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Lesson: It's wonderful to take care of your friends, but not at the expense of taking care of yourself.

TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. BOG - DAY

FLUTTERSHY stands at the edge of a bog. ZECORA is precariously holding onto a tree with her tail while leaning over the bog. She STRAINS to reach a patch of EMERALD-GREEN MOSS.

1 FLUTTERSHY
Thank you so much Zecora! I never
would have found the crisscross moss
without you!

2 ZECORA
Of course! I know where it grows so it
wasn't much to ask. Though retrieving
it has been quite the difficult task--

3 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, but the oxen visiting Sweetfeather
Sanctuary next week will surely
appreciate it! It really adds a shine
to their coat.

Zecora skims a hoof-ful of crisscross moss off the top of the bog.

4 ZECORA
There we go, that wasn't so tough.
Now, Fluttershy tell me, is this
enough?

5 FLUTTERSHY
Well, it's a pretty big pack, so maybe
just... enough to fill this sack?
(realizing; smiles)
Oh my! You're rubbing off on me,
Zecora!

Fluttershy holds up a HUGE EMPTY SACK. Zecora's eyes goes wide. She goes to reach for more moss when suddenly she loses her grip and falls into the bog. Fluttershy YELPS and rushes towards her.

6 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh no, oh no, oh no! Zecora! Are you
all right?

Zecora pops her head above the water.

7 ZECORA
No need to fret, I only got wet...

Zecora treads over to the moss.

8 ZECORA (CONT'D)
At least now I can easily grab, all
the crisscross moss to be had!

Zecora grabs a bundle of the moss and wades through the bog towards Fluttershy who holds the sack. A lily pad (with a blue and orange polkadotted flower) floats across Zecora's path.

The flower opens its petals and POOF! Showers her with dust. The dust fades revealing Zecora's stripes have turned into polka dots. Zecora looks at her new spots and GASPS.

9 FLUTTERSHY
What's happening to you?

10 ZECORA
It is hard to tell, but suddenly I'm
not feeling so well.

On Fluttershy's horrified expression we...

END TEASER

ACT ONE

SC. 2 - INT. DOCTOR'S OFFICE - LATER

A nervous Zecora (still polka-dotted) sits on an examination table as DR. HORSE holds a stethoscope up to her chest. A nervous Fluttershy stands in the corner.

11 DR. HORSE
All right, Zecora, let's have a listen
to the ol' ticker!

Zecora's heartbeat sounds like a frog's ribbit. Dr. Horse looks concerned.

12 DR. HORSE (CONT'D)
Hmmm...

13 FLUTTERSHY
Do you think it's serious, Doctor?!

14 DR. HORSE
Well, that wasn't a good sign.

Dr. Horse looks down Zecora's throat and in her ears while Fluttershy rambles.

15 FLUTTERSHY
I can't believe a flower did this! I
take back thinking it was pretty!

Suddenly, Zecora COUGHS out a bubble. Dr. Horse deftly whips out
a cotton swab, pops the bubble then puts the swab in a vial.

16 DR. HORSE
We're looking for any color, other
than red--

The cotton swab turns a bright red. Dr. Horse shakes his head
and turns to Zecora.

17 DR. HORSE (CONT'D)
It's just as I thought. I'm afraid you
have a very rare disease called Lily-
osis.

18 ZECORA
Tell me, Doctor Horse, what should I
do? I've never heard of Lily-osis,
mind you.

19 DR. HORSE
Unfortunately very little is known
about the disease except for its
miserable side effects: change of
coat, coughing bubbles, delirium-- you
could even fall into such a deep
sleep, it could be days before you
wake up.

20 ZECORA
Is there anything that can be done?
For such a terrible conundrum?

21 DR. HORSE
A cure has yet to be discovered. I'm
sorry, Zecora.

Zecora's face falls. Fluttershy looks horrified.

SC. 3 - EXT. STREET - MOMENTS LATER

Fluttershy pushes Zecora in a WHEELCHAIR.

