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TEASER**SC. 1 - INT. GROGAR'S LAIR - DAY**

TIREK studies the MAGIC BOOK he helped steal in ep 917.
CHRYSLIS and COZY GLOW lean in to look over his shoulders.

1 CHRYSLIS
Are you SURE you got the translation
right this time?

2 TIREK
(huffy)
It's a very difficult dialect! And
besides, there's no guarantee this
spell will activate Grogar's Elbow.
(looks closer at the text)
Grogar's BELL.

Tirek gestures to GROGAR'S BELL from ep 908.

3 COZY GLOW
(bubbly)
If at first you don't succeed, try,
try, again. (then, annoyed) Or in our
case, try, try, try, try, try, mmf...

Chrysalis silences her with a hoof over her mouth.

4 CHRYSLIS
Just tell us what the book says.

Tirek flips the book so that they can see the illustration -
the bell draining power from a collapsing unicorn, and the
bell radiating power onto a hugely buffed alicorn.

5 TIREK
Grogar's Bell stores magic. It can
take and keep a creature's power, OR
give the power it holds to another.

Tirek puts the book on a stand and moves to caress the bell.

6 TIREK (CONT'D)
According to the history of this
artifact, it holds most of Grogar's
magic. And it's ours for the taking.

Tirek makes a hungry Silence of the Lambs <SLURP>.

7 COZY GLOW
Um, you're drooling on the bell.

Tirek glares, but buffs the bell with his forearm.

8 CHRYSalIS
Enough! We need to try the spell
before the old goat gets back. I'm
sick of waiting for that fool's
"master plan." Especially when ours is
so much better.
 (then to Tirek)
Take my hoof.

Chrysalis holds out a hoof. Tirek eyes it dubiously.

9 TIREK
I'm not really a hand holder, so maybe
I'll just do the spell from here.

Chrysalis glares, then levitates the bell above them.

10 CHRYSalIS
Our pact stands. What we do, we do
together. Until we've managed to
overthrow Starlight and her friends--

Chrysalis' growing despotic rant is interrupted--

11 COZY GLOW
Yeah, I'm in it for Twilight.

12 CHRYSalIS
FINE. Starlight, Twilight, and her
friends.

13 TIREK
And Celestia and Luna.

Chrysalis rolls her eyes.

14 CHRYSalIS
The POINT IS, once all the ponies of
Equestria are defeated, we can claim
this land and rule our OWN kingdoms.

Tirek grudgingly takes Chrysalis' hoof. Cozy takes the other.
Tirek blasts the open pages of the book with his MAGIC.

Arcane pony symbols glow to make spinning rings around the
levitating bell. Then, radiating with magic, the bell chimes
with a resonant <BONG>. Power BLASTS from its mouth in three
streams to hit the three villains. They are obscured in
magic and then...

...The power surrounding the bell fades.

REVEAL: our villains are now POWERED UP and even more
dangerous.

Tirek is at his LEVEL THREE BUFFNESS, Chrysalis has GLOWING EYES, and her horn <CRACKLES> with energy, and Cozy Glow is now an ALICORN (same model, but with a horn). **NOTE: This is the villains' form for the whole episode, unless otherwise specified.**

The villains revel in their new buffed-up powers.

15 TIREK
Now THAT'S more like it!

16 COZY GLOW
Does this make me a princess?!

17 CHRYsalis
I can't wait to tell Grogar WE'RE
making the plans now. <evil laugh>

END TEASER

ACT ONE

SC 2. INT. GROGAR'S LAIR - LATER

GROGAR enters the lair, magically levitating a magical artifact (possibly the Flashstone from G1?). He scowls, seeing no creature around. He calls--

18 GROGAR
Break time is over! Hello? Chrysalis?
Tirek? Cozy? It's finally your chance
to prove you're not entirely useless.

There's movement in the shadows - the villains are there, but not fully revealed to Grogar yet.

19 CHRYsalis (IN SHADOWS)
We might surprise you.

Grogar scoffs, then shows them the magical artifact he holds. Like a tired dad who's said this more than once:

20 GROGAR
Hmmp. Twilight Sparkle's coronation
is today. And we're going to ruin it
with this artifact. But to succeed,
you'll have to work together.

21 TIREK
An excellent suggestion, Grogar.

Grogar looks up, then gapes as the buffed villains step from the shadows, Bell levitating with them. The evil trio sends a blast of magic toward the bell.

It <RINGS> (a different sound than when it releases magic). A vortex appears at its mouth, sucking in Grogar's magic! He blurs/fades, as his power is pulled into the bell. He staggers.

