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TEASER

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAWN

Applejack stands in front of her orchard in the early morning dawn, waiting impatiently.

1 APPLEJACK
C'mon sun, come on out! Don't be
shy now, I got a bumper crop this
year and I just can't wait to start
bucking.

AJ does a few hind kick bucks.

2 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Where are you, sun?

The sun creeps over the horizon. In the distance, a ROOSTER
<SFX: CROWS.>

Applejack leaps high in the air and rears up in excitement.

3 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Yee-haw! It's officially apple
bucking day!

She gallops toward her orchard and down a row of apple trees.

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

AJ approaches the first tree in the row and gives it a good,
swift kick.

IN SLO-MOTION, the shiny red apples come falling out of the
tree.

ON AJ'S SMILING FACE as the apples fall all around her. She's
in apple nirvana.

ON THE APPLES as they hit the ground and in SLO-MO crack in
half.

5 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Nooooooooo!

Mortified, AJ bends over to take a closer look.

ON APPLE - it's innards shrivelled, as if all the juice
inside had been sucked out.

Applejack's eyes grow wide.

6 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Oh, no. They're back.

END TEASER

ACT ONE

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - A LITTLE LATER

Twilight, Spike, Rarity, Rainbow Dash, Fluttershy, and Pinkie Pie are gathered around an upset Applejack who paces back and forth in front of her friends.

7 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
You gotta help me! You just gotta!

8 RARITY
Calm down, Applejack.

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

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

11 APPLEJACK
The fruit bats do, but these aren't just your every day ordinary fruit bat. They're VAMPIRE fruit bats.
(then)
They're horrible creatures and they've got to be stopped.

12 FLUTTERSHY
I don't know if it's fair to say they're "horrible creatures".

13 APPLEJACK
Are you kiddin'?

CUE MUSIC.

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - VARIOUS

Musical Duet between Applejack and Fluttershy (think "Summer Lovin'" from GREASE.)

When AJ sings, all the other ponies follow her around, hanging on her every word. When Fluttershy sings, they immediately turn their attention to her. It's as if AJ and FS are competing with each other, each trying to get her own vision of these "vampire bats" across.

14 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
(sings)
Vampire bats are nasty little
monsters...sucking juice with their
razor sharp chompers...

WE SEE a VISION of a scary, horrifying looking bat in a thought bubble above AJ's head.

15 FLUTTERSHY
(sings)
Vampire bats are one of nature's
wonders...flying high without any
blunders...

FLUTTERSHY's VISION appears in a thought bubble above her head. With a happy, pastel-colored background, a super cute bat flies a loop die loop and smiles.

As AJ and FS continue to sing, their THOUGHT BUBBLE VISIONS for the bats, follows them around the orchard. The bats inside the bubble act out the behaviors that each pony describes.

16 APPLEJACK
They destroy crops and terrorize
me.

In AJ's VISION a swarm of vampire bats chases her down, baring their fangs.

The ponies are horrified.

17 FLUTTERSHY
Upside down, they're cute as can
be.

In FS's VISION, a group of happy upside down bats, sway in time to the music.

18 APPLEJACK
Vampire bats are just rats with
wings!

IN AJ's VISION a nasty rat sprouts wings and flies toward the camera, menacingly.

19 FLUTTERSHY
Sweet and harmless, they pull on my
heartstrings..

In FS's VISION the cute vampire bats (like the blue birds from "Snow White") fly into frame carrying a flower for FS's mane and they gently put it in. FS's heart grows three times as big.

The ponies split up, Rarity and Rainbow Dash, trotting behind Applejack.

20 PONIES
A do-wop, do-wop, do-wop, do!

21 RARITY
I think these bats seem totally
icky!

Twilight and Pinkie Pie are behind Fluttershy.

22 PONIES
A do-wop, do-wop, do-wop, do!

23 TWILIGHT
I think these bats need further
study.

AJ jumps up on a bushel of hay.

24 APPLEJACK
Vampire bats have fangs two feet
long.

In AJ's VISION, the bats fangs suddenly grow so long that they topple over from the weight of it.

25 FLUTTERSHY
In harmony, we all can get along...

IN FS's VISION, the vampire bats are surrounded by all of FS's other animal pets, everyone is getting along great.

