

SC276: I would like to decompress my brain after last week, so of course we're not going to do that.

Ringmaster: Instead, it's time to read about Wilford Brimley's favorite subject, but with ponies.

SC276: Pinkie Pie with diabetes. I have no idea how this went over with the old guard, but I suspect it wasn't well.

Ringmaster: You suspected correctly, this thing that you're about to read is *peak* melodrama.

SC276: In case you're the kind to not watch Mexican soaps.

ThatUnknownPony: Or as we call them here: Soaps. *Actually we call them "telenovelas", but whatever...*

Ringmaster: Even then, it's pretty up there. Without further ado, it's part one of "Bittersweet" by anonymous and nukeiffum.

SC276: "Pretty up there," he says, as our other multiparter is about a guy that gets possessed by his shoulder devil. Let's rock.

Crazy56U: *Hooooo boy...* Injecting reality into fiction is always a double-edged sword. Sometimes it works pretty damn well, pointing out legitimate problems with the material and such, while other times... ...yeah, I haven't actually *read* this story, but I *have* poked through its TvTropes page *and* the "Rainbow Dash Presents" video about it, and... ...let's just say things go places...

BittplexMutt: That can't be good.

ThatUnknownPony: You know, for someone who heard about all the "infamous" popular fanfictions in the fandom early days... This one was the one I never paid attention. And just reading the premise... Yeah, I legitimately wonder how the hell this became so popular. Let's see what in store for us.

Calico: Oh hey, I remember this fic being recommended on TvTropes, but Pinkie with diabetes seemed more like a joke than anything, so I never actually read it.

Crazy56U: Well, it *is* a joke, just not in the *funny* way.

PanzerThiefZero: Oh lawwwdy... this oughta be good.

SuperMapslover: I was *not* ready for this. At all.

Mono: Well, if there's one thing in this world that I absolutely hate, it's melodrama.

Bittersweet: Part 1

Crazy56U: "No Sugar Tonight in My Coffee"

CaptainPipsqueak: "If Splenda Tasted Better I Wouldn't Be Here Right Now"

Originally from an anonpost which contained elements from the Scrubs episode "My Screw Up"

Crazy56U:Author, where do you think we are?

ThatUnknownPony: So you just admitted you're ripping off Scrubs. This is off to a good start.

SuperMapslover: *Leave Scrubs out of this!*

Mono: Because anonposts always make for the best stories!

Transcribed and continued by nukeiffum

BittplexMutt: Why would anyone want to continue this?

Crazy56U: The story was *originally* written in gibberish.

SC276: "Nukeiffum" sounds like someone tried to atomize a muffin factory.

CaptainPipsqueak: That or it's some sort of hideously mutated muffin, striding the earth and striking down evil with it's godlike power, making the world safe for baked goods.

Diabetes is a terrible thing.

Crazy56U: *Fucking mic drop.*

CaptainPipsqueak: *Fuck you, author. Fuck you and DIE.*

Calico: I don't think anybody's arguing against that.

SuperMapslover: Thank you for explaining the obvious.

Mono: Next topic: are hand grenades deadly?

BittplexMutt: Water is wet.

Rainbow Dash slammed through Pinkie Pie's window,

Crazy56U: [Rainbow Dash] *"GAH, FUCK!"*

[Pinkie Pie] *"(was in the middle of playing with Gummy)there was a door, you know..."*

ThatUnknownPony: [Rainbow Dash] *"Yeah, fuck doors, they're overrated."*

Calico: (insert Windex commercial here)

CaptainPipsqueak: *insert bird joke here*

Mono: *"-bleeding out from the wounds all over her body."*

PanzerThiefZero: And died. The end. (attempts to leave but bumps into the invisible wall again)

BittplexMutt: She could've knocked.

knocking the cookie from her friend's mouth.

Crazy56U: It was raisin. Not *oatmeal* raisin; just plain raisin.

SC276: Is that even *legal*?

