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Logline: *Fluttershy is troubled when her usual talent for talking to animals stops working—on Angel Bunny! Determined to fix the problem, Fluttershy seeks out a magical cure, but rather than reopening the lines of communication, they switch bodies instead.*

It's been a long road to confidence for FLUTTERSHY, but with the success of her Animal Sanctuary, the most soft-spoken pony in Equestria has really come into her own. Animals from around Equestria come to her doors in need of aide and her ability to communicate with them allows her to always know exactly what they need. After a long day of bandaging scraped wings and mending injured paws, she tells Angel Bunny that for the first time she really feels like she has things figured out. But when Angel Bunny doesn't respond—not even in a sarcastic way—Fluttershy's confidence dissipates like a leaky balloon. After a series of tests she determines the impossible has happened. She's lost the ability to communicate with Angel!

Worried this is only the beginning stage of a worsening condition, Fluttershy goes into panic mode. If she loses her ability to communicate with animals her entire destiny is at risk. *How can she help animals if she can't understand them?* After a thorough examination by Twilight she determines both she and Angel are fine. There's no physical issue or spell at work. Twilight wonders if there might some kind of forest magic going on. Encouraged, Fluttershy pays a visit to ZECORA, hoping she might have a solution. Unfortunately, Zecora doesn't have a potion to fix the problem but she has heard of a magical BABELBERRY BUSH in the MEADOW OF COMMUNION. Legend has it that eating the berries will allow a pony and a forest animal to truly understand each other. Fluttershy points out that she has no idea where the magical meadow might be, but given her talent with animals, Zecora wonders if she hasn't already been there. On a hunch, Fluttershy tracks down the meadow she first landed in when she fell from Cloudsdale and sure enough she finds the Babelberry Bush. After sharing a berry with Angel (who is more than happy to comply), Fluttershy discover what the legend actually meant as she and Angel Bunny switch bodies!!!

Confused, Angel, *in Fluttershy's body*, runs off and Fluttershy, *in Angel's body*, desperately searches for help. Unfortunately 'comedy ensues' as her friends and the other residents of Ponyville are NOT prepared to hear Fluttershy's voice coming out of a tiny bunny's body (although Twilight Sparkle eventually promises to scour the botanical records and her library for any clue as to what might reverse the situation.) Meanwhile, the Animal Sanctuary's problems are compounded as Angel Pony shows up, but her sudden silence and increased interest in carrots confuse everypony there. Soon, Angel's natural mischievous streak leads to more than a few practical jokes at the other animal's expense until Flutter Bunny shows up and puts her tiny paw down. Frustrated with the situation and Angel Pony's behavior, she lashes out, blaming him for everything and deciding that she's better off solving the problem on her own, since he certainly doesn't seem interested in helping. Hurt and angry, they part ways—after which Twilight rushes in to tell Flutterbunny she's discovered how to switch them back, but she needs them both. To make matters worse, they only have until sundown or the change becomes permanent!

Feeling awful about their fight, Flutterbunny goes to Angel's warren where she meets his extended family and MANY siblings who have no trouble communicating with her at all. Thinking she's Angel, and before Fluttershy can set them straight, they ask how Angel's talk went with Fluttershy... Is she going to spend more time with him? Did he tell her how neglected he's been feeling? And that he's more than just another animal at the sanctuary? One of his more assertive sisters is sure he didn't. In fact, she bets he just gave Fluttershy the silent treatment. The others all chime in hoping he didn't do that. Angel should KNOW the silent treatment never works and just leads to more confusion. Stunned, Fluttershy realizes she never lost her ability to understand Angel at all—he just stopped talking to her! She got so used to solving other animals' problems with a quick fix at the Animal Sanctuary, she ended up neglecting the special relationship she and Angel Bunny had. After all, he's not just another animal... he's her friend. Armed with this newfound friendship lesson, Fluttershy hops across town in a super-dramatic yet silly race-against-the-clock and apologizes to Angel Pony. He accepts just in time for them both to change back with the CORRECT berries by sundown.