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TEASER**SC 1 - EXT. SWEET FEATHER SANCTUARY - DAY**

On a sunny morning at the sanctuary, PAN DOWN to find ANTOINE THE SNAKE curled up in a folding chair. He gestures and <HISSES>, shaking his head and glaring off screen.

Watching from another chair, FLUTTERSHY nods, translating...

1 FLUTTERSHY
Antoine believes what he eats is
his business. Do other Predators
feel that way, too...?

WIDER: a group of PREDATORS seated next to Antoine the snake-- HARRY THE BEAR, THE RACCOON FAMILY, GOLDIE DELICIOUS' CHEETAH, DOTTIE-- as they all nod together.

2 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Would any prey like to respond...?

WHIP PAN to several prey animals seated next to each other: a FIELD MOUSE, SOME KOALAS, CLEMENTINE THE GIRAFFE, and ETHEL THE BABY ELEPHANT all cross their arms/front legs, dubious.

3 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Ethel? Does it bother you when
Antoine tries to eat you...?

Ethel lets off a sideways indignant <ELEPHANT TRUMP "HMPH">. (Note: her trunk is in a sling).

WIDE: Fluttershy is overseeing a group of animals seated in a circle not unlike a support group meeting...

4 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Just because you're on opposite
ends of the food chain doesn't mean
you can't get along. It just takes
open and honest...

She trails off, distracted by ANGEL BUNNY who jumps up from behind Ethel's chair. Angel waves and grins at the top of his arc, then disappears again. The other animals are confused.

5 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
...Open and honest...

Suddenly Angel hops next to Fluttershy and tugs on her tail.

6 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Angel-- I'm in the middle of a
session.

(MORE)

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

(then)

...Unless you'd like to join our
biweekly Predator-Prey-Support-
Group?

Angel frowns, looking around at the other animals...

7 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

You could teach all these hungry
predators the delights of a carrot
based cuisine.

Dottie eyes Angel, licking her lips. Angel shakes his head,
"no no no!" then waves for Fluttershy to follow him. He hops
away a few steps, then realizes Fluttershy hasn't followed.
She ignores him and turns back to the group...

8 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

(to the group)

How would the prey like it if all
the Predators promised to only eat
vegetables for the next week?

The prey nod vigorously. Dottie <HARUMPHS>.

9 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

Oh, Dottie... you can do it!

Dottie sadly lowers her head and closes her eyes. After a
beat, she peeks, eyeing Angel who sticks out his tongue,
while...

In the background, ZECORA approaches the Sanctuary,
transporting an animal carrier on her back under a velvet
cloth. DR. FAUNA, comes up to greet her.

BACK WITH - Fluttershy looking out at her group, pleased,
until suddenly Ethel the Elephant <TRUMPETS> and points with
her trunk at-- the empty chair where the Dottie was just
sitting! Fluttershy <GASPS>, jumping up--!

10 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

--Dottie! You promised...!

Fluttershy zooms after the cheetah as she CHASES ANGEL, who
hops around in circles trying to get away. All the animals
begin freaking out, chasing each other as we PULL BACK TO...

Zecora watching Fluttershy deal with the animal freak-out, we
PUSH IN on her raising an eyebrow-- "What have we here?"

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE**SC 2 - EXT. SWEET FEATHER SANCTUARY - LATER**

A bit of time has passed. Dr. Fauna is in the process of checking in Zecora's animal, while in the BG we see Fluttershy addressing a frustrated Angel and Dottie.

11 FLUTTERSHY (IN THE BG)
Dottie's already apologized, Angel,
but you really shouldn't have been
there in the in the first place if
you weren't going to take part.

As Fluttershy leads Dottie away, Angel sticks his tongue out again.

Zecora turns to Dr. Fauna with an amused smile, as she lifts the curtain to reveal a small LIZARD in her animal carrier.

12 ZECORA
*This gecko is in good health it
seems, but he's been having
troubling dreams.*

13 DR. FAUNA
We'll do a full sleep study.

14 ZECORA
*Although he'll beg for feeding
soon, he's had several snacks, so
best wait til noon.*

The gecko, frowns as Dr. Fauna nods and takes the little guy away. Fluttershy returns a bit flustered.

