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*Lesson: It's wonderful to take care of your friends, but not at the expense of taking care of yourself.*

**TEASER**

**SC. 1 - EXT. BOG - DAY**

FLUTTERSHY stands at the edge of a bog. ZECORA is precariously holding onto a tree with her tail while leaning over the bog. She STRAINS to reach a patch of EMERALD-GREEN MOSS.

1 FLUTTERSHY  
Thank you so much Zecora! I never would have found the crisscross moss without you!

2 ZECORA  
Of course! *I know where it grows so it's not much to ask. Though retrieving it's been a difficult task--*

3 FLUTTERSHY  
Oh, but the oxen visiting Sweetfeather Sanctuary next week will surely appreciate it! It really adds a shine to their coat.

Zecora skims some crisscross moss off the top of the bog.

4 ZECORA  
*There we go. Now, that wasn't so tough. Fluttershy tell me, will this be enough?*

5 FLUTTERSHY  
Gee, I don't know, it's a pretty big pack, so maybe... enough to fill up this sack?  
(realizing; smiles)  
Oh my! You're rubbing off on me, Zecora!

Fluttershy holds up a HUGE EMPTY SACK. Zecora's eyes goes wide. She goes to reach for more moss when suddenly she loses her grip and falls into the bog. Fluttershy YELPS and rushes towards her.

6 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
Oh no, oh no, oh no! Zecora! Are you all right?

Zecora pops her head above the water.

7 ZECORA  
*No need to fret, I only got wet...*

Zecora treads over to the moss.

8                   ZECORA (CONT'D)  
*At least now I can easily grab, all  
the crisscross moss there is to be  
had!*

Zecora grabs a bundle of the moss and wades through the bog towards Fluttershy who holds the sack. A lily pad (with a blue and orange polka-dotted flower) floats across Zecora's path.

The flower opens its petals and POOF! Showers her with dust. The dust fades revealing Zecora's stripes have turned into polka dots. Zecora looks at her new spots and GASPS.

9                   FLUTTERSHY  
What's happening to you?

10                  ZECORA  
*Honestly, it's hard to tell, but I  
suddenly don't feel so well.*

On Fluttershy's horrified expression we...

**END TEASER**

**ACT ONE**

**SC. 2 - INT. DOCTOR'S OFFICE - LATER**

A nervous Zecora (still polka-dotted) sits on an examination table as DR. HORSE holds a stethoscope up to her chest. A worried Fluttershy stands in the corner.

11                  DR. HORSE  
All right, Zecora, let's have a listen  
to the ol' ticker!

Zecora's heartbeat sounds like a frog's ribbit. Dr. Horse looks concerned.

12                  DR. HORSE (CONT'D)  
Hmmm...

13                  FLUTTERSHY  
Do you think it's serious, Doctor?!

14                  DR. HORSE  
Well, that wasn't a good sign.

Dr. Horse looks down Zecora's throat and in her ears while Fluttershy rambles.

15 FLUTTERSHEY  
I can't believe a flower did this! I  
take back thinking it was pretty!

Suddenly, Zecora COUGHS out a BUBBLE. Dr. Horse deftly whips out  
a cotton swab, pops the bubble then puts the swab in a vial.

16 DR. HORSE  
We're looking for any color, other  
than red--

The cotton swab turns a bright RED. Dr. Horse shakes his head  
and turns to Zecora.

17 DR. HORSE (CONT'D)  
It's just as I thought. I'm afraid you  
have a very rare disease called Swamp  
Fever.

18 ZECORA  
*Tell me, Doctor, what should I do?  
I've never heard of Swamp Fever, mind  
you.*

19 DR. HORSE  
Unfortunately very little is known  
about the disease, except, of course,  
its symptoms: change of coat, coughing  
bubbles, shock sneezing, confusion and  
the last stage...

Dr. Horse opens a book showing pictures of ponies on one side  
and TREES on the other.

20 DR. HORSE (CONT'D)  
The afflicted turn into the very trees  
that drop the disease spreading  
flower.

Fluttershy and Zecora <GASP>.

21 ZECORA  
*Is there anything that can be done?  
For such a terrible conundrum?*

22 DR. HORSE  
A cure has yet to be discovered. I'm  
sorry, Zecora.

Zecora's face falls. Fluttershy looks horrified.

