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TEASER**SC. 1 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - DAY**

MUFFINS flies up with a mail delivery, looking down to sort it with her hooves... So she doesn't see the school crest. She <BONKS> into it and letters go flying everywhere.

1 MUFFINS
Oops.

But BELOW, COZY GLOW is waiting with a BASKET. She flies/runs to catch all the letters in it.

2 COZY GLOW
Thank you for the mail delivery,
Muffins! Have a wonderful day!

Muffins smiles.

SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - VARIOUS LOCATIONS -- CONT.

QUICK BEATS as we follow Cozy through the school. She walks through the **HALLWAY**, mail basket balanced on her back.

She spots an empty JUICE BOTTLE with a straw on the ground. <HUMMING>, she flies over, picks it up between her hooves and puts it in a trash can, separating the bottle and straw into RECYCLE and TRASH.

Rounding a corner, she spots a young ND PONY that looks lost, consulting a map.

3 COZY GLOW
You're new here, right?
 (off the student's nod)
Welcome! I'm Cozy Glow. And your
first class is just down that hall.

The Pony beams at Cozy and scampers off.

Cozy enters the **LIBRARY**, where SILVERSTREAM does homework, deep in concentration. Cozy leans over her shoulder to look--

4 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
A seven letter word for teamwork...
Have you tried synergy?

Silverstream beams--

5 SILVERSTREAM
That's it! Thanks, Cozy!

6 COZY GLOW
What are friends for?

IN **FLUTTERSHY'S CLASSROOM** - Cozy sticks her head in, holding some CARROTS.

7 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
Hi Professor Fluttershy! I thought
Angel Bunny might need a snack.

ANGEL, on the desk, grins. Fluttershy smiles.

8 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, Cozy! That's so thoughtful!

SC. 3 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - HEADMARE'S OFFICE - SOON

TWILIGHT, busy with books and papers, looks up as Cozy sets the mail basket on her desk.

9 COZY GLOW
Good morning, Professor Sparkle!

10 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
The mail's here already? What time
is it? I'm late for my class!

But before she can bolt, Cozy smiles reassuringly.

11 COZY GLOW
Don't worry! I know you're busy, so
I asked Rarity to cover for you. I
also color-coded your teaching
schedule by friendship element, and
ordered next month's school
supplies.
(then, shy)
I hope that's okay...

12 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Okay? Cozy, that's amazing! You're
like my right hoof pony. I don't
know what I'd do without you.

Cozy blushes adorably.

13 COZY GLOW
It's like you taught me-- helping
is what friendship's all about.

Twilight smiles and goes back to her papers, so she doesn't see Cozy slip a letter out of the basket - one that has the EEA SEAL ON IT. She smiles secretively.

SC. 4 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE - SAME TIME

ON A CLOUD - RAINBOW DASH shoves against YONA YAK, pushing her forward. Yona has braced her feet in terror.

14 RAINBOW DASH
 (shoving)
Helping...Is what
friendship's...All...ABOUT!

15 YONA
Yak not want help! Yak want be on
ground!

REVEAL -- OCELLUS, GALLUS, a few PONY STUDENTS and STARLIGHT stand on a cloud, high above the ground. Starlight's HORN IS GLOWING, and she tells Yona reassuringly--

16 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
It's okay, Yona! I cast a spell so
we can all walk safely on the
clouds - just like pegasi.

The other students enjoy the sensation of the clouds. A few Ponies bounce, and Ocellus smiles.

17 OCELLUS
This is the best field trip yet!

18 RAINBOW DASH
Told ya!

Gallus hangs over the side of the cloud like a daredevil.

19 GALLUS
Hey Yona! Come check out this view.
Unless you're too scared...

Yona draws herself up defiantly.

20 YONA
Yona not scared.

Yona starts toward Gallus... And then suddenly, the clouds under her feet GIVE WAY! SHE FALLS THROUGH!

21 YONA (CONT'D)
NOW YONA SCAAAAARED!

As the others gape --

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE**SC. 5 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE / MID AIR - RESUME**

Yona plummets through the clouds - and suddenly, the students and teachers do too! NOTE: Starlight's horn NO LONGER GLOWS.

