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TEASER

INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE

Fluttershy's cottage is filled with her pets (mostly bunnies, but some squirrels and chipmunks and baby skunks.) The pets are playing with one another when Fluttershy enters.

1 FLUTTERSHY
Lunchtime! Who's hungry?

2 PETS
(EXCITED ANIMAL NOISES)

The pets hop in circles and stomp their hindquarters in excitement. Fluttershy walks around filling up bowls with pre-packaged FOOD PELLETS.

3 FLUTTERSHY
Here you go...plenty for everypony.

The moment the pellets fill up the bowl, all the animals gobble up their food. Fluttershy notices one bunny eating pellets extremely fast.

4 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Slow down sweetie!

The bunny finishes his bowl and BURPS loudly. Embarrassed, he covers his mouth with his paws. Fluttershy GIGGLES and moves on to the next bowl.

5 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Here you go, Angel.

Angel Bunny adamantly shakes his head "No!"

6 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Okay, Mr. Picky Pants, you win.

Fluttershy retrieves a second bowl filled with fresh carrots, lettuce and sliced apples.

7 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Here are all your favorites.
Carrots, lettuce and apples! Yum -
yum!

Once again, Angel Bunny adamantly shakes his head "No", pushes the bowl away from him and makes a face like the food tastes yucky.

8 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
What? But you love this stuff!

Angel Bunny hams it up in a cartoony way, pretending to eat a bite of the lettuce and then dramatically dying on the spot.

9 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Well then what *will* you eat?

Angel Bunny eagerly whips out a cookbook and points to a picture of a fancy looking, elaborate, gourmet vegetarian feast!

10 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
You want that? I'm not sure I can even make that!

Angel Bunny adamantly points to the picture and stubbornly nods his head. This is what he wants!

Fluttershy nudges the bowl forward.

11 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Are you sure I can't tempt you with a nice crisp piece of --

But before she can finish Angel Bunny comically stomps all over the lettuce.

12 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Well... I don't want you to starve. I'll make your special recipe.

Angel Bunny hops onto Fluttershy's neck and they share a snuggle.

END OF TEASER

ACT I

EXT. FARMER'S MARKET - MANE STREET, DOWNTOWN PONYVILLE

It's a beautiful day and the street is bustling with ponies, all buying goods at different stands up and down the street. Fluttershy's saddlebag has several items in it already. She consults her shopping list.

13 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Hmmm... Let's see. Asparagus.

She looks up and spots the asparagus stand. She happily trots over to the stand and takes her place at the end of the line.

A moment later a HIGH POWERED CAREER PONY cuts in front of her.

14 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
 (VERY QUIETLY)
Excuse me... um, I think you just
stepped in front of me...

The CAREER PONY does not hear Fluttershy so she tries again.

15 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
 (A TINY BIT LOUDER, BUT
 STILL TIMID)
Excuse me... I think you made a
mistake. You see I was actually
here first and...

THE CAREER PONY gets her asparagus, turns around and accidentally BUMPS into Fluttershy. She blurts out a perfunctory apology and trots off without waiting for Fluttershy's response.

16 CAREER PONY
Sorry. Didn't notice you there.

17 FLUTTERSHY
I know.

Fluttershy realizes that it is now her turn and she is about to step up to the counter when an OLD, HARD OF HEARING PONY cuts in front of Fluttershy.

Fluttershy taps him on the shoulder and he turns around.

18 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Pardon me, sir.

19 HARD OF HEARING PONY
Yes? What?

20 FLUTTERSHY
I think you just cut in front of
me.

21 HARD OF HEARING PONY
A cut of celery? This is the
asparagus stand!

22 FLUTTERSHY
 (A LITTLE LOUDER)
I said I think you just cut in
front of me.

23 HARD OF HEARING PONY
"Go ahead and cut in front of me"?
No need, dearie. I'm already in
front.

24 FLUTTERSHY
 (TO HERSELF)
I noticed.

The HARD OF HEARING PONY buys his asparagus and moves off.

Just then, two more GOSSIPY TEENAGE (Valley-girlish) ponies
cut in front of Fluttershy.

25 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Hey!

26 VALLEY GIRL PONY
Would you mind moving back? You're
in my personal space.

27 FLUTTERSHY
But...

28 VALLEY GIRL PONY # 2
Seriously? Do you need your
asparagus so badly that you're
going to invade our personal space?
Get a life.

The two ponies return to WHISPERING and GIGGLING together.

29 FLUTTERSHY
Okay. There's no rush.

We reveal Rarity and Pinkie Pie watching Fluttershy from
nearby. They walk over and stand behind her in line.

30 RARITY
Fluttershy, darling, you shouldn't
let all those rude ponies cut in
front of you.

31 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, it's okay with me. I don't
mind.

