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TEASER

FLUTTERSHY is enjoying a peaceful "hoof bath" at the Ponyville Spa when RARITY (wearing a particularly audacious hat) bursts into the room. She apologizes for being late for their weekly girl chat and spa time, but she has a very good excuse. While on her way there, she was approached by renowned fashion photographer, PICTURE PERFECT. As Rarity continues, we cut back and forth between she and Fluttershy. Fluttershy will continue to enjoy her hoof bath while Rarity gets a new treatment every time we see her. (i.e. mud bath, massage, cucumber facial)

Rarity tells Fluttershy that Picture Perfect simply adored her hat. In fact, she was so impressed by it, that she wants to do a photo shoot at her shop featuring some of her other fashions. She'll need someone with grace and poise to model her clothes and she can't think of anypony more perfect than Fluttershy. Fluttershy isn't so sure she's the best choice. She isn't very comfortable being in the spotlight. Rarity begs and pleads for her to do it, "pretty, pretty, pretty, pretty please." This is a huge opportunity that could do wonders for her fashion career. Fluttershy recognizes how important her participation is to her friend and agrees to be her model.

Their beauty/relaxation treatments now complete, Rarity and Fluttershy head out of the spa. Rarity comments that she was so afraid Fluttershy wouldn't model for her that she's not only gotten herself completely stressed out, but she feels a blemish coming on. The solution? "The usual!" she commands as she re-enters the spa. An employee slathers on the mud as we END TEASER.

ACT I

It's the day of the shoot and a nervous Rarity preps Fluttershy for her modeling debut, encouraging her to show a lot of attitude and pizzazz when she gets in front of the camera. She's recruited TWILIGHT SPARKLE to use her magic to light the shop just so and has SPIKE and PINKIE PIE there to bring her any accessories and sewing accoutrements she might need to get her outfits just right. Spike fawns over Rarity and does anything she asks of him, including serving as her personal pincushion -- a demeaning, but not painful task for the thick-scaled little dragon.

Alone with Pinkie Pie and Twilight Sparkle, Spike asks the two of them to keep a very important secret -- he has a crush on Rarity! Pinkie Pie agrees to keep it under wraps, but Twilight Sparkle thinks this is ridiculous. Everypony already knows Spike has a crush on Rarity. Pinkie Pie warns Twilight against the perils of not keeping a friend's secret. When a friend tells you something in confidence, under no circumstances are you to breathe a word of it to anyone. Do so and you could lose that friend forever. Forever! Twilight notes the usually silly Pinkie Pie's serious tone and takes the admonition to heart. She won't spill the beans about Spike's crush. Though she is pretty sure Rarity will pick up on Spike's feelings for her eventually. ANGLE ON Spike who is now wearing an "I Heart Rarity" T-Shirt.

A blustery, husky-voiced, and perhaps heavily accented PICTURE PERFECT arrives on the scene, eager to get things started. "Picture Perfect has arrived! We begin!... Now!" She's a little intimidating to say the least, barking out orders in an effort to get the best shot. Fluttershy tries to exude attitude and pizzazz, but as soon as Picture Perfect points her camera at her she shrinks and becomes her usual shy and demure self. "Enough!" Picture Perfect proclaims before she's even taken a handful of photos. Rarity is certain that the whole thing has been a major disaster, as is Fluttershy who apologizes for failing her friend.

Both are shocked and elated when Picture Perfect announces that the photo shoot has been a major success. "I, Picture Perfect, have found the next fashion star here in Ponyville and I, Picture Perfect, am going to help her to shine over all of Equestria," she announces. The first step, another photo shoot. "I go!" Picture Perfect turns to leave and Rarity plays it cool. Once Picture Perfect is out of earshot, however, Rarity jumps up and down and squeals with excitement. She doesn't even notice that she is repeatedly landing on Spike's tail. Twilight finally has to move the love struck dragon out of the way for fear the appendage will be flattened permanently.