22 STUDENTS / STARLIGHT / RAINBOW DASH
<yells / startle>

Rainbow Dash, Gallus, a PEGASUS STUDENT, and Ocellus catch themselves with their wings, flapping, but the others still fall - including Starlight!

23 RAINBOW DASH
C'mon! We gotta catch them!

Rainbow Dash streaks down to catch Starlight. Ocellus, Gallus, and the Pegasus dive and follow, catching Yona and the other students.

Starlight is shaken.

24 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I don't understand! It's like my
spell stopped working! That's
never happened before!

OFF their looks of concern...

SC 6. - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - HEADMARE'S OFFICE - SOON

Cozy Glow and Spike are helping Twilight file papers as Rainbow Dash and Starlight burst in, blurting all at once:

25 STARLIGHT GLIMMER / RAINBOW DASH
We have an emergency. / The
students just fell out of the sky!

26 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Wait, slow down. What happened?

27 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I cast a spell for our field trip
to Cloudsdale. But my magic just...
failed!

28 RAINBOW DASH
We almost didn't catch everypony!

Twilight frowns.

29 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That is odd. But magic doesn't
"fail". I'm sure there's nothing
to worry about. I'll just do some
research and...

As Twilight speaks, her horn glows and she selects a BOOK
from her shelf. Suddenly, her horn stops glowing, and the
book falls on the floor. Twilight gapes.

30 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
I... Didn't drop that book.

31 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(dry)
Let me guess. Your magic failed?

Twilight is still gaping when there's a <THUMP> at the door.

32 RARITY (O.S.)
OWWWW!

Fluttershy pushes open the door to Twilight's office. Rarity
rubs her nose in pain.

33 FLUTTERSHY
Rarity ran into the door.

34 RARITY
My magic's not working! I tried to
coif my tail and got this!

Rarity shows her tail - which has a horrible knot of ribbon
around it, with frizzy hair sticking out everywhere.

35 RAINBOW DASH
Still think there's nothing to
worry about?

Twilight is obviously concerned as she looks at her friends.

36 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Find Applejack and Pinkie, and meet
me at my castle. We'll get to the
bottom of this.

Dash, Starlight, Rarity and Fluttershy file out. Cozy moves
to stand next to Twilight.

37 COZY GLOW
I know I don't know nearly as much
as you do... But didn't we learn in
class about a creature that eats
magic? Tir...Something.

Twilight looks grim as she makes the connection.

38 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Tirek. He's imprisoned in Tartarus.
But I wonder--

Spike <FIRE BURPS> up a scroll, interrupting. He looks at the scroll, and his eyes go wide.

39 SPIKE
It's from Princess Celestia! We've
all been called to an emergency
meeting in Canterlot!

Twilight looks worried.

SC. 7 - INT. CANTERLOT - CELESTIA'S THRONE ROOM - LATER

The MANE 6, Spike, Starlight, and PRINCESS CELESTIA face CELESTIA and LUNA, who look grave.

40 CELESTIA
Across our city, ponies have been
reporting tales of magic failing.
Spells going wrong, potions not
working.

Twilight and her friends exchange worried looks.

41 LUNA
Even raising the moon has become
difficult. Have you had similar
trouble in Ponyville?

42 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We experienced it first hoof.

43 APPLEJACK
And it's not just unicorn magic
that's cattywampus! The Zap Apple
trees didn't bloom on schedule.

44 FLUTTERSHY
Even the magical animals have been
acting strangely.

Princess Cadance nods in concern.

45 CADANCE
It's the same in my kingdom. The
Crystal Heart appears safe for now,
but I worry if this continues.

The royal sisters look to each other, grim.

46 LUNA
Then it is as we feared. Magic is
disappearing all across Equestria.

47 CELESTIA
Starswirl believes that magical
objects will be the last to fail.
When they do, there will be no
power left in our land, its
creatures, or ourselves.

48 CADANCE
But why is this happening now?
What caused it?

49 LUNA
That's the worst part. We have no
idea.

Twilight frowns, then offers--

50 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Has anypony checked on Tirek?

51 PINKIE PIE
You mean the big red scary minotaur
who eats magic? Why would we want
to...Ohhhh. I get it!

Celestia looks thoughtful.

