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MY LITTLE PONY

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TEASER

FLUTTERSHY is in the meadow helping a MOTHER CHIPMUNK guide her BABY CHIPMUNKS back into their nest. When one of the baby chipmunks tries to scurry away from the group, Fluttershy swoops in and gives him a stern talking to. The lecture is effective and the chipmunk joins his brothers and sisters in the nest.

Fluttershy is about to fly away when one of the baby chipmunks lets out a tiny cough. "What is it, tiny chipmunk?" Fluttershy asks. Another baby chipmunk lets out a tiny cough. "Are you okay?" Fluttershy asks. Yet another baby chipmunk lets out a tiny cough. "Is it your throat?" The once wayward chipmunk suddenly lets out a HUGE COUGH. He catches his breath, and then points over his shoulder. Behind him, a cloud of black smoke makes its way across the meadow. "Is it because of that giant cloud of black smoke?" Fluttershy asks. The wayward chipmunk puts his hands on his hips and stares at her. "I'll take that as a 'yes'," Fluttershy says as we END TEASER.

ACT I

FLUTTERSHY arrives in Ponyville and tries to warn her fellow ponies about the smoke. Unfortunately, she is so timid and soft-spoken that she can't seem to get anypony's attention. "Excuse me—", "Pardon me—", "I don't mean to interrupt—" she says quietly. So quietly, in fact, that not a single pony even realizes she's speaking to them. Fluttershy makes one last feeble attempt. "If I could just have everyone's atten—" Fluttershy softly begins. She is cut off when APPLE JACK barrels onto the scene and announces in a loud voice that a "fog" has been over her farm for days. Where is Rainbow Dash and why has she been shirking her duties when it comes to clearing away the clouds? RAINBOW DASH hears Apple Jack's accusation and insists she hasn't been slacking off on the job. She's tried, but she simply can't move the "fog." We soon learn that it is spreading over all of Equestria. Even the Pegasus who live in Cloudsdale can't clear it away. What are they to do?

The answer arrives in the form of a letter from Celestia to TWILIGHT. The "fog" isn't a fog at all, but a cloud of smoke. And the smoke is coming from the nostrils of a sleeping Dragon! Celestia asks Twilight to gather her friends and go to the mountain where the dragon is taking his nap. They must convince him to find another place to sleep or Equestria will be covered in smoke for 100 years. (The typical length of a dragon nap.) Twilight asks Spike what to expect when they meet up with the dragon. Spike has no idea -- he's never seen another dragon before. But he can pretty much guarantee it won't be nearly as cute as he is. Very few things are as cute as he is.

Rainbow Dash is raring to go and soon has Rarity, Apple Jack, and PINKIE PIE all talking excitedly about the amazing adventure they are going to have together. It seems that the only one who doesn't want to participate is Fluttershy. The mere thought of seeing a dragon, let alone talking to one scares her to pieces. But Twilight insists that she come along. After all, Fluttershy is good with all creatures great and

small; her special talents are sure to come in handy. Fluttershy isn't assertive enough to say no and soon finds herself on the road with Twilight, Rarity, Pinkie-Pie, Apple Jack and Rainbow Dash. (Spike tells them he'll catch up with them later. He wants to get himself spruced up first so that he can make a good impression on his fellow dragon.)

As the group makes its way out of Ponyville, Rainbow Dash pulls Twilight aside to express her concern about Fluttershy joining them on the adventure. She really doesn't think Fluttershy is up to it. The poor pony is afraid of her own shadow. Who knows how she'll react when she comes face to face with a dragon. Twilight assures Rainbow Dash that Fluttershy will be just fine. A moment later, Fluttershy lets out a tiny yelp. She's been startled by, of all things, her own shadow. Rainbow Dash gives Twilight an "I told you so" look as we END ACT I.

ACT II

Twilight, Fluttershy, Pinkie Pie, Rainbow Dash, Apple Jack, and Rarity arrive at the base of a mountain. Smoke billows out of the entrance to a cave at the top. "It's so... high," Fluttershy says nervously. "Well, it is a *mountain*," Rainbow Dash responds. She volunteers to fly ahead to check things out, but Twilight suggests that it would probably be safer if they all arrived at the top of the mountain together. Rainbow Dash reluctantly agrees and flies just a few feet ahead of the others as they begin to scale a steep slope on the side of the mountain.

