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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 (wearing a SASH (or bracelet) with a special SCHOOL CREST PIN on it) is waiting with a BASKET. She flies/runs to catch all the letters in it.

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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?

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The student nods and Cozy smiles widely, showing off her Pin.

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4 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
I'm Cozy Glow, Professor Sparkle's
Friendship Assistant. Welcome to
our school! Your first class is
just down that hall.

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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--

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

Silverstream beams--

6 SILVERSTREAM
That's it! Thanks, Cozy!

7 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.

8 COZY GLOW
Good morning, Professor Sparkle!

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

But before she can bolt, Cozy smiles reassuringly.

10 COZY GLOW
Don't worry! I asked Professor Rainbow Dash to cover for you.

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11 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
And she said yes?

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12 COZY GLOW
Uh huh! I told her how busy you are, and how much your loyalty meant to her.

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(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...

13 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.

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

Twilight smiles back.

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

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

SC. 4 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE - SAME TIME

RAINBOW DASH gestures grandly to the WEATHER FACTORY.

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

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

19 RAINBOW DASH
I know, right?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yona draws herself up defiantly.

24 YONA
Yona not scared.

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

25 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.

26 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!

27 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.

28 GALLUS
Gotcha!

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

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

30 YONA
Flying. But not falling!

Starlight is shaken as Dash carries her to safe ground.

31 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:

32 STARLIGHT GLIMMER / RAINBOW DASH
We have an emergency. / The
students **dropped** out of the sky!

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33 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Wait, slow down. What happened?

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

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35      RAINBOW DASH
Everycreature fell through the
clouds! We barely caught 'em!
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Twilight looks shaken/relieved.

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36 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm glad you're all okay. But I'm
sure it's nothing to worry about,
Starlight. Maybe you did your spell
wrong. Let's take a look.

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

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

38 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
 (dry)
Maybe you did your spell wrong?

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

39 RARITY (O.S.)
OWWWW!

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

40 FLUTTERSHY
Rarity ran into the door.

41 RARITY
My magic is GONE! 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.

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

Twilight is obviously concerned as she looks at her friends.

43 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This doesn't make any sense. Magic
can't just disappear. Something has
to be causing this...

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44 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Or someone.

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Cozy tentatively speaks up--

45 COZY GLOW
Um... Didn't we learn in class
about a creature that eats magic?
Tir...Something.

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Fluttershy gasps, as she makes the connection.

46 FLUTTERSHY
Tirek!

47 RAINBOW DASH
Isn't he trapped in Tartarus?

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48 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yes. But I wonder--

Spike bursts in, <HICCUPPING> SMOKE uncontrollably.

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

Spike <HICCUPS HARDER> gestures to his throat. Rarity gives
him a PAT ON THE BACK, and Spike <FIRE BURPS> up a scroll.

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

Spike unrolls the scroll and his eyes go wide.

51 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.

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

Off everypony's concerned looks.

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

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

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

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Twilight and her friends exchange worried looks.

54 LUNA
Even raising the moon has become
difficult. Have you **heard of**
similar troubles in Ponyville?

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55 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We experienced it first hoof.

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Princess Cadance nods in concern.

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

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The royal sisters look to each other, grim.

57 CELESTIA
Then it is as we feared. Magic is
disappearing all across Equestria.

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

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

59 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.

60 CELESTIA
Starswirl believes the power will
drain from our land in three days.
First, unicorn magic and spells
will fail.

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61 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
That's what's happening now!

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62 CELESTIA
On the second day, creatures will
lose their magic abilities.

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63 FLUTTERSHY
Oh no!

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64 CELESTIA
And finally, magical artifacts will
stop working. Even if I use a
solarstone to keep the sun in the
sky, at the end of the third day,
it will fail. And the magic in our
world will be gone... Forever.

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

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

Twilight frowns, then offers--

67 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Has anypony checked on Tirek?

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

Celestia looks thoughtful.

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

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

71 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We'll go.

72 RARITY
Oh, no. Not without us you wo--
Wait. Did you say "we"?

Twilight nods, a little self-deprecating:

73 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I've finally learned that it's okay
to count on your friends for help.
(then)
Um...You do want to come, right?

