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

GROGAR paces in front of his large super villainy throne in his cavernous, super villainy chamber studying images of EQUESTRIA in smoky tendrils that float above a large, mystical table in front of him.

A <CRASH> interrupts his study. COZY GLOW enters.

1 COZY GLOW
I don't want to tattle on my *good friend* Tirek, but you MIGHT like to know he left food out. AGAIN. I'm not saying he should be painfully punished but--

2 GROGAR
I'll deal with it when I'm done.

Cozy smiles sweetly and trots out. Grogar waves a hoof and the images of Equestria shift in the smoke. A <ROAR> from outside the room distracts him. Tirek enters.

3 TIREK
Don't trust anything that nosy little pegasus says.

4 GROGAR
I don't trust anything ANY of you say.

Tirek grunts and leaves. Grogar attempts to return to his attention to his scrying when Chrysalis regally strides in.

5 CHRYSALIS
Are you planning on attacking anypony anytime soon? If not I don't know why I'm wasting my time here. I'm a QUEEN you know!

Chrysalis strides back out, haughtily. Grogar <GROWLS> menacingly.

SMASH CUT TO:

SC. 2 -INT. VILLAIN'S LAIR - LIVING QUARTERS - CONTINUOUS

Grogar STORMS into the chamber and faces the others, furious.

6 GROGAR

I am leaving since it is impossible to accomplish the work I need to do here! In my absence, I suggest the three of you come to some kind of accord.

As all three start to object, Grogar shoots out bands of magic that wrap around each of their mouths.

7 GROGAR (CONT'D)

I don't care how, but you must learn to work together. Only then can we accomplish what you so greatly desire... The DEFEAT of TWILIGHT SPARKLE AND HER FRIENDS!

Off Grogar's evil smile...

END TEASER

ACT ONE

SC. 3 - INT. VILLAIN'S LAIR - LIVING QUARTERS - CONTINUOUS

Cozy Glow puts the finishing touches on a banner and hangs it between two stalactites in the evil lair. On it are crudely painted versions of Cozy, Chrysalis, Tirek and Grogar with fireworks and stars surrounding them.

8 COZY GLOW

Nothing says teamwork like an inspirational banner! When Grogar sees THIS he'll realize there's no way he could survive without me!

Cozy looks around the empty room. She hops off the ladder and trots out, humming to herself.

SC. 4 - INT. VILLAIN'S LAIR - TIREK'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

CLOSE on a detailed painting of a HUGE (End of Season Four sized) Tirek towering over a forest, smashing the top off a mountain as ponies run in terror below him. <CLASSICAL MUSIC> plays in the background.

We hear <EXERCISING-LIKE GRUNTS> as we pull out to reveal Tirek lifting a heavy set of weights as he stares at the portrait of himself.

9 COZY GLOW (O.S.)

(sing-songy)

Oh, Tiiiiiiiiirek???

Tirek <GROANS> but continues lifting. Cozy enters ALL smiles.

10 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
You're gonna have to exercise A LOT
to get as big as you were when you
absorbed the life force of all
those ponies.

Tirek <GRUNTS> trying to ignore her.

11 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
Anyhoo... Grogar wants us all to
work together so I've scheduled a
team meeting! Doesn't that sound
fun??

Tirek just gives another <GRUNT>.

12 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
And since Grogar left ME in charge--

13 TIREK
No he didn't.

Cozy forces a grin and <GIGGLES>.

14 COZY GLOW
Someone's a real grumpy-taur today.
If we aren't meeting I GUESS I
could just stay and offer positive
and inspiring-

15 TIREK
FINE. I'll join your meeting. Just
leave.

16 COZY GLOW
See you soon! But clean up first.
You smell awful.

Tirek glares as Cozy grins and skips out.

SC. 5 - INT. VILLAIN'S LAIR - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Cozy skips down a hallway. She hears somepony talking to
somepony else.

17 CHRYSALIS (O.S.)
It's been WEEKS and Grogar has done
NOTHING! It's not healthy to hold
onto all of this rage. I could lash
out at any moment.

Cozy peeks around the corner and sees Chrysalis deep in conversation with a log (the remains of one of the Mean 6 from 813). Cozy forces a smile and trots around the corner.

18 COZY GLOW
And how are YOU doing this-

Chrysalis TOTALLY freaks and lashes out.

