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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.

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 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!

SKUNKS grab apples while Applejack tries to hold her breath.

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 them
if you tried. It's not just about
talking, it's about feeling.

Angel, who hasn't eaten anything yet, begins to <TAP HIS FOOT>. Applejack looks at this and shrugs.

7 APPLEJACK
You...Feel like dancin'?

Angel Bunny smacks his forehead. Fluttershy smiles.

8 FLUTTERSHY
He feels like he's been waiting
long enough for his lunch.

Fluttershy presents a gorgeous-looking carrot SUNDAE on a wheeled tray.

9 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Here you go. Carrot cardamom custard,
capped with carrot cream crunch.

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

10 APPLEJACK
Don't you like it?

Angel Bunny points to his rear with some urgency.

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

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!

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

Applejack charges off. Fluttershy starts to follow, but Angel Bunny grabs her tail like a water skier, bouncing behind as he tries to stop her. Fluttershy halts, blushing.

15 FLUTTERSHY
Oops, I guess you want your lunch
first.

Angel Bunny gives her a "Ya think?" look. Fluttershy lifts him up onto the tray, and he dismisses her with a paw wave.

END TEASER

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.

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

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

18 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.

19 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, that is special.

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

Twilight nods to the map--

21 TWILIGHT
I hope so. Cause it looks like
this one might be a little tricky.

They lean their heads in to get a closer look at the map -
the familiar nearby places.

22 FLUTTERSHY
I don't even see where we're
supposed to go.

23 TWILIGHT (O.S.)
Over here.

PAN to see where Twilight is pointing... Their cutie marks
hover WAAAAAY at the Map's OUTER EDGE, almost falling off.

24 APPLEJACK
Does that even count as part of the
map? What's way out there?

25 TWILIGHT
The Peaks of Peril.

Fluttershy is almost paralyzed at the prospect.

26 FLUTTERSHY
The... Peaks of... Peril?

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

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

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

29 APPLEJACK
Fair point. (then) So what can you
tell us about the place, Twilight?

Twilight shakes her head.

30 TWILIGHT
I don't know much about this part
of the map. But don't worry - I'm
sure the school library has plenty
of information that can help.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 3 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - LATER

Applejack and Fluttershy sag. BOOKS are open everywhere, but
it's clear they haven't found what they're looking for.

31 APPLEJACK
Or...Not. I guess nopony has made
it out to the Peaks and back. Or at
least, they didn't write about it.

32 FLUTTERSHY
Can I start worrying yet?

Twilight trots in with an ANCIENT WOODEN SHIELD, having just
overheard this--

33 TWILIGHT
Not quite. I just asked our new
Keeper of Tales about the Peaks of
Peril. Rockhoof's never been there,
but he did hear a legend--

Twilight floats the SHIELD up for them to see: on one side, a
stylized KIRIN, a beautiful, peaceful creature.

34 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
A long time ago a group called the
KIRIN lived there, known for
their kindness and truth-speaking.

35 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, that doesn't sound so bad.

36 TWILIGHT
Unfortunately, other creatures also
lived there--

Twilight flips the shield to reveal - a FIREY, SCARY
CREATURE, about the same size and shape as the Kirin.

37 APPLEJACK
Of course.

38 TWILIGHT
These were known as the NIRIK.
Fearsome beasts of pure fire.

Fluttershy is not thrilled at the prospect.

39 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe...You should go instead of
me, Twilight.

40 TWILIGHT
Sorry, Fluttershy. Flanks don't
lie. The map chose you both for a
specific reason.

41 FLUTTERSHY
I hope it's not a Nirik reason.

Applejack reassures Fluttershy, determined.

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

Fluttershy gives a small smile to her friend.

SC. 4 - 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.

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

44 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe they know something we don't.

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

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

46 TICKET TAKER PONY (O.S.)
<SCREAM!>

Startled by this, Applejack and Fluttershy jump and scream
themselves.

47 APPLEJACK / FLUTTERSHY
<SCREAM!>

Then they see it's A TICKET TAKER PONY.

48 TICKET TAKER PONY
Oh... I'm sorry...

49 APPLEJACK
Why would you scream like that?

50 FLUTTERSHY
You really startled us!

51 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 last resting place.

52 APPLEJACK
We get the picture. Why?

The Ticket Taker steps back on the train.