22 GROGAR
(in pain)
The Bell! You had it all this time?
Why didn't you tell me?!

23 COZY GLOW
We're villains, duh.

ON THE TRIO OF VILLAINS: they watch as Grogar sinks to his knees... Then oddly blurs and morphs into...DISCORD!!!! *

24 GROGAR/DISCORD (O.S.)
<pained roar>

The evil trio looks totally, completely shocked.

25 TIREK
Well. That was unexpected.

Discord <SNAPS> his fingers...And nothing happens. Paling, he turns tail and runs away.

The villains are all still reeling.

26 COZY GLOW
So...Wait. DISCORD was Grogar? Like the whole time?

27 CHRYSALIS
Now we know why he was so annoying.

28 COZY GLOW
Should we follow him?

But Chrysalis grins wickedly.

29 CHRYSALIS
Let the fool go. Without magic, he's no threat to us. Besides, we have some plans in motion to pay off...

SC. 3 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - DAY

It's a beautiful day. Twilight's CORONATION BANNERS flap in the wind - the palace is decorated for the big ceremony.

SC. 4 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

PRINCESS LUNA and PRINCESS CELESTIA look fondly O.S.

30 CELESTIA
Doesn't she look so adorably regal up there?

31 LUNA
Our little Twilight, all grown up.
(then)
Should we tell her we've cleared out our royal suites so she and her friends can move in?

32 CELESTIA
Maybe wait until AFTER the coronation. Twilight doesn't need anything else to worry about today.

REVEAL: TWILIGHT SPARKLE sits on Celestia's throne, which has been RE-DESIGNED to match Twilight's colors and aesthetic. Luna's throne has been removed. SPIKE flies above Twilight, fitting her with a crown.

33 SPIKE
So, you freakin' out yet?

Oddly, Twilight is not. She just seems really happy.

34 TWILIGHT
About what?

Spike takes the crown off, blows fire on it, and bends the metal to make it a little smaller.

35 SPIKE
Oh, I don't know. It's not every day the princesses that have ruled Equestria for hundreds of moons retire and pass all their responsibilities on to your and your friends.

He puts the crown back on her head.

36 TWILIGHT
(smirk)
Oh, THAT. (then) Actually, I'm...
Feeling really good! We've all faced so much, and come out okay. I know we're up to the challenge of keeping Equestria safe and happy. There's nothing we can't handle together.
Which reminds me...

Twilight magically floats a MEDAL on a ribbon out from behind the throne. She puts it over a surprised Spike's head.

37 SPIKE
The medal of the royal advisor?!

38 TWILIGHT
I wanted to thank you, Spike. You've been at my side for every step of this journey. Knowing I had you to count on gave me the strength I needed to grow and succeed. I wouldn't be here without you.

Spike blushes, then hugs Twilight. She hugs him back.

39 SPIKE
Aw, thanks, Twilight. You know I'll always be your right-hoof dragon.

Twilight smiles back, a twinkle in her eye.

40 TWILIGHT
I was hoping you'd say that. Because we have some royal errands to run!

SC. 5 - EXT. STREETS OF CANTERLOT - SOON

There aren't too many ponies out, and the few that are keep their heads down and hurry on their tasks. But RARITY, walking with Twilight, Spike, and FLUTTERSHY, doesn't notice. Rarity stops outside a THREAD STORE and gestures to it.

41 RARITY
So, two stops for the final pre-coronation details! First, to pick out the accents for your apres-hors d'oeuvres gown...

42 TWILIGHT
Is that before or after the royal marshmallow-eating contest gown?

43 RARITY
What?! I haven't made one of those!

Rarity starts frantically searching through dress designs from her saddle bag. Twilight smiles and nudges her.

44 TWILIGHT
It's okay, Rarity. I was just joking.

Spike can't believe it. Impressed, he gestures at her--

45 SPIKE
Joking. The day of her coronation. You've come a long way, Twilight.

Fluttershy smiles, and nuzzles a bird that flies to land on her shoulder, <TWEETING> happily.

46 FLUTTERSHY
Well, I think it's wonderful. And so do the birds. They loved hanging the coronation decorations. That's our next stop, by the way. To get them some thank you berries for helping.

Suddenly, a UNICORN PONY, looking down so she doesn't see where she's going, bumps into the group. She startles, then notices Twilight and dips in a bow... Before hurrying off.

47 UNICORN 1
Oh, sorry, your majesty.
Congratulations on the coronation!

48 RARITY
Well, she's certainly in a hurry.

Rarity enters the shop. Or rather, tries to. The door is locked. She peers in through a window.

49 RARITY (CONT'D)
That's odd. They look open. Hello?

She <KNOCKS>. The door cracks open and a SHOP PONY peers out.

50 SHOP PONY
What do you want?

51 RARITY
Well, this being a thread shop, and me being a mare who needs gold thread...
(no reaction from the pony)
I thought I might buy some?

The Shop Pony frowns, then shoves a spool of gold thread out through the crack.