32 RARITY
Well I mind. You're my friend.

33 PINKIE PIE
That goes double for me! I double
mind.

34 RARITY
You mustn't let them treat you that way.

35 FLUTTERSHY
It's really no big deal.

36 PINKIE PIE
It's bigger than big. It's double big! You are a pony with a problem.

37 FLUTTERSHY
What problem?

Pinkie Pie pushes her way past Fluttershy in line.

38 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Go right ahead, Pinkie Pie. You first.

39 PINKIE PIE
Right there! That's the problem!

40 RARITY
You've got to stop being such a doormat.

41 FLUTTERSHY
A 'doormat'?

42 RARITY
A pushover, darling. You've got to stand up for yourself. Promise us.

43 FLUTTERSHY
(STILL UNSURE THERE'S A PROBLEM)
Okay, I promise.

They have reached the front of the booth. Fluttershy notices one last bunch of asparagus.

44 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh good.

She reaches out to grab the asparagus when suddenly, and from out of nowhere, a LITTLE WEASEL PONY swoops in and takes it.

45 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(MUMBLES)
That's okay. I don't mind. You take it.

46 LITTLE WEASEL
(TALKING DOWN TO HER)
Thanks, little pony. I will.

The pony turns to the vendor to pay for his asparagus.

47 RARITY
(TO FLUTTERSHY)
Watch and learn.

Rarity approaches the pony who stole the asparagus.

48 RARITY (CONT'D)
Hold it right there, Mr. Small And
Handsome.

49 LITTLE WEASEL
Who me?

50 RARITY
Of course you! No pony ever called
you handsome before?

51 LITTLE WEASEL
That would be a big 'No'.

52 RARITY
Well, they should! How about
flexing some of your muscles for
me?

He flexes and his stringy arms actually sag. It's pitiful,
but Rarity GASPS anyway.

53 RARITY (CONT'D)
My heavens, you must be strong!

54 LITTLE WEASEL
(BLUSHING)
Nah.

55 RARITY
Do you think a strong, handsome
stallion such as yourself could
give my friend the last asparagus?
With a physique like yours that you
must get plenty of vitamins
already, but some of us still need
our vegetables.

56 LITTLE WEASEL
For you? Why sure.

57 RARITY
Thanks, handsome. I've always
relied on the kindness of
strangers.

He hands Fluttershy the asparagus and walks away, flexing his
stringy muscles. Rarity turns to Fluttershy.

58 RARITY (CONT'D)
See? Standing up for yourself isn't
hard to do!

59 FLUTTERSHY
Ummm, I guess not.

60 RARITY
Alright then. What else is on your
list?

61 FLUTTERSHY
(CONSULTS SHOPPING LIST)
Let's see? I also need tomatoes.

She grabs some tomatoes from the next booth and puts a large
silver coin down on the counter to pay for them.

62 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Here you go.

The SALESPONY clears her throat loudly.

63 SALESPONY
Ahem. That'll be TWO bits. Not one.

64 FLUTTERSHY
But last week it was only one bit?

65 SALESPONY
That was then. This is now.

Fluttershy SHRUGS.

66 FLUTTERSHY
Okay. I don't want to argue about
it.

She slides another silver bit across the counter when
suddenly Pinkie Pie POPS in from nowhere and get right in the
Salespony's face.

67 PINKIE PIE
What do you think you're doing?!

68 SALESPONY
Mindin' my own business. Maybe you
should try it.

69 PINKIE PIE
Two bits for tomatoes is
outrageous! One bit is the right
price.

Pinkie slides one of the bits back across the counter toward
her.

70 SALESPONY
(TAKING IT BACK)
I say it's two bits!

71 PINKIE PIE
(TAKING IT BACK)
One bit!

72 SALESPONY
(TAKING IT BACK)
Two bits!

73 PINKIE PIE
(TAKING IT BACK)
One bit!

74 SALESPONY
(TAKING IT BACK)
Two bits!

75 PINKIE PIE
(TAKING IT BACK)
One bit!

76 SALESPONY
(TAKING IT BACK)
Two bits!

Pinkie Pie quickly slides the bit in a circle before...

77 PINKIE PIE
(PUSHES BIT TOWARD
SALESPONY)
Two bits!

78 SALESPONY
(PUSHES BIT BACK)
One bit!

79 PINKIE PIE
(PUSHES BIT TOWARD
SALESPONY)
Two bits!

80 SALESPONY
(PUSHES BIT BACK)
One bit!

81 PINKIE PIE
(PUSHES BIT BACK)
I insist, it's two bits or nothing.

82 SALESPONY
(PUSHES BIT BACK)
One bit and that's my final offer.

83 PINKIE PIE
Have it your way! One bit it is.

Pinkie Pie takes the bit and hands it to Fluttershy.

The salespony is very pleased with herself.

Pinkie Pie, Rarity and Fluttershy share a GIGGLE as they walk away.

84 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
See? Sticking up for yourself can
be fun!