52 CELESTIA
If he has found some way to escape
his prison, or work from within it,
he could be responsible for this...

53 LUNA
It's the best explanation so far.
Somepony should investigate.

54 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'll go.

55 RAINBOW DASH
Not alone, you won't.

Twilight's friends move to her side, determined.

56 RARITY
If Tirek truly is behind this,
you'll need backup.

Celestia gestures to Luna and Cadance and tells Twilight:

57 CELESTIA
We will try to protect Equestria in
your absence. Be careful--Tartarus
holds many dangerous creatures, and
you cannot rely on your magic.

58 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But I can count on my friends.

Twilight smiles to Spike, Starlight and the Mane 6.

SC. 8 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - HEADMARE'S OFFICE - NEXT DAY

Spike walks in with a PACKED TRAVEL BAG. He holds it out to
Twilight, who is conferring with Starlight over a map.

59 SPIKE
Here you go, Twilight. All ready
for a trip to bad guy central.

60 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Thanks for packing, Spike!

61 SPIKE
Actually, Cozy did it. She's been
so helpful lately, I've had tons of
free time for needlepoint.

Spike produces a horrible-looking NEEDLEPOINT of Rarity and
looks at it with a happy <SIGH>.

62 COZY GLOW (PARTIAL OS)
Don't forget the sandwiches!

Cozy trots in with a picnic basket.

63 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
I marked whose is whose just in
case. Starlight hates mustard.

She dimples to Starlight. Starlight smiles.

64 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
That's so sweet of you, Cozy. But
I'm staying here to run the school.

Cozy looks surprised, but tries to cover it.

65 COZY GLOW
Oh. I thought that after what
happened last time...

66 SPIKE
Once you survive Discord, anything
else is a piece of cake.

67 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Plus she'll have you to help her.

Cozy turns up the charm to 11.

68 COZY GLOW
Oh golly, yes! I promise I'll be
the best assistant ever!
(to Starlight)
I can start right now, if you like.

Starlight smiles to Cozy, amused at her enthusiasm.

69 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Wow. Uh, okay.

70 COZY GLOW
Follow me! First, we need to get
friendship bracelet yarn out of
storage...

Cozy leads Starlight out. Twilight smiles to Spike.

71 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
At least I won't have to worry
about the school while we're gone.

SC. 9 - EXT. PONYVILLE EXPRESS STATION - SOON

The Mane Six and Spike are outfitted for their journey. Each has a pack, and Spike carries the basket of sandwiches. Applejack nods to the TRAIN, parked at the station.

72 APPLEJACK
Right on schedule. This here
train'll take us almost the whole
way to Tartarus.

They start to board, but a UNICORN WORKER stops them.

73 UNICORN TRAIN WORKER
Sorry. Train's not in service.

74 RARITY
What? Whyever not?

75 UNICORN TRAIN WORKER
Magic's not working.

76 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But trains don't run on magic. They
run on coal.

77 UNICORN TRAIN WORKER
And how do you expect us to shovel
that coal, Princess? With our
teeth?

Rainbow Dash, flying, crosses her arms and frowns.

78 RAINBOW DASH
Fine! Then we'll shovel the coal!

79 UNICORN TRAIN WORKER
Won't do any good. The conductor's
still on his lunch break.

The Train Worker nods to a CONDUCTOR unicorn, struggling with
his hooves to open jar after jar.

80 CONDUCTOR
How can I make a peanut butter
sandwich... WITHOUT PEANUT BUTTER?!

81 PINKIE PIE
Wow. I always wondered what would
happen if we didn't have unicorns
to open jars for us.

82 RARITY
Twilight, can't you help him?

83 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(head shake)
I need to save my magic for when we
really need it. C'mon, Spike.

Twilight and Spike march up to the conductor.

84 SPIKE
Let me help you with that.

Spike takes the jar...But it's stuck pretty tight. He
wrestles to open it, with <EFFORT>. Tries hitting it with
his palm. Tries biting it. Twilight rolls her eyes.

85 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Do you want one of our sandwiches?

Spike, relieved, puts down the jar and holds out a sandwich.

86 CONDUCTOR
Thank you!

The Conductor takes the sandwich and begins eating happily.