52 SHOP PONY
Here. Put the bits in the mail slot.

And the door <SLAMS> shut. Twilight frowns.

53 TWILIGHT
What was that about?

Rarity is magic-ing her bits through the mail slot.

54 RARITY
Haven't a clue. But don't give it another thought.
(MORE)

RARITY (CONT'D)

Today's your big day, we can't waste
it haggling with shop ponies!

The group heads off, but Twilight frowns at the store.

SC. 6 - EXT. STREETS OF CANTERLOT - FRUIT STAND - CONT.

Fluttershy heads for the fruit stand, but stops in her tracks
when she sees...The stand is bare of everything except a few
sad POTATOES.

55 FLUTTERSHY
Oh no! Don't you have ANY berries?

56 FRUIT SELLER
Sorry. Not for awhile. Earth ponies
don't like to travel off their farms
after dark lately.

Twilight hears this and leans in, frowning.

57 TWILIGHT
Why not?

58 FRUIT SELLER
Don't know, your majesty. Seems like
the whole kingdom's on edge lately.
Strange feeling in the air.
(then)
But I got a special on these taters!

The Fruit Seller holds up a potato - hideously sprouting.

59 FLUTTERSHY
Um, no thank you. We'll keep looking.

They turn to go when RAINBOW DASH zooms out of the sky.

60 RAINBOW DASH
Weather for the coronation is sunny
skies! It was weird, though. Not many
pegasi wanted to help me clear clouds.

Twilight frowns - she's starting to get concerned.

61 TWILIGHT
Did they say something about a
"strange feeling" in the air?

Twilight looks around - noticing a few ponies trotting past,
then going inside quickly with <SLAMMED DOORS>. She jumps.

62 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah! Every pony is super-jumpy!

63 SPIKE
Wonder what's going on...

But Rarity reassures them all.

64 RARITY
Don't you see? It's the first change
in royal power in over a millennium!
Of course everypony is a little on
edge - change does that.

Fluttershy puts a reassuring hoof on Twilight's shoulder.

65 FLUTTERSHY
But I'm sure it's not because they're
worried about you.

Rainbow Dash waves a dismissive hoof. Pfff.

66 RAINBOW DASH
How could they be? HOW many times
have you saved their flanks by now?

Twilight smiles to her friends, concern erased.

67 TWILIGHT
I hope you're right. I'll just have
to let everypony know that even with
Celestia and Luna gone, I'll make sure
things stay the same.

Spike strikes a mock-offended pose, then grins--

68 SPIKE
You'll make sure? We got this
together, remember?

Twilight smiles at Spike's movie reference and we DISSOLVE TO

SC. 7 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - SOON

Twilight, Dash, Fluttershy, Rarity and Spike walk into the
Throne Room to find APPLEJACK waiting for them.

69 APPLEJACK
Sorry to tell ya, Twilight, but Big
Mac, Apple Bloom and Granny can't come
to the coronation after all. For some
reason, the whole Apple Family up n'
moved to Sweet Apple Acres! Somethin'
about bein' safer together? Beats me.

Twilight is a little bummed, but she bounces back.

70 TWILIGHT
Then we'll just have to make Ponyville
our first official royal visit, so we
can find out what's going on.

Applejack nods and smiles her gratitude. PINKIE PIE bursts
in, studded in what appears to be thrown cupcakes.

71 PINKIE PIE
Wow. Do NOT go in that kitchen!

72 RAINBOW DASH
What happened? You look like you were
in a cupcake war.

73 PINKIE PIE
(grizzled war veteran)
The stories this frosting could tell.
(then, normal Pinkie)
For some reason, the bakers are
suuuuper grouchy. I tried to cheer
them up, but they wouldn't even talk
to me. I sang a song and everything!

Twilight frowns.

74 TWILIGHT
This is starting to sound like more
than just pre-coronation nerves.
Something's definitely up.

75 FLUTTERSHY
You think we should talk to Princess
Luna and Celestia about it?

76 TWILIGHT
Not yet. They've entrusted us to take
care of Equestria... We should try to
handle this ourselves first.

The throne room doors <BANG> open again, and an exhausted,
banged-up, sagging DISCORD stumbles in.

77 DISCORD
Oh, my aching metatarsals! Y'know, you
forget how convenient snap-travel is.

He immediately sits, rubbing his feet and wincing.

78 SPIKE
Wait. Did you just WALK here?

Discord squirms - could he possibly look...Ashamed?!

79 DISCORD
Yes. And I have a confession to make... You see, I might have made the tiiiiiniest boo boo. All very well-intentioned and noble on my part, of course, but--

80 APPLEJACK
Get to the point, Discord.

Discord tries to act cavalier, waving a paw in a circle.

