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TEASER**SC. 1 - EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S ANIMAL SANCTUARY - DAY**

FLUTTERSHY happily feeds the ANIMALS in her sanctuary, having prepared each's favorite treats. ANGEL BUNNY slides a tray of flowers toward the BIRDS.

②
1 FLUTTERSHY
Rainbow nectar for the birds.

The birds <TWEET> happily. Fluttershy nudges a large PIE toward the BEAR.

2 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Butter blueberry crisp to get you ready for winter.

The Bear eats the pie in one bite.

③
3 APPLEJACK (PARTIAL OS)
And a sackload of apples, fresh kicked from the tree!

Applejack trots up with a SACK OF APPLES. Fluttershy smiles.

4 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, thank you, Applejack! Those are the skunks' favorites!

⑤
SKUNKS grab apples while Applejack tries to hold her breath.

④
5 APPLEJACK
Gotta give it to you, Fluttershy. Ain't nopony that knows critters like you do.

6 FLUTTERSHY
I'm sure you could understand what they're feeling if you tried. Even if you can't talk to them, you can still read their body language.

Angel, holding a heavy basket of watercress, begins to <TAP HIS FOOT> impatiently. Applejack stares at him and shrugs.

⑥
7 APPLEJACK
You...Feel like dancin'?

Angel Bunny smacks his forehead. Fluttershy smiles.

(3)

8 FLUTTERSHY
He feels like it's time for me to
feed the ducks.

Fluttershy takes the basket in her teeth (Angel sighs in relief) and passes it to the ducks.

9 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Here you go.

The ducks happily begin eating.

Angel Bunny waves his arms and shakes his head, reacting to something he sees OS behind Fluttershy. Applejack frowns.

10 APPLEJACK
Okay, NOW you feel like dancin'?

Angel Bunny points to his rear with some urgency.

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11 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Well, that's just rude.

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(11)
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12 FLUTTERSHY
I think he's trying to tell us--

Angel Bunny bounds over to point to Fluttershy and Applejack's cutie marks, which are GLOWING!

13 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Our cutie marks are glowing!

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14 APPLEJACK
Hoo-ee! We just got called to a
Friendship Quest. C'mon Fluttershy,
let's get our gallop on!

Applejack is about to charge off, but Angel Bunny leaps in her path and holds out his arms to block her. Applejack rears up--

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15 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Whoa! What's wrong? Snake in my
path? Danger ahead?

Angel bunny gives AJ a sarcastic smile and starts to boogie down, doing bunny dance moves. Fluttershy shakes her head.

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16 FLUTTERSHY
He... just feels like dancing.

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Applejack rolls her eyes.

END TEASER

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MAIN TITLES**ACT ONE****SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - MAP ROOM - SOON**

Applejack and Fluttershy arrive at the same time, to see TWILIGHT SPARKLE waiting for them, excited.

124 (125)

17 TWILIGHT
I can't believe you two are going on a Friendship Quest! This is amazing!

125 13 (14)

18 APPLEJACK
What do ya mean, Twilight? We've been on one together before.

124 (125)

19 TWILIGHT
Exactly! This is the first time the map has teamed the same ponies up for a *second* quest.

Applejack and Fluttershy share a proud smile.

12 (14)

20 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, that is special.

124 (125)

21 APPLEJACK
Must be 'cause we're extra good at solvin' friendship problems.

124 (125)

22 TWILIGHT
I hope so. Cause it looks like this one might be a little tricky. You're going to the Peaks of Peril.

Twilight points to the map... AJ and FS's cutie marks hover WAAAAAY out at the Map's OUTER EDGE, almost falling off.

12 14

23 FLUTTERSHY (17)
The... Peaks of... Peril?

Applejack tries to reassure her, pooh-poohing it--

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24 APPLEJACK
Aw, it's just a name. It doesn't mean anything.

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25 FLUTTERSHY
Like how Cloudsdale is in the clouds, and the Crystal Empire is made of crystal?

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26 APPLEJACK
Fair point. (then) So what can you
tell us about the place, Twilight?
Twilight shakes her head.
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↓ ↓ ↓
27 TWILIGHT
Only what Rockhoof told me. Back in
his day, nopony knew much about the
Peaks of Peril. Except for the
legend on this ancient shield...
Twilight floats an ANCIENT SHIELD up for them to see. It's
divided in half down the middle. We focus on the top image-
it shows a beautiful, peaceful KIRIN, surrounded by flowers.
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28 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
It says a group called the Kirin
used to live there, known for their
kindness and truth-speaking.
Applejack smiles and nods to Fluttershy and herself.
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29 APPLEJACK
Now we know why the map called us.
12 14 125
↓ ↓ ↓
30 TWILIGHT
Unfortunately, other creatures also
lived there--
Twilight rotates the shield to show the bottom image - a
FIREY, SCARY CREATURE, about the same size and shape as the
Kirin - this is a Nirik.
12 14 125
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31 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
The Nirik. Fearsome beasts of pure
fire.
12 14 125
↓ ↓ ↓
32 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe...You should go instead of
me, Twilight.
Twilight shakes her head and nods to her unglowing flank.
12 14 125
↓ ↓ ↓
33 TWILIGHT
Sorry, Fluttershy. Flanks don't
lie.
Applejack reassures Fluttershy, determined.

