a copy!

Off Starlight, beaming...

SC. 4 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - A LITTLE LATER

Starlight, Sunburst, and Twilight lay on the floor around the
board. Twilight floats the die over and rolls it. As Twilight
moves her dragon piece, Starlight reminisces...

58 STARLIGHT
...Sunburst would get so excited
whenever his dragon got trapped he
knocked the whole board over!

59 TWILIGHT
That's adorable.

60 SUNBURST
(vaguely embarrassed) Well, it's an
exciting game. But I have a little
more control over my horn now.

He rolls the die and moves his piece. Starlight reacts, excited.

61 STARLIGHT
Uh-oh! Somepony's dragon's gonna get trapped!

They all lean in to watch as a tiny volcano which spits up a MARBLE. We follow the marble as it rolls along a "lava path" past a few pieces, then finally stops next to Sunburst's. Twilight leans in.

62 TWILIGHT
Doesn't seem so exciting to m--

Suddenly a spring-loaded mechanism <CLICKS> and drops Sunburst's piece into a tiny pit.

63 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
AAAHAHHAHAHH!

Surprised, Twilight accidentally, hits the board with a BURST of magic, tipping it over-- pieces flying everywhere. She looks up at Sunburst and Starlight, embarrassed.

64 SUNBURST
Huh. I guess it is adorable.

Off Twilight's sheepish grin...

SC. 5 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - GUEST ROOM - LATER

Starlight helps Sunburst unpack, she looks at him a little uncertain.

65 STARLIGHT
I hope you're enjoying your visit so far.

66 SUNBURST
Are you kidding? I mean, first antiquing and then spending time with Twilight...

67 STARLIGHT
Oh. Yeah. She's pretty great.

68 SUNBURST
Right? I know she's a Princess, but I never thought she'd be so fun to just hang out with.

Starlight floats some towels and an extra blanket onto a bedside table.

69 STARLIGHT
Well, she is the Princess of
Friendship.

70 SUNBURST
(laughs) Right. I guess that makes
sense.

Sunburst unpacks a stack of books from his suitcase.

71 STARLIGHT
So tomorrow I thought--

72 SUNBURST
I suppose I'm just surprised at how
well we get along. I don't have
much in common with most ponies.

Starlight watches as Sunburst unpacks a second stack of
books.

73 STARLIGHT
You two are pretty similar. I don't
know many ponies who are fluent in
Olde Ponish.

74 SUNBURST
Exactly! I probably have more in
common with Twilight than any pony
in Equestria!

Starlight's expression drops.

75 STARLIGHT
Right.

76 SUNBURST
Anyway, I better get some sleep.
Ponyville might be small, but
there's a lot to do.

He leads Starlight to the door.

77 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Maybe we should ask Twilight what
she recommends we see?

78 STARLIGHT
Um... Sure.

79 SUNBURST
Great! Goodnight Starlight.

With that, Sunburst close the door.

Starlight stares at the closed door, unsettled.

80 STARLIGHT
Um... Goodnight.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 6 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - GUEST ROOM - MORNING

The room is dark. Suddenly the door flies open and Starlight pops her head in.

81 STARLIGHT
Knock, knock!

Sunburst groggily opens his eyes.

82 SUNBURST
Wh-what? Oh. Hi, Starlight. Is it morning already?

Sunburst puts on his glasses and glances out the window -- the sun is just peaking over the horizon.

83 STARLIGHT
Yep! Maybe a bit early, but like you said, there's a lot to see in Ponyville!

84 SUNBURST
Uh... Right. Okay.

Sunburst gets out of bed and puts on his cape.

85 STARLIGHT
Plus, I couldn't really sleep. I just kept thinking about all the stuff we have in common and how much fun we'll have today.

86 SUNBURST
Great. Is Twilight up yet?

87 STARLIGHT
Actually, I'm pretty sure she's busy with Princess stuff today.

88 SUNBURST
(disappointed) Oh.

89 STARLIGHT
But I've got a full day of stuff
planned-- just you and me.

Off Starlight's eager smile...

SC. 7 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BACK FORTY - LATER

Sunburst looks up at an apple tree, uncertain. He waves at a fly then looks to Starlight who gestures to the tree with a flourish.

90 STARLIGHT
One, genuine, Sweet Apple Acres
apple tree!

Sunburst stares at it for a beat.

