

MY LITTLE PONY

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"The Hooffields and McColts"

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SC. 1 - INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - DAY

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Does every animal have their copy of
"Wuthering Hooves"?

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Hooray! I love furry friends book club.

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Now let's discuss the theme of nature as
it applies to Hoofcliff's love--

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Did somepony leave a light on?

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh, It's me.

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
OH! It's me!

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
We'll continue this discussion when I
get back!

SC. 2 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - ENTRANCE - DAY

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You're here! Isn't this exciting!

SC. 3 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

FLUTTERSHY
Oh you were called too! Thank goodness.
I feel so much better going with a
friend.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I was about to come and get you but then
I got distracted.

SC. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - MAP ROOM - CONTINUOUS

FLUTTERSHY
Oh.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Ever since the map called us I've been
doing a ton of research. Testing out
potential friendship problems,
diversifying my solution portfolio...

FLUTTERSHY
"Ever since the map called us"? But that
happened five minutes ago.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

I know, but I want to be one hundred percent prepared. I mean, I'm the Princess of Friendship. How would it look if I couldn't solve a friendship problem?

FLUTTERSHY

Oh I'm so lucky I'm being sent with you. Speaking of which, where are we going?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

The Smokey Mountains.

FLUTTERSHY

Oh, I've never been there before.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Neither have I. And there isn't a lot of information on them. All I could find was this.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

"The Smokey Mountains harbor the most beautiful valley in all of Equestria between its two majestic mountain peaks."

FLUTTERSHY

That's gorgeous. And where there's nature, there's a ton of animal friends!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

I can't wait to get started. I'm a little nervous since that's all I could find. I usually like to be a bit more prepared.

FLUTTERSHY

You seem pretty prepared to me...

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

Are those...for us?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Yup! I've prepared our things. Snacks, books, blankets, books.

FLUTTERSHY

You said books twice.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

There are a lot of books.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

What do you think our friendship problem's going to be?

FLUTTERSHY
I don't know. But I'm sure we'll figure
it out.

SC. 5 - EXT. FIELD/INT. HOT AIR BALLOON - LATER

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Do you think it'll be a problem about
lying?

FLUTTERSHY
I'm sure we'll find out when we get
there.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You're right.

SC. 6 - EXT. SKY - LATER

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Ooh! Could it be about when two friends
just randomly decide to do something
together but they forget to invite the
third friend and the third friend feels
left out?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Or where one friend tells another
friend's secret after they ask them not
to?

FLUTTERSHY
We'll know very very soon, since we're
almost there.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Here, let me get that.

FLUTTERSHY
Oh, thank you.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sorry I've been a little
scidilly-bopty-boo. I just can't
believe this is finally happening!

FLUTTERSHY
Whoa.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Whoa. What in Equestria is happening?

FLUTTERSHY
It's nothing like your book said it would
be.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh boy, I'm feeling very unprepared.
Where do we even start?

FLUTTERSHY
Maybe by figuring out where the flying
pumpkins are coming from!

SC. 7 - EXT. HOOFFIELD MOUNTAIN - CONTINUOUS

MA HOOFFIELD
Ready? Aim. Fire!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Um, hi, hello. Excuse us, but... what are
you doing?

MA HOOFFIELD
We're pumpkining our neighbors!

FLUTTERSHY
Yes. But, umm, why are you pumpkining
your neighbors?

MA HOOFFIELD
Well because the McColts are just plain
rotten.
Hey, wait a tick. Who are you two? You're
not spies for the McColts are ya?!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I am Twilight Sparkle, the Princess of
Friendship. And I am here to solve your
friendship problem.

FLUTTERSHY
I'm Fluttershy. And um, I'm here, too.

MA HOOFFIELD
Ma Hooffield. Pleased to meet you, but
you're wasting your time. We don't have
a friendship problem, we have a McColt
problem.

HOOFFIELD #1
And there's absolutely no friendship
there.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, maybe there could be if we figure
out what the McColts did to make you so
mad.

MA HOOFFIELD
Oh, well they've done so many things! Why
just today, they shot pebbles at our
farmhouse and wrecked it!

MA HOOFFIELD (CONT'D)
See, we're not very good at building so
all it took was a little pebble. But
still.