19 CHRYSALIS
HOW DO YOU THINK I'M DOING! I'M
READY TO EXACT MY REVENGE!!!
(BIG breath. To log)
See what I mean?

20 COZY GLOW
Being cooped up with nothing to do
is the WORST. You know what you
need? A team meeting!

Chrysalis turns and strides away from Cozy.

21 CHRYSALIS
I don't do meetings.

22 COZY GLOW
Grogar left ME in charge--

23 CHRYSALIS
No he didn't. And even if he DID,
Chrysalis obeys no one.

24 COZY GLOW
There'll be cupcakes...

Chrysalis pauses. Off Cozy's widening smile...

CUT TO:

SC. 6 - INT. VILLAIN'S LAIR - LIVING QUARTERS - MINUTES LATER

Cozy stands like a general on a small crate, her banner hanging behind her. In front of her Tirek looks bored and Chrysalis eats a cupcake.

25 COZY GLOW
Grogar wants us to work together to
defeat our enemies. Which means we
need to TRUST each other.

26 CHRYSALIS
If we are to trust one another,
perhaps inform Lord Tirek to STOP
TRYING TO ABSORB MY ESSENCE!

Pull out to see Tirek in the midst of absorbing Chrysalis' essence. He spits it out and tries to look innocent.

27 TIREK
I wasn't doing anything of the
sort. How DARE you?

28 CHRYSALIS
How dare I?! Do you know to whom
you are speaking?

29 TIREK
How could I not! You tell your log
every five minutes!

30 COZY GLOW
THIS is why Grogar left me in-

31 TIREK AND CHRYSALIS
NO HE DIDN'T!

Cozy Glow's demeanor cracks. She grinds her teeth and one eye twitches. But she pulls it together. She hops off the crate. MUSIC UP. Drums beat powerfully as Cozy begins singing.

32 COZY GLOW
*I think
I know
A way that we can grow
Time to try something new
Never say never
No more
Solo
Trust is the way to go
And all we need to do
is work together*

Tirek folds his arms and shakes his head.

33 TIREK
*No thanks
I'd say
I'm not sure that's the way
I'm smarter, stronger and
I don't need you two.*

Chrysalis <SCOFFS> at Tirek.

34 CHRYSALIS
*Stronger?
O-kay.
I guess we'll just downplay
How bad you got your rear-end
Handed to you?*

Cozy <LEAPS> on top of a table, grabbing their attention.

35 COZY GLOW
*It's time to try
A better way to be bad*

36 TIREK AND CHRYSALIS
*Do we really need
A better way to be bad?*

37 COZY GLOW
United as one!!

38 CHRYSALIS
Teamwork? Please, what a fad!

39 COZY GLOW
*Combine all of our strength
And watch us go any length
Once we have
A better way to be bad*

INSPIRATIONAL BANNER WIPE...

CUT TO:

Cozy pushes a blindfolded Chrysalis off an impossibly high table towards Tirek for a TRUST FALL.

40 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
*Let's go!
Begin
THIS time we're gonna win!*

Tirek steps aside, refusing to capture Chrysalis. She glares at Cozy.

41 CHRYSALIS
*The ice you're on is thin
So watch what you say*

WIPE TO:

Chrysalis leads a blindfolded Tirek on a trust walk inside the lair, She pays no attention to him and he falls down a ridiculously long staircase. Cozy is at the bottom of the staircase, trying to be encouraging.

42 COZY GLOW
*I know
You're in
I think I see a grin!*

43 TIREK
*For all this pain and torture
I swear you'll pay*

MONTAGE: More exercises, Cozy has them training against mocked up versions of the ponies, etc. No matter what happens, Tirek and Chrysalis are HORRIBLE, causing harm to each other and attempting to cause harm to Cozy.

44 COZY GLOW
*This time we've got
A better way to be bad*

45 TIREK & CHRYSALIS
*Sounds like a long shot
This better way to be bad*

46 COZY GLOW
*United as one!!
We'll make those ponies so sad!*

47 TIREK
*If we say okay
Then would you please go away?*

48 COZY GLOW
*Once we have
A better way to be bad!*

49 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
*We want to break their friendship
We want to make them weak
You want revenge on Starlight
You want that huge physique
So let's increase our chances
By working as a team
TO CRUSH OUR ENEMIES TO DUST
AND LAUGH AS THEY ALL SCREAM!*

BEAT as Cozy's PURE EVIL EXCITEMENT at the ponies' destruction gets the other two REALLY stoked. Then:

50 TIREK
*I THINK I KNOW
A better way to be bad*

51 CHRYSALIS
*NO! Put ME in charge!
Make ME QUEEN, you'll be glad*

52 COZY GLOW
*NO! Just LISTEN to me!
I'm best of us three*

53 TIREK & CHRYSALIS & COZY
*THEN you'll see
A better way to be bad*

Grogar enters and silently watches the three fighting (again).