87 SPIKE
Well? Can you start the train now?

88 CONDUCTOR
Oh, no. The door to the engine
room has a magical lock. Can't get
in if I tried.

Twilight face-hooves and <GROWLS>.

89 FLUTTERSHY
We're walking to Tartarus, aren't
we?

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 10 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - MAIN HALL - NEXT MORNING

Cozy Glow stands at the podium on the stage, as STUDENTS file into the school, looking confused. An EASEL (covered in a sheet) stands up near Cozy.

90 STUDENTS
Why is there an assembly? / What's
going on? / What's Cozy doing?

Cozy <KNOCKS> her hoof on the podium and beams to the crowd. They quiet. She reassuringly tells them--

91 COZY GLOW
Good morning, friendship students!
I know we're all sad Professor
Sparkle is away...But don't worry,
because she left me in charge, to
do things just the way she would!

ANGLE on the YOUNG SIX (GALLUS, OCELLUS, YONA, SILVERSTREAM, SANDBAR, and SMOLDER), surprised. Gallus pipes up:

92 GALLUS
I thought Starlight Glimmer was
gonna be temporary headmare.

Cozy makes a cute pouty face and produces a letter.

93 COZY GLOW
She was. But she left me this note:
(reads from a note)
I have to go.
(MORE)

COZY GLOW (CONT'D)

Twilight needs my help. I know the school is in good hooves with you, Cozy.

(then)

Isn't that sweet? We won't let Starlight down, will we?

The students all shake their heads, warming to Cozy... But the Young 6 aren't convinced.

94 STUDENTS
<uh uh. Nope. walla>

95 SMOLDER
Kinda convenient, isn't it?

Cozy unveils the easel - which shows a diagram of a circle split in three parts/colors - Green, Red, and Purple.

96 COZY GLOW
Twilight's teaching notes say we should make friends with students we don't usually talk to. So we'll all split into different groups to become better friends.

97 OCELLUS
(sotto to friends)
How will dividing us do that?

Cozy slides a box of badges - GREEN, RED, and PURPLE forward to the front of the stage.

98 COZY GLOW
Come check the chart and see if you get a green, red, or purple badge!

The students <MURMUR> and come up to start checking the chart/taking badges. The Young Six are surprised to discover-

99 SILVERSTREAM
(not happy about it)
Hey, our badges are different!

100 SANDBAR
At least we have the same color.

It's true. Sandbar and Silverstream are Purple, Gallus and Smolder are Red, Yona and Ocellus are Green.

101 YONA
Cozy pony. What badges for?

Cozy answers Yona's question, addressing all of the students:

102 COZY GLOW
They're your new friendship groups.
You'll do everything together.
Greens eat with greens, purples
study with purples. Reds, follow
me, it's time for your class.

Gallus and Smolder frown as they leave their friends, but they follow Cozy with a few other RED-BADGE PONIES.

103 SMOLDER
We'll find a way to hang out with
you guys later.

As they're out of earshot, Cozy tells the reds--

104 COZY GLOW
I didn't want to say it in front of
the others but...Red IS my favorite
color. <GIGGLE>

Gallus and Smolder share a "what is going on?!" look.

SC. 11 - EXT. ROAD TO TARTARUS - DAY - SAME TIME

BUGS <BUZZ> around Applejack's head. Annoyed, she tries to swat at one, and only manages to smack herself.

WIDE - the Mane 6 and Spike are on their journey, and they look tired, sore, and not happy.

105 APPLEJACK
Fluttershy, can't you tell these
flies to shoo?

Fluttershy shakes her head.

106 FLUTTERSHY
I tried, but they're not listening.
<gasp> Maybe with magic gone, they
can't understand me!

107 PINKIE PIE
Hey, I didn't know we packed green
cupcakes!

Pinkie pulls a DISGUSTING, MOLDY CUPCAKE out of a saddle bag.

108 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We didn't. They must have gone bad
without magic to preserve them.

109 RAINBOW DASH
Magic this, magic that. We don't
need magic to go on a little hike!

<CRACKA BOOM!> Lightning splits the sky, and a DELUGE hits
the Mane 6. They hurry under a tree for cover.