15 FLUTTERSHY
We'll take good care of him.
(noticing Zecora's look)
Is there anything else we can do
for you?

Zecora eyes Angel in the BG, who watches from afar.

16 ZECORA
*Seeing what you two go through, the
real question is: "Can I help YOU?"*

17 FLUTTERSHY
You mean... me and Angel?

Zecora nods.

18 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
He's fine. We're fine. He's just a
little rambunctious.
(off her look)
We're best friends.

19 ZECORA
*Even the best of friends need help
from time to time. Come visit me in
my hut, should you change your
mind.*

Fluttershy watches her go, calling after.

20 FLUTTERSHY
Okay, thanks. But Angel and I are
great.

Angel gives her a look as Dr. Fauna returns with a sheet of parchment...

21 DR. FAUNA
Here's today's list of chores...
better get started or you'll be
here all night... again.

In the BG, Angel <SIGHS>.

<MUSIC UP> and we begin a series of quick bits:

SC 3 - EXT. SWEET FEATHER SANCTUARY - DAY

Fluttershy fluffs a little animal bed...

22 FLUTTERSHY
You're going to love it here little
lizard.

The gecko tries out his new bed, but something's wrong...

23 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
What is it...? Not fluffy enough?

The gecko points at his tummy.

24 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Sorry. Nothing until after noon.

She turns around and bumps right into Angel, who wiggles his tail... looking for a tail scratch.

25 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Maybe later, Angel.

Off Angel, unconvinced...

SC 4 - EXT. SWEET FEATHER SANCTUARY - LATER

Antoine the snake <SNIFFS> a chocolate-chip cookie. He gives a dubious look to Fluttershy, who gives an optimistic nod.

26 FLUTTERSHY
They're snake treats made to look
like chocolate chip cookies.

Antoine gives a tentative lick. "Not bad...!" He gulps down the whole thing. YUM.

27 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
They're vegan.

Antoine gives a surprised look.

28 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Pinkie Pie made a whole jar of
them. They're all yours if you
promise...
(eye to eye)
...No more trying to eat Ethel the
Baby Elephant.

WHIP PAN: Ethel, her trunk still in a sling, eyes Antoine from afar. He looks from her to the cookies, then nods.

Suddenly a <JINGLE BELL> ball bounces between them, thrown by Angel, who raises his eyebrows like... "Now...?" Fluttershy sighs, shakes her head.

29 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Not yet, Angel.

Off Angel pouting...

SC 5 - EXT. SWEET FEATHER SANCTUARY - LATER

Fluttershy pulls a thermometer from CLEMENTINE THE GIRAFFE'S mouth, passing it to Dr. Fauna as the giraffe <SNIFFLES> and <SNEEZES>.

30 FLUTTERSHY
Cover your mouth, Clementine-- you
could send germs all the way to
Canterlot from up there!
(calling O.S.)
It's been an hour, Scout-- time to
shift your weight.

Without waking up, A SLEEPING FLAMINGO puts down one leg and raises the other.

Meanwhile, Clementine leans down and gets Dr. Fauna's attention. She turns to Fluttershy.

31 DR. FAUNA
Translation...?

32 FLUTTERSHY
Her throat is feeling better, but
it'll still need a massage every
day for another week.

Dr. Fauna is impressed when Clementine nods, satisfied.

33 DR. FAUNA
Fluttershy, I've said it before but
I'll say it again-- this place
would be a zoo without you!

Suddenly, Angel hops onto Fluttershy's head.

34 FLUTTERSHY
Angel!

Angel pantomimes-- pointing at her, then gesturing to his ears like "blah blah blah." Fluttershy is incredulous.

35 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Wha--!? "Listen to you for once?!"
Just what exactly is that supposed
to mean?

He jumps down and waves "come on!" ...and hops away.
Fluttershy calls after him, losing steam as he goes--

36 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Come back! I meant "tell me,"
not... <SIGH>.

37 DR. FAUNA
Lil' fella just wants you all to
himself, is all.

38 FLUTTERSHY
Unfortunately, that's not really an
option.

39 DR. FAUNA
Well, it's not like he's doing any
serious damage.

She winces at a loud, off-screen <CRASH>!