22 FLUTTERSHY
Zecora, this is all my fault! If you
hadn't been helping me get the
crisscross moss, you wouldn't have
Lily-osis! I'm so sorry.

23 ZECORA
Fluttershy, you are not to blame.
These things happen, all the same.

24 FLUTTERSHY
Well, there has to be somepony who can
help you...

25 ZECORA
Hmm... there is one healer who surely
couldn't fail. But I've only heard of
her as lore, a folk's tale.
Mysterious, masked, she would come in
the night. She cured everything from
feather flu to hoof cough and fur
blight. But what became of the healer,
no pony knows. For now she is just a
legend, a ghost.

26 FLUTTERSHY
If there's a pony who can heal you,
I'm going to find her!

27 ZECORA
But, dare I ask, how, can you find her
now?

28 FLUTTERSHY
Don't you worry about that, Zecora. I
know just the pony who would know!!

SC. 4 - EXT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - LATER

Fluttershy frantically bangs on Twilight's door. TWILIGHT
(wearing a chef's hat, covered in flour) flings it open.

29 FLUTTERSHY
Twilight! Oh, I'm so sorry to bother,
are... are you cooking?

30 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yeah, Spike and I are having a cook-
off.

31 SPIKE (O.S.)
My cauliflower bites blew her sweet
potato muffins out of the water!

32 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm glad you're here, Fluttershy,
because we are going to need a second
opinion about that--

Twilight Sparkle magics over a muffin and a cauliflower bite. She shoves both into Fluttershy's mouth. Fluttershy chews rapidly.

33 FLUTTERSHY
They're both delicious. But um...
 (blurting rapidly)
Zecora has Lily-osis and there's no
cure it's all my fault and there's
only pony who can maybe help her and
she's a mysterious masked healer who
might not even be real. But if anypony
knows about her it'd be you, right?

Twilight gives Fluttershy a blank look.

34 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Uuuhh...

Spike runs in.

35 SPIKE
So what'd she pick? Please say mine!

SC. 5 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - LATER

Fluttershy scales a ladder and grabs another hoof-ful of books. She adds them to a huge pile of books next to Twilight who is rapidly flipping pages using her magic. She closes a HUGE book.

36 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's the last book on ancient ponies
and still no mention of a masked
healer...

37 FLUTTERSHY
Hmm, did we check the unabridged
versions?

38 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yes. And the books on rare diseases,
the books on rare plants and the
entire section on bog habitation--

39 FLUTTERSHY
Well, we might have to look through
every book in the entire library, but
I know we'll figure it out!

Twilight's eyes widen. Fluttershy edges a book in front of her.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 6 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - NIGHT

Most of the books are off the shelves. Fluttershy pages through a book then shuts it.

40 FLUTTERSHY
<SIGHS> Another dead end. Have you
found anything yet, Twilight?
Twilight?

REVEAL Twilight nodding off. Twilight startles and falls off her chair.

41 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Ah!

A beat later, she appears, a book on top of her head.

42 FLUTTERSHY
Goodness, are you okay?

43 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm fine. <SIGH> Fluttershy, you know
that I want to help Zecora. But I
think we'd be a lot more help to her
if we got some sleep. We've been at
this for hours.

44 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, I'm so sorry! I didn't realize how
late it had gotten!

45 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No problem. I'll grab you a pillow and--

46 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, no, I meant you should sleep. Not
me! I'm not resting until Zecora's
healed again! It just doesn't feel
right.

Fluttershy is already taking more books off the shelves.

47 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
O-okay. Well, Good night Fluttershy.

Twilight reluctantly leaves. Fluttershy STRAINS then buckles underneath the weight of the books..

SC. 7 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - BEDROOM - DAWN

Twilight is in a deep sleep.

48 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 (having a nightmare)
 9 by 13 inch pan... egg whites... dry
 ingredients last...

Her door swings open as an exhausted Fluttershy bursts in.

49 FLUTTERSHY
 Twilight!!

Twilight startles awake and falls out of bed.

50 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 Non-stick pans!!

