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

“Are you SURE you got the translation right this time?” CHRYSALIS archly asks TIREK, as he reads from the magic book the trio stole back in 917. “It’s a very difficult dialect,” Tirek huffs, “and there’s no guarantee this spell will even work!” He gestures to the BEWITCHING BELL, aka “Grogar’s Bell,” recovered by the villains in 909 (unknown to Grogar himself). Theoretically the bell is a well of magic – it can be used to steal another creature’s power, or give the stored power to whoever wields it. Hearing that, COZY GLOW volunteers to be the guinea pig for their test. Chrysalis tells her that’s a nice try – with no magic, the Pegasus has nothing to lose and everything to gain. “Golly, I never thought of that!” Cozy says, wide-eyed. Tirek tells her to save it – they know her too well to fall for her “pony-next-door” tricks. Cozy grins – she had to try, right?

“Our pact stands,” Chrysalis reminds the others. What they do, they do together, until they’ve managed to overthrow Starlight and her friends... “I’m in it for Twilight,” Cozy peeps up. “FINE,” Chrysalis amends, “Starlight, Twilight and her friends.” Tirek chimes in – “and Celestia and Luna.” Chrysalis rolls her eyes – the point is, once the ponies of Equestria are defeated, the villains will take over and carve out their own kingdoms. “Add an ice cream break, and it’s the perfect to do list,” Cozy smiles wickedly.

Holding “hooves” or otherwise all being in contact with one another, the three villains surround the bell. Tirek chants a spell from the book and Chrysalis hits the bell with a whammy of magic. The bell tolls and a wave of magic washes out from it, soaking into the trio, powering them up. (This is will be their form for the rest of the episode.) Now each looks even more sinister – perhaps bat wings on Tirek, Chrysalis growing more spikes or getting bigger, and Cozy leveling up Nightmare Moon style, getting a horn and scary alicorn make over. As each revels in their new super-villain level of power and all the damage they’ll be able to do...

END TEASER**ACT ONE****SC. 2 - INT. GROGAR'S LAIR - DAY**

GROGAR returns to his lair, carrying a replica of the Bewitching Bell we saw earlier (except this one is a slightly different shade so as to tell the two apart). Annoyed, he growls into the seemingly-empty lair that break time is over – time for his associates to prove less useless than they have been in the past. Now, Grogar is ready to finish

Twilight and her friends once and for all... “Which is why I have returned with the Bewitching Bell you three were supposed to have fetched for me.”

“That’s not the Bewitching Bell,” Chrysalis says (shape-shifted to look like her old self), “because we have **THAT** right here.” She holds up the **REAL** bell, the one they used in the teaser. For once, Grogar is surprised, and gapes before quickly covering, “Then...This must be a fake. Why didn’t you tell me?!” “Cause we’re villains, duh.” Cozy says, stepping out of the shadows with Tirek, revealing their new powered-up forms. Grogar starts to power up magic but too late – Chrysalis points the bell at Grogar. With an eerie **TOLL**, magic crackles toward him and **DRAINS** all of his power **BACK INTO** the bell. We only see in shadow on the wall as Grogar’s image wavers into a different form (Discord’s—but we’re not revealing that fully yet), and then scrambles away.

The villains share a surprised look – “That was unexpected,” Tirek says. “Should we follow him?!” Cozy demands. Chrysalis says to let him go – without magic, he’s no threat to them now.

SC. 3 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - DAY

ESTABLISHING – it’s a beautiful day, and coronation banners have been hung/decorations are in place for the upcoming ceremony.

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

PRINCESS LUNA and PRINCESS CELESTIA fondly look at something OS. “Doesn’t she look so adorably regal up there?” Celestia says. “Our little Twilight, all grown up,” Luna smiles.

REVEAL: TWILIGHT SPARKLE now sits on Celestia’s throne (Luna’s has been removed and Celestia’s has been retooled to fit/match Twilight’s aesthetic). SPIKE fits an exuberant Twilight with her crown. “You freaking out yet?” Spike asks. “About what?” Twilight asks. Spike shrugs – it’s just not every day that the princesses that have ruled Equestria for hundreds of moons retire and pass their throne and all their responsibilities to you and your friends. Twilight smirks – oh, **THAT**. Actually, no. She’s feeling really good. After all she and her friends have accomplished, she’s confident they’re up for the task of ruling, and that they won’t let down all the ponies who trust they’ll keep Equestria safe. There’s nothing they can’t do together – and Twilight takes the moment to thank Spike for everything – he has been a huge help in her journey, from foal to now. Spike blushes, enjoying the compliment, and reassures Twilight that he’ll always be her right-hoof dragon.