26 APPLEJACK
Ugly beasts, disgusting pests.

IN AJ's VISION, the vampire bats land on Rarity's mane and she looks at the camera and opens her mouth in a "silent scream."

27 FLUTTERSHY
Beautiful - to that I attest!

In FS's VISION, the vampire bats soar across the sky, creating a RAINBOW.

28 APPLEJACK
They'll destroy our land if we
don't act fast.

IN AJ's VISION, the bats swarm over all of Equestria, destroying everything in it's path.

29 FLUTTERSHY
When I spend time with them, I have
such a blast.

In FS's VISION, she is playing with the bats. FS is jumping rope while the bats hover and hold turn the rope for her to jump. FS gives the bats rides on her back around her yard etc...

30 PONIES
A do-wop, do-wop, do-wop, do!

31 RAINBOW DASH
Tell us more, tell us more, what
about all the cider?

32 PINKIE PIE
Tell us more, tell us more, are
they worse than a spider?

33 PONIES
Oooo, bop, bop, Ooo, bop, bop. Ooo
bop, bop yeah!

The music turns SLOWER for the ending.

34 APPLEJACK/FLUTTERSHY
Vampire bats, what can I
say....but...oh. Those vampire
....baaaaaaaaats.

SONG ENDS.

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - PRESENT

The ponies are gathered in front of the barn.

35 RARITY
Sorry, Fluttershy, but I believe
Applejack has made the better
argument. These Vampire Fruit Bats
sound downright dreadful. The
sooner we are rid of them, the
better.

36 APPLEJACK

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

37 PINKIE PIE

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

38 FLUTTERSHY

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

39 APPLEJACK

Give up part of the orchard? Have
you lost your animal-lovin' mind?

40 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.

41 APPLEJACK

And how's that now?

42 FLUTTERSHY

When Vampire Bats spit out the
seeds of the apples they drink
from, those seeds become heartier
than a normal seed. They grow into
even more productive apple trees.

The group considers this for a moment.

43 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' the my orchard.

(then)

Maybe you don't remember what it
was like the last time we had a
Vampire Fruit Bat infestation, but
I sure do.

FLASHBACK TO:

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - IN THE PAST

A younger AJ is walking down a row of apple trees, carrying a basket in her mouth.

44 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
...we lost a huge section of the
orchard that year.

AJ turns a corner and sees a large section of the orchard that has been completely eaten by the Vampire fruit bats. She looks up to see a Vampire Fruit Bat in a tree. It drops a dry and shrivelled apple onto the ground in front of AJ who drops the basket in horror.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - IN THE PAST

There is a line of ponies carrying small silver buckets in their mouths. They approach GRANNY SMITH who <SIGHS> as she drops a single apple into each pony's bucket.

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

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. MANEHATTAN - IN THE PAST

A similar line has formed on the city street. A pony handing out apples has to turn away the last family in line because his barrel is empty.

46 APPLEJACK
And Ponyville wasn't the only town
that felt the pinch. Half of
Equestria gets its apples from
Sweet Apple Acres.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - THE PRESENT

The other ponies are stricken by Applejack's tale.

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

48 APPLEJACK
Not a drop.

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

50 TWILIGHT
I'm sorry, Fluttershy, but I think
Applejack is right, Ponyville can't
afford to give up its apples.
 (thinking aloud)
I just wish there was something we
could do to convince them not to
eat them in the first place.
 (then, brightening)
Maybe there is.

INT. LIBRARY - LATER

Books are strewn all over the floor and Twilight's friends
are gathered around her.

51 TWILIGHT
So there's good news and bad news.

52 PINKIE PIE
Good news first! Good news first!

53 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...

54 RAINBOW DASH
 (eager)
Yes?

55 TWILIGHT
In order for the spell to work, I
need the bats full and complete
attention.

All eyes turn to Fluttershy, they know where this is going.

56 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I need you to do your STARE on the
bats.

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

58 RAINBOW DASH
Think of the cider! Won't somepony
please think of the cider!

59 FLUTTERSHY
I just don't think I should
interfere with nature that way. I
only like to use my STARE for good.

60 APPLEJACK
This *is* for good. You'll be saving
my entire crop! If the horseshoe
was on the other hoof, I would help
you.
(then, gently)
Don't you even care about being a
good friend?

All of the ponies are now looking at Fluttershy, waiting for
an answer.