The next day, Rarity and Fluttershy report to the park Picture Perfect has chosen for the shoot. Rarity has brought along some of her frilliest, most over-the-top fashions for Fluttershy to wear. As the two wait for Picture Perfect's arrival, Rarity envisions her future as an acclaimed fashion designer. "I, Rarity, am going to shine all over Equestria," she proclaims proudly. Fluttershy couldn't be happier for the success that awaits her friend.

Alas, when Picture Perfect arrives and sees Fluttershy in one of Rarity's fancy outfits, she informs Rarity that there has clearly been some sort of misunderstanding. She wants to shoot Fluttershy in something simple and nature inspired. Rarity tells Picture Perfect that this sounds like a great way to show her range and versatility as a designer. She'll whip up a new outfit in no time. Picture Perfect tells her that won't be necessary. The purpose of the shoot isn't to help launch Rarity's career as a fashion designer, it's to help launch Fluttershy's career as a model. "You! Go!" Picture Perfect commands. Off Rarity's devastated look we END ACT I.

ACT II

As Picture Perfect sets up her camera, Rarity packs up the clothing she thought Fluttershy was going to wear in the photos. Fluttershy tells her that she isn't going to participate in the shoot if Rarity isn't a part of it. Though clearly upset, Rarity insists that she's not. Fluttershy must go on to the fame and fortune that await her as a fashion model. "You must, you must, you must!" Rarity exclaims. Fluttershy agrees to go on with the shoot, but only because her friend really, really wants her to do so. As Fluttershy takes her place in front of the camera, wearing a delicate silk cape and wildflowers in her hair, Rarity sinks and slowly walks away.

Just as Picture Perfect predicted, Fluttershy quickly becomes a star in the fashion world. Her face graces the covers of magazines, she makes appearances at red carpet events, the pony paparazzi starts following her every move... It is definitely putting a strain on she and Rarity's relationship. Their weekly girl chat and spa treatments become more and more uncomfortable. Rarity has to squeeze past the pony paparazzi just to get into the spa. She has to settle for a hoof bath when, at Picture Perfect's insistence, Rarity's usual team of spa employees gives Fluttershy massages, mud baths, and cucumber facial treatments, or, as Picture Perfect calls it, "The usual!"

Finally one week, it looks like Fluttershy isn't even going to show up for their weekly spa ritual. This is too much for Rarity who explodes in front of Twilight in a display of drama queen over-dramatics. Rarity confesses that she has a selfish fantasy of Fluttershy flubbing an event and her modeling career falling apart. Twilight tells Rarity that she shouldn't begrudge her friend's recent success – it doesn't mean she won't be successful too one day. Rarity knows Twilight is right, but she just can't help the way she feels. She begs Twilight not to tell Fluttershy how jealous she is. Twilight promises to keep Rarity's secret. She

knows that when a friend tells you something in confidence, under no circumstances are you to breathe a word of it to anyone. Do so and you could lose that friend forever. "Forever!" Pinkie Pie exclaims popping up out of a basket of loofah sponges.

Still irritated that Fluttershy couldn't find the time to meet her at the spa, Rarity leaves in a huff. Moments later, Fluttershy enters. She's exhausted and miserable. She confesses to Twilight that she absolutely hates modeling. She's only doing it because Rarity told her "she must, she must, she must!" She begs Twilight not to tell Rarity how she really feels. Twilight is all smiles. She knows exactly how to resolve Fluttershy and Rarity's issues. "Well, if you want to know the truth, Rarity doesn't..." Twilight begins. She stops short as Pinkie Pie pops up from behind a stack of rolled spa towels, shaking her head "no" and miming for Twilight to "zip it." With Twilight caught between two secrets, we END ACT II.

ACT III

Unable to let Fluttershy know how Rarity really feels about her modeling career, Twilight casually suggests Fluttershy quit modeling for her own sake. Fluttershy insists that she could never do such a thing. Rarity would be devastated. "But Rarity—" Twilight begins. Pinkie Pie emerges from a mud bath and shakes her head "no." Twilight quickly covers her mouth before the truth can escape. "If only all these ponies didn't like me so much, they wouldn't want me to do all this modeling," Fluttershy laments.