FLUTTERSHY
Oh no.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I know what to do. We're gonna talk with
these McColts and hear their side of the
story. Once we have all the facts we can
put an end to this, using reason and
rationale.

FLUTTERSHY
Good plan!
That's why she's the Princess.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
In the meantime, could you please call
off the pumpkining?

MA HOOFFIELD
Oh, alright.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Thanks. Come on, Fluttershy.

SC. 8 - EXT. MCCOLT MOUNTAIN - MOMENTS LATER

MCCOLT GUARD #1
State your business.

MCCOLT GUARD #2
Don't even bother. They're probably
spies for the Hooffields.

MCCOLT GUARD #1
Hey wait, you're an Alicorn. I thought
just the three princesses were Alicorns.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
There are four Alicorn princesses in
Equestria now.
I am Twilight Sparkle, The Princess of
Friendship!

FLUTTERSHY
And I'm Fluttershy.

MCCOLT GUARD #1
We have a new princess? When did that
happen? And, and how did the Hooffields
come by a princess spy?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We are not spies! Why does everypony
assume we're spies?

BIG DADDY MCCOLT
Because we don't get a lot of visitors.
I'm Big Daddy McColt. You caught us at
a weird time. We're in the middle of a
giant feud with our terrible neighbors!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, actually, that's why we're here.
To solve your problem with the
Hooffields.

BIG DADDY MCCOLT
So you're here to help us get rid of
them!?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No, that's not what I meant at all!

BIG DADDY MCCOLT
Well if you ain't fer us, you're against
us.

SC. 9 - INT. MCCOLT MOUNTAIN - CONTINUOUS

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We are not on anypony's side. We're here
to help you become friends again.

BIG DADDY MCCOLT
Well that's gonna be hard, I don't
believe we've ever been friends with the
Hooffields.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But you could be. They're just really
upset you ruined their farmhouse--

BIG DADDY MCCOLT
Wait a hog-wogglin' minute! We only did
that because the Hooffields pulled the
pin out of our wagon wheel. A whole
week's worth of food rollin' down the
mountain!

BIG DADDY MCCOLT (CONT'D)
Us McColts are mighty fine builders but
we don't know the first thing about
farming. We have to travel a ways away
to buy our food.

BIG DADDY MCCOLT (CONT'D)
And now, we'll be stuck eating the
pumpkins the Hooffields launched at us!
Pumpkin bread, pumpkin soup, pumpkin

quesadillas, pumpkin paella, pumpkin cheese, pumpkin pie, pumpkin fri-ta-tas-- actually that all sounds kinda good, but it'll get old.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Have you tried meeting at a neutral location, talking about your problems, and really listening to each other?

BIG DADDY MCCOLT
What? No. They'd sooner launch their dinners at us than listen to us.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, they'll listen to me. I'm an impartial third party.

SC. 10 - EXT. SKY BETWEEN THE SMOKEY MOUNTAINS - CONTINUOUS

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(voice magnified)
Attention Hooffields and McColts! I'm not on anypony's side, but I can see you're both wasting time and resources on being mean to each other. Ponies are supposed to help each other and be kind. So, let's stop this senseless fighting.

SC. 11 - EXT. MCCOLT MOUNTAIN - CONTINUOUS

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
There. That should do it. Ready to go home, Fluttershy?

FLUTTERSHY
I'd love to, but if we solved the problem already shouldn't our cutie marks be glowing again?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh yeah. They should be glowing any minute now.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Or not.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
So much for potential friendship solution number twenty eight.

FLUTTERSHY
I guess we should find out why the Hooffields are launching tomatoes now.

SC. 12 - EXT. HOOFFIELD MOUNTAIN - CONTINUOUS

MA HOOFFIELD

One at a time, Greenhoof. If you smush them tomatoes in the slingshot, they won't break on the McColts!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

What are you doing? I asked you to stop fighting!

MA HOOFFIELD

Oh, is that what you were hollerin' about? We thought the McColts rubbed you the wrong way, so we tomatered them for ya. My mistake.
Stop the tomatoer slingshots!

MA HOOFFIELD (CONT'D)

Reload the tomatoer slingshots! We're gonna paint their mountaintop red!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Well, that didn't work. I was so sure it would.