91 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Because we used to drink so much
cider as foals.

92 SUNBURST
(thinking) I don't remember that.

93 STARLIGHT
Really? I mean, it was all we
drank. Here. Try an apple. I bet
that'll jog your memory.

Starlight rears back and bucks the tree. A few apples fall. From behind the tree we hear a voice.

94 TRIxie (O.S.)
OW!

Trixie walks out holding an apple.

95 STARLIGHT
Trixie? What are you doing here?

96 TRIxie
I often seek the privacy of the
orchard to practice new feats of
amazement... Also I fell asleep.

97 STARLIGHT
Oh. Well, Sunburst and I were just
catching up, so...

Trixie looks at them and suddenly <GASPS>.

98 TRIXIE
I don't suppose the two of you want
to see a never before witnessed
magical marvel?

99 SUNBURST
Sure!

100 STARLIGHT
(sighs) Why not.

SC 8 - EXT. TRIXIE'S CARAVAN - MOMENTS LATER

Starlight and Sunburst are by Trixie's caravan. TRIXIE stands on a small stage set up in front of it and addresses them like a big audience.

101 TRIXIE
Behold visiting friend from
Starlight's past, and be amazed by
the Great, Powerful - and current
best friend of Starlight - TRIXIE!

Trixie levitates a huge iron chain over and wraps it around herself-- securing it with a giant padlock. She then floats a red curtain up in front of herself.

102 TRIXIE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
(behind the curtain) I give you...
THE UNICORN ESCAPE!

Starlight and Sunburst stare at the curtain, but nothing happens. After a moment, the sounds of Trixie <STRUGGLING> can be heard.

103 TRIXIE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
(behind the curtain) Just
<STRUGGLES> one <GRUNT> more <GASP>
twist, and--

Still nothing. Then...

104 TRIXIE (CONT'D)
(slightly pained) The great and
powerful Trixie requires
assistance.

Starlight whips off the curtain as she and Sunburst rush forward to find Trixie, even more tangled than when she started.

105 SUNBURST
I know this trick. There's a special link, but I could never hold the chain up long enough to find it.

He and Trixie both try to lift and untangle the chain, but it's hopeless. Finally, Starlight levitates both Trixie and the chain into the air and spins them around, unwinding the chain and freeing her friend.

Trixie looks to Starlight, grateful.

106 TRIxie
Well, if I could do magic like that, I'd have whole slew of new tricks at my disposal.

Sunburst smiles and nods.

107 SUNBURST
I always liked close up magic because I knew I could do it if I just practiced enough.

With that, Sunburst reaches over and pulls an endless, multicolored scarf from behind Trixie's ear.

Trixie <LAUGHS>, delighted.

108 TRIxie
Starlight, why didn't you tell me how much Sunburst and I had in common?

109 STARLIGHT
(flat) I don't know.

Off Starlight frustrated...

SC. 9 - INT. CAVE OF THE MIRROR POOL - LATER

Sunburst and Starlight stand in front of the Mirror Pool (est. MLP303). Sunburst looks down at it, impressed.

110 STARLIGHT
I know Trixie's "magic" is fun, but the Mirror Pool is actual magic.

111 SUNBURST
Whoa. This place is pure ponylore.

112 STARLIGHT
Yep. I mean, it's supposed to be all dangerous and I guess I shouldn't have broke the seal to get in, but you wanted to see the sights of Ponyville, right?

Sunburst steps forward and looks down at his reflections.

113 SUNBURST
So, Pinkie Pie just dove in and made copies of herself?

114 STARLIGHT
(nods) If we made copies of ourselves we could get a year's worth of hanging out over in one day. (off his look) Not that we would.

Suddenly there's a <TAPPING> sound from deeper in the cave.

115 SUNBURST
Do you hear that?

Sunburst heads toward the sound and Starlight follows.

116 STARLIGHT
I hope it's not a left over Pinkie Pie.

117 MAUD (O.S.)
Not exactly

Starlight and Sunburst turn a corner to find MAUD PIE in a miners hat <TAPPING> at a rock wall.

118 STARLIGHT
Maud? How did you get in here?

119 MAUD
This cavern is actually connected to mine.

She continues to tap her hoof against the rock wall, creating a hairline crack.

