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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 PONYVILLE and TWILIGHT'S CASTLE 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 thought you MIGHT like to know
Tirek left food out AGAIN after
making his breakfast. I'm not
saying he should be horribly and
painfully punished. But SOMEpony
needs to clean it up.

2 GROGAR
I'll deal with it later.

Cozy smiles sweetly and trots out. Grogar reaches for a strange magical artifact on the table. A <ROAR> from outside the room causes him to drop the artifact. Tirek enters.

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

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

Tirek grunts and leaves as Grogar <SIGHS> and returns his attention to the table. The doors <SLAM> open and Chrysalis regally strides into the room.

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

Chrysalis strides back out, <SLAMMING> the door behind her. Grogar GRITS HIS TEETH.

SMASH CUT TO:

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

Grogar STORMS into the main chamber, towering over the others. They shrink back at his fury.

6 GROGAR
You WILL do as I command. You WILL
each get over yourselves and learn
to work together. Then and only
then will I give you all what you
so greatly desire. The DEFEAT of
TWILIGHT SPARKLE AND HER FRIENDS!

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.

7 COZY GLOW
Nothing says teamwork like an
inspirational banner! When Grogar
sees THIS he'll realize there's no
way he could keep the others in
line 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.

8 COZY GLOW (O.S.)
(sing-songy)
Oh, Tiiiiiiiiirek???

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

9 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.

10 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>.

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

12 TIREK
No he didn't.

Cozy forces a grin and <GIGGLES>.

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

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

15 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.

16 CHRYSALIS (O.S.)
It's been WEEKS and Grogar has done
NOTHING! It's not healthy for me 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.

17 COZY GLOW
And how are YOU doing this-

Chrysalis TOTALLY freaks and lashes out.

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

19 COZY GLOW
I GET it. Being cooped up with
nothing to do is the WORST. You
know what would make you feel
better? A team meeting!

Chrysalis turns and strides away from Cozy.

20 CHRYSLIS
I don't do meetings.

21 COZY GLOW
Grogar left ME in charge--

22 CHRYSLIS
No he didn't. And even if he DID,
Chrysalis obeys no one.

23 COZY GLOW
There'll be cupcakes...

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

CUT TO:

**SC. 6 - INT. VILLAIN'S LAIR - LIVING QUARTERS - A FEW 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 red velvet cupcake.

24 COZY GLOW
We need to work together if we're
going to defeat our enemies. Which
means we need to TRUST each other.

25 CHRYSLIS
If we are to trust one another then
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.

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

27 CHRYSLIS
How dare I?! Do you know to whom
you are speaking?

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

29 COZY GLOW
THIS is why Grogar left me in-

30 TIREK AND CHRYSLIS
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.

31 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.

32 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.

33 CHRYSLIS
*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.

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

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

36 COZY GLOW
United as one!!

37 CHRYSALIS
Teamwork? Please, what a fad!

38 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 a high table towards Tirek for a TRUST FALL.

39 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.

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

WIPE TO:

Chrysalis leads a blindfolded Tirek on a trust walk... and lets him walk off a cliff. Cozy is at the bottom of the cliff, trying to be encouraging.

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

42 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.

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

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

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

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

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

48 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

55 COZY GLOW
THIS IS MY SONG

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

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.

58 GROGAR
ENOUGH!!!

The villains stop bickering and turn to him.

59 GROGAR (CONT'D)
I had hoped by now you would have realized the value in combining our strength towards a common goal. But apparently not.

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

61 TIREK
Assuming you even HAVE a plan...

62 GROGAR
Of COURSE I have a plan. But for it to be effective, we must wait for Twilight's coronation.

63 COZY GLOW
I'm sure your plan is a truly BRILLIANT plan...

64 TIREK
 (to Chrysalis)
Teacher's pet.

65 CHRYSalIS
 (to Tirek)
I know right?

Cozy glares at them.

66 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.

67 GROGAR
An excellent idea Cozy Glow.

Cozy looks at the other two and beams.

68 GROGAR (CONT'D)
There IS something that will force
you to work as a team AND help my
plan.

69 TIREK
We've all plotted against those
insufferable ponies. What makes
YOUR plan so much better?

70 COZY GLOW
We ARE pretty clever.

71 CHRYSalIS
I have come close to ruling
Equestria not once but twice. 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 <SIGHS> and unleashes a concussive <BLAST> of magic
that knocks all of the villains against the wall, pinning
them there.

