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"Viva Las Pegasus"

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SC. 1 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

APPLEJACK (O.S.)
The map is sending us *WHERE?*!

SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE, MAP ROOM - CONTINUOUS

FLUTTERSHY
Las Pegasus?

APPLEJACK
But Las Pegasus is a wild vacation spot. It's just one big party!

FLUTTERSHY
All those lights and sounds, not to mention the crowds! Oh...just the thought of it is overwhelming.

TWILIGHT
I know Las Pegasus doesn't seem like either of your cups of tea, but I have total faith you wouldn't have been called unless you were the perfect ponies for the job.

APPLEJACK
Probably not as bad as we think. It can't be just a loud obnoxious party all the time... right?

SC. 3 - EXT. LAS PEGASUS - DAY

FLUTTERSHY
Uh, Applejack. It isn't as bad as we thought...

PARTY PONIES
PARTY ALL NIGHT! WHOO-HOO!

APPLEJACK
You're right... It's worse!

PARTY PONIES
PARTY! PARTY! WHOO-HOO!

SC. 4 - INT. GLADMANE'S - DAY

FLUTTERSHY
Do you think the map could be on the fritz again? I mean, this place seems a lot more suited to Pinkie Pie, or even Rainbow Dash.

APPLEJACK

If Twilight trusts the map then so do I. All we have to do is solve our friendship problem and get back home. Of course we have to find it first.

BARKER

And make sure to experience our signature show: Poné Fantastique! Trust me when I say you've never seen anything like it! Unparalleled acrobatics, unique animal antics! Your only regret will be - that you didn't see it sooner!

BARKER (CONT'D)

And like everything at this amazing, incredible, "I can't believe it even exists" hotel, Poné Fantastique is brought to you by the Chairpony of Kindness, GLADMANE himself!

FLUTTERSHY

Wow. This Gladmane sure seems impressive.

GLADMANE (O.S.)

Well, uh-- it is a little embarrassin'...

GLADMANE (CONT'D)

But the crowds seem to like it, uh-huh-huh.

APPLEJACK

Mr. Gladmane?

GLADMANE

Just Gladmane'll do. And it's a pleasure to meet actual cohorts of the Princess of Friendship! Thank you for coming-- *thankyouverymuch*.

FLUTTERSHY

You know who we are?

GLADMANE

I'm what you might call a friendship connoisseur, so naturally I'm familiar with the friends of the great Twilight Sparkle! Applejack, Fluttershy, it's an honor to have you here, uh-huh-huh.

APPLEJACK

I have to admit you're not the type of pony I expected to find in Las Pegasus.

GLAD

<Haha> My guests may be looking for lights, music, and parties... but working hard and making friends is how I turned this hotel into what it is today-- and how I plan to make it even bigger. Uh-huh-huh. Uh, excuse me one second...

GLADMANE (CONT'D)

Wise ponies may say the folks that come here are customers, but I can't help thinkin' of each and every one of you as friends. That's why there's a three for one special on apple fritters in the cafe for the next hour. Enjoy. Uh-huh-huh.

GLADMANE (CONT'D)

Would you two like a tour of the place? I'm just about to do my rounds and check on my friends who work here.

FLUTTERSHY

We do have a friendship problem to find.

APPLEJACK

Lead the way, Mr. Gladmane.

GLADMANE

Just Gladmane, now, you hear?

SC. 5 - INT. BACKSTAGE - PONÉ FANTASTIQUE - CONTINUOUS

TRAPEZE STAR

AHHHH! Gladmane! You're just in time to see my newest move!

GLADMANE

New moves or not, I'm glad to have a "star" like you working for me, I'll-tell-you-what.

TRAPEZE STAR

Oh, don't make me blush. Now watch this!

GLADMANE

Stellar, ah-huh-huh!

DIRECTOR (O.S.)

Oh-oh, Monsieur Gladmane himself is here. Let's run through the whole routine!

GLADMANE

Now, don't make a fuss for ol' me. I'm just gonna keep giving a tour to my new friends, Applejack and Fluttershy.

APPLEJACK/FLUTTERSHY
Howdy/Hi.

DIRECTOR
If this pony calls you friend, you're welcome backstage anytime. I owe him my entire career.