54 COZY GLOW
*Wait! This is MY thing!
A better way to be bad*

55 CHRYSALIS
*You SHALL do this for ME
And I will RULE this triad*

56 COZY GLOW
THIS IS MY SONG

57 TIREK & CHRYSALIS
It WAS but not any long-er!

58 TIREK & CHRYSALIS & COZY
*WE HAVE
A better way to be bad
But now you're getting me mad
Oh won't those ponies be sad
A better way to be bad*

As the song ends, Grogar massages his forehead with one hoof like a frustrated parent.

59 GROGAR
ENOUGH!!!

The villains stop bickering and turn to him.

60 GROGAR (CONT'D)
I had hoped by now you would have resolved your differences. But apparently not.

61 CHRYSALIS
Perhaps if we knew what the plan WAS we would be better able to prepare.

62 TIREK
Assuming you even HAVE a plan...

63 GROGAR
Of COURSE I have a plan.

64 COZY GLOW
And I'm sure it's a truly BRILLIANT
plan...

65 TIREK
(to Chrysalis)
Teacher's pet.

66 CHRYSALIS
(to Tirek)
I know right?

Cozy glares at them.

67 COZY GLOW
BUT I don't think any of us signed
up to sit around waiting. Perhaps
if we had something to occupy our
time.

68 GROGAR
An excellent idea Cozy Glow.

Cozy looks at the other two and beams.

69 GROGAR (CONT'D)
I have located an object of power
and it occurs to me that this is
the perfect test. The three of you
will work together to retrieve it,
in much the same way you must
combine forces to defeat the powers
of friendship. Against this item
those ponies won't stand a chance.

70 TIREK
We've all plotted against those
insufferable do-gooders. What makes
YOU so sure your plan will succeed?

71 CHRYSALIS
I have come close to ruling
Equestria *several times*. Perhaps I
should be the one to lead us.

72 COZY GLOW
Wait a second! I nearly drained all
the magic from Equestria! That was
good!

73 TIREK
I ABSORBED all the magic of
Equestria! I could feel it flowing
through my body as I grew --

Grogar unleashes a concussive <BLAST> of magic that knocks the villains against the wall. They struggle against it, but they're pinned, his magic far superior to theirs

74 GROGAR
Each of you FAILED to defeat
Twilight Sparkle and her friends.
(to Chrysalis)
Some of you *several times*.

They struggle to free themselves. He raises a hoof and the magic intensifies.

75 GROGAR (CONT'D)
My power is greater than all of
yours combined. This is but a
FRACTION of it. Understood?

The others manage to nod. Grogar drops his hoof and they all drop to floor.

76 GROGAR (CONT'D)
Now you shall retrieve the rest of
it.

Smoky tendrils fill the room. In a stylized series of shots, shadows and smoke come to life, illustrating his tale as he talks.

77 GROGAR (V.O.)
Thousands of moons ago the self-
righteous Gusty the Great, unable
to best me face to face, stole my
Bewitching Bell, a talisman
containing much of my own magic.
The bell cannot be destroyed so
Gusty hid it in a place it has
taken me millennia to discover. An
enchanted cave high atop Mt.
Everhoof protected by magical winds
that prevent ANYpony from reaching
its peak. There the bell has
remained... until now.

The smoke dissipates and we are back in the lair. Grogar glares at the others.

78 GROGAR
Scale Mt. Everhoof. Bring me back
my bell.

Beat. Chrysalis's head tilts back and she <CACKLES>.

79 CHRYSLIS
Climb a mountain and retrieve a
bell? The ease of this task is
laughable.

SMASH CUT TO:

SC. 7 - EXT. BASE OF MT. EVERHOOF - A SHORT TIME LATER

The villains stare up at the seemingly endless expanse of Mt. Everhoof, its snowcapped mountains obscured by the fierce wailing winds circling around it. They look at each other.

80 CHRYSLIS
Well it SOUNDED easy.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 8 - EXT. BASE OF MT. EVERHOOF - RESUME

Resume on the villains staring up at the intimidating mountain. Tirek studies the mountain.

81 TIREK
Scale the mountain.

82 CHRYSLIS
Retrieve Grogar's bell.

Cozy pulls out a brightly colored folder.