110 RARITY
You were saying?

Spike smiles at Rarity--

111 SPIKE
Even if things are tough, at least
your mane still looks great.

Twilight turns to look and frowns.

112 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(suspicious)
Yeah, it does. Did you use a spell?

113 RARITY
Perhaps the teensiest one. What?
We can't be total savages!

Twilight rolls her eyes.

114 APPLEJACK
We just need to think more like
Earth ponies, y'all. Here.

Applejack pulls a squirt-bottle of SALVE out of her pack and
squeezes a squirt of BROWN MUD on each pony.

115 PINKIE PIE
Ooh, it smells just like it looks!

116 APPLEJACK
Granny Smith's no-bite mud pack.
That'll keep the flies off.

Fluttershy points to some BLUEBERRY BUSHES nearby.

117 FLUTTERSHY
And even if all our food's spoiled,
these berries are good to eat.

118 SPIKE
Too bad we can't do anything about
the rainstorm.

119 RAINBOW DASH
Leave that to me!

Dash flies out in the rain, then ZOOMS back, shoving a small CLOUD (enough to shield the M6 and Spike) in front of her. She stands under it, dry, as though it's an umbrella.

Twilight smiles to her friends, who are adapting--

120 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I think we have all the magic we
need right here.
(then)
Not that I don't want to get it
back. Let's go!

And they hurry off under Dash's cloud.

SC. 12 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - HALLWAY - AFTERNOON

STUDENTS walk through the hallways - but instead of milling happily, they're in badge-color-coded groups - and they look at the others they pass suspiciously. A RED bumps a GREEN.

121 GREEN PONY STUDENT
Hey, watch where you're going, red!

122 RED PONY STUDENT
Typical green badge. Cozy Glow told
us you're bad at friendship.

Two purple ponies walk by, looking down their noses--

123 PURPLE PONY STUDENT
The Headmare said purple badges are
the smartest students.

Sandbar interjects--

124 SANDBAR
Um, TEMPORARY Headmare, right guys?

The purples roll their eyes at him. Sandbar moves to join--

The YOUNG SIX. Despite their different badge colors, they don't have a problem mingling as they pass in the hallway.

125 GALLUS
Pop quiz in class today, be ready!

126 SANDBAR
See you for midnight study hour.

127 YONA
Yona bring snacks!

Cozy Glow notices the Y6 <LAUGHING> together. Cozy frowns.
But when she walks up to them, she's super-sweet. <GIGGLES>.

128 COZY GLOW
Oh my goodness! I think you forgot.
You're supposed to be making new
friends in your color groups!

129 SILVERSTREAM
We totally are!

130 SMOLDER
But that doesn't mean ditching your
old friends, right?

Smolder fist-bumps Silverstream.

Cozy's eyes narrow as the Y6 walk off together.

SC. 13 - EXT. TARTARUS ENTRANCE - NIGHT

A massive ROCK DOOR with ARCANES SYMBOLS is set in the side of a mountain - the ENTRANCE to TARTARUS. A MAGIC SEAL, like a LOCK, glows on the door.

131 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This is the only door to Tartarus.
The seal isn't broken, so we know
Tirek didn't escape. But now we
have to figure out how to get in.

132 PINKIE PIE
I got this!

Pinkie zips OS and back ON dressed as a PIZZA DELIVERY PONY.
She <KNOCKS> on the door.

133 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Free pizza delivery!

Nothing happens. Pinkie shrugs.

134 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Always worked before. Oh well.

She takes a BITE of the pizza.

Twilight examines the door and <SIGHS>.

135 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I think we need to use magic. I
hope I still have enough.

Twilight concentrates and powers up her HORN, blasting the seal with MAGIC. The door starts to <CREAK> open, but Twilight's MAGIC WAVERS.

Suddenly, Rarity steps forward and adds her magic to Twilight's. It's enough! The door fully opens.

Twilight sags, magic <CRACKLING> around her horn and then...Winking out.

136 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Well, that's the last of my magic.

137 RARITY (O.S.)
Mine too.

PULL OUT TO REVEAL - Rarity's mane is comically frizzy.