81 DISCORD
You remember that whole thing with King Sombra? That was *slightly* my fault. And by slightly, I mean...I brought him back.

The ponies and Spike GAPE in horror at this realization.

82 RARITY
You? But why?!

Twilight powers up a shield, ready to go on the defensive against Discord. Discord holds out his paws, placating.

83 DISCORD
It seemed like a good idea at the time! Which is why I also brought back three other villains....Who are now on the loose. And they're not really big fans of yours.

Twilight drops the shield and slumps into her throne, shock overwhelming her.

84 TWILIGHT
Maybe we'd better talk to Princess Celestia and Luna after all.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 8 - INT. CANTERLOT THRONE ROOM - RESUME

A frowning Luna and Celestia have joined the Mane Six and Spike, watching as Pinkie Pie does a giant flash-card presentation to accompany the recap of Discord's doings. He holds the large cards, serving as a makeshift, repentant easel. Hand-drawn cards: 1. Sad Twilight with crown, 2. Sombra, Tirek, Cozy, and Chrysalis, 3. Grogar, 4. Grogar's bell, 5. Tirek, Cozy and Chrysalis holding the bell, 6. A goofy looking Discord running away in fear.

85 PINKIE PIE
Quick recap. You wanted to boost
Twilight's confidence, so you brought
back a bunch of villains, then
pretended to be an OLDER villain named
Grogar, then sent the villains on a
mission to recover the REAL Grogar's
bell, but they tricked you and took
the bell for themselves.

Discord nods, but he has a note on the final card.

86 DISCORD
That's the gist. But I don't really
look that goofy when I run.

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87 FLUTTERSHY
Discord, I don't understand. How
could you do this to Twilight? And us?

*

Discord pleads his case.

88 DISCORD
I MEANT well! Look what a great job
you did defeating Sombra! All the
confidence you gained! Remember the
cheering? The hoof bumps?

But nopony is taking this harder than Twilight. Flat:

89 TWILIGHT
Except it was all a lie.

90 DISCORD
A well-intentioned lie!

Applejack shakes her head.

91 APPLEJACK
For all the time you've spent with us,
you really haven't picked up too much
in the way of friendship lessons, huh?

Discord harrumphs and crosses his arms.

92 DISCORD
Even YOU make the same mistakes over
and over again. I think I get a pass.

Twilight is spiraling. All her confidence and cheer from act
one is gone. She begins to pace.

93 TWILIGHT
You've been setting up challenges for us the whole time, haven't you? None of our successes were actually real.

Discord tries to reassure her.

94 DISCORD
Of course they were! You just had an extremely good-looking safety net.

95 SPIKE
And how was that supposed to HELP again?

96 DISCORD
I intended to build up Twilight's confidence by orchestrating an epic attack at her coronation. After defeating THREE baddies, she'd have the belief in herself that she needed to rule. Consider this...Graduating early! Congratulations!

Celestia steps forward, glaring.

97 CELESTIA
You have made a grave misjudgment, Discord. Do you have anything else you'd like to tell us?

98 DISCORD
Would you like the good news or the bad news?

The assembled ponies and Spike GAPE.

99 LUNA
THAT wasn't the bad news?

100 DISCORD
No. This is: all my chaos magic is... Gone.

It hangs in the air for a moment before--

101 SPIKE
So what's the good news?

102 DISCORD
Chrysalis, Tirek, and Cozy Glow have absorbed all of the real Grogar's magic that was stored in his bell.

Another huge blow to the assembled ponies.

103 RAINBOW DASH
IN WHAT WORLD IS THAT GOOD NEWS?!

104 DISCORD
Compared to me losing my powers,
anything else IS good news.

Celestia scowls and turns to Twilight.

105 CELESTIA
Twilight, how do you think we should
deal with this?

But Twilight has frozen - she looks lost and afraid.
Confidence gone, she's completely vulnerable.

106 TWILIGHT
I...I need some time to think about
this.

107 DISCORD
There isn't any. Look what I overheard
them saying!

Discord snaps his fingers. Nothing happens.

108 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Ugh! Fine. Just use your imagination.

FLASHBACK TO:

SC. 9 - INT. GROGAR'S LAIR - FLASHBACK

A powerless Discord runs away as we hear:

109 CHRYSLIS (REPRINT)
Let the fool go. Without magic, he's
no threat to us. Besides, we have some
plans in motion to pay off...

But Discord doesn't just run off. He ducks into a crag in
the lair/behind a large stone or object, and listens.

110 CHRYSLIS (CONT'D)
Our seeds of disharmony have been
growing. Thanks to moons of our
strategic small attacks, ponies are
turning distrustful. Fear is replacing
friendship!

111 COZY GLOW
The lame six are sooo busy being
perfect, they haven't even noticed!

112 TIREK
Then it is time to take our revenge!
Our tasty, tasty revenge.

He licks his lips and the others <LAUGH EVILLY>.

