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TEASER

SC 1 - <u>INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE</u>

Fluttershy's cottage is filled with her pets (mostly bunnies, but some squirrels and chipmunks and baby skunks.) The pets are playing with one another when Fluttershy enters.

1 FLUTTERSHY
Lunchtime! Who's hungry?

2 PETS
(EXCITED ANIMAL NOISES)

The pets hop in circles and stomp their hindquarters in excitement. Fluttershy walks around filling up bowls with pre-packaged FOOD PELLETS.

3 FLUTTERSHY
Here you go...plenty for everypony.

The moment the pellets fill up the bowl, all the animals gobble up their food. Fluttershy notices one bunny eating pellets extremely fast.

4 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Slow down sweetie!

The bunny finishes his bowl and BURPS loudly. Embarrassed, he covers his mouth with his paws. Fluttershy GIGGLES and moves on to the next bowl.

5 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Here you go, Angel Bunny.

Angel Bunny adamantly shakes his head "No!"

6 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Okay, Mr. Picky Pants, you win.

Fluttershy retrieves a second bowl filled with fresh carrots, lettuce and sliced apples.

7 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Here are all your favorites.
Carrots, lettuce and apples! Yum -
yum!

Once again, Angel Bunny adamantly shakes his head "No", pushes the bowl away from him and makes a face like the food tastes yucky.

8 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
What? But you love this stuff!

Angel Bunny hams it up in a cartoony way, pretending to eat a bite of the lettuce and then dramatically dying on the spot.

9 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Well then what *will* you eat?

Angel Bunny eagerly whips out a cookbook and points to a picture of a fancy looking, elaborate, gourmet vegetarian feast!

10 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
You want that? I'm not sure I can even make that!

Angel Bunny adamantly points to the picture and stubbornly nods his head. This is what he wants!

Fluttershy nudges the bowl forward.

11 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Are you sure I can't tempt you with a nice crisp piece of --

But before she can finish Angel Bunny comically stomps all over the lettuce.

12 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Well... I don't want you to starve. I'll make your special recipe.

Angel Bunny hops onto Fluttershy's neck and they share a snuggle.

END OF TEASER

ACT I

SC 2 - <u>EXT. FARMER'S MARKET - MANE STREET, DOWNTOWN PONYVILLE</u>

It's a beautiful day and the street is bustling with ponies, all buying goods at different stands up and down the street. Fluttershy's saddlebag has several items in it already. She consults her shopping list.

13 FLUTTERSHY
Hmmm... Let's see. Asparagus.

She looks up and spots the asparagus stand. She happily trots over to the stand and takes her place at the end of the line.

A moment later a HIGH POWERED CAREER PONY cuts in front of her.

14 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(VERY QUIETLY)
Excuse me... um, I think you just stepped in front of me...

The CAREER PONY does not hear Fluttershy so she tries again.

15 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(A TINY BIT LOUDER, BUT STILL TIMID)
Excuse me... I think you made a mistake. You see I was actually here fist and...

THE CAREER PONY gets her asparagus, turns around and accidentally BUMPS into Fluttershy. She blurts out a perfunctory apology and trots off without waiting for Fluttershy's response.

16 CAREER PONY
Sorry. Didn't notice you there.

17 FLUTTERSHY
I know.

Fluttershy realizes that it is now her turn and she is about to step up to the counter when an OLD, HARD OF HEARING PONY cuts in front of Fluttershy.

Fluttershy taps him on the shoulder and he turns around.

18 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Pardon me, sir.

19 HARD OF HEARING PONY
Yes? What?

20 FLUTTERSHY
I think you just cut in front of me.

21 HARD OF HEARING PONY
A cut of celery? This is the asparagus stand!

22 FLUTTERSHY
(A LITTLE LOUDER)
I said I think you just cut in front of me.

23 HARD OF HEARING PONY
"Go ahead and cut in front of me"? No need, dearie. I'm already in front.

24 FLUTTERSHY
(TO HERSELF)
I noticed.

The HARD OF HEARING PONY buys his asparagus and moves off.

Just then, two more GOSSIPY TEENAGE (Valley-girlish) ponies cut in front of Fluttershy.

25 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Hey!

26 VALLEY GIRL PONY
Would you mind moving back? You're in my personal space.

27 FLUTTERSHY
But...

28 VALLEY GIRL PONY # 2
Seriously? Do you need your asparagus so badly that you're going to invade our personal space? Get a life.

The two ponies return to WHISPERING and GIGGLING together.

29 FLUTTERSHY
Okay. There's no rush.

We reveal Rarity and Pinkie Pie watching Fluttershy from nearby. They walk over and stand behind her in line.

30 RARITY
Fluttershy, darling, you shouldn't let all those rude ponies cut in front of you.

31 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, it's okay with me. I don't mind.

32 RARITY
Well *I* mind. You're my friend.

33 PINKIE PIE
That goes double for me! I double mind.

34 RARITY
You mustn't let them treat you that way.

35 FLUTTERSHY
It's really no big deal.

36 PINKIE PIE
It's bigger than big. It's double big! You are a pony with a problem.

37 FLUTTERSHY
What problem?

Pinkie Pie pushes her way past Fluttershy in line.