Twilight sits up, rubbing her head.

51 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
 Twice in one night--

52 SPIKE (O.S.)
 Yeah, I'm okay too. Just trying to
 sleep.

Fluttershy helps Twilight up.

53 FLUTTERSHY
 (to Twilight) Sorry. (to Spike) Sorry!
 But I figured out who the healer was.

54 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 (in disbelief)
 You did?

55 FLUTTERSHY
 All I had to do was cross-reference a
 book about masks with another book on
 ancient Equestrian healers, then use a
 third book to translate the Pony-Latin
 and voila! I figured it out! The
 masked healer was MAGE MEADOWBROOK!

Twilight GASPS.

56 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 Mage Meadowbrook?! The mystical
 sorceress from Hayseed Swamp?

57 FLUTTERSHY
 (nods)
 I'm sure of it! Back then, it was
 common for healers to wear masks so
 they wouldn't get sick themselves.
 (MORE)

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

Mage was a healer and a mask was one of her eight magical artifacts!

58 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(getting emotional)
Fluttershy, I am so incredibly proud of you for using your research skills to figure all that out!

59 FLUTTERSHY
All I had to do was channel my inner Twilight!

60 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(blushing)
Well, I--

Fluttershy ushers Twilight toward the door.

61 FLUTTERSHY
Now, I've got our route to Hayseed Swamp all planned out! And I thought on our way we could check up on Zecora--

62 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Whoa, whoa, whoa. We're leaving now?

63 FLUTTERSHY
Why of course! Every second we spend waiting, is a second Zecora is coughing bubbles!

64 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But Fluttershy, you haven't slept. And that's quite a journey.

65 FLUTTERSHY
There's no use trying to talk me out of this, Twilight! We've got no time to waste!

Fluttershy pushes Twilight from the room.

66 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Okay--can I just grab some breakfast?

67 FLUTTERSHY
I packed cauliflower bites.

68 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Aww. No sweet potato muffins?

ANGLE ON Spike groggily getting up.

69 SPIKE
Um, I ate them all. They were actually
really good.

Twilight smiles. As Fluttershy pulls her out we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 8 - INT. ZECORA'S HUT - LATER

Twilight and Fluttershy sit by Zecora (still with spots,
coughing bubbles sporadically) who lies in bed.

70 FLUTTERSHY
 (finishing up her story)
...and that's when I realized the
masked healer you were talking about
was actually Mage Meadowbrook!

71 ZECORA
I cannot believe the healer was Mage.
I'm quite impressed you figured that
out.

Fluttershy GASPS.

72 FLUTTERSHY
Oh no! Zecora, you didn't rhyme! You
must be getting worse!

73 ZECORA
(faking it) No, no, not at all. (BEAT;
thinking) Ball.

Just then, Zecora sneezes a little electric zap. It flies
through the air and singes the edge of Twilight Sparkle's mane.
Twilight Sparkle blows it out.

74 FLUTTERSHY
That's it! We're leaving!

SC. 9 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - LATER

Twilight and Fluttershy exit Zecora's hut. Twilight turns to
Fluttershy.

75 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Fluttershy, I can see you're on a
mission and I don't want to be a
downer... but you know Mage
Meadowbrook disappeared ages ago.
Right?

76 FLUTTERSHY
Yes, I read that in *Ancient Equestrian Healers*. But we still might be able to find something that can help. I know this might sound crazy, but I just have a feeling that the answer lies in Hayseed Swamp!

Fluttershy looks at Twilight with determination. Twilight relents.

77 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(SIGH) Well, you can't argue with your gut. Lead the way, Fluttershy--

Fluttershy, a little bleary eyed, nods and confidently leads the way. Twilight grabs her and turns her the other direction. Pull out to reveal they're under a sign that pictures a swamp and an arrow pointing the other direction. Fluttershy nods, then trots in that direction with confidence.

SC. 10 - EXT. HAYSEED SWAMP - LATER

Fluttershy and Twilight arrive at an abandoned, eerie, bayou-like town. They walk down an empty cobblestone street.