138 RARITY (CONT'D)
(bravely)
From now on, my coiffure will be au
natural.

Twilight smiles to her friend. They step forward through the door, followed by the others--

SC. 14 - INT. TARTARUS - CONTINUOUS

And immediately come face-to-face with a COCKATRICE!

139 APPLEJACK
Aaah! Cockatrice!

Twilight tries to use her magic, but her horn only flickers.

140 RARITY
Do something, Fluttershy!

141 RAINBOW DASH
Don't look at it! It'll turn you
to stone!

Everypony looks away but Pinkie, who bounces experimentally.

142 PINKIE PIE
I don't feel like stone. Unless
it's really bouncy stone.

Fluttershy steps forward to the Cockatrice, who now looks more sad than menacing. She meets his gaze.

143 FLUTTERSHY
I think he lost his magic too.

The Cockatrice nods sadly. Fluttershy pats his shoulder.

144 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
All the creatures here must have.

Twilight looks determined.

145 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Except maybe Tirek. Let's go find
him before he finds us.

SC. 15 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - LIBRARY

The library is empty, but we hear Silverstream's voice O.S. We TILT DOWN to see the GRATE/CATACOMB ENTRANCE from 822 is open - the voice is from down there.

146 SILVERSTREAM (O.S.)
Sorry we're late! The purple badges
wouldn't let us out of their sight!

DISSOLVE DOWN
TO:

SC. 16 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - CATACOMBS - CONTINUOUS

Sandbar and Silverstream are just joining the rest of the Young Six in the crystal catacombs from 822 - it's kinda become their "clubhouse." The others are studying, BOOKS open, with SNACKS and DRINKS out to share.

147 SMOLDER
Dividing us up by color is lame. No
way Twilight planned this.

148 YONA
Dragon think Cozy pony lying?

149 SANDBAR
Why would she do that?

There's the OS sound of <HOOFBEATS> approaching in a nearby passage. The students hide. Ocellus uses her magic to <TRANSFORM> into...

A half-Ocellus, half-tree.

150 GALLUS
(sotto)
Um, what is that supposed to be?

151 OCELLUS
 (sotto)
A rock. <sigh> Even my magic isn't
working right anymore.

Ocellus pops back to normal and hides with the others. They peer around a corner to see...

Cozy Glow is LEAVING the catacombs, looking smug/satisfied.

152 SMOLDER
 (sotto)
What's she doing down here by
herself in the middle of the night?

153 GALLUS
 (sotto)
We're totally gonna find out.
 (then)
Hey, Cozy! Wait up!

Gallus steps out and calls after her. Cozy whips her head around, looks terrified, and starts running.

SC. 17 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - MAIN HALL - CONTINUOUS

The Young Six run behind Cozy as she flees in blind panic.

154 YONA
Why Pony run from friends?

155 SILVERSTREAM
Yeah, it's us! (windy) Whoo,
you're fast.

Cozy looks back again and puts on a burst of speed...

...Running smack into CHANCELLOR NEIGHSAY. The other students put on the brakes fast.

156 COZY GLOW
Oh, Chancellor Neighsay! I'm so
glad you came! Those terrible
creatures were chasing me!

THE YOUNG SIX look around and behind them in a panic.

157 OCELLUS
 (sotto, fear)
Terrible creatures? Where?

158 SMOLDER
I think she's talking about us.

Cozy starts to sniffle and points a hoof at the Young Six...

159 COZY GLOW
They didn't like being separated
into groups, so they came after me.

Neighsay looks over the Young Six with cold eyes.

160 NEIGHSAY
You again, as I suspected. It was
only a matter of time, Cozy. This
is why schools should be pony-only.

Neighsay uses his SEAL AMULET -- and as in 801, it releases
MAGIC CHAINS that bind the six students together.

The imprisoned young six struggle and appeal to Cozy--

161 YONA / GALLUS / SILVERSTREAM / OCELLUS
/ SMOLDER / SANBAR
Why pony do this? / Seriously? /
But Cozy, we're your friends! / I
don't understand. / We weren't
chasing you! / Whoa.

Cozy turns away sadly as Neighsay leads them off. But we see
a SLOW, CALCULATING EVIL SMILE on her face.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 18 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - STUDENT DORMS - SOON

The door to the dorm common area opens, and Neighsay leads
the chained Young Six inside (Cozy is not present).

