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TEASER**RECAP OF PART ONE****ACT ONE****SC. 1 - INT. CAVERNS BENEATH CANTERLOT – DAY**

Chrysalis, Tirek and Cozy Glow bask in their triumph. Equestria is in shambles and (almost) all of their enemies are trapped in the gem filled caverns beneath Canterlot (the same caverns where Chrysalis imprisoned the real Cadance in the Season 2 finale). The villains have fashioned several “cells” (actually caves with stalactites and stalagmites as “bars”) for their “guests”. Most cells are occupied by two prisoners: Celestia and Luna, Rarity and Applejack, Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash, Pinkie Pie and Spike. The weakened/unconscious Pillars are similarly locked up along with various other guards, etc. Starlight has her own cell, set apart from the others for Chrysalis’ amusement. Each cave/cell has a black shard of rock implanted above it, pieces of Chrysalis magic-cancelling throne. Chrysalis enjoys the irony: Pieces of her own throne, used as “security” to protect Canterlot (from episode 200) now prevent any of the heroes from using magic against them (she also illustrates that the shards have a limited “range” which still allows her, Tirek and Cozy Glow to wield their magic as long as they keep their distance from the cells. Chrysalis holds up Grogar’s Bell (the villains refuse to leave it anywhere since none of them trust each other) and admires it. “And to think we have YOU to thank for all of this... *Grogar.*” she says, revealing Discord chained to a wall next to the cells. The villains didn’t even bother locking the broken, de-powered Draconequus in a cave, with his chaos powers trapped in Grogar’s bell, he’s no threat.

The ponies try to formulate a plan. They need to escape and help Twilight, she’s sure to have figured out how to stop the villains and save Equestria, they just need to get to her. But things aren’t looking good. There’s no way for them to get past the magical shards from Chrysalis’ throne. Discord apologizes to them all. He is (for once) genuinely and truly sorry about what he did. He may have had the best intentions, but he really messed up big time. He promises he’ll come up with a way to make it up to them. “That’s gonna have to be a pretty EPIC make up.” Rainbow Dash mutters.

Meanwhile, the villains debate what to do with the prisoners, each of them has a different fate in mind. The disagreement about the prisoners quickly escalates into a bigger fight about what to do with Equestria. It becomes apparent that the temporary “truce” the villains had when they shared a common enemy is unravelling. As the villains argue, another voice interjects, Discord. He may be powerless, but his ability to be annoying is definitely still intact. The ponies watch,

unsure what he's up to as he insults, berates and otherwise infuriates the villains. Finally, fed up, Tirek blasts Discord with a beam of magic. Discord holds up a large gem which refracts the blast all over the cavern. There's an explosion and as the smoke clears, everypony watches anxiously, but the caves (and the shards) are still intact. "HA! You MISSED!" Cozy Glow announces. "He wasn't aiming at THEM." A voice says. They all turn to see that the shard above Starlight's cave has shattered. The villains blast her with magic, but she teleports quickly away, re-appearing a "safe" distance from the others. "Go find Twilight" Applejack orders her. But Starlight shakes her head, "She's going to need all of you," and with that, she uses a whammy of a spell that shatters the "bars" of the prison. Celestia and Luna leap free and yell at the ponies to get moving. Rainbow Dash tells Discord that as far as make-ups go, this was a good one. Discord, Starlight and the princesses leap into action, keeping the villains busy long enough for the ponies and Spike to escape.

SC. 2 - EXT. CANTERLOT CITY STREETS - CONTINUOUS

The ponies and Spike rush out of the castle and onto the busy streets of Canterlot...where they realize that now there are ONLY unicorns everywhere. They learn that all the earth ponies and pegasi have left (or been asked to leave) and the unicorns are using Celestia's School of Magic as some kind of "magical headquarters". It seems even in the time they've been imprisoned things have gotten even WORSE. Several unicorns eye Applejack, Pinkie Pie, Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash warily and whisper to each other. The ponies decide it's best to get out as quickly as possible and hurry to The Friendship Express so they can get back to Ponyville and find Twilight!

SC. 3 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

But Ponyville is just as bad! Earth ponies fill the streets as the ponies and Spike push through looking for a familiar face. Finally, Applebloom, Big Mac and Granny Smith find them and explain that after the entire Apple family came to the farm, even MORE earth ponies started showing up saying they aren't safe anywhere. Apparently, they really believe unicorns and pegasi are out to get them. Rainbow Dash is incredulous, "What do they think pegasi want to do to them?" As if in answer heavy clouds block out the sky and a thick layer of fog blankets the town. Apple Bloom explains that the pegasi have been blocking ponies' views of Cloudsdale, saying ponies on the ground can't be trusted. Somepony accuses Rainbow Dash of being a spy and asks what the pegasi are hiding. Applejack steps in and spouts some common sense, making the out-of-town ponies realize how silly they are being. But even so, tensions are running high. Granny Smith sadly wonders what has happened to Equestria. Applejack says all that matters now is fixing it...and to do that they need to find Twilight.

