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MY LITTLE PONY 6

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TEASER

SC. 1 - INT. SHY FAMILY HOME - DAY

FLUTTERSHY and RAINBOW DASH eat lunch with what can only be Fluttershy's parents: MR. SHY, a stallion with a combed-over mane, and MRS. SHY, a meek, near-sighted mare.

1 MRS. SHY
 (passing a plate)
It's wonderful that you could make time to come have lunch with your father and me, Fluttershy. It's so nice when you visit.

2 FLUTTERSHY
Of course, Mom. It's always great to come home and spend quality time with you and Dad.

3 RAINBOW DASH
And it was awesome of you to invite me too.

4 MRS. SHY
You're always welcome here, Rainbow Dash. You know that.

5 RAINBOW DASH
Thanks! Things have been so busy with the Wonderbolts lately, it's great to get a chance to slow down and relax someplace quiet.

6 MR. SHY
That's exactly what I intend to do now that I've retired. In fact, I'm converting the back house so I can catalog my cloud collection.

He gestures out back. ANGLE THROUGH THE WINDOW: On a homey-looking shed in the backyard with a garden along the side.

7 FLUTTERSHY
That's great, Dad. I know how long you've been working on it.

8 MR. SHY
Yes, indeed, I have my clouds, your mom has her flowers, you've got your animals, and your brother...

A long pause as Mr. and Mrs. Shy share concerned looks, while Rainbow Dash smirks and Fluttershy forces a smile.

9 MRS. SHY
Well, Zephyr Breeze has his...
interests.

10 RAINBOW DASH
I'll say. There's that time he was
convinced he found a new color of
the rainbow.
(snorts)
Or his plan to get rich selling
homemade hoof polish.

11 MRS. SHY
He was just a colt. He's matured a
lot since then.

Rainbow Dash <SNICKERS>.

12 FLUTTERSHY
Have you heard from Zephyr lately?
How's he doing in Balitmare?

13 MR. SHY
It's funny you mention that...

Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash look at Mr. Shy.

14 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, no! What happened?

Mr. Shy doesn't respond. Fluttershy turns to her mother.

15 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Mom??

16 MRS. SHY
It's just for a little while, dear.
Till he gets back on his hooves.

Fluttershy's eyes go wide as she realizes what this means.

17 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, Mom--

18 RAINBOW DASH
(catching on)
You don't mean?--

At that moment, the front door BURSTS OPEN and in strides a young Pegasus stallion, his long mane done up in a bun, and way too much look-at-me attitude. This is ZEPHYR BREEZE.

He presents himself in the doorway in a "Tada" stance, then addresses Fluttershy.

19 ZEPHYR BREEZE
 (sing-song)
Hola big, si-is! Guess who's home?

He does an Elvis hip wiggle and adopts a rock star voice.

20 ZEPHYR BREEZE (CONT'D)
That's right, it's your one and
only, favorite brother... Me!!

OFF Fluttershy, forcing a smile as Dash facepalms in bg...

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 2 - INT. SHY FAMILY HOME - RESUME

Zephyr Breeze struts over to the table and hugs Fluttershy, who tries to shake off her shock.

21 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Hey, Flutter-butter!
 (pokes her with each word)
How's-the-bestest-big-sister-ever?!
 (off her look)
Hey, where's the love? How about a
little excitement to see your baby
brother? I'm the only one you've
got, ya know.

22 FLUTTERSHY
Hi, Zephyr. It is good to see you.
I'm just surprised. When you left
you said mane therapy training was
your calling.

23 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Oh, it is, sis. You would not
believe how much stress ponies hold
in their manes.
 (MORE)

ZEPHYR BREEZE (CONT'D)

But I had the basics down after the first week, so I started trying out my own spin on things, and I think they felt a little threatened by my genius or something? Some ponies refuse to embrace change, right?

Mr. and Mrs. Shy walk around the table. Rainbow Dash keeps her distance so the family can greet each other.

24 MRS. SHY

Hello, dear. Welcome home.

Zephyr hugs his mother and father, then spots Dash.

25 ZEPHYR BREEZE

Well, if it isn't Rainbows "I'm the best flier that ever was" Dash.

26 RAINBOW DASH

Excuse me?

27 ZEPHYR BREEZE

What? I'm just saying sometimes you act like you're the only pony with wings. No big deal, moving on. Super great of you to show up for the homecoming, though. I mean, your crush on me was always a little transparent, but whatever, it's sweet.