120 SUNBURST
What are you doing?

121 MAUD
Tapping.

122 STARLIGHT
(aside to Sunburst) Maud isn't super chatty. I mean, you and I could sit around and talk all day, but she looks pretty busy.

Intrigued by what Maud is doing, Sunburst steps forward.

123 SUNBURST
Are you taking some kind of core sample?

Maud stops and looks at Sunburst.

124 MAUD
Not exactly. I'm uncovering this section of strata for closer study.

She holds out a hoof.

125 MAUD (CONT'D)
You might want to step back.

Sunburst takes a step back and as Maud gives the section one last tap, the entire sheet of smooth rock comes crashing down. Starlight waves at the dust <COUGHING>.

As the dust settles we see the section of rock that Maud's work revealed - intricate bands of different colored rock. She and Sunburst look up at it.

126 MAUD (CONT'D)
I'm studying this area's metamorphic--

127 SUNBURST
(finishing her thought with a nod) -
-foliation. Is this gneiss, phyllite, or slate? Wow. The pressure above must be pretty uniform to get the planar fabric to be this consistent.

128 MAUD
You know about Geology?

129 SUNBURST
I dabble. For example, by the speleothems in this cave, I kinda figured there was another way out.

130 MAUD
(nods) Because of the calcite deposits.

Starlight watches as Maud and Sunburst walk further into the cave. With a <SIGH> she turns and exits.

SC. 10 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - LATER

Twilight enters to find Starlight despondently pickup up pieces from Dragon Pit! and dropping them back onto the board.

131 TWILIGHT
Starlight? Where's Sunburst?

132 STARLIGHT
(shrugs) Doing stage magic with Trixie? Studying new rocks with Maud? You're here so I guess you two aren't off translating some ancient Olde Ponish text.

133 TWILIGHT
What are you talking about? Why would Sunburst be doing any of that? I thought he came to Ponyville to see you.

134 STARLIGHT
I thought so too, but it hasn't worked out that way.

Starlight floats all the Dragon Pit! pieces, setting them up on the board.

135 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
When we were foals, we had more in common than any two ponies in Equestria.

She floats two dragon pieces along the board side by side.

136 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
But now it seems like he's got more in common with my friends than he does with me.

She sets the figures down and one of the them drops in the pit. Twilight turns to her, sympathetic.

137 TWILIGHT
Everypony changes, but that doesn't mean there aren't still things you both like. You both love magic, right?

Starlight sits up, brightening.

138 STARLIGHT
Magic?

139 TWILIGHT
Sure. You're really good at it and Sunburst practically knows every spell that ever was.

140 STARLIGHT
(realizing) You're right! Thanks, Twilight! You're the best.

With that, she rushes out.

141 TWILIGHT
(pleased) I try.

SC. 11 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - THRONE ROOM - LATER

Sunburst enters to find Starlight putting the finishing touches on a scroll.

142 SUNBURST
Starlight, what happened? Maud and I found some fascinating sedimentary stratum, but when I turned to show you, you were gone.

143 STARLIGHT
Maud does have a way of making rocks really interesting, but I wanted to work on something a little more "us."

Starlight stands and floats the scroll she's been working on over to Sunburst.

144 SUNBURST
What's this?

145 STARLIGHT
Just a little something I made up.

Sunburst glances through the scroll, impressed.

146 SUNBURST
Whoa! You made this spell up? Just now?

147 STARLIGHT
(beaming) Yep!

With that, Starlight powers up her horn and BLASTS the scroll. A whirl-wind of magical energy issues forth from the parchment, like a magic tornado.

The whirl-wind expands, filling up the room, then sinks to the floor and dissipates leaving the room totally transformed into--

SC. 12 - INT. STARLIGHT'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

It's a perfect recreation of Starlight's childhood cottage (est. MLP526), right down to the books stacked on the table.

Sunburst stares in wonder.

148 SUNBURST
Wow.

149 STARLIGHT
I know, right? But wait-- There's more...

Starlight charges up her horn again and another magical whirl wind shoots from the scroll and covers the both of them. When it dissipates, it leaves both of them changed into their CHILDHOOD SELVES.

Starlight does an exuberant flip.

150 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Cool, right!?

Sunburst looks down at his young body.