ON FLUTTERSHY'S ANXIOUS FACE as we...

END ACT I

ACT TWO

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - PRESENT

BACK ON FLUTTERSHY, still torn over what to do. The other
ponies surround her, waiting for an answer.

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

Fluttershy looks to her friends who eagerly await her
response.

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

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

64 FLUTTERSHY
(quietly)
They're not icky.

65 RAINBOW DASH
First round of cider's on me!

66 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

AJ leads the others out into the orchard. She STOPS and looks around, trying to spot the bats.

67 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Hey, where'd they go?

68 PINKIE PIE
I don't see any bats, anywhere!

Suddenly a bat flies out of nowhere and SLAPS into Pinkie's head. BOING!

69 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I stand corrected!

She falls down to the ground. THUD!

70 RAINBOW DASH
There it is! He's an ugly one
alright.

Rainbow Dash points to an extremely creepy looking bat hanging from a nearby TREE.

71 RARITY
(protecting her mane)
Ewww! He's even creepier than
Applejack made them out to be.

72 TWILIGHT
They do seem a tad sinister.

73 SPIKE
(wincing at the bats)
Definitely not, "cute as can be."

The CREEPY BAT flies down to the ground near the ponies to sink his fangs into a fallen apple.

74 APPLEJACK
Look, everypony surround him. We've
got him cornered.

The ponies all surround the bat.

75 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Now!

All the ponies DIVE into the middle and eat DUST. The bat flies away, unscathed.

76 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Don't let him get away.

Cue montage music: UPBEAT

Series of gags/beats around the farm of the ponies trying to round up the bats.

1) Rainbow Dash acts like a classic cattle herder. She flies in circles very fast creating a CLOUD LASSO. Once the CLOUD LASSO is made she "throws" it around the creepy bat and pulls the lasso tight.

2) AJ puts an apple shaped bow in Pinkie Pie's hair. Pinkie Pie pops up here and there in the trees and soon she is leading a bat behind her, piper style.

3) Rarity dons a crazy huge "Outbreak" style of protective gear. She knocks a bat out of a tree and it falls on her back. Rarity screams, "Ewww" as she runs back with the bat on her back.

4) Spike stands at the bottom of a tree, looking up at a vampire bat. He shakes his fist at them

77 SPIKE
You vampire bat...you come on down now. Do you hear me? If you don't come down here....well, I'll be forced to climb that tree and then you'll really be in trouble.

The vampire bats just stare at him blankly.

78 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Okay, if that's the way you want it.

Spike tries to climb the tree, but the trunk is too wide to get his arms around and he just ends up sliding down and landing with a <SFX: THUD.> He is CONKED out at the bottom of the tree.

The vampire bats SMIRK at Spike. A second later, Rainbow Dash ZOOMS through the air and lassos them with another CLOUD LASSO.

79 RAINBOW DASH
Gotcha!

RD pulls them OS. Spike comes to and notices that all the bats have gone.

He stands, dusts off his paws, congratulating himself.

80 SPIKE
Looks like I took care of them.

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER

All of the bats are now rounded up, hovering in a group nearby the ponies. (NOTE: Rarity is still in her Hazmat suit.)

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

A vampire bat tries to escape, but Rainbow Dash quickly and expertly SWATS him back down toward the group.

Fluttershy WINCES and turns away when Rainbow Dash swats them.

82 RAINBOW DASH
And don't worry about them getting away, I got that covered.

Applejack turns to Fluttershy.

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

84 FLUTTERSHY
(still unsure)
Um...well I... are you sure I really need...
(off her friends' looks)
Okay.

Fluttershy does the STARE on the vampire bats. The vampire bats are instantly transfixed by the STARE.

Twilight aims her horn toward the bats. It GLOWS and a wave of red light passes over them.

Twilight's horn stops glowing.

85 TWILIGHT
You can stop staring.

Fluttershy stops doing the STARE.

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86 SPIKE
Did it work?

87 APPLEJACK
Only one way to find out for sure.

Applejack offers the vampire bats a ripe, juicy apple, but the bats just ignore it. In fact, one of them literally sniffs the apple and turns up his nose at it.

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

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

Rarity steps out of her Outbreak/Hazmut suit.

