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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 what
they're feeling if you tried. Even
if you can't talk to them. You
just have to look closely.

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

7 APPLEJACK
You...Feel like dancin'?

Angel Bunny smacks his forehead. Fluttershy smiles.

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

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

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9 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Here you go.

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The ducks happily begin eating.

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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'?

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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 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?

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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.

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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.

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

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

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.

20 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, that is special.

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

Twilight nods to the map--

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

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

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23 FLUTTERSHY
The... Peaks of... Peril?

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

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

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

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

Twilight shakes her head.

27 TWILIGHT
Nothing, really. But don't worry.
I'm sure the school library has
plenty of information!

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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.

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

29 FLUTTERSHY
Can I start worrying yet?

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

30 TWILIGHT
Not quite. I just asked our new
Keeper of Tales about the Peaks of
Peril. Rockhoof *said he's* never
been there, but he *gave me this*--

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Twilight floats the SHIELD up for them to see. *It's divided
in half down the middle, and we focus on the top image- which
shows a beautiful, peaceful KIRIN, surrounded by flowers.*

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31 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
*The legend on this shield says that
a group called the Kirin used to
live there, known for their
kindness and truth-speaking.*

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Applejack smiles and nods to Fluttershy and herself.

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32         APPLEJACK                                     *
Now we know why the map called us.                    *
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33          TWILIGHT
Unfortunately, other creatures also
lived there--

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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. *

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34          TWILIGHT (CONT'D)                                *
The Nirik. Fearsome beasts of pure                          *
fire.

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Fluttershy is not thrilled at the prospect.

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

Twilight shakes her head with a rueful smile and nods to her
unglowing flank.

36 TWILIGHT
Sorry, Fluttershy. Flanks don't
lie. *

Applejack reassures Fluttershy, determined.

37 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.

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

39 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe they know something we don't.

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

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

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

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

42 APPLEJACK / FLUTTERSHY
<SCREAM!>

Then they see it's A TICKET TAKER PONY.

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

44 APPLEJACK
Why would you scream like that?

45 FLUTTERSHY
You really startled us!

46 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.

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47 APPLEJACK
We get the picture. Why?

The Ticket Taker steps back on the train.

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

Then starts to laugh heartily.

49 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.

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

51 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.

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

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

53 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 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.

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54 FLUTTERSHY
There. That should be enough
flowers to keep your tree warm and
comfortable when it snows.

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The Squirrels <CHATTER> their thanks.

55 APPLEJACK
Fluttershy?!

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

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

57 FLUTTERSHY
Yes, but...

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

59 FLUTTERSHY
I know, but...

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

60 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--

61 FLUTTERSHY
APPLEJACK! CAN YOU PLEASE LISTEN TO ME?

Applejack stops, surprised.

62 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 first peak and <KICKS IT>. The rock SLIDES aside to reveal a tunnel through the mountain range.

Applejack gapes, then laughs.

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

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

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

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Fluttershy smiles--

66 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. 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. *

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. *

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

68 FLUTTERSHY
So beautiful.

The butterfly startles away as <HOOFBEATS> pound behind them! *

Fluttershy backs closer to Applejack...

69 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...

70 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.

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

The Kirins just look to each other, quiet. *

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

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

73 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.

74 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe they don't understand us.

Applejack talks loudly and slowly.

75 APPLEJACK
Do. You. Talk. Ponish?

The Kirins nod. *

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

They shake their heads no.

Applejack frowns.

77 APPLEJACK
Don't or won't?

The Kirins do nothing. *

78 FLUTTERSHY
Will you excuse us a moment?

Fluttershy nudges Applejack to the side.

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

80 APPLEJACK
Like talkin' to Angel bunny?

81 FLUTTERSHY
Not exactly. I can always tell
what Angel is feeling. But these
Kirins... Don't show anything. *

82 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

Having accepted the strangers in their midst, the Kirins 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 a fountain, using magic to arc the
water into the bucket. *

Several Kirins carefully plant seeds in a garden patch. All
in silence. *

Applejack eyes this and tells Fluttershy-- *

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

Applejack steps into a Kirin's path, making it halt. *

84 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 turns to sneak
up behind another Kirin, who carries water. *

85 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
BOO!