Dash's mouth drops open, but before she can reply, Zephyr walks around the room picking up knick-knacks and putting them back in the wrong place or about to topple over. Mrs. Shy follows him, catching everything and putting it back how it was.

28 ZEPHYR BREEZE (CONT'D)

I kinda thought there'd be other ponies here, though. I mean, what about that party planner? Sprinkle Pie? She coulda turned this into a real house par-tay, am I right? I mean, this place could use a little pick-me-up.

(sing song)

Dra-ahb!

29 MRS. SHY

I--

30 ZEPHYR BREEZE

(steamrolling)

No offense, Mom. It's just, you know I need my outer environment to be a harmonious reflection of my inner self so that I can achieve balance, you know?

31 MR. SHY

(is this what you mean?)

We just straightened up this morning...

32 ZEPHYR BREEZE

Don't worry, Dad, when I get all my stuff back in here you won't even remember what this boring old place looked like.

ON Fluttershy, compressing her mouth to almost nothing.

33 FLUTTERSHY

Um, Mom, Dad, can I talk to you for one second?

OFF the Shys, sensing what's coming...

SC. 3 - INT. SHY FAMILY HOME, KITCHEN - MOMENTS LATER

Fluttershy tries to speak quietly, as Zephyr Breeze tries and fails to suavely chat up Rainbow Dash in the background.

34 MR. SHY

(knowing what it is)

What is it, honey?

35 FLUTTERSHY

Are you sure letting Zephyr move back home is a good idea?

36 MRS. SHY

He just needs a little time to figure out what to do next.

37 FLUTTERSHY

Well, maybe. But, you know, you said that last time, and he was here for two years.

38 MR. SHY

That wasn't really his fault, though. His worm farm just didn't take off the way that ad promised.

39 MRS. SHY
Zephyr's just trying to find his place, dear.

40 FLUTTERSHY
It just seems like his place always ends up being your place. And then he sort of makes you do everything for him.

41 MR. SHY
Well, we may not be as bold as you, Fluttershy, but don't you worry. We know how to stand up for ourselves.

42 MRS. SHY
Besides, Zephyr Breeze has really grown a lot. I think the discipline of mane therapy school really matured him.

43 FLUTTERSHY
Mom, he was only there for three weeks.

But the conversation is over, as Mr. and Mrs. Shy lead Fluttershy back into...

SC. 4 - INT. SHY FAMILY HOME - CONTINUOUS

...where Zephyr Breeze is finishing his latest assault on Rainbow Dash's defenses.

44 ZEPHYR BREEZE
--And they were all like, "We love your free spirit, Zeph, and it would be wrong to cage that. Go follow your dreams."

Dash grimaces at Fluttershy as Zephyr finishes.

45 RAINBOW DASH
Zeph here was just telling me why he didn't finish his mane therapy training.

46 ZEPHYR BREEZE
It's so hard to decide what's right for you when you're awesome at everything.

47 FLUTTERSHY
Well, maybe if you tried something
for more than three weeks, you'd
figure it out?

48 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Sorry, sis, but when I know
something's not the right fit, this
pony's gotta fly!
(then)
Anyway, great talking to you. And
Rainbows, I am so touched you came
to see me, I almost hate to deprive
you of my company, but I need some
sleep.

49 RAINBOW DASH
It's the middle of the day.

50 ZEPHYR BREEZE
I know.
(jazz hooves)
SIESTA!!
(to Mrs. Shy)
You made up my room the way I like
it, right, Mom? Awesome.

He trots up the stairs, self-satisfied, then stops halfway.

51 ZEPHYR BREEZE (CONT'D)
Ooh, I almost forgot. All my stuff
is out front. Can you grab that for
me, Pops? Thanks!

Zephyr disappears up the stairs. A silent beat, then:

52 RAINBOW DASH
What. Just. Happened?

OFF Fluttershy, displeased...

SC. 5 - EXT. PONYVILLE - SAME

Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy fly through town, discussing the
events of lunch.

53 RAINBOW DASH
Sooo... that was interesting.

54 FLUTTERSHY
<EXASPERATED GROAN>. I'm sorry, but
I am just so... *peev*ed right now.

55 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, I've noticed your brother has
that effect on you.