83 COZY GLOW
Together! I drew up a detailed plan
with several visual aides to show
how we can--

Chrysalis leaps into the air and flies away. Tirek strolls off trudging up the mountain. Cozy grinds her teeth and tosses the folder into the wind

84 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
--- ditch each other and do it
alone. Great. Maybe when I'm
waiting for them at the top THEN
they'll appreciate me.

Cozy hurries after them.

SC. 9 - EXT. MT. EVERHOOF - FOREST

Chrysalis flies up the mountain, over the dense foliage of forest below.

But the wind seems to have a mind of its own, as if it senses her presence and is focused on keeping her from the top. She strains against it but she's barely moving.

Annoyed, she dives down beneath the forest canopy and lands. In the shadows, large creatures rustle and growl. Chrysalis <CHUCKLES>.

85 CHRYSalIS
As if anything on this mountain is
scarier than I.

She strides through the forest, several pairs of large yellow eyes track her from the shadows. Something large <GROWLS>. Chrysalis grins, turns towards the noise and <HISSES>. The forest grows eerily quiet.

86 CHRYSalIS (CONT'D)
That's better.

Chrysalis strides off, leaving very scared monsters behind.

SC. 10 - EXT. MT. EVERHOOF - RAVINE

Tirek calmly strolls along the edge of a ravine, studying the mountain on the other side. He casually scoops up some dirt and blows on it, watching the magical wind blow it away from the mountain.

SC. 11 - EXT. MT. EVERHOOF - MOUNTAIN PATH

Cozy Glow wanders along a mountain path and sees a rickety cottage up ahead. As she approaches, an ancient looking pony in rusty armor with a bucket for a helmet and a long staff (RUSTY BUCKET) hurries out.

87 RUSTY BUCKET (O.S.)
HALT! WHO GOES THERE? (squinting) A
pony?! There ain't been ponies
round here in I don't KNOW how many
moons!

Cozy smiles. FINALLY! Somepony she can manipulate. She puts on her most 'adorable pony lost in the woods' face. Her eyes tear up and she sniffles.

88 COZY GLOW
Oh, golly, good sir. I am just a
poor lost pony looking for help.

89 RUSTY BUCKET
Oh don't fret lil filly. Ole Rusty
Bucket here, at yer service!

He bows deeply.

90 COZY GLOW
I'm SO glad I found you. I need
help getting to the top of the
mountain.

Rusty squints at her and shakes his head.

91 RUSTY BUCKET
No can do ma'am.

Cozy's facade instantly disappears, she looks annoyed.

92 COZY GLOW
(Loudly)
WHY NOT?!

The snow around them rumbles. Rusty looks around alarmed.

93 RUSTY BUCKET
Shhhh. Not so loud! This here's
avalanche territory! I'm the
Guardian of this here mountain.
It's my job to keep ponies from
headed up. Nothing at the top but
dangerous snow, dangerous ice, and
dangerous wind. Basically it's
dangerous.

Cozy glares, but quickly reverts back to sweet.

94 COZY GLOW
It must get lonely all alone. Maybe
I could be your... friend?

95 RUSTY BUCKET
(touched)
I'd love a friend!

96 COZY GLOW
(sickly sweet)
And you know, friends help friends.
So now that we ARE friends, you
could help me up the mountain.

Rusty thinks for a moment, then pulls out a large book and
flips through the pages.

97 RUSTY BUCKET
Aren't friends supposed to respect
each others responsibilities? A
real friend wouldn't ask me to do
something I'm not s'posed to do.
(MORE)

RUSTY BUCKET (CONT'D)

Says so right here in the Journal of Friendship written by Twilight Sparkle and her friends. She's the Princess of Friendship, you know.

Cozy just stares at him, her blood boiling. Even up here there's no escaping Twilight.

98 COZY GLOW
ARE YOU KIDDING ME!?

99 RUSTY BUCKET
SSHHHHHHH!

Rusty casts a nervous glance up the mountain. Cozy rolls her eyes, turns and walks away.

100 COZY GLOW
I didn't want to be friends anyway.

Off Rusty's hurt/confused expression...

SC. 12 - EXT. MT. EVERHOOF - FOREST

Chrysalis strides through the forest. She reaches an icy lake and slips and slides on its surface. She transforms into a CRAGADILE, crashes through the ice and swims under it easily.

She smashes the ice on the other side and crawls back onto land, but the rocky terrain is jagged and uneven. Chrysalis transforms into a GOAT, leaping and climbing the rocks with ease.