38 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Go right ahead, Pinkie Pie. You first.

39 PINKIE PIE
Right there! That's the problem!

40 RARITY
You've got to stop being such a doormat.

41 FLUTTERSHY
A 'doormat'?

42 RARITY
A pushover, darling. You've got to stand up for yourself. Promise us.

43 FLUTTERSHY
(STILL UNSURE THERE'S A PROBLEM)
Okay, I promise.

They have reached the front of the booth. Fluttershy notices one last bunch of asparagus.

44 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh good.

She reaches out to grab the asparagus when suddenly, and from out of nowhere, a LITTLE WEASEL PONY swoops in and takes it.

45 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(MUMBLES)
That's okay. I don't mind. You take it.

46 LITTLE WEASEL
(TALKING DOWN TO HER)
Thanks, little pony. I will.

The pony turns to the vendor to pay for his asparagus.

47 RARITY
(TO FLUTTERSHY)
Watch and learn.

Rarity approaches the pony who stole the asparagus.

48 RARITY (CONT'D)
Hold it right there, Mr. Small And Handsome.

49 LITTLE WEASEL
Who me?

50 RARITY
Of course you! Nopony ever called you handsome before?

51 LITTLE WEASEL
That would be a big 'No'.

52 RARITY
Well, they should! How about flexing some of your muscles for me?

He flexes and his stringy arms actually sag. It's pitiful, but Rarity GASPS anyway.

53 RARITY (CONT'D)
My heavens, you must be strong!

54 LITTLE WEASEL
(BLUSHING)
Nah.

55 RARITY
Do you think a strong, handsome stallion such as yourself could give my friend the last asparagus? With a physique like yours that you must get plenty of vitamins already, but some of us still need our vegetables.

56 LITTLE WEASEL
For you? Why sure.

57 RARITY
Thanks, handsome. I've always relied on the kindness of strangers.

He hands Fluttershy the asparagus and walks away, flexing his stringy muscles. Rarity turns to Fluttershy.

58 RARITY (CONT'D)
See? That's not so hard, is it?

59 FLUTTERSHY
Ummm, I guess not.

60 RARITY
Alright then. What else is on your list?

61 FLUTTERSHY
(CONSULTS SHOPPING LIST)
Let's see? I also need tomatoes.

She grabs some tomatoes from the next booth and puts a large silver coin down on the counter to pay for them.

62 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Here you go.

The SALESPONY clears her throat loudly.

63 SALESPONY
Ahem. That'll be TWO bits. Not one.

64 FLUTTERSHY
But last week it was only one bit?

65 SALESPONY
That was then. This is now.

Fluttershy SHRUGS.

66 FLUTTERSHY
Okay. I don't want to argue about it.

She slides another silver bit across the counter when suddenly Pinkie Pie POPS in from nowhere and get right in the Salespony's face.

67 PINKIE PIE
What do you think you're doing?!

68 SALESPONY
Mindin' my own business. Maybe you should try it.

69 PINKIE PIE
Two bits for tomatoes is outrageous! One bit is the right price.

Pinkie slides one of the bits back across the counter toward her.

70 SALESPONY
(TAKING IT BACK)
I say it's two bits!

71 PINKIE PIE
(TAKING IT BACK)
One bit!

72 SALESPONY
(TAKING IT BACK)
Two bits!

73 PINKIE PIE
(TAKING IT BACK)
One bit!

74 SALESPONY
(TAKING IT BACK)
Two bits!

75 PINKIE PIE
(TAKING IT BACK)
One bit!

76 SALESPONY
(TAKING IT BACK)
Two bits!

Pinkie Pie quickly slides the bit in a circle before...

77 PINKIE PIE
(PUSHES BIT TOWARD SALESPONY)
Two bits!

78 SALESPONY
(PUSHES BIT BACK)
One bit!

79 PINKIE PIE
(PUSHES BIT TOWARD SALESPONY)
Two bits!

80 SALESPONY
(PUSHES BIT BACK)
One bit!

81 PINKIE PIE
(PUSHES BIT BACK)
I insist, it’s two bits or nothing.

82 SALESPONY
(PUSHES BIT BACK)
One bit and that’s my final offer.

83 PINKIE PIE
Have it your way! One bit it is.

Pinkie Pie takes the bit and hands it to Fluttershy.

The salespony is very pleased with herself.

Pinkie Pie, Rarity and Fluttershy share a GIGGLE as they walk away.

84 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
See? Asserting yourself can be fun!

85 FLUTTERSHY
I guess you’re right.

86 RARITY
So Fluttershy, do you feel like giving it a try?

87 FLUTTERSHY
Um, okay...

Fluttershy scans the market and sees the very last cherry at the cherry stand.

88 FLUTTERSHY (CONT’D)
I need that cherry.

Determined, she walks over to the SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY.

89 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Boy am I glad you have one cheery left. You see I’m making this special meal for my bunny Angel. He’s a very pick eater.
(MORE)

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
And the recipe calls for a cherry on top. Here you go!

