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*Friendship Lesson: Even when everypony doubts her, Fluttershy believes in the strength of her own ideas.*

### **TEASER**

#### **INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE- LIVING ROOM- DAY**

Epic "Chariots of Fire" style music plays as we see a close-up shot of a sweatband. We zoom out to reveal a determined ANGEL BUNNY. He gears up, springing towards an elaborate BUNNY OBSTACLE COURSE. Other critters watch as he hops and flips-- over carrots, under a precarious stack of books, through a tunnel. It's bunny parkour! He nearly makes it to the top of the teetering tower of birdhouses at the end, when Angel slips and falls. The birdhouses collapse onto him with a clatter. FLUTTERSHY rushes over. "Are you okay?" Angel emerges, crying elephant tears and holding up his hurt foot. It's throbbing and looks quite bad. Fluttershy knows that Angel isn't putting it on.

She goes to her first aid cupboard and opens it to reveal lots of little critter medical items (like the tiny wheelchair she gives the mouse in Ep. #122). Little sticks and leaves (for animal habitats/foreshadowing). But nothing to help Angel! "I'm taking you to Dr. Fauna."

#### **INT. DR. FAUNA'S OFFICE - HALLWAY - SHORTLY AFTER**

Fluttershy tries to open the front door of the Vet's office, but it seems to be stuck. She knocks on the door. "Hello, ?" It swings open and a bunch of critters fall out (Star Trek tribble-style). Dr. Fauna stands there, looking distraught. "Fluttershy! I'm so glad you're here. Maybe you can help?"

Off Fluttershy's surprised face...

### **END TEASER**

### **MAIN TITLES**

### **ACT ONE**

#### **INT. DR. FAUNA'S OFFICE- DAY**

Dr. Fauna wraps grumpy Angel's foot in a tiny cast. She keeps getting interrupted by all the different types of creatures flying past, crawling underhoof, etc. Fauna explains, exasperated. "We're bursting at the seams with patients these days! I can't keep up." "Oh no, I can't believe all these poor little animals are hurt," Fluttershy says. "What happened?" The Vet explains that for some reason, she has been receiving more animals at the practice than ever before. Fauna points to a family of perfectly healthy koalas eating leaves in the corner. They look cozy and happy. "But the trouble is, even after they are all healed up, I can't seem to get these comfy critters to leave! Then I have no room left to treat the animals that are hurt."

"But it makes sense that they would come to you since you are the best vet in Equestria.... At least that's what I've been telling everypony on all of my animal-study trips. Oh no! Do you suppose it's my fault that you have too many patients?" Fluttershy mentions that she may have recommended Dr. Fauna to her animal friends, friends with animals, animals who have friends that are also animals... point being, word has spread. Fluttershy assures Dr. Fauna that she promises is going to find a solution. Fauna is beyond relieved.

Off Fluttershy's determined face...

### **INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE- LIVING ROOM- CONTINUOUS**

Fluttershy has gathered the Mane 6 and her animal friends. Fluttershy: "Dr. Fauna needs my help for a problem I may or may not have created. Her clinic is a bit maybe totally overrun with adorable critters in need of a safe place to lay their heads..." She goes on to say she believes she has a solution! Fluttershy confesses that it's always been a dream of hers to build a real animal sanctuary, a place where the sick, lost, lonely and scared animals of Equestria could call home. She wasn't sure she could take on such a big project before. But now that she's learned so much, and had such wonderful friends help build her confidence, she finally feels like the sanctuary is an attainable goal. Especially now that the Fauna needs her. But/ she can't do it alone. The girls say they'd love to help./ she needs help with building the sanctuary and filling it with all the amenities that the animals need. Pinkie Pie says she can bring in the Construction Leadman pony (who she knows from ep #412) to help build the sanctuary, Rarity offers the services of an Interior Designer she knows, and AJ is going to ask her Wrangler buddy who specializes in sheep cages for the shepherd competitions she does with Winona. It's time to make Fluttershy's dream a reality. Woohoo! CUT TO:

### **EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - NEXT DAY**

The Construction Pony, the Interior Designer, and the Wrangler Pony are all gathered. Fluttershy says she's glad they're all on board! The specialists are excited too - this will be a huge job. With that, Fluttershy unveils... her dream sanctuary! REVEAL her "dream board" - a poster with some (very rough) sketches and clippings tacked to it. There are different types of leaves and twigs glued to it. Some drawings of a bed/nest hybrid and an actual hole in the poster. Off of the specialists' confused faces we...