23 DR. HORSE (CONT'D)  
It's a lot to take in. I'll leave you  
two to discuss.

Dr. Horse exits.

24 FLUTTERSHY  
Zecora, this is all my fault! If you hadn't been helping me get the crisscross moss, you wouldn't have gotten Swamp Fever! I'm so sorry.

25 ZECORA  
*Fluttershy, you are not to blame. These things happen, all the same.*

26 FLUTTERSHY  
I refuse to accept that! There has to be somepony who can help you.

27 ZECORA  
*There's a healer of legend who never would fail. But I only know her from ancient folk tales. Mystical and masked, she came in the night, and cured everything from hoof cough to fur blight. What became of the healer, nopony knows, for she disappeared ages and ages ago.*

28 FLUTTERSHY  
The Mystical Mask, of course! My parents would tell me about her whenever I was sick in bed.

29 ZECORA  
*There's so many accounts of her power to heal, she can't just be a legend. I think that she's real.*

30 FLUTTERSHY  
If that's who we need to cure you, then I'm going to find her! And I know just the pony who can help!!

**SC. 3 - EXT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - LATER**

Fluttershy frantically bangs on Twilight's door. TWILIGHT (wearing a chef's hat, covered in flour) flings it open.

31 FLUTTERSHY  
Twilight! Oh, I'm so sorry to bother-- are... are you cooking?

32 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Yeah, Spike and I are having a cook-off.

33 SPIKE (O.S.)  
My cauliflower bites blew her sweet  
potato muffins out of the water!

34 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I'm glad you're here, Fluttershy,  
because we are going to need a second  
opinion about that--

Twilight Sparkle magics a muffin and a cauliflower bite into  
Fluttershy's mouth. Fluttershy chews rapidly.

35 FLUTTERSHY  
They're both delicious. But um...  
(BLURTING) Zecora has Swamp Fever and  
there's no cure and it's all my fault  
and the only pony who can cure her is  
the Mystical Mask and I need your help  
to find her!

Twilight gives Fluttershy a blank look.

36 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Uuuhh...

Spike runs in.

37 SPIKE  
So what'd she pick? The cauliflower  
bites, right?

**SC. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - LATER**

Fluttershy scales a ladder and grabs another hoof-ful of books.  
She adds them to a pile next to Twilight who is rapidly flipping  
pages using her magic. She closes a huge book.

38 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
That's the last book on ancient ponies  
and still no mention of the Mystical  
Mask...

39 FLUTTERSHY  
Hmm, did we check the unabridged  
versions?

40 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Yes. And the books on rare diseases,  
the books on rare plants and the  
entire section on bog habitation--

**41** FLUTTERSHY  
Well, we might have to look through every book in the entire library, but I know we'll figure it out!

Twilight's eyes widen. Fluttershy edges a book in front of her.

DISSOLVE TO:

**SC. 5 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - NIGHT**

Most of the books are off the shelves. Fluttershy pages through a book then shuts it.

**42** FLUTTERSHY  
<SIGHS> Another dead end. Have you found anything yet, Twilight?  
Twilight?

REVEAL Twilight nodding off. Twilight startles and falls off her chair.

**43** TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Ah!

A beat later, she appears, a book on top of her head.

**44** FLUTTERSHY  
Goodness, are you okay?

**45** TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I'm fine. <SIGH> Fluttershy, you know that I want to help Zecora. But I think we'd be a lot better at it if we got some sleep. We've been at this for hours.

**46** FLUTTERSHY  
Oh, I'm so sorry! I didn't realize how late it had gotten!

**47** TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
No problem. I'll grab you a pillow and--

**48** FLUTTERSHY  
Oh, no, I meant you should sleep. I can't rest until Zecora is healed!

Fluttershy is already taking more books off the shelves.

**49** TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I understand how you feel, but I still think we'd have more luck if we tried again in the morning.

Twilight looks on as Fluttershy pours over the next book - she's not going anywhere.

50 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Just promise me you'll take a break soon.

51 FLUTTERSHY  
(not looking up) Mm-hmm.

Fluttershy nods and Twilight reluctantly turns to head out.

52 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Good night Fluttershy.