FLUTTERSHY

It was a good plan, but we need to think of another one. And soon. This fight is really affecting the animals around here.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Not to worry. I'll just...find the root of the problem and work from there!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

Pardon us, Ma, but do you remember what started this whole feud in the first place?

MA HOOFFIELD

They know what they did.

SC. 13 - EXT. MCCOLT MOUNTAIN - SAME

BIG DADDY MCCOLT

They know what they did.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

I'm starting to think neither of you know what either of you have done.

BIG DADDY MCCOLT

Sure we do. Them Hooffields did us a grave injustice some time ago for some reason.

MCCOLTS

Hear, hear!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
O-kay, backup plan to the backup plan.
Maybe we can find some common ground that
you can bond over. What do you do when
you're not fighting?

BIG DADDY MCCOLT
That's easy. Getting ready to fight.

SC. 14 - EXT. HOOFFIELD MOUNTAIN - MOMENTS LATER

FLUTTERSHY
What do you hope to get out of fighting?

MA HOOFFIELD
The satisfaction of winning.

SC. 15 - EXT. MCCOLT MOUNTAIN - MOMENTS LATER

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Of winning what?

BIG DADDY MCCOLT
The fight, of course. To prove our family
is the best!

SC. 16 - EXT. HOOFFIELD MOUNTAIN - MOMENTS LATER

FLUTTERSHY
The best at what?

MA HOOFFIELD
Winning! Haven't you been listenin'?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
So the only thing they have in common is
that they both want to win a fight and
neither of them know what it's over. How
can I end this feud if I don't know what
it's about?!

FLUTTERSHY
Ooh. Maybe somepony just needs to say
they're sorry.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's a good idea. And friendship
solution #48, but we can move it up.

SC. 17 - EXT. VALLEY - LATER

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm so glad you agreed to do this!
This apology cake will go a long way to
making amends between you two.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Which part of my argument changed your mind? The part where I said the benefits of friendship outweigh the cost of war? Or the part where I said forgiveness is an investment in happiness?

MA HOOFFIELD

Yeah, yeah, all of it.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Wait, are you even listening to me?

MCCOLT GUARD #1

Who goes there?

MA HOOFFIELD

It's Ma Hooffield--

MCCOLT GUARD #1

Hooffield alert! Arm the canons!

MA HOOFFIELD

--with an apology cake.

MCCOLT GUARD #1

Did you say...cake? As in, cake?

MA HOOFFIELD

Consider it a gesture of good will, from us to you.

MCCOLT GUARD #2

I haven't had cake in ages.

MCCOLT GUARD #1

Open the gates!

SC. 18 - EXT. MCCOLT MOUNTAIN - ENTRANCE - CONTINUOUS

MCCOLT GUARD #3

It's such a beautiful cake.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Think of this as more than just a cake. It's the first step in the long road to forgiveness.

FLUTTERSHY

Nothing says let's be friends like a cake that says "let's be friends". I wrote that in icing on the top.

HOOFFIELD PONIES

For glory!

BIG DADDY MCCOLT

McColts! Assume delta force formation!

SC. 19 - EXT. VALLEY - CONTINUOUS

MA HOOFFIELD
Ready? Aim! Fire!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Ma Hooffield! You planted ponies in that cake?!

MA HOOFFIELD
Yeah. Wait, were you serious about apologizing? Why in Equestria would we do that? We didn't do anything wrong!

BIG DADDY MCCOLT
What are you talkin' about? You've done so many things wrong!

MA HOOFFIELD
Not as many as you!

MCCOLT PONY #1
Take that, Hooffields!

SC. 20 - EXT. MCCOLT MOUNTAIN - ENTRANCE - SAME

MCCOLT WALLA
You started it!

HOOFFIELD WALLA
No you did!

MCCOLT WALLA
Hey, you got cake in my mane!

HOOFFIELD WALLA
Well you got dirt in my cake!

HOOFFIELD #1
Well you got your mane in my cake!

HOOFFIELD WALLA
Don't argue with me, I'm on your side!

HOOFFIELD #1
Right. Sorry.

FLUTTERSHY
If you could just not yell so much, or maybe stop saying words altogether...

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Twilight?

SC. 21 - EXT. VALLEY - CONTINUOUS

FLUTTERSHY

Um, Twilight? We should probably get back there. I mean, if you need a break that's fine but I really can't do this without you.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

I don't know if we can do this at all. Even if I make things right, they're just going to fight again.