CaptainPipsqueak: Celestia was on a health kick at the time and cleared it. So unfortunately, yes. And, just to make it *more* horrifying, it didn't *contain* raisins, the cookie itself was *made* of raisin.

SuperMapslover: [Pinkie Pie] *"Hey! It was a perfectly good cookie! YOU MONSTER!"*

[Rainbow Dash] *"uhhh..."*

BittplexMutt: [Rainbow] *"No cookie for you!"*

"Pinkie! You can't! You know what the doctors said!

SC276: [Pinkie Pie] *"There aren't any monkeys jumping on my bed, Rainbow Dash!"*

Crazy56U: [Pinkie Pie] *"Fuck hospitals!"*

ThatUnknownPony: [Pinkie Pie] *"Please, it's not like a simple cookie would kill me."*

CaptainPipsqueak: Remember your peanut allergy!

BittplexMutt: [Pinkie] *"Pfft, you know I don't listen to those guys."*

Just one more binge could kill you!"

ThatUnknownPony: ...I was joking.

Crazy56U: Not because of the diabetes; the doctor actually issued a death threat against Pinkie.

CaptainPipsqueak: She keeps eating all of his favourite donuts just before he arrives.
PanzerThiefZero: [Pinkie] "...*could*. (eats the cookie anyway)"
SC276: One cookie counts as a binge?
Mono: Cyanide-laced cookies were a horrible idea.
BittplexMutt: They're sweet and deadly.
CaptainPipsqueak: But nobody's *entirely* sure because, y'know, cyanide.

Pinkie looked up at her friend. Smiling with tears in her eyes,

Crazy56U: [Pinkie Pie] "Oh, hey Rainbow, I got these new contacts, and I think I fucked up..."
ThatUnknownPony: [Pinkie Pie] "But you know Hot Sauce Cookies are my favorite! Even if I feel my mouth burning."
BittplexMutt: [Pinkie] "I've been cutting onions."

she gave a weak laugh. "It's... it's okay, Rainbow Dash. I'm... I'm not afraid."

Crazy56U: And we open with suicide.*okay*...
ThatUnknownPony: *Off to a brilliant start!*
Calico: Death by cookies isn't going to look that good in the obituaries...
CaptainPipsqueak: "Don't go to the bakery; someone *died* there!"
Mono: W-why the fuck did Pinkie just kill herself?
CaptainPipsqueak: Maybe the cookie she had was the greatest cookie in existence and no cookie or treat would ever be it's equal, so she chose to end her life since eating any type of treat (Fluttershy's brownies included) from this moment on would just reduce her to wrenching sobs of loss?
Nightshade: I'd point out that "death by cookie" would certainly be a first. But you have to remember that incident when the CMCs tried to get their cutie marks as ninja bakers... Who knew cookies could make such affective throwing stars?
SC276: Please, you think *that's* impressive? The impressive part was when they broke into Canterlot Palace with kites made from solid frosting. I'm not even sure how that *worked*.
CaptainPipsqueak: Did they at least manage to kill their target?

Rainbow Dash settled down to the floor, blinking at a crunching noise beneath her hooves.

Crazy56U: Uh oh, the floor is eating her!
BittplexMutt: All those branches just lying around.
PanzerThiefZero: ...too easy.

She looked down, a look of horror spreading over her face at all the crumbs.

Crazy56U: [Rainbow Dash] "Jesus *fuck*, Pinkie, do you *want* ants?! *Cause this is how you get ants!*"
ThatUnknownPony: [Rainbow Dash] "Bitch, when was the last time you cleaned this place?!"
BittplexMutt: [Rainbow] "You didn't save one for me?!"

"And... it's... not like one cookie would make much difference now anyways."

Crazy56U: [Pinkie Pie] "I mean, it's not like I already inhaled twenty-five..."

Mono: And then Pinkie immediately dropped dead.

Nightshade: [Pinkie] "If Celestia can eat as much cake as she does without getting diabetes, I can eat just one more cookie. (continues to eat the pony sized cookie)"

Crazy56U: [Rainbow Dash] "...okay, I don't know where to begin with that..."