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34 APPLEJACK
Aw, I'm sure the two of us'll get
the friendship problem solved, no
matter what kinda creature has it.

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Fluttershy gives a small smile to her friend.

SC. 3 - EXT. FAR SIDE OF THE MAP - LATER

The PONYVILLE EXPRESS pulls up to the end of the line.
There's no station or platform there. The doors open, and
Applejack and Fluttershy step out, alone.

They look around. Nothing but <WIND NOISES>. Spooky.

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35 APPLEJACK
Guess nopony else is goin' out as
far as we are.

36 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe they know something we don't.

Applejack seems a little "over" Fluttershy's fear.

37 APPLEJACK
Now Fluttershy, I've told you a
dozen times! There's nothing to be
scared of!

38 TICKET TAKER PONY (O.S.) 18 19
<SCREAM!> 11 11

Startled, Applejack and Fluttershy ALSO jump and scream.

39 APPLEJACK / FLUTTERSHY 19 A B C D E F
<SCREAM!> 11 11 11 11 11 11

Then they see it's A TICKET TAKER PONY.

20 21 24
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40 TICKET TAKER PONY 25
Oh... I'm sorry...

41 APPLEJACK
Why would you scream like that?

42 FLUTTERSHY
You really startled us!

43 TICKET TAKER PONY
It's just I'm not used to seeing
anypony taking the train to the end
of the line. The final destination.
The laaaaaast stop.

23 24
| |

20 21 4
 44 APPLEJACK
 We get the picture. Why?

The Ticket Taker steps back on the train.

45 TICKET TAKER PONY 26 27
 Nothing but uncharted terrain and
 wild beasts out that way.

Then starts to laugh heartily.

21 46 TICKET TAKER PONY (CONT'D)
 Ah-ha-ha-ha-ha-HAAAA!!!

As the doors close in front of him.

Applejack and Fluttershy just look at each other, scared.

The the automatic doors open again. The Ticket Taker Pony is
 still maniacally laughing.

47 TICKET TAKER PONY (CONT'D)
 Ahhhh-ha-ha-ha-haaaa...

48 APPLEJACK 22
 Well...Maybe there's a little
 somethin' to be scared of.

The two ponies turn to face the wilderness ahead...

SC. 4 - EXT. ALLMOST THE PEAKS OF PERIL - CONT.

QUICK SHOTS:

48A 28 29
 -Applejack leaps across rocks in a stream, almost falling in.

48B 29 30
 -She <SQUISHES> through mud and winces at <WHINING INSECTS>.

48C 31 32
 -She struggles out of difficult brush to reach a SHEER ROCK
 WALL - huge peaks that look impassable (like the Cliffs of
 Insanity)

34 35 36 37 49
 APPLEJACK
 Whew. Those must be the Peaks of
 Peril. Tough goin', huh Fluttershy?

Applejack looks back - there's no pony behind her.

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 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
 Fluttershy?

50A 32 33
 Applejack <GRUMBLES> as she pushes back through the brush.

50B 33A6 II <SQUISHES> back through the mud and annoying <INSECTS>.

Leaps across the stream rocks (nearly falling in again)...

To find Fluttershy, helping some SQUIRRELS gather a beautiful, distinct flower - FOAL'S BREATH, but we don't know it yet. The Squirrels stuff the flower into a knothole in their tree, then hop in, snuggling into the soft blossoms.

34 36 37

51 FLUTTERSHY
There. That should be enough
flowers to keep your tree cozy.

The Squirrels <CHATTER> their thanks.

52 APPLEJACK
Fluttershy?!

The Squirrels run in fear as an annoyed Applejack stomps up.

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53 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
What are you doin'? This is no time
for visitin' varmints! We're on a
friendship quest remember?

54 FLUTTERSHY
Yes, but...

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55 APPLEJACK
C'mon! We're losing daylight.

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56 FLUTTERSHY
I know, but...

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ANGLE - Applejack pushes out of the brush again, Fluttershy behind her.

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57 APPLEJACK
Now, we gotta get up that peak. I
figure if we use some rope and
elbow grease, we can make it
halfway by--

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58 FLUTTERSHY
APPLEJACK! CAN YOU PLEASE LISTEN TO
ME?

Applejack stops, surprised.

59 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
What I'm trying to say is, the
squirrels told me a short cut they
take to the Kirin village.