85 FLUTTERSHY
I guess you're right.

86 RARITY
So Fluttershy, do you feel like
giving it a try?

87 PINKIE PIE
Yeah Fluttershy, be assertive!

88 FLUTTERSHY
Um, okay...

Fluttershy scans the market and sees the very last cherry at the cherry stand.

89 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I need that cherry.

Determined, she walks over to the SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY.

90 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Boy am I glad you have one cheery
left. You see I'm making this
special meal for my bunny Angel.
He's a very pick eater. And the
recipe calls for a cherry on top.
Here you go!

Fluttershy gives him one silver coin but the Salepony
snatches the cherry before she can grab it.

91 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
So you say you need this cherry
very badly?

92 FLUTTERSHY
Oh yes. I'm desperate for it!

93 CHERRY SALESPONY
Then it'll be ten bits!

94 FLUTTERSHY
Ten?!

Fluttershy looks over to Rarity and Pinkie Pie for help. They
nod reassuringly, telling her to 'go ahead'.

Fluttershy decides to try to act like Rarity.

95 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Hey Mr. Handsome. I know you want
to do the right thing because
you're handsome and strong and big,
handsome, strong guys are always
nice to everypony, right?

The salespony looks at her like she's nuts.

96 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
Ten bits for the cherry.

97 FLUTTERSHY
Did I mention that I thought you
were good looking?

98 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
Yeah. Ten bits.

Fluttershy decides to change tactics and tries to act like
Pinkie Pie.

99 FLUTTERSHY
 (HAGGLING)
Ten bits for one cherry is
outrageous! I insist on paying you
eleven bits!

100 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
Eleven bits?

101 FLUTTERSHY
Uh... I mean *nine* bits!

102 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
Now wait a minute...

103 FLUTTERSHY
Okay, twelve bits, but that's my
final offer!

104 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
I think you're confused.

105 FLUTTERSHY
It's twelve bits, take it or leave
it.

106 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
Okay, I'll take it.

Fluttershy starts to hand over the bits when Rarity and
Pinkie Pie rush over to intervene.

107 PINKIE PIE
Don't give him your money! One
cherry is not worth twelve bits.

108 FLUTTERSHY
But I was only doing what you did?

109 RARITY
It was a valiant effort but you
should refuse to give him your
business and just walk away.

110 FLUTTERSHY
But I can't let Angel starve. He
won't eat it unless I make it just
right. I need that cherry no matter
what it costs.

111 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
In that case, twenty bits!

112 FLUTTERSHY/RARITY/PINKIE PIE
Twenty???!!?

113 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, but I don't have that much.

114 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
Then why are you wasting my time?

Suddenly the CAREER PONY from earlier rushes over.

115 CAREER PONY
I'll give you two bits for that
cherry.

116 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY
Sold!

She throws down her money, grabs the cherry and trots off.
Fluttershy deflates.

117 SURLY CHERRY SALESPONY (CONT'D)
Tough break, kid. Next time don't
be such a doormat.

INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - LATER

Angel Bunny hops around excitedly awaiting his meal.
Fluttershy serves it to him.

118 FLUTTERSHY
Ta da! Here you go Angel.

Angel Bunny bounds up to the meal and is about to take a bite
when Fluttershy sabotages herself.

119 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Sorry there's no cherry on top but
the rest of it is exactly what you
wanted.

Angel Bunny looks at his meal, then looks at the picture in
the nearby open cookbook and then gets really angry.

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

EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE

The gourmet meal comes flying out the cottage window. Fluttershy bursts out of the front door to try to catch the meal but she accidentally trips on the threshold and falls face first into a mud puddle right outside her door.

A moment later Angel Bunny hops out the door and literally walks all over her. Angel steps off of her and Fluttershy stands up.

121 FLUTTERSHY
(REALIZING)
Look at me. I really am a doormat.
(DRAMATICALLY)
Well not anymore. As Celestia is my
witness, I'm never going to be a
pushover again!

Angel Bunny indicates that he wants to get back in the house, but she is standing in his way.

122 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(STEPPING ASIDE)
Oh, sorry Angel.

END ACT I

ACT II

EXT. HEDGE MAZE

Fluttershy consults a FLYER she's holding.

ON FLYER, there is a picture of an incredibly tough looking Minotaur smiling cheezily.

123 FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)
(READING)
The incredible Iron Will turns
doormats into dynamos!
Assertiveness seminar today, hedge
maze center.

She looks up and sees the entrance to the hedge maze and a big banner with Iron Will's likeness on it

She enters the hedge maze and starts making her way to the center.

124 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Hmmm. I must be the first one here.

Suddenly a CROWD of other ponies race ahead of her, bump into her and otherwise push their way in front of her.

125 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Ooo. Ahhh. Eeee...Excuse me.

INT. CENTER OF THE HEDGE MAZE

Fluttershy arrives at the center of the maze. The place is so packed with ponies excited to hear Iron Will that Fluttershy can only find a seat WAY in the back of the audience.

She has to stand on her tippy hooves to see the stage.

