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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's not much to ask. Though
retrieving it's been a difficult task--

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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. Now, that wasn't so
tough. Fluttershy tell me, will this
be enough?

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5 FLUTTERSHY
Gee, I don't know, it's a pretty big
pack, so maybe... enough to fill up
this sack?
(realizing; smiles)
Oh my! You're rubbing off on me,
Zecora!

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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 **there is** 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
Honestly, it's hard to tell, but **I** *
suddenly **don't feel** 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 Swamp
Fever.

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18 ZECORA
Tell me, Doctor, what should I do?
I've never heard of Swamp Fever, mind
you.

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19 DR. HORSE
Unfortunately very little is known
about the disease except that it
starts with miserable side effects
like change of coat, coughing bubbles
and delirium. But... if the disease
progresses, you could fall into an
endless sleep.

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Fluttershy and Zecora <GASP>.

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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.

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Zecora's face falls. Fluttershy looks horrified.

22 DR. HORSE (CONT'D)
It's a lot to take in. I'll leave you
two to discuss.

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Dr. Horse exits.

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23 FLUTTERSHY
Zecora, this is all my fault! If you
hadn't been helping me get the
crisscross moss, you wouldn't have
gotten Swamp Fever! I'm so sorry. *

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

25 FLUTTERSHY
I refuse to accept that! There has to
be somepony who can help you... *

26 ZECORA
Hmm... there is **a** healer who **wouldn't**
fail. But I **only know** her **from ancient**
folk tales. Mysterious **and** masked, she
would come in the night, **and** cure
everything from hoof cough **to** fur
blight. **What** became of the healer, **I'm**
afraid I don't know. **For she**
disappeared ages and ages ago. *

27 FLUTTERSHY
Well, if there's a pony who can heal
you, I'm going to find her! *

28 ZECORA
She may just be legend, so, dare I ask
how, you plan to locate this old
healer now? *

29 FLUTTERSHY
Don't you worry about that, Zecora. I
know just the pony who **can help!!** *

SC. 3 - 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.

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

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

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

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

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

34 FLUTTERSHY
They're both delicious. But um...
(BLURTING) Zecora has Swamp Fever and
there's no cure and it's all my fault
and there's only one pony who can
maybe help but she's a mysterious
masked healer who might only be a
legend. But if anypony knows about her
it'd be you, right?

Twilight gives Fluttershy a blank look.

35 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Uuuhh...

Spike runs in.

36 SPIKE
So what'd she pick? The cauliflower
bites, right?

SC. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - LATER

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

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

38 FLUTTERSHY
Hmm, did we check the unabridged
versions?

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

40 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. 5 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - NIGHT

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

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

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

42 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Ah!

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

43 FLUTTERSHY
Goodness, are you okay?

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

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

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

47 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, no, I meant you should sleep. I
can't rest until Zecora's healed! It
just doesn't feel right.

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Fluttershy is already taking more books off the shelves.

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48 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I understand how you feel, but I still
think we'd have more luck if we tried
again in the morning.

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Twilight looks on as Fluttershy pours over the next book - she's
not going anywhere.

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TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Just promise me you'll take a break
soon.

FLUTTERSHY
(not looking up) Mm-hmm.

Fluttershy nods and Twilight reluctantly turns to head out.

51 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Good night Fluttershy.

Fluttershy STRAINS as she pulls open another HUGE BOOK.

SC. 6 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - BEDROOM - DAWN

Twilight is in a deep sleep - though clearly having a nightmare.

52 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
9 by 13 inch pan... egg whites... dry
ingredients last...

Her door swings open as an exhausted Fluttershy bursts in.

53 FLUTTERSHY
Twilight!!

Twilight startles awake and falls over the side of the bed.

54 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Non-stick pans!!

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

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

A groggy Spike (in his PJ'S) enters.

56 SPIKE
Whoa, whoa. What's all the commotion
in here, ladies?

Fluttershy helps Twilight up.

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

58 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(DISBELIEF) You did?

59 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.

60 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
The mystical sorceress from Hayseed Swamp?

61 FLUTTERSHY
(NODS) I'm sure of it! Back then, it was common for healers to wear masks so they wouldn't get sick themselves. Mage Meadowbrook was a healer and a mask was one of her eight magical artifacts!