SC276:

BittplexMutt: She says that now..

"Pinkie! Wh... what have you done!"

Crazy56U: ...eaten?

ThatUnknownPony: ...made a mess on the floor?

CaptainPipsqueak: ...died? ... Wait, that comes later.

Mono: ...existed?

SC276: [Pinkie Pie] "...Is that a trick question?"

BittplexMutt: ..another thing?

Rainbow Dash sped to turn the room apart,

Crazy56U: Your friend is intentionally devouring sugar despite being diabetic?

Smash their shit!

CaptainPipsqueak: It's not like she'll miss it, right?

BittplexMutt: Wreck the room, that'll work, right?

looking for that needle thing the doctors gave Pinkie.

Crazy56U: Uh, Rainbow, Epipens don't treat diabetes...

ThatUnknownPony: *Insulin doesn't work that way.*

Mono: And it's plain to see that author actually knows fuck all about diabetes.

SC276: Dear fucking christ, *research your goddamn real-world shit.*

BittplexMutt: Because needles always work, right?

"I already used that yesterday.

Crazy56U: [Pinkie Pie] "I ate it like a Slim Jim."

CaptainPipsqueak: "It tasted like slow death."

BittplexMutt: [Pinkie] "Didn't work."

I... It was torture Rainbow Dash...

ThatUnknownPony: Unless it was the injected equivalent of "The Acceptance of Friendship", I doubt it's that bad.

CaptainPipsqueak: They're kind of unpleasant.

Crazy56U: To think, if only there was a version of "The Hellgramite Method" for sugar addicts. *Then* Pinkie would know torture...

BittplexMutt: For a few seconds.

terrible. Haha... can you imagine it?

Crazy56U: Not having sugar? ...Pinkie, diets are a *thing*.

ThatUnknownPony: Not a pretty thing, but they're there.

Mono: yeah, being *able to live* kinda evens out the torture.

SC276: Well I would *like* to imagine the characters of this show not being *suicidally maladjusted*, but I've been riffing in this project for *three fucking years*.

CaptainPipsqueak: Yeah! If we're this maladjusted, the characters can be, too!

What if you suddenly weren't able to fly anymore?

Crazy56U: [Rainbow Dash] "Pinkie, A) comparing your sugar addiction to me flying is an incompatible comparison, and B) (points at wings) *these things are practically made out of fucking balsa wood, are you kidding me?! I broke them twice last week!*"

What if Applejack suddenly became lame?

Crazy56U: [Rainbow Dash] "...but Applejack *is* lame, Pinkie, we were joking about this last wee-"

[Pinkie Pie] "(annoyed) No, Rainbow, the *other* definition."

Haha... ha... I couldn't help myself Rainbow... I... haha..."

Crazy56U: I mean, technically, you helped yourself to those cookies...

ThatUnknownPony: She probably means the literal sense of "helping herself"... Hope that doesn't mean more "shoulder angels".

"It's going to be okay, Pinkie! You're gonna be okay.

Crazy56U: Uh, Rainbow, you *do* know what story this is, right?

SC276: You're gonna be fine, baby doll. (gunshot)

PanzerThiefZero: Please don't tell me what I think is going on *is* going on?

BittplexMutt: Uh.. yes?

We'll get you to the doctor. They can fix this. We can make you better."

Crazy56U: They can rebuild her. They have the technology.

Mono: That... would actually make for a better fanfic.

CaptainPipsqueak: Yeah, but she'll make that bionic noise every times she hops around. Someone'll murder her within a *day*.

BittplexMutt: Or a second.

Pinkie looked at the floor, mane hiding her eyes, laughs starting to sound more like sobs.

BittplexMutt: So, like saughs?

Crazy56U: I'm more partial to "lobs".

SC276: Eh, my shots always slice.

"Can... can you do me a favor, Dash? ...can... can you hold me a bit?"