56 FLUTTERSHY
I mean, yes, he's my only brother
and of course I love him. But he
can be so... <EXASPERATED GROAN>.

57 RAINBOW DASH
Well said. I couldn't agree more.
"Transparent crush" - yeah, right!

They're both so caught up that they don't notice APPLEJACK
and PINKIE PIE up ahead. The Earth ponies stop in
expectation, but the Pegasi fly right by, until...

58 APPLEJACK
<WHISTLE>!!

Dash stops in her tracks and Fluttershy BUMPS into her,
coming out of her reverie. They look back to see Pinkie Pie
frantically bouncing up and down.

59 PINKIE PIE
Rainbow Dash! Fluttershy! It's me,
Pinkie Pie! Your FRIEND!!

Dash and Fluttershy double back and land next to Applejack
and Pinkie Pie.

60 FLUTTERSHY
Sorry about that.

61 APPLEJACK
You two looked mighty focused on
whatever you were talking about.

The four of them start walking through town together.

62 RAINBOW DASH
We just had lunch with Fluttershy's
parents and you'll never guess what
happened.

Pinkie Pie stops bouncing and leans in, intent.

63 PINKIE PIE
Ooh, did Fluttershy's brother,
Zephyr Breeze, quit his job and
move back home and start making
Fluttershy's parents do everything
for him but not show any gratitude
or even the basic understanding
that they all might be better off
if he learned to do things for
himself?

64 RAINBOW DASH
Um, yeah. That was amazing, Pinkie
Pie!

65 PINKIE PIE
(deadpan)
Eh, not really. He does that all
the time.

66 APPLEJACK
Pinkie's got a point. Seems like a
story we've heard before. You okay,
Fluttershy?

67 FLUTTERSHY
I am very...

68 RAINBOW DASH
Peeved.

69 FLUTTERSHY
Right. That.
(beat)
I don't want to be unkind, but I
don't see why Zephyr can't do
things for himself and why my
parents let him walk all over them.

Pinkie, Dash and Applejack stare at Fluttershy until...

70 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Okay, I can see why they won't
stand up for themselves, but still.

71 APPLEJACK
Well, if your parents won't stand
up for themselves, maybe you need
to stand up for them.

Fluttershy thinks about this for a second, then nods.

72 FLUTTERSHY
You're right. Thanks, everypony.

Decision made, Fluttershy is able to relax a little and smile as she walks off with her friends. OFF this...

SC. 6 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE - THE NEXT DAY

Establishing shot of Cloudsdale as Fluttershy weaves in and out on her way to...

SC. 7- EXT. SHY FAMILY HOME - MOMENTS LATER

Fluttershy lands and approaches the front door, when a <CRASH> out back draws her attention. She trots around to...

SC. 8 - EXT. SHY FAMILY HOME, BACKYARD - CONTINUOUS

Several bell jars filled with clouds lie beneath the open window of the back house, crushing the flowers there. Mrs. Shy hurries to save her blossoms, while Mr. Shy chases a small cloud that's floating away from a broken jar.

73 FLUTTERSHY
(approaching)
Mom, Dad, what's going on?

74 MRS. SHY
Oh, hello dear. We're just doing
some... redecorating.

75 ZEPHYR BREEZE (FROM INSIDE)
Incoming!

Another bell jar flies out the window. Mrs. Shy ducks just in time to avoid being hit. Mr. Shy releases the cloud he just wrangled and it floats away again as he catches the jar.

Fluttershy has had it. Her face builds toward The Stare.

76 FLUTTERSHY
Zephyr Breeze!!

Zephyr's surprised face appears in the window.

77 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Hey sis! Came to see me work my
magic and turn this place from drab
to fab, huh? Well, watch and learn!

He starts to turn away, but she calls him back.

78 FLUTTERSHY
Hold it!
(he turns, shocked)
Do you see what you're doing here??

She gestures to the cloud jars and crushed flowers.

79 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Yeah, I'm getting rid of this old stuff so I can turn the back house into my art studio. I decided I'm going to be a sculptor!

80 FLUTTERSHY
(pointing)
I was talking about Mom's flowers.

81 ZEPHYR BREEZE
She's gonna move them so I can have my mediation patio here. She loves replanting stuff, don't you, Mom?

82 MRS. SHY
(eager to please)
I do like planting flowers.

Fluttershy shakes her head and moves on to the bell jars.