162 NEIGHSAY
You will stay here while I summon
your guardians to take you home.

Sandbar pushes forward in his chains, shocking the others--

163 SANDBAR
Wait! You were right about them
from the beginning, Chancellor. I
see that now.

His friends gape at his vehemence in disbelief.

164 SILVERSTREAM / SMOLDER
Sandbar? / What are you saying?

165 SANDBAR
I don't want anything to do with
creatures that plot against
Headmare Cozy!

Neighsay smiles and nods, while the other students look hurt.

166 NEIGHSAY
Wisely said, colt. Everypony will
come to their senses, eventually.

Neighsay uses his seal to free Sandbar. The others watch
sadly as he goes, but Sandbar doesn't even look back.

SC. 19 - INT. TARTARUS - SAME TIME

Twilight leads Spike and the rest of the Mane 6 through
Tartarus - passing sad, powered-down REUSE MONSTERS.

167 PINKIE PIE
If all these monsters lost their
magic, then getting past Cerberus
should be easy-peasy.

Spike looks at something OS and shakes his head.

168 SPIKE
More like hardy-wardy...

REVEAL - CERBERUS, the three-headed dog, is chasing his tail
in huge circles, all three heads <SNAPPING> at it.

His bounding arcs bring him toward the Mane 6... He's about
to trample them in his enthusiasm!

169 RAINBOW DASH
Look out!

The Mane 6 and Spike dive to the sides.

170 FLUTTERSHY
(determined)
I'll talk to him.

Fluttershy flies up to a head, trying to get its attention.

171 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Um, excuse me, puppy...

Cerberus stops - one head licks Fluttershy, drenching her.
(NOTE, the other two heads are out of FRAME).

172 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
<giggle> You're such a good guard
dog. But we were wondering if we
could get by to check on Tirek.

The head nods. But Cerberus doesn't move. Reveal - his
other two heads have gone to sleep, <SNORING>... And blocking
passage to Tirek's cell.

173 APPLEJACK
Now you just gotta convince the
rest of him.

174 RARITY
Leave that to me.

Rarity <WHISTLES> shrilly. All the dog heads PERK UP. She
tosses a YARN BALL out of her bag.

175 RARITY (CONT'D)
Go fetch!

Cerberus <THUNDERS> past, leaving the passageway open.

176 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Hurry!

The Mane 6 and Spike rush into Tirek's chamber...

And find him there, LOCKED UP in a cell, looking TIRED, OLD,
and not dangerous, but more than a bit *SILENCE OF THE LAMBS*.

177 TIREK
The Princess of Friendship, here
for a visit. What have I done to
earn the honor of your presence?

178 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We're here for answers, Tirek.
Magic is disappearing from
Equestria.

179 TIREK
Ah. I, too, have felt this. But as
you can see, I am not causing it.

180 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Do you know who is?

Tirek looks crafty.

181 TIREK
I might be able to find out, if you
let me go...

Rainbow Dash shakes her head and gets in Tirek's grill.

182 RAINBOW DASH
How 'bout you tell us, or you'll be
stuck here forever because nopony
has magic to open the door out?

A beat as the rest of the Mane 6 realize what this means.

183 RARITY
Oh dear. I hadn't thought of that.

184 SPIKE
We're just as trapped as Tirek?!

185 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm sure we'll find some way out...
Eventually.

Tirek <CHUCKLES> at their panic.

186 TIREK
It seems the little pegasus's plan
worked after all.

Applejack's eyes narrow.

187 APPLEJACK
Little pegasus? Which little
pegasus?

188 TIREK
Oh, I've never met her. We're pen
pals. She had so many questions
about draining magic.

189 PINKIE PIE
And you answered them?!

Tirek shrugs.

190 TIREK
I was bored. So I pointed her in
the right direction. <sigh> I
suppose now Cozy will never visit.

The Mane 6 and Spike gape at this reveal.

191 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Cozy?

192 FLUTTERSHY
You don't mean Cozy GLOW do you?

Tirek nods and smiles.

193 TIREK
Oh, you know her?

194 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
She's helping Starlight run our
school! We have to warn Princess
Celestia. Spike, send a message!