FLUTTERSHY

Hey, little fellas. That's okay. You can come out.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

What was that?

FLUTTERSHY

Oh, you poor things! There isn't enough food here for you.

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

Brr! And you're freezing! I'm gonna take you all home with me and get you all hot cocoas... how do you feel about book clubs?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

I don't get it. This was supposed to be the most beautiful valley in all of Equestria. What happened?

FLUTTERSHY

What's that? Oh. Uh huh. Twilight! They know what happened here!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

What?

SC. 22 - EXT. SKY - BETWEEN THE TWO MOUNTAINS - LATER

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Stop! You have to listen to me!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

EVERYPONY FREEZE!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

Fluttershy, you have to tell them! It's a lot harder to freeze an army of ponies than just six of them.

FLUTTERSHY

Before you keep fighting, there is something you should know. Long ago, there were two best friends...

SC. 23 - EXT. VALLEY - FLASHBACK

FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)
...Grub Hooffield and Piles McColt. When they found the valley between the Smokey Mountains, they knew it was something special.

FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)
So they made a promise to each other to protect and preserve the valley for all its adorable furry inhabitants. But, they disagreed on how to go about it.

FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)
Grub wanted to start by planting crops so that everypony would have something to eat.

FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)
But Piles thought it would be better to start by building a shelter to protect them against the cold and wind.

FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)
The two ponies were unable to come to an understanding. So Piles went ahead and built a shelter anyway, exactly where Grub was going to start his farm.

FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)
Grub was upset, so he tore down Piles' shelter so he could plant his crops.

FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)
They kept fighting, back and forth, until it turned into a feud.

FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)
The valley suffered from the constant destruction, until finally the Hooffields and McColts moved to separate mountains.

FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)
Even then the valley, and all the animals in it, continued to be caught in the crossfire.

SC. 24 - EXT. VALLEY - BACK TO SCENE

FLUTTERSHY
You see, by fighting, you're destroying the very thing that brought you here in the first place. So it's time you both put your differences aside and come

together, if not for yourselves, then
for the sake of these cute and cuddly
guys.

BIG DADDY MCCOLT
Aw, shucks. We never meant to hurt you
little critters.

MA HOOFFIELD
Yeah, we're sorry.

FLUTTERSHY
They say they accept your apology!

BIG DADDY MCCOLT
Um, Princess? You can unfreeze us now.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh, right.

BIG DADDY MCCOLT
Ma Hooffield? We promise we won't fight
you no more.

MA HOOFFIELD
Us too. Except we promise not to fight
you. I suppose it doesn't matter who's
right - we're both wrong.

BIG DADDY MCCOLT
That's one thing we can agree on.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This is wonderful!
I am so proud of you two.

MA HOOFFIELD
Thanks, Princess.
Though I would just like to point out
that I was the first to admit I was wrong.

BIG DADDY MCCOLT
That may be, but I promised not to fight
first. That counts for more.

MA HOOFFIELD
Oh yeah?

MA HOOFFIELD (CONT'D)
Oh alright. We don't have to speak animal
to know what y'all are sayin'. Truce?

BIG DADDY MCCOLT
Truce.

SC. 25 - INT. VALLEY - LATER

BIG DADDY MCCOLT
Hoo-wee, ain't that a pretty sight!

MA HOOFFIELD
Sure is.
The McColts are going to help us rebuild
our homes -- good ones this time.

BIG DADDY MCCOLT
And the Hooffields are going to help us
grow some crops.

MCCOLT GUARD #1
Not pumpkins!

MA HOOFFIELD
Thanks for teaching us that friendship
is so much better than winning a silly
argument.

FLUTTERSHY
Yay! I told you we'd figure it out.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We did. And we didn't need my friendship
portfolio to do it. We just needed each
other.

SC. 26 - EXT. SKY - LATER

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
So what do you think will happen next?
We've all been called by the map now.

FLUTTERSHY
I'm sure we'll find out when we get home.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What if it summons all six of us to
another place? Or another pony we
weren't expecting? <GASP> What if it
wants us to solve other kinds of problems
like quantum physics or why the apple
doesn't fall far from the tree?

THE END