74 RAINBOW DASH
Uh, DUH!

Twilight's friends share a grin.

Celestia gestures to Luna and Cadance and tells Twilight:

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

76 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.

77 APPLEJACK
With her friends by her side, she
won't have to.

SC. 8 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - NEXT DAY

Starlight walks Twilight out toward the school gates, where
Rarity, Applejack, Pinkie Pie, Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash
are waiting, wearing travel saddle bags.

78 TWILIGHT SPARKLE *
Okay. I left you my lesson plan, *
all my student files, and my *
annotated syllabus notes. If *
anything goes wrong, get Celestia. *

79 STARLIGHT GLIMMER *
Got it. *

Starlight nods confidently. Twilight nods back, then *
hesitates, caves to the stress, and turns back. *

80 TWILIGHT SPARKLE *
Maybe I should just close the *
school and send the students home. *

Starlight blocks her way and shoves her forward again. *

81 STARLIGHT GLIMMER *
<amused sigh> Would you go save *
Equestria already? *

Spike runs up with a PACKED TRAVEL BAG. *

82 SPIKE *
Okay! Cozy packed us all up for a *
trip to bad guy central. *

Cozy trots in with a picnic basket.

83 COZY GLOW *
Don't forget the sandwiches! I *
marked whose is whose just in case. *
Starlight can't stand mustard.

She dimples to Starlight. Starlight smiles.

84 STARLIGHT GLIMMER *
That's so sweet of you, Cozy. But *
Twilight has asked me to stay here *
to run the school. *

Cozy looks surprised, but tries to cover it.

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

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

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

Cozy turns up the charm to 11.

88 COZY GLOW
Oh golly, yes! I promise I'll be
the best assistant ever!
(to Starlight)
C'mon! We can start working on your
substitute Headmare plans right
now, if you like.

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Starlight is a bit surprised by Cozy's enthusiasm. Twilight
makes a "go ahead" gesture and smiles.

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89 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Wow. Uh, okay.

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Cozy leads Starlight away. Twilight waves and says through
her teeth to Spike.

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90 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
See? Nothing to worry about.
(then)
Tell me there's nothing to worry
about.

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Spike face-palms.

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END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 9 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - MAIN HALL - NEXT MORNING

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Cozy Glow stands at the podium on the stage, now wearing her
School Crest badge in a headband ALMOST like a tiara.
STUDENTS file into the school, looking confused. An EASEL
(covered in a sheet) stands up near Cozy.

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91 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--

92 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:

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

Cozy makes a cute pouty face and produces a letter.

94 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.

95 STUDENTS
<uh uh. Nope. walla>

96 SMOLDER
It's just kinda weird, isn't it? *

97 COZY GLOW *
I don't know what you mean. *

98 SMOLDER *
Like... Why'd she change her mind? *
And why did Starlight write a note, *
instead of say goodbye to us *
herself? It doesn't make any sense. *

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

99 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!

The pony students give a little <LAUGH>, reassured. Smolder crosses her arms and burns. Yona glares and steps forward. *

100 YONA *
Yak not pony either. If Smolder *
get homework, Yona get homework. *

101 OCELLUS / SANDBAR *
Me too. / I'm in. *

102 SILVERSTREAM *
Yeah! Homework party! *

Gallus rolls his eyes and reluctantly joins in. *

103 GALLUS *
Fine. *

Cozy looks at the Young Six, surprised by their unity. *

104 COZY GLOW
What loyalty! Professor Rainbow
Dash would be so proud. You are
such good friends.
 (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?

105 STUDENTS (EXCEPT YOUNG SIX)
<agreement!>

Cozy beams and wipes an eye, moved.

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

SC. 10 - EXT. ROAD TO TARTARUS - DAY - SAME TIME *

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

107 RARITY *
I have had it with these horrible *
flies! <sob> I miss my magic. *

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

108 TWILIGHT SPARKLE *
Have you tried using your tail to *
shoo them away? *

109 RARITY *
Bite your tongue! It's for *
decorative purposes only. *

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

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

111 FLUTTERSHY *
We didn't. They must have gone bad
without magic to keep them cold. *

112 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.