40 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
Other than that, possibly.

They both wince at a much longer <SUSTAINED CRASHING> sound.

41 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
Or that-- I'll just stop talking.

PUSH IN ON FLUTTERSHY...

42 FLUTTERSHY
I'll handle it.

CUT TO:

SC 6 - EXT. STORAGE CAVE - MOMENTS LATER

Near the Sanctuary's waterfall, A DOOR has been carved into the mountainside-- inside is A STORAGE AREA lined with shelves stocked with cans and food sacks.

Fluttershy hurries into the storage cave, stopping short at a PILE OF SUPPLIES (cans, burlap sacks, etc) that sits under a BROKEN BOTTOM shelf. After a moment, Angel's head <POPS> out.

Fluttershy follows his gaze up, up, up... until she spots...

A JAR WITH THE CARROT LABEL, still up on the top shelf.

43 FLUTTERSHY
(flying up and reading)
Concentrated Carrot Extract?!
That's for emergencies! Angel--
what's gotten into you?! Every day
this week you've been causing
trouble when I have work to do...
Can't you see how that makes me
feel...?

Angel frantically pantomimes back at her, his every gesturing accompanied by the ever-present <JINGLE BELLS>.

44 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Of course I know you can't talk to
anypony else. But that's not my
fault. What about the things I have
to do?!

He stomps his paw like a gavel.

She stomps her hoof.

They stare at each other frustrated then, realizing, both turn sad. Angle looks up and shrugs, then adds a few gestures...

45 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
You think Zecora was right?
(thinking). Hmm. Maybe we do need
help.

CUT TO:

SC 7 - EXT. ZECORA'S HUT - EVERFREE FOREST - DAY

TICK TOCK.

Angel and Fluttershy sit across from each other in Zecora's hut, not unlike the vibe of couples therapy.

46 ZECORA
*No need to silently sit and stew. /
Tell each other what's bothering
you.*

After a moment, Fluttershy goes first.

47 FLUTTERSHY
He's so impatient... even when I
tell him I have work to do. It's
not like we never see each other.

Fluttershy watches Angel pantomime.

48 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh, that's not true.

Angel gets right up in her face, gesturing-- a one-sided argument as she defends herself--

49 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
No-- Oh, stop it-- you're just
making that up-- I never--!

Zecora interrupts with a gentle therapist's nudge...

50 ZECORA
*Ahh ahh ahhh... Try again saying
"it makes me feel," that's the way
your hearts will heal.*

Annoyed to be here at all, Angel tries again.

51 FLUTTERSHY
You feel like all I do is ignore
you... Well, I feel like you never
think about my responsibilities!

Angel gives her a look, then crosses his tiny arms in a huff.
Fluttershy frowns, then looks to Zecora.

52 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
As you can see, we're kind of at an
impasse...

Zecora gets a twinkle in her eye.

53 ZECORA
*Such luck, your coming here,
indeed... / Behold, the antidote
you need.*

Zecora reveals two BUBBLING POTIONS. Fluttershy and Angel
stare at them, hesitant.

54 FLUTTERSHY
Is this what you meant by "help
us?" I kinda thought we would just
talk a lot.

<OMINOUS MUSIC> accompanies a swirling wind that sweeps
through the hut. PUSH IN ON ZECORA'S KNOWING SMILE...

55 ZECORA
*When trouble brews between two,
turning brother against brother...
(ominous)
True understanding is what's due, as
each must come to know the other.*

Off Fluttershy considering it...

56 ZECORA (CONT'D)
*The two of you need time together.
/ Go home, drink these, and all
will be better.*

DISSOLVE TO:

SC 8 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

Fluttershy emerges from the forest and heads into town, where
Angel pops out of her saddlebags and studies the potion with
fascination. She seems to be coming to a decision...

57 FLUTTERSHY
I suppose we should try it. What's
the worst that could happen?
(looking around)
Thank goodness Twilight isn't here
to tell us the worst that could
happen.

Angel laughs, then gives her an excited gesture. She warms to
the idea...

