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MY LITTLE PONY 6

“Mona Lisa Shyerstien”

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TEASER

- Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy have dinner with Fluttershy's Mom and Dad. Fluttershy comments about how great it is to get some quality time with them. Dash is glad to take a break because it's always so sedate and serene at Fluttershy's house nowadays. Fluttershy's Mom takes the opportunity to reveal she has a surprise: Fluttershy's sister is coming home.

Both Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy's expressions drop as Mona Lisa Shyerstien bursts through the door sing-songing in bad pop falsetto "Guess who flunked out of color therapy school?!!"

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT ONE**

- As Mona Lisa (obviously name is TBD) walks though the house messing stuff up, Fluttershy takes her parents aside and asks if it's really a good idea to let her sister move back in. "She's kind of a slacker." Rainbow Dash, "Yeah. She is the worst." Her parents insist that it will be fine. They are not going to repeat their enabling mistakes of the past and besides Mona Lisa is more mature now. They are confident ML will find her place, just like Mr. Shy found his (TBD retirement hobby) and Mrs. Shy has her garden.
- A couple of scenes where the parents totally repeat the enabling mistakes of the past and ML steamrolls over them. This culminates in her taking over Mr. Shy's TBD hobby workshop and ruining Mrs. Shy's garden. Fluttershy decides this cannot stand.
- With Rainbow Dash's help, Fluttershy sits her parents down and explains that things are just as bad as ever and they can't keep enabling her sister. It's bad for them and for her. She needs to learn how to be independent. Eventually the Shys agree.
- Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy hang out at her house. Dash congratulates FS on convincing her parents to do what's right. FS agrees that it felt good. Suddenly there's a knock on the door. It's Mona Lisa and she's come to move in with her big sis!

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

- Dash makes a hasty exit (because ML is the worst). Fluttershy eventually gets over the shock and tells Mona Lisa that she can, indeed, stay with her, but there are going to be some rules. FS has been an enabler before and it's not going to happen again. If Mona Lisa wants to stay, she's going to have to find her place. Mona Lisa looks at her sister, dead serious, and agrees. "That was exactly my plan, sis. Absolutely."
- Fluttershy sets ML up with a job for Rarity and it goes horribly wrong (and we get the distinct sense that ML screwed up on purpose, or never even tried). ML comes back home to Fluttershy insisting that she tried but "I guess fashion is just not my thing."
- Fluttershy sets ML up with Twilight who gives her the task of organizing her books. Twilight comes back to find ML filing her hooves and all of her books less organized than when she left (e.g., not realizing books were for anything other than decorating, ML organized them by color or size instead of content). Twilight freaks out. ML goes back to FS explaining that she and TS just had different ideas of what "organized" means.
- Finally, Dash takes a turn at getting ML to do something. Dash knows her and does not suffer her excuses. Maybe even sicks a storm cloud on her when ML slacks off. ML returns to FS like she's been attacked, claiming that "Rainbow Dash is crazy!"
- Disappointed that ML didn't really try to do any of the jobs she found for her, Fluttershy decides that Mona Lisa cannot live with her. Since ML can't follow FS's rules, she has to leave. ML bursts into tears, confessing that she's not trying to be a jerk. She's just afraid of failure. If she never really tries, she can't really fail. She doesn't expect Fluttershy to understand. Fluttershy is so brave she probably doesn't know what it's like to be afraid. Even though FS sets an impossible standard to live up to, ML understands why Fluttershy doesn't want her around, she wouldn't want her around either. ML leaves and FS feels awful.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

- In a comically dysfunctional campsite in the Everfree Forest, Mona Lisa tries to make the best of things, but it's like she doesn't even understand the basics of how things work (e.g., she builds a tent upside down or whatever). Clearly she is the farthest away from being independent that any pony can be.

REVEAL - Fluttershy and her friends watching from the bushes. Fluttershy confesses that she can't let her sister go on like this and decides to intervene.

- Fluttershy goes to ML and explains that she will give her one more chance, but ML has to do exactly what FS says. Covered in bug bites and poison ivy welts, ML looks to her sister and agrees to do anything FS asks.
- Back at FS's house she sets ML to a task but we don't reveal (to the audience) what it is. FS explains that ML has to do it and that FS absolutely will not help.
- In a series of moments we watch ML working on the project and it seems like agony. It is literally the hardest thing she has ever done and she wants to quit every other second. It is SO. HARD. But FS won't let her quit. The friends are there to support FS, telling her that she's doing the right thing, but also end up holding her back when she's tempted to intervene.
- Finally the project is completed. ML can't believe she did it. She's never done anything. FS walks up and looks down at it and agrees it's beautiful as we reveal it's a comedically small thing, like a birdhouse—and a shoddily built one at that. But the important thing is that ML feels accomplished and wants to keep that feeling going. She thanks FS for giving her this new perspective.
- In a wrap up scene, FS and RD are again having dinner with the Shy's, both glad that things are back to being serene. Suddenly Mona Lisa bursts in, in similar fashion to the teaser, sing-songing "Guess who finished color therapy school?!!!"

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