No response. Applejack shakes her head.

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

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87 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)
Gesundheit!

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

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

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

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

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

91 APPLEJACK
Tell ya what, sugarcube. You
stay here and see if you can get
anything out of these Kirins. I'll
go try to find the one that talks.

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Fluttershy nods and calls to Applejack's back.

92 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.

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

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

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94 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Have you seen a Kirin that talks?

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The Kirin shakes its head.

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95 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
There's sposta be one around here
someplace.

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The Kirin looks around, still silent.

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

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The Kirin shrugs.

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

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

98 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 wil.. 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-

99 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. Do you know a pony
named Lou, not Lou with the act,
but Lou with the sideburns? 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.

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Autumn runs off. Beat.

100 APPLEJACK
That was somethin' alright.

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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.

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

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

102 AUTUMN BLAZE
You think so too?

Applejack smiles and nods.

103 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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104 APPLEJACK
I was gonna say "it's pretty,"
but... yeah.

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

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

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

And Autumn's ebullience turns to sadness.

107 AUTUMN BLAZE
Mmhmm. 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: *

108 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.

109 AUTUMN BLAZE
It's a long story.

110 APPLEJACK
You'd rather not talk about it?

111 AUTUMN BLAZE
No.

112 APPLEJACK
I under--

113 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,
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 Kirins
SMILE, bound happily, paint with brushes, laugh. *

114 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (sings) *
YES, LONG AGO... WHEN OUR VILLAGE
WAS TALKY,
CAME A STICKY SITUATION WHERE
THINGS GOT ROCKY.

Two KIRINS 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>. *

115 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (sings)
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 NO KIND WORD COULD SHUT IT
DOWN.

PULL BACK to reveal Kirins starting to argue through the town, like a spreading anger/darkness. IT BLACKS OUT...

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

116 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (sings)
TO KEEP THINGS SAFE AND FEELINGS
UNHURT,
THE DIRECTOR OF OUR SECTOR CALLED A
MEETING, KEPT IT CURT.

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

117 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (sings)
IN THE STREAM OF SILENCE, SHE TOLD
US TO SWIM,
AND QUENCHED BY THE WATER, OUR
ANGER WENT DIM.

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

118 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (sings)
FROM NOW ON, THE KIRINS COULDN'T
SPEAK OR ARGUE.
CAUSE THEIR NOTION OF EMOTION HAD
BEEN WASHED OUT TOO.

Autumn begins 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.

119 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (sings)

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 KIRINS NEVER
LEARNED.

Autumn Blaze is now as dull and emotionless as the rest of the Kirins - and it's clearly making her crazy. Then, she spots the Foal's Breath flower, and makes it into a potion... Which she drinks, and then leaps with joy, her emotions back!

120 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
 (sings)

SO WITH NO SONGS OR POEMS, LIFE WAS
NOTHING BUT PAIN,
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 NOW HAD
A HEART OF STONE.
SHE KICKED ME OUT OF TOWN, SO I'M
STUCK HERE ALONE.

As the song finishes, Applejack is agape.

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

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

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

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

Autumn waves at Applejack's shadow.

125 APPLEJACK
Riiiiiight. 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.

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

127 APPLEJACK
There's no cure left?!

Autumn Blaze looks sad.

128 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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129 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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130 AUTUMN BLAZE
You know... between you and me, I'm
not sure she's going to convince
them.

The Hoof shakes his head, "No".

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

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

The Hoof comes closer, offers his ear.

133 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.

134 APPLEJACK
Fluttershy, guess what!

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

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

137 FLUTTERSHY
<giggle>

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

Fluttershy looks horrified.

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

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

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

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142          FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
The Kirins are usually peaceful and
kind.
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(MORE)

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

But when they get mad, they turn
into Niriks, creatures made of fire
and vengeance!

143 APPLEJACK
Autumn musta **skipped over** that
part. *

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fluttershy stomps a hoof, getting upset. *

151 FLUTTERSHY
APPLEJACK! You're not LISTENING! *

Applejack stomps HER hoof, meeting Fluttershy's vehemence. *

152 APPLEJACK
Cause you're not TALKIN' any sense! *

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

153 FLUTTERSHY
Um...What are they doing?

And with that, the Kirins 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!

