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

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On a sunny morning at the sanctuary, a rooster CROWS, then quickly collapses back to bed wracked with <A COUGHING FIT> as DR. FAUNA quickly pops a THERMOMETER into his beak.

She's on her afternoon rounds... glancing over at THE GIRAFFE who <SNIFFLES> and <SNEEZES>.

1 DR. FAUNA
Cover your mouth, Clementine-- you
could be sending germs halfway to
Canterlot from up there!
(calling O.S.)
It's been an hour, Scout-- shift
your weight!

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

2 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
Let's see, what's next...

Suddenly ANGEL BUNNY is hopping up and down at eye-level, blocking her path, his every gesturing accompanied by the ever-present <JINGLE BELLS>. She tries to interpret his bunny-charades...

3 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
You want me to follow you, or...?

Pleased she understands he hops across the sanctuary to...

SC. 2 - INT. STORAGE CAVE - SANCTUARY - MOMENTS LATER

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A DOOR carved into mountainside-- A STORAGE AREA lined with shelves stocked with cans and food sacks. Angel hops in, excitedly pointing up at a high shelf where there's...

A GIANT JAR OF CARROT JUICE.

He hops in place a few times, paws outstretched trying to reach it.

He turns expecting Dr. Fauna-- but she's not there. Alone in the storage cave, he slumps.

SC. 3 - EXT. SWEET FEATHERS SANCTUARY - MOMENTS LATER

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He comes hopping back to Dr. Fauna, miming, "what happened?"

4 DR. FAUNA
Did you want me to follow you or
what...?
(off his dumbfounded look)
I don't understand. I'm not
Fluttershy.

He <THUMPS> his foot angrily then hops off. Dr. Fauna shrugs.

5 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
(cheery, genuine)
Glad I could help!

SC. 4 - EXT. SWEET FEATHERS SANCTUARY - SAME TIME

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We find Fluttershy near a RECEPTION TENT, unloading BUNCHES
OF BANANAS from a WOODEN CRATES. Two DELIVERY PONIES finish
stacking several SIMILAR CRATES nearby...

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6 FLUTTERSHY
(counting bananas)
...Six foot, seven foot, eight
foot, bunch.
(to the Delivery Ponies)
Are the eucalyptus popsicles still
on the wagon...?

The delivery ponies wander over checking papers, passing...

ZECORA, who is on her way toward the sanctuary, transporting
an animal carrier on her back under a velvet cloth.
Fluttershy smiles to greet her.

7 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Zecora! Nice to see you, I--

Suddenly Angel jumps up in front of her, gesturing intensely.

8 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Isn't there somepony else who can
help you right now...?

Angel pantomimes, then switches roles and pretends being a
clueless Dr. Fauna. Fluttershy knows what he means...

9 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
What do you mean Dr. Fauna couldn't
help you? She's a doctor! She helps
every animal in the Sanctuary.

Angel is indignant! Fluttershy plays into it, teasing...

10 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Of course you'd never do something
like that, now where was I...
(amused, to Zecora)
How can I help-- WHOA!!!

Suddenly Angel HOPS ONTO FLUTTERSHY'S HEAD and tugs her ears, leading her in circles until she bumps into the stack of delivery crates, wobbling the whole thing. <CREEEEEEAAK>!
Zecora steps back and raises an eyebrow, intrigued by it all.

11 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Let go--! Angel--! ...Hmm? ...Now
where'd he go...?

Confused, Fluttershy crosses her eyes trying to see the top of her head, looking around seeing no sign of Angel anywhere. She catches Zecora's raised eyebrow and blushes, confiding...

12 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
This is nothing. You should have
been here yesterday. --BANANA!

Suddenly she ducks as <WHOOSH>! A banana goes flying past her head. REVEAL: Angel <LAUGHING>, lying on his back by a line of bananas that he lobs with his back paws. <O.S SPLATS>!

13 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.) (CONT'D)
(between <SPLATS>)
--Hey! --Not again! --Watch it!

Suddenly he freezes, looking up at A SHADOW FALLING OVER HIM moments before A WOODEN CRATE <SLAMS> down from above.

PULL BACK TO REVEAL: Fluttershy sits on the crate, which <BANGS> and shakes with Angel trying to escape. Fluttershy blushes bright red, finally clearing her throat at Zecora.

14 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Ahem... Is there something I can
help you with...?

15 ZECORA
Seeing what you put each other through?
The real question is: "Can I help YOU?"

Off Fluttershy's confusion... <OMINOUS MUSIC> and FADE OUT.