“I was hoping you’d say that,” Twilight says with a twinkle in her eye, “because we have some royal errands to run!”

SC. 5 - EXT. STREETS OF CANTERLOT – SOON

RARITY and FLUTTERSHY accompany Twilight and Spike through the streets to tend to some last-minute pre-coronation details. Rarity is looking for the perfect accents for Twilight's ceremony gown, and Fluttershy has promised the castle birds their favorite berries for their help in hanging the palace decorations. Oddly, it seems there are more unicorns out than other ponies, but they're polite to Twilight, telling her they're looking forward to the coronation, and wishing her the best.

SC. 6 - EXT. STREETS OF CANTERLOT – THREAD STORE – CONT.

Rarity leads them to a small shop, the BEST place for gold thread in all of Equestria and beyond. But when she reaches the shop, she's surprised to find a UNICORN SHOPKEEPER. "Where's Gilded Lily?" She asks. The unicorn snorts – that pegasus doesn't work here any more. Rarity is upset – whyever not? That pegasus had the keenest eye for quality thread she's ever seen. The unicorn says that one needs a horn to truly understand the intricacies of sewing – otherwise what do you use, hooves? She laughs. Rubbed the wrong way, Rarity declares she will take her business elsewhere.

Twilight notes that was weird, but Rarity doesn't want to spend another minute on it – this is Twilight's big day, they can't waste it arguing with shop ponies. Perhaps they should follow up on Fluttershy's errand instead.

SC. 7 - EXT. STREETS OF CANTERLOT – FRUIT STAND – CONT.

Fluttershy approaches a produce stand, but is surprised to find that there aren't any fruits or vegetables on sale, except some sad looking onions and kale. She asks the UNICORN FRUIT SELLER for berries, and the seller rudely says that the Earth ponies have been lazy in their farming lately. They only send their worst produce to Canterlot now. Can she interest Fluttershy in some cheese or knitted pot holders instead? Fluttershy passes – she'll find some berries someplace else. "Good luck," the seller laughs harshly.

Twilight frowns – there is DEFINITELY something off about these shopkeepers today. In a rush of wings, RAINBOW DASH lands nearby (much to the annoyance of nearby unicorns – "what does she think this is, Cloudsdale?") happy to report sunny skies ahead for the festival, but adding that the pegasi she talked to were really weird about it. "They wanted to rain on this place for a whole moon!" Twilight thinks that maybe they'd better address the local representatives for all three types of pony – "it's probably just Celestia and Luna's retirement putting everypony on edge – change does that. We'll make sure that everypony knows things will stay the same." It's nothing they can't handle together.

SC. 8 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE – SOON

But the weirdness keeps on coming. APPLEJACK sadly informs Twilight that Big Mac, Apple Bloom, and Granny Smith won't be able to make it to the coronation after all. "It's the strangest thing! All the Apple Family has decided to move to Sweet Apple Acres!" Granny has her hooves full making sure everypony has a place to sleep. Twilight says she'll miss them, but she'll make sure their first royal stop is the farm to catch AJ's family up on everything. PINKIE PIE bounds in with weird news of her own. She's been overseeing the castle baking for the coronation, and Batter Wings and Umami Palate won't speak to each other, OR her! It's suuuuper-weird. They were best friends when they helped Pinkie plan the Festival of the Two Sisters. Now, she can't even get them to look at each other, no matter what- "I sang a song and EVERYTHING!" But Umami says unicorns don't take directions from Earth Ponies, and Batter said pegasi are above both unicorns and earth ponies for a reason, and... Twilight says she'll talk to them – it's probably just nerves over all the coronation planning and wanting to get things right.

But the others aren't so sure – there seems to be an awful lot of strange things happening with ponies lately. Maybe they had better talk to Celestia and Luna? Twilight says no and reminds them that it's THEIR job to take care of all the troubles of Equestria together. This is just a hiccup – nothing to worry the princesses about...