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Fluttershy moves to a rock at the base of the sheer cliff and <KICKS IT>. The rock SLIDES aside to reveal a tunnel through the impassable peaks.

Applejack gapes, then laughs.

60 APPLEJACK
Oh. <laughs> Sorry, Fluttershy.
I s'pose I got a little too caught
up in the adventure.

61 FLUTTERSHY
That's alright. If you hadn't come
back to get me, I probably would've
talked to the squirrels all day.

And sharing a smile, they enter the tunnel.

SC. 5 - EXT. KIRIN VILLAGE - SOON

~~Applejack and Fluttershy step out of the tunnel in awe. Behind them, the peak wall divides the outside world from--~~

REVEAL: beautiful lush scenery. The Kirin's homes seem almost to have grown out of the nature around them. Trees twist into small cottages at their bases, before growing up into high branches. Everything reflects a harmony with nature.

Flowering vines drape the trees like bunting, making natural pergolas to walk under. Squirrels frolic in the trees.

The town is centered around a natural water source, that bubbles from the ground like a geyser. It has been made into a fountain, with rainbow rocks bordering it.

They step forward into the tree and flower-filled landscape. A butterfly lands on Applejack's nose. She smiles, crosseyed, at it.

62 APPLEJACK
Why didn't anypony write about this
place? It's amazin'!

63 FLUTTERSHY
So beautiful.

The butterfly startles away as <HOOFBEATS> pound behind them!
Flutter shy backs closer to Applejack...

64 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I hope that's not a Nirik.

She spins... as a SHADOW dances through the trees.

They turn again to see another shadow. And another...

47 48 49
65 APPLEJACK
(unnerved)
Show y'all's self!

52
A beautiful, unicorn-like KIRIN leaps into the light.

65A
Applejack and Fluttershy startle, but are pleasantly surprised. Then ANOTHER. And ANOTHER. Now there's a group of Kirin, saying nothing. Odd.

Applejack steps forward.

66 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Well, hi! I'm Applejack, and this here is Fluttershy.

The Kirin just look to each other, quiet.

67 FLUTTERSHY
If you have any friendship problems, we're here to help!

But again the Kirin say absolutely nothing. Maybe a head tilt to show they're alive.

68 APPLEJACK
(aside)
Huh. Quiet bunch, ain't they?
(then, fake cheer)
We're from Equestria. And we're plum-tickled to meet y'all.
(like pulling teeth)—
So... What are your names?

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68A
Silence. Fluttershy leans over to whisper to Applejack.

69 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe they don't understand us.

Applejack talks loudly and slowly.

70 APPLEJACK
Do. You. Talk. Ponish?

The Kirin nod.

71 FLUTTERSHY
Oh! But... You don't speak?

They shake their heads no.

Applejack frowns.

47 (49)

72 APPLEJACK
Don't or won't?

The Kirin do nothing.

73 FLUTTERSHY
Will you excuse us a moment?

Fluttershy nudges Applejack to the side.

74 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
You have to ask "yes or no"
questions, or they won't answer.

75 APPLEJACK
Like talkin' to Angel bunny?

76 FLUTTERSHY
Not exactly. I can always tell
what Angel is feeling. But these
Kirin... Don't show anything.

77 APPLEJACK
Well how are we gonna solve a
friendship problem if none of 'em
will tell us what it IS?!

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END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 6 - EXT. KIRIN VILLAGE - RESUME

Having accepted the strangers in their midst, the Kirin have resumed their daily life. One bounds lightly up a tree's branches to gather fruit - not disturbing a leaf.

Another fills a bucket at fountain, using magic to arc the water into the bucket.

Several Kirin carefully plant seeds in a garden patch. All in silence.

Applejack eyes this and tells Fluttershy--

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78 APPLEJACK
These Kirin are quieter than an
apple blossom on snowfall. Still.
There's gotta be some way to make
'em speak.

(58)
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Applejack leans next to a planting Kirin, and smiles widely.

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79 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Beautiful day, isn't it?

No response. AJ approaches another Kirin - super friendly.

80 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Uh...Knock knock!
(whispers to prompt)
You say...who's there?

The Kirin tilts its head.

81 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Police!
(whispers for the Kirin)
Police who?
(then)
POLICE say somethin'?!
59 60

The Kirin just blinks.

Applejack, undeterred, moves to a group of Kirin.

82 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Uh oh. I feel a sneeze comin' on.
Ahh Ahhh...CHOOOOOOOOOOO!
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83 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)
Gesundheit!

Applejack happily turns to see who spoke... And sighs when she realizes it was Fluttershy.

84 APPLEJACK
Ugh! Don't any of y'all talk!?

As one, the herd of Kirin part, revealing a FOREST PATH. They all point down it.

85 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Now we're gettin' somewhere!