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

SC. 5 - EXT. SWEET FEATHERS SANCTUARY - LATER

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Dr. Fauna approaches the front of the sanctuary, where she sees Fluttershy finishing up with Zecora. Still sitting on the crate, Fluttershy pats the cloth-covered animal carrier.

16 FLUTTERSHY
He's going to love it here. See you
this afternoon...

Zecora nods farewell before she heads off...

17 DR. FAUNA
(re: the covered carrier)
New arrival...?

18 FLUTTERSHY
Zecora's running a booth in the
Ponyville farmer's market today. I
told her we'd keep an eye on Ruby.

Dr. Fauna lifts the cloth revealing A SCARY, HISSING COBRA with a <HORROR MUSIC CUE>. It doesn't faze them at all.

19 DR. FAUNA
Hi there.

20 FLUTTERSHY
(overlapping)
Awwwww.

Ruby the cobra hisses unintelligibly at Dr. Fauna, who glances at Fluttershy.

21 DR. FAUNA
Translation...?

22 FLUTTERSHY
Zecora forgot to tell us she's
allergic to gluten.
(off snake <HISSES>)
--Yes, and dairy.

Dr. Fauna is impressed when the snake nods, satisfied.

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

Dr. Fauna notices the crate as Fluttershy climbs off.

24 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
Well... if it isn't our order of
eucalyptus popsicles...

She lifts the box revealing Angel glaring, paws crossed.

25 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
It... isn't.

Fluttershy gets down close, very apologetic...

26 FLUTTERSHY
I'm sorry, Angel... but you could
have hurt somepony. What was I
supposed to do...?

Angel pantomimes-- pointing at her, offering an arm, then
hopping away. Fluttershy is incredulous.

27 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Wha--! "Listened to you for once?!"
Just what exactly is so important
it can't wait?

He grins, nods excitedly, waves "come on!" ...And hops away.
Fluttershy calls after him, losing steam as he goes--

28 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Come back! I meant "tell me,"
not... <SIGH>. I'm sorry he keeps
getting in the way.

29 DR. FAUNA
Nah. Lil' fella misses you, is all--
got nopony else to talk to.

30 FLUTTERSHY
He doesn't even try.

31 DR. FAUNA
Either way, it's not like he's
doing any serious damage.

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

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

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

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

PUSH IN ON FLUTTERSHY, determined to take a stand...

CUT TO:

SC. 6 - INT. STORAGE CAVE - MOMENTS LATER

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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...

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

34 FLUTTERSHY
You've been after me all day, for
this...?
(flying up and reading)
Concentrated Carrot Extract?! It's
for emergencies! Angel-- what's
gotten into you?!

He doesn't acknowledge her angrily flying in a circle above.

35 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Every day this week you've come
around causing trouble when I'm
just trying to help Dr. Fauna...
Can't you see how that feels from
my perspective...?

She settles to the ground beside him, receiving no acknowledgement of her presence. He stares into the distance. Fluttershy takes in the sight of him like that, softening...

36 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Angel...?

Angel sits there without giving her any acknowledgement. His nose goes boop-boop, up and down, maybe. But that's it.

37 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Can you hear me?

No, Angel can not, apparently. He ignores her completely. Fluttershy grows concerned, checking his head...

38 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I should have asked right away--
are you okay? Does anything hurt?

He maintains that blank stare. Off Fluttershy's concern...

CUT TO:

SC. 7 - INT. SWEET FEATHERS SANCTUARY - LATER

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Dr. Fauna peers into Angel's ears with an ENT light shining from her forehead, <CLICKING> it off and shaking her head...

39 DR. FAUNA
Nothing wrong with the ol' rabbit ears-- his hearing checks out fine.

She <CLAPS> to make a point! Angel looks, startled.

40 FLUTTERSHY
Then why can't we understand each other?
(to Angel, slowly)
Are you trying to tell me something?

He doesn't react, instead he sniffs the ground. Fluttershy doesn't get it. Worried, she looks to Dr. Fauna, who shrugs.

41 DR. FAUNA
Now you know how the rest of us feel.

42 FLUTTERSHY
What if I'm the problem? Could something have happened to my talent?

43 DR. FAUNA
Let's see...

Dr. Fauna grabs a PARAKEET CAGE from Off-screen.

44 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
Can you understand Larry?

45 LARRY THE PARAKEET
<SQWAWK>! "There goes the neighborhood!"

Dr. Fauna gulps at her mistake as FS nods optimistically.

46 FLUTTERSHY
...Much clearer than usual.

47 DR. FAUNA
Never hurts to be sure...

She returns the bird O.S. and comes back with a SQUIRREL.

48 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
How about Natasha?

The squirrel <CHITTERS> as Fluttershy listens.

