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Logline: *Grogar sends his legion of doom on a mission to become allies. Unfortunately his plan works too well and they almost become friends....*

In a return to GROGAR’S Evil Lair from the premiere we find his “Legion of Doom” attempting to learn how to work together. It’s... not going great (as we see in a series of escalating comedic scenes). COZY GLOW has appointed herself “assistant to Grogar” to the other villain’s extreme annoyance. She has them doing more team-building exercises. (Emphasis on team. They are definitely not friends.) TIREK thinks he is above such inane activities, SOMBRA just wants to destroy things and CHRYSALIS finds this whole situation distasteful. Why should SHE be taking her cues from any of them? Or even Grogar for that matter? Out of ALL of them she’s come the closest to destroying the Mane 6. “Closest is still a failure” Grogar reminds her, entering the lair. Chrysalis challenges him, why should they believe that HE is more capable than any of them? This causes yet ANOTHER argument amongst the villains about which of them is the most evil (it’s a debate that comes up quite often). A blast of magical energy from Grogar shuts them all up—freezing them in place. Frustrated with their inability to complete even the most basic of tasks, Grogar determines that they need to take things up a notch. He reveals to them his intention to secure the Elements of Disharmony. The location of these powerful magic items is a cave at the top of the highest peak in Equestria, Mount Everhoof. The journey there is dangerous and retrieving the Elements will be impossible unless the villains can learn to work together as a team. It’s the perfect training exercise.

The villains arrive at the base of Mt. Everhoof. It’s daunting, even to them. After arguing about the best way to make it to the top, they begin the trek up the perilous mountains. They face all the typical challenges one would expect on such a journey. Perilous trails, dangerous beasts, questionable rope bridges, etc. The villains fail over and over. Each failure more over the top and comedically ridiculous than the last. They set up camp that evening having barely moved up the mountain. They sit awkwardly around the fire, each brooding and thinking they would be better off without the others holding them back. However even villains get bored, and eventually they begin sharing stories about the one thing they have in common, their shared hatred of the Mane 6. As they share stories of their past attempts at conquest a strange thing starts to happen. They start to actually ENJOY each others company! They next day they set out to tackle the mountain again but THIS time things are different. They work together, help each other, work as a team and actually seem to care about one another! By the time they reach the Cave of Disharmony, the villains are working together as a seamless unit!

Cozy Glow points out that things DO seem easier when they work together. Tirek agrees and feels that together they could potentially be invincible. Sombra admits that he doesn’t even feel like betraying any of them anymore. Chrysalis says it feels good to not be alone after so long without her hive. We see magical energy glowing around them. The magic of friendship has finally made its way to even the most irredeemable creatures of Equestria!

That is, until Chrysalis realizes what's happening and pulls back, **HARD STOP**. Friendship is an insidious disease, sneaking up on you when you least expect it! She saw it happen to her hive and she sees it happening here. If the only way to defeat the Mane 6 is to sink to their level and embrace each other she wants no part of it! The others quickly follow suit. Of **COURSE** none of them **ACTUALLY** wants to be friends (Sombra promises them he **DEFINITELY** wants to betray all of them and they should watch their backs!).

They return to the evil lair to find Grogar waiting for them. He asks where the Elements are and Chrysalis says that if working together is the way he wants to defeat the Mane 6 they want no part of it. They will **NEVER** be friends. Grogar sighs and snaps his fingers, revealing the Elements of Disharmony. The others are confused. Grogar explains he **COULD** have retrieved them at any time. He's that powerful. He just wanted to **TRY** to get his soldiers in order. But if he can't get them to work together willingly... he snaps his fingers again and the Elements meld to the each of the villains, overtaking them and turning them into powered up versions of themselves.

"Now," says Grogar with an evil grin, "lets' see what kind of disharmony we can really sow."