**END ACT ONE**

### **ACT TWO**

### **INT. FAUNA'S OFFICE- DAY**

Fluttershy excitedly tells Dr. Fauna about her sanctuary plan. "That sounds fantastic!" Fauna exclaims, feeding some baby otters with a bottle. "How fast can you build it?" Fluttershy promises she will do her best to finish soon! She's hopeful that with all these expert ponies it should be finished in no time!

### **EXT. EDGE OF PONYVILLE PARK - DAY**

Fluttershy with the CONSTRUCTION PONY and Pinkie Pie. Fluttershy motions to the field, smiling as she explains her vision. She shows him the sketches and designs. She wants the trees to be included in the design. No walls, just an enclosure that resembles the animals habitats as closely as it can. He nods his head as he listens, but looks unconvinced. He tells her that he actually has a “cherry piece of land” that he could use, right in the center of Ponyville. Plus, it’ll get done much faster this way. Fluttershy insists that this is what she wants. He begrudgingly says he’ll give it a try but he doesn’t think it will work out. Fluttershy remains confident, she believes it will!

#### **EXT. PONYVILLE CONSTRUCTION SITE- DAY**

Rarity’s INTERIOR DESIGN PONY friend holds up two pieces of brightly colored fabric. “Which one do you like for the curtains?” Fluttershy replies that she doesn’t want curtains, she wants animal habitats and everything should look natural... Design Pony shakes his head in disgust. “All those shades of brown and green? No! so drab! Yuck. This is better, trust me.” But Fluttershy sticks to her vision and tells the Design Pony she really thinks it will work out. Design Pony “agrees” but clearly thinks his way would be infinitely better. Behind Fluttershy, we see him choose the bolder fabric of the two and nod in satisfaction.

#### **EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES- DAY**

Fluttershy stands with Applejack’s buddy, WRANGLER PONY, looking at a cart full of animal cages. Fluttershy frowns. “I’m looking for something less like a cage, more like a nice hug.” Instead of cages, she wants the animals to stay in beds that resemble their natural habitat. Nests, caves, etc. The Wrangler pony insists that won’t work! The animals need to be all separated. For example, you wouldn’t want a sick alligator right next to some little bunnies... Fluttershy does see his point, but remains firm in her plan.

#### **EXT. EDGE OF THE PONYVILLE PARK-- CONSTRUCTION SITE- DAY**

Construction ponies are hammering away at an unfinished wooden building structure (should be an exact replica of the Ponyville Hospital). Design Pony trots around, hanging fabric. Wrangler Pony unloads cages with beds inside them from his wagon.

Fluttershy watches in disbelief. No pony has done what she asked! What a mess. The three experts come up and ask what she thinks of everything. Clearly, they are proud of themselves. She thanks them for her hard work but points out how each thing is wrong for its intended purpose. For example, the giraffes can’t even fit through the low doorways of the building! The beds should be different sizes and types to accommodate every kind of animal. Finally, cages just make animals feel trapped, not safe. “In fact, I’m feeling very caged in by all of you!” We zoom out to see that during her speech, Fluttershy has literally wandered into a big cage. She unlocks it and walks out. “You haven’t listened to a single thing I asked for...”

The Construction Pony points out that Fluttershy is wrong. They “incorporated the trees”... by cutting them down and using them as support beams. The Design pony says the fabric he chose is *organic*. That means natural, right? And the Wrangler Pony says he put pillows in the cages. “That should feel like a hug.” But Fluttershy won’t be patronized—she asked for what she asked for! She tells them this is her project and she herself is an expert. “I know what animals need... and what they need is a sanctuary, not this!”