58 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
When was the last time we had a tea
party? I've been so busy at the
Sanctuary, I can barely
remember...!

Angel is excited, that's exactly his point...!

59 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
We'll dust off the ol' picnic
blanket, pour ourselves a glass of
this potion... it'll be just like
old times...

But then Fluttershy remembers...

60 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Except I promised to feed Zecora's
lizard this afternoon! And I still
haven't finished today's chores...

Angel is frustrated-- He grabs the bottle and downs it in one
gulp.

61 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
What are you-- Wait! Zecora said to
go home first!

Angel tosses the bottle over his shoulder and gives her a
look like, "You're up."

62 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Well, I guess I have to now.

Fluttershy drinks her potion and Angel smiles, satisfied.

63 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I wonder what it's supposed to
dooWHOOOAA---

There's a sudden brief <TRANSFORMATION EFFECT>, like the
screen WARPS AND FOLDS in the middle, after which...

Fluttershy and Angel HAVE SWITCHED PLACES.

"Fluttershy" begins struggling to flap her wings before crashing down to the ground, while "Angel" awkwardly tries walking on his hind legs, flapping his tiny cute bunny mouth.

They both freeze, inspecting their bodies. "Angel" is confused to see paws and long ears and a fuzzy tail. "Fluttershy" stretches each wing while trying to hop.

(Quick aside for clarity: The character of "Fluttershy who is trapped in Angel's body" will be referred to as FLUTTERBUNNY. Meanwhile "Angel who finds himself trapped in Fluttershy's Pony body" will be ANGEL PONY.)

64 ANGEL PONY
Whoa whoa whoa hang on, hold up, am
I pony? Seriously, I'm a pony.
 (then)
WHY AM I PONY!?!?

Slowly they look from the empty potion bottle to each other with wide eyes.

65 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Question: did we switch bodies?!

Flutterbunny <SCREAMS> a bunny scream and we CUT TO BLACK.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC 9 - EXT. PONYVILLE - MOMENTS LATER

<KINETIC MUSIC> as among the town folk going about their business, we notice a commotion coming this way. Ponies jump out of the way, reacting to something on the ground...

ANGLE ON - FLUTTERBUNNY HOPPING DOWN THE STREET

WE SHIFT TO HER POV - She dives out of the way as GIANT HOOVES come <CRASHING> into the dirt as they try not to step on her.

Next, we hear <APPROACHING HOOVES> and <AWKWARD EFFORTS> down the street as we cut to...

ANGEL PONY - spastically lurching in a general forward direction with a *Bambi*-esque lack of coordination.

66 ANGEL PONY
AUUHHHGGHHHHUUUUUAAAAA!!!!

Angel Pony galumphs right up to a water trough...

ANGLE ON THE WATER-- Angel Pony peeks at his reflection, then ducks back out. After a moment, he returns, cartoonishly checking out his pony-mane and pony-eyes and pony-nose, <SNIFFING REALLY FAST A BUNCH OF TIMES>, then finally his pony MOUTH.

67 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Ahhhhh. Mmmm. la la la. MEE MEE
BoooAAAAnzzzzz... Wubbawubba
<CLICK>
 (then)
Talking is so cool!

A few ponies are staring at him, including MUFFINS who shakes her head like "what are you gonna do." Angel Pony touches a hoof to the reflection-- rippling Fluttershy's face.

68 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Did you know this was what Zecora
meant?!

He turns to Flutterbunny, who shakes her head NO, then begins pantomiming. Angel Pony interprets...

69 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
"This can't be happening?!" News
flash-- IT IS HAPPENING!
 (off bunny pantomiming)
How are you gonna do your chores?
Really?! That's what you're worried
about?
 (off more pantomiming)
Well, maybe I don't wanna switch
back right away! I've only been
able to talk to YOU since we met,
and now I can talk to anypony I
want!

Flutterbunny shakes her head, "No" and starts pacing like a general, sketching out the lines of a plan in the dirt with a stick.... Two circles... An X... But she stops, annoyed to see...

Angel Pony running up to several residents of Ponyville. He leaps in front of ROSE and DAISY at the FLOWER STALL--

70 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Roses are red, violets are blue,
(to ROSE) you sell flowers (to
DAISY) and so do you!

