

MY LITTLE PONY

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"Bats!"

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EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAWN

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Any minute now...Yee-haw! It's
officially apple bucking day!

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Look at all those apples! Ripe and
juicy. Perfect for bucking!

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
What the heck is going on?

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
They're back!

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - A LITTLE LATER

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Attention! This is a Sweet Apple Acres
code red. I need all hooves...
(noting Spike)
...and claws on deck.

RARITY
Calm down, Applejack.

APPLEJACK
Calm down?! How can I calm down at a
time like this? Vampire Fruit Bats are
attacking Sweet Apple Acres!

TWILIGHT
But I thought the fruit bats usually
stayed put in the West Orchard.

APPLEJACK
The fruit bats do, but these aren't
just your every day ordinary fruit
bats. They're VAMPIRE fruit bats.
(then)
I'll be durned if they think they're
gonna sink their fangs into my blue
ribbon apple.

PONIES
<AMAZEMENT WALLA>

APPLEJACK
This here's our entry into the
Appaloosa State Fair's Produce
Competition. You know how much TLC
goes into gettin' an apple to grow
like this?

RARITY
Applejack, when you go big, you really
go big.

APPLEJACK

Them Vampire Bats want to shrivel it up like a raisin.

FLUTTERSHY

Ooh-I'm sure if we just let them know how special that particular apple is to you, they'll leave it alone.

APPLEJACK

Yeah, right. Be my guest.

FLUTTERSHY

Um, excuse me, Mr. Vampire Bat.

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

We were just wondering if, maybe, you wouldn't mind leaving that really big apple alone?

APPLEJACK

Well, what did he say?

FLUTTERSHY

Um, "yes".

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

...but it could have been a "no".

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

This is the first Vampire Fruit Bat I've ever met and... well, it might take some time for me to really understand their language.

APPLEJACK

Uh-huh. And in the meantime this pest and his vermin friends are gonna go after my prized apple, and while they're at it every other apple in the orchard. These Vampire Bats are nothin' but a bunch of monsters.

FLUTTERSHY

Monsters? That's a bit harsh, don't you think?

APPLEJACK

No, I do not.

MUSIC UP as we DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - VARIOUS

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

Those vampire bats will give you a fright/Eating apples both day and night/They rest for a minute, maybe

three/Then they're eatin' every apple
in your apple tree

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
They don't care about nada, not zilch
no, nothin'/'cept bringin' about an
orchard's destruction.

FLUTTERSHY
Now just wait a minute there's another
side to this/If I did not defend them
then I would be remiss/ These bats are
mamas and papas too/and they care for
their young just like we ponies do

APPLEJACK
Oh give me a break. You're being too
kind/These creatures who have a one
track mind/The orchard is not
their restaurant/But do they
ever think of what others may
want?/No, they don't. And that is just
a fact/These Bats they simply don't
know how to act.

FLUTTERSHY
That's where I have to disagree/
They're loyal to their family/
Spreading seeds both far and wide.

APPLEJACK
You see one comin'
you'd better run and hide.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
They're big and ugly
and mean as sin/Will ya look at the
state my trees are in

<SFX: BAT SCREECH>

FLUTTERSHY
They help your trees to grow
stronger and faster

APPLEJACK
They've turned my life
into a total disaster.

On the last verse, the other ponies surround AJ, clearly on her
side.

RARITY
Well I for one don't have a doubt/
these vermin must be stamped right out

RAINBOW DASH
I'll second that they've got to go/

These bats they've got to hit the road...

APPLEJACK

It comes down to just one simple fact/
They crossed the line it's time to
fight them/

PONIES (EXCEPT FS)

Stop the bats/Stop the bats/Make them
go and not come back/Stop the
bats/Stop the bats/Make them go and
not come back/ Stop the bats/Stop the
bats/Make them go and not come back

APPLEJACK

Yes, it comes down to just one simple
fact/ They crossed the line it's time
that we attack/

SONG ENDS.