ON STAGE, Iron Will steps out and the crowd ERUPTS in applause. He wears a head set microphone and is dressed smoothly but his delivery is aggressive (think of Tony Robbins mixed with Mr. T)

126 IRON WILL
Welcome friends! My name is Iron Will and today is the first day of your new life. I want to hear you stomp if you're tired of being a pushover!

The crowd goes crazy stomping their hooves.

127 IRON WILL (CONT'D)
Stomp if you're tired of being a doormat!

The crowd stomps even harder.

128 IRON WILL (CONT'D)
Stomp if you want to pay nothing for this seminar!

Crickets. The ponies look at each other confused. Then they start to LAUGH. Iron Will silences them with an intense stare. They freeze and look at the stage, wide-eyed

129 IRON WILL (CONT'D)
That's no joke, friends. Iron Will is so confident that you will be 100 percent satisfied with Iron Will's assertiveness techniques that if you are not 100 percent satisfied, you pay nothing.

The crowd relaxes and smile at each other at the good news before freezing again when Iron Will speaks.

130 IRON WILL (CONT'D)
But I pity the foal who doubts Iron
Will's methods! I pity the foal!!
You don't doubt me, do you?

All the ponies shake their heads in unison, "No." Iron Will's intensity suddenly vanishes. He settles back.

131 IRON WILL (CONT'D)
And that, my friends, is your first
lesson. "Don't be shy, look them in
the eye."

The crowd MURMURS approvingly.

132 IRON WILL (CONT'D)
Now to demonstrate that Iron Will's
techniques will work for anypony
I'm going to need a volunteer!

Hundreds of hooves shoot up at once. Everypony in the audience is dying to volunteer. Everypony except one.

Fluttershy lowers herself in her seat. An ASSISTANT is roaming through the crowd. He signals Iron Will and points to the crouching Fluttershy.

133 IRON WILL (CONT'D)
You in the back row!

The entire audience turns as one and looks at Fluttershy, cowering in the back row.

134 FLUTTERSHY
Who me?

135 IRON WILL
Yes, you! Iron Will wants you on
stage.

Fluttershy GULPS.

136 FLUTTERSHY
Well... Umm...

137 IRON WILL
NOW!

138 FLUTTERSHY
Okay.

She hightails it up on stage and moves across it to Will but another ASSISTANT emerges from backstage and blocks her path.

139 IRON WILL
He's blocking your path. What are you gonna do about it?

140 FLUTTERSHY
Um... Politely walk around him?

141 IRON WILL
No.

142 FLUTTERSHY
Gingerly tiptoe around him?

143 IRON WILL
No.

144 FLUTTERSHY
Go back home and try again tomorrow?

145 IRON WILL
NO! "When somepony tries to block, you show them that you rock!"

Iron Will moves behind Fluttershy and shoves her into the other pony so that she inadvertently knocks him down.

146 FLUTTERSHY
Sorry.

147 IRON WILL
Don't be sorry! Be assertive!
"Never apologize when you can criticize."
(To the Assistant)
What's wrong with you? Why don't you watch where you're going?
(To Fluttershy)
Now, you try.

148 FLUTTERSHY
Uh... Next time get out of the way before I bump into you, cause I totally won't be sorry when I do!

Iron Will holds up her hoof like a champion.

149 IRON WILL
See my friends! If my techniques
can work for this shy little pony
then they can work for anypony!

The crowd goes WILD. Fluttershy smiles.

INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - THE NEXT DAY

Fluttershy is surrounded by her pets as she looks in the mirror, trying to psych herself up.

150 FLUTTERSHY
Okay, I feel good. I feel ready to
"attack the day" as Iron Will says.

The bunnies and other pets wave at her as she exits her cottage.

151 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Wish me luck!

EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

Fluttershy walks out of her house and notices the GARDENER drowning her petunias with water. She walks right over and confronts him, in her tentative way.

152 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Excuse me, Mr. Greenhooves, but I
think you might be over-watering my
petunias. Again.

153 GARDENER
Don't worry about it, sweetie. Let
the professional handle it.

The gardener continues to water the petunias, HUMMING to himself. Fluttershy looks frustrated.

154 FLUTTERSHY
(TO HERSELF)
"Treat me like a pushover and
you'll get the once over."

Behind the Gardener's back, Fluttershy steps on the hose. The water stops flowing and starts to build up behind her hoof. The gardener turns the hose head towards himself.

155 GARDENER
Hmmm?

Fluttershy lifts her hoof and the Gardener gets a huge spray of water in the face.

156 GARDENER (CONT'D)
<Spitting and Sputtering>

The water dies down and he stands with his face dripping.

157 GARDENER (CONT'D)
Perhaps that *is* enough water.

158 FLUTTERSHY
So you've changed your professional opinion?

159 GARDENER
Yes.

160 FLUTTERSHY
Thank you.

Fluttershy proudly trots out her gate.

161 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(WHISPERS TO HERSELF)
I can't believe it worked.