GLADMANE
Oh shucks, well let's leave the artists to their work.

APPLEJACK
Doesn't look like there's any friendship problems here.

FLUTTERSHY
I've never seen a pink prairie dog before.

GLADMANE
I like the folks that come here to have a unique experience, uh-huh-huh.

TRAINER 1 (O.S.)
And we love him for it.

TRAINER 2
With Gladmane's help, we've been able to take care of all these little guys.

FLUTTERSHY
Now this place is overwhelming in a good way.

GLADMANE
Oh, glad you like it.

APPLEJACK
<AHM> Fluttershy?

FLUTTERSHY
Hmm? Oh, um. Coming.

SC. 6 - INT. GLADMANE'S - OUTSIDE PONÉ FANTASTIQUE - CONT

FLUTTERSHY
There doesn't seem to be anything wrong around here at all.

APPLEJACK
I figured looking for a friendship problem in Las Pegasus'd be like

trying to find a needle in a stack of needles, but everypony seems to be getting along just fine.

FLIM (O.S.)

Ladies and gentleponies, despite what my competition might say, I know you've come to this fair city to be entertained, and I assure you there is nothing more entertaining than the astounding acrobatics in Gladmane's Poné Fantastique!

FLAM (O.S.)

Oh I suppose that might be true if it weren't for the existence, and far superiorly entertaining presence, of the show-stopping exotic animal act that Poné Fantastique includes!

FLUTTERSHY

Those voices sound familiar...

APPLEJACK

They sure do...

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

Flim and Flam.

FLIM

Why, I won't even dignify that assertion with a response, except to say that if you were to consider buying your tickets from me, I might consider offering them to you at a substantial discount.

FLAM

But I've always thought you get what you pay for and in my humble opinion, these tickets are a value at twice the price!

FLIM

Don't let this price-gouging charlatan take you for a ride!

FLAM

<GASP> Charlatan!? How dare you?!

FLIM

Ha! How dare I?

FLAM/FLIM

Yes, how dare you./ I call them like
I see them./I was the one <mumbled
arguing>

FLUTTERSHY

Well, they certainly don't seem to be
getting along.

<Gasp> You don't suppose we've been
brought here to help them?

APPLEJACK

Absolutely not!

SC. 7 - INT. GLADMANE'S - RESUME

FLUTTERSHY

I know you and the rest of the Apple
Family have had your issues with Flim
and Flam in the past, but they're
definitely having trouble and solving
a friendship problem is important no
matter who's having it.

APPLEJACK

Well of course that's true...
For anypony but them!

GLADMANE

I'm sorry you had to see that. I don't
know why, but those two've been
fightin' ever since they got here. I
thought giving them these jobs might
help, but I guess it just made matters
worse.

APPLEJACK

Trust me, I know those ponies and
you're better off with them apart. The
two of them together will cheat the
hooves right out from under you.

GLADMANE

I suppose you're right. Flim's such a
showpony and Flam has such a head for
business, why, if they ever did work
together, they'd be runnin' this
place in two shakes.
Speaking of which, I better get back
to work. Y'all enjoy your stay now, ya
hear?

FLUTTERSHY

I'm pretty sure we should help Flim
and Flam.

APPLEJACK

And I'm pretty sure there's another friendship problem here and I'm gonna search this resort top to bottom until I find it.

FLUTTERSHY

<Sigh>

SC. 8 - INT. GLADMANE'S - VARIOUS - MONTAGE

FLIM

I hope you didn't travel all the way from Ponyville to try to get me to reconcile with my no-account brother!

FLAM

Brother? I don't believe I have one of those.

FLIM

Oh, I already know what he thinks of me, all show and no substance. Well, if he's so smart he should have no trouble becoming a big success on his own!

FLAM

Why, he's the greatest salespony that ever lived, of course! Just ask him, he'll tell you all about it!

FLUTTERSHY

I'm sure you could work out your differences if you just sat down and talked to each other.

FLIM AND FLAM

I'm never speaking to that pony again!!!

SC. 9 - INT. GLANDMANE'S - DAY

DIRECTOR (O.S.)

NO!!! You are ruining my show!