53 TICKET TAKER PONY
Nothing but uncharted terrain and
wild beasts out that way.

Then starts to laugh heartily.

54 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.

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

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

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

SC. 5 - EXT. ALLMOST THE PEAKS OF PERIL - CONT.

QUICK SHOTS:

-Applejack leaps across rocks in a stream, almost falling in.

-She <SQUISHES> through mud and winces at <WHINING INSECTS>.

-She struggles out of difficult brush to reach a PICTORAL sign that shows the image of a MOUNTAIN RANGE.

57 APPLEJACK
Whew. Nearly to the Peaks of Peril.
Tough goin', huh Fluttershy?

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

58 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Fluttershy?

Applejack <GRUMBLES> as she pushes back through the brush.

<SQUISHES> back through the mud and annoying <INSECTS>.

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

To find Fluttershy, helping some SQUIRRELS gather nuts.

59 FLUTTERSHY
There. That should be enough
acorns to keep your whole family
fed through winter.

The Squirrels <CHATTER> their thanks.

60 APPLEJACK
Fluttershy?!

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

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

62 FLUTTERSHY
Yes, but...

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

64 FLUTTERSHY
I know, but...

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

65 APPLEJACK
Now, we gotta get up that peak. I
figure if we use some rope and
elbow grease, we can make it to the
first plateau by--

66 FLUTTERSHY
APPLEJACK! CAN YOU PLEASE LISTEN TO
ME?

Applejack stops, surprised.

67 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
What I'm trying to say is, the
squirrels told me a short cut.

Fluttershy moves to a rock at the base of the first peak and
<KICKS IT>. The rock SLIDES aside to reveal a tunnel through
the mountain range.

Applejack gapes, then laughs.

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

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

70 APPLEJACK
I think the two of us balance out
each other out pretty well.

Fluttershy smiles--

71 FLUTTERSHY
Oh yes. That's probably why the map
keeps putting us together.

And with that, they enter the tunnel.

SC. 6 - EXT. KIRIN VILLAGE - SOON

Applejack and Fluttershy step out of the tunnel in awe.

REVEAL: beautiful lush scenery (cribbed from Mistmane's home).

They step forward into the tree and flower-filled landscape.

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

73 FLUTTERSHY
So beautiful.

Suddenly, there are <HOOF-BEATS> behind them!

Fluttershy backs closer to Applejack...

74 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...

75 APPLEJACK
(unnerved)
Show y'all's self!

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

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.

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

The Kirin just look to each other, quiet.

77 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.

78 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?

Silence. Fluttershy leans over to whisper to Applejack.

79 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe they don't understand us.

Applejack talks loudly and slowly.

80 APPLEJACK
Do. You. Talk. Ponish?

The Kirin nod.

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

They shake their heads no.

Applejack frowns.

82 APPLEJACK
Don't or won't?

The Kirin do nothing.

83 FLUTTERSHY
Will you excuse us a moment?

Fluttershy nudges Applejack to the side.

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

85 APPLEJACK
Like talkin' to Angel bunny?

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

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

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 7 - EXT. KIRIN VILLAGE - RESUME

Applejack eyes the Kirin and tells Fluttershy--

88 APPLEJACK
There's gotta be some way to make
'em speak.

Applejack goes up to a Kirin.

89 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Knock knock!
(no response)
I said KNOCK KNOCK. It's a joke.
(whispers to prompt)
You say...who's there?

The Kirin tilts its head. Applejack sighs and sneaks up
behind another Kirin.

90 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
BOO!

No response. Applejack shakes her head.

91 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Uh oh. I feel a sneeze comin' on.
Ahh Ahhh...CHOOOOOOOOOOO!

92 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)
Gesundheit!

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

93 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.

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

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

96 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.

Fluttershy nods and calls to Applejack's back.

97 FLUTTERSHY
Be careful! And watch out for
Niriks!

SC. 8 - EXT. KIRIN FOREST - CONT.

Applejack walks through the spooky new terrain. There are
<HOOFBEATS> behind her. She jumps, then frowns, turning.

98 APPLEJACK
Don't y'all ever approach a pony
from the front?

A Kirin, AUTUMN BLAZE, silently steps out from the trees,
<STARTLING> her.