Just then, DISCORD stumbles in, exhausted, banged up, and seriously footsore. "Did you just WALK here?" Spike asks, agape. Discord nods – and he has a confession to make. He might have made the tiniest boo boo. But it was all very well intentioned and... "Get to the point, Discord," Applejack says. The Draconequus sighs and blurts it out. "You guys remember that whole thing with King Sombra coming back? Yeah that was kinda my fault. I brought the villain back and... he's not the only one..." The ponies reel at this reveal. "Maybe we'd better get Princess Celestia and Luna after all." Twilight says weakly.

END ACT ONE**ACT TWO****SC. 9 - INT. CANTERLOT THRONE ROOM – RESUME**

With Luna and Celestia now attending, Pinkie Pie does an all-in-one-breath recap of Discord's confession a la: "So... you wanted to bolster Twilight's confidence so you resurrected all our old villains and pretended to be an even older villain named Grogar and then sent the villains on a mission to recover the older villain's bell but they tricked you and took the bell for themselves and now are coming here to use it on us?" Discord admits that's the gist. But he meant well. Look at what a great job they did against Sombra! "Except it was a lie," Twilight says, very disheartened. "A well-meaning lie!" Discord corrects. AJ observes that despite hanging out with them, he hasn't picked up much in the way of friendship lessons. Twilight's doubt

blooms again as she realizes everything her friends have accomplished together in getting ready to take over Equestria was a sham – none of their successes were truly earned. “Of course they were!” Discord says, “you just had an extremely good-looking safety net.”

“Do you have anything else to say?” Celestia asks. Discord nods, then asks if they want the good news or the bad news. “That wasn’t the bad news?” Luna says, bracing for it. “All my chaos magic is gone.” “Well, what’s the good news?” Pinkie asks. “Chrysalis, Tirek and Cozy Glow have absorbed all of the real Grogar’s magic, that was stored in his bell,” Discord says. “IN WHAT WORLD IS THAT GOOD NEWS?!” Dash asks. Discord explains that compared to him losing his powers, everything else IS good news.

Twilight is almost frozen now – with the biggest crisis she’s faced and zero confidence, she’s not even sure where to start. “I need some time to think about this...” But there isn’t any time. Discord informs the assembled ponies that the trio of villains will be marching to attack Canterlot any moment. That only freaks Twilight more. But Celestia and Luna tell her that they KNOW she has this – it wasn’t the events of the season that made them choose her, it was everything she’s done. Looking to her friends and knowing they’ll be with her even when SHE feels weak, Twilight shoves down her panic and tries to work through things. She tells Spike to send messages of warning – the villains will have a fight waiting for them when they show up.

SC. 10 - EXT. PONY ASHRAM - STARSWIRL THE BEARDED receives Spike’s letter (Twilight in VO asking him to summon the Pillars and guard the outskirts of Canterlot).

SC. 11 - INT. TWILIGHT’S SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - STARLIGHT receives Spike’s letter and Twilight’s message to protect the students. Starlight yells to TRIXIE (who doesn’t speak) that they need to evacuate the school immediately.

SC. 12 - INT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE – PRINCESS CADANCE receives Twilight’s letter, with Twilight asking her to guard against a possible attack. The villains are on the move!

SC. 13 - INT. GROGAR’S LAIR – SAME TIME

Only, they’re not, really. They’re eying the bell in an argument that has clearly been going on awhile. “I say we take the power!” Chrysalis opines. Tirek says it’s folly. The magic in that bell belongs to the Lord of Chaos. He’s not sure if they will be able to control it. But it is very tempting. Imagine how powerful they’d be if they had it as well as what they’ve already absorbed from Grogar. “Golly, I guess if you really need a guinea pig, I can volunteer,” Cozy says sweetly.

So Chrysalis and Tirek activate the bell and Cozy is blasted with an odd-looking dose

of Chaos Magic. It makes her even BIGGER, her voice gaining reverb. “FOOLS!” Cozy booms, “now I have more power than all of you! Behold my might!” She shoots magic from her horn... And chocolate rain begins to fall. She tries again, this time, summoning giant egg beaters. Then pig-plum hybrids that run around squealing. It’s too much. “Take it back, take it back!” She yells. Chrysalis and Tirek suck the magic back into the bell and Cozy is back to her regular (scary alicorn) self (she yells for them to stop in time). Now that it’s been settled that the chaos magic is staying in the bell, they’ve got a kingdom to conquer...