74 GROGAR
Each of you FAILED to defeat
Twilight Sparkle and her friends.
(to Chrysalis)
Some of you failed TWICE.

They each struggle to free themselves.

75 GROGAR (CONT'D)
My power is greater than all of
yours combined. And this is but a
FRACTION of my abilities. Now you
will retrieve the rest.

Smoky tendrils fill the room. Shadows and smoke come to life,
illustrating his tale as he talks.

76 GROGAR (CONT'D)
Thousands of moons ago I was
defeated by Gusty the Great. She
bested me by stealing the
Bewitching Bell, a talisman that
stored my strength. The bell
couldn't be destroyed so Gusty hid
it in an enchanted cave high atop
Mt. Everhoof and created powerful
winds to prevent ANYpony from
reaching the peak. There the bell
has remained... until now.

Grogar waves a hoof and the villains collapse to the ground.

77 GROGAR (CONT'D)
Go to Mt. Everhoof. Scale the
Mountain. Navigate the magical
winds. Bring me back my bell.

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

78 CHRYSALIS
Climb a mountain and retrieve a
bell? Seriously? THIS is supposed
to be a challenge?

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.

79 CHRYSALIS
It SOUNDED simpler than it looks.

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.

80 TIREK
Scale the mountain.

81 CHRYSLIS
Retrieve Grogar's bell.

Cozy pulls out a brightly colored folder.

82 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

83 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.

84 CHRYSLIS
Fine. No flying.

In the shadows, large creatures rustle and growl. Chrysalis <CHUCKLES>.

85 CHRYSLIS (CONT'D)
As if anything on this mountain is
scarier than me.

She strides through the forest, not noticing the pair of large yellow eyes that track her from the shadows.

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 snowy mountain path. She comes to a crossroads. She turns to the left, thinks better of it and then goes to the right. Then looks back to the left. Unsure. She stomps a hoof in frustration.

86 COZY GLOW
Would it be so hard to put up a
SIGN on your impossible to climb
mountain!?

87 RUSTY BUCKET (O.S.)
Wuzzat? A fossilized fountain?

An old scraggly pony (RUSTY BUCKET) wearing a rusty bucket as a hat hobbles along the path pulling a wagon filled with what looks like garbage. Cozy smiles. FINALLY! Somepony she can manipulate. She puts on her most 'adorable pony lost in the woods' face.

88 COZY GLOW
I'm SO glad I found you. I'm afraid
I've gotten myself lost and would
SO love some help finding my way.

Rusty squints at her, then smacks his ear with a hoof.

89 RUSTY BUCKET
Wuzzat? Old Rusty Bucket's a bit
harda hearing. What didja say?

90 COZY GLOW
I SAID CAN YOU HELP ME! I'M LOST!

The snow around them rumbles. Rusty looks around alarmed.

91 RUSTY BUCKET
Not so loud now! This is avalanche
territory! You crazy?!

Cozy stares at Rusty, unsure what to make of the strange pony. But since he's her only option she does her best.

92 COZY GLOW
(quietly)
I was wondering--

93 RUSTY BUCKET
WHAT?!

94 COZY GLOW
(yelling)
CAN YOU HELP ME--

95 RUSTY BUCKET
Shhhhhh!!!!

Rusty continues to squint and shush Cozy back and forth as she tries to modulate her volume.

96 COZY GLOW
(about to lose it)
Get. TO. The. TOP. Of. MT.
Everhoof?

97 RUSTY BUCKET
Ahhhhh. I gotcha. I gotcha. Just
follow ole' Rusty!

He turns and heads along the path. Cozy follows along.

98 RUSTY BUCKET (CONT'D)
What's a lil filly like you doin up
here anyway?

99 COZY GLOW
It's a LONG story. But I'm TRYING
to--

100 RUSTY BUCKET
SHHHHHHHH!!!

Off Cozy's nonplussed expression....