As they climb, the ponies discuss their excitement about meeting a real, live dragon. Pinkie Pie does a dragon impression that has everyone cracking up. "What do you think the dragon will be like, Fluttershy?" Twilight asks. But Fluttershy doesn't respond. Turns out she is still at the base of the mountain. "Come on, Fluttershy. We haven't got all day," Rainbow Dash says impatiently. "But it's so... steep," Fluttershy says nervously. "Well, it is a *cliff*," Rainbow Dash responds. "Why don't you just fly up?" Apple Jack asks. Fluttershy tries to flap her wings, but her fear of heights renders them totally useless. Seeing how terrified Fluttershy is, Twilight suggests that she take the path that goes up and around the mountain instead. "But that's going to take forever," Rainbow Dash whines.

Much, much later, Twilight, Pinkie Pie, Rainbow Dash, Apple Jack and Rarity wait cliff-side for Fluttershy to join them. Pinkie Pie, Apple Jack and Rarity play a board game. "I win again!" Pinkie Pie exclaims. "That's 35 games in a row!" she adds. Rainbow Dash paces impatiently. "Told you it was going to take forever," she says to Twilight. Just then, Fluttershy rounds the corner. "Finally," Rainbow Dash says under her breath.

Reunited with Fluttershy, the Ponies continue their journey and arrive at a narrow gorge. Rainbow Dash flies over it and lands on the other side. Without hesitation, Twilight, Pinkie Pie, Apple Jack and Rarity leap over the gorge and land safely. Fluttershy remains on the other side. "Come on, Fluttershy, you can do it," Twilight says. "But it's so... wide," Fluttershy responds. "Well, it is a... What are you talking

about? It isn't wide at all!" Rainbow Dash counters. "Now get a move on. It's going to be dark soon," she adds. Fluttershy looks around nervously, "Dark?" she replies timidly. "Yes. So use those wings of yours and fly on over here," Rainbow Dash answers. Fluttershy tries again to flap her wings, but it's no use. "Or you could just jump," Apple Jack suggests.

Fluttershy summons up all her courage and runs toward the narrow gorge. She leaps into the air and is halfway over when she looks down. Her eyes go wide and she is paralyzed with fear. Her front and back legs outstretched, she slams her eyes shut as she starts to drop. But Rainbow Dash was right. The gorge isn't wide at all. In fact, it is exactly the width of a pony with her front and back legs outstretched. Fluttershy lands with her front hooves on one side of the gorge and her back legs on the other. Rainbow Dash smacks her forehead in disbelief, then flies over and nudges Fluttershy's bottom with her nose as the other ponies help pull her safely to the other side.

It's almost sunset and the ponies still have a ways to go to get to the top of the mountain. As darkness sets in, Fluttershy is getting more and more anxious. Every sound she hears sends her into a panic. "What was that?" she asks Apple Jack. "The wind," Apple Jack answers. "What was that?" she asks Rarity. "An owl," Rarity answers. "What was that?" she asks Pinkie Pie. "Me," Pinkie Pie answers as she continues singing a bright, little tune. Twilight tells Pinkie Pie that she is enjoying her song, but that they are entering an avalanche zone and have to be very, very quiet to avoid setting off an avalanche. "An avalanche?" Fluttershy says nervously. Just then, a tiny leaf falls and lands on the jittery Fluttershy's bottom. "Avalanche!" she screams at the top of her lungs. The sound of her voice echoes all around and of course causes an...

"Avalanche!" the ponies scream as rocks begin to tumble down the mountain. They dart this way and that to avoid being knocked down by the falling boulders. A moment later, the smoke clears to reveal that a huge pile of rocks now blocks their path. Fluttershy sheepishly hangs her head.

As the ponies struggle to climb over the rock pile created by the avalanche, Rainbow Dash pulls Twilight aside. Doesn't she see how much better things would be if they just left Fluttershy behind and continued on without her? They'd probably have already gotten rid of the dragon and been back in Ponyville if it wasn't for the little "scaredy-pony." Twilight still believes Fluttershy has something to offer and tells Rainbow Dash that she needs to give their friend a chance. "I don't deserve a chance," says Fluttershy.

