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After our teaser re-cap, we find SANDBAR visiting the NON-PONY STUDENTS locked up in the library (or dorms). He didn't think COZY GLOW was up to anything, but now that she's clearly on Chancellor NEIGHSAY's team, he starting to wonder if Gallus may have been right about her. Still, only wanting to see the best in ponies, he enlists the CMCs in the hopes that with their help, he can convince Cozy to stand with him and demand that Neighsay release their friends.

Meanwhile, Neighsay takes over the school and relieves Cozy of her Headmare pro-tem status. Unwilling to concede her authority, she manipulates the remaining PONY STUDENTS – not having to work hard to convince them that Neighsay is trying to upset Twilight's plan for the school. Under her control, the students lock Neighsay up in Twilight's office. Neighsay is shocked to find himself incarcerated like the non-pony students. He can't believe it - the true villain of the school was a Pegasus?! His whole world is shaken.

Sandbar and the CMCs witness Cozy's coup and realize that she's the true villain after all. They sneak through the school's secret passages to the library to bust out the non-pony students. They reach the other students and reveal what they've seen. The students realize that Cozy was dividing them to weaken their friendship – *and it worked*. They don't have time to reconcile now because Gallus says they have to stop Cozy – he spent his time locked up to do some research, and he figured out how to undo the spell she's using to drain magic out of the world!

The others are amazed (Gallus did research?!), but not sure they can stop Cozy on their own. Twilight and her friends are off in Tartarus; is there any way they can get Princess Celestia and Luna to help? And would they even believe the students? Ocellus thinks she knows one pony they will believe...Neighsay. The others wonder if THEY can convince him of anything, but Sandbar looks thoughtful – now that he's experienced life on the other hoof, Neighsay just might be willing to listen to reason.

The new students break Neighsay free and tell him their plan. He's shocked that they would come to his aid, or trust him to help after everything he's done to and said about them. The group tells him they understand all he ever wanted to do was protect Equestria. He just didn't understand what that meant until now. Neighsay admits he never realized that sometimes the greatest threats come from within. He sneaks out of the castle to carry out his mission.

Our students all go to Cozy's magic sink in the school caverns where Gallus tells them to remove the artifacts to undo the magic draining spell. Cozy shows up with her students – who she has turned against out heroes – and tells them to stop them no matter what it takes: *"They're trying to destroy the School of Friendship!"*

There's a tussle and Cozy's students push Gallus into the sink of magic. Without thinking the others rush to his aid. Yona and Sandbar form a chain and dive in after while the others grab on and flap their wings, trying to pull their friends out of the portal. Where as in part one they doubted each other, now the new students are all in – literally.

Cozy shouts to her minion-students to shove the creatures into the magic sink. She'll be rid of them and magic at the same time.

But the sacrifice of Gallus' friends for one another resonates deep within the crystal catacombs. The walls of the catacombs start to pulse and glow – in the various colors of the Elements of Harmony (similar to how they did in 823). The friends float up out of the sink, each of the magical artifacts bonding with one of them. Cozy doesn't understand what's happening, all the magic should be gone, but Gallus gets it. The magic is coming from our heroes – from their friendship – and powering the artifacts to protect them all. Friendship really is magic.

With that realization, the crystal walls glow with a bright FLASH of magic and the portal implodes, sending magic back out to all of Equestria. When the light fades everyone looks to see the portal is gone and the sink is healed over. Cozy tells her students to get our heroes, but voice comes from behind her. *"I think not."*

Cozy turns to see Neighsay with CELESTIA and LUNA. Enraged but defeated, Cozy makes a break for it, only to be stopped by Twilight and the M6+ (SL and SK) who appear and nab her. Cozy is unrepentant and still trying to manipulate others. Celestia says she will be placed somewhere safe that she can think about her crimes.

Twilight turns to the new students, thrilled about their victory and discovery that friendship literally is magic (a renewable resource!) – it was their bond with each other that restored magic to the world. The new students admit that they never would have been able to save the day if they hadn't had the Mane 6 as their teachers. Gallus starts to high five the others on their obvious graduation, but Twilight tells him that no, they've just completed their first year of school.

There's a huge celebration and Neighsay, repentant, admits Twilight was right.

We end in Tartarus, where Cozy Glow has now been imprisoned. She turns to TIREK, next to her with a shy smile. *"Want to be friends?"*

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