83 FLUTTERSHY
Dad's been collecting these clouds since before you were born, and that's his space in there.

84 ZEPHYR BREEZE
This is the only place big enough.
(getting an idea)
Unless I went in the living room!

Zephyr trots out of the back house, but Fluttershy puts up a hoof up to stop him.

85 FLUTTERSHY
I think we should talk about other places you could go before you move more of Mom and Dad's stuff around.

86 ZEPHYR BREEZE/MRS. SHY
Huh?/What do you mean, dear?

Fluttershy turns to her parents.

87 FLUTTERSHY
I know speaking up for yourself can be hard, believe me.
(MORE)

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

But Zephyr will never stand on his own if he can lean on you.

88 ZEPHYR BREEZE

Don't be so dramatic, sis. Mom and Dad just want to let me be me, right? I can do plenty on my own.

89 FLUTTERSHY

I agree with you. That's why I think you should move out.

90 ZEPHYR BREEZE

(at a loss, grasping)

I totally would, sis. But I don't think that's what Mom and Dad want.

(turns to his parents)

It's not, is it?

Mr. and Mrs. Shy share a look, then:

91 MR. SHY

Your sister has a point, son. If you really want to find yourself, maybe it's best if you look somewhere else.

Zephyr nods, processing.

92 ZEPHYR BREEZE

(brave face)

Sure. I just came back here to give Mom and Dad some company anyway.

93 MRS. SHY

So, you definitely have somewhere else to go?

94 ZEPHYR BREEZE

Who me? Of course! There's plenty of places just chomping at the bit for a little Breeze.

With that, he heads into the main house. OFF the others, watching him go...

SC. 9 - INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - DAY

Fluttershy prepares Angel's food as Rainbow Dash watches.

95 RAINBOW DASH

So you laid down the law, huh?

96 FLUTTERSHY
I don't know about that. I just
tried to do what's best for my
family.

97 RAINBOW DASH
So, where's Zeph gonna go now?

98 FLUTTERSHY
I'm not sure.
(fretting)
I did do the right thing, right?

99 RAINBOW DASH
For sure! One hundred percent!

There's a <KNOCK> on the door, then it FLIES OPEN, revealing
none other than Zephyr Breeze. He struts in, strikes a pose,
and looks at Fluttershy.

100 ZEPHYR BREEZE
(sing-song)
Hey sis, you're new roommate's
here!

Fluttershy DROPS Angel's salad plate, which CLATTERS on the
floor. Zephyr WINKS at Dash, who turns to her dazed friend.

101 RAINBOW DASH
Okay, maybe more like seventy
percent.

OFF this...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 10 - INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - RESUMING

Zephyr is still in his "Tada" pose, waiting for a reaction.
Dash watches as Fluttershy slowly recovers.

102 FLUTTERSHY
Um, Zephyr? When our parents told
you to find someplace else to live,
I don't think this is what they
meant.

103 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Well, it's not their house, so by
definition it's someplace else.
 (to Dash)
Am I right, Rainbows? Help us
settle this.

Dash looks from Zephyr to Fluttershy.

104 RAINBOW DASH
You know what? I totally forgot
that I promised to help Pinkie Pie
sprinkle... something.

Dash zips off as Fluttershy blocks Zephyr's path.

105 FLUTTERSHY
You said you had plenty of places
to go.

Zephyr just smiles wanly.

106 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
 (deciding)
Fine! You can stay here.

107 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Fluttershy, you're the best! We're
gonna have so much fun--

108 FLUTTERSHY
--But! You have to follow my rules.

109 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Is that all? Of course!

110 FLUTTERSHY
 (enumrating)
You won't change anything without
asking. You won't try to get me to
do anything you can do yourself.
You'll clean up after yourself. AND--
 (he looks at her, nervous)
You have to get a job.

111 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Crackin' the whip, huh? Boy, you
always were so bossy.

112 FLUTTERSHY
Zephyr Breeze!

113 ZEPHYR BREEZE
I'm just kidding, Fluttershy. Geez.
That was totally my plan. Get a
job. Absolutely.

OFF Fluttershy, wondering if she's made a huge mistake...

SC. 11 - EXT. PONYVILLE - NEXT MORNING

Fluttershy and a groggy Zephyr Breeze walk through town.

