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TEASER

RAINBOW DASH is flying through the sky when she looks down and notices FLUTTERSHY fretting over something in some tall grass. She swoops down to see what the trouble is and Fluttershy informs her that she is trying to remove a tick from a poor, innocent creature. Fluttershy steps back to reveal... the most HIDEOUS CREATURE that Rainbow Dash has ever seen. The creature gnashes its teeth as Fluttershy gingerly removes the tick. Rainbow Dash just shakes her head in disbelief as Fluttershy then apologizes to the tick for having to remove him from the creature.

Just then, a pair of PONIES approach carrying an enormous package addressed to Fluttershy. With Rainbow Dash's help, she opens the crate and removes the bubble wrap covering the crate's cargo to reveal DISCORD! Fluttershy lets out a SCREAM, and then realizes that it's just the statue of Discord. "Who would've thought you'd want the statue of Discord?" Rainbow Dash asks. Fluttershy notices a letter attached to the statue and reads aloud: "To Fluttershy. From... Princess Celestia." Off Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash's confused expressions we END TEASER.

ACT I

Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy are still standing in front of the statue of Discord. Fluttershy reads aloud from Princess Celestia's letter: "Fluttershy, I'm aware of your amazing talent with magical creatures, so I have a bit of a challenge for you. I have decided to forgive Discord for his past crimes, but I want you to help reform him so that he can make a more positive contribution to the world around him. I believe that Discord can change and I think you are the pony who can help him do so." Rainbow Dash poo-poops the idea, "Reform Discord? Yeah, right." Reading further, Fluttershy learns that Princess Celestia has fashioned a necklace using shards of the elements of harmony that, when placed on Discord, will allow him to keep his magical powers, but punish him if uses them for evil. According to the instructions Celestia has provided, the necklace can only be removed when Discord is prepared to live an evil-free life.

"Oh my goodness, what should I do?" Fluttershy asks. "What should you do?! Send him back!" Rainbow Dash responds. "I don't care if he is wearing some magic necklace, this guy's bad news," she adds. Fluttershy is nervous about taking Discord into her home, but ultimately decides that she has to at least try to do what Princess Celestia asks. Rainbow Dash thinks Fluttershy is making a big mistake. As she flies off, she tells Fluttershy to come get her when Discord causes major problems and it's time for Rainbow Dash to tell her, "I told you so."

Princess Celestia's letter says that all Fluttershy needs to do to release Discord from the statue is to place the necklace around his neck. But seeing as she wasn't expecting a houseguest, she's eager to straighten up her cottage and make things nice and comfortable for Discord first.

With a great deal of effort, she pushes the Discord statue into her cottage. It barely fits in the tight space and despite the fact that Discord is still in statue form, Fluttershy keeps apologizing to him as she tries to dust and clean around him. DISSOLVE TO:

Later. Her cottage now ready, Fluttershy is about to put the necklace on Discord. She nervously flies up to place it around his neck. Face-to-face with his evil visage, Fluttershy lets out a squeal. Perhaps it wouldn't hurt to have another pony around when she releases him.

Soon after, Fluttershy has recruited Twilight to be with her when she unleashes Discord. Twilight is pretty stunned that Princess Celestia would make such an impossible request of Fluttershy, but trusts that Celestia would never have suggested this if she didn't have a foolproof way of keeping him somewhat in check. Fluttershy summons up her courage and puts the necklace around Discord's neck.

The statue CRACKLES with magic and breaks apart as Fluttershy and Twilight gasp. Discord is free! Fluttershy welcomes him to her home and tells him that she is looking forward to helping him become a contributing member of society. Discord chuckles and tells her that that is never going to happen. He tries to use some of his magic on Fluttershy, but as soon as he does so the necklace shocks him. (NOTE: This should play as very cartoony and over-the-top.) Discord tries to take off the necklace, but it shocks him again. Discord pouts and tells Fluttershy he supposes he'll stay with her for a little while. Mostly because he's "between residences" at the moment.

