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TEASER**SC. 1 - INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE – DAY**

RAINBOW DASH stands in the living room, yelling to Fluttershy off-screen to hurry up or they'll be late for Pinkie Pie's party. Fluttershy apologizes and explains that she just couldn't leave the squirrels before she was sure they had a good plan for nut storage this winter, but Dash's isn't listening; her attention is drawn to a pile of picture postcards depicting every corner of Equestria imaginable.

FLUTTERSHY enters the room and spots Dash flipping through the cards. Dash is impressed – she didn't realize Fluttershy was so well-travelled. Fluttershy explains that she hasn't actually been to all those places; her family has been trying to decide where to go on vacation and they send postcards back and forth with suggestions. Dash turns over the postcards to see a question mark on the back of each one. Dash asks Fluttershy how long her family has been trying to decide where to go on vacation. ZOOM IN to Fluttershy's eye to see:

FLASHBACK MONTAGE: Quick cuts going chronologically backwards.

- A timber wolf braves the arctic winds to drop off a postcard to Fluttershy in the middle of the blizzard that threatens to destroy the Crystal Empire. (Ep. 602)
- A rabbit hops up and deposits a postcard in front of Fluttershy as she's trapped in Starlight Glimmer's dungeon. The other Mane 6 give her odd looks. (Ep. 502)
- Rainbow-powered Fluttershy flies over Cloudsdale with Rainbow Dash, returning the magic Tirek stole, when a postcard flies up from off-screen and she plucks it out of the air. (Ep. 426)
- Fluttershy stands outside Sugarcube Corner with Pinkie Pie's cutie mark on her flank, checking the mail to find a postcard. (Ep. 313)
- Fluttershy wanders through Discord's hedge maze, when a squirrel scurries over the side of the hedge with a postcard in its mouth. (Ep. 201)
- Fluttershy hovers in front of a tree full of birds, rehearsing for the Summer Sun Celebration, when a blue jay shows up tardy with a postcard in its beak. (Ep. 101)

ZOOM OUT to land back on a pensive Fluttershy. She gives Rainbow Dash a small smile and says, "Not long."

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT ONE****SC. 2 - EXT. PONYVILLE – DAY**

Dash and Fluttershy fly a few feet off the ground as they pass through town. Dash doesn't understand why it's taken Fluttershy's family so long to decide where to go on vacation. Fluttershy says her family is pretty big and it's just hard for everyone to come to a consensus. Dash asks if they all want to go different places, but Fluttershy says it's not quite like that. Dash doesn't get it – it shouldn't take that long; just pick a place and go. Fluttershy says she's going to a family dinner tonight and invites Dash along – she has to meet her family to understand.

SC. 3 - EXT. SHY FAMILY HOME – EVENING

Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash serpentine through Cloudsdale on the way to dinner. Fluttershy is obviously nervous – of what Dash will think of her family, vice versa or both, it's hard to tell. They alight in front of a cottage and walk to the door. Fluttershy gives a knock that's more like a tap. Dash thinks no way anyone will hear that and raises her hoof to give the door a good pounding, when it opens to reveal the whole Shy family: CLUTTERSHY, the pony-pleasing mom; twin brothers STUTTERSHY and MUTTERSHY; dottering grandpa PUTTERSHY; and NAYNEIGH, the rebellious niece. Each of them gives a small nod or mumble when Fluttershy introduces them, except for Puttershy, who looks around and says, "What?" and Nayneigh, who gives an aloof "Hey."

SC. 4 - INT. SHY FAMILY HOME – MOMENTS LATER

The whole family sits down to dinner. It starts off slow because they can't decide which direction to pass the food. Dash notices that the table is full of a ton of small plates of food; Cluttershy explains that they couldn't decide on what to eat, so they're just having a little bit of everything.

Rainbow Dash broaches the subject of the family vacation they've been planning, and as they discuss it, the personalities of Fluttershy's family members come out: Cluttershy is the typical mom who just wants everyone to be happy, so she always lists option after option to make sure nothing and no one gets left out; Stuttershy has a habit of starting to make a point and then trailing off without actually saying anything; Muttershy has the laidback agreeability of a surfer dude, saying "Cool, whatever" to just about everything; whether it's his hearing or his dotage, Puttershy needs everything repeated and then still gives what appear to be non sequitur answers; Nayneigh is the only one who speaks her mind, but unfortunately she says no to everything with a sullen tween attitude.

Fluttershy guides Rainbow Dash through the conversation in a somewhat embarrassed fashion, trying to play the middle between Dash's take charge attitude and her family's ad nauseam circular approach to every discussion. It's obvious Rainbow Dash is frustrated by the global lack of decisiveness, but she's a good friend and covers it well.