Fluttershy gives him one silver coin but the Salepony snatches the cherry before she can grab it.

90 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
So you say you need this cherry very badly?

91 FLUTTERSHY
Oh yes. I'm desperate for it!

92 CHERRY SALESPONY
Then it'll be ten bits!

93 FLUTTERSHY
Ten?!

Fluttershy looks over to Rarity and Pinkie Pie for help. They nod reassuringly, telling her to 'go ahead'.

Fluttershy decides to try to act like Rarity.

94 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Hey Mr. Handsome. I know you want to do the right thing because you're handsome and strong and big, handsome, strong guys are always nice to everypony, right?

The salespony looks at her like she's nuts.

95 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
Ten bits for the cherry.

96 FLUTTERSHY
Did I mention that I thought you were good looking?

97 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
Yeah. Ten bits.

Fluttershy decides to change tactics and tries to act like Pinkie Pie.

98 FLUTTERSHY
(HAGGLING)
Ten bits for one cherry is outrageous! I insist on paying you eleven bits!

99 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
Eleven bits?

100 FLUTTERSHY
Uh... I mean *nine* bits!

101 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
Now wait a minute...

102 FLUTTERSHY
Okay, twelve bits, but that's my final offer!

103 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
I think you're confused.

104 FLUTTERSHY
It's twelve bits, take it or leave it.

105 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
Okay, I'll take it.

Fluttershy starts to hand over the bits when Rarity and Pinkie Pie rush over to intervene.

106 PINKIE PIE
Don't give him your money! One cherry is not worth twelve bits.

107 FLUTTERSHY
But I was only doing what you did?

108 RARITY
It was a valiant effort but you should refuse to give him your business and just walk away.

109 FLUTTERSHY
But I can't let Angel starve. He won't eat it unless I make it just right. I need that cherry no matter what it costs.

110 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
In that case, twenty bits!

111 FLUTTERSHY/RARITY/PINKIE PIE
Twenty??!!?

112 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, but I don't have that much.

113 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
Then why are you wasting my time?

Suddenly the CAREER PONY from earlier rushes over.

114 CAREER PONY
I'll give you two bits for that cherry.

115 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
Sold!

She throws down her money, grabs the cherry and trots off. Fluttershy deflates.

116 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY (CONT'D)
Tough break, kid. Next time don't be such a doormat.

SC 3 - <u>INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - LATER</u>

Angel Bunny hops around excitedly awaiting his meal. Fluttershy serves it to him.

117 FLUTTERSHY
Ta da! Here you go Angel.

Angel Bunny bounds up to the meal and is about to take a bite when Fluttershy sabotages herself.

118 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Sorry there's no cherry on top but the rest of it is exactly what you wanted.

Angel Bunny looks at his meal, then looks at the picture in the nearby open cookbook and then gets really angry.

119 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Angel...?

SC 4 - <u>EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE</u>

The gourmet meal comes flying out the cottage window. Fluttershy bursts out of the front door to try to catch the meal but she accidentally trips on the threshold and falls face first into a mud puddle right outside her door.

A moment later Angel Bunny hops out the door and literally walks all over her. Angel Bunny steps off of her and Fluttershy stands up.

120 FLUTTERSHY
(REALIZING)
Look at me. I really am a doormat.
(DRAMATICALLY)
Well not anymore. As Celestia is my witness, I'm never going to be a pushover again!

Angel Bunny indicates that he wants to get back in the house, but she is standing in his way.

121 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(STEPPING ASIDE)
Oh, sorry Angel.

END ACT I

ACT II

SC 5 - <u>EXT. HEDGE MAZE</u>

Fluttershy consults a FLYER she's holding.

ON FLYER, there is a picture of an incredibly tough looking Minotaur smiling cheezily.

122 FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)
(READING)
The incredible Iron Will turns doormats into dynamos!
Assertiveness seminar today, hedge maze center.

She looks up and sees the entrance to the hedge maze and a big banner with Iron Will's likeness on it

She enters the hedge maze and starts making her way to the center.

123 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Hmmm. I must be the first one here.

Suddenly a CROWD of other ponies race ahead of her, bump into her and otherwise push their way in front of her.

124 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Ooo. Ahhh. Eeee...Excuse me.

SC 6 - <u>INT. CENTER OF THE HEDGE MAZE</u>

Fluttershy arrives at the center of the maze. The place is so packed with ponies excited to hear Iron Will that Fluttershy can only find a seat WAY in the back of the audience.

She has to stand on her tippy hooves to see the stage.

ON STAGE, Iron Will steps out and the crowd ERUPTS in applause. He wears a head set microphone and is dressed smoothly but his delivery is aggressive (think of Tony Robbins mixed with Mr. T)

125 IRON WILL
Welcome friends! My name is Iron Will and today is the first day of your new life. I want to hear you stomp if you're tired of being a pushover!

The crowd goes crazy stomping their hooves.

126 IRON WILL (CONT'D)
Stomp if you're tired of being a doormat!

The crowd stomps even harder.

