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SET UP

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - DAY

SUNSET SHIMMER is surrounded by her friends APPLEJACK, RARITY and FLUTTERSHY. She's distraught, they're worried. Fluttershy looks over a piece of paper-- TEST RESULTS.

1 FLUTTERSHY
What do you mean, you failed?

Sunset sinks against the wall.

2 SUNSET SHIMMER
Mr. Cranky Doodle said I didn't have enough experience to pass the driving test. I have a retest on Monday, but it's my last chance and...

3 APPLEJACK
...And what?

4 SUNSET SHIMMER
He wants me to practice with someone more experienced, someone who's been around the block.

5 RARITY
Darling, is that all? I can take you any time you like!

6 APPLEJACK
Don't fret your fritters! I can borrow Granny's truck!

7 FLUTTERSHY
I shuttle animals for the shelter.

Sunset smiles, grateful for her friends.

8 SUNSET SHIMMER
Well, I guess I'll go with...

Three options appear: Rarity, Applejack, and Fluttershy.

ENDING A: RARITY

EXT. CANTERLOT HIGH PARKING LOT - DAY

Sunset waits at the curb, cranes her neck looking for Rarity, checks her phone to see the time, then is surprised when-- a stretch limo pulls up in front of her. The window in the back rolls down to reveal a seat-belted Rarity. Off Sunset's dubious/amused look:

9 RARITY
Isn't it fabulous? I rented it for the day. If you're going to study driving, you simply must do it in style. I call it stretch-chic.

INT. LIMO - MOMENTS LATER

Sunset gets in the backseat next to Rarity. It's a long space, with all the amenities - bottled water, candies, cupholders, snacks. The partition is open.

10 RARITY
Now, a few things you absolutely must know.
(off Sunset ready to write)
Always have both sparkling and still water-- you never know which your passengers will prefer. Never play the music too loud, or too soft, it has to be just enough that their heads bob, but not <u>so</u> much that they cover their ears. And finally, always have your lights on the ready in case an impromptu party breaks out.

11 SUNSET SHIMMER
...Your headlights?

Rarity presses a button and FLASHING COLORED LIGHTS/MUSIC fill the inside of the car. She gives Sunset a look: impressed? Sunset looks confused.

12 SUNSET SHIMMER (cont'd)
Rarity... I'm not going to prom. I'm just trying to pass my driving test.

Rarity blinks.

13 RARITY
Can't we do both?

Sunset stares at her blankly for a long beat. HARD CUT TO:

INT./EXT. LIMO/STREET - LATER

Sunset Shimmer trying to parallel park, the (adult) chauffeur in the passenger seat. Rarity gives direction in the back (off-screen, or staged so we only see her face).

14 RARITY
Just a little bit-- oh! No, an inch to the left-now, careful! The shoulder, watch the shoulder...!

REVEAL: Rarity is getting a massage from a MASSEUSE. Sunset shoots her a look in the rear-view mirror.

15 RARITY (cont'd)
Driving can be very stressful, dear.

HARD CUT TO:

INT. DRIVERS' ED CAR - MONDAY

A DRIVER'S ED CAR in a parking lot of safety cones, where Mr. Cranky is droning on in the passenger seat, clipboard out. Sunset sits behind the wheel.

16 MR. CRANKY DOODLE
Not bad, Sunset. You completed the left turn, the right turn, the U-turn, and the K-turn. But now comes the part where everyone fails: parallel parking. Don't expect to--

17 SUNSET SHIMMER
--Done!

REVEAL: the car is FLAWLESSLY parallel parked. CUT TO: Mr. Cranky and Sunset outside the car. He's scratching his head.

18 MR. CRANKY DOODLE
Where on earth did you learn to do that?!

19 SUNSET SHIMMER
(smiling)
I just had to "stretch" my talents.

20 MR. CRANKY DOODLE
...I don't get it.

Mr. Cranky Doddle shrugs and STAMPS A GREEN THUMBS-UP on his clipboard form. Sunset beams.

IRIS OUT.

ENDING B: APPLEJACK

EXT. APPLEJACK'S FARM - DAY

Sunset and Applejack are walking towards a barn, ready to start their lesson.

21 SUNSET SHIMMER
Thanks for helping me out, Applejack!

22 APPLEJACK
Think nothin' of it! I've been looking for a reason to take a spin in the ol' jalopy.

GRANNY SMITH appears at their sides.

23 GRANNY SMITH
Who are you callin' a jalopy?!

INT. BARN - MOMENTS LATER

Granny whips the tarp off a pickup truck, and dust flies everywhere - nobody's driven it for years. Sunset <COUGHS>.

24 GRANNY SMITH
See? Like she's fresh off the lot!

25 APPLEJACK
I can't believe she's still in such good condition!

26 SUNSET SHIMMER
(coughing)
She's something, alright!

Granny and Applejack look at the car with reverence.

27 GRANNY SMITH
You girls ready for the ride of your lives?

INT. JALOPY - MOMENTS LATER

Everyone climbs into the car, Sunset in the driver's side, Granny beside her, AJ in back. Seatbelts are on.

28 GRANNY SMITH
Now, the first thing you ought to know is...

They hear a <POP>, and look at each other, as the car begins to slowly sink down. They look out and see A FLAT TIRE.