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - PRESENT

RARITY

I'm sorry, Fluttershy, but I believe
Applejack has made the better
argument. These Vampire Fruit Bats
sound downright dreadful.

APPLEJACK

So let's get to roundin' 'em up so that
they don't destroy the rest of my
orchard.

PINKIE PIE

(ala Winter Wrap Up)
Fruit bat round up! Fruit bat round
up!

FLUTTERSHY

Um, excuse me, but um, what if instead
of rounding them up, we let them have
part of the orchard.

APPLEJACK

Have you lost your pest-lovin' mind?

FLUTTERSHY

They're only here because they're
hungry. If we built a sanctuary for
them, they could have their own apples
to enjoy. After a while they could
even help the rest of your orchard.

FLUTTERSHY

The Vampire bats don't eat the seeds
of the apples and when they spit them

out, t hey grow into even more
productive apple trees.

APPLEJACK
Listen, Fluttershy, that sounds real
nice and all, but every second we
spend buildin' this so called
"sanctuary" is a second they'll spend
destroyin' orchard.
(then)
You don't know what it was like the
last time there was an infestation,
but Granny Smith has told me enough
stories about it that just the thought
of it gives me nightmares.

FLASHBACK TO:

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - IN THE PAST

APPLEJACK (V.O.)
...Granny says we lost a huge section
of orchard that year.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - IN THE PAST

APPLEJACK (V.O.)
They had to ration out apples all
winter.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. MANEHATTAN - IN THE PAST

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - THE PRESENT

RAINBOW DASH
What about cider? There was still
cider, right?

APPLEJACK
Not a drop.

RAINBOW DASH
No cider?! No cider?!
(then, to the others)
We need to round up these monsters and
we need to do it now!

APPLEJACK

If Granny Smith wasn't with Apple Bloom and Big Mac checkin' out our produce competition in Appaloosa, she'd be here tellin' us to do just that.

TWILIGHT

I'm sorry, Fluttershy, but I think Applejack is right.

(thinking aloud)

I just wish there was another way we could convince them not to eat them in the first place.

(then, brightening)

Maybe there is.

INT. LIBRARY - LATER

TWILIGHT

So there's good news and bad news.

TWILIGHT

The good news is that I've found a spell that can get the Vampire Fruit Bats to stop wanting to suck the juice from the apples. But in order for the spell to work...

I need the bats full and complete attention.

FLUTTERSHY

Oh, no....

TWILIGHT

Fluttershy, I need you to do your STARE on the bats.

FLUTTERSHY

Oh, gosh, I don't know...

RAINBOW DASH

What's the problem? You've used the STARE plenty of times before.

FLUTTERSHY

Yes, but it's not something I take lightly, I've made a vow not to use it except in dire circumstances.

APPLEJACK

This circumstance is plenty dire to me.

RAINBOW DASH

Me, too!

(over-dramatic)

Think of the cider! Won't somepony please think of the cider!

FLUTTERSHY
I'm sorry, I just don't like the idea of taking away the thing that really makes the Vampire Fruit Bats... Vampire Fruit Bats. It just feels wrong.

TWILIGHT
But if we don't do this, there won't be any apples left for anypony here in Ponyville.
(then)
Doesn't that feel wrong too?

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - PRESENT

APPLEJACK
So what's it going to be Fluttershy? Will you do your STARE on the bats or not?

FLUTTERSHY
Um....um....okay, I'll do it.

RARITY
Good choice. I knew you wouldn't side with those icky bats.

FLUTTERSHY
(quietly)
They're not icky.

RAINBOW DASH
First round of cider's on me!

APPLEJACK
Hold it right there. We gotta round up these beasts with wings first. Time's awastin'!

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - VARIOUS - BAT ROUND UP

SPIKE (CONT'D)
(groan)

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER

APPLEJACK
Good work everypony - I think we got them all.

APPLEJACK
Now all we need is for you to do your STARE.

FLUTTERSHY
(still unsure)
Um...well I... are you sure I really
need...
(off her friends' looks)
Okay.
(to bats)
I really, really, really hate to do
this to you. I just hope you can
forgive me.