127 IRON WILL (CONT'D)
Stomp if you want to pay nothing for this seminar!

Crickets. The ponies look at each other confused. Then they start to LAUGH. Iron Will silences them with an intense stare. They freeze and look at the stage, wide-eyed

128 IRON WILL (CONT'D)
That's no joke, friends. Iron Will is so confident that you will be 100 percent satisfied with Iron Will's assertiveness techniques that if you are not 100 percent satisfied, you pay nothing.

The crowd relaxes and smile at each other at the good news before freezing again when Iron Will speaks.

129 IRON WILL (CONT'D)
But I pity the foal who doubts Iron Will's methods! I pity the foal!! You don't doubt me, do you?

All the ponies shake their heads in unison, “No.” Iron Will’s intensity suddenly vanishes. He settles back.

130 IRON WILL (CONT’D)
And that, my friends, is your first lesson. “Don’t be shy, look them in the eye.”

The crowd MURMURS approvingly.

131 IRON WILL (CONT’D)
Now to demonstrate that Iron Will’s techniques will work for anypony I’m going to need a volunteer!

Hundreds of hooves shoot up at once. Everypony in the audience is dying to volunteer. Everypony except one.

Fluttershy lowers herself in her seat. An ASSISTANT is roaming through the crowd. He signals Iron Will and points to the crouching Fluttershy.

132 IRON WILL (CONT'D)
You in the back row!

The entire audience turns as one and looks at Fluttershy, cowering in the back row.

133 FLUTTERSHY
Who me?

134 IRON WILL
Yes, you! Iron Will wants you on stage.

Fluttershy GULPS.

135 FLUTTERSHY
Well... Umm...

136 IRON WILL
NOW!

137 FLUTTERSHY
Okay.

She hightails it up on stage and moves across it to Will but another ASSISTANT emerges from backstage and blocks her path.

138 IRON WILL
He’s blocking your path. What are you gonna do about it?

139 FLUTTERSHY
Um... Politely walk around him?

140 IRON WILL
No.

141 FLUTTERSHY
Gingerly tiptoe around him?

142 IRON WILL
No.

143 FLUTTERSHY
Go back home and try again tomorrow?

144 IRON WILL
NO! “When somepony tries to block, show them that you rock!”

Iron Will moves behind Fluttershy and shoves her into the other pony so that she inadvertently knocks him down.

145 FLUTTERSHY
Sorry.

146 IRON WILL
Don’t be sorry! Be assertive! “Never apologize when you can criticize.”
(To the Assistant)
What’s wrong with you? Why don’t you watch where you’re going?
(To Fluttershy)
Now, you try.

147 FLUTTERSHY
Uh... Next time get out of the way before I bump into you, cause I totally won’t be sorry when I do!

Iron Will holds up her hoof like a champion.

148 IRON WILL
See my friends! If my techniques can work for this shy little pony then they can work for anypony!

The crowd goes WILD. Fluttershy smiles.

SC 7 - INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - THE NEXT DAY

Fluttershy is surrounded by her pets as she looks in the mirror, trying to psych herself up.

149 FLUTTERSHY
Okay, I feel good. I feel ready to "attack the day" as Iron Will says.

The bunnies and other pets wave at her as she exits her cottage.

150 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Wish me luck!

SC 8 - EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

Fluttershy walks out of her house and notices the GARDENER drowning her petunias with water. She walks right over and confronts him, in her tentative way.

151 FLUTTERSHY
Excuse me, Mr. Greenhooves, but I think you might be over-watering my petunias. Again.

152 GARDENER
Don't worry about it, sweetie. Let the professional handle it.

The gardener continues to water the petunias, HUMMING to himself. Fluttershy looks frustrated.

153 FLUTTERSHY
(TO HERSELF)
"Treat me like a pushover and you'll get the once over."

Behind the Gardener's back, Fluttershy steps on the hose. The water stops flowing and starts to build up behind her hoof. The gardener turns the hose head towards himself.

154 GARDENER
Hmmm?

Fluttershy lifts her hoof and the Gardener gets a huge spray of water in the face.

155 GARDENER (CONT'D)
<Spitting and Sputtering>

The water dies down and he stands with his face dripping.

156 GARDENER (CONT'D)
Perhaps that *is* enough water.

157 FLUTTERSHY
So you've changed your professional opinion?

158 GARDENER
Yes.

159 FLUTTERSHY
Thank you.

Fluttershy proudly trots out her gate.

160 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(WHISPERS TO HERSELF)
I can't believe it worked.

SC 9 - EXT. TOWN - A FEW MINUTES LATER

Walking into town Fluttershy comes upon two passing PONY DRAWN CARTS chatting in the middle of the street and blocking her path.

161 PONY #1
...I just don't know if I could make a living at it. Show Pony Business is tough.

162 PONY # 2
Go ahead, try one of your jokes out on me. I laugh at everything!

163 PONY #1
Okay. A donkey and a mule are stuck together on a dessert island..

Fluttershy tries to walk around the carts, but there is just no way past so she clears her throat LOUDLY.