99 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
You're quieter than an apple blossom
on snowfall! Still, I'm awful glad
to meet a Kirin that talks.

Silence...

100 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Really?

Silence...

101 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
You DO talk, don'tcha?

More silence.

102 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Oh, for the love of Celestia.

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

103 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.

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-

104 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
You've just arrived and perhaps you're tired, or *hungry*, or reflective - and want to sleep and eat and.. journal? But first, OH! What fun to talk with another creature, it's been so long. You must tell me *everything* about you, there's so much to say, so much to *DO*!

Autumn runs off. Beat.

105 APPLEJACK
Yup. She talks.

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.

106 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Oh, wow. This is amazing.

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

107 AUTUMN BLAZE
You think so too?

Applejack smiles and nods.

108 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 are all looking back at you thinking the same thing? That we are one a part of a greater whole?

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

110 AUTUMN BLAZE
I'm sorry, I just - I haven't been
able to talk to anypony about this
in forever, since they all took
that vow of silence--

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

And Autumn's ebullience turns to sadness.

112 AUTUMN BLAZE
Yes. That's why they asked me to
leave.

SC. 9 - EXT. KIRIN FOREST - CLIFFS - RESUME

Applejack and Autumn Blaze look out over the cliffs.

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

Autumn Blaze looks down, sad.

114 AUTUMN BLAZE
It's a long story.

115 APPLEJACK
You'd rather not talk about it?

116 AUTUMN BLAZE
No.

117 APPLEJACK
I under--

118 AUTUMN BLAZE
I'd rather SING!

MUSIC SWELLS, and Autumn begins to SING, in an UPTEMPO,
ALMOST REBA MCENTIRE FOLK STORY SONG... And as she sings her
story, we SEE the animated version of how things went down--

119 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
YES, LONG AGO... WHEN OUR VILLAGE
WAS TALKY,
(MORE)

AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
CAME A STICKY SITUATION WHERE
THINGS GOT ROCKY.
ONE KIRIN SAID SOMETHING HURTFUL,
BY MISTAKE
BUT IT WAS WAY TOO MEAN FOR HER
FRIEND TO TAKE
THEIR ANGER IGNITED AND SPREAD
THROUGH THE TOWN
AND BEFORE YOU KNEW IT, OUR HOME
BURNED DOWN.

TO KEEP THINGS SAFE AND FEELINGS
UNHURT,
THE DIRECTOR OF OUR SECTOR CALLED A
MEETING, KEPT IT CURT.
IN THE STREAM OF SILENCE, SHE
BATHED EVERYPONY,
WIPING EACH SLATE CLEAN, LIKE A
BRAIN ZAMBONI.
FROM NOW ON, THE KIRIN COULDN'T
SPEAK OR ARGUE.
CAUSE THEIR NOTION OF EMOTION HAD
BEEN WASHED OUT TOO.

WELL YOU CAN'T HAVE A RAINBOW
WITHOUT A LITTLE 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 THE KIRIN NEVER
LEARNED.

SO WITH NO SONGS OR POEMS, I WENT
HALF-INSANE,
KEEPING SILENT ALL DAY, JUST
CHEWING ON MY MANE.
TIL I FOUND A FOREST FLOWER THAT
CURED THE STREAM.
I GOT MY VOICE BACK; I WAS LIVING
THE DREAM.
BUT **THE LEADER OF OUR BREED** - LIKE
A MEAN FRENCH MIME,
KICKED ME OUT OF TOWN, FOR ENFORCED
ME-TIME.

I TRIED TO TELL MY STORY AND
CONVINCE MY CREW
THAT LAUGHING AND JOKING WERE THE
ONLY THINGS TO DO
THE LEGIT WAY TO QUIT ALL THAT
ANGER AND RAGE
COULDN'T POSSIBLY COME FROM AN
EMOTIONAL CAGE.

(MORE)

AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
BUT MY FRIENDS DIDN'T LISTEN, CAUSE
THEIR HEARTS HAD TURNED TO STONE
SO EVERY SONG'S A SOLO AND I'M
ALWAYS ALONE.

WELL YOU CAN'T HAVE A RAINBOW
WITHOUT A LITTLE RAIN/
AND CANDLES JUST WON'T GLOW UNTIL
THEY'RE BURNED./
YOU CAN'T GIVE UP YOUR LAUGHTER
BECAUSE YOU'RE SCARED OF PAIN/
A FROWN IS JUST A SMILE THAT'S BEEN
UPTURNED.

