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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?

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.

7 COZY GLOW
Good morning, Professor Sparkle!

8 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
The mail's here already? What time is it?
(stressed, realizing)
I'm late for my class's field trip to Cloudsdale!

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But before she can bolt, Cozy smiles reassuringly.

9 COZY GLOW
Don't worry! I know you're busy, so I asked Professor Rainbow Dash to cover for you.
(gestures to her work)
I also color-coded your teaching schedule by friendship element, and cataloged all the magical artifacts in the school.
(then, shy)
I hope that's okay...

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10 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.

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

Twilight smiles back.

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12 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Exactly. And hopefully my class is learning that on their field trip right now.

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13 COZY GLOW
I think I heard they might do some sight-seeing first.

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SC. 4 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE - SAME TIME

RAINBOW DASH gestures grandly to the WEATHER FACTORY.

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14 RAINBOW DASH
Tada! The Pegasus Weather Factory!
Every drop of rain or flake of snow
from Cloudsdale comes from there!

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15 OCELLUS / GALLUS / PONY STUDENTS
(O.S.)
Whoaaa.

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16 RAINBOW DASH
I know, right?

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But as Dash turns to face the students, she realizes they are
looking the OPPOSITE WAY - staring out at the amazing view.

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17 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Hey! The cool stuff's over here!

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YONA, OCELLUS, GALLUS, a few PONY STUDENTS and STARLIGHT
(horn glowing) stand on a cloud. Ocellus bounces on it.

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18 OCELLUS
Wow. I've never stood on a cloud
before.

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19 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You can't, normally. But for our
trip, I cast a spell that lets us
walk like Pegasi.

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

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

Yona draws herself up defiantly.

21 YONA
Yona not scared.

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

22 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.

23 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!

24 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.

25 GALLUS
Gotcha!

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Yona has her hooves over her eyes, <SCARED>.

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26 OCELLUS
It's okay, Yona! You like flying,
remember?

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27 YONA
Flying. But not falling!

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Starlight is shaken as Dash carries her to safe ground.

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28 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 is helping Twilight file papers as Rainbow Dash and Starlight burst in, blurting all at once: *

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

30 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Wait, slow down. What happened?

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

32 RAINBOW DASH
We almost didn't catch everypony!

Twilight frowns.

33 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.

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

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

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

36 RARITY (O.S.)
OWWWW!

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

37 FLUTTERSHY
Rarity ran into the door.

38 RARITY
My magic's not working! I even had
to use my hooves to coif my tail!

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

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

Twilight is obviously concerned as she looks at her friends.

40 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This doesn't make any sense. Magic
can't just disappear.

Cozy tentatively speaks up--

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

Fluttershy gasps, as she makes the connection.

42 FLUTTERSHY
Tirek!

43 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Isn't he imprisoned in Tartarus?

44 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yes. But I wonder--

Spike bursts in, clutching his throat. His face is turning
red, as though he's choking on something.

45 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Spike? What's wrong?

Spike <COUGHS> and gestures to his throat. Rainbow Dash
gives him a hard PAT ON THE BACK, and Spike finally <FIRE
BURPS> up a scroll.

46 SPIKE
Whew. Thanks. I've never had a
letter get stuck before.

Spike unrolls the scroll and his eyes go wide.

47 SPIKE (CONT'D)
It's from Princess Celestia. We've
all been called to an emergency
meeting in Canterlot! Look!

Twilight uses her MAGIC to levitate the scroll over and looks
at it. Then her magic FLICKERS and the scroll drops.

48 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Pretty sure I know what it's about.

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Off everypony's concerned looks.

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

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

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49 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.

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

51 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We experienced it first hoof.

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

53 FLUTTERSHY
Even the magical animals have been
acting strangely.

Princess Cadance nods in concern.

54 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.

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

TWO PALACE GUARDS lead in an exhausted COURIER PONY. He bows.

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56 COURIER
Letter for the Princesses, from
Starswirl the Bearded.

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57 SPIKE *
Guess I'm not the only one having *
problems with my magical mailbox. *

Spike hits his chest on "mailbox", then takes the letter and *
brings it to Celestia, unrolling it for her to read. *

58 CELESTIA *
Starswirl believes something is *
draining the power from our land. *
First spells will fail, then *
artifacts. At this rate, he says we *
have three sunsets left before all *
the magic in the world is gone... *
Forever. *

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

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

Twilight frowns, then offers--

61 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Has anypony checked on Tirek?