Mono: I... kinda ship it.

CaptainPipsqueak: "She's a rainbow-maned velocity loving pegasus who may be a lesbian. She's a pink physics-defying earth pony dying of diabetes. Together they fight crime."

Crazy56U: ...why am I being reminded of "A Way Out"...

BittplexMutt: And then they kissed.

I... I keep laughing... but... it's not working as well as it used to... haha... ha... ha..."

SC276: ...Isn't that *smiles*?

Calico: This already hurts, and not in the way the author intended.

Crazy56U: Picture a studio audience being shown the "LAUGH" sign, but with *no one* wanting to.

ThatUnknownPony: Sounds like someone trying to watch "The Big Bang Theory" to me.

BittplexMutt: Radio silence.

Rainbow Dash took a hold of Pinkie Pie.

BittplexMutt: Now kiss.

"Don't worry Pinkie Pie, I'll get you to the doctor as fast as I can,

Crazy56U: Rainbow Dash, time travel isn't going to fix this story; the Doctor's currently stuck in the Negative Zone with his bullshit OC son.

CaptainPipsqueak: And unless you're a grey pegasus mare with a blonde mane and a lazy eye, I doubt he cares.

BittplexMutt: And how can Doctor Who fix this?

CaptainPipsqueak: I'm sure he'd pull *something* out of his ass.

just—just stop talking okay! Save your strength, please!"

Crazy56U: The only time telling Pinkie Pie to shut up was played for sad.

BittplexMutt: Don't you mean energy?

"Aha... ha..." Pinkie Pie let out a weak cough. "Hey... Rainbow Dash...? I... I..."

Crazy56U: [Pinkie Pie] "... ..oh, for fuck's sake, *LINE?*"

Mono: [Pinkie] "...never liked you anyway."

PanzerThiefZero: [Pinkie] "...never liked [currently popular game you don't like here]."

[Rainbow] "...that's it?"

[Pinkie] "...I just wanted attention!"
BittplexMutt: **[Pinkie]** "I think I left the stove running."

It was truly a beautiful day for a party.

Crazy56U: *And now we begin ripping off "My Screw Up" in earnest...*
ThatUnknownPony: If the "original" stuff was a schlog, I can only imagine how the ripoff part will be.

They'd spared no expense this time

Crazy56U: Because there was flagrant coupon abuse.



y2k890:
BittplexMutt: Because they were broke.

, all the beautiful decorations covering the event.

SC276: Hiding it from view.
Crazy56U: One balloon. That's it.
PanzerThiefZero: So, whenever my local game store is having one of it's 'massive sales' again?
BittplexMutt: All the entrails that is.
Mono: No, Bitt. We don't talk about that monstrosity.
Crazy56U: *Mono, we talked about it thrice, shut up.*

They'd held it outside, of course,

SC276: Is it *really*?
BittplexMutt: Depends on who it is.
Crazy56U: Because Twilight called the library for when *she* dies. Granted, her plans for death *also* involve convincing her friends to kill themselves, so... (shrugs)

and a surprising amount of people had come out for it.

BittplexMutt: All three of them.
CaptainPipsqueak: Mostly for the free food.
Crazy56U: And partially to dance on Pinkie's grave.

Dash could even see the balloons from here.

BittplexMutt: And they were all coming at her.
Mono: Granted, they were eight feet in diameter...
CaptainPipsqueak: And on fire somehow...

Pinkie Pie always had the best parties, and this was no exception.

ThatUnknownPony: She even got tons of pizza!
SC276: ...Did we jump into a flashback and Ring forgot to preserve the italics again?
CaptainPipsqueak: At this point I don't think anyone knows. Kind of grown numb to it.
BittplexMutt: Me too.