62 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(WELLING UP) Fluttershy, I am so incredibly proud of you for using your research skills to figure all that out! (THEN) But... Meadowbrook disappeared ages ago. Right?

63 FLUTTERSHY
(NODS) I read about that in *Ancient Equestrian Healers*. But if we go to Hayseed Swamp, maybe we can find something she left behind. Something that could lead to a cure!

64 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It seems like a long shot, but I guess it's possible--

Fluttershy starts to push Twilight toward the door.

65 FLUTTERSHY
We have to try! I've got our route all planned out and on the way we can check up on Zecora--

Twilight digs her hooves in the floor.

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

67 FLUTTERSHY
Of course! Every second we spend *
waiting, is a second Zecora is
coughing bubbles!

68 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But Fluttershy, you haven't slept. And *
that's a long journey.

69 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.

70 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Can we at least grab some breakfast? *

71 FLUTTERSHY
I packed cauliflower bites.

72 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Aww. No sweet potato muffins?

ANGLE ON Spike crawling into Twilight's bed. *

73 SPIKE
Um, I ate them all. <YAWN> They were *
actually really good.

Twilight's smile to Spike is cut short as Fluttershy pulls her *
out and we... *

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 7 - INT. ZECORA'S HUT - LATER *

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

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

75 ZECORA
That's marvelous, Fluttershy! I'm *
quite impressed. While you're gone on *
your journey I'll try not to be-- *
worried. *

Fluttershy GASPS.

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

77 ZECORA
(faking it) No, no, not at all.
(*thinking; then*) *Something, something--*
ball?

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

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78 FLUTTERSHY
That's it! We *have to go now!*

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OUTSIDE THE HUT:

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79 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Lead the way, Fluttershy!

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Fluttershy, a little bleary eyed, *nods and* confidently leads the
way *off LEFT*. Twilight grabs her and turns her the other *way,*
pointing up as we PULL OUT to reveal they're under a sign that
pictures a swamp *with* an arrow pointing *off RIGHT*.

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Fluttershy nods, then trots in *the right* direction with
confidence.

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SC. 8 - EXT. HAYSEED SWAMP - LATER

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

80 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(*SCARED*) So... where *do you think*
Meadowbrook lived?

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81 FLUTTERSHY
I'm not sure. Maybe there's somepony
we can ask.

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

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

83 FLUTTERSHY
Wait. I recognize that tree!

Fluttershy takes off toward it, Twilight follows.

SC. 9 - THE CROOKED TREE - LATER

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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.

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

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

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

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

86 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Ooor we could try the handle...

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

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

88 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Easy to miss.

Fluttershy enters, Twilight looks after her, clearly concerned.

SC. 10 - INT. CROOKED TREE - CONTINUOUS

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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.

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

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

90 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
There's almost more masks here than I
have books.

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91 FLUTTERSHY
 (GASP) Twilight! Look! It's the same
 kind of lily pad that gave Zecora
 Swamp Fever!

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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.

92 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
 Meadowbrook must have been
 experimenting on it. (realizing; gasp)
 Maybe she did find the cure!

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93 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 I hope so. But let's not get ahead of
 ourselves--

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Just then, there's an odd SQUEAKING SOUND.

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94 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
 That's exactly what I'm talking about.
 You're making your excited squeaking
 noise--

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95 FLUTTERSHY
 Uh, I wasn't making my excited
 squeaking noise.

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

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96 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.

97 CATTAIL
 Y'all can stop screaming now.

They stop. Cattail takes off his hat, sincere.

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98 CATTAIL (CONT'D)
 Didn't mean to scare ya. (embarrassed)
 I do that a lot...

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

100 CATTAIL
 Hmm. Both, I s'pose. Name's Cattail.
 Pleased to meetchya! *

101 FLUTTERSHY
 Likewise, but um, may I ask, why
 you're in Mage Meadowbrook's home? *

102 CATTAIL
 Oh, I take care of the place. *

Twilight and Fluttershy look around the dusty place, confused.

103 CATTAIL (CONT'D)
 (CONFESSING) I ain't much of a
 cleaner. But from what I hear, my kin
 weren't either, so I doubt they mind a
 few cobwebs in our ancestral home. *

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

104 FLUTTERSHY
 You're related to Mage Meadowbrook?! *

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

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

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

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

107 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 Honestly, I would not have guessed it. *

108 CATTAIL
 So, you lookin' for some kind of cure,
 huh? Well, now, I know Meadowbrook was
 known to always be writing in her
 journals. If she had the cure you
 want, I reckon that's where it'd be.
 Come on! I'll show ya the library. *

Cattail gestures for Twilight and Fluttershy to follow him.