Fluttershy STRAINS as she pulls open another HUGE BOOK.

**SC. 6 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - BEDROOM - DAWN**

Twilight is in a deep sleep - though clearly having a nightmare.

53 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
9 by 13 inch pan... egg whites... dry ingredients last...

Her door swings open as an exhausted Fluttershy bursts in.

54 FLUTTERSHY  
Twilight!!

Twilight startles awake and falls over the side of the bed.

55 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Non-stick pans!!

A beat later, she appears, a pillow on top of her head.

56 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Twice in one night--

A groggy Spike (in his PJ'S) enters.

57 SPIKE  
Whoa, whoa. What's all the commotion in here, ladies?

Fluttershy helps Twilight up.

58 FLUTTERSHY  
(to Twilight) Sorry. (to Spike) Sorry!  
But I figured out who the Mystical Mask is.

59 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(DISBELIEF) You did?

60 FLUTTERSHY  
All I had to do was cross-reference a book about masks with another book on ancient Equestrian healers, then use a third book to translate it all from Pony-Latin and there it was! Zecora was right! The Mystical Mask wasn't just a legend. The Mystical Mask was MAGE MEADOWBROOK!

Twilight GASPS.

61 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
The ancient sorceress from Hayseed Swamp? We studied her at Celestia's school. Are you sure?

62 FLUTTERSHY  
(NODS) Absolutely! Mage Meadowbrook wasn't just a sorceress, she was also a healer and back then, healers wore masks so they wouldn't get sick themselves!

63 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(WELLING UP) Fluttershy, I am so incredibly proud of you for using your research skills to figure this out!  
(THEN) But... Meadowbrook lived ages ago and... Didn't she disappear?

64 FLUTTERSHY  
(NODS) I read about that in *Ancient Equestrian Healers*. But if we go to Hayseed Swamp, maybe we can find something she left behind. Something that could lead to a cure!

65 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
It seems like a long shot, but I guess it's possible--

Fluttershy starts to push Twilight toward the door.

66 FLUTTERSHY  
We have to try! I've got our route all planned out and on the way we can check up on Zecora-

Twilight digs her hooves in the floor.

67 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Whoa, whoa, whoa. We're leaving now?

68 FLUTTERSHY  
Of course! Every second we spend waiting, is a second Zecora is coughing bubbles!

69 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
But Fluttershy, you haven't slept. And that's a long journey.

70 FLUTTERSHY  
There's no use trying to talk me out of this, Twilight! We've got no time to waste!

Fluttershy pushes Twilight from the room.

71 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Can we at least grab some breakfast?

72 FLUTTERSHY  
I packed cauliflower bites.

73 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Aww. No sweet potato muffins?

ANGLE ON Spike crawling into Twilight's bed.

74 SPIKE  
Um, I ate them all. <YAWN> They were actually really good.

Twilight's smile to Spike is cut short as Fluttershy pulls her out and we...

**END ACT ONE**

**ACT TWO**

**SC. 7 - INT. ZECORA'S HUT - LATER**

Twilight and Fluttershy sit by Zecora (still with spots, coughing bubbles sporadically) who lies in bed.

75 FLUTTERSHY  
(finishing up her story)  
...and that's when I realized the Mystical Mask was actually Mage Meadowbrook!

76 ZECORA  
*That's marvelous, Fluttershy! I'm quite impressed. While you're gone on your journey I'll try not to be--*  
 worried.

Fluttershy GASPS.

77 FLUTTERSHY  
 Oh no! Zecora, you didn't rhyme! You must be getting worse!

78 ZECORA  
 (faking it) *No, no, not at all.*  
 (thinking; then) *Something, something--*  
 ball?

Just then, Zecora sneezes a little electric ZAP. It flies through the air and singes the edge of Twilight Sparkle's mane.

79 FLUTTERSHY  
 That's it! We have to go now!

OUTSIDE THE HUT:

80 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
 Lead the way, Fluttershy!

Fluttershy, a little bleary eyed, nods and confidently leads the way off LEFT. Twilight grabs her and turns her the other way, pointing up as we PULL OUT to reveal they're under a sign that pictures a swamp with an arrow pointing off RIGHT.

Fluttershy nods, then trots in the right direction with confidence.