SC. 4 - EXT. SEARCH FOR TWILIGHT MONTAGE

In a series of quick cuts, we see that Twilight isn't anywhere the ponies would expect. She's not in the castle, or the school, or the castle of the two sisters, or down by the remains of the Tree of Harmony.

SC. 5 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – LATER

The ponies are at a loss. They have no idea where Twilight is or why she hasn't left them some kind of message. As they wrack their heads, Spike looks around at the Apple Family gathered together, finding comfort in each other. Spike turns to the others and tells them he knows Twilight better than anypony. With things as bad as they are he knows exactly where she would have gone.

SC. 6 - EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE – LATER

The streets of the Crystal Empire are largely deserted. Even here, the different breeds of pony have all split up to be with their own. Fluttershy asks Spike if he's sure about this. Spike nods his head, he's never been surer. He tells them to follow him to the castle.

SC. 7 - EXT. CRYSTAL CASTLE – CONTINUOUS

Cadance and Shining Armor greet them with Flurryheart. They look grim. "She upstairs." Shining Armor says nodding his head towards the top of a high tower. "It's not good."

SC. 8 - INT. TWILIGHT'S ROOM/CRYSTAL CASTLE – CONTINUOUS

Spike and the ponies burst into the room. Books are thrown around piled on each other, a blackboard has spells, etc. written and then scribbled over. It's a mess. And at the center of the mess, looking absolutely defeated and alone... is Twilight Sparkle.

ACT TWO**SC. 9 - INT. TWILIGHT'S ROOM/CRYSTAL CASTLE – RESUME**

Twilight is surprised to see them and relieved they are safe. She asks about the princesses, but the ponies explain that the princesses fought the villains so that they could escape and find Twilight. Twilight turns away from them, saying that the princesses made a huge mistake, everypony did. Twilight has been trying to come up with some brilliant plan to defeat them but is coming up blank. And even if she DID find an ancient spell to cancel out Grogar's bell, that still doesn't change the fact that all of Equestria is falling apart around them! She is the last person that's going to be able to save Equestria. Rainbow Dash starts in on the "We've saved Equestria

countless times before” speech but Twilight cuts her off. NOTHING that they’ve done has mattered. At all. Applejack argues but Twilight, frustrated, lays out exactly how little they’ve accomplished. Chrysalis? Returned. Sombra? Returned and destroyed the Tree of Harmony. Tirek? Free. Cozy Glow? Free. School of Friendship? Closed down. All of their “amazing accomplishments” amounted to nothing. Chrysalis was right, it really was too easy for them to undo ANY good the ponies have accomplished. Pinkie Pie tries to comfort Twilight, things may look bad, but they’re sure to turn around soon! A piercing howl cuts her off. They rush to the window. Snow begins to fall as, up in the sky, the ghostly forms of the WINDIGOS appear. (PRODUCTION NOTE: we will only see snow falling in little flurries, no need to redo backgrounds to cover the ground).

SC. 10 - EXT. VARIOUS LOCATIONS – CONTINUOUS

All over Equestria we see ponies and creatures staring up into the sky (IMPORTANT NOTE: in each location we will focus on at least one YOUNG character, a student from the School of Friendship).

- In Canterlot the unicorns in Celestia’s School argue about what to do. A young BG unicorn from the school (pink with purple braided mane, RASPBERRY DAZZLE) enters and clears her throat.
- Earth Ponies in Ponyville watch the Windigos in fear. An older pony yells that it’s the pegasi’s fault. Sandbar and a BG earth pony from the school (green with curly orange mane, we’ll call him SEA SALT) share a worried look.
- In Cloudsdale the pegasi at the weather factory are buffeted back by the winds, saying it’s “Unicorn magic” A group of young pegasi (including a BG pegasi from the school with a brown spiky mane we will call HYPER) watch on with concern.
- In quick cuts we see Yakyakistan, the Dragonlands, the Changeling kingdom, Griffonstone and even Mt. Aris. The adults watch the churning skies with worry and concern, YONA, SMOLDER, OCELUS, GALLUS and SILVERSTREAM standing next to them.