NO YOU CAN'T HAVE A RAINBOW IF YOU
DON'T LIKE THE RAIN./
IT'S A LESSON THAT THE KIRIN NEVER
LEARNED.

Applejack is agape.

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

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

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

123 AUTUMN BLAZE
Really? Who's Fluttershy? Oh, did
you name your shadow? Mine's called
Sparkles.

Autumn waves at Applejack's shadow.

124 APPLEJACK
Riiight. Well, I'm thinking if we
just go talk to the other Kirins,
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.

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

126 APPLEJACK
There's no cure left?!

Autumn Blaze looks sad.

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

128 APPLEJACK
Alright... Well, this wouldn't be a
Friendship Quest if it was easy!
Let's start by gettin' your friends
to welcome you back. Follow me!

Applejack <GALLOPS> off.

But before following her, Autumn's Hoof (with a face painted
on it) enters C.U. FRAME, like another disembodied person
entirely. Autumn leans to it, confiding:

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

The Hoof shakes his head, "No".

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

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

The Hoof comes closer, offers his ear.

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

The Hoof nods.

SC. 10 - EXT. KIRIN VILLAGE - SOON

Applejack canters in to tell Fluttershy the news.

133 APPLEJACK
Fluttershy, guess what!

134 FLUTTERSHY & APPLEJACK
I figured out the friendship
problem!
 (then)
Me too.
 (then)
Go ahead.

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

136 FLUTTERSHY
<giggle>

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

Fluttershy looks horrified.

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

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

140 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--

Kirin living happily in a village, then Kirin arguing, then
Kirin turning into Niriks... And the firey Niriks destroying
the village in flames.

141 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!

142 APPLEJACK
Autumn musta left out that part.

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

144 APPLEJACK
But that's no reason to stop
talkin'!

145 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.

146 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Think of all the animals it could hurt!

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

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

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

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

Now, riled up, the Kirin start circling our two - to the point
where they notice...

150 FLUTTERSHY
Um...What are they doing?

And with that, **the** Kirin mob them and lift them both into the *
air, like our duo is crowd surfing. Applejack and Fluttershy
protest, but they can't break free!

151 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh no.

152 APPLEJACK
Hey! Put us down!

But the Kirin just run off with their pony prisoners.

SC. 11 - EXT. KIRIN FOREST - STREAM OF SILENCE - CONT.

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

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

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

155 FLUTTERSHY
Where do you think they're taking
us?

Applejack looks ahead - and blanches at what she sees.

156 APPLEJACK
To the Stream of Silence.

Applejack tells Fluttershy in horror as they spot the water ahead. It's just like the one in the mural.

157 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
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. 12 - EXT. STREAM OF SILENCE - RESUME**

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

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

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

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

160 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 puts her hooves over her eyes in fear.

161 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.

162 AUTUMN BLAZE
Well, yeah.

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

163 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
Can't have them silence the only
friend who'll talk to me.

164 APPLEJACK
Fluttershy, meet Autumn Blaze.

165 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?

166 AUTUMN BLAZE
I didn't. But I had to do something
to help you two out. I guess maybe
anger's like other feelings. It's
not about having them... It's what
you do with them.

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

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

169 AUTUMN BLAZE
When my village stepped into that
stream, they gave up who they are.

Then, Autumn addresses each Kirin:

170 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
Fern Glow, 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.

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

172 FLUTTERSHY
Every pony gets mad sometimes. But
it doesn't have to be a problem.

173 APPLEJACK
Yeah, you gotta talk honestly about
how you feel.

174 FLUTTERSHY
Like when Applejack and I argue
about something.

175 APPLEJACK
What?! When do we ever argue?

176 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--

177 APPLEJACK
See? We don't always see eye to
eye. But we never let that get in
the way of our friendship.

178 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.

179 APPLEJACK
I think they're tryin' to say
somethin'. Are you hungry?

They shake their head "No".

180 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Someone trapped in a well?

More terrible Kirin charades.

181 AUTUMN BLAZE
Write it down. Something?
Anything... Baby? Baby fish mouth?
Oh, this is the worst!

They can see Autumn Blaze is getting frustrated.