SC. 10 - INT. BACKSTAGE - PONÉ FANTASTIQUE - CONTINUOUS

TRAPEZE STAR

It isn't just *your* show, and I'm improving it!

DIRECTOR

You don't pull a rabbit out of a hat on a trapeze!

TRAPEZE STAR
That's the point! To give the audience
something they've never seen before--
acrobatic magic!

BERNARD RABBIT
TA DA.

TRAPEZE STAR
It's called "blending genres" and
it's AWESOME!

APPLEJACK
Shouldn't somepony do something?

STAGE MANAGER
Ha! They've been doing this since they
started working here. Too bad,
really. If they ever stopped shouting
at each other, we could take the show
on tour. They'd be way more successful
than staying at Gladmane's.

APPLEJACK
Now, that sounds like a *real*
friendship problem!

TRAINER 1
Hup! Hup! Hup! Hup!

TRAINER 2 (O.S.)
Stop! What are you doing?

TRAINER 2 (CONT'D)
It's supposed to be a Pink Prairie Dog
Pyramid. It's alliterative!

TRAINER 1
You said a tower! Why do you keep
changing everything?!

TRAINER 2
I'm not changing anything. You said
pyramid!

TRAINER 1
ARGHHH! You are driving me crazy!

APPLEJACK
I thought you two got along.

TRAINER 2
We used to. But we just can't seem to
agree on anything anymore.

TRAINER 2 (CONT'D)

We used to perform all over Equestria,
but if we can't agree on a new act, we
might as well stay at Gladmane's
forever.

APPLEJACK
Two friendship problems in the same
theater? Now we're talking!

SC. 11 - INT. GLADMANE'S - MOMENTS LATER

FLUTTERSHY
If you count Flim and Flam, that's
three big friendship problems all in
the same place.

APPLEJACK
Well, I don't count Flim and Flam
since those two not being friends
isn't a problem.

FLUTTERSHY
It certainly isn't for Gladmane. It
sounds like he's better off with them
fighting.

APPLEJACK
Actually, the other ponies' problems
seem to be good for Gladmane too. Both
the trapeze show and the animal act
would be better off if they left, but
everypony is so busy arguing that they
can't.

FLUTTERSHY
Do you think he knows?

APPLEJACK
I don't know. But I'm starting to
think we should find out.

SC. 12 - INT. GLADMANE'S - VARIOUS - MONTAGE

TRAPEZE STAR
Of course Gladmane wants everypony to
get along! He's the nicest, most
genuine pony I've ever met.
Did the Director put you up to this?

BERNARD RABBIT
<Whispering noises>

DIRECTOR
I tell you, if Gladmane is your
friend, you are welcome backstage,

but if you are speaking of him poorly,
you leave!

TRAINER 1
Gladmane is the kindest, most
gentle...

TRAINER 2
...most compassionate pony I've ever
known.

TRAINER 1/TRAINER 2
My problem... is with him!

APPLEJACK
I just can't figure it. The only pony
who benefits from all this feudin' is
Gladmane, but by all accounts he's the
best friend any of these ponies have.

FLUTTERSHY
Well, Bernard, that adorable bunny
from the acrobat's hat, claims that
every morning, Gladmane tells the
Director that the Star wants control
of the show - and every afternoon
tells the Star that the Director wants
to get rid of her - but neither is
true.

FLUTTERSHY
And the Flying Prairinos, the Pink
Prairie Dog family, say Gladmane
keeps changing their act to make each
trainer think the other is doing it.

APPLEJACK
So, all his talk about friendship is
just a load of apple sauce. He's
gettin' them all to fight with each
other on purpose!

FLUTTERSHY
But how can we get everypony to
believe that's what he's doing?

APPLEJACK
There must be a way to trick him into
telling the truth.

FLUTTERSHY
Gee, if only there was a pony who knew
how to trick a trickster.
Or, maybe, a pair of ponies...

FLIM/FLAM

<Mumbled Arguing>I've just about had enough of your.../I'm telling you one more time...

FLUTTERSHY
Or, maybe, a pair of ponies...

APPLEJACK
<Sigh>. Fine. I guess bringing Flim and Flam back together might be why we're here. Maybe.