49 FLUTTERSHY
She's saying that somepony with a
glowing forehead ate all her nuts--

BUSTED, Dr. Fauna <CLICKS> off her forehead ENT lamp.

50 DR. FAUNA
Congratulations-- you can still
talk to animals.

From off-screen: <A SNEEZE>! They look over by the stream,
where the Flamingo SNEEZES so hard she falls over. Clementine
the Giraffe looks around like "who, me?!" She tries to hold
an innocent expression until she <SNEEZES> on the nearby tree
sending THE KOALA FAMILY diving for cover.

51 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
(grumbling, heading off)
Do you have any idea how bad it
would be if this spreads to the
other animals?

Fluttershy <GASPS>!

52 FLUTTERSHY
What if my problem spreads? Come
with me, Angel...
(to Dr. Fauna)
I'll be right back...

She drops Angel into her saddlebag and hurries off. On the
other side of the Sanctuary, Dr. Fauna calls to her

53 DR. FAUNA
Make it quick...
(eyeing reception area)
...We've got a busy day ahead!

PAN PAST WAITING ANIMALS TO FIND A stern-faced Opal in a neck
cone filled with popcorn next to Rarity, who's soaking wet.

54 RARITY
...Don't ask.

55 OPAL
<CURT MEOW>.

CUT TO:

SC. 8 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

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Fluttershy hurries down the streets of Ponyville, worrying to herself and checking in on Angel, who peeks from her saddlebags, oblivious to everything she says.

56 FLUTTERSHY
Don't worry, Angel... I know who'll
be able to help us...

Suddenly Fluttershy BUMPS right into LYRA and BON-BON, getting turned around so that she backs right into CRANKY DOODLE before she's done apologizing to them...

57 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Sorry-- Excuse me-- Pardon me--

58 CRANKY DOODLE
Bah! You got wings-- fly away!
(mumbling to himself)
Ponies these days... always bumping
carts for no good reason...

As Fluttershy gets going again, suddenly Pinkie Pie is matching her stride, sproinging alongside her.

59 PINKIE PIE
Hi, Fluttershy! What's the word?

60 FLUTTERSHY
Sorry, I'm in a hurry.

61 PINKIE PIE
I heard that!

Pinkie abruptly sproings away just as Fluttershy looks up to see she's arriving at her destination...

62 FLUTTERSHY
Here we are.

She approaches... TWILIGHT'S CASTLE.

CUT TO:

SC. 9 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

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IN THE LIBRARY, we find TWILIGHT SPARKLE with her horn glowing, reading one spell book after another, while Spike stands by with his arms full of scrolls. Fluttershy watches.

63 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No... no... nothing in this one
either.
(MORE)

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
...Fluttershy, I've checked every
wayward charm, malingering
enchantment, and errant magical
oddity in the book.

64 FLUTTERSHY
But there must be something!
(coming unwound)
What if this is the beginning? What
if this happens with the other
animals too...?

PUSH IN ON ANGEL as he peeks out of Fluttershy's saddlebags,
highlighting the irony in Fluttershy's concerns...

65 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I care for each and every visitor
at Sweet Feather Sanctuary. If I
can't understand what they need,
then what am I to them...?

Angel closes his eyes and shakes his head. No pony notices.

66 SPIKE
Still an incredibly helpful pony?

67 FLUTTERSHY
I'M NOTHING!

Spike and Twilight exchange a look... yikes. Twilight looks
down and catches Angel shaking his head, distraught. He sees
her see him and immediately shifts back to a blank stare.

68 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(curious)
You don't think this could be about
something between the two of you?

69 FLUTTERSHY
Me and Angel? No. We're best
friends. That's why I have to
figure this out.

Fluttershy sees a clock and starts to fuss, packing Angel up.

70 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Can you keep looking...? I have to
get back to the Sanctuary.

71 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You've been putting in some long
hours there lately. What if you
and Angel took the afternoon off?

Fluttershy's worried eyes dart around, aware of the time...

72 FLUTTERSHY
Um... Well, I will definitely think
about that, but I have so much to
take care of today. Maybe tomorrow,
though that's pretty busy too. Let
me know if you find anything...

With that Fluttershy rushes out. Spike gives Twilight a look.

73 SPIKE
Hoo boy.

CUT TO:

SC. 10 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

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Fluttershy hurries out of the castle, heading glumly down the stairs until she perks up, seeing something O.S....

74 FLUTTERSHY
Zecora!

Happening to pass by, Zecora looks up with mild surprise.