SC. 11 - INT. TWILIGHT’S ROOM/CRYSTAL CASTLE – CONTINUOUS

Twilight is stunned. The Windigos are circling Equestria and it’s all her fault. Rarity corrects her, it’s Chrysalis, Tirek and Cozy Glow’s fault. Twilight shrugs. Same thing. Applejack says it’s not, and proceeds to give Twilight a “hard truth” speech. Yes, bad things happen. Some problems return, some never go away. But that’s how life is. Nothing is ever going to be perfect. There’s never going to be a time when Harmony wins out and there are no more threats. That doesn’t mean you don’t keep trying. Twilight admits what’s really bothering her. Ever since Celestia told her she’d be taking over ruling Equestria she’s been slowly gaining confidence, feeling like she really could handle everything. But now, it feels like it was all a lie. While she thought she was improving, everything was actually building to the disaster they’re

currently in. She's afraid she can't do anything to stop it. Fluttershy chimes in, saying of all of them, she probably knows the most about being afraid, but she's less afraid when they're together. Twilight reminds them that she's come up with nothing as far as how to solve the situation and with the Elements of Harmony gone there will be no rainbow lasers to save the day. They are most likely going to be walking into certain doom. "But we're walking into certain doom together!" Rainbow Dash reminds her. Pinkie says she's never thrown an end of the world party before but if this is it, there's no one she'd rather have on her invite list. Twilight thanks her friends. Sometimes even the Princess of Friendship needs a reminder that there's more to the Magic of Friendship than shooting beams of light out of your eyes. She tells them it's time to go back to Canterlot and do what they can to set things right.

SC. 12 - INT. CANTERLOT THRONE ROOM – LATER

The villains stand on the balcony watching the Windigos. Cozy isn't thrilled with the drop in weather and wants to use the power of the Bell against them, but Chrysalis disagrees. In fact, she thinks this could work out well for her. "Us" Tirek corrects her. "Yes of course" she says, quickly continuing her thought. Let the harsh weather further divide the ponies. Once Equestria is a frozen wasteland they can use the Bell's magic to push the Windigos back and be seen as saviors. The ponies will do whatever she says as long as she keeps things warm. Tirek disagrees and the two of them seem like they're about to duke it out on the balcony when Cozy asks what they are going to do about Twilight and her friends? Chrysalis laughs. Who cares? They're no threat to the three of them wherever they are. Cozy points to the fields outside of Canterlot. They're right there. Magic sparkles dangerously around Chrysalis, she says it's time to end this once and for all.

SC. 13 - EXT. HILLS OUTSIDE OF CANTERLOT – CONTINUOUS

Epic hero shot of the six ponies and Spike standing all alone in a field. This is it. There's a magical <FLASH> and suddenly Tirek, Chrysalis and Cozy Glow are standing across the field. It's a magical high noon with Windigos circling overhead. Spike looks up to Twilight, "What now?" On Twilight's unsure expression we..... ACT OUT

ACT THREE

SC. 14 - EXT. HILLS OUTSIDE OF CANTERLOT – RESUME

Resume on the High Noon showdown. Chrysalis mocks Twilight, what does she think she's going to do here? The villains are more powerful, the ponies of Equestria are all at each other's throats. Game. Set. Match. Chrysalis says they beat Twilight before she even knew there was a threat. She's lost. Twilight says that the only way to lose is to stop trying. As long as she has her friends by her side there's always a chance to set things right. Cozy rolls her eyes, "Ugh, save it for a greeting card." Tirek

grins and says that in the history books, THIS will be known as the end of Twilight Sparkle and her friends. The villains <BLAST> Twilight and the others....

A giant magical shield blocks the blast. “Wow. Nice job, Twilight” Applejack says, relieved. “It wasn’t me” Twilight says. They look and see unicorns pouring out of Canterlot, horns glowing with magic. There’s a rumble of thunder and a few lightning bolts strike the ground near the villains. Above them pegasi stand on clouds watching them closely. A large group of Earth Ponies (led by the Apple Family and assembled Ponyville extras) bring up the rear. Applejack asked how the others knew where to find them. “Uh, bad guys trying’ to take over the world? Where else would y’all be?” Apple Bloom replies.

Angry, the villains AMP their power up, saying they are still MORE than powerful enough to subdue a bunch of ponies. “NOT JUST PONIES!” a voice says. Everyone turns to see Prince Rutherford (with Yona in tow) and a (Production Friendly) group of yaks behind him. Thorax and Ocellus along with a (Production Friendly) group of changelings join them on the other side. Above them Gallus, Smolder, Silverstream and a (Production Friendly) griffons, dragons and hippogriffs hover in the sky. (NOTE: I know this is already a HUGE number of characters but given that it’s the finale, might be cool to include QUEEN NOVO and SKYSTAR in non-speaking cameos). It’s an impressive assemblage of creatures. Twilight looks around at everycreature around her. “I don’t understand? How are you all here?” Gallus and Smolder land next to her. “Uh... that’s kind of on us?”

SC. 15 - STUDENT MONTAGE – FLASHBACK

We flashback to when the unicorns, earth ponies, pegasi and other creatures were watching The Windigos, starting with the young pink unicorn with the purple braided mane clearing her throat. She politely tells the adults in the room that they’re all making a mistake. As a student of Twilight’s School of Friendship, she had learned that we are at our best when we work together. We cut through each of the other students in the other areas saying the same thing. They’re all basically telling the adults that they don’t know what they’re doing and they’re going to destroy things for everypony. Listen to the kids and let’s all work together.