86 FLUTTERSHY
A dark spooky path that leads into unknown territory?

87 APPLEJACK
Tell ya what, sugarcube. You stay ~~here~~ and see if you can get anything out of these Kirin. I'll go try to find the one that talks.
60 62 63 64

Flutterdashy nods and calls to Applejack's back.

55 61 62

88 FLUTTERSHY
Be careful! And watch out for
Niriks!

SC. 7 - EXT. KIRIN FOREST - CONT.

Applejack walks through the spooky new terrain. It's quiet, creepy. There's a rattling in the brush behind her and she turns -- to see a squirrel. AJ takes a <RELIEVED BREATH> and turns back...

Only to find she's face to face with a Kirin, AUTUMN BLAZE.
Applejack <STARTLES>.

65B 66 67

89 APPLEJACK
Aaaah! (then) Uh... Have you seen
a Kirin that talks?

The Kirin shakes its head.

90 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Any idea where I should look?

The Kirin shrugs.

91 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Oh, for the love of Celestia. Can't
you just say SOMETHIN'?

Applejack face-hooves, only to hear Autumn <CHUCKLE>!

128 129 130

92 AUTUMN BLAZE
Gotcha! Sorry, but that was too
good. You don't know how much I
miss jokes. HI-larity! Am I
pronouncing that right? Some words
I haven't said in a while.. While.

Hi! I'm Autumn Blaze!

Autumn Blaze is like a female Jeff Goldblum, not in practice of turning the ideas in her head to words, but that doesn't stop her. Not exciteable or manic, just a flood of thoughts-

93 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
You just arrived and perhaps you're
tired, or hungry, or reflective -
and want to sleep and eat and..
journal? Which you should do! Of
course. But first, OH! What joy to
talk with another creature, it's
been so long.

(MORE)

128 129 130

AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)

You must tell me *everything* about you, there's so much to say, so much to *DO*! Look at me, I'm going on and you haven't even-- I mean have you seen--? Of course you haven't, you just-- so I will, yeah...Follow me.

Autumn runs off. Beat.

65 67 68 69

APPLEJACK

That was somethin' alright.

Applejack follows Autumn to the edge of the trees where she sees:

THE CLIFFS. A gorgeous rainbow-crowned overlook of the forest. Applejack walks cautiously up to Autumn, who is *finally* silent, just taking in the view - almost tearing up.

95 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

Oh, wow. This is amazing.

She turns to Applejack, hearing this, her heart about to explode!

131 132 133

96 AUTUMN BLAZE

You think so too?

Applejack smiles and nods.

97 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)

The way the light shimmers off everything like... like it all suddenly woke up the moment you saw it, and you realize maybe the water and the mountains and the forest and the, yes the rainbow and the stars and the sky are all looking back at you thinking the same thing? That we are a part of the everything. That maybe there's just one thing, and we are all it!

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98 APPLEJACK

I was gonna say "it's pretty," but... yeah.

Autumn gracefully bounds across the rocks, looking, smelling, and tiptoeing.

132 133

99 AUTUMN BLAZE

And this is just the first stop on a journey of amazing things to see, smell, tiptoe through!

(MORE)

132 133

AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)

I haven't been able to share all of this with anypony in forever, since they all took that vow of silence, so it's a lot for me to, you know, PROcess. ProCESS. Deal with.

65 68

100 APPLEJACK
Whoa, there... Vow of silence?

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132 133

And Autumn's ebullience turns to sadness.

132 133

101 AUTUMN BLAZE
Mhmm. That's why they asked me to leave.

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Two tears plop off Autumn's nose. Where they hit the ground, flowers grow. Applejack TAKES, then asks gently:

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102 APPLEJACK
I hope it's not a sore subject, but you mind explain' why all y'all went quiet in the first place?

132 133

Autumn Blaze looks down, sad.

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103 AUTUMN BLAZE
It's a long story.

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104 APPLEJACK
You'd rather not talk about it?

132 133

105 AUTUMN BLAZE
No.

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106 APPLEJACK
I under--

107 AUTUMN BLAZE
I'd rather SIIIIIIIIING!

MUSIC SWELLS as Autumn Breeze dances away from AJ and begins to SING...

108 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
(sings)
Ah, aaah, aaaaaaah, AAAAAAAAAAH!

And as she sings her story, we SEE the animated version of how things went down, in a type of FLASHBACK...

Perhaps she tosses a pile of leaves into the air that serve as a WIPE TO:

THE KIRIN VILLAGE -- BEFORE things got bad. The Kirin SMILE, bound happily, paint with brushes, laugh.

109 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (sings)
THE KIRIN USED TO SPEAK AND SING
WE WEREN'T ALWAYS QUIET
WE TOLD TALES AND FUNNY JOKES
MY STAND UP WAS A RIOT.

Two KIRIN magically "reach" for the same VASE from a KIRIN SELLER. As they "tug of war", the first Kirin glares and MOS says something. The other Kirin looks hurt, then glares, and MOS says something back. The VASE FALLS and <SHATTERS>.