62 PINKIE PIE *
You mean the big red scary centaur *
who eats magic? Why would we want *
to...Ohhhh. Right. *

Celestia looks thoughtful.

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

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

65 TWILIGHT SPARKLE *
I'll go. *

66 RARITY *
If Tirek truly is behind this, *
you'll need our help. *

Twilight smiles to her friends, a little self-deprecating: *

67 TWILIGHT SPARKLE *
Actually, I was kinda counting on *
that. *

68 RAINBOW DASH *
Finally, she gets it! *

Celestia gestures to Luna and Cadance and tells Twilight:

69 CELESTIA *
Thank you all. We will search for *
ways to protect Equestria in your *
absence.

70 LUNA *
Be careful--Tartarus has changed *
since you were there. It now holds *
many dangerous creatures, and you *
won't be able to rely on magic. *

Starlight smiles to Twilight. *

71 STARLIGHT GLIMMER *
Trust me. With her friends there, *
she won't have to. *

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.

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

73 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Thanks for packing, Spike!

74 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>.

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

Cozy trots in with a picnic basket.

76 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
I marked whose is whose just in
case. Starlight **can't stand**
mustard.

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She dimples to Starlight. Starlight smiles.

77 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.

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

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

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

Cozy turns up the charm to 11.

81 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.

82 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Wow. Uh, okay.

83 COZY GLOW
**C'mon I'll give you the Headmare's
official tour, from the bottom
basement to the tippy top tower!**

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Cozy leads Starlight out. Twilight smiles to Spike.

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

SC. 9 - EXT. PONYVILLE EXPRESS STATION - FIRST SUNSET

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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.

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

86 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Good. There's not much time. We
only have two more sunsets left.

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

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

88 RARITY
What? Whyever not?

89 UNICORN TRAIN WORKER
Magic's not working.

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

91 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.

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

93 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 to
open jars with his HORN (which, without magic means mostly
just ramming his horn against them).

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94 CONDUCTOR
How can I make a peanut butter
sandwich... Without magic to open
the PEANUT BUTTER JAR?!

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95 PINKIE PIE
The same way Earth ponies do,
silly.

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Pinkie takes the jar and with a mighty heave, POPS the top
off with her hooves. The Conductor looks at her, then down at
his hooves with amazement.

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96 CONDUCTOR
Who knew hooves could be so
useful?! Thank you!

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Spike taps his foot and gestures to the train.

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97 SPIKE
Well? Can you start the train now?

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

Spike face-palms.

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99 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.

100 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--

101 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:

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

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Cozy makes a cute pouty face and produces a letter.

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

104 STUDENTS
<uh uh. Nope. walla>

105 SMOLDER
Isn't that kinda convenient?

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106 COZY GLOW
(innocent)
Whatever do you mean?

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107 SMOLDER
I mean, Starlight disappears
without anycreature seeing her go,
and just happens to leave a note
that puts you in charge?

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The students <MURMUR> uneasily. But Cozy <GIGGLES>.

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108 COZY GLOW
Oh, Smolder. You forget - we're not
scheming dragons. We're ponies.
(sweet pouty)
Sounds like somecreature needs to
do a little extra friendship
homework!

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The pony students give a little <LAUGH>, reassured. Smolder
crosses her arms and burns.

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Surprisingly, Ocellus steps up in a moment of strength.

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109 OCELLUS
If Smolder gets more homework, we
all do! Um... Please.

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The rest of the Young Six nod, united.

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110 COZY GLOW
What loyalty! Professor Rainbow
Dash would be so proud. You are
such good friends.
(MORE)

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COZY GLOW (CONT'D)

(to all the students)
You all are! And I'm grateful.
Because it will be awfully hard
running a whole school alone! Can
I count on each of you to help me?

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111 STUDENTS (EXCEPT YOUNG SIX)
<agreement!>

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Cozy beams and wipes an eye, moved.

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112 COZY GLOW
Thank you so much! It's just like
our professors taught us- together,
we can get through anything.

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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.

113 RARITY
Fluttershy, can't you tell these
horrible flies to shoo?

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Fluttershy shakes her head.

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

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

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

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

117 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.