75 ZECORA
*Coincidence reunites us here! / How
fares your problem? Worse, I fear.*

76 FLUTTERSHY
(nodding)
Angel and I can't understand each
other, and nopony has any idea how
to fix it.

Zecora gets a twinkle in her eye.

77 ZECORA
*Such luck that we should meet,
indeed... / Behold, the antidote
you need.*

Zecora reveals two BUBBLING POTIONS from her bag. Fluttershy inspects her bottle, eyeing her...

78 FLUTTERSHY
We both have to drink it...?

Angel peeks out unnoticed and mime-- YECH! But then hides as--

<OMINOUS MUSIC> accompanies a swirling wind that sweeps
leaves at their feet. PUSH IN ON ZECORA'S KNOWING SMILE...

79 ZECORA
*When silence fall between two
friends, if sister can't hear
brother...*
 (ominous)
*To truly understand, each must
experience the other.*

Off Fluttershy considering it...

CUT TO:

SC. 11 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

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We find Fluttershy and Angel hurrying side by side down the streets of Ponyville. She talks to Angel out of habit, although he's still not responding.

80 FLUTTERSHY
We're late enough as it is... she
said I could drink it on the way...
 (realizing)
Don't know why I'm talking to you.
But if Zecora says this will fix
it...

Fluttershy GULPS down her potion. She offers the other to Angel, who sniffs it. Fluttershy thinks, sweet-talking him...

81 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
It tastes like carrots...

Angel GULPS it down. Fluttershy cocks her head...

82 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
You could hear that? But then that
means...

Suddenly a PARALLAXING TREE passes through the foreground, obscuring them for a moment as it moves through frame. When it's gone, we notice what looks like an animation error...

Fluttershy and Angel have switched places.

Except now, "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.

Slowly they look from the empty potion bottles to each other with wide eyes. Fluttershy <SCREAMS> and we CUT TO BLACK.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

(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.)

SC. 12 - EXT. PONYVILLE - MOMENTS LATER

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

It's FLUTTERBUNNY hopping down the street, diving out of the way as Lyra and Bon-Bon's GIANT HOOVES come <CRASHING> into the dirt as they try not to step on her. Flutterbunny finally scampers out of danger only to get blindsided by a giant wheel on Cranky Doodle's cart. He brushes her aside.

83 CRANKY DOODLE
Bah! You got legs-- hop away!
 (mumbling to himself)
Bunnies these days... always
bumping carts like they're
ponies...

Suddenly he hears <APPROACHING HOOVES> and <SCREAMING> down the road. It's Angel Pony spastically lurching in a general forward direction with a *Bambi*-esque lack of coordination.

84 ANGEL PONY
AUUHHHGGHHHHUUUUAAAAA!!!!

Cranky Doodle pushes his cart out of the way at the last second, accidentally running over Flutterbunny's fluffy tail in the process. Down in the mud, she opens her mouth to scream in silent bunny agony, but we only hear the sounds of adorable <JINGLE BELLS>.

Meanwhile, suddenly Pinkie Pie is hopping in stride alongside Angel Pony, who's still being carried forward by momentum apparently (this is all very new to him).

85 PINKIE PIE
Hi, Fluttershy! What's the word?

86 ANGEL PONY
AHHHHHH!!!

87 PINKIE PIE
I heard that!

She abruptly sproings away!

88 ANGEL PONY
(still screaming)
...AHHHHHHHHH--!

Suddenly Flutterbunny hops to a water trough and <SPLASHES> water on his face. He calms down. Flutterbunny begins pantomiming at Angel Pony, but he ignores her and slowly turns to look into the 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>.

89 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Ahhhhh. Mmmm. la la la. MEE MEE
BoooAAAAnzzzzz... Wubbawubba
<CLICK> Immaaaa... Immmaaaa...
(getting the hang of it)
I'm.... a... Poh-neeeee?

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.

90 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
(speaking clearer now)
I-- I'm... Fluttershy? So...
Fluttershy is... me?

He turns to Flutterbunny, who nods, then begins pantomiming. Angel Pony interprets, speaking with a kind-of hip-boy enthusiasm of a bunny in charge of Fluttershy's vocal chords.

91 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Whaaaaaat?! How we gonna switch
back, girl!?

Flutterbunny paces 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 following a pony carrying a basket of a CARROTS. The pony looks back to see Angel Pony slowwwwly lean down, maintaining eye contact, then opens his mouth and as he's about to eat a carrot--

Flutterbunny YANKS his tail, pulling him back--

92 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
But I'm hungryyyyy...!

Flutterbunny gestures, looking over to her drawing in the dirt. When she looks back Angel isn't there. She hops out of frame and DRAGS him back to where she's drawn the plan.

She gestures angrily.