113 RARITY
You were saying?

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.

115 APPLEJACK (CONT'D) *
Granny's Apple Core No Bite No *
More. That'll keep the flies off.

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

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

Fluttershy points to some BLUEBERRY BUSHES nearby.

117 FLUTTERSHY *
And even if our food's spoiled,
these blueberries are still 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. 11 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - HALLWAY - NIGHT

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

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

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

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

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

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

124 SANDBAR
Um, TEMPORARY Headmare, right guys?

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

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

SC. 12 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - LIBRARY - CONTINUOUS

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

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

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

127 SANDBAR
Sorry I'm late. Cozy Glow gave our
class tickets to a [Sapphire Shores](#)
concert in Ponyville tonight.

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

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

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

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131 YONA
Yona have better question. What
[Cozy pony doing in secret passage?](#)

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Yona points around the corner. The others peer out to see
[Cozy step out of](#) the fateful DRAIN ACCESS (Ep. 822).

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

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SC. 13 - EXT. TARTARUS ENTRANCE - SECOND SUNSET

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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.

133 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...

134 APPLEJACK
Lemme guess. [Ya got](#) bad news too.

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Twilight nods with a sigh.

135 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
The last time I was here, I had to
use magic to get in...*And according
to Starswirl, all unicorn magic was
gone by yesterday's sunset.*

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136 RAINBOW DASH
Maybe he was wrong!

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Twilight *tries to* power up her horn - but it only FLICKERS
and then goes out. She looks disconsolate.

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137 PINKIE PIE
Don't worry, Twilight. I got this!

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

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

Nothing happens. Pinkie shrugs.

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

She takes a BITE of the pizza.

140 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.

141 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.

142 SPIKE
How about this!

143 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
*An artifact key! These have magic
inside to open any door. Where did
you find this, Spike?*

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144 SPIKE
*In your bag! Cozy Glow must have
packed it for you.*

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145 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
She really did think of everything!

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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. 14 - INT. TARTARUS - CONTINUOUS

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

146 APPLEJACK
Aaah! Cockatrice!

147 RARITY
Do something, Fluttershy!

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

Everypony looks away but Pinkie, who bounces experimentally.

149 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.

150 FLUTTERSHY
I think he lost his magic too.

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

151 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.

152 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Starswirl said that would happen on the second day. At least it'll help us get past Cerberus. C'mon.

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Twilight moves on, the others following. Spike stays planted in place, gaping. *

153 SPIKE
Next time you invite me on an
adventure, can you mention the
giant three headed dog FIRST? *

With a wry smile, Twilight returns to FRAME to flip Spike up on her back, then she hurries off. *

SC. 15 - INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - SAME TIME *

Cozy trots down the corridor, headed for Twilight's office. *

The Young Six follow behind her. Yona accidentally trips, but before she can fall, the others grab her. *

The Y6 duck behind a statue/plant/cover as Cozy moves to Twilight's office door. *

154 SILVERSTREAM
She's just-- *

The others all SHUSH Silverstream, who continues, sotto: *

155 SILVERSTREAM (CONT'D)
She's just going to Twilight's
office. Why are we sneaking around
after her and whispering? *

But as the door opens, the other Y6 gape at what they see OS. *

156 OCELLUS
That's why. *

REVEAL - Cozy looks shocked as CHANCELLOR NEIGHSAY of the EEA steps out of Twilight's office. He eyes her coldly. *

157 NEIGHSAY
I am Chancellor Neighsay of the
Equestria Education Association. *

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

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

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

ANGLE - the YOUNG SIX huddle in their hiding place, shocked
to hear: *

161 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

SC. 16 - INT. TARTARUS - SAME TIME *

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

162 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.

163 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!

164 RAINBOW DASH
Look out!

The Mane 6 and Spike dive to the sides.

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

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

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

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

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

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

168 APPLEJACK
That looks like a yes.

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

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*.

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

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

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

Twilight winces in disgust.