She turns BACK into her changeling form and looks up through the trees. The top of the mountain is much closer than it was before.

101 CHRYSALIS
Almost there.

SC. 13 - EXT. MT. EVERHOOF - RAVINE

MONTAGE of Tirek collecting different supplies: Wood, vines, branches, leaves, etc.

What could he be building??

SC. 14 - EXT. MT. EVERHOOF - MOUNTAIN PATH

In a series of QUICK CUTS we see Cozy try everything she can think of to get past Rusty Bucket.

Cozy tries flying over the cottage. But the enchanted wind SLAMS her down in front of Rusty Bucket who just shakes his head at her.

CUT TO:

Cozy trudges carefully along the snowbank above Rusty and his cottage. But the snow is too deep for her tiny hooves. She falls through the soft snow and plops out in front of the guard.

102 RUSTY BUCKET
Not that way neither.

CUT TO:

Rusty yawns, tired. Cozy tries to stealthily sneak around the edge of the cottage past him. It looks like it might work until he stretches and his staff hits the roof of the cottage. Snow from the roof <PLOPS> onto Cozy.

CUT TO:

Cozy storms up to Rusty. She's had enough.

103 COZY GLOW
I TRIED BEING NICE--

The snow around them <RUMBLES>. Rusty looks around, alarmed.

104 RUSTY BUCKET
Now just calm down there filly...

105 COZY GLOW
No YOU CALM DOWN! I'M TOO SHORT TO GET THROUGH THIS SNOW AND I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO FLY THROUGH THIS WIND, BUT PONIES ARE SUPPOSED TO DO WHAT I ASK THEM TO DO! IT'S LIKE MY THING OKAY?! SO STEP ASIDE OR --

A loud <RUMBLING> stops her mid-sentence. They both turn as a HUGE chunk of snow <CRASHES> down the mountain, taking Cozy with it. Rusty and his cottage are totally unaffected. Rusty shrugs and heads back inside.

SC. 15 - EXT. ALMOST THE TOP OF MT. EVERHOOF - CONTINUOUS

Chrysalis steps through the fog and sees a huge chasm in front of her. Above her on the other side of the chasm she can see the peak of the mountain.

106 CHRYSLIS
Apparently I DON'T need anypony
else....

She leaps into the air to fly across the chasm. As soon as she's airborne, the enchanted wind comes out of nowhere and knocks her back down.

Chrysalis <GROWLS> and transforms into a larger (already designed) winged creature. She tries again, but again the wind attacks. She uses everything she's got and very nearly reaches the other side. Her claw scrapes against the peak of the mountain. But the wind is too mighty and with a giant <GUST> hurls her back.

Exhausted, she reverts to her original form and kicks the ground in frustration.

SC. 16 - EXT. BASE OF MT. EVERHOOF - LATER THAT EVENING

CU on a lovely camping chair made from the supplies Tirek collected. Pull out to reveal Tirek casually placing logs on a fire. Something in the shadows catches his attention.

107 TIREK
Didn't make it to the top? Surprise
surprise.

Cozy Glow walks into the light of the campfire. She's covered in snow. Her mane is a frozen crazy mess, she's had a ROUGH day. Tirek BURSTS into <LAUGHTER>.

108 COZY GLOW
It's NOT. FUNNY. TIREK.

Cozy looks around the campsite and smirks.

109 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
Besides, you didn't make it to the
top either!

110 TIREK
I didn't try to.

111 COZY GLOW
What?!

112 TIREK
It took about five minutes to
deduce that Grogar was right. NONE
of us could make it up alone.
(MORE)

TIREK (CONT'D)

So rather than subject myself to the elements, I decided to let you two face the danger, take what you learned and use it to my advantage.

He sits in his camping chair as if it were a throne.

113 TIREK (CONT'D)

That's called playing it smart. And of course it has the added bonus of seeing you fail completely.

Tirek <CHUCKLES>. Cozy's eyes twitch. She's had enough. She loses it.

114 COZY GLOW

I put up with your "I'm smarter than you" attitude in Tartarus! But I'm OVER it!

115 TIREK

I've had enough of you trying to manipulate me with that insincere syrupy sweetness. At least NOW we see the REAL you.

116 COZY GLOW

THIS IS NOT THE REAL ME! I'M CUTE AND LOVABLE!

Tirek <SCOFFS>.

117 TIREK

No you're not. You're annoying and you snore!

Neither of them notice a large creature with the head of a bull and the body of a serpent (an OPHIOTAURUS) slither out of the shadows, fixated on them, mouth watering.