SC. 10 - INT. CANTERLOT THRONE ROOM - RESUME

The ponies and Spike look on in concern as Discord finishes:

113 DISCORD
They're probably on their way here to
attack Canterlot right now!

114 RARITY
Then we shall be ready to stop them!
Right, Twilight?

But as Rarity turns to her leader-friend for support, we see
that Twilight has gone into full freak-out mode.

115 TWILIGHT
HOW? We're not ready for this!
Stopping Sombra by himself was hard
enough! And that was with lord-of-
chaos-training wheels!

She <GROANS>. Celestia and Luna move to flank her.

116 CELESTIA
Twilight - it doesn't matter if
Discord set up your successes or not.
We believe in you and always have.

117 LUNA
Lean on your strengths to counter your
weaknesses.

Twilight looks around at all her friends, then tries to
muster her resolve back. She's barely holding it together.

118 TWILIGHT
My strengths. Right. Spike!

Spike zips to her side, ready for commands.

119 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Send a letter to Starswirl.

SC. 11 - EXT. PONY ASHRAM - DAY

A meditating STARSWIRL THE BEARDED receives Spike's letter and reads it with concern.

120 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
Tell him we need the Pillars to guard
the border of Canterlot. If the
villains are coming for a fight, we'll
have one waiting for them.

SC. 12 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - SAME TIME

STARLIGHT and TRIxie read Twilight's letter with worry.

121 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
With Chrysalis on the loose, she'll go
after Starlight. The School of
Friendship will be in danger...

122 STARLIGHT
We have to evacuate the students! NOW!

SC. 13 - INT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE THRONE ROOM - SAME TIME

PRINCESS CADANCE and SHINING ARMOR (holding FLURRY HEART)
read the letter, eyes widening. They share a worried look.

123 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
And I'll warn Cadance and Shining
Armor to shield the Crystal Empire.
Tirek, Cozy Glow, and Chrysalis are
about to strike at any moment!

SC. 14 - INT. GROGAR'S LAIR - SAME TIME

But they're really not. In fact, Cozy stands between a
glaring Tirek and Chrysalis, a mediator.

124 COZY GLOW
We're not going anywhere until you two
STOP ARGUING! Chrysalis, say
something nice about Tirek.

125 CHRYSALIS
He's...red.

Tirek's arms are crossed, so Cozy prompts him...

126 COZY GLOW
Tirek?

127 TIREK
She's...Not as annoying as I expected.

128 COZY GLOW
Good! Now we were talking about
Grogar's Bell...

She nods to the Bell, and the argument resumes.

129 CHRYSALIS
We should take the magic inside it!
You know how powerful Discord was.
That much chaos magic in our veins...

130 TIREK
...Would be madness. It's impossible
for any creature other than a
draconequus to control!

Cozy moves to the bell and dimples sweetly. Innocent:

131 COZY GLOW
Golly, I guess if you need a guinea
pig to find out if anypony can use
chaos magic... I'll volunteer.

Chrysalis and Tirek share a look. She nods, he shrugs.

132 TIREK
This should be fun.

Chrysalis levitates the bell, and Tirek blasts it. The bell
glows, and with its special "power release" <BONG>, it BLASTS
COZY with a swirl of CHAOTIC COLORS.

She grows in size and changes in color, her voice suddenly
deeper and louder as is now - CHAOS COZY! She <LAUGHS>.

133 COZY GLOW
(Chaos magic reverb)
FOOLS! Now I have more power than ALL
OF YOU! Kneel before my might!

Magic BLASTS from Cozy's horn - and a rain of RAINBOW COLORED
CHICKENS fall from the sky. Tirek smirks, amused.

134 CHRYSALIS
It's raining hens?

135 TIREK
Hallelujah.

Cozy frowns, then tries again. GIANT EGG BEATERS appear,
whirring toward her. She blasts at them, but to no avail.
Instead, wherever her magic strikes, random things appear - a
galloping end table, pineapples with teeth that snap at
Cozy's hooves, Denny Lu... It's too much!

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136 COZY GLOW
Take it back! TAKE IT BACK!!!

Chrysalis and Tirek aim the bell and power it up again. With the <RING> that signifies it's sucking up magic, Cozy BLURS and changes back to normal alicorn pony. The bell also sucks up ALL THE MAGICAL CHAOS CREATIONS.

137 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
Okay, stop!

Tirek and Chrysalis release their magic. Grogar's Bell stops its power drain. Cozy sags, checks herself out.

Tirek raises an eyebrow to Chrysalis.

138 TIREK
Still think chaos magic is a good idea?

139 CHRYSALIS
Leave it in the bell. We've got a kingdom to conquer.

140 COZY GLOW
Where should we strike first?

141 CHRYSALIS
Everywhere.

And on her wicked smile...