118 RARITY
You were saying? *

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

Applejack pulls a squirt-bottle of SALVE out of her pack. *

120 APPLEJACK (CONT'D) *
Granny Smith's no-bite mud pack. *
That'll keep the flies off. *

Applejack squeezes a squirt of BROWN MUD on each pony. *
Pinkie sniffs hers. *

121 PINKIE PIE
Ooh, it smells just like it looks! *

Fluttershy points to some BLUEBERRY BUSHES nearby.

122 FLUTTERSHY
Look! Even if all our food's
spoiled, these blueberries are
still good to eat. *

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

124 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--

125 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 - NIGHT *

Sandbar makes his way through the hall as other pony STUDENTS *
walk through the hallways, happy, chatting. *

126 FIRST PONY STUDENT
Cozy Glow baked our class cupcakes
today!

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Another Pony holds up her hoof - it has a braided friendship
bracelet around it.

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127 SECOND PONY STUDENT
And she made all of us friendship
bracelets!

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128 THIRD PONY STUDENT
She's the nicest pony I've ever
met. I'm SO glad she's Headmare.

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Sandbar overhears and can't help but chime in--

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129 SANDBAR
Um, TEMPORARY Headmare, right guys?

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130 FIRST PONY STUDENT
Of course! But if Twilight takes
her time coming back, I won't mind.

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The ponies share a <LAUGH> and walk off, leaving a frowning
Sandbar. He enters the LIBRARY door...

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SC. 13 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - LIBRARY - CONTINUOUS

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Not many ponies are inside. Sandbar makes his way to a
secluded corner...

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Where the rest of the Young Six are waiting, comfy on
pillows, with books open and snacks out.

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131 SILVERSTREAM
Finally! We thought you forgot
about study club!

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132 SANDBAR
Sorry I'm late. Cozy Glow gave our
class tickets to a concert in
Ponyville tonight.

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133 GALLUS
You get the feeling she's trying
too hard to make us like her?

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134 OCELLUS
Or maybe she just wants to help us
keep our minds off of how scary it
is that magic's disappearing.

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135 SMOLDER
I still don't trust her. What's
she up to behind those big eyes and
bouncy curls?

136 YONA
Yona have better question. Where
Cozy pony going?

Yona points around the corner. The others peer out to see her head for the fateful DRAIN ACCESS (Ep. 822), and go inside.

137 GALLUS
 (sotto)
Oh, we're totally gonna find out.

Gallus creeps around the corner after her. The others quietly follow...

SC. 14 - EXT. TARTARUS ENTRANCE - SECOND SUNSET

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.

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138          TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This is the only door to Tartarus.
The good news is, the seal isn't
broken, so we know Tirek didn't
escape...
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139 RAINBOW DASH
Lemme guess. There's gonna be bad
news too.

Twilight nods with a sigh.

140 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
The last time I was here, I had to
use magic to get in... And I don't
think I have enough left for that.

Twilight powers up her horn - but it only FLICKERS and then goes out. She looks disconsolate.

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141      PINKIE PIE
Don't worry, Twilight. I got this!
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Pinkie zips OS and back ON dressed as a PIZZA DELIVERY PONY.
She <KNOCKS> on the door.

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

Nothing happens. Pinkie shrugs.

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

She takes a BITE of the pizza.

144 APPLEJACK
Did any of y'all pack something
that could help?

The ponies all rummage in their bags. Rarity produces an EYE MASK, CURLERS, and PERFUME.

145 RARITY
These all do magic, but not the
kind we're looking for, I'm afraid.

Spike, looking through Twilight's bag, brightens as he pulls out an ANCIENT LOOKING KEY.

146 SPIKE
How about this!

147 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
A magic key! Where did you get
that, Spike?

148 SPIKE
I just found it in your bag! Cozy
Glow must have packed it for you.

149 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
She really did think of everything!
I bet she found this when she
cataloged the school's artifacts.

Twilight puts the key in the magical lock. The KEY and LOCK glow, and the lock absorbs the key in a FLASH OF LIGHT.

The door to Tartarus <CREAKS> open! Twilight smiles to her friends and enters. They all follow.

Behind them, the door <SLAMS> ominously shut.

SC. 15 - INT. TARTARUS - CONTINUOUS

But as the friends move away from the door, they immediately come face-to-face with a COCKATRICE in a JAIL CELL!