151 SUNBURST
Um... sure.

152 STARLIGHT
Now we can play Dragon Pit! just like we used to.

See floats a copy of the game off of a shelf in the "cottage" and starts setting it up.

153 SUNBURST
Actually, I thought we could go with Maud and--

154 STARLIGHT
(cutting him off) I mean, nothing was better than just you and me playing this game when we were foals, right?

155 SUNBURST
Starlight.

She looks up from the board, floating the pieces up.

156 STARLIGHT
Do you what to be red or blue?

157 SUNBURST
Starlight! I don't want to play the
game at all.

Starlight looks at him, hurt. With a FLASH of magic she returns them and the room to normal. Twilight rushes in.

158 TWILIGHT
What's going on in here?

Starlight stares at Sunburst across the now quiet throne room.

159 STARLIGHT
Nothing. I was trying to have fun
with the one thing I thought we
still had in common, but I guess we
don't even have that anymore.

With that, Starlight rushes out of the room.

Off Sunburst's confused look to Twilight we...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 13 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - THRONE ROOM - RESUME

Sunburst paces back and forth in front of Twilight.

160 SUNBURST
I don't understand. Starlight and I
have known each other since we were
foals, but that doesn't mean we
have to be foals to hang out.

Twilight floats Starlight's discarded scroll over and looks at it.

161 TWILIGHT
(sighs) Starlight does have a
tendency to over do.

162 SUNBURST
I mean, it is surprising how well I get along with all of her friends, but she and I still have tons in common.

163 TWILIGHT
Maybe you just need to remind her what those things are.

164 SUNBURST
That's it! That's exactly what I'll do.

Sunburst pauses, thinking hard. Then...

165 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Right after I think of them.

Off Twilight's look of concern...

SC. 14 - EXT. TRIXIE'S CARAVAN - DAY

Sunburst stands with Trixie by the small stage set up in front of her caravan.

166 TRIXIE
Obviously you and I hit it off-- I am quite impressive. And we share a love for prestidigitation!

With that, Trixie pulls a bouquet of flowers out from behind her cape.

167 SUNBURST
Right. And Starlight and I share a lot of things too. I just need to think of them. What else to you guys have in common?

Trixie wheels out a large box and gets inside -- appearing to stick her head out one end and her hind legs out the other.

168 TRIXIE
Well, we've both made not so great choices in the past and were self-conscious about everypony judging us even though we've both changed and are trying hard to be better.

Trixie then levitates a LARGE SAW over and starts sawing in half the box she is in.

169 SUNBURST
Yeah. We don't really have that.

Trixie magically pulls the two halves of the box apart and looks to Sunburst for a reaction. He realizes and gives her a little applause.

170 TRIXIE
Well, I can think of something you have in common. You're both poor practice audiences.

Trixie lowers her real legs out of the head half of the box and walks over to the other half - which she opens to reveal the other legs are fake.

SC. 15 - INT. CAVE OF THE MIRROR POOL - DAY

Sunburst watches Maud lean down at the edge of the pool, using a sieve to clean some rock samples in the water. Boulder sits beside her.

171 MAUD
Starlight and I don't really have a lot in common. Other than feeling different from most ponies. And comedy.

PULL WIDE to reveal Sunburst looking on, perplexed.

172 SUNBURST
Comedy?

She takes her rock sample out of the sieve and puts it onto a small scale, then turns back to Sunburst.

173 MAUD
I'm very funny.

Sunburst stares for a beat, then...

174 SUNBURST
Was that a joke?

175 MAUD
No.

Maud picks up another sample and starts to clean it as well.

176 SUNBURST
Well, that's more than I can think of that she and I have in common.

Maud continues the conversation without looking up from what she's doing.

177 MAUD
We don't really spend that much time talking about that, though. Mostly we're just comfortable around each other.

178 SUNBURST
(sighs) We used to be. We did everything together. But now I'm wondering if we've spent so much time apart that we don't connect over anything anymore and if we can't connect over anything then maybe we're not even friends!

Maud stops working and turns to look at Sunburst.

179 MAUD
Well, at least it's not serious.
(off his look) That was a joke.

Maud looks down to see there are now TWO BOULDERS sitting by the water. Off her quizzical expression...

SC. 16 - INT. CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - HALLWAY - DAY

Twilight leads Starlight down the hall.