SC. 14 - INT. CANTERLOT THRONE ROOM – SOON

Twilight and her friends stand ready, waiting for the coming attack, flanked by Luna and Celestia on either side, a few Castle Guards behind them. Twilight begins a St. Crispin’s Day speech—but she’s interrupted by her own guards (a unicorn, a pegasus, and an earth pony) who start to argue in a petty racial disagreement over which kind of pony is best suited for this situation and which isn’t.

Before TS can set them straight, Cozy Glow BAMPFS in (with the bell), blasting a stunned Twilight sprawling. “Wow, it’s true! Alicorns really DO have more fun!” The battle is on!

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 15 - EXT. BORDER OF CANTERLOT - RESUME

The PILLARS stand ready, holding the line at the border of Canterlot. Suddenly, Tirek appears behind them, taking a massive breath in...sucking out Starswirl’s magic before the others can react. As Starswirl crumples, the rest of the Pillars turn to charge Tirek, but it’s a fast rout. Tirek is too powerful, and easily sucks the magic from the others. SONAMBULA, MISTMANE and MAGE MEADOWBROOK all fall. ROCKHOOF charges, but as his strength is drained he slows to a crawl, still trying to get to Tirek, but hardly able to move. FLASH MAGNUS flies to warn the Princesses, but Tirek pulls him from the sky with a lasso of pure power. “The perfect dessert to a legendary meal,” Tirek laughs.

SC. 16 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE’S SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP – SAME TIME

Starlight is ushering students (including the Y6 and the students that appear in part 2) into a secret passage that leads out of the school. She tells them that Trixie will meet them outside and take them to safety. Then, a loud <BOOM> shakes the school.

Starlight peers down a hallway to see Chrysalis has arrived, and she’s lobbing bolts of destructive magic through the school, smashing statues and breaking windows. “STARLIGHT GLIMMER! Come out and play!” She yells, then laughs evilly.

Starlight sees Chrysalis is heading for the line of escaping students (which she'll see as soon as she turns a corner). Starlight grabs OCELLUS out of the line and tells her to oversee the rest of the evacuation. "Don't stop no matter what happens." Ocellus nods, scared but determined.

Starlight runs to meet Chrysalis, making a scene to lead her away from the students. The two exchange bouts of magic. Starlight is strong, but Chrysalis, with her Grogar-power-up, is far stronger. After an impressive show down, Chrysalis traps Starlight in a globe of power and laughs wickedly. "Now I'll have all eternity to take my revenge on you." "Maybe, but you didn't get the students," Starlight says. "Who cares about some young grubs," Chrysalis sniffs. When she rules Equestria, the only thing ponies will need to learn is how to kneel to their new Queen! She laughs horribly.

SC. 17 - INT. CANTERLOT THRONE ROOM – SAME TIME

The palace guards charge to attack, but Cozy Glow blocks them with a shield wall that holds them in place. Cozy easily dodges the magic attacks lobbed at her. "Gee, it kinda doesn't matter what kind of pony you are, does it?" She simpers, before pointing Grogar's Bell at Princess Celestia and Princess Luna. The sisters scream as their magic is drained away.

Together, the Mane Six rush Cozy – and then suddenly Chrysalis and Tirek appear. The three villains blast magic at Twilight and her friends! Twilight barely slams up a shield in time, and her friends and she are thrown by the magic blast. Twilight's now terrified, but she won't give up! As her friends form up around her, Twilight holds her shield, bravely standing up to the villains. "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 together, united in friendship! And it won't stop until it defeats you, no matter how many ponies you take down!"

But instead of being threatened, the trio of villains laugh. "What's so funny?!" an incensed Rainbow Dash asks. Tirek grins, "Didn't you notice, Twilight? Your ponies aren't working together anymore." Chrysalis nods, "unicorns hating pegasi, Earth ponies hating all of them..." "And the three of us making sure that they blame all of your failures here on each other," Cozy laughs. Twilight looks over at her own guards, still bickering, blaming each other for their defeat. Outside the Castle, ponies of the different races argue in the street as pegasi and earth ponies leave the city.

"We did that," Tirek smirks. "You're welcome," Chrysalis adds. "You know what's stronger than friendship?" Cozy grins. "US." Devastated, Twilight drops her shield. As the villains train their collective powers on her, the rest of the Mane Six jump in the way, urging her to escape. She needs to bring Equestria back together. She's the only one who can. With no other option, Twilight BAMFS away as the villains laugh maniacally at her retreat and we... **END PART ONE**