110 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (sings)
BUT THEN ONE DAY A FIGHT BROKE OUT
AND HURTFUL WORDS WERE SAID
FLARING TEMPERS WERE INFLAMED
DESTRUCTION QUICKLY SPREAD

PULL BACK to reveal Kirin starting to argue through the town, like a spreading anger/darkness.

111 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (sings)
AND LED RED DREAD
FROM HEAD TO HEAD
IT EVEN BURNT OUR BREAAAAD!

Autumn holds out a slice of burnt bread to a confused Applejack.

112 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (spoken)
Sorry, I forgot how much I love
rhyming! Where was I? OH!

113 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (sings)
MY HAPPY VILLAGE LAY IN RUINS
RELATIONSHIPS WERE WORSE
SPOILER ALERT: WE'D QUICKLY LEARNED
THAT WORDS COULD BE A CURSE.

NEAR THE STREAM OF SILENCE -- The KIRIN LEADER steps on an outcropping near the river, and rears, commanding her Kirin subjects' attention.

114 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (sings)
"NO MORE TALKING" YELLED OUR
LEADER.
 (MORE)

AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)

THE LAST THING SAID ALOUD.

The Kirin leader points a hoof to the stream. At her command, the Kirin leap into the water.

115 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (sings)
AND IN THE STREAM OF SILENCE
WE ALL STEPPED AS A CROWD.

As the Kirin emerge from the water, their faces go neutral. They are silent, emotionless.

116 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (sings)
THE WATER COOLED EMOTIONS
AND PEACE WAS SOON RESTORED
BUT WITH NO WAY TO SPEAK MY
THOUGHTS
I GOT SUPER BORED

117 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (spoken)
Seriously. There's only so long
Sudoku <<ALT. crossword puzzles>>
can keep you entertained.

Autumn launches into the chorus. She tries to point out the wonders of the world to her fellow Kirin, but they don't respond. Finally, in defeat, she steps into the stream too.

118 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (sings)
CAUSE RAINBOWS WON'T LIGHT UP YOUR
SKY
UNLESS YOU LET IT RAIN
AND SHINY APPLES SOMETIMES COME
WITH WORMS.
YOU CAN'T GIVE UP YOUR LAUGHTER
BECAUSE YOU'RE SCARED OF PAIN
IT'S A LESSON THAT MY VILLAGE NEVER
LEARNED.

Autumn Blaze is now as dull and emotionless as the rest of the Kirin - and it's clearly making her crazy.

119 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (sings)
I WAS STUCK IN SILENT PRISON
WITH THE VOICES IN MY HEAD
TIL I TRIPPED OVER SALVATION
IN A HELPFUL FLOWER BED

Then, she finds the Foal's Breath flower, and makes it into a potion... Which she drinks, and then leaps with joy, her emotion back!

120 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (sings)
I'D FOUND A CURE TO CLEAR MY PIPES
AND I BECAME QUITE CHATTY
WITH YEARS AND YEARS OF STORED UP
WORDS
I DROVE MY VILLAGE BATTY!

(Fast/rambly) THEY DIDN'T LIKE MY
JOKES AND SONGS, AND BROADCASTS OF
THE NEWS

THE PLAYS I WROTE, THE SPEECHES
SPOKE, VARIETY REVIEWS,

OR THE STORY ABOUT THE KIRIN WHO
HID BELOW AN OPERA STAGE AND FELL
IN LOVE WITH THIS SINGER, THEN TOOK
HER AWAY BECAUSE SHE LOVED ANOTHER
DUDE!

121 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (spoken)
I mean, COME ON! Who doesn't love
musical theatre?

The leader of the Kirin points her hoof into the forest, away from the village. The other Kirin all turn their backs on Autumn. Sadly, she leaves to go--

122 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (sings)
THE VILLAGE LEADER MADE IT CLEAR
I HAD TO MAKE A CHOICE
I COULD STAY AND LIVE WITH THEM
OR I COULD KEEP MY VOICE

SO I CAME HERE, BUT LEFT THE COUCH
ALONE, THEY'RE HARD TO MOVE.
WITH JUST THE VIEW FOR COMPANY
UNTIL YOU HEARD ME GROOVE!

123 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (spoken)
Take it away, boys!

Autumn Blaze gestures to a collection of found objects arranged in her hut. They all have faces painted on them, like they're singing. The music continues without the choir, as AB dances.

124 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (sings)
 CAUSE RAINBOWS WON'T LIGHT UP YOUR
 SKY
 UNLESS YOU LET IT RAIN
 AND CANDLES JUST WON'T GLOW UNTIL
 THEY'RE BURNED.
 YOU CAN'T GIVE UP YOUR LAUGHTER
 BECAUSE YOU'RE SCARED OF PAIN
 IT'S A LESSON THAT MY VILLAGE NEVER
 LEARNED.