EXT. TOWN - A FEW MINUTES LATER

Walking into town Fluttershy comes upon two passing PONY DRAWN CARTS chatting in the middle of the street and blocking her path.

162 PONY #1
...I just don't know if I could make a living at it. Show Pony Business is tough.

163 PONY # 2
Go ahead, try one of your jokes out on me. I laugh at everything!

164 PONY #1
Okay. A donkey and a mule are stuck together on a dessert island..

Fluttershy tries to walk around the carts, but there is just no way past so she clears her throat LOUDLY.

165 FLUTTERSHY

Ahem. Excuse me, would you mind moving your carts so I can pass?

166 PONY #1

In a minute, I just want to finish up this story... and so the donkey says to the mule--

167 PONY # 2

<LAUGHING> That's hilarious!

168 PONY #1

I didn't even get to the punch line yet?

169 PONY # 2

Oh. Okay, keep going. I still think it's very funny already.

170 FLUTTERSHY

AHEM! Excuse me, can you move? You're blocking my path!

171 PONY #1

In a minute... and so the donkey says to the mule, "why don't we build a boat and get off this island." And the mule says...

Fluttershy musters up some courage.

172 FLUTTERSHY

(TO HERSELF)

"When somepony tries to block, show them that you rock."

Fluttershy starts to rock one of the carts back and forth. The chattering ponies abruptly stop chatting.

173 PONY #1

Easy does it lady. We're moving, okay?

174 FLUTTERSHY

(EVEN MORE PLEASED WITH HERSELF)

Good.

The PONY DRAWN CARTS get out of her way. As Fluttershy passes the ponies exchange looks with each other as if Fluttershy is a bit much. They watch her leave as Pony # 2 leans in towards # 1.

175 PONY # 2
Great joke, by the way.

176 PONY #1
I didn't finish it!

INT. SWEET SHOPPE - A FEW MINUTES LATER

Fluttershy enters the shoppe and takes her place in the back of the line.

A moment later a pony butts in front of her. Fluttershy angrily spins the pony around and lets her have it.

177 FLUTTERSHY
What do you think you're doing?
There's no cutting. You see, I was
already in line... in front of you!
Didn't you see me?

The pony SHRUGS.

178 SWEET SHOPPE PONY
Um, I guess, maybe.

179 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe? "Maybe's are for babies." I
bet you think I'm a doormat and a
pushover and I wouldn't have the
guts to say anything. Well, that
was Old Fluttershy. New Fluttershy
won't be messed with. NOW GO TO
THE BACK OF THE LINE WHERE YOU
BELONG!

Not only does the pony scurries to the back of the line, but wide-eyed crowd in front of Fluttershy parts like the Red Sea, revealing Pinkie Pie behind the counter nodding approvingly.

180 PINKIE PIE
HEEEYYYYY! Look at you!

Fluttershy proudly trots up to the counter. Rarity joins them.

181 RARITY
Your attitude is so feisty! It's
fabulous!

182 PINKIE PIE
Looks like that monster's workshop
really paid off!

183 FLUTTERSHY
Iron Will's not a monster, he's a
Minotaur. And a true inspiration!
His techniques really work.

184 RARITY
Well they've certainly made a
difference in the way you carry
yourself. You truly are a whole new
Fluttershy.

185 FLUTTERSHY
Yes I am. And New Fluttershy feels
pretty stoked about New Fluttershy!

186 PINKIE PIE
Well Old Pinkie Pie feels really
proud of New Fluttershy. Proud as
pink punch!

Pinkie Pie pulls out a glass of pink punch and takes a sip.

187 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(TO THE OTHERS)
Want some?

EXT. SWEET SHOPPE - A FEW MINUTES LATER

Fluttershy burst out of the shoppe on cloud nine.

188 FLUTTERSHY
What a day! I can't wait to go home
and tell the bunnies all about the
triumph of New Fluttershy.

She spots a cab across the street.

189 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Taxi!

As she crosses the street, Pinkie and Rarity emerge and watch
her proudly.

The taxi pulls over. But just as she reaches the cab somepony
snatches it from her.

190 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh no you don't!

Fluttershy launches herself into the back of the taxi and sends her competitor sailing out the other side and across the street where he lands in front of Rarity and Pinkie.

191 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(CALLING OUT)
NOPONY PUSHES NEW FLUTTERSHY
AROUND!

The taxi takes off. Rarity and Pinkie now look more worried and much less proud.

192 PINKIE PIE
Old Pinkie Pie's not so sure New
Fluttershy is such a good idea,
after all.

193 RARITY
Old Rarity agrees.

END ACT II

ACT III

INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - MORNING

Fluttershy is surrounded by her pets as she looks in the mirror. No need to psych herself up today. If anything, she's a little too psyched.

194 FLUTTERSHY
You got this New Fluttershy. This
day is yours! And NOPONY's going to
take it away from you!

She turns to her pets, who are taken aback by her intensity.