Fluttershy is pleased and thinks Discord's decision to give the straight and narrow a try is a positive sign. She then shows him how she's fixed things up for him. "I made everything look nice so you'd feel right at home. Of course if there's anything you think we could do to make your stay more comfortable..." she graciously offers. "If you insist," Discord responds. He uses his magic and we WIDEN to REVEAL that chairs and sofas are now attached to the walls and ceiling, the color scheme is a mix of glaringly bright plaids and polka dots, and all the doors have been switched with windows. "NOW I feel at home!" He plops down on the sofa that is now on the ceiling. "Now if you don't mind, all that being stuck in a statue has made me a little tired," he adds. Discord closes his eyes and begins to SNORE, rattling the entire cottage. Off Fluttershy's overwhelmed expression we END ACT I.

ACT II

Later, Fluttershy is trying to rouse the napping Discord but to no avail. It doesn't help that she's practically whispering her request for him to wake up. Discord finally wakes up on his own and asks Fluttershy what's for lunch. All this lounging on the couch doing nothing has made him really hungry.

A gracious Fluttershy offers up an array of things for Discord to eat. She wasn't sure what he would like so she got a little bit of everything. Discord makes two large pieces of bread appear, then grabs everything on the table and puts it all between the two buns. He then begins eating like an animal. Fluttershy cautiously remarks that Discord could maybe try to eat with better manners. Discord just glares at her and continues eating his massive sandwich.

As he continues to gorge himself, Fluttershy relays her plans for helping him. She's certain that if given the opportunity to help others, he'll realize that being good feels much better than being bad. Fluttershy suggests they head into town and look for opportunities for Discord to do a good deed. Discord doubts very much that he'll get equal satisfaction from being helpful as he does from being hurtful, but agrees to accompany Fluttershy into town. After all, they need to get more grub. Fluttershy realizes that Discord has consumed every last bit of the food she provided. "Oh dear, that was supposed to last at least a month," Fluttershy laments. "I'm a draconequus. Whatta ya think, I'm gonna eat like a rabbit?" Just then ANGEL hops up on the table with an irritated look on his face. Suddenly, Discord's nose begins to wrinkle. "Ah...Ah...Ah-allergic...to...bu...bu...bunnies! AH! AAAAHHH"

Meanwhile outside, Twilight is walking up to Fluttershy's door to check up on her. From inside Fluttershy's cottage we hear Discord's "AAAAH-CHOOO!" Twilight dives out of the way as Discord's sneeze blows the front door of the cottage off its hinges.

A moment later, Fluttershy is gently ushering Angel out the doorway. "You'll just have to stay away for a couple of days," she tells Angel. "I'm sure it won't take too long for me to make him a good draconequus," she adds. Angel shoots her a look – "yeah, right".

Angel hops off past Twilight who is still recovering from escaping the flying door. Twilight approaches Fluttershy and asks her if everything is okay. Fluttershy tells her she's going to take Discord out to find a good deed to perform. "Do you have something he could help you with?" she asks Twilight. Through the open door, Twilight spots Discord using his magic to make a rain cloud to sprinkle water on him. He uses a cactus as a loofah to scratch his back. "He's using his magic to get the inside of your cottage all wet. Shouldn't Celestia's necklace keep him from doing that?" she asks. Fluttershy informs her that she told Discord he could freshen up a bit before they went out so technically he isn't doing anything bad.

Fluttershy turns the topic of conversation back to her desire to find Discord something positive to do in Ponyville. As Discord loudly sings a completely out-of-key song in the background, Twilight informs Fluttershy that she has a lot of studying to do and really can't think of any way having Discord around would be helpful. Fluttershy lets out a disappointed sigh. "But I'm sure you'll find somepony who needs his help," Twilight quickly adds.

Soon after, Fluttershy and Discord arrive at Rarity's Carousel Boutique to ask if she might have something Discord can do to be helpful. They walk in to see RARITY working on a new dress. Rarity sees Discord and screams in absolute terror. "AH! Get back!" Rarity screams. "Ha, ha, ha! We had SO much fun back in the day, Rarity! Remember Tom?" Discord says. "Ahahah! No! Not again! Nooooo!" Rarity shouts and screams as Discord laughs hysterically. Fluttershy tries to calm down Rarity but can't be heard of Rarity's panicked screams. "Maybe we should try Sweet Apple Acres," Fluttershy suggests as Rarity continues to run around in hysterics.