SC. 13 - INT. GLADMANE'S - DAY

FLIM
Sorry if I don't take the word of some pony off the street. Even if that street is in Ponyville.

FLUTTERSHY
But Gladmane is behind so many other friendship problems, how can you be sure he isn't the cause of yours?

FLAM
Because the only problem I have is standing right there.

FLIM
Same here, buster.

APPLEJACK
Do either of you even know what you're even fighting over?

FLIM
Gladmane let me know that ex-brother of mine thinks I'm just a mouthpiece without a single good idea.

FLAM
Gladmane assured me this former, fraternal foal here thinks I couldn't sell heat lamps to yaks.

APPLEJACK
Sounds to me like neither of you said those things. Why'd you believe Gladmane when he said you did?

FLIM
Why would he lie?

FLUTTERSHY
Because he's afraid that the two of you together could move in and take over his resort.

APPLEJACK

And if I'm telling you he said it, you
know it's the absolute truth
because...

FLIM AND FLAM

You never lie!

FLAM

Oh, brother of mine, I think it's time
for a little payback.

FLIM

The "Canterlot Two-step?"

FLAM

We don't have the chickens. How about
the "Baltimore Flare"?

FLIM

Uh, my flare isn't what it used to
be...

GLADMANE

*Listen here, y'all. If you're a friend
of mine, you're entitled to a free
night's stay... and everypony here's
a friend of mine! Thank you.
Thankyouverymuch.*

FLIM

Are you thinking what I am?

FLAM

The "High Roller Hustle"!

APPLEJACK

The what-now?

FLAM

Trust us, when we're done, there won't
be a pony in town who doesn't know the
Applejackiest truth about Gladmane.
That is, assuming you two are willing
to help.

FLIM

What size gown do you wear?

SC. 14 - INT. GLADMANE'S - DAY

GLADMANE

What's all the fuss, now?

FLIM

It's the grand-matriarch of the Rich family, Impossibly Rich. She's one of the wealthiest ponies in Equestria.

GLADMANE

Well, why didn't somepony tell me? You know how I like to give VIP guests my personal touch.

FLIM

Well, she's not exactly a guest. Word is she's planning a resort of her own. I think she's here to scout the competition.

GLADMANE

Oh, really?

FLIM

And with her bits, she could take over the whole strip, hire away anypony she wants...
Not me, of course. I love it here. My good-for-nothing brother on the other hoof...

GLADMANE

Pfft. Impossibly Rich! What an honor it is to have you at my humble five-hoof resort! I'm sure Flam has done an excellent job showing you around, but nothing could beat a personalized tour from The Mane himself! *Ah-huh-huh?*

FLAM

You'll have to excuse Ms. Rich, she saves the energy other ponies spend talking out loud and uses it to make more money.
She'd love a personal tour, say, in an hour?

GLADMANE

Well, that sounds right pleasant. And if you can break away for a moment, Flam, I'd love to see you in my office so I can get ready.

SC. 15 - INT. GLADMANE'S - BACK ROOM - CONTINUOUS

FLUTTERSHY

Are all of you sure this is a good idea?

FLIM

Abso-tively!

FLAM

Gladmane is one fish that's hooked but good.

APPLEJACK

I sure hope you two know what you're doing.

FLAM

Oh don't you worry. When it comes to throwing ponies off their game...

FLIM

...no two ponies do it better than us.

APPLEJACK

I can't argue with that.

SC. 16 - INT. GLADMANE'S - GLADMANE'S OFFICE - DAY

FLAM

Hey there boss, Impossibly Rich is just about ready for that tour. So what did you wanna see me about?

GLADMANE

Actually, there's something I want you to see...

GLADMANE (CONT'D)

The grand plan: Every hotel on the strip as amazin' as this one and every one of them mine.

GLADMANE (CONT'D)

And all it'll take is a little salesponyship. Like this.

GLADMANE (CONT'D)

Hey there, friends-- ah-huh-huh-- If you think my resort is fantastic, wait till you see Poné Fantastique. Tickets are on sale now-- two for the price of one...
Thank you. Thankyouverymuch.

GLADMANE (CONT'D)

Now I know Impossibly Rich has probably made you a tempting offer to come work for her.