**SC. 8 - EXT. HAYSEED SWAMP - LATER**

Fluttershy and Twilight arrive at an abandoned, eerie, bayou-like town. They walk down an empty cobblestone street.

81 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
 (SCARED) So... where do you think Meadowbrook lived?

82 FLUTTERSHY  
 I'm not sure. Maybe there's somepony we can ask.

83 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
 I think we might be the only ponies here.

They look around. They notice a large crooked tree in the distance.

**84** FLUTTERSHY  
Wait. I recognize that tree!

Fluttershy takes off toward it, Twilight follows.

**SC. 9 - THE CROOKED TREE - LATER**

Twilight and Fluttershy approach The Crooked Tree (tall, twisted, with an enormous base) which sits at the edge of a swamp. There are no other homes in sight.

**85** FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
Yes, this has to be it! It's just like the illustrations of her home!

**86** TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Anypony who lives in a tree is okay by me.

Fluttershy circles the tree, but she can't find a way in. Fluttershy yawns as she suggests:

**87** FLUTTERSHY  
Well, if the doorway is sealed up, we'll just have to dig our way in. Back up, Twilight, I don't want you to get hurt!

Fluttershy starts to dig in the dirt, covering Twilight. Twilight shakes her wings off, sending mud flying.

**88** TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Ooor we could try the handle...

Fluttershy looks up to see Twilight pointing to a very obvious, ornately carved handle.

**89** FLUTTERSHY  
It really blends in with the bark...

**90** TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Easy to miss.

Fluttershy enters, Twilight looks after her, clearly concerned.

**SC. 10 - INT. CROOKED TREE - CONTINUOUS**

Twilight and Fluttershy walk into the dark, dusty, seemingly abandoned, hollowed-out tree. Crystals illuminate the walls, revealing old dusty books, dried out spices and a giant cauldron resting in the middle of the room.

91 FLUTTERSHY  
Wow, it looks like this place has been abandoned for years.

Angle on Twilight who's staring at a wall of masks.

92 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
There's almost more masks here than I have books.

93 FLUTTERSHY  
(GASP) Twilight! Look! It's the same kind of lily pad that gave Zecora Swamp Fever!

Twilight hurries over to see Fluttershy standing by a shelf with a a dried-out lily pad with a blue and orange polka-dotted flower on top encased in glass.

94 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
I wonder if Meadowbrook was looking for cure for Swamp Fever too. (excited gasp) Do you think she found it?!

95 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I hope so. But let's not get ahead of ourselves--

Just then, there's an odd SQUEAKING SOUND.

96 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
That's exactly what I'm talking about. You're making your excited squeaking noise--

97 FLUTTERSHY  
Uh, I wasn't making my excited squeaking noise.

Uh oh. The girls slowly turn around to see a big shadowy figure rocking back and forth in a rocking chair. The girls cling to each other.

98 TWILIGHT SPARKLE/FLUTTERSHY  
Ahhhhhhhhh!!!

The figure emerges from the shadows to reveal a towering Hagrid-like, elderly bayou pony, CATTAIL. He looms towards them and the girls still scream.

99 CATTAIL  
Y'all can stop screaming now.

They stop. Cattail takes off his hat, sincere.

100                   CATTAIL (CONT'D)  
Didn't mean to scare ya. (embarrassed)  
I do that a lot...

101                   TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Scare ponies? Or rock creepily in the  
dark?

102                   CATTAIL  
Hmm. Both, I s'pose. Name's Cattail.  
Pleased to meetcha!

103                   FLUTTERSHY  
Likewise, but um, may I ask, why  
you're in Mage Meadowbrook's home?

104                   CATTAIL  
Oh, I take care of the place.

Twilight and Fluttershy look around the dusty place, confused.

105                   CATTAIL (CONT'D)  
(CONFESSING) I ain't much of a  
cleaner. But from what I hear, my kin  
weren't either, so I doubt they mind a  
few cobwebs in our ancestral home.

Fluttershy's jaw drops. She races up to Cattail and starts  
shaking his hoof.

106                   FLUTTERSHY  
You're related to Mage Meadowbrook?!

Cattail nods. Fluttershy excitedly flies off the ground but gets  
tangled in a low-hanging spiderweb. She spots a nearby SPIDER.