164 FLUTTERSHY
Ahem. Excuse me, would you mind moving your carts so I can pass?

165 PONY #1
In a minute, I just want to finish up this story... and so the donkey says to the mule--

166 PONY # 2
<LAUGHING> That's hilarious!

167 PONY #1
I didn't even get to the punch line yet?

168 PONY # 2
Oh. Okay, keep going. I still think it's very funny already.

169 FLUTTERSHY
AHEM! Excuse me, can you move? You're blocking my path!

170 PONY #1
In a minute... and so the donkey says to the mule, "why don't we build a boat and get off this island." And the mule says...

Fluttershy musters up some courage.

171 FLUTTERSHY
(TO HERSELF)
"When somepony tries to block, show them that you rock."

Fluttershy starts to rock one of the carts back and forth. The chattering ponies abruptly stop chatting.

172 PONY #1
Easy does it lady. We're moving, okay?

173 FLUTTERSHY
(EVEN MORE PLEASED WITH HERSELF)
Good.

The PONY DRAWN CARTS get out of her way. As Fluttershy passes the ponies exchange looks with each other as if Fluttershy is a bit much. They watch her leave as Pony # 2 leans in towards # 1.

174 PONY # 2
Great joke, by the way.

175 PONY #1
I didn't finish it!

SC 10 - <u>INT. SWEET SHOPPE - A FEW MINUTES LATER</u>

Fluttershy enters the shoppe and takes her place in the back of the line.

A moment later a pony butts in front of her. Fluttershy angrily spins the pony around and lets her have it.

176 FLUTTERSHY
What do you think you're doing? There's no cutting. You see, I was already in line... in front of you! Didn't you see me?

The pony SHRUGS.

177 SWEET SHOPPE PONY
Um, I guess, maybe.

178 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe? "Maybe's are for babies." I bet you think I'm a doormat and a pushover and I wouldn't have the guts to say anything. Well, that was Old Fluttershy. New Fluttershy won't be messed with. NOW GO TO THE BACK OF THE LINE WHERE YOU BELONG!

Not only does the pony scurries to the back of the line, but wide-eyed crowd in front of Fluttershy parts like the Red Sea, revealing Pinkie Pie behind the counter nodding approvingly.

179 PINKIE PIE
HEEEYYYYY! Look at you!

Fluttershy proudly trots up to the counter. Rarity joins them.

180 RARITY
Your attitude is so feisty! It's fabulous!

181 PINKIE PIE
Looks like that monster's workshop really paid off!

182 FLUTTERSHY
Iron Will's not a monster, he's a Minotaur. And a true inspiration! His techniques really work.

183 RARITY
Well they've certainly made a difference in the way you carry yourself. You truly are a whole new Fluttershy.

184 FLUTTERSHY
Yes I am. And New Fluttershy feels pretty stoked about New Fluttershy!

185 PINKIE PIE
Well Old Pinkie Pie feels really proud of New Fluttershy. Proud as pink punch!

Pinkie Pie pulls out a glass of pink punch and takes a sip.

186 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(TO THE OTHERS)
Want some?

SC 11 - <u>EXT. SWEET SHOPPE - A FEW MINUTES LATER</u>

Fluttershy burst out of the shoppe on cloud nine.

187 FLUTTERSHY
What a day! I can't wait to go home and tell the bunnies all about the triumph of New Fluttershy.

She spots a cab across the street.

188 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Taxi!

As she crosses the street, Pinkie and Rarity emerge and watch her proudly.

The taxi pulls over. But just as she reaches the cab somepony snatches it from her.

189 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh no you don't! "Cut in line, I'll take what's mine!"

Fluttershy launches herself into the back of the taxi. The cab rocks back and forth as they scuffle inside.

190 TAXI PATRON
(PANICKY)
Hey! What are you doing? Stop that! Hey! Watch it! HEEEEYYY!

Her competitor comes sailing out of the taxi and across the street where he lands in front of Rarity and Pinkie.

191 FLUTTERSHY
(CALLING OUT)
NOPONY PUSHES NEW FLUTTERSHY AROUND! **NOPONY**!!!!!!

The taxi takes off. Rarity and Pinkie now look more worried and much less proud.

192 PINKIE PIE
Old Pinkie Pie's not so sure New Fluttershy is such a good idea, after all.

193 RARITY
Old Rarity agrees.

END ACT II

ACT III

SC 12 - <u>INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - MORNING</u>

Fluttershy is surrounded by her pets as she looks in the mirror. No need to psych herself up today. If anything, she's a little too psyched.

194 FLUTTERSHY
You got this New Fluttershy. This day is yours! And NOPONY's going to take it away from you!

She turns to her pets, who are taken aback by her intensity.

195 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Am I right?!?

Without waiting for a response, she turns back to the mirror and 'high hoofs' her reflection.

196 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Right!

SC 13 - <u>EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS</u>

Fluttershy exits her cottage and sees a bunch of mail sticking out of her mail box.

197 FLUTTERSHY
(READING ENVELOPES)
What? He's delivered the wrong mail! Again!!

She marches over to the nearby MAILPONY, who wears thick coke bottle glasses. He's looking closely at a letter trying to read the address. Fluttershy bops him on the head with the letters to get his attention.