90 RARITY
Finally, I am free to walk this orchard again in style.

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

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

The ponies all look at Spike like he's crazy.

93 APPLEJACK
I mean I want to thank ALL of you for helping. Everypony helped.

94 SPIKE
Sure, we all chipped in. Just some of us more than others.

95 RAINBOW DASH
You're right, Spike.

She drapes her hoof around his shoulder.

96 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I don't know how we would have
managed without you.

Every pony smiles....except For Fluttershy who stands apart
from the others, eyeing a juicy red apple. Her lip curls up
just the tiniest bit.

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAWN

AJ bursts onto the scene, trotting happily toward the
orchard.

97 APPLEJACK
Apple bucking day, take 2. Time to
collect those juicy sweet apples.

She bucks her first tree.

SMASH CUT TO:

AN APPLE, DRY AND SHRIVELLED.

WE PULL OUT TO REVEAL the ponies and Spike all gathered
around it. They are all in shock, mouths agape.

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

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

100 RAINBOW DASH
I hear ya', Applejack. Everypony
follow me...

Rainbow Dash leads the charge. The other ponies follow her
across the orchard.

But soon she comes to a <SFX: SCREECHING STOP.> The rest of
the ponies stop behind her, amazed by what they see.

ON THE VAMPIRE BATS, surrounded by apples. None of the apples
have been sucked dry. The vampire bats aren't eating them.

101 APPLEJACK
Wait a minute...

AJ offers one of the bats another apple and he sniffs it and
turns up his nose at it again.

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

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

104 TWILIGHT
...who is?

105 APPLEJACK
You mean there's somepony else
that's poaching my apples?

106 RAINBOW DASH
Somepony or something.

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

108 FLUTTERSHY
I'm sorry. I don't.

109 TWILIGHT
Well, there's only one way to find
out. We'll have to catch whoever...

110 PINKIE PIE
...or whatever...

111 TWILIGHT
...it is in the act.

112 RARITY
And how do you propose we do that?

Twilight's eyes narrow.

113 TWILIGHT
A stake out.

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER - SUNSET

The ponies and Spike have gathered around Twilight.

114 TWILIGHT
Nopony leaves this orchard until we
get to the bottom of this. Agreed?

115 PONIES
Agreed.

116 APPLEJACK
Does everypony have their whistle?

Everypony NODS YES. Pinkie Pie BLOWS on her WHISTLE <SFX: TOOT! TOOT! TOOT!>

117 PINKIE PIE
I do! I do! I do!

118 APPLEJACK
Now remember Pinkie Pie, only blow the whistle if you see something suspicious.

Pinkie Pie BLOWS her whistle <SFX: TOOT!> again.

119 PINKIE PIE
I got it. Something suspicious.

She BLOWS it again, <SFX: TOOT.>

120 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Oops. Thought I saw something suspicious. Must have imagined it.

121 APPLEJACK
No more whistling now, okay?

Pinkie Pie <SFX: WHISTLES.>

122 PINKIE PIE
Okay, no more whistling, I promise, starting....

She BLOWS her whistle <SFX: TOOOT!> again.

123 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
...starting now.

AJ FROWNS at her, then addresses the group.

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

The ponies all split up, each taking her own row. It is particularly spooky in the orchard. The FULL MOON is out.

ON FLUTTERSHY, as she walks down her row, extremely scared.

125 FLUTTERSHY
Come out, come out whatever you
are....I won't hurt you I
promise....

ON PINKIE PIE, in her own row. She is just staring at her
whistle.

126 PINKIE PIE
No, little whistle. Not unless I
see something suspicious...

She lets out a sudden <GASP> and marches over to an apple
tree.

127 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Now what would a leaf be doing on
an apple tree? Seems pretty
suspicious.

Pinkie Pie grabs the whistle in her mouth and is about to
BLOW when suddenly she hears a <SFX: SCARY NOISE.>
Frightened, she accidentally swallows her whistle.

128 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I swallowed my whistle.

ON RARITY walking down her own row. She sees A DARK SHADOW
OVERHEAD out of the corner of her eye and turns around
quickly.

129 RARITY
Who's there?

The SHADOW PASSES OVER HEAD AGAIN.

130 RARITY (CONT'D)
(nervously)
Oh, well, there's obviously nothing
in this row. Maybe I'll just go
see how Rainbow Dash is doing.