109 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(EXCITED) Library? Now we're talking!

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

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

111 FLUTTERSHY
This is good! It'll take us less time
to go through everything.

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She opens a book and starts reading.

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

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Twilight reads from another book.

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113 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
"I met a colt today. He pulled my mane
so I put a frog on his head." (CLOSING
IT) Also not helpful. (OPENING IT BACK
UP) But I do kind of want to see where
it goes--

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Fluttershy shoves a new journal at Twilight who reluctantly
takes it. Fluttershy grabs a new one herself and they hunker
down. DISSOLVE TO:

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SC. 11 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - LATER

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

114 FLUTTERSHY
Wait, listen to this! (reading)
"Today, Mother and I tried again to
brew a soothing potion..."

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DISSOLVE to a FLASHBACK:

SC. 12 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - FLASHBACK

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MEADOWBROOK, same age as the mane 6, stands beside her MOTHER
(Granny Smith's age) who brews a bubbling potion in the
cauldron. In the BG, we see masks hanging on the wall.
Fluttershy's voice FADES into Meadowbrook's as we continue.

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115 FLUTTERSHY/MEADOWBROOK (V.O) *
 ...and we finally got it right! *

Meadowbrook cuts some cattail and adds it to the cauldron, which *
 glows purple. Meadowbrook and her mother exchange a pleased *
 look. Meadowbrook's mother grabs a wrapped package. *

117 MEADOWBROOK'S MOTHER *
 Meadowbrook, I think it's time you had *
 this. *

Meadowbrook smiles as she rips open the package, revealing a *
 HEALER'S MASK with stripes. *

118 MEADOWBROOK *
 (IN AWE) My very own healer's mask... *
 You think I'm ready, Mother? *

119 MEADOWBROOK'S MOTHER *
 Yes, I do. *

Meadowbrook turns it over in her hands. Suddenly there's a knock *
 at the door, startling them. Meadowbrook's Mother answers it to *
 find a HOODED PONY. He pulls his hood back to reveal he has *
 polka dot spots. Meadowbrook's Mother looks worried. *

120 MEADOWBROOK'S MOTHER (CONT'D) *
 What caused this? *

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

121 MEADOWBROOK (V.O.) *
 Mother calls it "Swamp Fever". We've *
 been working tirelessly, to find a *
 cure, but we're no closer then when we *
 started. *

Sc. 13 - DISSOLVE TO LATER: *

Meadowbrook's mother, mask atop her head, experiments on the *
 lily pad inside the glass case. Meadowbrook, wearing her mask, *
 takes notes. Just then, the lily pad opens and dusts her (like *
 it did with Zecora). She COUGHS and wipes her muzzle off. *

122 MEADOWBROOK *
 Mother! Are you all right? *

Meadowbrook's Mother nods. There's another knock at the door. *
 Meadowbrook opens it to see a few more SICK PONIES, coughing *
 bubbles and sneezing bolts of electricity. *

123 MEADOWBROOK (V.O.) *
 The fever has spread like wild fire. I *
 fear if we don't find the cure soon, *
 everypony will be in grave danger... *

SC. 14 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - DISSOLVE TO LATER *

Meadowbrook enters her home holding a bundle of herbs and *
 medical supplies. She GASPS. REVEAL her mother, now in bed, *
 polka-dotted and coughing bubbles. She drops the supplies. *

SC. 15 - EXT. BAYOU SWAMP - NIGHT - FLASHBACK *

Meadowbrook sits on the edge of the bayou, illuminated by the *
 moon. She turns her mask over in her hands, despondent, while *
 staring at the poisonous lily pads floating in the bayou. *

125 MEADOWBROOK (V.O.) *
 With mother sick, I didn't think I *
 could find a cure on my own, but I *
 stared at those cursed flowers a long *
 time today-- and I saw something... *

Suddenly, Meadowbrook sits up straight. She stares at the lily *
 pads with her full attention, and GASPS as she sees FLASH BEES *
 dart in and out of the flowers on the lily pads.