198 MAILPONY
Is that you, Myrtle?

199 FLUTTERSHY
No. It's New Fluttershy. And New Fluttershy does not want the wrong mail delivered to her cottage.

200 MAILPONY
Oh, did I mix em' up again?

He hands her her real mail.

201 FLUTTERSHY
Here you go, Fluttershy. Sorry about that.

She dumps his mail bag on his head.

202 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
"You apologize. I penalize!"

SC 14 - <u>EXT. PONYVILLE STREET - LATER</u>

It's raining and Fluttershy is under a small awning to avoid the rain. Snips and Snails run up and join her under the small awning, making it very crowded.

203 SNIPS
Hey Fluttershy. Oh man, is it pouring out there.

204 SNAILS
Yeah, I'm soaking wet.

He shakes himself like a dog and sprays Fluttershy by accident. Fluttershy steams.

205 FLUTTERSHY
Did you just get New Fluttershy wet?

206 SNAILS
(INTIMIDATED)
Um... Uhhhh... Er....

207 FLUTTERSHY
"You stammer. I bring down the hammer."

She pushes them both back out into the rain. They slide across the slippery street.

208 SNIPS AND SNAILS
Ahhhhhh.

They gain to off screen and after a beat we hear a CRASH.

SC 15 - <u>EXT. PONYVILLE PARK - LATER</u>

The sun has come out again. A VENDOR walks through the park with a big bundles of balloons.

209 VENDOR
Free balloons today! Who wants a free balloon?!

Fluttershy enters and is about to take a balloon when a group of very little ponies rush into the scene, squealing with delight. They take every last balloon and scamper off.

Truck in on Fluttershy's face as her eyes narrow.

210 FLUTTERSHY
"You take it all, I make you bawl!"

The ponies are all admiring each others' balloons when Fluttershy races through the scene and snatches every single balloon.

The disappointed little ponies are speechless as they try to figure out what happened. Then they all start CRYING.

SC 16 - <u>EXT. ANOTHER PONYVILLE STREET - LATER</u>

Fluttershy is walking home with the balloons in her mouth.

A TOURIST PONY approaches Fluttershy, guidebook in hand.

211 TOURIST PONY
Excuse me do you know how to get to the Ponyville tower?

212 FLUTTERSHY
Sure, you just--

But as soon as Fluttershy opens her mouth all the balloons going flying into the air.

213 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
My balloons!

The TOURIST stares at the balloons floating away.

214 TOURIST PONY
Oh, that's a shame.

Fluttershy steams. Pinkie Pie and Rarity arrive just in time to witness her explode.

215 FLUTTERSHY
Look what you made New Fluttershy do! I PITY THE FOAL who makes New Fluttershy lose her balloons! "You make me lose, I blow my fuse."

Fluttershy rips the guidebook from the Tourist Pony and flings it into a nearby gutter filled with water from the recent storm. The book is quickly carried away.

216 TOURIST PONY
Hey!

The Tourist Pony goes running, chasing after his floating guidebook.

Rarity and Pinkie Pie are flabbergasted by what they've just seen.

217 RARITY
Fluttershy, what are you doing? That's no way to behave!

218 FLUTTERSHY
Didn't you see what he did to New Fluttershy? And he thought he could get away with it. Thought New Fluttershy was a pushover!

219 RARITY
No sweetie, he didn't. We saw the whole thing. We think that maybe...

220 FLUTTERSHY
"Maybe's are for babies."

221 RARITY
Okay. Then we *definitely* think that you've taken your assertiveness training a little to far.

222 FLUTTERSHY
What?!?

Rarity and Pinkie slowly nod their heads 'yes'. Fluttershy's eyes narrow.

223 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
You just want New Fluttershy to be a doormat like Old Fluttershy! But Old Fluttershy is gone!

224 PINKIE PIE
(FRUSTRATED)
New Fluttershy! Old Fluttershy!

225 RARITY
What happened to NICE Fluttershy? We want that Fluttershy back.

226 FLUTTERSHY
No, you want Wimp Fluttershy. You want Pushover Fluttershy. You want Do-Anything-To-Her-And-She-Won't-Complain Fluttershy!!

227 PINKIE PIE
Aaugh! Too many Fluttershy's to keep track of. Make it stop!

228 FLUTTERSHY
Things getting too complicated for your simple little brain, Pinkie Pie?

Pinkie looks hurt. Rarity steps in to defend her.

229 RARITY
Now stop right there! Let's not let things descend into petty insults.

230 FLUTTERSHY
Why not? I thought 'petty' was what you're all about, Rarity. With your *petty* concerns about fashion.

231 RARITY
<Hurt GASP>

Rarity turns away. Now Pinkie steps in.

232 PINKIE PIE
Hey, leave her alone! Fashion is her passion.

233 FLUTTERSHY
And what are you passionate about? Birthday cake? Party hats?

Slow truck in on Fluttershy as she lays into her friends.

234 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I can't believe that the two most frivolous ponies in Ponyville are trying to tell New Fluttershy how to live her life when they are throwing their own lives away on pointless pursuits that NOPONY ELSE gives a flying feather about!