78 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(looking around, scared)
So... where is her house again?

79 FLUTTERSHY
Not exactly sure. Maybe there's somepony we can ask.

80 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I think we might be the only ponies here.

They look around. They notice a large crooked tree in the distance.

81 FLUTTERSHY
Wait. I recognize that tree!

Fluttershy takes off toward it, Twilight follows.

SC. 11 - THE CROOKED TREE - LATER

Twilight and Fluttershy approach The Crooked Tree (tall, twisted, with an enormous base) which sits at the edge of a swamp. There are no other homes in sight.

82 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Yes, this has to be it! This looks
just like the illustration of her
home!

Fluttershy circles the tree, but she can't find a way in.
Fluttershy yawns as she suggests:

83 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Well, if the doorway is sealed up,
we'll just have to dig our way in.
Back away, Twilight, I don't want you
to get hurt!

Fluttershy starts to dig in the dirt, covering Twilight.
Twilight shakes her wings off, sending mud flying.

84 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oooor we could use the handle...

Fluttershy looks up to see Twilight pointing to a very obvious,
ornately carved handle.

85 FLUTTERSHY
It really blends in with the bark...

86 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Easy to miss.

Fluttershy enters, Twilight looks after her, clearly concerned.

SC. 12 - INT. CROOKED TREE - CONTINUOUS

Twilight and Fluttershy walk into the dark, dusty, seemingly
abandoned, hollowed-out tree. Crystals illuminate the walls,
revealing old dusty books, dried out spices and a giant cauldron
resting in the middle of the room.

87 FLUTTERSHY
Wow, it looks like this place has been
abandoned for years.

Angle on Twilight who's staring at a wall of masks.

88 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
She might have more masks than I do
books.

89 FLUTTERSHY
(GASP) Twilight! Look! It's the same
kind of lily pad that gave Zecora Lily-
osis!

Twilight hurries over to see Fluttershy standing by a shelf with a a dried-out lily pad with a blue and orange polka-dotted flower on top encased in glass.

90 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You know what this means, right
Fluttershy? Mage must've worked on a
cure!

Fluttershy beams. Just then, there's an odd SQUEAKING SOUND.

91 FLUTTERSHY
Twilight-- are-- are you making a
squeaking sound?

92 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No. I was hoping you were--

They turn around to see a big shadowy figure rocking back and forth in a rocking chair. The girls cling to each other.

93 TWILIGHT SPARKLE/FLUTTERSHY
Ahhhhhhhhhh!!!

The figure emerges from the shadows to reveal a towering Hagrid-like, elderly bayou pony, CATTAIL. He looms towards them and the girls still scream.

94 CATTAIL
Y'all can stop screaming now.

They stop. Cattail takes off his hat, sincere.

95 CATTAIL (CONT'D)
Didn't mean to scare you. I do that a
lot...

96 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Scare ponies? Or rock creepily in the
dark?

97 CATTAIL
Hmm. Both, I guess!

98 FLUTTERSHY
O-okay. But why are you in Mage
Meadowbrook's home?

99 CATTAIL
Oh, I take care of this place.

Twilight and Fluttershy look around the dusty place, confused.

100 CATTAIL (CONT'D)
I'm not much of a cleaner. But neither
was my great-great-grandmother, I'm
told. So I doubt she minds a few
cobwebs in her house.

Fluttershy's jaw drops. She races up to Cattail and starts
shaking his hoof.

101 FLUTTERSHY
You're Mage Meadowbrook's great-great-
grandson?!

Cattail nods. Fluttershy excitedly flies off the ground but gets
tangled in a low-hanging spiderweb. She spots a nearby SPIDER.

102 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Whoops. Sorry. That was your home.
(gesturing to the many cobwebs) But I
see you've made lots of other ones
here...

Twilight removes Fluttershy from the web using her magic.
Fluttershy turns to Twilight and grabs her face.

103 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh my goodness, Twilight, we did it!
Not only did we find Mage's old house,
we actually found one of her
relatives!