114 ZEPHYR BREEZE
(yawning)
Where are we going so early? You
know I get splotchy when I wake up
before brunch.

115 FLUTTERSHY
Remember how we talked about you
getting a job?

116 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Of course, and it's totally on my
to-do list. It just might take
awhile to find something befitting
my awesomeness.

117 FLUTTERSHY
I thought you might say that. So I
already got you one.

118 ZEPHYR BREEZE
What?!

Zephyr is wide awake now. Fluttershy leads him to...

SC. 12 - EXT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS

Where RARITY stands in the open door.

119 RARITY
Hello, darlings! Zephyr Breeze, I
am so glad you agreed to help out.

120 ZEPHYR BREEZE
(still recovering)
<CHUCKLE>. Yeah, I-
(looks at Fluttershy)
I guess I am too.

Fluttershy nods to her brother as Rarity ushers them into...

SC. 13 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS

Fabrics and accessories are strewn about the workroom.

121 RARITY
As you can see, I've got quite a
lot going on. It's so hard to keep
up with the demand at the new store
in Manehattan.

122 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Um... I don't really sew, so...

123 RARITY
Don't worry about that, dear. I've
got plenty of other things to do.
For example...

She points to several bolts of fabric leaning against the
wall, a bowl of different color dye in front of each.

124 FLUTTERSHY
These fabrics all need to be dyed
those colors. Think you can handle
that?

125 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Um...

126 FLUTTERSHY
Boy, Zephyr, this sounds like a
great opportunity to get your hoof
in the door of a growing business.

127 RARITY
You get started while Fluttershy
and I head to the store for more
supplies.

Fluttershy and Rarity head for the door as Zephyr Breeze
looks from the bolts of fabric to the bowls of dye.

128 FLUTTERSHY/RARITY
Good luck!/Goodbye, darling!

OFF this...

SC. 14 - EXT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - LATER

Rarity and Fluttershy return carrying full shopping bags.

129 RARITY
Thanks ever so much for helping me
carry everything back.

130 FLUTTERSHY
Thank you for giving my brother a
job. I just hope he's up to the
task.

131 RARITY
Darling, dying fabric is the
simplest thing. You just dip the
cloth in the bowl.

SC. 15 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - LATER

Rarity and Fluttershy enter and GASP. The bolts of fabric are twisted, scrunched and crumpled around the room, each of them tie-dyed in loud, clashing streaks of color.

Zephyr Breeze stands, lecturing a squirrel, a rabbit and a bird, each of whom has one end of a bolt tied to their leg and are all likewise paint-splattered.

132 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Come on, you guys do stuff for
Fluttershy all the time, but I ask
one simple thing and you act like
you don't even understand me!

133 RARITY
Zephyr Breeze!
(he stiffens and turns)
What has happened here?!

134 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Rarity! You're back! Look, I know
you have all sort of feelings about
this, but let me just say that
first of all, it was sort of your
cat's fault, because she walked by
and gave me the idea, but also, I'm
kinda into this bold statement.
Think it could be part of a
signature look for you? I mean, I
guess what I'm saying is--

Opal walks out from behind some fabric, her fur so splattered with color it looks like Dash's mane.

135 ZEPHYR BREEZE (CONT'D)
(sing-song)
--You're welcome?

136 RARITY
Zephyr, this is just...
unacceptable!

137 ZEPHYR BREEZE
(overly-offended)
Fine! If that's how you feel. I
guess I know when my efforts aren't
appreciated!

With that, Zephyr marches out in a huff.

Rarity casts an exasperate look at Fluttershy. Off Fluttershy
embarrassed...

SC. 16 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE, LIBRARY - DAY

A frustrated Fluttershy enters with Zephyr to find TWILIGHT
SPARKLE waiting for them.

138 ZEPHYR BREEZE
(looking around)
Whoa, this is quite the collection.

139 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm glad you like it, because
you're going to help me with it.

140 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Wha-?
(to Fluttershy)
You said you were taking me to tea
with the princess.

141 FLUTTERSHY
Actually, I said I was going to tea
with the princess. You are going to
get to work.

She smiles, then heads for the door with Twilight.

142 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Sis, c'mon!

143 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Don't worry, Zephyr. It's easy. I
just need you to shelve the books
on the table and organize the ones
on the shelves.

OFF Zephyr, eyeing the shelves and the table...