Twilight and Rainbow Dash turn to see that Fluttershy is standing behind them. She has clearly overheard their conversation. She tells Twilight that she's going to stay behind and wait for the rest of the ponies to deal with the dragon. Twilight tells Fluttershy that if she wants to stay behind, that's her choice. "But just know that I believe in you," she adds.

The ponies, minus Fluttershy, finally reach the entrance to the cave at the top of the

mountain. They peer through the thick cloud of smoke at the enormous sleeping DRAGON. It lets out a snore, its lip curling over its giant, yellow teeth. "Spike was right," says Rarity. "That thing isn't cute at all!" The other ponies nod in agreement as we END ACT II.

ACT III

Rainbow Dash is fired up and ready to knock some sense into the sleeping dragon. "Let me at him. I'll show him who's boss!" she proclaims, throwing "punches" in the air. But Twilight thinks it might be a better idea if they tried talking to the dragon. Once he hears how much trouble his smoke is causing, he's sure to want to find another place to take his nap. She enters the cave, gently rouses the sleeping creature and explains the situation to him. The dragon appears to be taking Twilight's words to heart, nodding its head in understanding as Twilight speaks. "So you'll find another cave?" Twilight asks cheerily. The dragon looks at her for a moment, then shakes its head "no" and goes back to sleep.

A disappointed Twilight exits the cave. Once again Rainbow Dash offers to give the dragon a good wallop, but Rarity insists that a little "pony charm" will be far more effective. She enters the cave, bats her eyes at the dragon and dishes out the compliments. She actually seems to be making some headway with the creature. He is just about to depart when Rarity casually mentions how nice it would be if he left a few of his precious jewels behind. Outraged by the request, the dragon plops back down and goes back to sleep.

Next up is Pinkie Pie. She dons a silly outfit and tells the other ponies that "sharing a good laugh" is sure to get the dragon on their side. She enters the cave. A beat later she exits, her silly outfit now covered in soot. "Apparently he does not like laughing. Or sharing," she informs the others.

Never fear, Apple Jack is here! She'll just round that dragon up like she would some wayward sheep. But try as she might, she just can't get that dragon to move an inch. She exits the cave defeated. What are they going to do? Rainbow Dash tells them it's obvious what must be done and rushes into the cave. She gets right in the dragon's face, tells him to "Get out!" and gives him a swift kick in the nose.

Bad idea. Very bad idea. The dragon lets out a terrible roar, the force of which sends Rainbow Dash and the other ponies tumbling backwards over the side of the mountain. They land in a heap right in front of Fluttershy. She looks at her dazed and injured friends, then looks up the side of the mountain at the entrance to the dragon's cave. Her eyes narrow into angry slits. Suddenly, her wings begin to flap. The other ponies look on in amazement as she flies right up to the entrance of the cave and bursts in on the dragon. "How dare you do that to my friends!" she exclaims. Fired up, she gives the dragon a very stern talking to. "Well, what do you have to say for yourself?" she asks. The dragon doesn't respond. "I *said*, what do you have to say for yourself?" she asks again, this time giving him her most menacing stare. All of a sudden the enormous dragon starts to cry. "I'm... s..s..sorry,"

he sobs in a deep voice. Fluttershy comforts the weepy dragon and tells him it's okay, he just needs to be a good dragon and find another place to take his nap.

A little later, the ponies return to a smoke-free Ponyville. Rainbow Dash sings Fluttershy's praises to anyone who will listen. She insists that she knew all along that her friend had what it took to face down a dragon. Fluttershy shoots her a disbelieving look. "What? I totally did," Rainbow Dash insists. A moment later, a primped and preened Spike arrives on the scene finally ready to head out and meet the dragon. He realizes that he's already missed the adventure when Twilight asks him to take a letter.

Twilight reports back to Celestia that the dragon situation has been resolved thanks to Fluttershy. Their adventure has proven beyond a doubt that the power of friendship can help even the most timid pony find her inner strength.

Twilight finishes her letter and rejoins her friends. Rainbow Dash is still praising Fluttershy's courage. "You're almost as brave as me," Rainbow Dash tells her. "And I'm not scared of anything." Suddenly, we hear a loud dragon roar. Rainbow Dash lets out a frightened yelp. Fluttershy and the other ponies laugh and reveal that the "dragon roar" was just Pinkie Pie doing her dragon impression. Rainbow Dash is visibly relieved as we FADE OUT.

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