Discord and Fluttershy arrive at Sweet Apple Acres. There, they talk to Applejack "You're doin' what, now? With who, now?" Fluttershy explains the task she's been given but Applejack tells her that as much as she wants to help Fluttershy, she just doesn't have time to deal with a rotten apple like Discord. "I got enough to deal with," she informs Fluttershy, explaining that parts of Sweet Apple Acres have been flooded for some reason and she's having to spend the day trying to drain the orchard. "Maybe Discord can help you," Fluttershy suggests. Applejack spots Discord giggling and using his magic to turn a tree into various random objects (getting shocked each time for his misbehavior). "Yeah, I don't think so," Applejack tells her.

Fluttershy then takes Discord to Sugar Cube Corner. The CAKES, babies in tow, run away screaming at the sight of him. PINKIE PIE skips down the stairs wondering what's going on. Fluttershy nervously asks if Pinkie Pie has anything that Discord might be able to help her do. "Surely!" Pinkie Pie says, guiding Discord back into the kitchen. Fluttershy looks relieved.

Suddenly there is a big explosion O.S. Fluttershy rushes into the kitchen to find that it is a veritable disaster area of baking ingredients. Pinkie Pie and Discord are eating sweets. "This guy's great!" Pinkie Pie shouts. "But-- but he's made such a mess," Fluttershy replies. Pinkie Pie informs her that Discord "Pinkie Pie swore" to help clean it up after they were done baking. "Sorry, Pinkie, had my fingers crossed behind my back when I made that promise," Discord replies with a smile. Pinkie Pie steams as Fluttershy ushers Discord out of the Sweet Shoppe. She promises Pinkie she'll return later to help clean up.

Back at her cottage, Discord revels in Fluttershy's inability to reform him. Guess she'll be giving up now, won't she? Much to Discord's surprise, Fluttershy isn't giving up on him. Fluttershy concludes that doing a good deed was a little advanced for Discord. Perhaps they should start small by just giving him the opportunity to interact with others in a more social setting.

Fluttershy decides that she and Discord will host a tea party and invites all her friends to attend. Needless to say, they are reluctant to accept the invitation but do so because they want to be supportive of Fluttershy. Even if they do all think she's dealing with a lost cause. Discord's behavior at the tea party does little to change their opinion. Every time someone goes to take a sip of her tea, he uses his magic to

turn it ice cold, then hot, then ice cold again. He turns up some music so that everypony has to scream to be heard, then suddenly turns it down and giggles when everyone is still screaming. Despite the fact that he gets shocked every time he creates a problem, Discord keeps at it until everyone decides that they've had enough and leaves. Before she goes, Twilight pulls Fluttershy aside. She tells her friend that no one will blame her if she decides to give up on Discord. Even Princess Celestia can be wrong some times.

Discord is pleased with himself and takes his spot on the couch on the ceiling. But the usually reserved Fluttershy is now more than a little aggravated with her charge. "Don't you even want to try to make some friends?!" she asks. "I've got plenty of friends," Discord proclaims. "Inanimate objects you bring to life with your magic don't count," Fluttershy informs him. She's got him there.

Discord tells Fluttershy that he can't help it. He likes when up is down, left is right, and right is wrong. He likes to make things topsy-turvy, and he is drawn to places and situations that are already that way. This is his nature and there is nothing he can do to change it. Fluttershy considers this for a moment, and then tells Discord she thinks she knows how he can be himself, but still make friends and make the world a better place.

Discord tells her he is perfectly content just crashing on her couch instead. Taking advantage of her sweet nature is a lot of fun. "You are going to get off my couch and you are going to do it now," Fluttershy says, giving him "the stare". Discord just stares back.