NO MATTER HOW HARD I SCHOOLED 'EM
 THEIR FEAR OF HURT IS STILL WHAT
 RULED 'EM
 SOMETIMES YOU GOTTA LET
 IT...RAAAAAIIIIIN!

As the song finishes, Applejack is agape.

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 138 139
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 125 APPLEJACK
 I can't believe it! No pony should
 give up feelin' their feelins, just
 to keep from gettin' angry.

126 AUTUMN BLAZE
 That's what I said! Y'know, when I
 started talking again.

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 138 139
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 127 APPLEJACK
 I bet this here's the problem that
 Fluttershy and I came to help y'all
 with!

128 AUTUMN BLAZE
 Really? Who's Fluttershy? Oh, did
 you name your shadow? Mine's called
 Silhouette Gloom of the Sundown
 Lands.

Autumn waves at Applejack's shadow.

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 129 APPLEJACK
 Riiight. Well, I'm thinking if we
 just go talk to the other Kirin,
 we can get 'em to welcome you back
 proper-like. Maybe even convince
 'em to take your cure!

Autumn nods her head, then shakes her head.

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130 AUTUMN BLAZE
Yes, of course! Just one small thing... The antidote from my anecdote? It's gone.

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131 APPLEJACK
There's no cure left?!

Autumn Blaze looks sad.

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132 AUTUMN BLAZE
I used the last of the Foal's Breath flowers to make it. And I haven't seen them bloom since.

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133 APPLEJACK
Alright... Well, this wouldn't be a Friendship Quest if it was easy! I'm gonna start by gettin' your friends to welcome you back.

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Applejack <GALLOPS> off. Then, Autumn's Hoof (with a face painted on it) enters C.U. FRAME, like another disembodied person entirely. Autumn leans to it, confiding:

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134 AUTUMN BLAZE
You know... between you and me, I'm not sure she's going to convince them.

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The Hoof shakes his head, "No".

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135 AUTUMN BLAZE (AS THE HOOF) (CONT'D)
Nooope.

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136 AUTUMN BLAZE (AS HERSELF) (CONT'D)
(whispering)
But...

The Hoof comes closer, offers his ear.

137 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
I hope she does.

The Hoof nods.

SC. 8 - EXT. KIRIN VILLAGE - SOON

Applejack canters in to tell Fluttershy the news.

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138 APPLEJACK
Fluttershy, guess what!

(82) 83

139 FLUTTERSHY & APPLEJACK
I figured out the friendship
problem!

(then)

Me too.

(then)

Go ahead.

(84)

140 APPLEJACK
Ha! Bet that's a problem the Kirin
never have.

141 FLUTTERSHY
<giggle>

142 APPLEJACK
Anyhow, we gotta get 'em all
talkin' again.

Fluttershy looks horrified.

143 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, no-no-no-no-no! We can't ever
let that happen.

144 APPLEJACK
I thought you said you figured out
the friendship problem! Was
somethin' lost in translation?

(85)

145 FLUTTERSHY
You'd better follow me.

Fluttershy leads Applejack to...

A BIG Guernica-esque MURAL of the town's tragic story,
painted on a large rock cliff, in the same style as the
shield we saw earlier--

In PANELS: Kirin living happily in a village, then Kirin
arguing, then Kirin turning into Niriks... And the firey
Niriks trampling through the village, the flames around their
bodies destroying everything.

(86)

146 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
The Kirin are usually peaceful and
kind. But when they get mad, they
turn into Niriks, creatures made of
fire and vengeance!

147 APPLEJACK
Chilly McChilly musta skipped over that
part.

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148 FLUTTERSHY

The last time their village argued, they got so angry they accidentally destroyed their whole ~~village~~ So the Kirin decided to make sure it would never happen again.

149 APPLEJACK

But that's no reason to stop talkin'!

150 FLUTTERSHY

Yes it is! Fire is dangerous. Especially in a forest like this!

But, as Applejack and Fluttershy disagree, the Kirin nearby get more and more agitated, watching the two ponies disagree.

151 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

Think of all the animals it could hurt!

152 APPLEJACK

Not if they don't turn into fire-breathin' Nirik in the first place!

The Kirin watching begin to paw the ground in distress. Fluttershy and Applejack raise their voices in disagreement-

153 FLUTTERSHY

And how can you be sure that won't happen?!

154 APPLEJACK

There's gotta be a better way than givin' up all your feelings!

Fluttershy stomps a hoof, getting upset.

155 FLUTTERSHY

APPLEJACK! You're not LISTENING!

Applejack stomps HER hoof, meeting Fluttershy's vehemence.

156 APPLEJACK

Cause you're not TALKIN' any sense!

The argument is too much for the Kirin. Riled up, they start circling our two - to the point where they notice...