104 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Honestly, I would not have guessed
that.

105 CATTAIL
So, you're lookin' for some kind of
cure, huh? I know my great great
grandma was always writing in
journals. If she knew a cure, that's
where it'd be. Let me show you to her
library.

Cattail gestures for Twilight and Fluttershy to follow him.

106 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(taken aback)
She had a library?! We're going to her
library?!

But Cattail just leads them to another bookcase full of
journals.

107 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Oh. Well, libraries come in all shapes
and sizes.

108 FLUTTERSHY
This is good! It'll take us less time
to go through all these books.

She opens a book and starts reading.

109 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
 "Today my mom made me eat peas. Peas
 are yucky." And see, we can skip this
 one. Unless she found a cure when she
 was a foal...

Fluttershy and Twilight each pick up a journal and hunker down.
DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 13 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - LATER

Fluttershy and Twilight are looking through books. Fluttershy finds something.

110 FLUTTERSHY
Wait, listen to this! (reading)
"Today, my mom and I were making a
soothing potion..."

DISSOLVE to a FLASHBACK:

SC. 14 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - FLASHBACK

A young MAGE MEADOWBROOK stands beside her MOTHER who brews a bubbling potion in the cauldron. In the BG, we see masks hanging on the wall. Fluttershy's voice FADES into Mage's as we continue.

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111      FLUTTERSHY/MAGE MEADOWBROOK
      (V.O)
...and I finally got it right!
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In the BG, Mage's Mother HUMS a SOOTHING TUNE as Mage stirs.

112 YOUNG MAGE MEADOWBROOK
It just started to bubble! It's time
to add the cattail!

Mage's mother nuzzles her head.

113 MAGE'S MOTHER
You're going to be such a great healer
someday, Mage.

As Mage cuts down cattails and dumps them in the cauldron, Mage's mother grabs a wrapped package.

114 MAGE'S MOTHER (CONT'D)
That reminds me, you've been helping
me so much lately, I wanted to give
you something special.

Mage smiles as she rips open the package, revealing her very own mask with stripes.

115 YOUNG MAGE MEADOWBROOK
(in awe)
(GASP) A real healer's mask! Just like
yours.

Mage clutches it to her chest. Suddenly there's a knock at the door, waking them up. Mage's Mom answers it to find a hooded pony. He pulls his hood back to reveal he has polka dot spots. Mage's Mother looks worried.

116 MAGE'S MOTHER
What caused this?

He hands her the lily pad with the blue and orange flower.

117 MAGE MEADOWBROOK (V.O.)
My mom called the disease "Lily-osis,"
and she worked tirelessly to find the
cure.

Sc. 15 - DISSOLVE TO LATER:

Mage's mother, wearing a mask, experiments on the lily pad inside the glass case. Mage watches from a safe distance.

118 MAGE'S MOTHER
Mage, honey, put on your mask. It will
keep you safe from the effects of the
flower.

Mage gives a small smile and puts on her healer's mask. Then there's another knock at the doors. Mage's mother opens it to see a few more SICK PONIES, coughing bubbles and sneezing bolts of electricity.

119 MAGE MEADOWBROOK (V.O.)
But it was spreading fast...

SC. 16 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - DISSOLVE TO LATER

A young Mage enters her home and gasps. REVEAL she's looking at her mother, now in bed, polka-dotted and coughing bubbles.

SC. 17 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - FLASHBACK

A young Mage tirelessly pores over books and experiments with the lily pad, wearing her mask. She takes a quick break to change a cloth on her mother's forehead and bring her a steaming mug of tea.

120 YOUNG MAGE MEADOWBROOK
Don't worry, Mom. I'm going to find
the cure.

Mage heads back to the desk.

SC. 18 - EXT. BAYOU SWAMP - NIGHT - FLASHBACK

Mage sits on the edge of the bayou, illuminated by the moon. She hopelessly stares at the poisonous lily pads floating in the bayou.