Dash usually sped into Pinkie Pie's parties with great enthusiasm,

Crazy56U: [Pinkie Pie] "Hey, Rainbow, you comin' to my 'No Reason Whatsoever' party tomorrow, there's going to be dancing, and games, and cake, and ice-cream, and punch-"
[Rainbow Dash] "(isn't paying attention; is attempting to swallow tongue)"
BittplexMutt: on crack.

ready to play pranks on whatever unsuspecting pony that happened to walk into them.

Mono: And giving more people scare-induced heart attacks!
CaptainPipsqueak: Nobody's died yet. That's the important thing.
Crazy56U: (pointedly clears throat)
CaptainPipsqueak: I meant prank victims. *Pay attention.*

However, today was different.

Crazy56U: "For starters, Pinkie died."
ThatUnknownPony: Today she was gonna walk towards the ponies *and then* play pranks on them.

Instead of gliding excitedly towards the partygrounds,

Crazy56U: "...well... ..does 'SPLAT!' mean anything to you?"

Dash proceeded with a slow trot.

SC276: Her wings were broken again.
Nightshade: With how often she injures herself, it's a miracle that she doesn't have brain damage... oh wait...
Crazy56U: ...took ya 'til *now* to realize that, huh...
CaptainPipsqueak: That's why she's around Fluttershy so often. She's her assisted-living partner. The drug thing's just a side job so she can pay the bills.
Crazy56U: Nah, Rainbow has the *best* health insurance; she practically gets *paid* to break her body. Fluttershy just supplies her with free medical pot.
BittplexMutt: Because that's what Rainbow does.

A tight knot wound itself in Rainbow Dash's stomach,

BittplexMutt: What kind of knot was it though?

Crazy56U: It was not a knot, Bitt.

making Dash feel slightly sick as she made her way towards the party.

ThatUnknownPony: [Rainbow Dash] "I knew it was a bad idea to have that burrito for breakfast."

SC276: [Rainbow Dash] "I really need to stop putting my face so close to the screen."

Crazy56U: [Rainbow Dash] "Oh, *why* did I eat all those honey mustard pretzels?"

CaptainPipsqueak: [Rainbow Dash] "Huh. Didn't know I could still get airsick..."

"Thanks for coming, Dash!" Pinkie said, trotting alongside her friend as soon as she saw her.

BittplexMutt: [Pinkie] "I hope I didn't scare you last time."

Crazy56U: [Pinkie Pie] "Do I look alright to you; I'm concerned about if I look dead..."

"I know you didn't want to come,

Crazy56U: Rainbow was planning on drinking herself to death today.

BittplexMutt: "But you did anyway."

which is kinda weird since you always loved to come to my parties,

Crazy56U: [Rainbow Dash] "Look, as a rule of thumb, I don't attend parties where the guest of honor has no idea what's going on."

[Pinkie Pie] "(condesendingly) Rainbow, I already know this is my funeral-"

[Rainbow Dash] "Shushy."

SC276: This just seems awkward in the wake of that pie episode.

BittplexMutt: Yep.

Crazy56U: *why are you talking about that fucking episode, it legitimately almost made me punch a hole in my wall*

CaptainPipsqueak: Every day with Pinkie is an awkward day. Eventually.

ready to play a prank on somepony, like the hot sauce in the punch prank!

Crazy56U: Or the "Spike died" prank!

ThatUnknownPony: Looks like Pinkie Pie took some classes in Peppa Pigging.

BittplexMutt: Because that's all she's known for.

CaptainPipsqueak: That and dying of diabetes apparently.

I always loved that one, it's always so funny, and you're always so funny Rainbow Dash!

BittplexMutt: Debatable.

Crazy56U: Pinkie, why are you blocking out Rainbow's stint at stand-up comedy? Remember? That time even *you* pelted her with tomatoes?