SC. 5 - EXT. SHY FAMILY HOME/CLOUDSDALE – NIGHT

Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy stand on the doorstep and say goodbye to the family, all gathered in the doorway again. After they take off and get some distance between them and the house, Dash thanks Fluttershy for the chance to meet her family and says she gets it now about vacation. Fluttershy says she doesn't really mind, and she loves her family, but she does wish this family vacation could happen soon.

SC. 6 - EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE – NEXT MORNING

Fluttershy is setting a bowl of salad in front of Angel at the table, when there's a loud knock on the door. Rainbow Dash yells through the door for Fluttershy to hurry up, because she's got a totally amazing surprise for her. Fluttershy replies as she's walking to the door: "Okay, but since you told me it's a surprise, now I'm expecting to be surprised, so I actually won't be surprised unless it's *really* surprising!" She opens the door to see Rainbow Dash standing there with her whole family, and they've all got suitcases with them. Dash tells Fluttershy to pack her bags, because she talked to the rest of her family and got them to decide where to go on vacation! Fluttershy hesitantly admits that that is surprising and asks where they're going.

CUT TO:

SC. 7 - EXT. DOCKS – DAY

TIGHT ON a cruise ship docked in a harbor. PULL OUT to show Rainbow Dash gesturing to it magnanimously in front of Fluttershy, her family and their luggage. Dash: "You're going on a cruise!" Fluttershy is grateful, but also uncertain – this is all so sudden, and she wonders if this really is the best option and if the rest of her family is really okay with it. She looks around at them and they begin to mumble and whisper their "Well"s and "Um"s, but Dash cuts them off before the indecisiveness can spread. She tells them this is what they decided, they already have their tickets, and they're gonna have a great time, so just go already!

They start up the gangplank, but everyone keeps deferring to the others to go first ("Should we go to our cabin or up to the deck?" etc.) and Nayneigh still doesn't understand why they have to go anywhere at all. Rainbow Dash looks back and forth between them, shaking her head. Finally, she can't take it any more – she realizes these ponies will never make any decisions if she's not around to help, so she walks over to the ticket window and says "One more ticket, please!"

OFF Fluttershy's look of surprise...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO**SC. 8 - INT. CRUISE SHIP CABIN – DAY**

The whole Shy clan plus Rainbow Dash are comically crammed into one tiny cabin on the ship. Fluttershy is trying to talk to Dash about her decision to come along on the vacation, but since it's impossible to have any privacy, all she can do is whisper inaudibly as Dash tries to get everyone's attention and get them to decide on which shipboard activity to do first. Cluttershy starts rattling off all the options, claiming that each one sounds equally good, but there's no clear consensus, with each of the Shy's expressing mild interest in a different activity. Fluttershy tries to take over the leadership of the conversation, but Dash wants to hurry everything along so they can get out of the cramped cabin, so she says, "Don't worry, I've got the perfect plan."

SC. 9 - EXT. CRUISE SHIP – DECK – MUSICAL MONTAGE

- Rainbow Dash explains her plan in song as she's enacting it. She helps Puttershy into the pool as she sings about everyone wanting to do different things but not wanting to upset the rest of the family. Fluttershy counters that they did come on this trip together, but Dash thinks that's no reason everyone can't do what they want.

- Dash sets up Stuttershy and Muttershy on a shuffleboard court elsewhere on deck, continuing to extol the virtues of decisiveness. Again, Fluttershy counters with a verse about thoughtful consideration of the options, while her brothers back her up.

- Dash fits a helmet and harness on NayNeigh, who looks up at a climbing wall in front of her. Dash sings about getting out there and doing things, while Fluttershy sings that she's pretty sure Nayneigh doesn't even want to do this. Nayneigh is forced to agree for once.

- Cluttershy has a vast array of pamphlets for every activity on the ship spread out in front of her. Rainbow Dash urges her to pick something, anything, and Dash will take her to do it. Fluttershy and her mom explain that this is what she wants to do.

SC. 10 - EXT. CRUISE SHIP – DECK – RESUMING

The song wraps up and Fluttershy approaches Rainbow Dash, asking if they can talk in private. They leave the Shys to their separate activities and talk nearby. Fluttershy tells Dash that the point of this family vacation was to do things together *as a family*; that's why they've taken so long to decide where to go – because they all want it to be just right. Dash says it seemed like everypony wanted to do different things, so she was just trying to help. But if family togetherness is what Flutterhsy wants, fine. Dash will find something they can all do together. It shouldn't be too hard. Sure enough, an announcement comes over the PA system that the ship will shortly be docking in their port of call. Dash hears this and gives Fluttershy a smug look.

