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Ever since the appearance of the Cutie Mark Map of Friendship, Rainbow Dash has been chomping at the bit for her Cutie Mark to flash up so she could go save the day. After all, what other pony is more suited to help other ponies? Especially if it just happens to be a super action-packed, high-flying, tail-spinning lesson in friendship! (*Great place for a Rainbow Dash “I Am Totally Awesome/Make My Mark on the Map” Song!*) Rainbow is biting her hooves, hovering over the map, just itching for some action when suddenly, a Cutie Mark projects out of the map right over Cloudsdale! Perfect! But it’s... Fluttershy’s? What the hay?

Twilight, Rainbow Dash, and Fluttershy fly off to Cloudsdale to find out what friendship issue needs to be solved. Rainbow figures it’s got to be something simple like a bunch of baby Pegasi need nurturing or some butterflies sprained a wing or something super sappy like that. But when they arrive, they discover that the Griffons are infringing upon Cloudsdale’s airspace. The Wonderbolts are primed and ready to defend their borders. Rainbow is beside herself. Why in the world would the Map call up Fluttershy? When the Wonderbolts are prepared to go kick some Griffon tail and Rainbow Dash is in the Wonderbolt Reserves? Hello? This mission has Rainbow Dash written all over it, if she says so herself! The thing is, Fluttershy kind of agrees. She’d be just as happy if Rainbow took the lead on this task and confronted the Griffons, especially since Griffons tend to be so terribly gruff. But Twilight put on her “Princess hat” and steps in, reminding them that the map said that Fluttershy needs to deal with this friendship issue, not Rainbow.

So Fluttershy flies into Griffon Territory where she meets with Gregor, the Leader of the Griffons and Gilda’s father. She does her very best to kindly negotiate with Gregor the Griffon, asking him to please move the Griffons out of the Cloudsdale airspace. But Gregor is grumbly, grumpy, and generally a grouch. He has absolutely no interest in listening to some sweet-natured, mild-mannered Pegasus that speaks so softly he can barely hear her. Seeing that the Griffons are not budging an inch, Rainbow Dash is getting terribly frustrated and desperately wants to charge in with the Wonderbolts to push the Griffons out of Cloudsdale’s skies. She’s sure Fluttershy is trying, but she’s just not right for the job. So Rainbow starts rallying the troops, getting them all hyped up.

What Rainbow Dash doesn’t realize is that, as hard as this is for her, Fluttershy isn’t giving up. After all, her special skill is working with animals and Gregor is just a really big animal. But she knows one Griffon that would have information on Gregor: his daughter Gilda. And while her last encounter with Gilda was less than friendly (and actually a bit frightening), Fluttershy musters up her courage and asks Gilda if there is anything her dad likes that could help Fluttershy deal with him.

Gilda’s a bit reluctant to help Fluttershy at first, but then she admits that her dad has been acting even more bad-tempered than the average Griffon. Plus, she really has no idea why he’s insisted on the Griffons going into the Pegasus airspace. That’s totally not cool. So, yeah, she’ll help Fluttershy. And she knows just what might get him to soften up a little. The two head off to hatch their plan, confident that they can come to a peaceful agreement with Gregor.

But just as Fluttershy is about to propose the Griffon/Pegasus Peace Treaty, Rainbow Dash and the Wonderbolts go in to attack Gregor and the Griffons! Fluttershy is completely flustered. What is Rainbow Dash doing? This was her task. Rainbow Dash retorts that this can’t be solved with Fluttershy’s whole “caring for animals” thing. It has to be solved with Rainbow Dash’s skill and means some awesome tail-kickin’ flying! But now Fluttershy is riled up (for Fluttershy). She *is* going to solve this her way! Telling the Wonderbolts to stop, please, she bravely makes her proposal to Gregor the Griffon.

“A pony who cares has been sent on this mission...to deal with the gruffness of Gregor the Griffon. Some others were sure that this pony would fail...and thought the solution was kicking some tail. But I’ve found that animals often attack...when they’re feeling quite hungry and just need a snack. So Gustav le Grand made your favorite éclair...Now kindly remove yourselves from Cloudsdale’s air.”

Suddenly the baker, Gustav le Grand flies up with Gregor's favorite chocolate éclair. Upon eating it, Gregor's demeanor suddenly changes and he thanks Fluttershy. In their negotiations, he admits that he has been a bit cranky and willingly removes the Griffons from Cloudsdale's airspace. Rainbow Dash then apologizes to Fluttershy. With this being a prime opportunity for her to show off her special skills in awesome flying, she wasn't willing to see that Fluttershy's skills in caring would actually be better for everypony. Being a loyal friend needed to outweigh her desire to make her mark on the map. Fluttershy kindly accepts her friend's apology. Though Rainbow Dash does have one question. Why was Fluttershy speaking in rhyme?