SC. 17 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE, LIBRARY - LATER

Twilight and Fluttershy enter and looks up. ANGLE ON: Zephyr, flying above the table with a book in his hoof. PULL OUT to reveal he's made a giant house of cards with the books and is trying to place this one at the top.

144 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What are you doing?!

Zephyr spins, knocking the book he's holding into another and tumbling the entire structure to a giant heap on the floor. He alights next to Twilight.

145 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Well, I was organizing the books,
but somepony decided to startle me
and ruin all my hard work. Thanks a
lot!

146 FLUTTERSHY
Hard work? You were just goofing
off again!

147 ZEPHYR BREEZE
(mock hurt)
Bah! I'll have you know that I had
an excellent organizational system
at work here.

148 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh really? And what was that?

149 ZEPHYR BREEZE
(hopeful smile)
Heavy books on the bottom, lighter
ones on the top?

OFF Twilight's "Are you serious?" look and Fluttershy, exasperated...

SC. 18 - EXT. PONYVILLE - MOMENTS LATER

Fluttershy leads Zephyr Breeze back toward the cottage.

150 FLUTTERSHY
Zephyr, I don't think you are even
trying.

151 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Oh, come on, sis. "Organized" just
means different things to different
ponies.

(MORE)

ZEPHYR BREEZE (CONT'D)
Twilight Sparkle is just too
limited to understand my system. I
can't work for somepony like that.

Fluttershy closes her eyes in frustration and takes a deep
breath.

152 FLUTTERSHY
Well, I guarantee there won't be
any fooling around on the next job.

153 ZEPHYR BREEZE
What do you mean?

Dash pops up out of nowhere, standing in front of them.

154 RAINBOW DASH
I'll tell you what she means, Zeph.
You're coming with me.

155 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Whееееere?

156 RAINBOW DASH
(takes flight)
There's one or two jobs I have in
mind for you at Wonderbolts
Headquarters. And you're gonna do
them. No excuses. No slacking off.
No talky-talk.

157 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Hey, you don't have to come up with
all these excuses to hang out with
me, Rainbows. Let's just go for a
fly and see where the day takes us.

158 RAINBOW DASH
(explicating)
We are going to Wonderbolts
Headquarters and you are going to
work, or I am going to zap you with
a storm cloud. Got it?

159 ZEPHYR BREEZE
(taking flight, to
Fluttershy)
I love it when she gets bossy.

OFF the two of them, flying toward Cloudsdale...

SMASHCUT TO:

SC. 19 - INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - LATER

Fluttershy is cleaning up a mess left on the couch when the door flies open and Zephyr Breeze enters, mane frizzed out and scorch marks on his flanks where he's obviously been zapped by a storm cloud.

160 ZEPHYR BREEZE
I hate it when she gets bossy!

161 FLUTTERSHY
<SIGH>. Should I even ask?

162 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Rainbow Dash is crazy, okay?
Everything has to be done a certain
way for the Wonderbolts or it's not
good enough.

163 FLUTTERSHY
So you just quit? Again?

164 ZEPHYR BREEZE
What was I supposed to do?

165 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe if you kept trying, you'd get
the hang of it. Then you might like
it - or love it, even.

166 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Sis, these are all things your
friends love. They're not for me.

167 FLUTTERSHY
(steels herself)
Then I'm sorry, Zephyr, but I don't
think you can live here.

Zephyr's facade cracks. He's crushed.

168 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Fluttershy, please. Not you too.

169 FLUTTERSHY
I'm sorry. But I can't let you stay
if you're not willing to really try
anything.

170 ZEPHYR BREEZE
I just--
(finally getting to it)
What if I'm not good at it?
(MORE)

ZEPHYR BREEZE (CONT'D)
Or can't do it? It's easier not to
try at all than to try and fail.

171 FLUTTERSHY
But how will you ever find
something you like that way?

172 ZEPHYR BREEZE
I don't expect you to understand,
okay? I mean, when have you ever
failed at anything? You've always
been fearless.

(deciding)
I'm a mess. I get it. If I were
you, I wouldn't want me around
either. I'll leave.

He turns and exits. OFF Fluttershy, feeling terrible...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 20 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - EVENING

An extremely disheveled Zephyr Breeze enters a small clearing
carrying a bundle of sticks. He drops them in this ad hoc
campsite, then surveys the mess around him, taking stock.