She looks satisfied with herself but her face falters when she actually looks at her friends.

Pinkie and Rarity are on the verge of tears. Their eyes are super wide and moist looking. Their bottom lips tremble. They look like pony versions of the waifs from a Keane painting.

235 PINKIE PIE
(CHOKING BACK TEARS)
Looks like Nasty Fluttershy is here to stay.

236 RARITY
(THE SAME)
I cannot believe what that monster Iron Will has done to you!

Rarity and Pinkie Pie trot away before they start bawling.

237 FLUTTERSHY
(CALLING OUT)
Iron Will's not a monster, he's a Minotaur!

Her aggressive demeanor dissolves quickly. Her head lowers and she looks at the ground, ashamed of her behavior.

238 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(TO HERSELF)
I'm the monster.

SC 17 - <u>EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - THE NEXT MORNING</u>

Rarity and Pinkie Pie approach the door. They KNOCK tentatively and wait for an answer.

239 RARITY
Fluttershy? Are you in there?

240 PINKIE PIE
It's Pinkie Pie and Rarity.

241 RARITY
We want to talk about what happened yesterday.

242 FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)
Go away! Go away before Nasty Fluttershy strikes again!

243 RARITY
Oh, sweetie. We *all* said things that we regret.

244 PINKIE PIE
Really? We did?

Rarity gives Pinkie Pie a look, she's not helping!

245 RARITY
Shhhhh!

246 FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)
Pinkie's right! I'm the only one to blame! But don't worry...

SC 18 - <u>INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE</u>

The windows have all been boarded up. Angel Bunny is finishing tying Fluttershy up in a chair.

247 FLUTTERSHY
... because I'm never coming out of my house again! Everypony will be a lot safer with me and my mean mouth locked away.

SC 19 - <u>EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE</u>

248 RARITY
Sweetie, Pinkie Pie doesn't blame you nor do I. You just received some bad advice from that Iron Will character.

249 PINKIE PIE
Yeah, *he's* the one that made you act super duper nasty.

Rarity gives Pinkie Pie another 'you're not helping' look.

250 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
What I mean is... there are others ways to assert yourself besides yelling at everypony.

SC 20 - <u>INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE</u>

On Fluttershy. What Pinkie and Rarity are saying resonates with her.

251 RARITY (V.O.)
Yes. You can stand up for yourself without being unpleasant about it.

But then doubt sets in.

252 FLUTTERSHY
I'm not sure I can. I'm too far gone. Whenever I try to assert myself I become a monster.

SC 21 - <u>EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE</u>

253 RARITY
Oh, sweetie. You're not a monster.

254 PINKIE PIE
(TO RARITY)
No, but he is.

Pinkie Pie points off screen to Iron Will, who is walking toward Fluttershy's gate.

SC 22 - <u>EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - THE GATE</u>

Rarity and Pinkie Pie run over to Iron Will, trying to keep him away from Fluttershy.

255 PINKIE PIE
Hey you're Iron Will, aren't you? That famous assertiveness guru?

256 IRON WILL
Iron Will's my name, training ponies is my game!

257 RARITY
What a darling little catch phrase!

258 IRON WILL
You like it? Iron Will's got dozens of 'em. Check this one out. A is for assertiveness. T is for training. M is for the money that I love making!

259 PINKIE PIE
Hmmm... that catch phrase's not so catchy.

260 IRON WILL
Yeah, well what do you know? Your friend Fluttershy LOVED Iron Will's catchphrases. Word on the street is that she doesn't take no guff from nopony. So Iron Will is here to collect Iron Will's fee.

He starts stomping toward the front door.

261 PINKIE PIE
(ASIDE TO RARITY)
Fluttershy is in no shape to deal with that creep!

Desperate to stop him, Rarity catches up to Iron Will and walk backwards in front of him as he continues to move.

262 RARITY
I'm sure a big, brave, powerful and rich monster...I mean...Minotaur like you doesn't need that money right away. You can afford to come back later.

263 IRON WILL
Are you kidding? Fluttershy is overdue as it is. It wouldn't look good if Iron Will became a pushover himself. Iron Will collects *now*.

264 RARITY
We understand, darling. It's just that now is not terribly convenient. Couldn't you just make one little teensy weensy exception for moi? After all, I'm your biggest fan!

265 IRON WILL
Yeah, well, Iron Will has lots of fans. Iron Will's a pony magnet.

Rarity looks desperately at Pinkie Pie for help.

266 RARITY
(ASIDE TO PINKIE PIE)
Do something!

Just before Iron Will is about to bang on Fluttershy's door Pinkie Pie POPS right up in front of him.

267 PINKIE PIE
We're not even sure Fluttershy is home right now. She's might be off frolicking with some woodland creatures. Why don't you give us some time to track her down for ya.

Iron Will actually pauses, and then turns to go.

268 IRON WILL
Iron Will does have some grocery shopping to do. Iron Will will come back this afternoon.

But Pinkie has to push it.