SC. 12 - EXT. MT. EVERHOOF - FOREST

Chrysalis rushes 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 crashes through the ice on the other side, but the rocky terrain is jagged and uneven. Chrysalis transforms into a GOAT, leaping and climbing the rocks with ease.

She's unaware that behind her, something LARGE is following.

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.

Something behind her <HISSES> loudly. She turns and comes face to face with a giant OPHIOTAURUS (Head and front legs of a bull, body of a serpent). It <ROARS>.

102 CHRYSALIS (CONT'D)
Oh my. A large scary beast.
Whatever shall I do?

Chrysalis transforms into a FEMALE OPHIOTAURUS and <ROARS> back.

The Ophiotaurus <BLINKS> in surprise, taking in the female in front of him. He <GRINS> and stares at her with love in his eyes. Chrysalis/Ophiotaurus looks confused. This wasn't what she was expecting.

The Ophiotaurus rips some flowers out of the ground and offers them shyly to Chrysalis. She rolls her eyes and transforms back into a changeling. The Ophiotaurus drops the flowers and stares at her confused.

103 CHRYSALIS (CONT'D)
If I wasn't in such a hurry I would
feast on your pathetic love. Alas,
I'm pressed for time.

Chrysalis blasts the ground in front of the monster, forcing the broken hearted beast back into the forest. Her stomach growls.

104 CHRYSALIS (CONT'D)
Wish I could take that meal to go.

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

Rusty Bucket leads Cozy Glow along the path.

105 RUSTY BUCKET
And so I sez to her, there ain't no
WAY Im buyin YOU dinner. You're a
PIG! Get it? She's a pig?

106 COZY GLOW
(completely unamused)
That is SO funny.

107 RUSTY BUCKET
Right-o. Here we are.

Cozy looks around. They're at the bottom of the mountain.

108 COZY GLOW
We're at the bottom of the
mountain!

Rusty nods his head.

109 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
WHY ARE WE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE
MOUNTAIN?!

The snow around them rumbles dangerously.

110 RUSTY BUCKET
Shhhhhhh! You said you needed help
getting the heck off of Mt.
Everhoof!!

111 COZY GLOW
TO. THE. TOP. OF. MT. EVERHOOF.

More rumbling.

112 RUSTY BUCKET
The TOP?! That's DANGEROUS! You're
better off back down here.

113 COZY GLOW
But I NEED TO GET TO THE TOP.

114 RUSTY BUCKET
Quiet! This is avalanche--

115 COZY GLOW
TERRITORY. I KNOW. YOU'VE SAID. NOW
TURN THIS WAGON AROUND AND TAKE ME
UP TO THE--

The rumbling intensifies. They both turn as a HUGE chunk of
snow <CRASHES> down and slides down the mountain, taking Cozy
with it. Rusty and his wagon are totally unaffected.

116 RUSTY BUCKET
Toldja.

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

Chrysalis steps through the fog into a clearing. No wind, no snow. It looks like a beautiful summer day. She sees a cave with mysterious runes etched around the entrance. She looks around, nopony else is there.

117 CHRYSALIS
Looks like I'm the only one here.
Apparently I DON'T need anypony
else....

She rushes towards the cave and slams into a magical barrier.

She shoots the barrier with her horn. She transforms back into an ophiotaurs and swipes at the shield. She transforms into a parasprite and tries to find a way in. Nothing works. Exhausted, she reverts to her original form and kicks the shield in frustration.

118 CHRYSALIS (CONT'D)
NOOOOOOOOOOOO!

Her echo reverberates around the mountain as we...

FADE TO:

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

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

119 TIREK
Yes?

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 out laughing.

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

121 TIREK
Oh, but isn't it though?

Cozy looks around the campsite and smirks.

122 COZY GLOW
At least, you didn't make it to the
top either.

123 TIREK
I didn't try to.

124 COZY GLOW
What?!

125 TIREK
It took about five minutes to deduce that Grogar was right. NONE of us could make it up alone. So rather than subject myself to the elements, I decided to await your failure, take what you learned and use it to my advantage.

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

126 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.

127 COZY GLOW
THAT'S IT. I'm DONE being little miss sweetie pegasus. I've TRIED being nice.

128 TIREK
You've tried manipulating me with insincere syrupy sweetness. At least NOW we see the REAL you.

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

130 TIREK
Keep telling yourself that.

Neither of them notice the Ophiotaurus slither out of the shadows, fixated on them, mouth watering.