121 YOUNG MAGE MEADOWBROOK(V.O.)
I knew there was something I was
missing.

Suddenly, she sits up straighter, thinking she saw something. She stares at the lily pads with her full attention. Mage GASPS as she sees FLASH BEES dart in and out of the flowers on the lily pads.

122 YOUNG MAGE
Flash bees!

The bees flash together in a group and start to fly away. Mage runs after them. She follows them through the bayou, wading through the weeds, jumping over puddles, and crawling under fallen logs. She barely keeps up with them.

Mage watches from afar as they zip up a tree and disappear into their beehive.

123 MAGE MEADOWBROOK (V.O.)
I realized the flower had no effect on
the flash bees.

Mage approaches the tree, teleporting to the top. But the FLASH BEES spot her, fly out of their hive and chase her away.

SC. 19 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - FLASHBACK

Mage stands over her mother's bed.

124 MAGE'S MOTHER
(WEAKLY) Mage, if those bees are
immune to the flower, then their honey
could be the cure.

125 YOUNG MAGE
I know but they won't let me near
their hive.

126 MAGE'S MOTHER
You're the smartest, most resilient
little pony I know. If anypony can
figure it out, it's you.

Mage looks determined.

SC. 20 - EXT. BAYOU SWAMP - FLASH BEE'S HIVE - DISSOLVE TO LATER

Once again, Mage stands on a branch before the flash bee's hive.

127 YOUNG MAGE
PHEW! Okay, Mage. You can do this.
You've got your lucky mask.

Mage takes a deep breath and puts on her healer's mask. She
flies up to the hive and the bees fly out, forming a protective
barrier.

128 YOUNG MAGE (CONT'D)
It's okay. I'm not here to hurt you. I
just need a little honey--

Mage begins to HUM the SOOTHING TUNE her mother hummed earlier.
The bees start to break their formation around the hive. They
move out of the way, almost trance-like. DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 21 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOKS - TREE - LATER

Mage's mother blinks her eyes, coming to. She sees Mage (wearing
the mask) holding a spoonful of honey. Her mom takes it then
hugs Mage. Mage takes off her mask to reveal she's smiling. Mage
Meadowbrook's voice FADES BACK to Fluttershy's as we finish her
story:

129 MAGE MEADOWBROOK/FLUTTERSHY
 (V.O.)
Today I was able to cure my mother and
the rest of the village, and there's
nothing like that feeling. I know I've
found my calling.

SC. 22 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - BACK TO SCENE

Back on Twilight, Fluttershy, and Cattail. The sun has now come
up again.

130 FLUTTERSHY
(reading) I promise to dedicate my
life to curing ponies all over
Equestria.

131 CATTAIL
She did what she promised. Right up
til she disappeared.

Fluttershy slams the book closed.

132 FLUTTERSHY
That's it then! All we have to do is
find those flash bees and get their
healing honey!

Fluttershy notices Twilight and Cattail are looking at her
funny.

133 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
What? Are my eyes not focusing
anymore? I know I'm tired but--

Cattail grabs a mirror off the wall and holds it up in front of
Fluttershy. She GASPS as she sees... she's covered in spots.

134 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh no! I've caught Lily-osis!

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 23 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - BACK TO SCENE

Twilight and Cattail now wear MASKS. Fluttershy scoops several
vials off Mage's desk into a knapsack.

135 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(muffled)
Are you sure these are necessary?

136 FLUTTERSHY
What?

Twilight lifts the mask up.

137 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I said, are you sure these are
necessary?

Fluttershy pulls Twilight's mask back down.

138 FLUTTERSHY
YES! If I caught Lily-osis from
Zecora, then it must be contagious. I
can't risk infecting you or Cattail.

139 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What you can't risk is getting any
sicker, Fluttershy. If you don't rest
up, your symptoms will probably just
get worse.

140 CATTAIL
You really should rest up before going
against Flash Bees. I hear they're
nasty critters.

141 FLUTTERSHY
 (getting more frazzled)
You don't know this about me, but I'm
pretty good with animals. And besides,
Dogtail--

142 CATTAIL
Cattail.

143 FLUTTERSHY
--Zecora is counting on me. Just like
Mage's mother was counting on her. And
if Mage pushed on, so can I!

Fluttershy starts to lead the trio to the door.