She looks around the apple tree branches seem to be reaching
out for her.

131 RARITY (CONT'D)
Oh my.

She backs away from them, slowly, right into a waiting GIANT
SPIDER WEB.

132 RARITY (CONT'D)
Ahhhhhhh!

She gets all tangled up in the web. Spike arrives at her side.

133 SPIKE
Don't worry, Rarity. I'll save you.

Spike dives into the spider web, but gets completely caught up in it too.

ON RAINBOW DASH as she walks down her row. She sees A SHADOWY FIGURE AHEAD.

134 RAINBOW DASH
Aha!

She attacks the shadowy figure...

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

WE REVEAL it to be just A SCARECROW.

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

ON TWILIGHT, walking down her own row. The full moon lighting her way. Suddenly, A DARK SHADOW PASSES OVER THE MOON, leaving Twilight in almost total darkness.

ON HER FACE as she stares up at the shadow passing.

137 TWILIGHT
What is that thing?

An OWL <SFX: HOOTS> in the distance and Twilight is STARTLED by the noise.

Suddenly, a WHISTLE BLOWS!

ON PINKIE PIE

138 PINKIE PIE
<WHISTLE GASP> Somepony must've found more suspicious leaves!

EXT. ORCHARD - A MOMENT LATER

A frightened Applejack is looking up into the trees. Twilight rushes up to her.

139 TWILIGHT
Applejack, what is it?

She points to the ground next to her. There is the DARK SHADOW of a HUGE BAT. She then gestures up.

Twilight looks up to the tree. Her jaw drops.

Hanging upside down from an apple tree is...

...FLUTTERSHY! Her now red eyes glow.

140 FLUTTERSHY
<HISS>

Fluttershy reveals a scary pair of fangs.

Cue climactic scary music sting!

END ACT II

ACT THREE

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - SAME TIME

Rainbow Dash, Pinkie Pie, Rarity, and Spike have now joined Twilight and Applejack. They are all staring up at Fluttershy hanging upside down from a tree.

141 PINKIE PIE
Why is she hanging upside down like that? Fluttershy! Yooo-hoo! Fluttershy!

Fluttershy shows her fangs and....

142 FLUTTERSHY
<HISS>

143 RARITY
Uh, that's not Fluttershy. That's Flutterbat.

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

145 RARITY
Fluttershy sweetie, please come down. And do stop being a bat while you're at it.

Fluttershy doesn't budge.

146 SPIKE
Everypony stand back.

Spike runs up to the tree and tries to climb it, but again, his arms are too short and he falls to the ground in a THUD.

Rainbow Dash flies toward Flutterbat (keeping her distance)

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

Fluttershy narrows her red eyes and spreads her wings out. Her wings are now much bigger than Rainbow Dash's. They are starting to transform into bat wings and they look menacing.

148 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Whoa!

Rainbow Dash retreats and flies back down to her friends.

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

Fluttershy suddenly spreads her bat wings out and SWOOPS in a small circle around the ponies. All eyes are upon her except for Pinkie Pie who suddenly gets comically hysterical and runs in circles, screaming.

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

151 TWILIGHT
Pinkie Pie, calm down.

"Flutterbat" completes her loop above them before landing and re-folding her wings.

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

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

Pinkie Pie's hysterics turn into a small <SFX: COUGHING FIT> and she COUGHS UP HER WHISTLE.

154 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(overjoyed)
My whistle.

She <SFX: TOOTS> it.

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

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

Pinkie Pie POPS down behind Applejack in hiding.

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

158 TWILIGHT
I think that this was actually our
fault.

159 RAINBOW DASH
Our fault?

160 APPLEJACK
How do you figure that?

Like a school teacher (or the Seinfeld episode where they traced the trajectory of Kramer's spit) Twilight uses her magic to draw a diagram in the air.

161 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....

She uses her magic to draw a dotted line to the bats.

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

She draws another dotted line toward Fluttershy.

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

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

(then)

And by the looks of it, she's
gradually becoming more bat and
less Fluttershy.

The ponies react.

164 RARITY

Fluttershy was right. We shouldn't
have interfered with nature.

165 APPLEJACK

This is all our fault.

The ponies hang their heads in shame. Twilight rallies her
friends.

166 TWILIGHT

And now it's up to us to reverse
the spell and make it right.