APPLEJACK
Good. Now you go Twilight...

TWILIGHT
Alright.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
You can stop staring, Fluttershy.

SPIKE
Did it work?

APPLEJACK
Only one way to find out for sure.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Whoo-ee! My crop is saved.
Yee-haw!

RAINBOW DASH
We'll be drinking cider all winter
long!

APPLEJACK
I want to thank you for your help. I
couldn't have done it without you.

SPIKE
Don't mention it, Applejack. It was my
pleasure, really.

APPLEJACK
Now all we gotta do is sweep up these
cores so I can start bucking fresh
tomorrow morning.

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAWN

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Apple bucking day, take 2. YEEHAW!
Time to collect those juicy sweet
apples.

TWILIGHT
(in disbelief)
The spell didn't work.

APPLEJACK
Yar durn tootin', the spell didn't work. I think we're going to have to take more EXTREME measures.

RAINBOW DASH
I hear ya', Applejack. Come on, everypony, let's track down those Vampire Bats!

APPLEJACK
Wait a minute...

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
I don't think these bats are the ones that sucked my apples dry.

RARITY
But if the vampire bats aren't eating your apples...

TWILIGHT
...who is?

TWILIGHT
Fluttershy, you're our animal expert. Do you know of any other creature that might be capable of this?

FLUTTERSHY
I'm sorry. I don't.

TWILIGHT
Well, there's only one way to find out. We'll have to catch whoever it is in the act.

RARITY
And how do you propose we do that?

TWILIGHT
A stake out.

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER - SUNSET

RAINBOW DASH
(spookily)
...the witching hour...

FLUTTERSHY
Maybe we should just call this off. I'm not sure about the rest of you guys but I'm really... hungry.

RARITY
Fluttershy, it'll be okay. Don't
forget, darling, we're all in this
together.

TWILIGHT
That's right. No pony leaves this
orchard until we solve this mystery.
Agreed?

PONIES
Agreed.

APPLEJACK
Does everypony have their pony
signal?

APPLEJACK
Now remember Pinkie Pie, only use the
signal if you see something
suspicious.

PINKIE PIE
I got it. Something suspicious.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Whatcha doin?

APPLEJACK
Alright, now everypony split up.
We'll each patrol our own row of the
orchard. Whoever's or whatever is
destroying my apples has got to be
here somewhere.

FLUTTERSHY
I have a bad feeling about this...a
really bad feeling about this...

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
That apple... it looks...so juicy and
sweet...

PINKIE PIE
What was that?

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Suspicious!
(even more excited)
It's pony signal time!

RARITY
Who's there?

RARITY (CONT'D)
(nervously)

Oh, well, there's obviously no need to worry about that shadowy figure overhead.

RARITY (CONT'D)
Or maybe there is. I think I'll just go see how Rainbow Dash is doing.

RAINBOW DASH
Who's there?

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Answer me, or you'll regret it!

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Fine. Have it your own way...

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
...take that, you...you...you...

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
(embarrassed)
You scarecrow.

EXT. ORCHARD - A MOMENT LATER

TWILIGHT
Applejack, what is it?

PINKIE PIE
Suspicious!

FLUTTERSHY
<HISS>

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - SAME TIME

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Fluttershy! Yooo-hoo! Fluttershy!

FLUTTERSHY
<HISS>

RARITY
That's not Flutter-shy. That's Flutter-bat.

TWILIGHT
We've got to get her down from there.

RARITY
Fluttershy sweetness, please come down. And do stop being a vampire bat.

RAINBOW DASH
Fluttershy! It's me Rainbow Dash. Why
don't you cut the bat act and come on
down?

FLUTTERSHY
HISS!

RAINBOW DASH
Whoa!

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Maybe we should just let her come down
when she's ready.

PINKIE PIE
(hysterical)
Flutterbat on the loose! Run for your
lives!

TWILIGHT
Pinkie Pie, calm down.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
See, she's back on her...branch.