SC. 15 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - SAME TIME

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Twilight IN HER CROWN addresses the rest of the Mane 6, the PALACE GUARDS, Spike, Discord, Luna, and Celestia. She tries to be brave as she rallies the troops.

142 TWILIGHT
We've faced enemies of Equestria before. And we've always succeeded, no matter the odds. That wouldn't be possible without all of you.

143 DISCORD
You're welcome!

Twilight glares. Spike asides to Discord.

144 SPIKE
Dude. Read the room.

Twilight flies, heroic as she gives her St. Crispin's Day speech. Below, ponies are moved.

145 TWILIGHT
So I ask for your help again today, in
what is our biggest battle yet. All
of Equestria is at stake, and I can't
do this alone. But I'm not afraid,
even if the odds seem impossible.
Because with friendship as our armor,
and teamwork as our power, nopony can
ever bring us down!

A sarcastic voice undercuts the heroic moment.

146 COZY GLOW (O.S.)
Oh COME ON.

Twilight turns to see Cozy Glow, hovering in place behind
her, arms crossed and eyes rolling.

147 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
Where'd you get that, a daily
affirmations calendar? Yeesh.

Twilight takes in Cozy's new horn and look.

148 TWILIGHT
Cozy Glow? You're...

149 COZY GLOW
...About to wipe the floor with you.

Cozy grins and shoots a blast of power at Twilight, sending
her tumbling out of the air.

Luna and Rainbow Dash leap into the air to catch her,
lowering her to the ground. Twilight <GROANS>, stunned but
not hurt.

Cozy <LAUGHS>.

150 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
Wow, it's true! Alicorns really DO
have more fun!

And as Cozy begins to blast at the ponies and the Palace
guards rush to attack...The battle is ON!

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 16 - EXT. BORDER OF CANTERLOT - RESUME

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The PILLARS stand ready and noble, on their guard - Starswirl, ROCKHOOF, FLASH MAGNUS, SOMNAMBULA, MAGE MEADOWBROOK, and MISTMANE.

151 ROCKHOOF
Just like old times, eh Starswirl?

152 STARSWIRL
Spread out and stay ready, friends.
Canterlot depends on us!

The Pillars move apart, pegasi taking to the air, Earth ponies the middle, unicorns the edges. They're so determined to cover all the ground in front of them...

They don't see Tirek <bampf> in behind Starswirl.

The centaur takes a massive <BREATH>, and INHALES Starswirl's magic. The bearded wizard pony gives a <CRY>.

The other Pillars whirl in shock and horror.

153 TIREK
Your magic is seasoned with age.
Delicious.

Starswirl crumples to the ground, moving but powerless. He gives a <KEEP ALIVE GROAN>.

Rockhoof is the closest Pillar, and he charges Tirek in fury.

154 ROCKHOOF
No! <BATTLECRY!>

Tirek grins and spins to Rockhoof. The centaur opens his mouth wide and <INHALES>... Drawing in Rockhoof's magic and slowing his charge.

Mistmane tries to blast at Tirek with her magic, but the power simply bounces off his hide as he continues to DRAIN Rockhoof's magic.

As Tirek <EATS> Rockhoof's magic, the huge pony reverts to his formerly magic-less self, small and scrawny.

155 TIREK
Run along, foal. The big stallions
are playing.

Flash Magnus dives at Tirek, shield held out in front of him. But Tirek stands tall and the shield merely <CLANGS> off his chest.

Flash is shocked, but Tirek <ROARS> a laugh and grabs Flash, <INHALING> his energy. Flash goes gray and slumps (eyes open, still alive).

Sonambula dives at Tirek's back, <SLAMMING> into him, making him drop the drained Flash. He staggers, then turns to her and BLASTS her back with a bolt of magic from his horns.

She goes tumbling through the sky and lands with a <JOLT>, still alive, obviously, but stunned.

Mage Meadowbrook slams her MASK ON, and a swarm of FLASH BEES follow her as she points a hoof toward Tirek.

The bees dive stinger-side first toward Tirek. But he summons a shield in front of him that the bees stick in, stinger-side first. Smirking, he sidesteps the shield and leaps toward Meadowbrook, inhaling/draining her magic too. (She is obviously kept alive.)

Rockhoof notices Somnambula standing and readying for another attack, but he weakly calls to her--

156 ROCKHOOF
Somnambula! You're our last hope.
Warn...The princesses...

Somnambula nods and turns to fly, but Tirek has heard this. He <BAMPFS> directly into her path, startling her. With a final INHALE, he absorbs her magic.

157 TIREK
Ahhh. The perfect dessert to a
legendary meal.

PAN OVER the sad wreckage of the once-mighty Pillars, all drained of their magic (though still moving slightly, alive).