93 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
I am so to listening-- quit bein'
so bossy, cause like...
 (looking around)
Are there carrots around here...?

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

94 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Fine.

Defeated, he sits. Flutterbunny pantomimes and he translates.

95 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
"Zecora gave us the wrong potion."
 (sarcastic)
Duh!
 (reflecting)
Whoa! I'm totally getting the hang
of this!
 (off her glare)
My bad, go on.
 (watching her mime)
...You'll go find Zecora. Yeah!
Right! All by yourself?! You really
don't know what it's like being a
bunny, honey.

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

96 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Hop to it then. Ima look for some
carrots in this piece... huh?

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

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

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

98 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
<GASP>. The stare...?! You can
still do that?! ...Not fair!

PUNCH IN: Flutterbunny stares harder. Angel Pony relents.

99 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
All right! Ugh! I'll go help Dr.
Fauna...

Flutterbunny gestures more, then <CLAPS>, "Break!" As she hops off, Angel goes the other way, a sly smile on his face.

100 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
...Right after I help myself.

CUT TO:

SC. 13 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER

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Flutterbunny comes hopping in, sniffing at the spot where Zecora spoke to them. She looks around... "Where'd she go?!"

CUT TO THE CASTLE DOOR. We hear <SOFT O.S. PAT PAT PAT>. Nothing happens. <MORE SOFT PATTING> and we PAN DOWN TO FIND Flutterbunny way down on the ground, banging as hard as she can. Finally Spike opens the door, <YAWNING>...

101 SPIKE
Am I the only one who respects the sanctity of Nap time anymore? Oh, hey Angel! What-- whoa, slow down!

Flutterbunny gestures frantically-- "Look over there, now look at me? I drank a potion! Are you following any of this...?"

Her motions slow when she notices Spike's just staring.

102 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Yeah, I got nothing.

Flutterbunny throws up her paws. Spike <SIGHS>, relieved.

103 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Waving goodbye-- that, I understand! See you later...

Flutterbunny freaks out-- "no that's not what I meant!" But it's too late. The door <SLAMS> in her face. She slumps.

CUT TO:

SC. 14 - EXT. SWEET FEATHERS SANCTUARY - LATER

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Angel Pony slinks in, sneaking around trying not to get seen by Dr. Fauna. He hops into... THE STORAGE CAVE.

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INSIDE, he cranes his neck looking up to the top shelf-- THE JAR OF CONCENTRATED CARROT EXTRACT. Angel Pony <SNICKERS>.

He gives his wings a mighty FLAP. His hooves lift off the ground slightly. He flaps faster, straining to get lift. His legs "run" in mid-air not unlike Yoshi in *Yoshi's Island*. Slowly but surely, Angel Pony rises toward the top shelf.

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104 DR. FAUNA
There you are, Fluttershy...!

Angel Pony reacts-- Huh?-- and finds himself getting pulled out of the Storage Cave by Dr. Fauna.

Once outside, she thrusts a paper into his wing.

105 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
You can sort supplies after your finish your rounds.

Angel's jaw drops. The list unfolds into an even longer list, then unfolds again several times until it hits the ground.

106 ANGEL PONY
Oh, come on...

CUT TO:

SC. 15 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

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Flutterbunny hops down the street, waving her paws in front of pedestrians who just keep walking. Annoyed, she hops out of the road tugging at her ears with frustration, until--

--she spots PINKIE PIE, standing inside SUGARCUBE CORNER and framed through the doorway.

Flutterbunny excitedly hops towards her. But as she crosses the threshold of Sugarcube Corner...

She finds herself being swept back outside by MRS. CAKE, who points at a NO PETS sign (a la "No Smoking" but with adorable animal *silhouettes*).

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Flutterbunny throws her paws up and stomps away...

CUT TO:

SC. 16 - EXT. SWEET FEATHERS SANCTUARY - LATER

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Angel Pony trudges up the ramp at the Koala Tree, pushing a WOODEN CRATE in front of him.

107 ANGEL PONY
Who wants stupid popsicles...? Get
your... dumb... ice thing-eyes...!

Two KOALAS munching leaves look down at him from where they're perched hugging the tree trunk. They gesture to the popsicles then point at each other. Angel Pony interprets.

108 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
"But you always give us each our
favorite flavor?" How about...

Angel rears back and knocks his head into the crate tipping it on its side, dumping POPSICLES out onto the platform.

109 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
All the flavors. Whaaaaaaat?
(DJ record scratch)
Wikka-wikka yum yum. Peace out.

Confused, the koalas begin picking at the pile of popsicles. Angel trots away, crossing off one more thing on his list.