154 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh no.

155 APPLEJACK
Hey! Put us down!

But the Kirins 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--

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

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

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

Applejack looks ahead - and blanches at what she sees.

159 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.

160 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**

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

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

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

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

163 AUTUMN BLAZE (O.S.)
PUT THEM DOWN!

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

The Kirins shy back, dropping Applejack and Fluttershy as the Nirik runs toward them. Fluttershy puts her hooves over her eyes in fear. *

164 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 Kirins. *

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

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

166 FLUTTERSHY
She talks! *

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

168 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? *

169 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.

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

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

172 AUTUMN BLAZE
When my village stepped into that
stream, they gave up who they **were**.

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Then, Autumn addresses each Kirin:

173 AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)
Fern Glow, you used to love to
laugh at everything. And Rain
Shine, you **sang** the most beautiful
harmonies - don't you miss it?

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It's clear they do.

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

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

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

177 FLUTTERSHY
Like when Applejack and I argue
about something.

178 APPLEJACK
What?! When do we ever argue?

179 FLUTTERSHY
On the way here! And about the
Kirins **being** silent! And RIGHT NOW!

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

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

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

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

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

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183          AUTUMN BLAZE                                     *
Are you hungry?
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They shake their head "No". She frowns, tries again- *

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More terrible Kirin charades.

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185      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.

186 FLUTTERSHY
Take a deep breath.

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

187 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.

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

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

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

The Kirin all nod.

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

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

192 FLUTTERSHY
Are you sure?

193 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)

I wonder if that second half could
make a difference...

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

194 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.

195 APPLEJACK
They're called Foal's Breath.

196 FLUTTERSHY
I've never heard of that.

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

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197      APPLEJACK      *
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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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198          FLUTTERSHY          *
Applejack!  You understood the  *
squirrel!    *

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199      APPLEJACK      *
Actually, lucky guess.  *
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Flutter shy smiles, then tells the squirrel: *

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200          FLUTTERSHY                                *
Do you think you could show us                        *
where the Foal's Breath flowers                       *
are?                                                    *
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The squirrel nods and darts off. Our ponies follow. *

SC. 13 - EXT. ALLLLMOST THE PEAKS OF PERIL - SOON *

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

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201          FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)                *
THOSE are Foal's Breath!                        *
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202      APPLEJACK      *
Fluttershy, I owe ya an apology.      *
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203	FLUTTERSHY	*
Why?		*

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204      APPLEJACK      *
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'Cause if you hadn't stopped to
talk to those squirrels, we'd never
have found this here flower. *

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205          FLUTTERSHY                                *
And if YOU hadn't been so sure you                    *
could find a Kirin who talked, we'd                  *
never have a reason to find this                      *
flower.                                                *
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206      APPLEJACK                                     *
Guess it's a good thing the map                 *
sent both of us.                                *
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Applejack beams and Fluttershy shares the smile. *

207 FLUTTERSHY
Now let's get that Foal's Breath.

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The Squirrels <CHATTER> and help the ponies gather the flowers.

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SC. 14 - KIRIN VILLAGE - SOON

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

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Autumn, searching nearby, takes in surprise.

208 AUTUMN BLAZE
The flowers! You found them!
Where were they? Tell me
everything, and feel free to add
long explanations and descriptions.
 (off their looks)
Oh, right. First things first.

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

All the Kirins come up to drink.

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

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209 KIRINS
<laughing, greetings, sighs, one
Kirin sings a scale.>

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

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RAIN SHINE, a Kirin, starts over:

210 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.

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

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211 AUTUMN BLAZE
 (sings)
WELL YOU CAN'T HAVE A RAINBOW
 (MORE)

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AUTUMN BLAZE (CONT'D)

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/
THANKS TO APPLEJACK AND FLUTTERSHY
WE LEARNED!

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And as Autumn sings, Applejack and Fluttershy look down to
see the cutie marks on their flanks are glowing - they did
it.

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212 KIRINS / APPLEJACK / FLUTTERSHY
<cheers>

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END OF EPISODE.