144 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But Fluttershy, I'm sure Mage rested
and took care of herself. It just
isn't something you include in a
diary!

145 FLUTTERSHY
You're not going to change my mind,
Twilight!

Fluttershy pushes Twilight and Cattail out the door.

146 CATTAIL
For being sick, she's surprisingly
strong...

SC. 24 - EXT. BAYOU SWAMP - LATER

Cattail leads the way, hacking through the brush, clearing a
path. Twilight and a delirious Fluttershy follow behind.

147 CATTAIL
The Flash Bee hive should be just up
ahead - right behind that cattail.
 (beat, points to self)
Not this cattail, that thicket of
cattail. I was named after a weed.

The trio arrives in front of an overgrown twisty blue tree. They
all look up to see the hive, precariously perched at the top.
Flash bees dart in and around the hive.

148 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Are you sure you don't want me to come
with you?

149 FLUTTERSHY
No, it's too dangerous, Twilight.
Besides, I've already gotten one
friend hurt. I won't let it happen to
another.

Twilight and Cattail step back. Fluttershy looks up at the tree.

150 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
 (talking to herself)
Come on, Fluttershy, you can do this.

Fluttershy struggles to lift off the ground. She dips in and out
of frame like a chicken trying to fly. Slowly, she makes her way
up to the top of the tree.

151 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
 (struggling)
Mind over matter!

She lands on a branch next to the hive. The FLASH BEES dart out
of the hive and form a barrier around it. Fluttershy COUGHS a
bubble then clears her throat.

152 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Hello, flash bees! I was hoping I
could get some of your honey--

The flash bees BUZZ at her, angrily.

153 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh, I see. You don't let others have
any. Well, I'm sorry, but I really
really need some. Maybe this tune will
change your minds?

Fluttershy tries to mimic the tune that Mage hummed. But the
bees aren't moving, they BUZZ at her again.

154 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
<SIGH> I didn't want it to come to
this but I'll have to use my magic
stare--

Fluttershy's eyes widen and she uses her magic stare on the bees. But nothing happens. The bees continue to dart around top speed.

155 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Ah! <COUGH> You're too fast--

Fluttershy gets into a <COUGHING FIT>, bubbles coming out of her mouth. She gets a panicked look on her face, feeling something coming on.

156 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh dear.

Suddenly, her body goes limp and she falls to the ground.

Twilight takes off, catching Fluttershy inches before she hits the ground.

157 CATTAIL
Nice catch, but now you've got another
problem--

Cattail points to the mob of angry FLASH BEES swarming toward them.

158 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Hang on! I'm gonna get us out of here!

Twilight teleports the three of them away.

SC. 25 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - THREE DAYS LATER

FLUTTERSHY'S POV: A blurry dissolve as Fluttershy blinks her surroundings into focus. She sees Cattail and Twilight hovering over her, wearing masks. Fluttershy sits up.

159 FLUTTERSHY
What happened? Where am I?

160 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It's okay. You just fainted. And
you're still in Mage's um--
 (looks around)
--tree?

161 FLUTTERSHY
Goodness gracious! (then; realizing)
Did we get the honey?

162 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No.

163 FLUTTERSHY
Then we have to go back to the hive--

164 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Hold on a second, Fluttershy-- Cattail
and I have been trying to get the
honey from the flash bees, but
nothing's working. Not even my magic.
They're too fast! We have to think of
something else--

165 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, thank you for going back out there
while I slept-- I feel terrible that I
wasted an afternoon.

Twilight and Cattail look to each other like - should we tell
her? Fluttershy suddenly looks worried.

166 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
What? Am I missing something?

167 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Fluttershy, you've been asleep for
three days--

168 FLUTTERSHY
Three days?!

169 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yeah. You really wore yourself down.
We couldn't wake you.

Fluttershy hangs her head.