107                   FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
Whoops. Sorry. That was your home.  
(gesturing to the many cobwebs) But I  
see you've made lots of other ones...

Twilight removes Fluttershy from the web using her magic.  
Fluttershy turns to Twilight and grabs her face.

108                   FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
Oh my goodness, Twilight, we did it!  
Not only did we find Mage  
Meadowbrook's old house, we actually  
found one of her descendants!

109                   TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Honestly, I would not have guessed it.

110 CATTAIL  
So, you lookin' for some kind of cure,  
huh? Well, now, I know Meadowbrook was  
known to always be writing in her  
journals. If she had the cure you  
want, I reckon that's where it'd be.  
Come on! I'll show ya the library.

Cattail gestures for Twilight and Fluttershy to follow him.

111 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(EXCITED) Library? Now we're talking!

But Cattail just leads them to a bookcase full of journals.

112 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Oh. Well, libraries come in all shapes  
and sizes.

113 FLUTTERSHY  
This is good! It'll take us less time  
to go through everything.

She opens a book and starts reading.

114 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
"Today my mom made me eat peas. Peas  
are yucky." Aaand, we can probably  
skip this one. Unless she found a cure  
when she was a foal...

Twilight reads from another book.

115 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
"I met a colt today. He pulled my mane  
so I put a frog on his head." (CLOSING  
IT) Also not helpful. (OPENING IT BACK  
UP) But I do kind of want to see where  
it goes--

Fluttershy shoves a new journal at Twilight who reluctantly  
takes it. Fluttershy grabs a new one herself and they hunker  
down. DISSOLVE TO:

**SC. 11 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - LATER**

Fluttershy and Twilight are looking through books. Fluttershy  
finds something.

116 FLUTTERSHY  
Wait, listen to this! (reading)  
"Today, I tried again to brew an un-  
sniffle elixor..."

DISSOLVE to a FLASHBACK:

**SC. 12 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - FLASHBACK**

MEADOWBROOK (same age as the Mane Six) stands with her MOTHER (slightly older) who brews a bubbling potion in the cauldron. In the BG, we see masks hanging on the wall. Fluttershy's voice FADES into Meadowbrook's as we continue.

117 FLUTTERSHEY/MEADOWBROOK (V.O.)  
...and I finally got it right!

Meadowbrook takes a small drop of the brew and offers it to a STUFFED UP CHIPMUNK. The animal takes a sip and it's red face and swollen nose instantly improve. The chipmunk takes a deep breath. Meadowbrook and her mother exchange a pleased look. Meadowbrook's mother grabs a wrapped package.

118 MEADOWBROOK'S MOTHER  
Meadowbrook, I think it's time you had this.

Meadowbrook smiles as she rips open the package, revealing a HEALER'S MASK with stripes.

119 MEADOWBROOK  
(IN AWE) My very own healer's mask...  
You think I'm ready, Mother?

Meadowbrook's mother nods and Meadowbrook beams. Suddenly there's a knock at the door. Meadowbrook's Mother answers it to find a HOODED PONY. He pulls his hood back to reveal he has polka dot spots. Meadowbrook's Mother looks worried.

120 MEADOWBROOK'S MOTHER  
What caused this?

He hands her the lily pad with the blue and orange flower.

121 MEADOWBROOK (V.O.)  
Mother calls it "Swamp Fever". We've been trying to find a cure, but it hasn't been easy.

**Sc. 13 - DISSOLVE TO LATER:**

Meadowbrook's mother, mask atop her head, experiments on the lily pad inside the glass case. Meadowbrook, wearing her mask, takes notes. Just then, the lily pad opens and dusts her (like it did with Zecora). She COUGHS and wipes her muzzle off.

Concerned, Meadowbrook rushes toward her when there's another knock at the door. Meadowbrook opens it to see more SICK PONIES, coughing bubbles and sneezing bolts of electricity.

122 MEADOWBROOK (V.O.)  
The fever's spread like wild fire. I  
fear if we don't find the cure soon,  
everypony will be in grave danger...

**SC. 14 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - DISSOLVE TO LATER**

Meadowbrook enters her home holding a bundle of herbs and medical supplies. She GASPS. REVEAL her mother, now in bed, polka-dotted and coughing bubbles. She drops the supplies.

