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Logline: *Twilight is determined that Celestia and Luna's last Summer Sun Celebration as rulers be one to remember. But when some of Equestria's worst villains secretly show up, things start going horribly wrong. Twilight's friends try everything they can think of to keep things under control so that Twilight doesn't totally freak out.*

COZY GLOW catches GROGAR leaving the secret lair, and asks where their fearless leader is off to. He explains that since the villains were unable to retrieve his Bewitching Bell (ep 908), he needs to hunt down some other form of raw magical power so they'll be prepared to attack TWILIGHT SPARKLE and her friends. Once he's gone, Cozy, CHRYSALIS and TIREK agree: NONE of them are sold on Grogar OR his "plan" which consists of him disappearing a lot and not giving them anything to do. Tirek pulls out the Bewitching Bell (which they DID in fact retrieve) and the trio try to figure out how to activate it and use Grogar's power against him. However, the bell remains a mystery. Cozy recalls that in one of Twilight's boring lectures, she taught them that the library in Canterlot contains a wealth of magical information. She suggests that they sneak out while Grogar is gone for a research field trip to gather some magical intel. The other two eagerly agree, ANYTHING is better than sitting around the lair doing nothing!

Meanwhile, in Canterlot, PRINCESS CELESTIA (having returned from her "sister trip" with Luna) is checking in on Twilight's planning for the Summer Sun Celebration. Having learned the importance of delegation after the craziness of the Grand Galloping Gala, Twilight thinks she might be getting a handle on the party planning princess stuff. Twilight is in a paradise of lists, charts, and rules, but notices that Celestia seems a bit sad. When asked, she reveals to Twilight that for thousands of moons, The Summer Sun Celebration was a celebration of her defeat over Nightmare Moon. Once Luna returned, the day transitioned into a celebration of the sister's reunion after so long apart. But with the princesses preparing to transition the rule of Equestria over to Twilight, Celestia feels this is a tradition that may finally have run its course. Later, Twilight tells her friends that she wants to make this celebration the biggest ever for Celestia and Luna. Everyone expects Twilight to go into overstressed panic mode (as usual) but instead, a calm Twilight says she's not going to stress out like she normally does and proceeds to delegate simple clear specific tasks to each of them, saying she trusts them to use their talents to make everything perfect! The friends are impressed (even DISCORD says Twilight came off as "very regal"). It seems Twilight is finally growing into her role as a true leader! Excited, they all run off to get plans underway! Applejack and Pinkie Pie work with a group of Appaloosan Earth ponies to make sure there will be plenty of food for the festival, Rarity and Starlight discuss fireworks with a troupe of unicorn magicians, while Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy go over the weather schedule with an officious middle management Pegasus from the Weather Factory.

Chrysalis, Tirek and Cozy Glow show up to find the castle packed with ponies rushing to and fro. They didn't realize they were going to be sneaking in during a Holiday with the Princesses, Twilight AND all her friends around! They decide they'll need some kind of

distraction to keep everypony busy so they can search the library uninterrupted. Chrysalis overhears the ponies' plans and decides she's found the perfect way to distract them. She sends Tirek off to stop the Earth Ponies from delivering the food, directs Cozy Glow to cozy up to the Pegasus in charge and mess with the weather while she transforms into a haughty unicorn and heads off to screw up the fireworks.

In no time at all the villains have sent half of Canterlot into a spiral of confusion. Tirek absorbs just enough of several Earth Ponies essence to make them think they've contracted some strange illness, making them unable to prepare the food (he destroys several crates of food for good measure). Cozy easily gets the blustery middle manager of the weather factory wrapped around her hoof and starts giving conflicting weather orders to everypony, while Chrysalis (in unicorn form) convinces the troupe of unicorns that using their magic for fireworks is demeaning. Applejack, Pinkie, Fluttershy, Dash, Rarity and Starlight show up and have no idea how things got so messed up. Even Discord remarks that this level of chaos is impressive! NONE of them want to tell Twilight what a disaster everything is, not after she finally stopped micro managing and stressing! They all set to work trying to untangle the mess the villains left behind...

Which is exactly what the villains wanted! They sneak through the castle and enter the library to track down the information they need on the Bell!

The ponies do their best to keep Twilight and the princesses in the dark, but eventually things get SO out of hand that Twilight corners her friends and demands to know what's up. They admit things are in total disaster mode and wait for the freak out... but Twilight surprises everypony by calmly observing what's wrong and deciding how they can solve everything quickly and efficiently! The ponies all work together and SOMEHOW manage to get everything back on track! Later the friends apologize to Twilight. She told them she had worked on improving how she handles stressful situations and they didn't trust her. They should have. Her calm, reasoned leadership really saved the day (Discord says she seems like she's ALMOST ready to fill the princesses' shoes!). Twilight thanks her friends for their help and surprises the princesses with an announcement: From this day forward the SUMMER SUN CELEBRATION will be re-named THE CELEBRATION OF THE TWO SISTERS so that Equestria will never forget what Celestia and Luna have done for them all.

Meanwhile the villains make their way back to the lair WITH an ancient book containing the information they needed! Now they can work on activating the bell and putting Grogar in his place! Their plan was a success with the added bonus of screwing with ponies! But Chrysalis is a bit more thoughtful. Ponies by nature are so trusting that it was almost TOO easy to turn them against each other... perhaps there's something more they could do with that...