29 GRANNY SMITH (cont'd)
Be prepared.

30 SUNSET SHIMMER
.....to fail?

ANGLE ON A BOX IN THE BACK OF THE TRUCK: Sunset opens it, revealing safety items - flashlight, maps, batteries, rope, spare tire, etc.

31 GRANNY SMITH
For everything.

BY THE FLAT TIRE: Applejack's GEM glows. She uses her SUPER STRENGTH to lift the back end of the truck. Granny holds a wrench.

32 APPLEJACK
Alright, Sunset-- use that wrench to loosen the bolts and we'll get this tire replaced in two shakes of an apple tree.

33 SUNSET SHIMMER
(laughing)
And what if I don't have you or Granny Smith around?

Applejack looks at the box of tools.

34 APPLEJACK
Well...

HARD CUT TO:

INT. DRIVERS' ED CAR - MONDAY

Mr. Cranky Doodle with his clipboard, looking over the test car with a scowl on his face. He kicks a FLAT TIRE.

35 MR. CRANKY DOODLE
Oh this is unfortunate.
(no idea how to do this...)
Of course, I know how to change a tire, but ah, I wouldn't want you waiting around, so I guess... you fail? Is that fair? Hmmmm...

36 SUNSET SHIMMER
Not to worry, I know exactly what we need.

37 MR. CRANKY DOODLE
You... You do?

Sunset pops the trunk and smiles when she sees what's inside. She pulls out a car jack with an apple insignia on it.

38 SUNSET SHIMMER
An APPLE jack.

39 MR. CRANKY DOODLE
...I don't get it.

Mr. Cranky Doodle shrugs and STAMPS A GREEN THUMBS-UP on his clipboard form. Sunset beams.

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ENDING C: FLUTTERSHY

EXT. ANIMAL SHELTER/PET STORE - DAY

Holding a kitten, Fluttershy waves as she sees Sunset arrive.

40 FLUTTERSHY
Sunset! Over here!

Sunset sees Fluttershy's car-- small/yellow, like a VW Bug.

41 SUNSET SHIMMER
Sweet ride, Fluttershy.

42 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, why thank you!

She places the kitten down in front of the flap of a cat-door, gesturing for it to go back inside.

43 FLUTTERSHY (cont'd)
In you go, miss kitty! I'll be right back! I promise!

Sunset is raring to go, clapping her hands together.

44 SUNSET SHIMMER
Alright, I'm ready to clock some miles on this bad boy. Let's do this!

CUT TO:

INT. FLUTTERSHY'S CAR - MOMENTS LATER

Sunset stares FOR A LONG TIME as Fluttershy adjusts her mirrors, wipers, lights, etc.

45 FLUTTERSHY
(soft, to herself)
It's the driving safety rhyme, start your trip with seat belt time. / Ten and two is what you'll do. / Adjust your mirror to see things clearer... / Check your little engine light to make sure that the trip's alright / The coolest drivers will admire--

46 SUNSET SHIMMER
--Alright--!

47 FLUTTERSHY
(trailing off)
...properly inflated tires...

48 SUNSET SHIMMER
So! What are we learning first? Turns? Switching lanes? Parking?

49 FLUTTERSHY
Funny you should ask. I actually have a rhyme for that too...

Sunset slumps in her seat and we HARD CUT TO:

INT. DRIVERS' ED CAR - MONDAY

Mr. Cranky Doodle and Sunset getting into the test car.

50 MR. CRANKY DOODLE
Now, Sunset, I know all this safety business might seem boring to you-- and it <u>is</u>. But it's also... <SIGH>... important. Tell me, what do you do even before you start the car?

51 SUNSET SHIMMER
Turn up the radiooooooo-- Oh wait, not that.

She freezes, seeing his scowl. She's worried for a second, then starts to mutter Fluttershy's rhyme to herself.

52 SUNSET SHIMMER (cont'd)
It's the driving safety rhyme, start your trip with seatbelt time...

SUNSET SHIMMER (ALT) (cont'd)
(Under hear breath)
It's the driving safety rhyme, start your trip with seatbelt time…/ Ten and two is what you'll do./ Adjust your mirror to see things clearer…/ Check your little engine light to make sure that the trip's alright/ The coolest drivers will admire…

She checks her mirrors, seatbelt, etc, as she continues to softly repeat to herself. Mr. Cranky is impressed/surprised.

53 MR. CRANKY DOODLE
Very nice.
(trying to rhyme too)
If you're driving's / as good as your rhyming, / I'm sure you'll do just fine...ing.

MR. CRANKY DOODLE (ALT) (cont'd)
I had some help from the best/ Now it's time to pass this test
(Cranky joining in)

Sunset puts her hands on the wheel at ten and two.

54 SUNSET SHIMMER
I had some help from the best / Now it's time for me to pass this test.

SUNSET SHIMMER (ALT) (cont'd)
I had some help from the best / Now it's time to pass this test.

55 MR. CRANKY DOODLE
.....I don't get it.

MR. CRANKY DOODLE (ALT) (cont'd)
Ahhh … I get it. / Just start the car.

MR. CRANKY DOODLE (ALT) (cont'd)
kids these days.... with their rhyming and their whatnot

IRIS OUT.