He stops a MOTHER PONY pushing a stroller--

71 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Rubber baby buggy bumpers! Rubber
baby buggy bumpers! (then leans
down and talks to the baby) Toy
boat! Toy boat! Toy boawHA000--

Flutterbunny YANKS his tail, pulling him back--

72 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Oh, come on....!

Flutterbunny stamps her paw and gestures to her plan drawn in
the dirt.

73 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
I am so too listening-- quit bein'
so bossy, because--
 (suddenly sniffing the
 air)
Are there carrots around here...?

A pony passes behind them carrying a basket of a CARROTS.
Angel Pony slowwwly turns toward it when-- Flutterbunny hops
up and pulls his face down to her plan.

She gestures angrily.

<BANG BANG>! Flutterbunny THUMPS her back paw like a gavel.

74 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Ugh! Fine.

Defeated, he sits. Flutterbunny pantomimes and he translates.

75 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
You think Zecora gave us the wrong
potion...
 (watching her mime)
...so you're gonna go to her hut in
the forest to get something to
switch us back. (then) All by
yourself?! Yeah! Right! You really
don't know what it's like being a
bunny...

Flutterbunny dismissed this with a poo-poo of the paw.

76 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Hop to it then. I'm gonna go look
for those carrots.

Flutterbunny <CLAPS>, pointing and gesturing the other way.

77 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
"Go back to work...?" I don't work
for you!

<WHA-PISH>! Flutterbunny GLARES and Angel Pony freezes.

78 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
<GASP> The stare...?! You can still
do that?! ...No fair making me do
your bidding!

PUNCH IN: Flutterbunny stares harder. Angel Pony relents.

79 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
All right! Ugh! I'll do your lame
chores while you go see Zecora.

Flutterbunny nods, satisfied. She gestures more, then
<CLAPS>, "Ready, break!" Off Angel Pony rolling his eyes...

SC 10 - EXT. SWEET FEATHER SANCTUARY - LATER

At the sanctuary, Angel Pony enters, trying to "act casual."
He spasmodically lurches to attention when Dr. Fauna calls--

80 DR. FAUNA
Fluttershy!

81 ANGEL PONY
Yes! That's me...! Definitely
Fluttershy, a hundred percent.

82 DR. FAUNA
Oh...kay...

83 ANGEL PONY
 (acting shy)
See how shy I am?

Dr. Fauna eyes him strangely.

84 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
I talk to animals. I want to marry
Discord. I--

85 DR. FAUNA
 (passing a scroll)
You left your list for the day.

86 ANGEL PONY
Yes. Thank you. My list of chores
that I will absolutely not rush
through because I definitely do not
have better things to do.

Dr. Fauna gives him another odd look before walking off. Angel reads down the list then looks up from it, smiling slyly...

87 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Well, well, well...

He approaches Dottie the cheetah, who looks up at him.

88 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Remember me...?

CUT TO:

SC 11 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - EDGE - DAY

Flutterbunny hops down a path. The forest looms ahead looking enormous, scary, and dark. She looks over to see SPIKE AND TWILIGHT heading down the path the other way and hops up to them, waving her paws to get their attention.

IN ANGEL'S POV - we look up at Spike and Twilight. Twilight leans down, big in frame.

89 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh. Hi Angel. What's going on.

Flutterbunny starts to pantomime, but Twilight just look confused - she turns to Spike.

90 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Do you know what he's trying to say?

91 SPIKE
Nope.

92 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sorry, Angel. You should probably find Fluttershy. If I see her, I'll tell her you're looking for her.

Flutterbunny looks up at them, deflated. They turn and head off down the path. She tries to hop after them, but their steps are so big they are immediately far ahead and by the time she's fought through grass and climbed over a log, they're gone.

She <SIGHS> and heads into the woods on her own...

CUT TO:

SC 12 - EXT. SWEET FEATHER SANCTUARY - LATER

ANGLE ON Dottie, tied up in a tangle of ropes, <WHINING>.

PAN OVER to Angel Pony checking off another item on the list of chores as he saunters over to Ethel the Baby Elephant.