Fauna enters with a small group of animals. She’s hopeful/excited. Can they go inside and look? Is it almost ready? The animals rush towards the structure. The giraffe bumps his head on the doorway, the raccoons try to eat the brightly colored fabrics, and the bears freak out when they see the cages and bust through walls to escape.

The experts see this as proof that Fluttershy’s “vision” isn’t all it’s cracked up to be. Fluttershy disagrees - the thing they built wasn’t her vision at all! The experts get annoyed. “You should build it yourself, if you know so much!” The worker ponies all take off, leaving Fluttershy standing in front of rubble and logs. The animals slump down, sad. Dr. Fauna ices the giraffe’s head.

Fluttershy can’t believe everypony walked out on her. Where will the animals go?

## **End Act Two**

### **ACT THREE**

#### **INT. DR. FAUNA’S OFFICE—A FEW DAYS LATER**

Fluttershy helps Fauna bandage/treat/tuck in more animals. It’s still as busy as ever. Fauna thanks Fluttershy for putting in some time and tells her not to worry. It’s really okay that the sanctuary didn’t work out, after all. She understands. Besides, Fauna will never refuse treatment to a creature and she will get through the backlog somehow.

“No!” Fluttershy says. “These animals need me and I’m going to solve this.” She becomes determined again, finding strength through her urge to help the animals. She points down at a sloth hanging onto her hoof. “If this little guy can crawl all the way here from Western Equestria, I can find a way to build him a safe place to rest!”

#### **INT. FLUTTERSHY’S COTTAGE- LATER**

The Mane Six sip tea, surrounded by animals. The sloth still hangs on Fluttershy’s hoof. “Thanks for coming. I need your help re-building the sanctuary...” Fluttershy points to the dream board. All the ponies are excited and start talking at once, making suggestions. Fluttershy yells over them. “STOP! I appreciate your ideas, but it needs to be *exactly* like this.” They all look at her with admiration. Fluttershy explains that she deserves to have her ideas heard because she knows more about animals than anypony (except maybe Fauna ). All those experts “tried” to do things her way and it didn’t work out - not because her ideas were bad, but because they didn’t execute her vision properly. So now it’s time to take matters

into her own hooves! “Wow, we should call you *Flutterbold!*” chirps Pinkie. Twilight smiles. “I was hoping you felt that way. I hope you don’t mind that I called in a friend...”

“No more experts,” Fluttershy insists. Twilight assures FS that this one is different. There’s a knock at the door and Twi answers it to reveal BIG DADDY McCOLT (from ep #523)! Fluttershy is happy to see him again and grateful to have a construction pony that she knows and trusts...

#### **EXT. EDGE OF PONYVILLE PARK - CONSTRUCTION SITE—MONTAGE**

Big Daddy McColt listens to Fluttershy, nodding his head. He turns to the scene and calls out her orders to the Mane Six (and a few others, including Starlight Glimmer). Rainbow Dash pulls a log vertical and posts it into the ground. It creates one side of a large hammock. Other ponies dump buckets of water to create a pond. Applejack plants flowers and wild-looking bushes, etc. It’s starting to look just as Fluttershy imagined. Big Daddy McColt hoof-bumps her.

#### **EXT. ANIMAL SANCTUARY- DAY**

Fluttershy holds giant pair of scissors and cuts a ribbon to reveal the finished sanctuary. The animals rush in, excited. The bear climbs into the hammock, which fits him perfectly. The giraffe stands under a tall canopy that looks like a giant leaf, smiling. The koalas grab handfuls of leaves and chomp down. The sloth crawls very slowly towards the scene, left in the dust. Fluttershy picks him up and delivers him to a branch. “Here you go, little guy.” Fauna thanks Fluttershy. Fluttershy beams. Her destiny has been fulfilled!

#### **END SHOW**