110 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
I don't know why she acts like this
is hard. Ima be done in no time!
(passing the Flamingo)
Yo bird, I'm supposed to remind you
to do something!
(crossing it off the list)
Remind Flamingo... check.

As Angel <WHISTLES> happily on his way, we hold on the Flamingo, who wobbles on one leg, slowly leaning sideways until she topples and <SPLASHES> into the river and we--

CUT TO:

SC. 17 - EXT. PONYVILLE - MARKET - LATER

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Find Flutterbunny out of breath, hopping from barrel to barrel up to where she can get a view from atop of PARKED WAGON. Winded, her chest rises and falls so much that she has to steady herself. She puts a paw above her eyes to search the area...

It's the Ponyville market. GRANNY SMITH and BIG MAC have an APPLE STAND. Pinkie Pie's just setting up a cupcake stand. And then CLOSE ON FLUTTERBUNNY doing a double take--

HER TINY BUNNY POV: A LONG-LENS SHOT-- although the view is often interrupted by blurry ponies crossing in the crowded foreground, we see ZECORA'S POTION STAND at the far side.

Flutterbunny jumps and waves to get Zecora's attention, which seems like it might work until we reveal a WIDE SHOT--

Zecora's stall is dwarfed by the enormous market as a whole, with Flutterbunny barely visible as this waving shape in the corner of the frame.

Determined, Flutterbunny scans the market for a route--tracing out paths in the air with her paw, shaking her head when she doesn't like what she sees.

Finally she nods, committed, and hops down from the wagon! She darts between <STOMPING> hooves in the <NOISY> market--stopping here and there to rest with her paws on her head, doubling over to catch her breath...

...when suddenly A WAGON comes through, which she dodges at the last second by hopping backwards, then leaps here and there avoiding more hooves.

She stumbles, hitting the dirt with a <THUD>. Her eyes drooping, she tries to lift herself back to her feet...

...but she collapses, eyes closed. <DUN DUN DUN>!

CUT TO:

SC. 18 - EXT. SWEET FEATHERS SANCTUARY - STORAGE CAVE - LATER *

Find Dr. Fauna searching the area, checking the STORAGE CAVE. She looks in, surprised to find Angel Pony with his head fully immersed in the jar of concentrated carrot extract.

111 ANGEL PONY
Mmm... that's good carrot juice.

112 DR. FAUNA
Fluttershy?!

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

He dunks his head in the jar again with a <SPLASH>. Dr. Fauna seems more concerned with whatever's going on outside...

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

115 ANGEL PONY
She's having dinner with Antoine.

116 DR. FAUNA
Antoine the python?!

Angel Pony eats and nods, pushing the to do list toward Fauna with a hoof.

117 ANGEL PONY
It's right there. "Remember Antoine has been trying to have Ethel over for dinner."

118 DR. FAUNA
--For dinner! He's been trying to have her FOR dinner!

Dr. Fauna ZIPS off. Angel looks after for a beat, then shrugs and <SPLASH>! He dunks his head back in the jar.

CUT TO:

SC. 19 - EXT. SWEET FEATHERS SANCTUARY - MOMENTS LATER

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Smiling and staggering a bit like a toddler who's had too much milk, Angel Pony wanders out of the Storage Cave, taking SUNGLASSES off Lola the Sloth and putting them on himself...

119 ANGEL PONY
<BURRRRP>.
(sotto)
...Nice.

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

Angel follows the sound of commotion to find...

Dr. Fauna, jumping up and down on top of 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.

121 ANGEL PONY
Seems like a lot of work just for a meal.

Angel licks some carrot juice off her wingtip, then lifts the snake's jaw open, peeking inside its mouth...

122 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Ethel, you in there...?
(to Dr. Fauna)
She's fine!

Still hopping on Antoine, Dr. Fauna's incredulous--

123 DR. FAUNA
Not yet she's not! Out with it!

She comes down HARD. Antoine <SPITS> and a slimy BABY ELEPHANT shoots across the ground leaving a trail of clear goop that Angel Pony slips on.

124 ANGEL PONY
Ew? AHH!

Angel covers his head as-- suddenly Scout the Flamingo FLAPS past, being chased by dilated-eyed Koalas, whose fur is covered in colorful melted popsicle juice.

125 DR. FAUNA
Oh my monkey-- how many popsicles did you give them, Fluttershy?!

126 ANGEL PONY
(shrugs) How many did we have?

Clementine the giraffe 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.

127 DR. FAUNA
Didn't you do anything on the list...?

128 FLUTTERSHY
You know what I say? "Not my list, not my problem."

129 DR. FAUNA
IT IS YOUR LIST!

130 ANGEL PONY
Bunny don't play that.

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

132 ANGEL PONY
You do not wanna know.

Their standoff is interrupted--

133 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.)
Dr. Fauna...?! Fluttershy...?!