CUT TO:

SC. 11 - EXT. CRUISE SHIP/ISLAND DOCK - DAY

Rainbow Dash leads the whole clan down the gangplank at the cruise ship's port of call – the tropical paradise of Fillygan's Island! Dash starts enumerating all the things to do on the island and encourages them to pick something they can all do together, but Fluttershy's family still can't decide on anything. Exasperated, Dash decides they're going to do everything, and do it as a family!

SC. 12 - EXT. ISLAND – QUICK CUTS

Dash powers the clan through every tourist sight-seeing thing you can think of at top speed:

- flying up to the crater of a volcano
- white water rafting
- getting flower leis from the local ponies

- putting on straw hats and drinking out of pineapples
- photos with a Pony Moai statue

The Shys let themselves be herded along through all this, but it's obvious that Dash is pushing them so hard that there's no time to enjoy any of it.

SC. 13 - EXT. ISLAND DOCK – DAY

Feeling proud of herself for being able to cram it all in, and assuming that since they did everything, that means everypony at least did one thing they enjoyed, Rainbow Dash is singing her own praises as they all walk back through town to the dock, only to find... the cruise ship is gone. Fluttershy: "We missed the boat."

OFF Dash, gulping as the Shys turn to her in unison...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 14 - EXT. ISLAND DOCK – DAY

Rainbow Dash tries to take charge as Fluttershy and her family all look to her expectantly. She thinks it's no problem; they're all Pegasi, they can fly to the boat. Muttershy says, "Great idea! Which way do we go?" Dash looks around and sees nothing but empty ocean stretching to the horizon in every direction. Dash regroups and comes up with another idea – a signal fire. Stuttershy starts to make a point about starting a fire on a wooden dock, then peters off and looks around at the others, expecting them to finish his thought. Dash moves on and suggests writing a message in the sand, but Nayneigh points out that the beach is on the other side of the island.

Dash's frustration bubbles up to the surface: "Well, we have to do something! We can't just stand here and wait for somepony to rescue us!" Fluttershy steps in and tells Dash to let her handle it. She knows how her family works; they just need to have a discussion about this. She huddles everypony up and they confer in whispers while Rainbow Dash takes flight and zips back and forth, looking for some sign of the boat or something to give her an idea on how to get out of here.

SC. 15 - EXT. ISLAND DOCK – TIME DISSOLVE

A couple quick shots of Rainbow Dash getting bored, flapping less, then alighting and pacing around, and finally just lying down on the ground, with Fluttershy and her family debating in the background the whole time. Finally the huddle breaks apart and Dash excitedly jumps to her hooves as Fluttershy approaches, beaming. Fluttershy tells Dash that her family finally came to a decision, and without Rainbow Dash's help! Dash is extra pleased with herself – finally, she's rubbing off on them! Dash asks what the plan of action is and Fluttershy says they decided... to do nothing.

Dash's jaw drops. She can't believe it. That's not a decision! Fluttershy says sure it is, and it's one they all came to together as a family, even Nayneigh. Pan to Nayneigh, who just shrugs. Seeing her friend's frustration, Fluttershy explains that she appreciates what Dash has been trying to do for her and her family – they all do – but that's not how the Shys work. Making the decision is a very important part of the process, and something they all do together – it's okay if it takes a long time, or even if the decision is to do nothing, as long as they're doing it as a family.

Dash doesn't get it. It's just not how she works. Besides, they've got to figure out how to get off this island and doing nothing isn't an option. Dash decides she's going to fly for help and will send someone back. Fluttershy and the others warn against it and remind her that she doesn't know which way the ship went, but Dash reminds them that she's the best flyer in Equestria and assures them she'll be fine. She picks a direction and streaks off confidently.

SC. 16 - EXT. SKY – LATER

Dash has been flying for a long time without any sign of the cruise ship or any other land, and she's getting tired. She's starting to think maybe doing nothing wasn't such a bad idea after all. She cramps up and starts spiralling toward the water, but at the last second Fluttershy swoops in and grabs her!

Dash looks up, surprised – she wants to know where Fluttershy came from. Straining to carry Dash, Fluttershy tells her to hold on a minute while she flies them to...

SC. 17 - EXT. ANOTHER CRUISE SHIP – CONTINUOUS

Fluttershy lowers Dash onto the deck where the whole Shy family is standing – drinking out of pineapples. Fluttershy explains to Dash that the Island was a stop on a cruise. There was bound to be another ship by sometime. Dash sheepishly apologizes for pushing Fluttershy and her family into making the decisions she thought was right instead of just letting them be themselves. She realizes now the value of really thinking through her decisions and can appreciate sometimes just doing nothing. As the other ponies on the cruise rush about doing activities (shuffle board, conga lines, swimming, etc.), Dash joins the Shy family sitting in deck chairs debating which one sounds best. Fluttershy smiles as we...

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