

MY LITTLE PONY
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SC 2. EXT. VILLAGE - DAY

SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)
In sameness there is peace...

SC 3. EXT. COTTAGE - DAY

SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)
Exceptionalism is a lie...

SC 4. INT. COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)
Free yourself from your Cutie
Mark...

SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)
Choose equality as your special
talent...

PINKIE PIE
Hey, this is pretty good.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Ugh. We've got to find a way out of
here. I can't take much more of
that voice.

RARITY
Ohhh, this is horrible!

FLUTTERSHY
There there, Rarity, it's not so
bad.

RARITY
Yes it is! Look at those drapes!
I have no idea if they're tacky or
not!

FLUTTERSHY
(helpfully)
Well I think they're nice.

RARITY
(crying)
So do I!

FLUTTERSHY
Oh, thank goodness!

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Can you help us, little birdy?

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Go on, now. Fly away and get us help.

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh! Even tweets don't make sense anymore.

APPLEJACK
This door's shut tighter than a...
summer of...of piglets in...shoot,
I can't even make countryisms no
more!

PINKIE PIE
I don't know, maybe it'll be super
fun to be all the same!

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Sort of. More pleasant than fun, I
guess.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(to herself)
Something odd about that staff...

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
I haven't studied Eastern unicorns
as much as I should've, but I'm
pretty sure Meadowbrook only had
eight magical items, not nine. And
I don't remember any of them being
a staff...

APPLEJACK
Well, looks like you'll have plenty
of time to try to think about it...

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SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Difference is frustration...

SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)
To excel is to fail...

SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Be your best by never being your
best...

SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Conformity will set you free...

SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Accept your limitations, and
happiness will follow...

SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
You are no better than your
friends...

SC 5. INT. COTTAGE - MORNING

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'VE GOT IT!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
I know how we can get out!

RAINBOW DASH
Forget it, Twilight. This door's
not opening.

RARITY
And I'm afraid the windows are much
too small for escape.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But there is a third way.

PINKIE PIE
(jumping to her feet)
Of course! Eventually the wind and
weather will wear down the walls
until they start to crumble! Then
all we have to do is wait for a big
enough hole to form and we can just
walk out! It's the perfect plan!

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I guess...

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We don't actually have to escape.
They'll just let us out when they
think we've accepted their
philosophy.

APPLEJACK
But they're never gonna believe we
switched over in just one night.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
There's one of us they might
believe...

FLUTTERSHY
Me?

RAINBOW DASH
You've been saying how great this
place is since we got here!

FLUTTERSHY

That's because everypony's so nice
and their village is so pretty
and...and...

(resigning herself)

...oh you're right. They probably
would believe me.

FLUTTERSHY

I hate to lie to them. They've
been so welcoming and friendly.
Aside from locking us in here and
trying to brainwash us into
abandoning the things that make us
special.

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

Okay. I'll do it.

PINKIE PIE

WOO-HOO!

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

I mean, cool.

FLUTTERSHY

But what do I do once I'm out?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

You've got to find a way to get our
Cutie Marks back.

STARLIGHT

Oh, good morning! I trust you had
a pleasant night?

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)

This way, please. There are some
friends who would like to see you.

SC 6. EXT. COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

STARLIGHT

Gather 'round, friends, gather
'round!

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)

(to the Mane Six)

We've come to ask if any of you are
ready to join us. There are so
many friends to be made once you
realize you don't need your Cutie
Marks or the talents that come with
them.

DOUBLE DIAMOND

(earnestly)

We have a welcome ceremony for new friends. The whole village joins together to build you your own cottage.

RAINBOW DASH

Not interested. You may have them now, but we're going to get our Marks back!

APPLEJACK

Y'all don't understand, do ya? You can't force nopony to be friends! It don't work like that!

VILLAGE PONY #1

(to the remaining four)

Please, join us!

VILLAGE PONY #2

We love new friends!

STARLIGHT

It's all right, everypony, this is a perfectly normal part of the equalization process for those who haven't..quite seen the light yet.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)

We'll try again tomorrow. Once you've had a bit more time to consider our philosophy.

FLUTTERSHY

I'd like to join!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Fluttershy? How could you?

FLUTTERSHY

If giving up my Cutie Mark means I get to stay in this lovely village with these lovely ponies, then I'll do it.

STARLIGHT

We have a new friend, everypony!

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)

There's...one more order of business. It seems some in our midst might be, dissatisfied with the village life!

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Unfortunately it's all too true, my friends. Will you kindly tell us the names of those friends who so desperately miss their Cutie Marks that they would sneak around in the shadows talking to strangers about it?

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Just so we can be sure your intentions are, indeed, pure.

SC 7. EXT. COTTAGE - DAY

FLUTTERSHY
Um...I don't know who they were.
(turning to the crowd)
Um. I'm sorry, I don't know your names and faces yet--

STARLIGHT
Nonsense! Obviously these ponies must have asked you directly...

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
...kindly point them out.

PARTY FAVOR
It was me.
(stepping through crowd)
It was only me. I...I only wanted it back for a little while.

STARLIGHT
And you're quite certain it was only you?