**SC. 15 - EXT. BAYOU SWAMP - NIGHT - FLASHBACK**

Meadowbrook sits on the edge of the bayou, despondent. She turns her mask over in her hands, staring at the poisonous lily pads floating in the bayou.

123 MEADOWBROOK (V.O.)  
With mother sick, I didn't think I'd  
ever find a cure, but staring at those  
cursed flowers today-- I saw  
something...

Suddenly, Meadowbrook sits up straight. She sees a group of FLASH BEES darting in and out of the flowers on the lily pads.

124 MEADOWBROOK  
Flash Bees!

The bees flash together in a group and start to fly away. Meadowbrook chases them through the bayou, finally watching them zip up a tree and into their beehive.

125 MEADOWBROOK (V.O.)  
I realized the flower's poison didn't  
effect the Flash Bees and if they were  
immune to Swamp Fever, their honey  
could be they cure!

Meadowbrook flies up to the top of the tree. She peers into the hive and spots a STRIPED QUEEN BEE surrounded by males.

The male bees are docile around the queen, but as Meadowbrook moves toward the hive, they all fly out aggressively and drive her off the branch.

126 MEADOWBROOK (V.O.)  
But they were so aggressive defending  
their hive, I didn't know how I was  
going to get it!

Meadowbrook looks up at the hive, considering. She looks down at the mask in her hooves. It has a striped pattern similar to the queen bee's stripes. Suddenly, Meadowbrook has an idea.

She flies up to the hive and again the bees fly out, forming a protective barrier.

127 MEADOWBROOK  
Here goes nothing.

Meadowbrook takes a deep breath and puts on her healer's mask.

**SC. 16 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - LATER**

Meadowbrook's mother blinks her eyes, coming to. She looks up to see Meadowbrook with a VIAL OF HONEY. Meadowbrook smiles as her voice FADES BACK to Fluttershy's...

128 MEADOWBROOK/FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)  
Today I cured Mother and the rest of  
the bayou...

**SC. 17 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - BACK TO SCENE**

Back on Twilight, Fluttershy, and Cattail. The sun has now come up again.

129 FLUTTERSHY  
...(reading) It was the greatest  
feeling I've ever experienced and I  
promise to dedicate my life to curing  
ponies all over Equestria.

130 CATTAIL  
And she did just that. Right up till  
she disappeared without a trace.

Fluttershy slams the book closed.

131 FLUTTERSHY  
So all we have to do is find those  
aggressive flash bees and get them to  
give us their honey! (opening the book  
again) Of course, it doesn't say how  
she did that...

Fluttershy notices Twilight and Cattail are looking at her funny.

132 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
What? Is my mane messy? I know I  
haven't slept in a while but--

Cattail grabs a mirror off the wall and holds it up in front of Fluttershy. She GASPS as she sees... she's covered in spots.

133 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
Oh no! I've caught Swamp Fever!

**END ACT TWO****ACT THREE****SC. 18 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - BACK TO SCENE**

Twilight and Cattail now wear MASKS. Fluttershy scoops several vials off Meadowbrook's desk into a knapsack.

**134** TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(muffled) Are you sure these are necessary?

**135** FLUTTERSHY  
What?

Twilight lifts the mask up.

**136** TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I said, are you sure these are necessary?

Fluttershy pulls Twilight's mask back down.

**137** FLUTTERSHY  
YES! I won't risk infecting you or Cattail.

**138** TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
What you can't risk is getting any sicker, Fluttershy. If you don't rest, your symptoms will only get worse.

**139** CATTAIL  
You really should rest up before going up against those Flash Bees. I hear they're nasty critters.

**140** FLUTTERSHY  
You don't know this about me, but I'm pretty good with animals. (SUDDEN CONFUSION) And besides, Dogtail--

**141** CATTAIL  
Cattail.

**142** FLUTTERSHY  
--Zecora is counting on me. I have to help her just like Meadowbrook helped her mother and all those bayou ponies long ago.

Fluttershy starts to lead the trio to the door.

**143** TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
But Fluttershy, as much as Meadowbrook took care of other ponies, I'm sure she also took care of herself!