SC. 17 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - DAY

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Starlight and Trixie are ushering STUDENTS (including HYPER SONIC, SEA SALT, and RASPBERRY DAZZLE as well as the YOUNG SIX) toward the secret passage door from 817 (where Rarity and Dash exited).

158 STARLIGHT
Stay with your buddy, no running. Just
follow Counselor Trixie. This passage
will get you safely back to Ponyville.

There's a <LOUD CRASH> in an adjacent hall. Starlight moves to peer around the corner, and sees the buffed Chrysalis has smashed through a wall. She aims blasts of power to <SHATTER> windows, as she calls...

159 CHRYSLIS
Starlight, starbright, where's the
pony I want to fight?

Chrysalis <BLAST-SMASHES> a statue and <LAUGHS>.

Starlight turns to Trixie. Earnest, scared:

160 STARLIGHT
Don't stop, no matter what happens.

Trixie waves a hoof like it's nothing.

161 TRIXIE
Nopony does a great and powerful
escape like Trixie.

And then a genuine moment as Trixie hugs Starlight.
Starlight turns to go. Trixie throws down a SMOKE BOMB to
cover the students' escape.

WITH STARLIGHT as she runs around the corner...And stops,
facing Chrysalis. The villain grins evilly.

162 CHRYSLIS
Ah. Just the headmare I want to see.

163 STARLIGHT
You didn't make an appointment.

And Starlight <BLASTS> at Chrysalis! The battle is on!

Chrysalis <RETURNS MAGIC BLASTS> and Starlight <BAMPFS> away
and slowly leads Chrysalis away from where the students are
exiting. *

164 CHRYSLIS
Grrrr. Stay still so I can hurt you!

Starlight leaps and dodges, ripping down a tapestry to hurl
at Chrysalis.

165 STARLIGHT
Oh yeah, real motivating.

Chrysalis incinerates the tapestry with green power,
enraged... Just in time to take one of Starlight's magic
<BLASTS>.

The Changeling Queen reels, then turns back to Starlight, who
now stands in front of a TROPHY CASE that holds several MAGIC
ARTIFACTS - including the S8 TALISMAN OF MIRAGE.

166 CHRYSalIS
You'll pay for that.

Chrysalis <BLASTS> at where Starlight was - shattering the trophy case. Starlight magic-grabs the TALISMAN...

167 STARLIGHT
Put it on my bill.

Starlight <BLASTS> AT CHRYSalIS with a whammy of her power directed through the Changeling artifact.

Chrysalis meets it with her own STREAM of POWER. The two powers hold steady for a moment, and then...

Chrysalis' magic engulfs Starlight and HURLS her backward. Starlight <IMPACTS> hard - still alive - and <GROANS>.

Chrysalis stands over her, smirking, and spins magic OS toward Starlight.

168 CHRYSalIS
There. Now I'll have all eternity to take my revenge on you.

REVEAL - Starlight is in a creepy Changeling cocoon, only her head sticking out. She struggles; can't move. Still defiant:

169 STARLIGHT
Maybe. But you didn't get my students!

Chrysalis rolls her eyes.

170 CHRYSalIS
Who cares about a few grubs? From now on, the only thing THEY'LL need to learn is how to kneel to their new queen!

Chrysalis <LAUGHS VICTORIOUSLY>, and Starlight looks worried.

SC. 18 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - SAME TIME

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With a <YELL> the palace guards RUN to charge Cozy Glow, putting themselves between Twilight/Celestia/Luna and the villain. But Cozy just <LAUGHS> and blasts them with a FREEZING JET OF AIR from her horn, freezing them like statues in place. **NOTE: We DO NOT see Spike, Discord, or the rest of the Mane Six until specified.**

171 COZY GLOW
Awww. Looks like your security system just got knocked out cold.

Furious, the princesses lower their horns.

172 CELESTIA
Stand down, Cozy Glow. NOW.

Cozy pretends to consider this, dimpling cutely.

173 COZY GLOW
Gee, I guess I could. But...No
thanks. I'm having too much FUN!

Cozy sends a <FIREBALL> of magic from her horn toward the princesses. The trio of alicorns put up a shield, but stagger with the impact.

Luna eyes Celestia - they share a sister nod.

174 LUNA
Now, sister.

And the two sisters fly out from opposite sides of the shield, leaving Twilight behind it.

175 TWILIGHT
Wait! What are you...

The sister alicorns cross their horns mid air and send an AWE-INSPIRING BEAM of power toward Cozy Glow. It would absolutely take her out except...

...She suddenly summons GROGAR'S BELL in front of her. With a <RING>, it SUCKS in the blast of power, and keeps sucking, pulling all the magic from Celestia and Luna.

176 CELESTIA / LUNA
<scream>

Twilight gapes in horror.