Spike nods and scribbles a note. But when he tries to FLAME-
SEND IT, only SPARKS come out. Panicked:

195 SPIKE
Oh no! My fire isn't working!

196 TIREK
All part of the loss of magic, I'm
afraid. Soon none of us will have
any power...Except Cozy, of course.

As the Mane 6 and Spike share horrified looks...

SC. 20 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - APPLE HOUSE - NIGHT - SOON

An APPLE <BOUNCES> off Apple Bloom's window. Then another
<ONE>. Then a handful...<BONK BONK BONK>

A sleepy APPLE BLOOM opens the window and ducks as a CHICKEN
flies over her head with a surprised <CLUCK!>

197 APPLE BLOOM
What in tarnation?

REVEAL - Sandbar stands below her window.

198 SANDBAR
Sorry. I ran out of apples.
(then, urgent)
I need the Cutie Mark Crusaders. My
friends are in trouble. Cozy Glow
is taking over Twilight's school!

Apple Bloom blinks, trying to take this all in.

199 APPLE BLOOM
Wait - Cozy Glow? The sweetest
pony ever? Am I dreamin'?

Sanbar shakes his head with worry.

200 SANDBAR
If she learns I snuck out to get
your help...It'll be a nightmare.

SC. 21 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - HALLWAY - SAME TIME

STUDENTS (NOT THE YOUNG SIX) wearing various colored badges,
mill around Cozy Glow as she walks the halls, beaming. A RED
BADGE PONY trots up with a friendship BRACELET.

201 RED PONY STUDENT
Headmare Cozy Glow! I made this
friendship bracelet just for you.

Cozy takes the bracelet and smiles.

202 COZY GLOW
That's so generous. You're such a
good friend.

A GREEN BADGE PONY trips in the crowd, and Cozy stops to help
her up.

203 GREEN PONY STUDENT
Thank you, Headmare Cozy Glow.

204 COZY GLOW
What are friends for?

Not to be outdone, a purple pony stands on a planter and
tells their fellow badge-colors:

205 PURPLE PONY STUDENT
Three cheers for the nicest
Headmare ever!

All the students chime in:

206 STUDENTS
Cozy Glow, Cozy Glow, Cozy Glow!

Cozy blushes and kicks a bashful hoof.

207 COZY GLOW
You are the sweetest. I'm only as
good as the friends that surround
me. (then) Now, everpony to the
dining hall - I ordered you special
friendship cupcakes!

208 STUDENTS
<CHEERING>

The students all <CHEER> and trot off. As they go, Cozy smiles to herself and steps into the LIBRARY.

SC. 22 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - CATACOMBS - SOON

Cozy trots deep into the catacombs. She looks behind her to make sure she isn't being followed, then smiles to herself and enters a cavern...

...Where a large, MAGIC VORTEX gapes in the floor. Twilight's School of Friendship Artifacts (from 814): The Helm of Yksler, Knockerbocker's Shell, etc., stud SIX POINTS in the arcane circle.

MAGIC STREAMS from the walls into the artifacts, into the vortex - it is a MAGIC SUCK.

Inside the vortex, like a salmon swimming upstream, yet unable to breach the magic surface, STARLIGHT GLIMMER struggles. She's trapped, like a fish in an aquarium.

Cozy leans over the vortex to address Starlight:

209 COZY GLOW
Enjoying yourself in there,
Starlight?
(simpers)
I'm sorry I had to push you in, but
what else could I do? You were
going to ruin all my plans.
(deliciously wicked)
You know, you ponies got it all
wrong. Friendship isn't magic.
Friendship is POWER!

Cozy paces, revealing her true nature at last...

210 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
Why are only ALICORNS princesses?
Because they have horns with magic.
But now, every pegasus will have
her day. Once I get rid of magic,
the best friend will rule
Equestria. And there's no better
friend than Cozy Glow. The future
EMPERESS OF FRIENDSHIP!

She tilts her head back and <LAUGHS VILLAINOUSLY>.

ANGLE (unseen by Cozy) -- Sandbar, Apple Bloom, SCOOTALOO, and SWEETIE BELLE gape in horror.

END PART ONE.