**144** FLUTTERSHY  
You're not going to change my mind, Twilight!

Fluttershy pushes Twilight and Cattail out the door.

**145** CATTAIL  
For being sick, she sure is strong...

**SC. 19 - EXT. BAYOU SWAMP - LATER**

Cattail leads the way, hacking through the brush, clearing a path. Twilight and a delirious Fluttershy follow behind.

**146** CATTAIL  
The Flash Bee hive is just up yonder - right behind that, there cattail. Not this cattail (points to self), that thicket of cattail. (admitting) I was named after a weed.

The trio arrives in front of an overgrown twisty blue tree. They all look up to see the hive, precariously perched at the top. Flash bees dart in and around the hive.

**147** TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Are you sure you don't want me to come with you?

**148** FLUTTERSHY  
No, it's too dangerous, Twilight. Besides, I've already gotten one friend hurt. I won't let it happen to another.

Twilight and Cattail step back. Fluttershy looks up at the tree.

**149** FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
(TO HERSELF) Okay, Fluttershy. You can do this.

Fluttershy struggles to lift off the ground, even more than normal due to her sickness and exhaustion. She dips in and out of frame like a chicken trying to fly. Slowly, she makes her way up to the top of the tree.

**150** FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
(breathing hard) Mind over matter!

She lands on a branch next to the hive. The FLASH BEES dart out of the hive and form a barrier around it. Fluttershy COUGHS a bubble then clears her throat.

**151** FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
Hello, flash bees! I was hoping I could get some of your honey--

The flash bees BUZZ at her, angrily.

**152** FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
Oh, I see. You don't let others have any. Well, I'm sorry, but I really need it.

The bees don't budge, they BUZZ at her again.

**153** FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
<SIGH> I didn't want it to come to this but I'll just have to use... The Stare--

Fluttershy's eyes widen and she uses her stare on the bees. But nothing happens. The bees start to advance.

**154** FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
Ah! <COUGH> You really are aggressive--

Fluttershy gets into a <COUGHING FIT>, bubbles coming out of her mouth. She gets a panicked look on her face, feeling a wave of exhaustion coming on.

**155** FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
Oh dear.

Suddenly, her body goes limp and she falls to the ground. Twilight shoots her magic into the air, catching Fluttershy inches before she hits the ground.

**156** CATTAIL  
Good catch, but we ain't outta the woods yet--

Cattail points to the mob of angry FLASH BEES swarming toward them.

**157** TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Hang on! I'll get us out of here!

Twilight teleports the three of them away.

**SC. 20 - INT. MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S TREE - THREE DAYS LATER**

FLUTTERSHY'S POV: A blurry dissolve as Fluttershy blinks her surroundings into focus. She sees Cattail and Twilight hovering over her, masks on their heads. Fluttershy sits up.

158 FLUTTERSHY  
What happened? Where am I?

159 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(relieved) I'm so glad you're okay!  
You're still in Meadowbrook's tree.

160 CATTAIL  
You fainted but Twilight shot some  
magic up and caught ya. It was crazy.

161 FLUTTERSHY  
Goodness gracious!

Fluttershy sits up, still coughing a little.

162 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
Have you heard from Zecora? Is she  
okay?

Cattail and Twilight exchange a look.

163 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
What is it?

164 CATTAIL  
We got word your zebra friend has  
started sprouting leaves.

165 FLUTTERSHY  
She's already turning into a tree? I  
thought we'd have more time.

166 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Actually, Fluttershy, you've been  
asleep for three days--

167 FLUTTERSHY  
Three days?!

168 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(nods) You were asleep so long, we  
were afraid you wouldn't be able to  
move when you woke up, but thankfully  
you'd just wore yourself down.

Fluttershy starts to get out of bed.

169 FLUTTERSHY  
Oh, dear. We have to get back to the  
Flash Bee's hive. I've wasted so much  
time--

170 CATTAIL  
Now hang on there, Fluttershy, those  
Flash Bee critters are tricky.

Twilight tries to get Fluttershy back into bed.

171 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Cattail's right. I can't even use  
magic to calm them down. We'll have to  
find another way to get the honey--

172 CATTAIL  
We've tried everything from disguises  
to things I won't even speak of--

Cattail <SHUDDERS>. Twilight rolls her eyes but pats his back.