This gives Twilight an idea. If she sabotages Fluttershy's next fashion show appearance, Fluttershy's hated modeling career will be cut short and Rarity will no longer have to be jealous of her friend's success. She relays her plan to Pinkie Pie and asks her to promise not to tell anyone what she is going to do. Pinkie Pie mimes zipping her lips, locking them with a key, digging a hole, burying the key, building a house on top of the place where the key is buried, and then moving into the house. None of this reads to Twilight so Pinkie Pie repeats the actions, this time explaining what she is doing.

Soon after, a reluctant Rarity arrives at Fluttershy's latest fashion show appearance. All of Equestria's most fashionable ponies are in attendance, looking forward to seeing the fashion world's brightest star. But as Fluttershy takes the stage, they notice something isn't quite right about the usually graceful and demure model. She's acting very, very strange. She's being goofy and clumsy. Tripping over her own hooves. Spinning in circles, then falling down dizzy. As she reaches the end of the runway, she even lets out a little burp. We reveal that Twilight is using her magic to control Fluttershy like a puppet on a string. Her plan is working; the crowd is turning on their once beloved fashion icon.

From her seat in the audience, Rarity realizes that her selfish fantasy is coming true! But rather than reveling in the moment, Rarity feels guilty for ever wishing something like this would happen to her friend. Thinking fast, Rarity loudly applauds Fluttershy's "new attitude". She soon has the crowd agreeing that Fluttershy has re-invented herself and introduced the fashion world to the oh-so-amazing "clumsy chic." Confused by Rarity's efforts to save her friend's career, Twilight stops using her powers on Fluttershy. The reluctant model looks out at the raucous crowd applauding her. She lets out a defeated sigh.

Backstage, Fluttershy tells Twilight that she appreciates her efforts to get everypony to think she wasn't a good model by enchanting her and making her act silly. (She's clearly too shy to pull off something like this by herself.) Unfortunately, the whole thing has clearly backfired. She now seems to be even more popular than before. This will certainly lead to more fashion shows, more photo shoots, and more public appearances. If only Rarity didn't

want her to be a model, she could leave all this behind. "But Rarity—" Twilight begins before covering her mouth.

Suddenly, Rarity bursts into the room. As Twilight looks on, hoofs still clamped over her mouth, Rarity finally confesses to Fluttershy that she's been jealous of her success. She apologizes for thinking for even a moment that she'd want to see her fail at something she so clearly enjoys. "But Fluttershy doesn't—" Twilight begins then quickly covers her mouth once again. As Twilight looks on, still physically holding back the urge to share Fluttershy's secret, Fluttershy finally admits that she actually hates being a model but kept doing it because she didn't want to disappoint Rarity by quitting. Neither one would have had to suffer if they'd just revealed how they felt from the start. The two agree never to keep their true feelings a secret again.

Picture Perfect arrives on the scene to congratulate her muse and discuss their next photo shoot. Rarity informs Picture Perfect that there won't be a next photo shoot. "We go!" Fluttershy and Rarity proclaim with a giggle. "What has just happened?" Picture Perfect asks Twilight. "Spike has a crush on Rarity!" Twilight blurts out. Pinkie Pie pops up from behind Fluttershy's dressing room mirror and shakes her head in disappointment.

Rarity and Fluttershy resume their weekly spa ritual as Twilight recites her letter to Celestia. She has learned that being a good friend means being able to keep a secret, but it is also important not to keep your feelings secret from a good friend. We widen to reveal that Spike has refused to take dictation. He still can't believe Twilight told someone about his love for Rarity. We pull out wider to reveal that he is fanning Rarity with a giant paper fan that says "I Love You". Twilight rolls her eyes as we FADE OUT.

THE END