157 FLUTTERSHY

Um...What are they doing?

The Kirin mob them and lift them into the air, like our duo is crowd surfing. They struggle but can't break free!

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158 APPLEJACK / FLUTTERSHY
Hey! Put us down! / <efforts>

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But the Kirin just run off with their pony prisoners.

SC. 9 - EXT. KIRIN FOREST - STREAM OF SILENCE - CONT.

Bouncing on the backs of their captors, Fluttershy wonders--

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159 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe they got worried because we
were arguing with each other.

160 APPLEJACK
Aw, shucks.
(to them)
We were just havin' a normal, civil
disagreement. No fire-breathin! No
nothin'! Honest!

161 FLUTTERSHY
Where are they taking us?

Applejack looks ahead - and blanches at what she sees - it's
just like the Stream in the mural!

162 APPLEJACK
To the Stream of Silence. If we hit
that water, we'll never be able to
talk or feel anything ever again.

And on Fluttershy's fearful <GASP> and Applejack's worry--

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 10 - EXT. STREAM OF SILENCE - RESUME

The Kirin continue to carry a struggling Fluttershy and
Applejack toward the Stream of Silence.

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163 FLUTTERSHY
That's how the Kirin stopped being
angry? The Stream of Silence?

164 APPLEJACK
Guess that mural didn't tell ya the
whole story either.

They both <STRUGGLE> harder... Until they hear--

165 ¹⁶⁷ ¹⁰⁸ ^{ab} AUTUMN BLAZE (O.S.)
PUT THEM DOWN!

A fearsome, fire-breathing, NIRIK, stands in their path.

The Kirin shy back, dropping Applejack and Fluttershy as the Nirik runs toward them. Fluttershy covers her eyes in fear.

166 APPLEJACK
It's alright - I think I know this one. And she's tryin' to help.

The Nirik runs around them, making a DIVIDING LINE OF FIRE between our two and the Kirin.

Autumn Blaze cools back down from Nirik to Kirin as Fluttershy and Applejack watch in amazement.

167 AUTUMN BLAZE
Well, yeah! Can't have them silence the only friend who'll speak to me.

168 FLUTTERSHY
She talks!

169 APPLEJACK
You have no idea. (then)
Fluttershy, meet Autumn Blaze.

170 FLUTTERSHY
Thank you for that... wall of fire. But I thought Niriks were dangerous when they're angry. How did you know you could control your temper?

171 AUTUMN BLAZE
I didn't. I guess anger's like other feelings. It's not about having them, it's what you do with them.

172 APPLEJACK
Exactly! And giving up happiness to keep away anger is no kinda life.

173 FLUTTERSHY
I never thought of it that way. I can't imagine not being able to talk to my animal friends.

Fluttershy looks sadly at a SQUIRREL in the treetops above.

Then, Autumn addresses each Kirin:

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174 AUTUMN BLAZE
Fern Flare, you used to love to
laugh at everything. And Rain
Shine, you sung the most beautiful
harmonies - don't you miss it?

It's clear they do.

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175 APPLEJACK
I know you're worried about
fightin'. But friends can disagree
without causin' a ruckus.

176 FLUTTERSHY
Every pony gets mad sometimes.
Even Applejack and I argue.

177 APPLEJACK
What?! When do we ever argue?

178 FLUTTERSHY
On the way here! And about the
Kirin being silent! And RIGHT NOW!

The Kirin start to get anxious, but Applejack and Fluttershy
turn to them and smile--

179 APPLEJACK
It's true. We don't always see eye
to eye. But we never let that get
in the way of our friendship.

180 FLUTTERSHY
And if you're really angry... then
take some time away to be a Nirik
where it wont hurt anypony.

Considering this, the Kirin nod to each other. One of them
steps forward, trying to communicate something.

181 APPLEJACK
I think they're tryin' to say
somethin'.

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182 AUTUMN BLAZE
Are you hungry?

They shake their head "No". She frowns, tries again-

183 *Kirin* AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
Someone trapped in a well?

More terrible Kirin charades.

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184 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
Write it down. Something?
Anything... Baby? Baby fish mouth?
ARRRGH! This is making me furious!

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They can see Autumn Blaze is getting frustrated.

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185 FLUTTERSHY
Take a deep breath.

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185A Then Autumn Blaze's eyes SHINE WITH FIRE. She barely contains herself - gritted teeth.

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186 AUTUMN BLAZE
Would you excuse me? I'll be right back.

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186A They stand there and watch Autumn Blaze calmly remove herself from the situation. She walks around the corner. Beat.

Then, we hear a loud <YELL> and perhaps a little FIRE!

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Then all better, Autumn Blaze returns, calm.

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187 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
(to the charades Kirin)
You were saying.

The Kirin points to Autumn's mouth, then its own.

188 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
Oh! You want the cure for the Stream of Silence!