The next morning, Twilight drops by Fluttershy's cottage to see if she's heeded her advice and decided to send Discord back to Princess Celestia. But when she goes inside, she discovers that Fluttershy and Discord aren't there. She starts to get a little nervous. As she exits the cottage, she sees Angel. "Where's Fluttershy?" she asks the rabbit. Angel shrugs. "Did she send Discord back to Princess Celestia?" she asks. Angel shakes his head, "no".

Twilight gathers the rest of Fluttershy's friends too look for Fluttershy. They finally locate her at the edge of the Everfree Forest holding the necklace that kept Discord from performing his especially evil magic. "Oh! No! He figured out a way to get the necklace off!" Rainbow Dash exclaims. "Who knows what kinda evil that guy's up to!" says Applejack. Before Fluttershy can say a word, her friends dash into the Everfree Forest in search of Discord.

ACT III

The Ponyville Ponies search the Everfree Forest, assuming the worst. Fluttershy tries to catch up with them. She calls out to her friends, but they don't hear her. "Where is he?" Twilight asks. Pinkie Pie stops and looks under a rock. "Oh Pinkie Pie he's obviously not under there," Rarity says. "Are you sure? He does like to use rocks for EVIL!" Rarity: "Stop talking about rocks!" "Would you both be quiet!" Twilight

shouts. "Your gonna give away the element of surprise" "Surprise!" Pinkie Pie shouts really loud. Twilight: "Pinkie!" Suddenly they hear the bushes rustling and muffled roars. "Let's find him, and quick!" says Twilight.

They then come to the edge of the forest and see Sweet Apple Acres. They see Discord's shadowy figure on the farm. "He's gonna destroy my farm!" They race down to the orchard, realizing once they get there that they have no idea how they'll defeat him. "What are we going to do?" Rarity asks. "We don't have the Elements of Harmony," she adds. As the Ponyville Ponies try to figure out what to do about the on-the-loose Discord, Fluttershy finally catches up to them. But she's so out of breath she can't speak. Just as she's about to finally say what she needs to say, Discord magically appears behind her. Rarity screams. Fluttershy turns around to face Discord. "Did it work?" she asks. Discord gives her a big smile. Fluttershy then gives him a big hug.

The Ponyville Ponies jaws drop. What in the world is going on? How did he escape from the necklace? And why in the world is Fluttershy hugging him? Fluttershy finally gets an opportunity to explain. She reveals that she was able to figure out how Discord could use who he was to be good instead of bad. He's drawn to things that are off-kilter. And because of this, she thought he might be able to figure out what was wrong at Sweet Apple Acres. Of course it took a bit of convincing on her part to get him to get off the couch and give it a try.

In a FLASHBACK, we see Fluttershy giving Discord "the stare". Discord stares back. DISSOLVE TO: The next morning, Discord finally relents and heads out with Fluttershy. Like a hound dog, he sniffs out the trouble that was causing the flooding in Sweet Apple Acres. Turns out a pair of beavers were in a dispute over who could build the biggest dam and it was causing the creek to rise and overflow into the farm. Once the source of the problem was located, Fluttershy was able to gently convince the Beavers to stop fighting.

Back in the present, Fluttershy reveals that Discord didn't escape from the necklace; it fell off because he used his abilities to be helpful. Discord is a changed Draconequi! "And it feels good!" Discord proclaims. The Ponyville Ponies recover from their shock and apologize to Fluttershy for doubting she could help reform him. "I had to find a way," Fluttershy tells them, "That's my nature," she adds.

With the rise of the sun, PRINCESS CELESTIA appears! Everypony bows to her. She is very impressed with Fluttershy and commends her for her actions. She thinks that despite how different they are Fluttershy and Discord seem to make a pretty good team. "That doesn't mean he's staying here in Ponyville, does it?" Rarity asks nervously. Princess Celestia tells them that she has plans for Discord in other parts of Equestria.

Discord prepares to leave and says his goodbyes to everyone. He thanks Fluttershy for never giving up on him and hopes to visit her again soon. "You can sleep on my

couch any time," she tells him. "But I will have to get you to work on your table manners," she adds as we...

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