126 MEADOWBROOK *
 Flash Bees! *

The bees flash together in a group and start to fly away. *
 Meadowbrook 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.

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

127 MEADOWBROOK (V.O.) *
 I realized the flower's poison didn't *
 even effect the Flash Bees. *

Meadowbrook approaches the tree, teleporting to the top. She *
 peers into the hive and spots the QUEEN BEE surrounded by male *
 bees, that seem to be hypnotized by her. Suddenly, the queen *
 spots Meadowbrook and the male bees alert. The bees fly out of *
 the hive and chase Meadowbrook away. *

SC. 16 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - FLASHBACK *

Meadowbrook stands over her mother's bed. *

128 MEADOWBROOK'S MOTHER *
 (WEAKLY) Meadowbrook, if those bees *
 are immune to the flower, their honey *
 could be the cure.

129 MEADOWBROOK *
 But every time I get near their hive *
 they chase me off. What should I do? *

130 MEADOWBROOK'S MOTHER *
 I don't know. But what I do know is, *
 if anypony can figure it out, it's *
 you.

Meadowbrook looks down at her mask, then leaves, determined. *

SC. 17 - EXT. BAYOU SWAMP - FLASH BEE'S HIVE - DISSOLVE TO LATER *

Once again, Meadowbrook stands on a branch before the flash *
 bee's hive. Meadowbrook looks at the queen's striped pattern *
 then down to her healer's mask, which has a similar pattern. *

131 MEADOWBROOK *
 Okay, Meadowbrook. You can do this. *

She nears the hive and the bees fly out, forming a protective *
 barrier.

132 MEADOWBROOK (CONT'D) *
 Here goes nothing. *

Meadowbrook takes a deep breath and puts on her healer's mask. *

SC. 18 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - LATER *

Meadowbrook's mother blinks her eyes, coming to. She sees *
 Meadowbrook enter the house and lift up her mask to reveal she's *
 smiling. From behind her back she pulls out a VIAL OF HONEY. *
 Meadowbrook's mother smiles - she's saved. *

Meadowbrook's voice FADES BACK to Fluttershy's as we finish her *
 story:

133 MEADOWBROOK/FLUTTERSHY(V.O.) *
 Today I cured Mother and the rest of *
 the bayou. It was the greatest feeling *
 I've ever experienced. I know I've *
 found my calling.

SC. 19 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - BACK TO SCENE *

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

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

135 CATTAIL
And she did just that. Right up till
she disappeared without a trace. *

Fluttershy slams the book closed.

136 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.

137 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.

138 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh no! I've caught Swamp Fever! *

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 20 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - BACK TO SCENE *

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

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

140 FLUTTERSHY
What?

Twilight lifts the mask up.

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

Fluttershy pulls Twilight's mask back down.

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142          FLUTTERSHY
YES! I won't risk infecting you or
Cattail.
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143 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What you can't risk is getting any
sicker, Fluttershy. If you don't rest,
your symptoms will only get worse. *

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

145 FLUTTERSHY
You don't know this about me, but I'm
pretty good with animals. (WAVE SUDDEN
EXHAUSTION) And besides, Dogtail--

146 CATTAIL
Cattail.

147 FLUTTERSHY
--Zecora is counting on me. Just like
Meadowbrook's mother was counting on *
her. And if she pushed on, so can I! *

Fluttershy starts to lead the trio to the door.

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

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

Fluttershy pushes Twilight and Cattail out the door.

150 CATTAIL
For being sick, she sure is strong... *

SC. 21 - EXT. BAYOU SWAMP - LATER *

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

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151          CATTAIL
The Flash Bee hive is just up yonder -
right behind that, there cattail.
(MORE)
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CATTAIL (CONT'D)

Not this cattail (points to self),
that thicket of cattail. (admitting) I
was named after a weed.

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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.

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

153 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.

154 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(TO HERSELF) Okay, Fluttershy. You can
do this.

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Fluttershy struggles to lift off the ground, even more than
normal due to her sickness and exhaustion. 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.

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155 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(breathing hard) Mind over matter!

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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.

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

The flash bees BUZZ at her, angrily.

157 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh, I see. You don't let others have
any. Well, I'm sorry, but I really
really need some.

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The bees don't budge, they BUZZ at her again.

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158 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
<SIGH> I didn't want it to come to
this but I'll just have to use... The
Stare--

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

159 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 a wave of exhaustion coming on. *

160 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh dear.