Even when you're kinda a grump like right now,

Crazy56U: [Rainbow Dash] "I'm happy, I'm happy, look at me, do I not look happy?!
Do I not look happy?! (scowling) This is the face of a happy pony!"
BittplexMutt: Look on the bright side, at least she'll get to be a Game Grump.

which is fine since anypony can be grumpy sometimes,



SC276:

Mono: Yeah, usually you just harass them into happiness, though...
Crazy56U: Well, hey now, both she *and* Cranky were in the wrong that episode...
CaptainPipsqueak: All she had to do was break that one guy's kneecaps and now everyone gets happy faster than hell around her.

except for me,

BittplexMutt: "I'm never upset."
Crazy56U: [Pinkie Pie] "Because I do cocaine!"

because if I was a grump I wouldn't be able to throw these super-duper fantastic fantabulishous

Crazy56U: *If you were not already dead, I would wish death upon you.*
BittplexMutt: What was that?

parties all the time!

SC276: How do you know? Have you *tried*?
Crazy56U: ...I don't even have to say it this time, do I...
CaptainPipsqueak: Also: *Never use that word again.*
BittplexMutt: It's too silly to be here.

And look!" Pinkie said, bouncing in her step. "You got all dressed up!"

Crazy56U: Well, duh, it's a funeral- *oh, fuck, Rainbow doesn't know that yet.*
y2k890: Rainbow Dash always dresses in style.
Mono: No. Bad. *beats y2k over the head*
CaptainPipsqueak: Could be worse...
ThatUnknownPony: Pinkie, breathe.

BittplexMutt: "And you got nowhere to go!"

Rainbow Dash laughed to herself. She didn't like to get dressed up, it wasn't her kind of thing.

Mono: Yeah, ummm... so feels half of Ponyville about dressing up. Dunno what makes Rainbow so special.

Crazy56U: Hell, you could even say that Rainbow Dash always dre- (points at self) *FUCK YOU AND YOUR MEMES!*

PanzerThiefZero: She *hated* wearing that collar on her neck.

CaptainPipsqueak: She'd have just taken it off like some of the others but when their heads started exploding...

BittplexMutt: But she was blackmailed into doing so.

But today, she'd done it for Pinkie.

Crazy56U: After all, she *did* always say that she would dress up over Pinkie's dead body...

BittplexMutt: Because she would have wanted that?

"Yeah, well... I guess it's the least I can do for you."

Crazy56U: After all, it ain't like Rainbow can undo death...

ThatUnknownPony: [Rainbow Dash] "It was my turn to dress as a clown."

BittplexMutt: [Rainbow] "Now, what is my size?"

Pinkie just smiled at her in response.

BittplexMutt: A maniacal smile.

CaptainPipsqueak: ~She gave a wonderful, maniacal smile~

But very suddenly, her expression changed to one of worry. "... listen, Dash... There's something I need you to do for me."

Mono: [Pinkie Pie] "Go find the author of Mother Pinkie Pie and beat the shit out of him."

Nightshade: [Rainbow Dash] "What about the author of this fanfic?"

SC276: [Pinkie Pie] "*One thing at a time, Rainbow.*"

CaptainPipsqueak: [Pinkie Pie] "I need you to brick over the door to my basement. I don't want anything getting in there."

[Rainbow Dash] "Sure, I guess. But why?"

[Pinkie Pie] "Do not question me. *I am dying.*"

BittplexMutt: [Pinkie] "Make sure you turn off the stove."

"Sure thing Pinkie!" Dash said as they stopped in place,

BittplexMutt: frozen in time.

surprised at Pinkie's uncharacteristically mellow response.

BittplexMutt: She took a brownie from Fluttershy.

"What do you need? I'll get it done super quick!"

ThatUnknownPony: "...Can you please take that awful costume off? It doesn't suit you at all."

PanzerThiefZero: [Pinkie] "Have this cupcake. (hands RD one)"

[Rainbow Dash] "On second thought... I have to go, my goldfish is drowning. (leaves)"

BittplexMutt: "In ten seconds!"

CaptainPipsqueak: Eight seconds. She's found a way to do it twenty percent faster.

"You need to forgive yourself for what happened the other day."