Pinkie Pie POPS UP from behind Applejack.

167 PINKIE PIE

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

Just then, Flutterbat spreads her wings and dive-bombs the
ponies.

168 RAINBOW DASH

Hit the deck!

The ponies drop to the ground. Flutterbat narrowly avoids the
ponies then flies off deeper into the orchard.

169 PINKIE PIE

Follow that bat!

Pinkie Pie BLOWS her whistle <SFX: TOOT> and the ponies give
chase, deeper into the orchard.

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - SOON AFTER

Applejack, Twilight, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, Spike, and Pinkie
Pie search the orchard for Flutterbat.

The huddle together, walking as a unit.

170 TWILIGHT

Fluttershy, where are you?

Flutterbat stealthily swoops down and <SFX: WHOOSHES> past the ponies.

171 RAINBOW DASH
There she is!

Flutterbat disappears from sight, but we hear <SFX: LOUD SUCKING NOISES.>

All the ponies look up into the trees.

THEIR POV: An apple comes flying out of the tree toward their heads.

172 APPLEJACK
Look out!

The ponies all dive to one side or the other as the apple hits the ground and turns to dust.

173 PINKIE PIE
(to Applejack)
You were right. She eats apples,
not ponies. There's no reason to be
scared at all.

Pinkie Pie stands up. A second later Flutterbat <SFX: WOOSHES> past her and she drops to the ground again.

174 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Or maybe there is!

Another apple comes flying into scene from above, hits the ground and turns to dust.

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

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

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

Twilight leads the other ponies deeper into the orchard.

They see Flutterbat up ahead with her back turned to them,
<SFX: SUCKING> on an apple.

178 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
(whispers)
There she is. Get her.

The ponies (and Spike) all charge Flutterbat. They almost nab her, but at the last second Flutterbat <SFX: WHOOSHES> away and the ponies fall in a heap.

As they sit up we again hear <SFX: SUCKING> and an apple flies into scene and hits Rarity on the head, covering her with dust.

179 RARITY
(frozen with disgust)
There is. Apple dust. In my mane.

Spike does his best to wipe the dust out.

180 SPIKE
Don't worry, Rarity it still looks
b...b...b...beautiful.

Rarity looks at Spike like, "Yeah, right."

181 APPLEJACK
(pointing)
There she goes.

The ponies once again charge forward, chasing Flutterbat deeper into the orchard. The deeper they go into the orchard, the spookier it gets.

Once again, they spot Flutterbat with her back turned to them.

182 SPIKE
I got this.

Spike runs as fast as his little legs will carry him up to Flutterbat who at the last second flies away, revealing a tree trunk behind her.

For the third time, Spike SLAMS into the tree trunk and slides to the ground with a THUD.

The ponies catch up to Spike and pull him up.

183 RARITY
Are you okay?

Spike looks up into Rarity's face and reacts to her beauty.

184 SPIKE
(in love)
I'm better now.

185 TWILIGHT
This is no use. I don't think we'll
ever be able to catch Fluttershy.

186 RAINBOW DASH
Before we give up, let me try on my
own. I think I can catch her.

Rainbow Dash flies into the air and puts on her full speed,
but she can't catch up to Flutterbat.

Instead, Flutterbat flies circles around her, spinning her
around and around.

Eventually, RD gets so dizzy that she falls back to the
ground. Her friends surround her.

187 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Or, maybe not.

188 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.

189 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?

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

191 TWILIGHT
That's it!

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER

The ponies are gathered, ready for action.

192 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Does everypony know what to do?

All the ponies and Spike nod.

193 RAINBOW DASH
We're good to go.

194 TWILIGHT
Okay, let's do this. Let's get our
friend back. Action stations.

The ponies disperse to their "action stations."

ON APPLEJACK AND RAINBOW DASH as they roll out a GIANT APPLE
as bait.

195 APPLEJACK
Good thing I always grow one giant
apple every year...just in case.

196 RAINBOW DASH
Just in case one of your best
friends turns into a vampire fruit
bat and you have to lure her out
with giant apple bait?

197 APPLEJACK
No. Just in case I ever felt like
eating a really big apple.

198 RAINBOW DASH
(satisfied with answer)
Makes sense.

Once the apple is in place, AJ and RD duck behind it, hiding
themselves from view.