PARTY FAVOR
(sadly)
I just wanted to remember what it was like.

STARLIGHT
And no thought to the pain you'd cause your friends. Such selfishness.

PARTY FAVOR
I'm sorry, everypony! I never wanted to leave the village! I love all of--

SC 8. INT. COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

PARTY FAVOR

What was I thinking? I can't believe I even considered asking for my cutie mark back.

RAINBOW DASH

Don't worry, Fluttershy will have us out of here in no time.

PARTY FAVOR

Didn't you see what just happened out there? Your friend has accepted our way. You will all accept our way. It's only a matter of time.

RAINBOW DASH

This guy's a barrel of laughs.

PINKIE PIE

(flat)

Laughs don't come in barrels. They come from inside you as your body's response to delight.

APPLEJACK

So what are we gonna do while Fluttershy's out there lookin' for our Cutie Marks?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

We have to stay as positive as we can. If Party Favor sees how much we really do like each other, even though we're all different, maybe we can use him to spread our message to rest of the village.

SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)

To excel is to fail...

RARITY

Let's just hope they don't convert any of us first.

SC 9. EXT. VILLAGE MAIN STREET - DAY

VILLAGE PONY #1

Welcome!

VILLAGE PONY #2

Welcome!

VILLAGE PONY #3

Welcome!

FLUTTERSHY
Gosh, you really are the nicest
ponies I've ever met.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Come, all new friends stay with me
until their cottage is completed.
Let's get you settled and then you
can enjoy all that our little
village has to offer...

SC 11. EXT. STARLIGHT'S COTTAGE - NIGHT

FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)
(her thoughts)
Get the Cutie Marks back. That's
all you've got to do, Fluttershy.
Just sneak through the dark up to
that spooky old cave with the scary
magical staff and get the Cutie
Marks back.

FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)
(her thoughts)
Okay, you're doing great. The
cave's got to be close now...

SC 12. EXT. STARLIGHT'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

STARLIGHT (O.S.)
Excellent work, Double Diamond.

DOUBLE DIAMOND (O.S.)
Of course. But I don't understand
why you wanted me to bring them
here. Fluttershy is one of us now,
surely she can be trusted.

STARLIGHT
This one belongs to a princess. It
could be very important to our
cause.

DOUBLE DIAMOND
But if Twilight Sparkle becomes our
friend, then what do we care about
this old Cutie Mark?

STARLIGHT
I just want to keep them close.
Until everything is...settled.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
You may go, Double Diamond.

FLUTTERSHY
Oh dear! How am I ever going to
get the Cutie Marks back now?

STARLIGHT (O.S.)
Ow!

SC 13. INT. STARLIGHT'S COTTAGE, BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

STARLIGHT
Starlight you clumsy fool...

SC 14. EXT. STARLIGHT'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

FLUTTERSHY
Oh no!

SC 17. EXT. COTTAGE - DAY

STARLIGHT
I've got a good feeling about
today!

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
So...do any of you have anything
you'd like to say?

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Aw, a pity. Well, let's try this
again tomorrow, shall we? No new
friends today, I'm afraid!

FLUTTERSHY
Wait!

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I'd like to lock them in.

STARLIGHT
Marvelous, Fluttershy, that's the
spirit!

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Party Favor, will you join us
please?

PARTY FAVOR
I'm sorry, Starlight! I'm sorry,
everypony! I've seen the error of
my ways! I never want to look at
my Cutie Mark again!

STARLIGHT
It seems there is cause for
celebration after all!

PARTY FAVOR
They tried to break me! They
wouldn't stop talking about how
different they are, and that
somehow makes their friendship
stronger!

STARLIGHT
Such backwards thinking.

PARTY FAVOR
But I didn't listen! I knew what
they were up to and I didn't
listen!

STARLIGHT
Well done, Party Favor. We welcome
you back with open hooves.

FLUTTERSHY
Um, Starlight? I think we might
have one more friend joining us
today.

STARLIGHT
Is this true?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I...I think so. But I just want to
be sure.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
If I agree to leave my Cutie Mark
in the vault, I'll really be
happier?

STARLIGHT
Just look around! Equality has
given us more happiness than you've
ever known!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
And you wouldn't let me just live
here in the village with my old
Cutie Mark?

STARLIGHT
Out of the question. A pony with a
different Cutie Mark in our midst
would destroy our entire
philosophy. We are all equal here!

FLUTTERSHY
Then how do you explain THIS??

STARLIGHT
I knew you couldn't be trusted.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
No! Get away!

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Wha..What are you looking at?
They're the problem, not me!

PARTY FAVOR
(destroyed)
How could you?

DOUBLE DIAMOND
You said Cutie Marks were evil.
You said special talents led to
pain and heartache.

STARLIGHT
They do, don't you see? Look at
them!

SUGAR BELLE
Then why? Why did you take ours
and not give up your own?

STARLIGHT
(panicking)
I..I had to, you fools! How could
I collect your Cutie Marks without
my magic?