SC. 16 - EXT. HILLS OUTSIDE OF CANTERLOT – CONTINUOUS

Twilight is amazed. She can’t believe it. Beside her Applejack grins, “Guess YOU had Chrysalis beat before SHE even started. You were right about that school. It IS the most important thing we did. The more creatures know about friendship, the better off we’ll ALL be.”

Furious, the villains unleash bolts of energy as they charge the assembled crowd. As many of them as there are, it’s still an impressively dangerous display of magic. Twilight sees the bell, “We need to get that bell away from them.” She announces. “You all get the bell. We’ll keep them busy” Smolder calls down.

What follows is (as much as production can manage) a pretty epic sight. Sandbar yells “FOR EQUESTRIA” as Unicorns, pegasi, earth ponies, griffons, hippogriffs, changelings, dragons and yaks work together to keep the incredible power of our three villains at bay. To keep things SOMEWHAT manageable, we can focus on a few specific bits of fun action. THE WONDERBOLTS <ZOOM> around the villains creating “cloud cover” to keep the villains confused (and to help Production). GALLUS and GABBY along with SILVERSTREAM, SKYSTAR, EMBER and SMOLDER dive bomb Tirek so that his magical blasts go wild. THORAX, taunts Chrysalis as OCELLUS and various Changelings turn into the Mane 6 to keep the villains confused. MAUDE, MUD BRIAR and the PIE FAMILY shoot rocks at the villains in a large catapult. Unicorns create large shields allowing YAKS and Earth ponies to march forward, pushing the villains back. Through all of this, The Mane 6 dodge and weave through the crowd, getting closer and closer.

Spike manages to dive between the villains and knock the bell out of their grasp. The bell <CRACKLES> with Discord’s chaos energy. There’s a brief game of keep away and it’s Pinkie Pie who ultimately gets the bell. As we saw in part one, Discord’s chaos power flows into her. But this is PINKIE PIE. If ANYpony can wield the powers of a chaos god it’s HER. Pinkie turns several different colors and reality seems to bend around her (more than normal). Twilight calls to her, “Pinkie! You need to-“I’M ON IT!” Pinkie calls. With a <CRACK> of lightning, cupcakes start falling from the sky, stopping everycreature as they stare up in confusion. “I was going to say you need to rescue the princesses and the others from the caverns?” Twilight finishes. “AH.... ALSO a good plan.” Pinkie’s mane snaps it’s... (fingers? follicles?) and a giant present appears, it opens revealing Starlight, Discord, Celestia and Luna (and the Pillars because why not?! Pinkie uses the bell to give the princesses their powers back and they leap into action. Luna takes the bell from Pinkie and uses it to absorb the power from the three villains. Celestia and Luna stand before them, every bit the powerful princesses. Their horns flash brightly and Tirek, Chrysalis and Cozy Glow turn into a statue. The assembled creatures CHEER, but the howling wind above interrupts the triumphant moment. The Windigos still blow mightily above them. “What are we gonna do?” Rainbow Dash asks? Twilight smiles. She knows exactly what needs to be done. She starts to sing a song about Friendship and how powerful it is (FRIENDSHIP IS MAGIC). One by one her friends join. Then others around them join. Soon ALL of the assembled creatures sing together about the bonds of loyalty, the power of kindness and laughter, the importance of honesty and generosity and how it all makes the world a more magical place. Above them the Windigos howl in frustration as they dissipate and the sun shines down on Equestria once again.

Everypony and creature cheers. Celestia and Luna bow their heads to Twilight. In Equestria’s darkest hour she still managed to see the light. Twilight looks at her friends, “I did. With a little help from my friends.” Pinkie reluctantly gives Discord back his powers and the business of cleaning things up begins. Celestia and Luna say that the coronation will need to be postponed slightly but that from this moment on, Twilight is giving the orders. “What are your first orders for us your princess-yness?” Pinkie asks.

“Well, first let’s help everypony and everycreature here. But then I have a VERY important job for all of you....” And with that we FADE TO....

SC. 17 - INT. DOUGHNUT JOE’S - LATER

Twilight Sparkle, Pinkie Pie, Rainbow Dash, Applejack, Fluttershy, Rarity and Spike sit and enjoy a huge tray of doughnuts together. They admire the statue of the three villains which is now in its new home in Canterlot (which they can see through the window). Twilight says she knows Applejack is right, things will never be perfect and there will always be challenges old and new to deal with. She knows that there are many more adventures for all of them to have together, but for now, she just wants to take a minute and do nothing with the six best friends she’s ever had who make all the good times, bad times, and all times in between worth it.

THE END