The Kirin all nod.

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189 FLUTTERSHY
That's wonderful!
(off AJ's expression)
Isn't it?

190 APPLEJACK
Well, it would be. Except there aren't any flowers left to make the cure.

191 FLUTTERSHY
Are you sure?

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192 AUTUMN BLAZE
Beyond sure. I've had a lot of alone time lately. I searched the entire forest seventy three and a half times.
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158 (159)

AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
(suddenly thoughtful)
I wonder if that second half could
make a difference...

Autumn Blaze bounds off, followed by the Kirin. Fluttershy
tells AJ--

105 (106)

193 FLUTTERSHY
I wish she'd told us what kind of
flowers she's looking for.

Fluttershy moves to examine flowers by the edge of the
stream. Applejack gets nervous.

194 APPLEJACK
They're called Foal's Breath.

195 FLUTTERSHY
I've never heard of that.

At that, a squirrel pokes out of the trees and <CHATTERS> a
question to Applejack.

196 APPLEJACK
Hey... Are you tryin' to tell me
YOU'VE heard of it?

The squirrel <CHITTERS> and nods. Fluttershy beams at AJ.

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197 FLUTTERSHY
Applejack! You understood the
squirrel!

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198 APPLEJACK
Actually, lucky guess.

Fluttershy smiles, then tells the squirrel:

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199 FLUTTERSHY
Do you think you could show us
where the Foal's Breath flowers
are?

The squirrel nods and darts off. Our ponies follow.

SC. 11 - EXT. ALLLLMOST THE PEAKS OF PERIL - SOON

The squirrel leads Applejack and Fluttershy to the tree where
the flowers were before. Fluttershy gapes -

108 (109)

200 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
THAT's what Foal's Breath looks
like?!

108 (109)

201 APPLEJACK
Autumn Blaze never would have made
it past the Peaks to search here.
(then)
Fluttershy, I owe ya an apology.

202 FLUTTERSHY
Why?

203 APPLEJACK
'Cause if your kindness hadn't made
you stop to help the squirrels,
we'd never have found this here
flower.

204 FLUTTERSHY
And if your honesty hadn't
convinced the Kirin to talk, we
wouldn't NEED to find it.

205 APPLEJACK
Guess it's a good thing the map
sent both of us.

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Applejack beams and Fluttershy shares the smile.

Fluttershy turns to the squirrels and picks up some fluffy
MOSS growing nearby--

206 FLUTTERSHY
Do you mind if we trade you some of
this cozy moss for your flowers?

Fluttershy picks up the moss and snuggles it against her
cheek. The squirrels <CHATTER> their approval and hand the
ponies handfuls of flowers.

SC. 12 - KIRIN VILLAGE - SOON

Applejack races up with the Foal's Breath Flowers in her
lariat.

Autumn, searching nearby, takes in surprise.

207 AUTUMN BLAZE
You found them! Where were they?
Tell me everything, and feel free
to add complicated descriptions and
comedic tangents.
(off their looks)
Oh, right. First things first.

Autumn touches her horn to the flowers. They glow and
levitate into the Town's Center Fountain.

All the Kirin come up to drink.

Suddenly happy VOICES are heard all around... Laughing.

208 KIRIN
<laughing, greetings, sighs, one
Kirin sings a scale.>

(119) (120) (121)

Autumn Blaze, Fluttershy, and Applejack share smiles, thrilled it's working.

RAIN SHINE, a Kirin, starts over:

115 116 117

209 RAIN SHINE
Autumn Blaze, you have given us a
gift. The realization that anger
is within us...But it is our choice
how we let it out. We would very
much like it if you came back to
live with us. I can't say how much
we've missed your beautiful voice.

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Autumn Blaze beams, and then sings a REPRISE of the chorus:

210 AUTUMN BLAZE
(sings)
CAUSE RAINBOWS WON'T LIGHT UP YOUR
SKY
UNLESS YOU LET IT RAIN
AND CANDLES JUST WON'T GLOW UNTIL
THEY'RE BURNED.
YOU CAN'T GIVE UP YOUR LAUGHTER
BECAUSE YOU'RE SCARED OF PAIN
IT'S A LESSON THAT MY VILLAGE NEVER
LEARNED.

OH YES, CAUSE RAINBOWS WON'T LIGHT
UP YOUR SKY
UNLESS YOU LET IT...

There's a <CRASH> of THUNDER and a bolt of lighting. Autumn stops singing and the ponies and Kirin look up as it STARTS TO POUR...

And a RAINBOW shines down on the village. Everypony begins to dance giddily around as-

211 ALL RAIN!!!
As they frolic, Applejack and Fluttershy look down to see the cutie marks on their flanks are glowing - they did it.

END OF EPISODE.

211A - Autumn Blaze
walla

laugh (164) / running (165) / falling (166)