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MY LITTLE PONY

Season II - Premises

"Valentine's Day"
"A Friend in Deed"
"When Push Comes to Shove"

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VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL

A Sadie Hawkins-type dance is being held in Ponyville and the ponies all have dates except for Twilight. She thinks the whole thing is a silly waste of time until she meets Storm Cloud, an old friend of Rainbow Dash. He's street wise and cool and Twilight has a crush but she's afraid that she won't be his type. She pretends to be tough but is comically horrible at it. Eventually she recruits RD to coach her and to play the role of Cyrano, feeding her lines from the sidelines. But it all fails to impress Storm Cloud and it looks like Twilight won't have a date until she discovers that he is a 'bookworm' just like her. If she had just been herself all along, she would have saved herself a lot of heartache.

A FRIEND IN DEED

Pinkie makes a point of being friends with everypony in Ponyville. Absolutely. Every. Pony. So when a new pony wanders into town, Pinkie appoints herself as a one pony welcome wagon (with actual wagon). But this new pony has no interest in being Pinkie's (or anypony's) friend, he just wants to be left alone. No pony has ever turned down Pinkie's hoof in friendship and she just can't accept it. She goes to ever more ridiculous extremes to win over the newcomer but all her hijinks only drive the pony further away. Eventually, Pinkie comes to learn that not everypony is going to like you, and that's ok. It doesn't mean you're a bad pony, or even that they are a bad pony. It just means that not everypony is going to mesh. Pinkie visits the reclusive pony and promises to leave him alone. The pony is so grateful that the madness has ended that he pledges his eternal friendship to Pinkie Pie.

WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE

Despite a season's worth of gentle encouragement from her friends, Fluttershy still finds it difficult to assert herself. Ponies cut in front of her in line, her gardener overwaters her petunias despite her repeated requests not to, salesponies accidentally overcharge her for animal feed and she can't bring herself to say a word, even her pet rabbit, Angel, pushes her around. After another day of being treated like a doormat, Fluttershy decides enough is enough. She's going to get over her shyness once and for all! Her friends offer advice but nothing works until Fluttershy discovers Iron Will a self-help guru specializing in assertiveness training--- satisfaction guaranteed! This confident pony has an almost magical effect on Fluttershy and soon she is able to stick up for herself. At first, her friends are happy for her, but the more she listens to the teachings of Iron Will, the more her assertiveness becomes *aggressiveness!* Suddenly she is over reacting to every perceived offense, pushing ahead in line,

and speaking her mind to the point of being rude---- and alienating all her friends (and pets!) in the process. Then one day, she runs into none other than Iron Will himself, laying into some poor pony for some small offense, leaving her in tears. Fluttershy is horrified. She doesn't want to be seen that way, but she doesn't want to be a doormat either. In an over-the-top, cartoonish portrayal of an existential crisis, she locks herself away in her cottage, determined that the only answer is to never speak to anypony ever. That is until Iron Will comes knocking at the door ready to collect the bill for his services. He's rude and loud, but Fluttershy surprisingly manages to insist that since she was not satisfied, she should not have to pay. She is polite, yet persistent and Iron Will concedes. Fluttershy learns that you don't have to be unkind to stand up for yourself.