Suddenly, her body goes limp and she falls to the ground. *
Twilight shoots her magic into the air, catching Fluttershy inches before she hits the ground. *

161 CATTAIL
Good catch, but we ain't outta the woods yet-- *

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

162 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Hang on! I'll get us out of here! *

Twilight teleports the three of them away.

SC. 22 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - THREE DAYS LATER *

FLUTTERSHY'S POV: A blurry dissolve as Fluttershy blinks her surroundings into focus. She sees an emotional Cattail and Twilight hovering over her, masks on their heads. Fluttershy sits up. *

163 FLUTTERSHY
What happened? Where am I? *

164 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(choking back tears)
I'm so glad you're okay! You're still in Meadowbrook's um... (looks around) tree? *

165 CATTAIL
You fainted but Twilight shot some magic up and caught ya. It was crazy. *

166 FLUTTERSHY
Goodness gracious! *

Fluttershy sits up, still coughing a little. *

167 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D) *
 Have you heard from Zecora? Is she *
 okay? * *

168 TWILIGHT SPARKLE *
 She still has Swamp Fever, but she's *
 hanging in there. * *

169 CATTAIL *
 Twilight's little dragon friend sent *
 some kind of fire message! Also crazy. *

Twilight ignores Cattail and looks to Fluttershy, serious. *

170 TWILIGHT SPARKLE *
 Actually, Fluttershy, it's you I'm *
 worried about... you've been asleep *
 for three days--

171 FLUTTERSHY
 Three days?!

172 TWILIGHT SPARKLE *
 (nods) We were afraid you were in an *
 endless sleep, but thankfully you'd *
 just wore yourself down. *

Fluttershy starts to get out of bed. *

173 FLUTTERSHY *
 Oh, dear. We have to get back to the *
 Flash Bee's hive. I've wasted so much *
 time-- *

174 CATTAIL *
 Now hang on there, Fluttershy, those *
 Flash Bee critters are tricky. *

Twilight tries to get Fluttershy back into bed. *

175 TWILIGHT SPARKLE *
 Cattail's right. My magic can't even *
 slow them down. We'll have to find *
 another way to get the honey-- *

176 CATTAIL *
 We've tried everything from disguises *
 to things I won't even speak of-- *

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

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

178 FLUTTERSHY
 (HAVING AN IDEA) Wait... disguises... *

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

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

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

180 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 How? Hello? Fluttershy?

Fluttershy takes off as Cattail and Twilight scramble after her.

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

SC. 23 - EXT. BAYOU SWAMP - LATER *

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

182 FLUTTERSHY
 This is how Meadowbrook got the honey *
 from the Flash Bees. *

183 CATTAIL
 She threw a mask at 'em? I wouldn't *
 recommend that. *

184 FLUTTERSHY
 No. I mean, she hypnotized the bees by *
 wearing this mask. It has the same *
 striped pattern as the Flash Bees' *
 Queen. *

185 TWILIGHT SPARKLE *
 Once again, so proud! *

Just then, Fluttershy SNEEZES a bolt of electricity towards Cattail. He dives into the bushes. *

186 FLUTTERSHY *
 There's no time to waste. *

187 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Hooves crossed!

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

188 CATTAIL
Oh golly, I can't watch!

The flash bees emerge, forming their barrier around the hive. Fluttershy slowly approaches them and they rear up. **She pulls her mask over her face and the bees stop charging her.** The bees go into a trance-like state and part for Fluttershy.

The queen even moves out of the way. Fluttershy looks down to Twilight, ecstatic.

189 FLUTTERSHY
Twilight!! It's working!!

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

190 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Great! Now, focus--

191 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, right!

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

On Twilight with Cattail still hiding behind her.

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

Cattail checks the coast then steps out from behind Twilight.

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

SC. 24 - 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.

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

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

196 FLUTTERSHY
Can't be too careful.

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

197 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
In fact--

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Fluttershy shovels a spoonful of honey into her own mouth then
offers it to the group.

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198 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Anyone else?

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

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

201 ZECORA
Regret is not what you should feel,
because on this journey, you've
learned a great deal.

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202 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
Meadowbrook's mask sooner.

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

203 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.

204 FLUTTERSHY
We've got plenty! But you wouldn't bee-
lieve how hard it was to get!

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