195 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Am I right!?

Without waiting for a response, she turns back to the mirror and 'high hoofs' her reflection.

196 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Right!

EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

Fluttershy exits her cottage and sees a bunch of mail sticking out of her mail box.

197 FLUTTERSHY
(READING ENVELOPES)
What? He's delivered the wrong
mail! Again!!

She marches over to the nearby MAILPONY, who wears thick coke bottle glasses. He's looking closely at a letter trying to read the address. Fluttershy bops him on the head with the letters to get his attention.

198 MAILPONY
Is that you, Myrtle?

199 FLUTTERSHY
No. It's New Fluttershy. And New
Fluttershy does not want the wrong
mail delivered to her cottage.

200 MAILPONY
Oh, did I mix em' up again?

He hands her her real mail.

201 FLUTTERSHY
Here you go, Fluttershy. Sorry
about that.

She dumps his mail bag on his head.

202 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
"You apologize. I penalize!"

EXT. PONYVILLE STREET - LATER

It's raining and Fluttershy is under a small awning to avoid the rain. Snips and Snails run up and join her under the small awning, making it very crowded.

203 SNIPS
Hey Fluttershy. Oh man, is it
pouring out there.

204 SNAILS
Yeah, I'm soaking wet.

He shakes himself like a dog and sprays Fluttershy by accident. Fluttershy steams.

205 FLUTTERSHY
Did you just get New Fluttershy
wet?

206 SNAILS
 (INTIMIDATED)
Um... Uhhhh... Er....

207 FLUTTERSHY
"You stammer. I bring down the
hammer."

She pushes them both back out into the rain. They slide
across the slippery street.

208 SNIPS AND SNAILS
Ahhhhhh.

They gain to off screen and after a beat we hear a CRASH.

EXT. PONYVILLE PARK - LATER

The sun has come out again. A VENDOR walks through the park
with a big bundles of balloons.

209 VENDOR
Free balloons today! Who wants a
free balloon?!

A group of very little ponies squeal with delight and scamper
toward him. Fluttershy races past them and takes all the free
balloons for herself.

The disappointed little ponies are speechless as they watch
her walk away.

EXT. ANOTHER PONYVILLE STREET - LATER

Fluttershy is walking home with the balloons in her mouth.

A TOURIST PONY approaches Fluttershy, guidebook in hand.

210 TOURIST PONY
Excuse me do you know how to get to
the Ponyville tower?

211 FLUTTERSHY
Sure, you just--

But as soon as Fluttershy opens her mouth all the balloons
going flying into the air.

212 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
My balloons!

The TOURIST stares at the balloons floating away.

213 TOURIST PONY
Oh, that's a shame.

Fluttershy steams. Pinkie Pie and Rarity arrive just in time to witness her explode.

214 FLUTTERSHY
Look what you made New Fluttershy do! I PITY THE FOAL who makes New Fluttershy lose her balloons! "You make me lose, I blow my fuse."

Fluttershy rips the guidebook from the Tourist Pony and flings it into a nearby gutter filled with water from the recent storm. The book is quickly carried away.

215 TOURIST PONY
Hey!

The Tourist Pony goes running, chasing after his floating guidebook.

Rarity and Pinkie Pie are flabbergasted by what they've just seen.

216 RARITY
Fluttershy, what are you doing?
That's no way to behave!

217 FLUTTERSHY
Didn't you see what he did to New Fluttershy? And he thought he could get away with it. Thought New Fluttershy was a pushover!

218 RARITY
No sweetie, he didn't. We saw the whole thing. We think that maybe...

219 FLUTTERSHY
"Maybe's are for babies."

220 RARITY
Okay. Then we *definitely* think that you've taken your assertiveness training a little to far.

221 FLUTTERSHY
What?!?

Rarity and Pinkie slowly nod their heads 'yes'. Fluttershy's eyes narrow.

222 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
You just want New Fluttershy to be
a doormat like Old Fluttershy! But
Old Fluttershy is gone!

223 PINKIE PIE
(FRUSTRATED)
New Fluttershy! Old Fluttershy!

224 RARITY
What happened to NICE Fluttershy?
We want that Fluttershy back.

225 FLUTTERSHY
No, you want Wimp Fluttershy. You
want Pushover Fluttershy. You want
Do-Anything-To-Her-And-She-Won't-
Complain Fluttershy!!

226 PINKIE PIE
Aaugh! Too many Fluttershy's to
keep track of. Make it stop!

227 FLUTTERSHY
Things getting too complicated for
your simple little brain, Pinkie
Pie?

Pinkie looks hurt. Rarity steps in to defend her.

228 RARITY
Now stop right there! Let's not let
things descend into petty insults.

229 FLUTTERSHY
Why not? I thought 'petty' was what
you're all about, Rarity. With your
petty concerns about fashion.

230 RARITY
<Hurt GASP>

Rarity turns away. Now Pinkie steps in.

