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Logline: *A villainous alliance unleashes their unified might on Equestria.*

In the wake of 917, CHRYSALIS, COZY GLOW, and TIREK are feeling pretty good about their unified evil plan. GROGAR returns from “personal business” and proclaims that it is time to finish Twilight and her friends once and for all. Which is why he has returned with the BELL he tasked the villains with retrieving. The trio of baddies inform Grogar he can’t have the bell, because they have it right here! Grogar is, for once, surprised. “Why didn’t you tell me?!” He snarls. “Cause we’re villains, duh,” Cozy informs him, as the trio ZAPS him with the bell and drains him of all his power, revealing... DISCORD. (A reveal we’ll hold from the audience until later). Discord races off while the villains reel with the surprise.

Meanwhile, in Canterlot, preparations are underway for the royal coronation/retirement ceremony. TWILIGHT SPARKLE is exuberant and filled with confidence. Everything is going great, and after a whole season of successes, she’s sure she and the other MANE SIXers are ready to rule Equestria. CELESTIA and LUNA look on proudly - Twilight is so adorably regal on her throne. But despite the general joy, odd things are happening around the nation. Pegasi are abandoning ground cities to move to Cloudsdale. Meanwhile it seems there are even MORE unicorns in Canterlot than usual, and they’re becoming rather snide to other non-horned ponies. Friends of different pony types are arguing, and APPLEJACK reports that all the Apples have moved onto the family farm in Ponyville. It’s almost a Discord-level of chaos. And speaking of Discord...

The Draconequus 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. See, it seemed like a good idea at the time, but... The Mane Six get him to the point, and Discord admits his whole plan to bolster Twilight’s confidence by pitting her against villains he sent at her. And it worked great! Until the villains kind of...Stole his power and overthrew Grogar. All gathered reel at the revelation that Discord is the “big bad,” but Twilight takes it incredibly hard. All her accomplishments, confidence gained, preparation for ruling was a LIE! But there’s no time to stew on that now, because Discord is sure the other villains are headed their way. Twilight shoves down her panic and tries to work through things, calling out orders and making a plan. Spike sends a scroll to STARSWIRL and STARLIGHT – warning them of the oncoming danger and telling Starlight to evacuate the school.

Meanwhile, Cozy Glow, Chrysalis and Tirek debate about absorbing Discord’s power from the bell. Cozy volunteers to be the guinea pig (she’s thinking it’ll give her an edge over the others), but the magic of the Lord of Chaos is too random to do anything but make it rain chocolate with floating pig-persimmon hybrids. “Get it off, get it off!” Cozy yells. And the trio reabsorbs the magic into the bell. And with that, they decide it’s time to pay Twilight and her friends a visit.

The villains attack! Tirek goes after the Pillars, sucking Starswirl's magic up. Chrysalis attacks the school and has her much-desired Starlight showdown as the students escape. And Cozy Glow hits Canterlot, sucking the Princesses' power away with the bell and neutralizing all threats. Tirek and Chrysalis join her. Twilight is now terrified, but **STILL** trying to save the day. The Mane Six make their stand and proclaim that all of Equestria will come together to stop the villains, no matter how many ponies they take down. But the villains laugh – didn't Twilight notice? The ponies aren't working together anymore. Sure enough, snow begins to fall as the *WINDIGOES* whirl outside. The pegasi, unicorns and earth ponies have been segregating themselves. "We did that," Tirek smirks. "You're welcome." Chrysalis adds. "You know what's stronger than friendship?" Cozy grins, "US."

The Mane Six dodge the villains' attack and hide using the throne room defenses. They turn to Twilight – what should they do now? But for once, Twilight doesn't have an answer – everything she's achieved is meaningless. The villains close in on the M6 and Spike – there's nowhere to hide! They turn the bell on Twilight to suck her power away – and Rarity leaps in front of her and takes the hit. The other M6 tell Twilight to get away – she's their only hope! Torn, broken and facing the bell, Twilight does as she's told, and **TELEPORTS AWAY**. And the villains' laughter blends with the howls of the Windigoes outside.

END PART ONE.