93 ANGEL PONY
Hey, Ethel, how's that trunk doing?

He takes off her bandage. She stretches and gives a mighty SNIFF, inadvertently sucking up A SET OF KEYS from a nearby hook.

94 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Whoa, seems fine to me!

Angel Pony looks back to the list...

95 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Let's see... rub the giraffe's
neck...

He quickly scampers up a step ladder and gives Clementine's throat a quick couple of pats.

96 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
...get the flamingo to switch
legs...

WHIP PAN to Scout sleeping as before, then back to Angel Pony who shrugs.

97 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Probably best not to wake him.
(going down the list) Did the thing
with the thing, blah blah blah,
animals animals animals...
(then)
...all that's left is feeding
Zecora's gecko...
(reading, realizing...)
This afternoon?!?!

He looks down at the lizard, who pats his tummy and makes a sad face. Angel Pony nods.

98 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Yeah, I'm hungry now too, which
reminds me, there's some carrot
extract with my name on it. Ugh!
Afternoon is so far away! What do
you eat, anyway?

Angel Pony looks around, spots Antoine with his jar of cookies. The gecko does too-- gesturing at them.

99 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Whaddya say, Snake... Can you find
something else to eat if I borrow
those cookies for my friend here?

Antoine nods... "definitely." He noses the jar of cookies over to Angel Pony.

100 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
There you go... problem solved. I
don't see what's so hard about this
job... Fluttershy is such a whiner!

With that, he crumples up the list and tosses it aside.

CUT TO:

SC 13 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - LATER

Flutterbunny hops through Everfree forest, finally arriving at...

SC 14 - EXT. ZECORA'S HUT - EVERFREE FOREST - LATER

She knocks. Zecora answers, and seeing her... PLAYS DUMB.

101 ZECORA
*Quite a day, my fuzzy friend! / Did
things work out for you in the end?*

Flutterbunny hops over, gesturing excitedly, recounting the day-- searching, running, searching, dodging hoofs...

Zecora looks down at her with mock-confusion.

102 ZECORA (CONT'D)
*I'm sorry, dear bunny, that things
seem so grave, but I don't
understand when you sign and wave.*

ZECORA GETS CLOSE, speaking with obvious pointed meaning--

103 ZECORA (CONT'D)
*A single link to all the world--
only one in all the land. / How
special she must be to you, the one
who understands.*

Flutterbunny is confused. Zecora smirks.

104 ZECORA (CONT'D)
*Perhaps if you explained what you
wanted to somepony who understood,
if you truly felt heard and valued,
all would return to good...*

Flutterbunny perks up at that.

105 ZECORA (CONT'D)
*And if you were to both apologize,
having learned this little lesson,
I imagine that might bring an end
to the friendship therapy session.*

Getting it, Flutterbunny nods and gives a thankful paw prayer gesture. Zecora nods slightly in recognition. Flutterbunny does a cute little pre-race stretching routine, then HOPS AWAY...

SC 15 - EXT. SWEET FEATHER SANCTUARY - LATER

Dr. Fauna walks in and finds Angel Pony trying to open the lock on the STORAGE CAVE.

106 DR. FAUNA
Fluttershy?!

107 ANGEL PONY
That's my name don't wear it out!
 (sotto, pleased with joke)
Heh heh heh... got her.

108 DR. FAUNA
Do you mind helping me look for
Ethel the Baby Elephant...?

109 ANGEL PONY
If you can help me open this lock.

110 DR. FAUNA
Where are your keys? (looking
around, stymied) And where's
Ethel!?

111 ANGEL PONY
Oh, she's having dinner with
Antoine.

Angel Pony shakes the door as hard as he can. Dr. Fauna gapes.

112 DR. FAUNA
Antoine the python?!

113 ANGEL PONY
It was on the list: "Remember
Antoine wants to have Ethel over
for dinner."

114 DR. FAUNA
Not over for dinner! He wants to
have her FOR dinner!

She zooms off. Angel stops shaking the door.

115 ANGEL PONY
Wait-- WHAT?!

CUT TO:

SC 16 - EXT. PONYVILLE - SAME TIME

Flutterbunny hops down the path toward town and comes across
Twilight and Spike again.