131 COZY GLOW
Playing it smart? Or is that just your excuse because you were too weak to make it up on your own?

132 TIREK
Watch yourself...

133 COZY GLOW
Or what? You're going to try to
benchpress me? You're so lame.
That's why Grogar LEFT ME IN--

134 TIREK
DON'T SAY IT!

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

135 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 slowly. The beast stalks towards them. It's about to pounce but suddenly STOPS. Something is wrong. A sickly green mist clouds over the monster's eyes. It slumps, as if in a trance.

136 CHRYSALIS (O.S.)
NOW I have time for you my dear...

Chrysalis steps out of the shadows, mouth open. Magical green energy seeps off of the creature and flows into her mouth. She glows brighter and more powerful.

The beast collapses. Love drained. Chrysalis smiles.

137 CHRYSALIS (CONT'D)
Mmmm. SO much love. I haven't eaten
that well in AGES...

138 COZY GLOW
That. Is. So. Gross.

Tirek's stomach growls. Chrysalis turns to them.

139 CHRYSALIS
Just so we're clear. I didn't save
you because I like you. I made it
to the top of the mountain on my
own but... I couldn't get into the
cave to retrieve the bell. I...

140 COZY GLOW
Neeeeeed us?

141 CHRYSLIS
(she HATES saying it)
Yes.

142 TIREK
Looks like I WAS right to wait.
Excellent. We'll go together in the
morning. Too treacherous at night.

143 CHRYSLIS
Night time too scary for you?

144 TIREK
I'm not scared. I just don't want
to fall into a crevasse. (with a
look to the others' wings) Not all
of us can fly.

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 Ophiotauros. As she
pats the cocoon it makes a wet slimy noise.

145 COZY GLOW
MUST you do that right now?

146 CHRYSLIS
Yes I MUST.

147 TIREK
It's disgusting.

Cozy looks at the cocoon with interest.

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

149 CHRYSLIS
Of course.

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

151 CHRYSLIS
Yes. Until STARLIGHT GLIMMER freed
them.

Beat as they all sit silently.

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

153 CHRYSALIS
What do you mean? It was a
carefully planned and executed
operation!

154 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.

155 CHRYSALIS
I'm JUST. THAT. GOOD.

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

157 CHRYSALIS
Discord was really something until
friendship ruined him.

158 TIREK
You should've seen Twilight's face
when her friends appeared in
bubbles around me. She needs to get
a handle on that anxiety.

Chrysalis and Cozy <LAUGH>.

159 COZY GLOW
It makes her SO easy to manipulate!
She's always so stressed!

160 CHRYSALIS
When I posed as her former foal-
sitter I thought she was going to
have a nervous breakdown.

Tirek <LAUGHS>.

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

162 CHRYSalIS
ALL magic was a little excessive
don't you think?

Cozy shrugs.

163 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.

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

Chrysalis <CACKLES> and turns into Twilight.

165 CHRYSalIS/TWILIGHT
(in Chrysalis' voice)
Oh NO! I'm a pathetic obsessive
compulsive pony princess and a
FAILURE.

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

166 TIREK
You know, working with you two may
not be the WORST thing in the
world.

167 CHRYSalIS
Perhaps not... as long as it
results in the complete and total
destruction of our enemies.

168 COZY GLOW
I wouldn't have it ANY other way.
Now 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

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 help each other climb up rocky terrain.

Chrysalis turns into a cragadile to lift a fallen tree out of their path.

They come across Rusty Bucket and his wagon. Tirek <SCREAMS> and an avalanche wipes Rusty's wagon away. [far at the bottom of the mountain we see he's okay] Cozy and Chrysalis <LAUGH>.

Chrysalis as an Ophiotaurus carries Tirek and Cozy through the tougher parts of the forest.

They climb the side of the windy mountain. Cozy slips and almost blows away, but Tirek grabs her hand. He falls back and Chrysalis grabs him. Together, they are stronger than the mountain!

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

The villains reach the beautiful grove at the top and the mysterious cave. Chrysalis leads them to the shield. Tirek and Cozy reach out and feel the magical dome blocking their path. Cozy turns to Tirek.