118 COZY GLOW

I DO NOT SNORE!

Tirek makes ridiculously over the top <SNORING> noises.

119 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)

At least I don't talk to my Gram-gram in MY sleep....

120 TIREK

DON'T YOU DARE BRING GRAM-GRAM INTO THIS!

The Ophiotaurus <ROARS> at them. They both stop arguing and stare into its hungry eyes.

121 TIREK & COZY GLOW
This is your fault.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 17 - EXT. BASE OF MT. EVERHOOF - RESUME

The Ophiotaurus <GROWLS> menacingly. Tirek and Cozy Glow back up as the beast stalks towards them. Suddenly something behind them <GROWLS>! They turn to see a SECOND OPHIOTAURUS (this one CLEARLY female). They're trapped between them!

The female Ophiotaurus bats her eyelashes at the male. He completely ignores Tirek and Cozy Glow and slithers over to the female, clearly smitten.

122 COZY GLOW
Quick! It's distracted! Let's go!

But Something is wrong. Tirek holds up a hand.

123 TIREK
Wait...

The female inhales and a sickly green mist flows from the creature into her mouth. A similar green mist clouds over the monster's eyes. It slumps, as if in a trance.

The female transforms into Chrysalis, mouth open. Magical green energy seeps off of the creature and flows into her mouth. She glows brighter and more powerful.

124 CHRYSALIS
Mmmm. SO much love. I haven't eaten
this well in AGES...

The beast collapses. Love drained. Chrysalis smiles as the unconscious beast MOANS.

125 COZY GLOW
That. Is. So. Gross.

Tirek's stomach growls. Chrysalis turns to them.

126 CHRYSALIS
Just so we're clear. I didn't save
you because I like you. I did it
because.. Because I...

127 COZY GLOW
Neeeeeed us?

128 CHRYSALIS
(she HATES saying it)
Yes.

129 TIREK
Clearly I WAS right to wait. Now
tell me everything you learned
today... leave NOTHING out...

FADE TO:

SC. 18 - EXT. MT. EVERHOOF - CAMPISTE - A FEW HOURS LATER

Tirek, Cozy Glow and Chrysalis sit around the fire silently. Tirek is deep in thought, Cozy roasts a marshmallow, Chrysalis finishes cocooning the huge Ophiotaurus. As she pats the cocoon it makes a wet slimy noise.

130 COZY GLOW
Why are you doing that? Didn't you
already drain it of love?

131 CHRYSALIS
Not ALL of it. I always save a
little love for the next day.

Cozy looks at the cocoon with interest.

132 COZY GLOW
You cocoon ALL of your... meals?

133 CHRYSALIS
Of course.

134 COZY GLOW
So when you pony-napped Twilight
and the others, you cocooned them.

135 CHRYSALIS
Yes. Until that SOW STARLIGHT
GLIMMER freed them, corrupted my
subjects, and stole my hive!

Beat as they all sit silently.

136 COZY GLOW
How did you capture them in the
first place. That always seemed
really suspect.

137 CHRYSalIS
It was a carefully planned and
executed operation!

138 COZY GLOW
Yea but... the most POWERFUL ponies
in Equestria taken without a fight
leaving a rag tag group of reformed
villains to rescue them? Seems
farfetched.

139 CHRYSalIS
I'm JUST. THAT. GOOD.

140 TIREK
Powerful? HA! Those ponies have
weaknesses. I used that turncoat
Discord. Tricked him into helping
me capture his so called "friends".

141 CHRYSalIS
Discord was really something until
friendship ruined him.

142 TIREK
You should've seen Twilight's face
when her friends appeared in
bubbles around me. She was all...

Tirek makes a comically panicked and stressed out face (WAY
over the top/ridiculous). Chrysalis and Cozy <LAUGH>.

143 COZY GLOW
It makes her SO easy to manipulate!
She's SO stressed out all the time!

144 CHRYSalIS
When I posed as her former foal-
sitter I thought she was going to
implode.

Tirek <LAUGHS>.

145 COZY GLOW
I wish I could have seen her face
when I nearly erased all the magic
from Equestria.

146 TIREK
ALL magic was a little excessive
don't you think?

Cozy shrugs.

147 COZY GLOW
What can I say. I think big.
Besides, it would've been worth it
just to see Twilight and her
friends bow down to me.

Tirek <ROARS> with laughter.