182 FLUTTERSHY
Take a deep breath.

Then Autumn Blaze collects herself.

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

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!

Then, all better, Autumn Blaze returns, calm.

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

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

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

The Kirin all nod.

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

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

188 FLUTTERSHY
Are you sure?

189 AUTUMN BLAZE
Beyond sure. I've had a lot of
alone time lately. I searched the
entire forest seventy three and a
half times.
 (suddenly thoughtful)
But I never searched the
village.... Come on!

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

190 FLUTTERSHY
Foals Breath likes to grow near
water. Maybe there's some here!

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

191 APPLEJACK
Now, be careful, sugarcube.

Fluttershy nods and smiles.

192 FLUTTERSHY
I will. But this trip showed me
there's nothing we can't handle
together.

Suddenly the bank at Fluttershy's feet crumbles, dumping her
into the Stream of Silence!

Autumn Blaze and Applejack <GASP>.

Fluttershy's face goes emotionless.

193 APPLEJACK
Fluttershy! Are you okay?

Fluttershy nods listlessly.

194 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
No you're not! You lost your
voice. And your feelings!
 (then, determined)
Just hang tight.
 (MORE)

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
You're not the only one who learned
things on this Friendship Quest!

And Applejack races OFF!

SC. 13 - EXT. KIRIN FOREST - SOON

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Applejack races through the forest, searching frantically until she spots A SQUIRREL. She charges at it, calling--

195 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Hey! Hey you, I need some help.

The Squirrel <STARTLES> and races away.

196 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Wait! No! It's for Fluttershy!

The Squirrel stops. A few MORE SQUIRRELS pop out of the bushes to help.

197 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
She'll never talk or feel again,
unless we get some Foals Breath
flowers to--

But the Squirrels, after nodding at the flower name, are already off! Applejack follows to...

A MASSIVE TREE - the Squirrels dart inside a hole in the trunk... And come out with handfuls of flowers.

Applejack rears up joyfully.

198 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Yeee haw! You found them!

SC. 14 - KIRIN VILLAGE - SOON

Applejack races up with the Foal Step Flowers in her teeth, pulling a lassoed Fluttershy behind her. The other Kirins watch impassively.

Autumn, searching nearby, takes in surprise.

199 AUTUMN BLAZE
Did Fluttershy...? The flowers! But
what... Nevermind. 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, singing, harmonies.

200 KIRINS
<laughing, singing, sighs>

Autumn Blaze and Applejack light up, thrilled it's working... Then they see, standing there sans emotion: Fluttershy.

201 APPLEJACK
Go on, Fluttershy. Have some of the antidote.

Fluttershy doesn't move. Autumn shakes her head.

202 AUTUMN BLAZE
You can lead a pony to water... But you can't make her drink.

203 APPLEJACK
Fluttershy, you can yell at me for this later. Just so long as you got a voice and feelins to yell with.

Autumn looks sideways. Then Applejack nudges Fluttershy, and she FALLS INTO THE ANTIDOTE FOUNTAIN. <SPLASH!>

A bedraggled Fluttershy is returned to her normal self, spluttering and mad!

204 FLUTTERSHY
Applejack! You pushed me into the water?! (then) Thank you.

Applejack smiles and goes to give Fluttershy a hoof out of the fountain, and Fluttershy pulls her friend in.

205 APPLEJACK / FLUTTERSHY
<splutters> (then) <laughs> / <laughs>

RAIN SHINE, a Kirin, starts over:

206 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.

207 AUTUMN BLAZE
 (sung)
IT WOULD BE MY PLEASURE!

208 KIRINS / APPLEJACK / FLUTTERSHY
<cheers>

Everyone cheers. Until... The Kirins look at Fluttershy and Applejack, who are getting out of the fountain.

209 KIRINS
<Oh, no! What's happening? Are
they getting angry? walla>

Fluttershy and Applejack look around, confused, until they see what everyone is reacting to.

210 AUTUMN BLAZE
Your flanks...They're glowing!

211 FLUTTERSHY
Our cutie marks! We did it!

212 AUTUMN BLAZE
Does that mean you're about to get so
mad you burst into fire?

Fluttershy and Applejack share a smile.

213 APPLEJACK
Pretty much the opposite.

END OF EPISODE.