150 APPLEJACK
Aaah! Cockatrice!

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151 RARITY
Do something, Fluttershy!

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

Everypony looks away but Pinkie, who bounces experimentally.

153 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.

154 FLUTTERSHY
I think he lost his magic too.

The Cockatrice nods sadly. Fluttershy pats his shoulder
through the bars.

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

Fluttershy gestures - there are several cells of MONSTERS
lining the walls - and they all slump inside, looking
depressed and not very scary.

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Twilight looks determined.

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

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SC. 16 - INT. BENEATH THE SCHOOL - CATACOMBS - SAME TIME

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Cozy trots down the corridor. The Young Six sneak behind
her.

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Yona accidentally trips, but before she can fall, the others
grab her.

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A pebble <BOUNCES> out under her feet into the cavern.

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Cozy turns at the sound and looks over her shoulder, worried.
Then she takes off, running down a DIFFERENT CORRIDOR.

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157 SMOLDER
Aw, I think we scared her away.
C'mon!

The others race after her, trying to move quietly.

They pause as they see Cozy climbing a SET OF STAIRS.

158 OCELLUS
(sotto)
Where's she going now?

Gallus shrugs and follows. The others do too...

SC. 17 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - TWILIGHT'S OFFICE - CONT.

A large PORTRAIT on the wall swings out, and Cozy exits from it - a secret passage from the catacombs. She breathes a sigh of relief and closes the portrait...

And then STARTLES to find CHANCELLOR NEIGHSAY of the EEA, sitting at Twilight's desk. He peers imperiously at her.

159 NEIGHSAY
I am Chancellor Neighsay of the
EEA. Where is Princess Twilight?

160 COZY GLOW
Oh, golly! She's away on a quest.
I'm watching the school for her.

161 NEIGHSAY
Magic is failing across our land,
and she left a foal in charge of
this... facility?

162 COZY GLOW
Yes sir! Is there anything I can do
for you?

ANGLE - the YOUNG SIX eavesdrop behind the portrait, shocked to hear:

163 NEIGHSAY
That won't be necessary. Twilight's
folly stops here. As of now, I am
Headstallion. And I have quite a
few changes to make.

Neighsay looks determined...And Cozy looks worried.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

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SC. 18 - INT. TARTARUS - SAME TIME

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

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164 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.

165 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!

166 RAINBOW DASH
Look out!

The Mane 6 and Spike dive to the sides.

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

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

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

Cerberus stops - all three heads pop up to study Fluttershy.

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169 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
You're a very good guard dog. But
we were wondering if we could get
by to check on Tirek.

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In response, all three heads take turns licking Fluttershy,
drenching her. She <GIGGLES>.

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170 APPLEJACK
That looks like a yes.

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171 RARITY
(calls up)
I'll get you a towel, dear.

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ANGLE - Twilight leads her friends up the path toward Tirek's cell. They find him locked up inside, TIRED, OLD, and not dangerous, but more than a bit *SILENCE OF THE LAMBS*. *

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

173 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We want answers, Tirek. Magic is disappearing from Equestria. *

174 TIREK
I know. What a waste of such delicious power. <fava bean slurp> *

Twilight winces in disgust, but continues. *

175 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Where's it going? What's causing it? *

176 TIREK
(innocent)
Clearly not me.
(then, crafty)
But I might have an idea who's responsible... *

The M6 share a look of surprised intrigue... *

SC. 19 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - TWILIGHT'S OFFICE - SAME TIME *

Neighsay dumps several of Twilight's folders (with pictures of the NON-PONY students) into trash cans. *

177 COZY GLOW
What are you doing? Those are Twilight's student files. *

178 NEIGHSAY
Not anymore. With Equestria under attack, these dangerous creatures must be dismissed. *

179 COZY GLOW
<gasps> You don't think they're the reason magic is disappearing, do you? *

Neighsay nods grimly. *

180 NEIGHSAY *
The EEA believes it is more than a *
coincidence. That is why I am here. *

I/C BEHIND THE PORTRAIT - the Young Six react in anger/shock. *

181 SMOLDER / GALLUS / SILVERSTREAM / *
SANDBAR / OCELLUS / YONA *
He's blaming us?! / That's low. / *
Wait, what? / Not cool. / Oh no. / *
Yak hate false equivalencies! *