169 COZY GLOW
Can't you just absorb it and make
it go away?

170 TIREK
I absorb LIVING beings. I can do
nothing here. If only I were
stronger, maybe then I could
destroy it.
(to Chrysalis)
Perhaps now that you've eaten, you
may be strong enough?

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

171 COZY GLOW
You absorb the energy of LIVING
beings... even her?

Chrysalis backs away from them defensively.

172 CHRYSALIS
What is this betrayal??

173 COZY GLOW
Not betrayal. Teamwork. If Tirek
absorbs your energy he might be
strong enough to break through the
barrier.

174 CHRYSLIS
And then?

175 COZY GLOW
Then... he gives it back.

176 TIREK
I do?

Cozy nods.

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

178 COZY GLOW
Would we do that to you?

Chrysalis nods.

179 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
Okay. NORMALLY yes, we would.

180 TIREK
You were helpful getting us up
here. I'll give you your magic
back.

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

181 CHRYSLIS
FINE. 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.

182 TIREK
Yes!!! SO. MUCH. POWER!!!!

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

183 TIREK (CONT'D)
Welcome back baby.

184 COZY GLOW
Well??

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

185 TIREK
It's strong. But I'm STRONGER.

A small opening appears in the shield.

186 TIREK (CONT'D)
It's not big enough for me to get through.

187 COZY GLOW
Maybe not you.

Cozy dives through the opening.

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

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

189 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.

190 TIREK
Can't... hold on.... Much longer...

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

191 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.

192 COZY GLOW
Ta-da....

Chrysalis raises her head to look at Tirek.

193 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.

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

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

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

197 CHRYSLIS
I haven't felt this way since I
lost my hive. It's been hard, doing
everything alone. Having others
that you know will be there for
you... is pleasing.

The air around them <SHIMMERS> and <SHINES> with magical
energy. Could it be the magic... of friendship? Have these
three FINALLY realized how powerful it can be?

198 TIREK
All of these years... trying to
take power from others...

199 COZY GLOW
But when you use your own power to
help others...

200 CHRYSLIS
Yes.... I feel it... 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 nicer forms. ZOOM OUT as
Chrysalis <SCREAMS>.

201 CHRYSLIS (CONT'D)
NOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!

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

202 CHRYSLIS (CONT'D)
FOOLS! Don't you see! The magic of
friendship is like a disease. It
infects you and spreads to all
those around you! I watched it
infect my hive. I will NEVER allow
it to infect me.
(MORE)

CHRYSLIS (CONT'D)

I don't CARE if it ensures our
enemy's defeat. I will NEVER
embrace it. NEVER!

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

203 COZY GLOW
Same here!

204 TIREK
Of course not.

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

206 CHRYSLIS
And WHY is that? So we can help HIM
rule Equestria? What's in it for
us?

207 TIREK
I see your point.

208 CHRYSLIS
(to Tirek)
You want to be strong and powerful
again
(to Cozy)
You want to rule over your fellow
ponies. I want to watch all those
who stole my hive suffer endlessly.
There's no reason we can't combine
forces... temporarily.

209 TIREK
A truce until we defeat our
enemies.

210 COZY GLOW
And then it's back to everypony for
themselves.

211 TIREK
And Grogar?

212 CHRYSLIS
Let him think we're his loyal
servants. In the meantime we'll
hatch our own plan.

213 COZY GLOW
Ooooooh. I love a good backstabbing!

214 CHRYsalis
Who needs friendship? Mutually
agreed upon self-destruction is SO
much more reliable.

Cozy holds up the bell.

215 COZY GLOW
But what about this?

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

The villains stand next to each other looking disappointed.
Grogar studies them.

216 GROGAR
You failed to retrieve the bell?

217 COZY GLOW
We did almighty Grogar. But we
REALLY tried.

218 TIREK
Together.

219 CHRYsalis
As a team!

220 GROGAR
Not a total loss then. You see now
that my methods work better than
your petty in-fighting and
bickering.

The villains grin slyly to one another before answering.

221 COZY GLOW
DEFINITELY.

222 TIREK
SO much smarter.

223 CHRYsalis
And more powerful than anypony who
dares get in our way.

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

THE END