116 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Hey, Angel. Did you find
Fluttershy?

Flutterbunny hops along with them and doesn't even try to
explain. She just shakes her head.

117 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
She's probably at the animal
sanctuary. We'd walk with you but
we've got some shopping to do.

118 SPIKE
And the Ponyville Market is in full
swing!

Excited, Spike and Twilight head into the town square as we
PULL OUT to reveal:

Stalls and tents and crowds of ponies everywhere - Spike
wasn't kidding. As Flutterbunny's eyes go wide we CUT TO...

FLUTTERBUNNY'S POV - Hooves stomp all around as equally
threatening wagon wheels roll by. Off of her worried gaze...

SC 17 - EXT. SWEET FEATHER SANCTUARY - MOMENTS LATER

Angel Pony wanders through the Sanctuary. <ANIMAL CHAOS
SOUNDS> all around him.

119 DR. FAUNA (O.S.)
BAD SNAKE! OPEN YOUR MOUTH THIS
INSTANT, MISTER!

Angel follows the sound of commotion to find...

Dr. Fauna yelling at Antoine the Snake, who looks not unlike the hat-shaped drawing in *The Little Prince* of a snake who's just swallowed a Baby Elephant whole.

Angel covers his head as-- suddenly Scout the Flamingo FLAPS past, being chased by Clementine who's <SNEEZING> up a storm.

Clementine drops her long neck into frame, showing off a red throat, <WHINING>, just as the Flamingo's leg seizes up with a charlie horse. She <SQUAWKS>, clutching it with her wings rolling around in the dirt.

Dr. Fauna looks around, at the end of her rope.

120 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
What is going on? (to Angel Pony)
You did all the chores on your list
didn't you?

121 ANGEL PONY
Define "did."

Dr. Fauna glares at him frustrated. Off Angel Pony's sheepish, guilty look...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC 18 - INT. SWEET FEATHERS SANCTUARY - RESUME

Dr. Fauna looks around at the cacophony of animal chaos. She turns to Angel Pony, exasperated.

122 DR. FAUNA
Why didn't you do the chores on
your list?

123 ANGEL PONY
Well, technically, I did do them,
kind of... and more technically,
it's not really my list.

124 DR. FAUNA
You wrote it!

125 ANGEL PONY
Did I, though?

126 DR. FAUNA
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?!

127 ANGEL PONY
You do not wanna know.

Dr. Fauna stares at him confused, when their standoff is suddenly interrupted, by--

FLUTTERBUNNY drags herself into the Sanctuary, her fur a frazzled mess. Breathing hard, she stumbles forward two steps and... falls flat on her face.

128 DR. FAUNA
Angel?

Both Dr. Fauna and Angel Pony rush over.

129 ANGEL PONY
What's wrong with her--
(correcting) --him? What happened?

Dr. Fauna checks Flutterbunny.

130 DR. FAUNA
He's exhausted!

Angel Pony's eyes quiver with emotion.

131 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
Fluttershy, I need that jar of concentrated carrot extract, stat!

Worried and speechless, Angel Pony realizes...

132 ANGEL PONY
It's locked in the storage room.

133 DR. FAUNA
Where are your keys!?

134 ANGEL PONY
Uh... In Ethel's trunk?

CUT TO:

SC 19 - EXT. SWEET FEATHER SANCTUARY - LATER

Angel Pony looks at Antoine who has Ethel still inside him. Zecora's gecko climbs up onto his shoulder. Angel Pony turns to the lizard.

135 ANGEL PONY
Any ideas?

The tiny lizard points over to Dottie, still tied up with rope. Angel Pony <SIGHS> as we CUT TO...

A SERIES OF SHOTS AS ANGEL PONY GETS ANIMAL HELP:

- Zecora's gecko ties the rope to the end of Antoine's tail.
- Clementine drops the rope over the branch of a high tree.
- Dottie, rope tied around her waist, gets into a runner's stance while...
- Scout, the flamingo, stands in front of Dottie holding both wings up. Then, Scout quickly drops them (like the starting line in a street race).

