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SC 1 - INT 2 ANIMAL RESCUE CENTER - AFTERNOON 2

Fluttershy leads Rarity through the Animal Rescue Center.

1 FLUTTERSHY 1
Thanks for coming, Rarity. The Rescue center needs all the help it can get.

2 RARITY 2
But of course, darling...

Rarity kneels down to nuzzle with the cutest puppy in the world, then turns to do the same with an equally cute kitten.

3 RARITY (CONT'D) 3
(in a cutesy voice)
Helping cute little puppies and kitties will never go out of style.

4 FLUTTERSHY 4
Our job today is even more special. Once a year a lucky volunteer gets to clean the Hamster Habitat.

Fluttershy points to THE BIGGEST HAMSTER HABITAT KNOWN TO MAN. Plastic tubes crisscross the room, running from floor to ceiling. Off Rarity's unenthusiastic look...

5 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D) 5
It's quite an honor. I signed up months ago to be sure I'd get it.

With that, Fluttershy lifts away the end of one of the tubes and calls softly into it.

6 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D) 6
House cleaning.

A single hamster tentatively sniffs at the opening. Rarity regards him with apprehension.

7 RARITY 7
Fluttershy, darling. Aren't hamsters, um, rodents?

8 FLUTTERSHY 8
They sure are. But they're cute and cuddly, like bunnies.

Rarity does not seem reassured as the tentative hamster makes his way out, followed by a long line of relatives. Fluttershy smiles down at the hamster herd gathering at her feet.

9 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D) 9
Okay, everyhamster, follow Rarity into the next room. She'll take good care of you while I give your home a nice scrub.

The hamsters all turn to Rarity. Off of her strained smile...

INT. ANIMAL RESCUE CENTER - LATER 3

Fluttershy finishes cleaning the last section of habitat, puts on her backpack and opens the door to the next room to find...

THE HAMST-OCALYPSE - Rarity tries in vain to corral whizzing balls of fur shooting in all directions.

10 FLUTTERSHY 10
Rarity, what happened!?

11 RARITY 11
Well, Carl Pettington's coat just begged to be accessorized, but Emilia Furhart refused to be left out and got Curtis Pawpower and Mayfield Bumblepuss to chew right through Carl's little scarf and before I knew it I had a habitat-wide feud on my hands.
(beat)
Also, I named them.

12 FLUTTERSHY 12
Ladies and gentle-hamsters, please!

The hamsters all stop at the sound of Fluttershy's voice.

13 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D) 13
Now, I know you're all upset, but why don't we head back into the habitat and talk it over?

The herd seems to consider this as a single hamster in a torn scarf walks up to Rarity. She picks him up.

14 RARITY 14
I mean, honestly, not every hamster can expect to look as smart in a scarf as Carl here.

Carl Pettington sticks his tongue out at the other hamsters who immediately go back to fighting among themselves.

15 FLUTTERSHY 15
(to Rarity)
That wasn't exactly helpful.

In a series of quick cuts, the girls try to corral the hamsters:

FLUTTERSHY - lays a trail of food pellets up to the habitat, but the hamsters just pick up the pellets and throw them at each other.

RARITY - holds a tiny, hamster-sized dress up to one of the tubes. A hamster crawls up, sniffs it, then turns up it's nose and runs off.

16 RARITY 16
Well!

FLUTTERSHY - digs through her backpack for something to use and pulls out, cat food, dog treats, and a tambourine.

RARITY - digs through her backpack and pulls out make up, hair spray and a small bolt of fabric.

RARITY - chases a group of hamsters using her fabric like a net.

FLUTTERSHY - chases some hamsters using her tambourine like a scoop.

BOTH SETS OF HAMSTERS - stop short as the two girls run into each other. Rarity wraps Fluttershy in fabric as the tambourine flies through the air and crashes to the floor.

The hamsters all stop, transfixed until the instrument's tinkling bells stop. Fluttershy quickly grabs the tambourine and shakes it. The hamsters look on, hypnotized by the sound.

17 RARITY (CONT'D) 17
Well, don't stop now, dear. You've found your audience.

Fluttershy proceeds to play the tambourine, dancing as she spins and twirls her instrument, shaking and slapping it in a double-time, syncopated rhythm.

Mesmerized, the hamsters follow her in a single line through the center, as she PONYS-UP-- growing ears and a tail.

Finally she leads the line of hamsters up to the habitat and inside. She seals the habitat as she and Rarity collapse.

Rarity looks in through one of the transparent tubes at Carl who takes off the remains of his scarf and shrugs.

18 RARITY (CONT'D) 18

I never would have guessed hamsters could be so touchy about fashion.
[ALT]
Such a shame. It really did bring out your eyes.
[ALT]
I guess there is such a thing as <u>too</u> fabulous.
[ALT]
Don't worry, darling. Someday the habitat will be ready for fabulousity.

Or...

Rarity turns to Fluttershy.

19 RARITY (CONT'D) 19

Actually, I've had fashion shows go worse.
[ALT]
As models go, hamsters are pretty low maintenance.

FADE OUT.