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COZY GLOW has more or less become Assistant To The Headmare – helping TWILIGHT in the Headmare’s Office, organizing scrolls for Spike to send off, etc. Twilight comments on how helpful Cozy has become; TS almost can’t imagine running her school without her star pupil/right-hoof student. Cozy smiles widely, *“helping others is what friendship is all about!”* Cozy adds a scroll to the “send” pile that almost was forgotten – oddly, it has the EEA seal on it.

Meanwhile, RAINBOW DASH leads a friendship lesson up in Cloudsdale with the NEW STUDENTS. STARLIGHT helped out by casting a spell that will allow them all to walk on the clouds, but Yona is nervous about being so high. Her friends encourage her to trot out onto a cloud’s edge and look down at the amazing view. Suddenly, the cloud gives way! All of them, even the flying students, fall through and plummet down!

Starlight tries to save them all with another spell, but it doesn’t work. All the fliers take wing and dive to save the others. Nocreature has a clue what happened! Starlight’s usually so good with magic and the clouds have always supported fliers before... That’s so weird.

Starlight and Dash go to Twilight with their concerns, just as other Ponies show up with similar problems – a spell failing, a potion not working. Soon, Twilight notices a theme. It’s like magic is...Failing!

In fact, magic seems to be disappearing all across Equestria! (the Apple family farm starts to fail without Earth Pony “magic”, the Pegasi start to lose control of the weather, Unicorns can’t open doors and/or jars!) The new students are feeling the loss of magic too: Ocellus can’t transform, Silverstream’s magic pearl shard stops working, etc.

CELESTIA calls an emergency summit of the most powerful unicorns and alicorns in Equestria, but even they have started to feel the effects of the drain on magic – STARSWIRL and CADANCE had to take the train! Twilight relates a recent conversation she had with Cozy Glow, who reminded her of Tirek’s ability to absorb magic. She wonders if he’s somehow learned how to amplify his power from Tartarus. Celestia sends Twilight and her friends to journey to Tartarus to find out.

In Ponyville, the MANE SIX prepare for their trip. Twilight decides that Starlight and SPIKE need to come as well. Starlight is one of the most powerful unicorns she knows and they’ll need Spike (whose scroll magic is still working) to be able to keep Celestia updated on their progress. Unfortunately, that leaves nopony to care for the school. But desperate times call for desperate measures, and Twilight leaves Cozy Glow in charge (really just running day-to-day stuff – the students are on “study hall”) and sets out for Tartarus.

Cozy reassures her fellow students that everything will be okay as long as they have friendship / each other and not to worry – Twilight left detailed plans for the school. She starts to institute “Twilight’s Plans” by dividing the students into three groups (two of our new students in each) – not saying that the groups mean anything, but implying they’re based on aptitude. This causes unrest/competition between the students – and increases their loyalty to Cozy.

Gallus starts to question the “plans” that Cozy has instituted when we see her in the catacombs with the friendship artifacts from MLP814. He tells his friends and they investigate to find that she’s created some kind of magic portal – but why, and HOW, with magic failing?

Cozy catches them spying and explains she was reading Twilight’s books and discovered a way to use the artifacts to hold some of the magic of Equestria in a safe reserve. Gallus, Smolder and Yona don’t believe her. Ocellus, Sandbar and Silverstream do. The new students are divided and their friendship is split.

Back with the M6, Twilight and the rest arrive in Tartarus (using the last of their magic to gain entry) and find CERBERUS arguing with himself. Fluttershy is able to figure out that without magic, the three-headed guard dog has a tough time organizing its thoughts. Further, the other evil inhabitants (BUGBEARS, etc.) are likewise disabled – without magic, they’re either incompetent or harmless. The gang quickly make their way to TIREK’s cell and find him even more feeble than his de-powered feeble form normally is. He asks them what’s going on with magic and they realize their quest was for naught. Even worse, they discover evidence that makes it clear Cozy Glow set the whole journey up to get them out of the way! And now without magic, there’s no way for them to get back!

Back at the school, NEIGHSAY arrives - he got a message from the school (later we’ll learn it’s the one COZY sent), and he can’t believe Twilight would leave a STUDENT in charge. He takes over, and with Cozy’s manipulation, comes to believe that the loss of magic is the direct result of the non-pony students at the school. After all, this didn’t happen until THEY showed up. Neighsay locks the non-pony students in the library until their chaperones can pick them up.

Cozy visits her magical portal and laughs, revealing to us her ultimate goal – using her portal to drain all of Equestria’s magic into another realm! With all magic gone, there won’t be anycreature to stop her from becoming the Empress of Friendship!

END PART ONE