173 RAINBOW DASH
You know? So you are behind this!

174 TIREK
Silly filly. If I had all that
magic, do you think I'd still be
locked up in here?
(then, crafty)
But I might know something about
it...

The M6 share a look of surprised intrigue...

SC. 17 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - TWILIGHT'S OFFICE - SAME TIME *

Neighsay **sits at Twilight's desk. He dumps the Young Six student folders (with pictures of them on the front) into trash cans.** *

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

176 NEIGHSAY
These aren't. Not anymore. With Equestria under attack, ponies must stand together! Twilight has endangered us all by skipping off on "friendship trip," while these dangerous creatures run loose! *

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

Neighsay nods grimly.

178 NEIGHSAY
Yes. And I came to warn Twilight. But since she is gone, it falls on me to protect you foals from those monsters. *

I/C **THE HALLWAY** - the Young Six **are pressed to the door, eavesdropping. They** react in anger/shock. *

179 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. **SOTTO:** *

180 NEIGHSAY
Did you hear something?

181 COZY GLOW
(sotto, re: the door) *
It sounded like it came from over there...

Neighsay frowns and looks around. He reaches the **door, then YANKS it open with a hoof.** *

The Young Six, tumble in, surprised to have been discovered. *

182 YOUNG SIX
<gasps/startles>

183 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--

184 YONA / GALLUS / SILVERSTREAM / OCELLUS
/ SMOLDER / SANBAR
<struggling>

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

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).

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

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

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

His friends gape at his vehemence in disbelief.

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

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

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

190 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. 19 - 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.

191 APPLE BLOOM
What in tarnation?

REVEAL - Sandbar stands below her window.

192 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.

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

Sanbar shakes his head with worry.

194 SANDBAR
Not anymore. But you guys are good
buddies. I was hoping maybe you
could convince her to let my
friends go. Will you help me?

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195 APPLE BLOOM
Do mulberries have seeds?!
(a beat as Sandbar
considers)
That's a yes.

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SC. 20 - INT. TARTARUS - SAME TIME *

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

196 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Where's Equestria's magic going,
Tirek? What's making it disappear?

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

Tirek leans through the bars - creepy.

198 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.

199 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.

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

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

Tirek <CHUCKLES> at their panic.

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

Applejack's eyes narrow.

203 APPLEJACK
Little protegee? Which little
protegee?

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

205 PINKIE PIE
And you answered them?!

Tirek shrugs.

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

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

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

209 SANDBAR (PRE LAP)
Cozy Glow!

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SC. 21 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - CATACOMBS - SOON

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Sandbar leads Apple Bloom, SCOOTALOO and SWEETIE BELL down
one of the catacomb passages.

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210 SANDBAR
I coulda sworn I saw her come down
this way when she left her office.

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Sandbar looks down the branching passages ahead, then shrugs
and picks one. The CMCs follow him toward it.

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INSIDE THE CAVERN: A HUGE swirling ORB OF MAGIC floats in the
center of the ring of artifacts (from 814): The Helm of
Yksler, Knockerbocker's Shell, etc. Magic symbols and arcane
script are scrawled around them, like a warding circle.

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Starlight is trapped inside the magic orb, suspended like a
pony in a snow globe.

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211 COZY GLOW (O.S.)
Enjoying yourself in there,
Starlight?

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Starlight's eyes go wide with fear and she struggles. Cozy
smirks from outside the warding circle.

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212 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
(simplers)

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I'm sorry I had to push you in, but
what else could I do? You were
going to ruin all my plans. All
this magic needs time to drain from
Equestria before my vortex sucks it
to another realm. Three days can
seem like such a long time!

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

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213 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)

(deliciously wicked)

You know, you ponies got it all
wrong. Friendship isn't magic.
Friendship is POWER! 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!

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She tilts her head back and <LAUGHS VILLAINOUSLY>.

ANGLE (unseen by Cozy) -- Sandbar, Apple Bloom, Scootaloo,
and Sweetie Belle, who have frozen at the entrance to the
chamber, gape in horror.

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END PART ONE.