They spot-- Twilight and Spike approaching around front.

134 SPIKE
We got an emergency! Come quick!

Twilight's horn glows, lowering a bundle of blankets...

Angel Pony lifts the sunglasses for a better look, his face going pale when he sees Twilight unwrap an exhausted and barely conscious...

FLUTTERBUNNY!

<MUSIC STING>, and off Angel Pony's worried look... FADE OUT.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 20 - EXT. SWEET FEATHERS SANCTUARY - MOMENTS LATER

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Dr. Fauna checks out Flutterbunny while Angel Pony watches, eyes quivering with emotion.

135 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm sorry Fluttershy, we found him
in the market...

136 SPIKE
It's my fault...

137 DR. FAUNA
Thank goodness you brought him in
right away... he's on the verge of
complete fatigue!

Angel Pony's eyes quiver with emotion.

138 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
Fluttershy, bring her that jar of
concentrated carrot extract, stat!

Worried and speechless, Angel Pony nods and hops away.

**SC. 21 - INT. SWEET FEATHERS SANCTUARY - STORAGE CAVE -
MOMENTS LATER**

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Angel Pony hops in, looks in the jar, then shakes it out...

Nothing. He <GULPS> in fear.

SC. 22 - EXT. SWEET FEATHERS SANCTUARY - MOMENTS LATER

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Angel approaches, looking guilty...

139 ANGEL PONY
Yeah... um... about that...

140 DR. FAUNA
Don't tell me you drank it all?!

141 ANGEL PONY
Okay I won't tell you that.

142 DR. FAUNA
You drank it all?!

143 ANGEL PONY
Yeah.

144 DR. FAUNA
Is there anything you haven't
ruined today?!

Angel Pony takes in the sight of the destruction he caused.
The habitats, blankets, food bowls... for the first time it
clicks for him.

145 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
(sad, soft...)
I don't know what's going on with
you, but I hope Angel doesn't have
to pay the price...

PUSH IN ON ANGEL PONY, wracked with emotion...

CUT TO:

SC. 23 - EXT. PATH THROUGH FOREST - MOMENTS LATER

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Angel Pony hops away as fast as he can, trying to put Sweet
Feather behind him...

146 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Fluttershy... wait...!

147 ANGEL PONY
I shouldn't have let her go off on
her own...

Twilight and Spike exchange a confused look.

148 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
I need Zecora-- she can set
everything right.

149 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
She's at the market... I saw her
when we found Angel-- Fluttershy,
you seem--

150 ANGEL PONY
(interrupting)
"Like a horrible bunny trapped in a
pony's body?" Well, if I can't find
Zecora, you better get used to it!

Angel Pony changes gait and goes on his way via a series of
bunny-like hops. Spike scratches his head.

151 SPIKE
Is that what you were gonna say?

152 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(overlapping)
--stressed... I was going to say
stressed.

Confused, they watch Angel Pony as he hops out of sight.

153 SPIKE
Huh. But I see the other thing too.

CUT TO:

SC. 24 - EXT. PONYVILLE - MARKET - DAY

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Angel Pony rounds the corner hopping toward the market...

154 ANGEL PONY
Time to switch back and chew gum,
and I'm all outta...

He skids to a halt, shocked. REVEAL: The market is EMPTY.
Shuttered carts, trampled papers... no sign of anypony.

Off Angel Pony's defeated look...

CUT TO:

SC. 25 - EXT. SWEET FEATHERS SANCTUARY - DAY

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CLOSE ON FLUTTERBUNNY, lying on a round fuzzy "doggie bed."
Slowly, her eyes flutter open. She raises her head, blinking.

ANGLE ON-- nearby, Dr. Fauna is towelling snake-slime off
Ethel the Baby Elephant. Dr. Fauna spots Flutterbunny gives
her a sip of water.

155 DR. FAUNA
You're waking up...? There you
go...

Flutterbunny groggily looks around, hearing <CHAOTIC ANIMAL
SOUNDS> and <CRASHES>. Dr. Fauna rolls her eyes.

156 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
If you're looking for Fluttershy,
don't bother. I don't know why, but
she completely neglected her rounds
today and drank all the emergency
concentrated carrot extract!
(re: the cup)
This is just corn syrup and orange
food coloring.

Flutterbunny shakes off the last of her daze. She gestures,
but Dr. Fauna dismisses her attempt with a wave...

157 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
That's right, time to rest.