PINKIE PIE
She's just biding her time. Waiting
for the right time to pounce!

APPLEJACK
Pinkie Pie, bats don't eat ponies. Not
even vampire bats.

PINKIE PIE
But maybe vampire ponies eat other
ponies. I'm not taking any chances.

RARITY
How did this happen? That's what I
don't understand.

TWILIGHT
I think that this was actually our
fault.

RAINBOW DASH
Our fault?

APPLEJACK
And how do you figure that?

TWILIGHT
Okay, so this is me....these are the
bats and this is Fluttershy doing her
stare. The spell was supposed to go
right onto the bats like this....

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
But somehow the spell must have
backfired.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
It took the Vampire Fruit Bats desire
to be Vampire Fruit Bats, and
transferred that desire into
Fluttershy.

TWILIGHT
C'mon! We'll reverse the spell and
make it right.

PINKIE PIE
Then what are we waiting for?! Let's
save Fluttershy before that thing
eats us all!

RAINBOW DASH
Hit the deck!

PINKIE PIE
Follow that bat!

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - SOON AFTER

RARITY
I can't believe we lost her.

TWILIGHT
Oh Fluttershy, where are you?

APPLEJACK
Look out!

RAINBOW DASH
(to Applejack)
If she keeps this up, your whole crop
will be gone in no time.

APPLEJACK
That's the least of my worries. I just
want my friend back.

TWILIGHT
We'll never get her back unless we
corner her and catch her so I can
reverse the spell.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
(whispers)
There she is.

APPLEJACK
(pointing)
There she goes.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
(dazed)
Oh this is of no use...

TWILIGHT
I think the only way we're going to catch her is if we can find a way to lure her closer to us.

APPLEJACK
But even if we can lure her to us, how are we going to get her to stay still long enough for you to do your reverse spell?

PINKIE PIE
Oooh --If only we had Fluttershy to do her STARE on the Flutterbat...

TWILIGHT
That's it!

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER

TWILIGHT
Okay, let's get our friend back.
Action stations.

RAINBOW DASH
So much for having the winning apple at the Appaloosa State Fair, huh?

RAINBOW DASH
(whispers)
She's coming!

FLUTTERSHY
Where am I?

PONIES
Hooray!/She's okay!/We were so scared.

APPLEJACK
Thank goodness you're okay!

FLUTTERSHY
But what happened to me?

PINKIE PIE
You turned into a vampire pony!

FLUTTERSHY
(mortified)
I tried to eat ponies?!

PINKIE PIE
Of course not.

FLUTTERSHY
(relieved)
So I wasn't a vampire?

PINKIE PIE
Yes!

FLUTTERSHY
(nervously)
"Yes," I was? Or "Yes," I wasn't?

PINKIE PIE
Yes, you were!

FLUTTERSHY
But I didn't try to eat ponies?

PINKIE PIE
Yes!

FLUTTERSHY
I did?!

PINKIE PIE
No.

FLUTTERSHY
I'm confused.

RARITY
Me, too, and I was there.

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - THREE DAYS LATER

APPLEJACK
Fluttershy, I'm real sorry I didn't
take your suggestion in the first
place.

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
And don't forget, now you'll get seeds
that will grow into even bigger and
better apple trees.

RAINBOW DASH
Does that mean what I think it means?

APPLEJACK
Yep. More cider too.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. FLUTTERSHY'S CABIN - LATER

SPIKE

Okay. Got the part about the spell...
Fluttershy turning into a bat...
Building the sanctuary...

APPLEJACK

Be sure to put in there that I came to
see that my short term solution was a
little short-sighted.

FLUTTERSHY

And that you shouldn't let anypony
pressure you into doing something you
don't think is right. Sometimes you
have to tell even your closest
friends, "no".

APPLEJACK

Now how 'bout we celebrate our
stronger than ever friendship with a
nice, ripe juicy apple?

PINKIE PIE

(like Dracula)

Stand back! I want to suck it's juice!

FADE OUT.

THE END