148 TIREK
INDEED IT WOULD. Who wouldn't love
to see those prissy ponies realize
they've lost everything!

Chrysalis <CAACKLES> and turns into Twilight.

149 CHRYSALIS/TWILIGHT
(in Chrysalis' voice)
I'm a pathetic pony princess! I
made a detailed list of all the
ways I'm a FAILURE!

Tirek and Cozy Glow LOSE IT, they cannot stop laughing.
Chrysalis reverts back to her true form.

150 TIREK
You know, working with you two may
not be the WORST thing.

151 CHRYSALIS
Perhaps... as long as it results in
the complete destruction of our
enemies.

152 COZY GLOW
I wouldn't have it ANY other way.
Do the pathetic princess thing
again!

The villains continue to laugh and joke around the fire...

FADE TO:

SC. 19 - EXT. MT. EVERHOOF - THE NEXT MORNING - MONTAGE

HERO SHOT of The three villains standing together on the path
that leads up the mountain. They look like QUITE the imposing
team.

Over an orchestral version of BETTER WAY TO BE BAD, the three
villains tackle the challenges they dealt with the day
before. But THIS time, as a team.

- They approach Rusty Bucket who rushes out of his cottage to
block their path.

Chrysalis transforms into the Ophiotaurus and <ROARS>. The ground <RUMBLES> and an avalanche wipes Rusty and his cottage away. Rusty calls out from the distance.

153 RUSTY BUCKET (O.S.)
I'm okay!

The villains <LAUGH>.

- They climb up the rocky terrain. Cozy slips. Chrysalis reaches out and catches her.
- Cozy rushes ahead of the others, scouting the best route.
- Tirek collects vines from the trees in the forest.
- Chrysalis turns into a cragadile to lift a fallen tree out of their path.
- They stand at the edge of the chasm, the peak of the mountain in their sights. They nod to each other. Tirek ties one end of the collected vines to a rocky outcropping and hands the other end to Cozy.

Chrysalis transforms back into the large (already designed) winged creature and holds Cozy under one arm like a football. She leaps in the air. The wind attacks her again. She ALMOST makes it to the top again. But THIS time, before the wind knocks her back down, she <HURLS> Cozy the rest of the way. Cozy makes it to the top and wraps the vine around another rock.

Tirek and Chrysalis climb along the vines. No matter how hard the wind <HOWLS> and <RAGES> against them, they manage to make it across.

Together, they are stronger than the mountain!

SC. 20 - EXT. TOP OF MT. EVERHOOF - CONTINUOUS

The villains reach a beautiful grove at the top of the mountain and see a mysterious cave with symbols etched around the entrance. Chrysalis rushes towards it but a <BLAST> of magical energy hurls her back. Tirek and Cozy approach more carefully. They reach out and discover a magical dome blocking their path. Cozy turns to Tirek.

154 COZY GLOW
Can you absorb it and make it go away?

155 TIREK
I can only absorb magic from LIVING beings.
(MORE)

TIREK (CONT'D)

If I were stronger, then I could
destroy it.

(to Chrysalis)

You've fed, give it a shot?

Chrysalis blasts the shield. She's stronger than she was, but
it's still not enough. Cozy studies the shield, thinking.

156 COZY GLOW

You said you absorb magic from
LIVING beings... like her?

Chrysalis backs away from them defensively.

157 CHRYSALIS

Betrayal!

158 COZY GLOW

Not betrayal. Teamwork. If Tirek
absorbs your energy he might be
strong enough to break through.

159 CHRYSALIS

And then?

160 COZY GLOW

Then... he gives it back.

161 TIREK

I do?

Cozy nods.

162 CHRYSALIS

Why should I trust him? How do I
know you won't take my magic and
leave me.

163 COZY GLOW

Would we do that to you?

Chrysalis nods.

164 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)

Okay. NORMALLY yes, we would.

165 TIREK

I'll give you your magic back.

It's an awkward moment, these three working around the
concept of TRUSTING each other. Finally Chrysalis nods.

166 CHRYSALIS

Do it.

Tirek opens his mouth and absorbs Chrysalis' magic. He grows bigger, stronger, more powerful. Chrysalis grows paler, weaker, until she collapses on the ground.

167 TIREK
SO. MUCH. POWER!!!!

Tirek rises up, strong and powerful. He makes a muscle and kisses his bicep.

168 TIREK (CONT'D)
Welcome back baby.

Tirek blasts the shield with his energy. It glows brightly, but doesn't break.

169 TIREK (CONT'D)
It's strong. But I'm STRONGER.

A small opening appears in the shield.