231 PINKIE PIE
Hey, leave her alone! Fashion is
her passion.

232 FLUTTERSHY
And what are you passionate about?
Birthday cake? Party hats?

Slow truck in on Fluttershy as she lays into her friends.

233 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I can't believe that the two most
frivolous ponies in Ponyville are
trying to tell New Fluttershy how
to live her life when they are
throwing their own lives away on
pointless pursuits that NOPONY ELSE
gives a flying feather about!

She looks satisfied with herself but her face falters when
she actually looks at her friends.

Pinkie and Rarity are on the verge of tears. Their eyes are
super wide and moist looking. Their bottom lips tremble. They
look like pony versions of the waifs from a Keane painting.

234 PINKIE PIE
(CHOKING BACK TEARS)
Looks like Nasty Fluttershy is here
to stay.

235 RARITY
(THE SAME)
I cannot believe what that monster
Iron Will has done to you!

Rarity and Pinkie Pie trot away before they start bawling.

236 FLUTTERSHY
(CALLING OUT)
Iron Will's not a monster, he's a
Minotaur!

Her aggressive demeanor dissolves quickly. Her head lowers
and she looks at the ground, ashamed of her behavior.

237 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(TO HERSELF)
I'm the monster.

EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - LATER

Rarity and Pinkie Pie approach the door. They KNOCK tentatively and wait for an answer.

238 RARITY
Fluttershy? Are you in there?

239 PINKIE PIE
It's Pinkie Pie and Rarity.

240 RARITY
We want to talk about what happened earlier.

241 FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)
Go away! Go away before Nasty Fluttershy strikes again!

242 RARITY
Oh, sweetie. We *all* said things that we regret.

243 PINKIE PIE
Really? We did?

Rarity gives Pinkie Pie a look, she's not helping!

244 RARITY
Shhhhh!

245 FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)
Pinkie's right! I'm the only one to blame! But don't worry...

INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE

The windows have all been boarded up. Angel Bunny is finishing tying Fluttershy up in a chair.

246 FLUTTERSHY
... because I'm never coming out of my house again! Everypony will be a lot safer with me and my mean mouth locked away.

EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE

247 RARITY
Sweetie, Pinkie Pie doesn't blame
you nor do I. You just received
some bad advice from that Iron Will
character.

248 PINKIE PIE
Yeah, *he's* the one that made you
act super duper nasty.

Rarity gives Pinkie Pie another 'you're not helping' look.

249 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
What I mean is... there are others
ways to assert yourself besides
yelling at everypony.

INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE

On Fluttershy. What Pinkie and Rarity are saying resonates
with her.

250 RARITY (V.O.)
Yes. You can stand up for yourself
without being unpleasant about it.

But then doubt sets in.

251 FLUTTERSHY
I'm not sure I can. I'm too far
gone. Whenever I try to assert
myself I become a monster.

EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE

252 RARITY
Oh, sweetie. You're not a monster.

253 PINKIE PIE
(TO RARITY)
No, but he is.

Pinkie Pie points off screen to Iron Will, who is walking
toward Fluttershy's gate.

EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - THE GATE

Rarity and Pinkie Pie run over to Iron Will, trying to keep him away from Fluttershy.

254 PINKIE PIE
Hey you're Iron Will, aren't you?
That famous assertiveness guru?

255 IRON WILL
Iron Will's my name, kicking butt's
my game!

256 RARITY
What a darling little catch phrase!

257 IRON WILL
You like it? Iron Will's got dozens
of 'em. Check this one out. A is
for assertiveness. T is for
training. M is for the money that I
love making!

258 PINKIE PIE
Hmmm... that catch phrase's not so
catchy.

259 IRON WILL
Yeah, well what do you know? Your
friend Fluttershy LOVED Iron Will's
catchphrases. Word on the street is
that she doesn't take no guff from
npony. So Iron Will is here to
collect Iron Will's fee.

He starts stomping toward the front door.

260 PINKIE PIE
(ASIDE TO RARITY)
He doesn't deserve any money for
what he did to poor Fluttershy!

Desperate to stop him, Rarity catches up to Iron Will and
walk backwards in front of him as he continues to move.

261 RARITY
I'm sure a big, brave, powerful and
rich monster...I mean...Minotaur
like you doesn't need to nickel and
dime everypony. You can afford to
be generous.

262 IRON WILL
Are you kidding? It wouldn't look good if Iron Will became a pushover himself. Everypony pays. No exceptions.

263 RARITY
Darling, couldn't you just make one little teensy weensy exception for moi! After all, I'm your biggest fan!

264 IRON WILL
Yeah, well, Iron Will has lots of fans. Iron Will's a pony magnet.

Rarity looks desperately at Pinkie Pie for help.

265 RARITY
(ASIDE TO PINKIE PIE)
Do something!

Just before Iron Will is about to bang on Fluttershy's door Pinkie Pie POPS right up in front of him.