173 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Cattail's been through a lot these  
past three days.

174 FLUTTERSHY  
(HAVING AN IDEA) Wait... disguises...

Fluttershy glances behind Twilight and Cattail, focusing in on  
Meadowbrook's wall of masks. A look of realization comes over  
her face.

175 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
<Gasp!> That's it! I know how she did  
it! I know how Meadowbrook got the  
honey!

Fluttershy flies out of bed and grabs something O.S. from the  
wall.

176 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
How? Hello? Fluttershy?

Fluttershy takes off as Cattail and Twilight scramble after her.

177 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
I have follow-up questions!

**SC. 21 - EXT. BAYOU SWAMP - LATER**

A weak Fluttershy looks up to the beehive. Twilight and Cattail  
(still wearing masks) stand behind her.

Fluttershy turns around to face them. She pulls a MASK from behind her back (the same mask we saw young Meadowbrook wear in the flashback sequence).

**178** FLUTTERSHY  
This is how Meadowbrook got the honey from the Flash Bees.

**179** CATTAIL  
She threw a mask at 'em? I wouldn't recommend that.

**180** FLUTTERSHY  
No. The male bees aren't aggressive around the queen bee and this mask has the same stripes that she does!

**181** TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
If you wear the mask the male bees will think you're the queen bee. Fluttershy, that is brilliant!

Just then, Fluttershy SNEEZES a bolt of electricity towards Cattail. He dives into the bushes.

**182** FLUTTERSHY  
There's no time to waste.

**183** TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Hooves crossed!

Cattail cowers behind Twilight as Fluttershy pulls the mask over her face and flies up to the hive.

**184** CATTAIL  
Oh golly, I can't watch!

The flash bees emerge, forming their barrier around the hive. Fluttershy slowly approaches them and they BUZZ angrily and advance. She pulls her mask over her face and the bees stop charging. The bees calm down and part for Fluttershy.

The queen even moves out of the way. Fluttershy looks down to Twilight, ecstatic.

**185** FLUTTERSHY  
Twilight!! It's working!!

Twilight gives a quick grin then gives Fluttershy the "get your eyes back on the hive" gesture.

**186** TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Great! Now, focus--

187 FLUTTERSHY  
Oh, right!

Fluttershy reaches into the hive and draws out some honey, bottling it in one of Meadowbrook's vials.

On Twilight with Cattail still hiding behind her.

188 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
You can come out now, Cattail! She did it!

Cattail checks the coast then steps out from behind Twilight.

189 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
(PROUD) You see? That's why it's so important to get eight hours of sleep. Great ideas comes from rested minds!

**SC. 22 - INT. ZECORA'S HUT - LATER**

A now healed Fluttershy shoves another spoonful of honey into Zecora's over-flowing mouth. Zecora is looking healed, and herself again.

190 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I think she's cured now, Fluttershy.

191 ZECORA  
*I do feel fine, but this honey is divine.*

192 FLUTTERSHY  
Can't be too careful.

Fluttershy shoves another spoonful into Zecora's mouth. She gulps it down.

193 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
In fact--

Fluttershy squeezes a dollop of honey into her own mouth then offers the bottle to the group.

194 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
Anyone else?

195 ZECORA  
*Thank you Fluttershy, for all you endured. If not for you, I wouldn't be cured.*

196 FLUTTERSHY  
If it wasn't for me, you wouldn't have  
been sick in the first place!

197 ZECORA  
*Regret is not what you should feel,  
because on this journey, you've  
learned a great deal.*

198 FLUTTERSHY  
That's true. I certainly learned that  
if you don't take care of yourself,  
you won't be able to take care of  
anypony else. In fact, if I had rested  
- like Twilight suggested all along -  
maybe I would have thought to use  
Meadowbrook's mask sooner.

Just then, a COUGH BUBBLE floats through the window followed by  
Dr. Horse's head.

199 DR. HORSE  
Please tell me you found the cure...

As Dr. Horse sneezes an electric bolt and everyone ducks,  
Fluttershy smiles and holds up a vial of honey.

200 FLUTTERSHY  
We've got plenty! But you wouldn't bee-  
lieve how hard it was to get!

As everypony laughs at Fluttershy's pun, we FADE OUT! THE END.

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