Neighsay looks up, frowning. *

182 NEIGHSAY *
Did you hear something? *

183 COZY GLOW *
It sounded like it came from over *
there... *

Neighsay frowns and looks around. He reaches the portrait, *
listens to it, and nudges the frame with his horn. *

TO REVEAL: the Young Six, eavesdropping, and surprised to *
have been discovered. *

184 YOUNG SIX *
<gasps/startles> *

185 NEIGHSAY *
You again, as I suspected. *

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

The imprisoned young six struggle-- *

186 YONA / GALLUS / SILVERSTREAM / OCELLUS *
/ SMOLDER / SANBAR *
<struggling> *

187 NEIGHSAY *
From now on, this school is Pony *
only. As nature intended. *

SC. 20 - 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). *

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

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

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

His friends gape at his vehemence in disbelief. *

190 SILVERSTREAM / SMOLDER *
Sandbar? / What are you saying? *

191 SANDBAR *
I don't want anything to do with *
creatures that could threaten *
Equestria! *

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

192 NEIGHSAY *
Wisely put, 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. 21 - 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 WATERING *
CAN flies over her head. *

193 APPLE BLOOM
What in tarnation?

REVEAL - Sandbar stands below her window.

194 SANDBAR *
Sorry. I ran out of apples. *
(then, urgent)
I need the Cutie Mark Crusaders. My *
friends are in trouble. Chancellor *
Neighsay locked them up! *

Apple Bloom blinks, trying to take this all in.

195 APPLE BLOOM *
Huh? I thought Cozy Glow was in *
charge. *

Sanbar shakes his head with worry. *

196 SANDBAR *
Not anymore. Will you help me? *

197 APPLE BLOOM *
You betcha! But... How are we gonna *
free your friends without anypony *
noticin'? *

198 SANDBAR *
 (determined) *
With a little help from the Tree of *
Harmony. *

SC. 22 - INT. TARTARUS - SAME TIME *

The Mane Six and Spike stare at Tirek in frustration. He's *
playing with them, enjoying himself. *

199 TWILIGHT SPARKLE *
Answer the question, Tirek. What's *
happening to Equestria's magic? *

200 TIREK *
If you let me out, I'm sure it *
would jog my memory. *

Tirek leans through the bars - creepy. *

201 TIREK (CONT'D) *
What do you say...I scratch your *
back, you scratch mine? *

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

202 RAINBOW DASH *
How 'bout you tell us what you *
know, 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. *

203 RARITY *
Oh dear. I hadn't thought of that. *

204 SPIKE *
We're just as trapped as Tirek?! *

Tirek <CHUCKLES> at their panic.

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205 TIREK
What a pity. Well, for you. Sweet
revenge for me. It seems my little
protegee's plan worked after all.

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Applejack's eyes narrow.

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206 APPLEJACK
Little protegee? Which little
protegee?

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207 TIREK
Oh, we've never met. We're pen
pals. Each letter had so many
questions about draining magic.

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208 PINKIE PIE
And you answered them?!

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Tirek shrugs.

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209 TIREK
I was bored. So I simply pointed my
pen pal in the right direction.

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210 FLUTTERSHY
Can't you just tell us your pen
pal's name? I mean, since we're
stuck here anyway.

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211 TIREK
Oh, why not. The irony is too
perfect. Her name is...

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SC. 23 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - CATACOMBS - SOON

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

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A beat later, Sandbar leads Apple Bloom, SCOOTALOO and
SWEETIE BELL down the same passage.

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212 SANDBAR
C'mon, the school's this way...
Unless it's this way.

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Sandbar looks down the passages, then shrugs and picks the
same direction Cozy went.

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ANGLE - a large PORTAL OF MAGIC 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 PORTAL, which is dome shaped and holding the magic like a cistern (each subsequent time we see it, it can be bigger - the idea is it is holding ALL the magic, and once it has every last drop in Equestria, it will FLUSH the magic out of the world). *

Inside the portal, trapped under the DOME OF MAGIC, STARLIGHT GLIMMER struggles. She's trapped, like a fish in an aquarium. *

Cozy leans over the vortex to address Starlight:

213 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...

214 COZY GLOW (CONT'D) *

And there's no better friend than Cozy Glow. With Twilight and her lackies out of my way, all of Equestria will bow to me... The future EMPRESS 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.