269 PINKIE PIE
But that's only half a day! We need one full day, at least.

270 IRON WILL
Iron Will will delay for a half a day and no longer.

271 PINKIE PIE
A Full Day!

272 IRON WILL
Half Day!

273 PINKIE PIE
A Full Day!!

274 IRON WILL
Half Day!!

275 PINKIE PIE
Half Day!!!

276 IRON WILL
Full Day!!!

277 PINKIE PIE
We need half a day and no more!

278 IRON WILL
You'll get a full day and no less!

Iron Will starts to walk away.

279 PINKIE PIE
Okee Doke. See you tomorrow.

Iron Will pauses, confused.

280 IRON WILL
Wait. What?

There is a noise from inside the cottage which brings Iron Will back to himself.

281 IRON WILL (CONT'D)
Sounds like the search won't be necessary. Iron Will collects now.

Pinkie Pie tries to block the door.

282 PINKIE PIE
But we had an agreement! You gotta come back tomorrow!!

283 IRON WILL
"When somepony tries to block, show them that you rock!"

He picks Pinkie up and throws her in a nearby bush. Pinkie falls inside the bush completely for a moment then reappears spitting leaves out of her mouth.

Iron Will POUNDS on the door.

284 IRON WILL (CONT'D)
Your payment is overdue, Fluttershy!

He waits for a beat before pounding again.

285 IRON WILL (CONT’D)
Iron Will demands to be paid this instant!

Rarity and Pinkie Pie are astounded when they see Fluttershy timidly open her front door.

286 PINKIE PIE
Oh. I can’t look!

She buries her face in Rarity’s mane.

287 IRON WILL
You were nothing but a doormat and Iron Will turned you into a lean, mean assertive machine! Now pay Iron Will what you owe Iron Will.

He cracks his knuckles threateningly.

288 FLUTTERSHY
(QUIETLY)
Um, no.

289 IRON WILL
What did you say!?

290 FLUTTERSHY
No.

He gets way up in her grill.

291 IRON WILL
I PITY THE FOAL WHO SAYS NO TO IRON WILL! I’D HATE TO BE YOU RIGHT NOW BECAUSE IRON WILL IS GONNA RAIN DOWN A WORLD OF HURT UNLESS IRON WILL GETS HIS MONEY. PRONTO!

292 FLUTTERSHY
(POLITE BY FIRM)
As I recall, during your workshop you promised 100 percent satisfaction guaranteed or you pay nothing. Well I’m not satisfied.

293 IRON WILL
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT SATISFIED?!! EVERYPONY HAS ALWAYS BEEN SATISFIED!

294 FLUTTERSHY
Well, I guess I'm the first then. But since I am not satisfied I refuse to pay, it's as simple as that.

Iron Will's big puffed out chest suddenly deflates.

Rarity and Pinkie Pie stare at Fluttershy is disbelief.

295 IRON WILL
(HEMMING AND HAWING)
Umm... are you sure you're not just a little bit satisfied... er, because maybe we could cut a deal... I mean, we're both reasonable creatures aren't we.

296 FLUTTERSHY
(POLITE BUT FIRM)
I'm sorry, but no means no.

297 IRON WILL
(SCRATCHES HEAD)
No means no, huh? Nopony's ever said that to me before. Huh. I gotta remember that one. That's a good catch phrase for my next workshop.

Iron Will walks away, stunned.

As soon as he's gone Rarity and Pinkie Pie rush to Fluttershy's side and "hug" her.

298 PINKIE PIE
You were amazing, Fluttershy! You totally stood up to that monster.

299 RARITY
And you didn't even raise your voice! In fact, you didn't change at all... you were the same old Fluttershy that we've always loved.

300 PINKIE PIE
The one we've missed!

301 FLUTTERSHY
Don't worry, Old Fluttershy's back for good. I'm sorry I took the whole assertiveness thing too far. Friends?

They three of them snuggle together.

302 RARITY/PINKIE PIE
Friends.

They all share a GIGGLE.

SC 23 - <u>INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - LATER</u>

Fluttershy sits at her table, writing a letter to Princess Celestia. WE PAN around the cottage, past all her bunnies who are happily eating their pre-packaged food pellets.

303 FLUTTERSHY
Dear Princess Celestia, Sometimes it can be hard for a shy pony like me to stand up for myself. And when I first tried it, I didn't like the pony I became. But I've learned that standing up for yourself isn't the same as changing who you are. Now I know how to put my hoof down without being unpleasant or mean.

The PAN ends on Angel Bunny who is still refusing to eat his pellets. He turns up his nose and direct's Fluttershy's attention to a picture of another elaborate meal in the cookbook.

304 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(KIND BUT FIRM)
No, Angel.

Angel Bunny pouts, stomps around and starts to throw a mini-tantrum. Afterwards he looks up at Fluttershy hopefully, did it work?

305 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I'm sorry Angel, but no means no.

Angel Bunny shrugs. Then he gingerly sniffs the food pellets in his bowl for a bit. They don't smell half bad.

He takes a nibble. They don't taste that bad either.

Angel Bunny dives into how bowl and starts to heartily dig in.

Fluttershy smiles at him.

THE END.