FLAM

Well, now that you mention it...

GLADMANE

And as your friend, I'd never tell you what to do, but no pony is gonna stand

in the way of my plans, no matter how rich she is, and I sure wouldn't want you to end up on the losing side. Think you might consider staying here?

FLAM

Yeah.

GLADMANE (CONT'D)

Well, all right, then.

SC. 17 - INT. GLADMANE'S - PONÉ FANTASTIQUE - DAY

APPLEJACK

They're coming!

GLADMANE

And last, but not least, Ms. Rich, the jewel in my crown...

FLAM

Impossibly wants you to know she is very impressed... But doesn't think you can keep a resort of this calibre going for long.

GLADMANE

Oh, and why is that?

FLAM

Because you've got the best talent in the industry-- what stops them from just leaving to join any competitor?

GLADMANE

<Laugh> Well, you see, I have a trick for that, I must confess, ah-huh-huh. And it all has to do with how I handle my employees...

FLAM

And how is that?

GLADMANE

Well... LIKE FRIENDS, of course!

GLADMANE (CONT'D)

And I treat every one of my employees with the kindness they deserve!

FLAM

Oh. That's it? *THAT'S* your secret? There's nothing else...

GLADMANE

Nope. Just friendship.

But you know all about friendship,
don't you... FLUTTERSHY?

FLIM
You knew the whole time?

GLADMANE
Never try to con a con-pony!
Uh-huh-huh! <HI-YAH! HI-YAH!>

SC. 18 - INT. GLADMANE'S - GLADMANE'S OFFICE - DAY

GLADMANE
I'd of thought you'd hit the road by
now.

FLUTTERSHY
Whether we were able to fool you or
not, you can't just go on keeping
ponies from getting along it's just
mean!

GLADMANE
Now maybe it is, but it's a meanness
that works, unlike your pathetic
little ploy.

GLADMANE
I practically invented the "High
Roller Hustle." But I suppose I should
be impressed. You're the only ponies
to ever figure out the secret to my
success. It takes a lot of work
keepin' everypony fightin', but as
long as I keep 'em convinced I'm their
only friend, all of Las Pegasus will
be mine.

GLADMANE
Oh, you can't trick a confession out
of a pony like me. I am always one step
ahead.

APPLEJACK
Well, you better check your hooves.
Because... you just stepped in a
confession.

GLADMANE
Oh no...oh no. Wait, wait.

FLUTTERSHY
Did that sound okay?

FLIM AND FLAM
Never better!

APPLEJACK

Flim and Flam told us you'd see right through the fake rich pony bit-- and that once you did, you wouldn't be able to resist gloating about it. This was all part of the plan.

GLADMANE

Oh now, now friends! Listen I can explain everything!...

DIRECTOR

I think you've done enough of that. Darling?

TRAINER 1

Oh! I can't believe we let him almost ruin our friendship.

TRAINER 2

And our act. Good luck finding another one.

GLADMANE

Wait! No! Y'all COME BACK! C'mon I'm gonna be ruined! This is Gladmane, y'all! C'mon you can't do this!

APPLEJACK

Gladmane has left the building!

SC. 19 - INT. GLADMANE'S - DAY

FLUTTERSHY

I guess the map wasn't on the fritz after all. If it weren't for your history with Film and Flam, you never would have be so determined to find somepony else to help and we never would have found out what Gladmane was doing.

APPLEJACK

And if it weren't for you wanting to show even those two con ponies kindness, we never would have been able to trick the trickster.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

It must've felt pretty nice to finally put all you're connivin' and cheatin' skills to good use.

FLAM

In fact, we like to think it as a once in a lifetime opportunity.

FLIM
Emphasis on the "once."

FLUTTERSHY
What do you mean...?

FLAM
While this establishment undergoes a slight change in management, my brother and I want to assure you that it remains the pinnacle of Las Pegasus entertainment. Which is why we invite each and every one of you to experience the wonder of the Poné Fantastique Theater at half the normal cost of admission...

FLIM
And, while you're appreciating this historic venue, totally devoid of performers of any kind, we invite you to use the wonder of your own imaginations to fill the space-- at no additional charge!

APPLEJACK
Film and Flam!!!

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