NIGHT GLIDER
But...the staff has all the magic
we need--

STARLIGHT
The staff is a piece of wood I
found in the desert! It's my magic
that makes all this possible!
You'd all still be living your
miserable lives, thinking you're
better than everypony else, if it
weren't for my magical abilities!
I brought you friendship! I
brought you equality! I CREATED
HARMONY!

DOUBLE DIAMOND
You lied to us!

STARLIGHT
So what? Everything else I said is
true! The only way to be happy is
if we're all equal!

PARTY FAVOR
Except for you.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Everypony has unique talents and gifts. And when we share them with each other, that's how real--

STARLIGHT
QUIET!!

SUGAR BELLE
You can't have that Cutie Mark, Starlight. Either we're all equal or none of us are.

SC 18. EXT. STARLIGHT'S COTTAGE - MOMENTS LATER

DOUBLE DIAMOND
Come on, let's get our Cutie Marks back!

RAINBOW DASH
C'mon! Let's go get OUR Cutie Marks!

FLUTTERSHY
Our Cutie Marks aren't in the vault.

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
They're in there...with her!

SC 19. INT. CAVE - DAY

DOUBLE DIAMOND
STAND BACK, EVERYPONY!

SC 21. EXT. STARLIGHT'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

RARITY
Even without my Cutie Mark, I can tell this is beautiful.

STARLIGHT
...they think they can come to my village and disrupt my life?!

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Let's see how they like spending the rest of their lives without their precious Cutie Marks!

SC 25. EXT. STARLIGHT'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

NIGHT GLIDER
Stand back, everypony!

SC 26. INT. STARLIGHT'S COTTAGE

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
They're gone! They were right over there!

SC 27. EXT. OTHER COTTAGE - MOMENTS LATER

RAINBOW DASH
Look!

PARTY FAVOR
She's headed for the pass! If she makes it into those mountains, we'll never find her.

PINKIE PIE
These are amazing!

SUGAR BELLE
There's a whole network of caves up there. Your Cutie Marks will be gone forever.

APPLEJACK
Then let's get movin', y'all!

RAINBOW DASH
Oh, come on!

SC 28. EXT. MOUNTAIN FOOTHILLS - CONTINUOUS

STARLIGHT
Are you all so willing to give up everything because of these... strangers?!

SUGAR BELLE
We gave up everything for you! Because we thought you were our friend!

RAINBOW DASH
I can't believe we have to count on these other ponies to save our Cutie Marks!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
If we hadn't come here to help
them, they'd still be living under
her rules! Now it's their turn to
help us!

FLUTTERSHY
And I know they can do it!

SUGAR BELLE
My newest recipe! Snow pie!

RAINBOW DASH
She's gonna get away!

DOUBLE DIAMOND
Woah! These are my old skis. This
is where I first met Starlight.

NIGHT GLIDER
Maybe you can reminisce another
time. She's almost to the caves!

DOUBLE DIAMOND
Feel like an airdrop?

APPLEJACK
Yee-haw! Finally, I can buck like
a five-bit snake herder in an
Appleoosa ranch house again!

FLUTTERSHY
And you got your countryisms back,
too!

STARLIGHT
I studied that spell for years!
How can you--?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I studied magic for years, too, but
what I didn't know then was that
studying could only take me so far.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Each of my friends has taught me
something different about myself.
It was their unique gifts and
passions and personalities that
helped bring out the magic inside
of me. I never would have learned
that I represent the Element of
Magic without these five, and I
certainly wouldn't be here to stop
you now.

STARLIGHT

Spare me your sentimental nonsense.
I gave these ponies real
friendships they never could have
had otherwise!

DOUBLE DIAMOND

How do you know that? You never
even gave us a chance.

RAINBOW DASH

She's getting away!

DOUBLE DIAMOND

We'll never find her in there.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

We just have to hope that when
she's had a chance to think it
over, she realizes that you all
have taught her something.

PARTY FAVOR

It's you who have taught us
something. We all came to this
village because we were searching
for something missing from our
lives. We thought Starlight had
given it to us, but now...

PARTY FAVOR (CONT'D)

...now it seems it was in front of
us all along. It's us.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Does that mean you'll stay in the
village?

NIGHT GLIDER

It's our home. I'm not going
anywhere.

DOUBLE DIAMOND

(to the Village Ponies)

This is a chance for all of us to
get to know each other again for
the very first time.

SUGAR BELLE

And I finally have a chance to bake
something besides terrible muffins!

SC 29. EXT. VILLAGE MAIN STREET - MAGIC HOUR

PINKIE PIE

Now those are real smiles.

APPLEJACK
I'll never get used to that.

RARITY
I think it's divine.

FLUTTERSHY
Does that mean the map is calling
us somewhere else?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I have a feeling it means our work
here is done.

APPLEJACK
Looks like you were right,
Twilight. The map did have a
reason for sendin' us here. We
brought real friendship to these
here ponies. Guess that's why
you're the Princess of Friendship.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But the map didn't send me. It
sent us. You're a part of me, all
of you, and there's no doubt you're
a part of my mission to spread
friendship, too.

PINKIE PIE
This feels like an ending. It
doesn't have to be an ending yet,
right? 'Cause that Sugar Belle can
bake.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Maybe we can stay a little while
longer. Come on!

END