180 STARLIGHT
I appreciate you trying to help, Twilight. But it seems pretty clear that Sunburst and I have grown apart.

181 TWILIGHT
I understand. But I feel like that only happens if you both let it. You still want to be friends, right?

182 STARLIGHT
(flat) I created a spell so we could re-live playing a game in our childhood home... and bodies.

183 TWILIGHT
Right.

They reach the door to the library and stop.

184 STARLIGHT
I'm just not sure Sunburst wants to stay friends too.

185 TWILIGHT
I think you might be surprised.

With that, Twilight leads Starlight through the doorway where...

Maud and Trixie stand on either side of a red curtain.

186 MAUD
Prepare yourself--

187 TRIXIE
For the new and improved-- Dragon Pit!

With that Trixie drops the curtain to reveal-- Sunburst in a papier-mache dragon outfit.

188 SUNBURST
The grown up edition!

Off Starlight's look of uncertainty...

SC. 17 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - LATER

The Dragon Pit! game board has been painstakingly drawn out, full-size, on the floor. Maud, Trixie, and Twilight - now in dragon costumes of their own - stand on various spaces while Sunburst explains the game.

Starlight stands off to the side holding her own papier-mache getup, not sure what to think.

189 SUNBURST
We had to take out a few spaces to get it to fit but you hardly miss them.

He takes a large, stone die and rolls it, bowling ball-style on the floor, then moves ahead a few spaces.

190 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Maud made the dice.

191 MAUD
Pumice is the lightest igneous rock. It seemed the best choice.

Maud rolls and moves ahead a space to land at the base of the "volcano," which is a mountain-shaped drape of fabric. Plumes of smoke rise out of the top.

192 TRIXIE
And I added the special effects.
There's nothing like a little well-
placed magic smoke.

Twilight floats a ball out of the "volcano" and places it on a crudely built wooded track.

193 TWILIGHT
Looks like somepony's dragon is
going to get trapped.

Starlight looks to Sunburst.

194 STARLIGHT
I thought you didn't want to play
this game.

195 SUNBURST
Well, I didn't want to pretend to
be a foal, but I know you wanted to
play. I thought it'd be fun to play
a version big enough for full grown
ponies.

The ball slowly rolls alongside Sunburst and stops.

196 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
What do you think? Fun right?

Starlight looks to Sunburst and the rest of her friends, all looking at her, hopeful. Starlight gives a slight smile.

197 STARLIGHT
Actually. It's missing something.

With that, she BLASTS the floor beneath Sunburst with magic and he drops through.

198 SUNBURST
AHHHGHHHHHH!

Starlight runs up and looks down at Sunburst gazing up at her from the floor below. She smiles and dons her papier-mache.

199 STARLIGHT
Now it's fun.

Sunburst gives her a sheepish grin as he and Starlight start to laugh.

Off the others joining in...

SC. 18 - EXT. PONYVILLE TRAIN STATION - DAY

Starlight and Sunburst walk along the platform toward the waiting train. Sunburst drags his heavy bag - made even heavier by the barrel of books he bought in act one.

200 STARLIGHT
I don't know why I got so worried about us not having anything in common.

201 SUNBURST
Yeah. I kind of think it doesn't matter as long as we enjoy each other's company.

202 TRIXIE (O.S.)
And that game was certainly enjoyable.

PULL WIDE - to reveal, Trixie, Maud, and Twilight are walking behind them with the rest of Sunburst's luggage. Trixie is floating a small suitcase in front of her, Maud carries a stack on her back, and Twilight levitates two stacks.

203 STARLIGHT
What made it even better was getting to play it with all my friends.

Sunburst smiles and they all embrace. The train <WHISTLES>. As the others load the luggage, Sunburst turns to Starlight.

204 SUNBURST
See you soon?

205 STARLIGHT
You bet. (points to his bag and the barrel of books) I want to hear if you find anything interesting in that barrel.

Sunburst walks onto the train and sticks his head out a window.

206 SUNBURST
Trust me. You'll be the first to know!

With that, Sunburst sets his bag on the seat next to him and waves. Starlight and the rest wave back as the train pulls out of the station.

As Sunburst settles into his seat, we PUSH IN on the barrel of books. A SWIRL OF STARS on the cover of one of the books begins GLOWING OMINOUSLY as we...

IRIS OUT

END.