199 APPLEJACK
(whispers to RD)
I just hope she takes the bait.

They hear a nearby <SFX: WHOOSH>

200 RAINBOW DASH
(whispers)
She's coming!

ON FLUTTERBAT as she comes swooping over to the apple. She
hovers next to it, staring greedily at the apple.

She licks her lips and opens her mouth to take a huge bite.

201 APPLEJACK
Now!

At the last second Applejack and Rainbow Dash kick the apple
aside, revealing a MIRROR held by Pinkie Pie, Rarity and
Spike.

Flutterbat STARES into the mirror at her own reflection
STARING back at her.

ON TWILIGHT as she fires up her horn. While Flutterbat remains focused, Twilight casts the reverse spell.

ON FLUTTERBAT as the spell hits her. At first she gets THROWN BACKWARD HARD. But then the magic starts to work. <SFX: MAGIC BELLS>

Flutterbat starts to spin around, slowly at first and then faster and faster. It's as if she is getting "unwrapped" from the bat spell. The bat spell comes off her like strings of yarn and floats away.

The more Fluttershy spins the more she becomes herself...

...until finally she stops spinning. She has completely changed back to normal.

ON THE NEWLY TRANSFORMED FLUTTERSHY.

She looks around, confused.

202 FLUTTERSHY
Where am I?

Suddenly her friends surround her, rejoicing.

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

AJ gives Fluttershy a big hug.

204 APPLEJACK
Thank goodness you're okay!

205 FLUTTERSHY
But what happened to me?

Pinkie Pie, as usual, POPS up out of nowhere.

206 PINKIE PIE
You turned into a vampire pony and tried to eat us all!

207 FLUTTERSHY
(mortified)
I did?

208 TWILIGHT
No. That's not what happened at all. You didn't hurt anypony.

209 FLUTTERSHY
Thank goodness.

210 RARITY
What's important is you're back
now.

All the ponies nod in agreement and lean in for a group hug.

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - THREE DAYS LATER

The ponies are putting the finishing touches on a brand new VAMPIRE FRUIT BAT SANCTUARY. The Vampire Fruit bats seem happy as clams inside their new home.

Applejack "bucks" in the last nails of the structure.

211 APPLEJACK
Fluttershy, I'm real sorry I didn't
take your suggestion in the first
place. Truth is I didn't want to
give up some of my orchard for
these bats. I just didn't like 'em.

212 FLUTTERSHY
They were only acting the way
they're supposed to.

ON A VAMPIRE BAT, sucking an apple DRY and SPITTING OUT an
APPLE SEED.

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

214 APPLEJACK
Nature really is somethin'.

Suddenly a SMALL GROUP OF FRUIT BATS FLY INTO FRAME and
through the doorway to the sanctuary.

215 TWILIGHT
Look, it's the fruit bats! They're
joining the vampire bats!

216 APPLEJACK
Whoo-wee. Now I can recover the
land from the west orchard.

217 SPIKE
So Ponyville won't have a shortage
of apples after all?

218 APPLEJACK
No sireee. Looks like we're gonna
have us a surplus.

219 RAINBOW DASH
Does that mean what I think it
means?

220 APPLEJACK
Yep. More cider too.

Rainbow Dash begins doing a crazy dance and pumping her
"fists" in the air.

221 RARITY
Does anypony else get the feeling
that Rainbow Dash really enjoys
cider?

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. FLUTTERSHY'S CABIN - LATER

The ponies are gathered around their group journal. Spike
takes dictation from Fluttershy and Applejack.

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

223 APPLEJACK
Be sure to put in there that I came
to see that my short term solution
was a little short-sighted. And
that nature isn't somethin' you
should mess with.

Spike nods and starts to write in the journal.

224 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".

Spike writes this down as well. Applejack and Fluttershy nod
their approval.

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

Applejack offers Fluttershy an apple.

Fluttershy stares at the apple, seemingly transfixed.

Her friends share concerned glances then, suddenly, Pinkie Pie POPS UP with obviously fake plastic fangs in her mouth.

226 PINKIE PIE
(like Dracula)
Stand back! I want to suck it's
juice!

She tries to take a bite out of the apple, but her fake teeth remain stuck in the apple.

Her friends <GIGGLE> as we...

FADE OUT.

THE END