177 TWILIGHT
NO!

Celestia and Luna flutter to the ground, magic drained. Twilight drops her shield and runs to them.

Above them, Cozy Glow <LAUGHS>.

178 COZY GLOW
<laughter> See, that's the problem
with you magic-users. You're so used
to all your special power, you forget
to use your brains!

ON TWILIGHT - she turns ferociously serious. IT'S ON.

179 TWILIGHT
Not all of us. NOW!

And that's a signal, because Rainbow Dash STREAKS in to blast past Cozy, spinning her around in her speed.

Levitated by Rarity, Pinkie flies near to launch a confetti cannon at Cozy.

180 PINKIE PIE
SURPRISE ATTACK!

The villain <COUGHS> and bats at the confetti, furious.

Fluttershy hovers nearby, a flying Spike and several FIERCE EAGLES with her. She points a hoof.

181 FLUTTERSHY
Fly my pretties!

The Eagles attack. Spike shoots jets of flame. Cozy snarls and <BLASTS> at them, dodging their attacks but missing her own shots.

182 APPLEJACK (O.S.)
I'll hold her still!

Below, Applejack hurls a lasso that snags Cozy in place.

Twilight aims her powered up horn and suddenly...

There's a CONCUSSION OF POWER that sends the Mane Six flying.

REVEAL - Chrysalis and Tirek have appeared. Cozy lands and Tirek smirks at her.

183 TIREK
SOMEpony could use some magic lessons.

Seemingly unseen, Discord sneaks up behind the villains to reach for Grogar's Bell (still levitating behind Cozy)...

And Cozy magic-blasts him over to join Twilight and company.

184 COZY GLOW
(smirk to Tirek)
You were saying?

Meanwhile, the M6 and Spike have formed up around the fallen Celestia and Luna. Twilight slams a shield around them as the three villains face off with them.

185 CHRYsalis
You think your pathetic shield can
stop us? Face it, Twilight. You've
lost.

Twilight holds her shield, bravely standing tall.

186 TWILIGHT
No. You can attack us and we may fall.
But Equestria will still stand. It's
stronger than any one pony - it's all
of us, united together in friendship!
And we won't stop until we defeat you,
no matter how many ponies you take
down.

The speech hangs in the air until there's a <SNORT> from
Tirek...Then the three villains burst out into <LAUGHTER>.

187 DISCORD
Well, I thought it was a good speech.

Dash glares at the trio of villains, furious.

188 RAINBOW DASH
Hey! What's so funny?!

189 TIREK
Didn't you all notice something was
wrong in Equestria? We've been busy.

190 CHRYsalis
A whisper here, a rumor there.

191 TIREK
Destroy some crops. Cause some
trouble.

192 COZY GLOW
Turn pony against pony.

193 CHRYsalis
Until your whole kingdom is on edge,
waiting for just one tiny thing to
push them over the brink.

Cozy grins to the others.

194 COZY GLOW
Golly, I think it's time for some
redecorating!

And with that, she <MAGIC BLASTS> the castle. The other villains join in, DESTROYING Canterlot Castle (or as much of it as makes sense for production).

The M6, Discord, and Spike gape in horror/shock.

Ponies run from the castle in terror, <YELLING>. The palace guards un-freeze and stampede away in fear.

195 CHRYSLIS
You know what's stronger than
friendship, Twilight? Fear.

Chrysalis <SHATTERS> Twilight's shield.

196 TIREK
Because when you have to protect
yourself, you don't have time for
anypony else.

Tirek makes a grabbing gesture, and "force pulls" Twilight toward the villains, away from her friends.

Determined, she slams up another shield. Chrysalis <SHATTERS> it again.

197 COZY GLOW
Too bad you never taught THAT in
school.

And as one, the three villains train their power on Twilight and FIRE...

But the M6 have one last trick up their proverbial sleeves. Rarity magic-levitates a chunk of castle in front of Twilight, taking the force of the magic.

198 RARITY
Go, Twilight. Get help!

199 APPLEJACK
We'll hold 'em til you get back.

200 TWILIGHT
NO! I can't leave you here!

201 FLUTTERSHY
It's our only chance.

202 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah! You'll come up with something
to save the day!

203 PINKIE PIE
You always do.

204 SPIKE
We believe in you.

It's a deep crisis moment of the soul for Twilight.

205 TWILIGHT
But... I don't believe in me!

The castle wall <SHATTERS> under the villains' power.
Discord shoves Twilight away from the blast.

206 DISCORD
Save the existential crisis for the
credits. NOW GO!

Faced with no other choice, seeing her friends nod and the
villains aim again... Twilight <BAMPFS> away.

And as the villains' <LAUGH MANIACALLY> and their magic FILLS
SCREEN... **END PART ONE**