173 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Okay, Zephyr, you don't need
anypony, do you? You've got food--

ANGLE ON: a sad-looking pile of pine cones, poison-colored
berries and scrub grass.

174 ZEPHYR BREEZE (CONT'D)
And shelter--

ANGLE ON: a pitiful excuse for a lean-to. A few crooked
sticks are haphazardly tied together and barely holding up
several large fronds that have big spaces between them. One
side of the lean-to COLLAPSES as we watch.

175 ZEPHYR BREEZE (CONT'D)
Just need to get my fire on...

Zephyr bends over the pile of sticks and twigs, he stirs the
pile a bit, then looks around.

176 ZEPHYR BREEZE (CONT'D)
Hmmm.

He grabs two of the sticks and starts rubbing them together at an awkward angle, obviously no idea what he's doing.

177 ZEPHYR BREEZE (CONT'D)
Come on, little sticks, let's bring
the heat!

He rubs faster, until the sticks <SNAP> and pieces fly up into his already burred and messy mane.

178 ZEPHYR BREEZE (CONT'D)
Can't I just have one thing work?!
Just one!

PULL BACK TO REVEAL Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash watching from the edge of the clearing, hidden from view by a stand of trees.

They watch as Zephyr has a meltdown, kicking the sticks, food and lean-to-- getting tangled up in the last and falling down. Dash shakes her head.

179 RAINBOW DASH
I know he needs to learn to be
independent, but...

180 FLUTTERSHY
I can't let him live like this.

181 RAINBOW DASH
Actually, I don't think he'd make
it through the night.

Fluttershy nods and enters the clearing, followed by Dash. Zephyr Breeze looks up from his tangled mess at her.

182 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Fluttershy, what are you doing
here? I was just, um, cozying up in
my sleeping bag. Ready to call it
an early night. Such an exhausting
day, you know?

183 RAINBOW DASH
It's not even lunchtime.

184 FLUTTERSHY
Zephyr, I thought about what you
said earlier, and you're wrong.

185 ZEPHYR BREEZE
What else is new?

186 FLUTTERSHY
I love that you think of me as
fearless, but I'm really not.

187 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Are you kidding? You've literally
helped save Equestria, like, a
dozen times.

188 RAINBOW DASH
He has a point.

189 FLUTTERSHY
That doesn't mean I wasn't afraid.
Sometimes you have to do things
even when you're afraid of them.
Like trying something new, even
though you might fail.

190 ZEPHYR BREEZE
But failing is the worst!

191 FLUTTERSHY
(nodding)
But quitting doesn't feel much
better, does it?

192 ZEPHYR BREEZE
(hangs head)
No.

193 FLUTTERSHY
So here's the deal - If I let you
come back, you have to promise to
do exactly what I say, no
exceptions?

Zephyr looks up, covered in burdocks, dirt, sticks, and the
tangled lean-to. Pathetic.

194 ZEPHYR BREEZE
I will literally do anything you
ask if it means you'll get me out
of here.

195 FLUTTERSHY
Then I think I know just what to
do.

OFF her and Rainbow Dash bending down to extricate Zephyr
Breeze from his predicament...

SC. 21 - INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE, BEDROOM/HALL - DAY

Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash stand in the hall opposite Zephyr Breeze in the small room.

196 FLUTTERSHY
Okay, you know what you have to do,
right?

197 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Beg for help, then quit when I get
frustrated.

Fluttershy stares at him.

198 ZEPHYR BREEZE (CONT'D)
Just kidding. Total opposite of
that. Got it.

199 FLUTTERSHY
Exactly. You can do it. I believe
in you.

Fluttershy smiles nervously at Zephyr as she closes the door.

200 RAINBOW DASH
You think he can do it?

MUSIC FADES UP as Fluttershy thinks for a beat.

201 FLUTTERSHY
Of course he can.

START MUSICAL MONTAGE

Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash stand outside the door as she begins an uplifting show tune a la Defying Gravity.

202 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(verse)
*Everypony has times in their life
when their hearts are filled with
doubt*

INTERCUT WITH:

SC. 22 - INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE, BEDROOM - SAME

Zephyr Breeze looks down at something we can't see, and is obviously overwhelmed by it.