170 TIREK (CONT'D)
It's not big enough for me.

171 COZY GLOW
Maybe not you.

Cozy dives through the opening.

172 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
Keep it open or I'll be trapped
forever!!

Chrysalis, collapsed on the floor, lifts her head weakly.

173 CHRYSALIS
Would that be so terrible?

Tirek chuckles, but keeps the hole open. It's a struggle. He <GROANS> at the amount of energy he's expelling.

174 TIREK
Can't... hold.... Much longer...

Cozy comes dashing out of the cave holding an ornate blue bell with ancient runes carved on it.

175 TIREK (CONT'D)
HURRY!

Cozy flies through the air and <SOARS> through JUST as Tirek's power gives out and the hole collapses. Cozy tumbles to the ground but holds the bell in the air.

176 COZY GLOW
Ta-da....

Chrysalis raises her head to look at Tirek.

177 CHRYSALIS
My magic...

Tirek looks at his muscular frame. Cozy and Chrysalis watch him warily. Is he going to do it??

He bows his head and the magical life-force flows from him. He shrinks back down to his former size as Chrysalis grows brighter and more powerful.

178 CHRYSALIS (CONT'D)
I... wasn't sure you were going to give it back.

179 TIREK
Neither was I. But working together seemed... smarter than continuing to fight.

180 COZY GLOW
When we helped each other it felt better somehow.

181 CHRYSALIS
I haven't felt like this since I lost my hive. It's hard, doing everything alone. Having others who will be there for you... is pleasing.

The air <SHIMMERS> and <SHINES> around them. The EOH Rainbow faintly appears in the air. Could it be the magic... of friendship? Have these three FINALLY realized how powerful it can be?

182 TIREK
All of these years... taking power from others...

183 COZY GLOW
When you use your power to help others...

184 CHRYSALIS
Yes.... It feels...

ZOOM IN on Chrysalis' eye. We see QUICK FLASHES. Stylized images from EP 626. Starlight reaching out to the changelings. The changelings giving away their love.

The changelings transforming into their gentler forms. ZOOM OUT as Chrysalis <SCREAMS>.

185 CHRYSalIS (CONT'D)
NOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!

The <SHIMMERING> in the air disappears. Cozy and Tirek shake their heads as if they were under a spell.

186 CHRYSalIS (CONT'D)
FOOLS! Don't you see! The magic of friendship is like a disease. An infection that spreads to those around you! I watched it infect my hive. I won't let it get me. I will NEVER embrace it.

Cozy and Tirek seem a BIT more unsure but...

187 COZY GLOW
Same!

188 TIREK
Obviously.

189 COZY GLOW
But... Grogar said we HAVE to work together.

190 CHRYSalIS
Grogar is too powerful. Something has to be done about that.

191 TIREK
What do you have in mind?

192 CHRYSalIS
We will NEVER be friends. But, there are obvious advantages to combining forces... temporarily.

193 TIREK
A truce until we defeat our common enemies.

194 COZY GLOW
And then it's everypony for themselves?

Chrysalis nods.

195 CHRYSALIS
Let Grogar think we're his loyal
servants. In the meantime we'll
hatch our own plan.

196 COZY GLOW
Ooooooh. I love a good backstabbing!

197 TIREK
After that we can go back to trying
to destroy each other.

They all give each other a side eye and smile. Cozy holds up
the bell.

198 COZY GLOW
In the meantime, what do we do with
this?

SC. 21 - INT. VILLAIN'S LAIR - GROGAR'S QUARTERS - LATER

The villains stand next to each other looking disappointed.
Grogar is FURIOUS.

199 GROGAR
YOU FAILED TO RETRIEVE THE BELL!?

200 COZY GLOW
We're sorry almighty Grogar.

201 TIREK
We worked together as you asked!

202 CHRYSALIS
We just aren't as powerful as you!

With a GROWL Grogar shoots a BLAST of magic straight through
a nearby the wall, after which he takes a breath and calms.

203 GROGAR
Obviously. I suppose it isn't a
total loss. At least you finally
did as you were told and worked
together.

With that, he stomps out through the hole he just made. The
villains grin slyly to one another before calling after.

204 COZY GLOW
Of COURSE.

205 TIREK
Whatever you command.

206 CHRYSALIS
Forget about that old bell. You
were right. We're SO much more
powerful when we work as a team.

We pan over to the bell, hidden just out of sight. We pull
out of the villains lair, unsure of what exactly they're
planning...

THE END