Angel Pony watches as Dottie takes off! The rope is pulled taught and Antoine is yanked into the air. He hangs for a beat, then Ethel comes tumbling out of his mouth and onto the ground.

Ethel looks around as Angel Pony and the other animals rush up to her. The elephant is unharmed, but her trunk throbs with redness. Angel Pony frowns.

136 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Now I just need to get the keys.

From behind Ethel, Antoine slithers up, raises his head and gives an aggressive <HISSSS>!

Terrified, Ethel lets out a mighty TRUMPET from her trunk - which shoots the ring of keys right out. They land on the ground right in front of Angel Pony.

137 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Nice one, snake.

Antoine give a sly smile. Ethel shoots him a glare.

138 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Look at all of us. Predators and
prey working together.

As Angel Pony rushes off with the keys, the animals all nod to each other - nice work.

SC 20 - EXT. SWEET FEATHER SANCTUARY - LATER

Angel Pony rushes up to Dr. Fauna struggling with the huge jar of CARROT EXTRACT. He collapses with exhaustion right next to Flutterbunny.

139 ANGEL PONY
This place is so. Much. Work!

140 DR. FAUNA
I know. I have no clue how you do
it every day. We're all so
grateful.

Angel Pony looks over at Flutterbunny with new appreciation.

141 ANGEL PONY
I can't believe you do this every
day...!?
(under his breath)
I just wish I could tell you
myself.

142 DR. FAUNA
What...?

Angel Pony watches with hopeful eyes as Dr. Fauna administers
the Carrot Juice to Flutterbunny...

...after a suspenseful moment...

Flutterbunny's eyes flutter open!

143 ANGEL PONY
You're awake!

Flutterbunny gestures. Angel Pony translates.

144 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
"It was so hard getting to Zecora's
hut? And impossible getting back?!
You can't believe I survive like
this?!"

She nods.

145 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Well, I can't believe YOU work here
everyday-- these animals are crazy!
No wonder you don't have time for
me!

Flutterbunny gestures.

146 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
My life is hard?! No, YOU'RE life
is hard!

Flutterbunny gestures.

147 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
You never appreciated me?! No, I
never appreciated YOU!!!

ANGLE ON DR. FAUNA... So CONFUSED!!!

Flutterbunny gestures.

148 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
You're sorry?! I'M SORRY TOO!
 (hugging her)
Come here, you little bunny who's a
pony who's a bunny...

Dr. Fauna closes her eyes and rubs her temples, trying to process... during which we do another screen warping/folding <TRANSFORMATION EFFECT>.

When Dr. Fauna looks back... Fluttershy and Angel have SWAPPED PLACES!

Dr. Fauna does a double take.

149 FLUTTERSHY
Oh my goodness... I'm back! I'm a
pony again!

Angel (the bunny) does a little Snoopy-esque happy dance.

150 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh, Angel, I promise to always make
time for you from now on...

Angel stops dancing and looks up at Fluttershy. He gives her a few earnest gestures.

151 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
What do you mean maybe I won't have
to? (off more gestures) You want to
do what!?

Off Fluttershy's surprised look...

SC 21 - EXT. SWEET FEATHER SANCTUARY - DAY

CLOSE on Fluttershy as she talks.

152 FLUTTERSHY
...and that's when I figured out I
could come here and talk to all of
you...

PULL WIDE to reveal Angel is sitting in a chair next to Fluttershy, pantomiming. Fluttershy continues to translate to the rest of the animals all seated in their support group circle.

153 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
...because I realized all the work
that goes into this place really is
what makes it as great as it is.

As we pan around the circle the animals all nod. Fluttershy
tears up.

154 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh, Angel. That is the nicest thing
any bunny has ever said. And now
that I have an appreciation for
what you go through, we can work
together to make Sweet Feather
Sanctuary even better!

Angel hops into her lap and they nuzzle as all the animals
clap.

TRACK BACK to reveal Dr. Fauna and Zecora. Dr. Fauna gives
her the animal carrier with her gecko inside -- sleeping
soundly.

155 DR. FAUNA
Do me a favor. (pointing to
Fluttershy and Angel) Can you never
do that again, please?

Zecora gives her a wry smile and shrugs as we...

IRIS OUT

END.

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