203 ZEPHYR BREEZE
*Frustration builds up inside
and it makes you want to shout*

204 FLUTTERSHY
*But if you just take the first step
the next one will appear*

205 RAINBOW DASH
*You'll find you can walk, then run,
then fly into the stratosphere*

206 RAINBOW DASH/FLUTTERSHY
You can overcome your fear!!

ON Zephyr, overwhelmed into inaction, as we hear Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash's encouragement.

207 RAINBOW DASH/FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(chorus)
*You've got to give it your best
so you can pass the test
Give it everything you've got*

SPLIT-SCREEN: Fluttershy looks nervously at the closed door from one side; Zephyr looks longingly from the other.

208 FLUTTERSHY
*I know you can win
You just have to begin
Have to give it your best shot*

Zephyr tries something, frowns; he's messed up. He paces to the door and tries the knob, but it won't open.

209 ZEPHYR BREEZE
(verse, frantically trying
to get out)
*There are times that you want to
give up
when you think you can't go on*

210 RAINBOW DASH
(holding the door shut)
*But if you fight with all of your
might
You'll find you can't go wrong*

Zephyr lets go and mopes back to his project.

211 FLUTTERSHY
You could do it all along!!

Zephyr tries something and it goes okay. He makes a few more moves and looks like this actually might not be too bad.

212 RAINBOW DASH/FLUTTERSHY
 (chorus)
If you just give it your all
You'll be standing tall
You can get into the zone

Fluttershy stands outside, uncertain. She reaches for the door handle, but Dash holds her back.

213 RAINBOW DASH/FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I know you can win
You just have to begin
Have to do it on your own

Zephyr pulls the door open triumphantly, beaming at his sister and Rainbow Dash.

214 ZEPHYR BREEZE
I knew I could win
I just had to begin
Had to do it on my own

Zephyr steps aside as MUSIC FLOURISHES, revealing what he's been working on: A BIRDBOUSE. No two sides are parallel and the paint job is terrible, but it's standing up under its own weight and Zephyr Breeze is obviously super proud of it.

END MUSIC MONTAGE

215 ZEPHYR BREEZE (CONT'D)
I did it.

216 RAINBOW DASH
You definitely did.

217 FLUTTERSHY
I think the birds will love it.

218 ZEPHYR BREEZE
I actually made it. By myself.

219 FLUTTERSHY
I knew you could do it, Zephyr.

220 ZEPHYR BREEZE
I didn't!
 (softening)
But I do now. Thanks, for believing
in me, sis.

221 FLUTTERSHY
That's what big sisters are for.

222 RAINBOW DASH
So, Zeph, now that you accomplished
this, what's next?

223 ZEPHYR BREEZE
(thinks for a beat)
Anything I want! The sky's the
limit.
(then, reining it in)
But I think I know where to start.

OFF Fluttershy, beaming at the change in her brother...

SC. 23 - INT. SHY FAMILY HOME - EVENING

Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash sit at the table with Mr. and Mrs. Shy again, finishing up dinner.

224 RAINBOW DASH
Thanks for dinner, Mr. and Mrs.
Shy. It was great, as usual.

225 MRS. SHY
Thank you, dear. For everything you
and Fluttershy did for Zephyr
Breeze.

226 FLUTTERSHY
Have you heard from him? Is he
doing well?

227 MR. SHY
I tell you, he's a brand new pony.
So full of drive and determination.

228 RAINBOW DASH
That's great.

Again the front door BURSTS OPEN and in struts Zephyr Breeze, looking as cocky as ever. But this time he's got a mortarboard on his head and a diploma in his hoof.

229 ZEPHYR BREEZE
(sing-song)
Hey everypony, guess who graduated
from mane therapy training?!

Everypony rises from the table and gathers around Zephyr, excited for him.

230 RAINBOW DASH
Awesome!

231 MR. SHY
Congratulations, son.

232 MRS. SHY
You look so handsome!

Zephyr turns to Fluttershy last.

233 FLUTTERSHY
I'm so proud of you, Zephyr.

234 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Thanks, sis. It was only a matter
of time till they recognized my
true genius.
(then)
Of course, staying long enough to
take the test helped. And I
wouldn't have done it if it weren't
for you.

235 FLUTTERSHY
I might have given you some
encouragement, but you did this on
your own.

He turns back to his parents and they embrace. Dash leans in
to Fluttershy.

236 RAINBOW DASH
(sotto)
What exactly is mane therapy again?

OFF Fluttershy's shrug and smile...

END