Flutterbunny throws her paws up, but then looks around. She
climbs off the little pet bed and hops around front. Along
the way, she reacts with dismay, passing the giraffe lying
down with several towels on her neck, the Flamingo in a leg
brace, and Antoine the Snake gazing at his food dish which is
filled with not food but a picture of a baby elephant with a
line through it like a "No Smoking" sign but for elephant
eating.

ANGLE ON the reception area, where ZECORA approaches.

158 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...

BUT ZECORA GETS CLOSE, speaking with obvious pointed meaning--

159 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 solemnly nods, appreciating it. Zecora smirks.

160 ZECORA (CONT'D)
*Perhaps there's been a lesson
learned...?*
(MORE)

ZECORA (CONT'D)
(off her NODDING)
*Then to your bodies, you shall
return.*

Flutterbunny perks up at that, looking around confused.

161 ZECORA (CONT'D)
*But first you must apologize... /
Then switch back before your eyes.*

Resolved, Flutterbunny gives a thankful paw prayer gesture.
Zecora nods slightly in recognition.

Flutterbunny does a cute little pre-race stretching routine,
then HOPS AWAY and we...

CUT TO:

SC. 26 - EXT. PATH THROUGH FOREST - DAY

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Angel Pony trudges aimlessly. He's bummed, but faking happy.

162 ANGEL PONY
Might as well start practicing...
ahem...
(doing Fluttershy
impression)
"Sup everypony! It's me, your ol'
pal Fluttershy! ...Oh hello there,
Discord!" (making a "blech" face)
"Let's have tea."

Suddenly <TRIUMPHANT MUSIC> cuts him off, as slow-motion...
Flutterbunny crests a ridge, hopping with paws out for a hug.

163 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Fluttershy!!! You're awake!!!

WIDE SIDE-VIEW: They BOTH bunny-hop awkwardly at each other.

164 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Gimme a hug, ya little pony-in-a-
bunny...!

But at the last moment-- they miss, tumbling past each other.

165 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
I guess we'll have the rest of our
lives to get used to these bodies.
I couldn't find Zecora.

Flutterbunny starts gesturing, but Angel Pony cuts her off--

166 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Hang on-- There's something I need
to say to you, and I need you to
hear it.

Flutterbunny uses her paws to hold her rabbit ears wide open.

167 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
...I'm sorry.

Flutterbunny blushes-- "did you really just say that?!"

168 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
I never realized how important your
work was until you weren't there to
help some... *bunny* I care about.

Flutterbunny's eyes get big and adorable... awww. She hugs
Angel Pony's hoof, then backs up to pantomime...

169 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
You're sorry too?! For not
realizing how important you are in
my life... yeah-- it's hard being a
bunny!

She nods-- it sure is.

170 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
Come on, might as well head back to
Sweet Feather Sanctuary. If we're
gonna be stuck like this, at least
we can undo the damage I caused.

Flutterbunny gestures and nods, hopping alongside him.

171 ANGEL PONY (CONT'D)
For what it's worth...? I think we
finally understand each other.

Flutterbunny and Angel Pony smile at each other. Agreed.

And then... that same parallaxing TREE passes through the
foreground, obscuring the two of them for a moment--

--and when it passes, THEY'VE SWITCHED BACK.

172 FLUTTERSHY
I think so too, Angel. I think so
too...

They both jerk up, then after a quick moment of realization,
they share a smile and we...

IRIS OUT... Except for a quick TAG:

SC. 27 - EXT. SWEET FEATHERS SANCTUARY - LATER

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PAN THROUGH THE SANCTUARY, seeing Angel giving Scout the Flamingo a leg massage, Fluttershy digging through the popsicle crate to reveal a PURPLE ONE and a RED ONE (and the Koalas are PSYCHED!)... And all is right in the world...

Eventually we land on ZECORA, as Dr. Fauna finishes loading up her snake. Dr. Fauna looks over the Sanctuary, shaking her head...

173 DR. FAUNA
Sure was one of those days, lemme
tell ya. Makes me wish I had it
easy like Lola over there--

WHIP TO: Lola the Sloth, wearing her sunglasses again, chillin in a hammock with an umbrella drink. <SLURRRRP>.

174 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
She's got it soooo easy. But will
she ever appreciate what I do for
her? Not a bit. Not one bit...

Zecora raises an eyebrow, adjusting her saddlebag to see TWO POTIONS inside. <OMINOUS MUSIC> and leaves begin swirling around them--

--but abruptly everything HALTS. Zecora's SNAKE gets right in her face and shakes its head-- "No, Zecora."

Zecora smiles and shrugs it off, like... "Some other time."

IRIS OUT!

END