170 FLUTTERSHY
What have I done? I've wasted so much
time when I could have been helping
Zecora--

171 CATTAIL
Don't beat yourself up. Those flash
bee critters are tricky. We've tried
everything from disguises to things I
won't even speak of--

Cattail <SHUDDERS>. Twilight rolls her eyes but pats his back.

172 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Cattail's been through a lot these
past three days.

173 FLUTTERSHY
 (thinking of something)
Wait... disguises...

Fluttershy glances behind Twilight and Cattail, focusing in on Mage's wall of masks. A look of realization comes over her face.

174 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
<Gasp!> That's it! I know how she did
it! I know how Mage got the honey!

Fluttershy flies out of bed and grabs something O.S. off the wall.

175 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
How? Hello? Fluttershy?

Fluttershy takes off as Cattail and Twilight scramble after her.

176 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
I have follow-up questions!

SC. 26 - EXT. BAYOU SWAMP - LATER

Fluttershy looks up at the beehive. Twilight and Cattail (still wearing masks) stand behind her. Fluttershy spins around to face them. She pulls a MASK from behind her back (the same mask we saw young Mage wear in the flashback sequence).

177 FLUTTERSHY
This is how Mage got the honey from
the Flash Bees.

178 CATTAIL
She played dress up?

179 FLUTTERSHY
No. Well, sort of. I'm not sure she
even meant to, but I think by wearing
the mask her mother gave her, she
hypnotized the bees.

180 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Only one way to find out.

181 FLUTTERSHY
Here goes nothing!

182 CATTAIL
Oh, I can't watch!

Cattail cowers behind Twilight as Fluttershy pulls the mask over her face and flies up to the hive.

183 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Hooves crossed!

The flash bees emerge, forming their barrier around the hive. Fluttershy slowly approaches them and they rear up. She stops then starts to hum Mage's tune - softly at first, then getting louder.

The flash bees watch the rhythmic bob of the mask as Fluttershy flaps her wings and hums. The bees go into a trance-like state and part for Fluttershy. Fluttershy looks down to Twilight, ecstatic.

184 FLUTTERSHY
Twilight!! It worked!!

Twilight gives a quick grin then gives Fluttershy the "get your eyes back on the hive" gesture.

185 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Great! Now, focus--

186 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, right!

Fluttershy reaches into the hive and draws out some honey, bottling it in one of Mage's vials.

On Twilight with Cattail still hiding behind her.

187 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You can come out now, Cattail! She did it!

Cattail checks the coast then steps out from behind Twilight.

188 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
(proudly)
You see? That's why it's so important to get eight hours of sleep. Great ideas comes from rested minds!

SC. 27 - INT. ZECORA'S HUT - LATER

A now healed Fluttershy shoves another spoonful of honey into Zecora's over-flowing mouth. Zecora is looking healed, and herself again.

189 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I think she's cured now, Fluttershy.

190 ZECORA
I do feel fine, but this honey is divine.

191 FLUTTERSHY
Can't be too careful.

Fluttershy shoves another spoonful into Zecora's mouth. She gulps it down.

192 ZECORA
Thank you Fluttershy, for all you endured. If not for you, I wouldn't be cured.

193 FLUTTERSHY
If it wasn't for me, you wouldn't have been sick in the first place!

194 ZECORA
Regret is not what you should feel, for because of this journey, you've learned a great deal.

195 FLUTTERSHY
That's true. I certainly learned that if you don't take care of yourself, you won't be able to take care of anypony else. In fact, if I had rested - like Twilight suggested all along - maybe I would have thought to use Mage's mask sooner.

Just then, a COUGH BUBBLE floats through the window followed by Dr. Horse's head.

196 DR. HORSE
Please tell me you found the cure...

As Dr. Horse sneezes an electric bolt and everyone ducks, Fluttershy smiles and holds up a vial of honey.

197 FLUTTERSHY
We've got plenty! But you wouldn't believe how hard it was to get!

As everypony laughs at Fluttershy's pun, we FADE OUT! THE END.

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