266 PINKIE PIE
If you won't drop your fee I think Fluttershy at least deserves a discount!

267 IRON WILL
<Harumph> No discount!

268 PINKIE PIE
Discount!

269 IRON WILL
No discount!

270 PINKIE PIE
Half price!

271 IRON WILL
Full price!

272 PINKIE PIE
Half off!

273 IRON WILL
Full off!

274 PINKIE PIE
Full off? That's outrageous! Half
off!

275 IRON WILL
Full off and that's final!

276 PINKIE PIE
Deal! Full off. Which means no
payment.

277 IRON WILL
(CONFUSED)
What?

278 PINKIE PIE
You may go now, sir.

She tries to show him to the gate, but he picks her up.

279 IRON WILL
No, you can.

He throws her in a nearby soft bush. Pinkie Pie falls inside
the bush completely for a moment then reappears spitting
leaves out of her mouth.

Iron Will POUNDS on the door.

280 IRON WILL (CONT'D)
Your payment is overdue,
Fluttershy!

He waits for a beat before pounding again.

281 IRON WILL (CONT'D)
Iron Will demands to be paid this
instant!

Rarity and Pinkie Pie are astounded when they see Fluttershy
timidly open her front door.

282 PINKIE PIE
Oh. I can't look!

She buries her face in Rarity's mane.

283 IRON WILL
You were nothing but a doormat and
Iron Will turned you into a lean,
mean assertive machine! Now pay
Iron Will what you owe Iron Will.

He cracks his knuckles threateningly.

284 FLUTTERSHY
(QUIETLY)
Um, no.

285 IRON WILL
What did you say!?

286 FLUTTERSHY
No.

He gets way up in her grill.

287 IRON WILL
I PITY THE FOAL WHO SAYS NO TO IRON
WILL! I'D HATE TO BE YOU RIGHT NOW
BECAUSE IRON WILL IS GONNA RAIN
DOWN A WORLD OF HURT UNLESS IRON
WILL GETS HIS MONEY. PRONTO!

288 FLUTTERSHY
(POLITE BY FIRM)
As I recall, during your workshop
you promised 100 percent
satisfaction guaranteed or you pay
nothing. Well I'm not satisfied.

289 IRON WILL
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT
SATISFIED?! EVERYPONY HAS ALWAYS
BEEN SATISFIED!

290 FLUTTERSHY
Well, I guess I'm the first then.
But since I am not satisfied I
refuse to pay, it's as simple as
that.

Iron Will's big puffed out chest suddenly deflates.

Rarity and Pinkie Pie stare at Fluttershy in disbelief.

291 IRON WILL
(HEMMING AND HAWING)
Umm... are you sure you're not just
a little bit satisfied... er,
because maybe we could cut a
deal... I mean, we're both
reasonable creatures aren't we.

292 FLUTTERSHY
(POLITE BUT FIRM)
I'm sorry, but no means no.

293 IRON WILL
(SCRATCHES HEAD)
No means no, huh? No pony's ever
said that to me before. Huh. I
gotta remember that one. That's a
good catch phrase for my next
workshop.

Iron Will walks away, stunned.

As soon as he's gone Rarity and Pinkie Pie rush to
Fluttershy's side and "hug" her.

294 PINKIE PIE
You were amazing, Fluttershy! You
totally stood up to that monster.

295 RARITY
And you didn't even raise your
voice! In fact, you didn't change
at all... you were the same old
Fluttershy that we've always loved.

296 PINKIE PIE
The one we've missed!

297 FLUTTERSHY
Don't worry, Old Fluttershy's back
for good. I'm sorry I took the
whole assertiveness thing too far.
Friends?

They three of them snuggle together.

298 RARITY/PINKIE PIE
Friends.

They all share a GIGGLE.

INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - LATER

Fluttershy sits at her table, writing a letter to Princess
Celestia. WE PAN around the cottage, past all her bunnies who
are happily eating their pre-packaged food pellets.

299 FLUTTERSHY

Dear Princess Celestia, Sometimes
it can be hard for a shy pony like
me to stand up for myself. And when
I first tried it, I didn't like the
pony I became. But I've learned
that standing up for yourself isn't
the same as changing who you are.
Now I know how to put my hoof down
without being unpleasant or mean.

The PAN ends on Angel Bunny who is still refusing to eat his pellets. He turns up his nose and direct's Fluttershy's attention to a picture of another elaborate meal in the cookbook.

300 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

(KIND BUT FIRM)

No, Angel.

Angel Bunny pouts, stomps around and starts to throw a mini-tantrum. Afterwards he looks up at Fluttershy hopefully, did it work?

301 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

I'm sorry Angel Bunny, but no means
no.

Angel Bunny shrugs. Then he gingerly sniffs the food pellets in his bowl for a bit. They don't smell half bad.

He takes a nibble. They don't taste that bad either.

Angel Bunny dives into how bowl and starts to heartily dig in.

Fluttershy smiles at him.

THE END.