Crazy56U: **OKAY FUCK IT I'M LINKING THIS NOW**

ThatUnknownPony: What does that song has to do with... *Oooh...*

SC276: (forehead rub) We're doing this, aren't we. We already got *one* multipart with the protag having the voices in his head...

BittplexMutt: The part of Pinkie will be played by Randy Orton.

Pinkie tilted her neck down so that she could look up at Dash, smiling at her sadly.

BittplexMutt: With her big old eyes.

"Dash... you've always been my bestest best best friend, and I know you tried your hardest.

BittplexMutt: Even when she doesn't wanna.

CaptainPipsqueak: "...even when you invariably fuck up and make things three times harder for everyone..."

So... no more frownie frown face, okay?"

ThatUnknownPony: *Geez, it's almost like she's not gonna be there anymore.*

Mono: I think even Pinkie would be sick of this dialogue if it was used in the show.

SC276: Was Pinkie always this repetitive with her word choice?

BittplexMutt: Yes?

"Pinkie Pie..." Dash just laughed again in response, shaking her head from side to side in disbelief.

BittplexMutt: [Rainbow] "You're supposed to be dead."

"You are so... random."

Crazy56U: And dead. Mostly dead. You're talking to a ghost right now, Rainbow.

"Yeah yup yuh-huh!" Pinkie said, still smiling.

BittplexMutt: It still never wavered.

"So you'll try? For me?"

"Yeah, yeah... fine." Was the only thing Dash could muster, smiling back, if only so it would shut her up.

ThatUnknownPony: *You would not telegraph the twist more obviously if it wasn't for the fact this is practically a scene-by-scene ripoff.*

BittplexMutt: Gee, what could that be?

Nightshade: Well, not to defend this fic or anything. But if there is any good that can come out of it, Pinkie does shut up.

Crazy56U: (is about to retort)fuck, you're right...

CaptainPipsqueak: Well, small blessings are better than none.

Unable to think of anything else they could say to each other,

BittplexMutt: Leaving them speechless.

CaptainPipsqueak: They just sat there, making ellipses at each other.

they simply stood there for awhile, sharing a moment together.

Mono: Three days passed without either of them moving.

BittplexMutt: Staring at each other.

But before too long it was interrupted by the sound of footsteps coming up behind them.

BittplexMutt: It was her therapist.

Embarrassed to be caught in such a way,

SC276: Talking to your imaginary friend because she doesn't count?

BittplexMutt: Talking to herself?

Dash lifted her head back up, smiling at her best friend Pinkie Pie.

BittplexMutt: Though her heart was breaking.

"So... aren't you going to go get started?"

BittplexMutt: Calling the cops?

"On what?" Twilight Sparkle's voice asked, from somewhere close behind her.

ThatUnknownPony: [Twilight Sparkle] "Rainbow, are you talking with your imaginary friends, again?"

CaptainPipsqueak: [Rainbow Dash] "Fuck you, Twilight; imaginary friends *do* count when you live in a magic land! *You* don't gotta 'splain shit, why should *I*?"

Crazy56U: [Twilight Sparkle] "Oh... *God*, why are you talking crazy right now?"

BittplexMutt: [Twilight] "No really, what are you on?"

"On the party!" Dash turned around, grinning." Y'know, chowing down, singing songs, playing pranks,

Mono: "-virgin sacrifices."

Crazy56U: "-getting trashed."

CaptainPipsqueak: -betting on knife fights."

PanzerThiefZero: [Rainbow] "-getting naked."
[Twilight] "But you're not wearing anything!"
[Rainbow] "(tears off the collar) *Not anymore~!*"

bouncing around making sure everyone's having a good time. The whole routine!"

SC276: The whole nine yards. The whole kit and caboodle. The whole third phrase.
CaptainPipsqueak: *ALL OF THE THINGS!*

For a moment, Twilight looked at Dash with concern. "... where do you think we are?"

Crazy56U: GET IT SHE SAID THE LINE FROM THE SCRUBS EPISODE THAT MEANS THIS FIC IS GOOD NOW
ThatUnknownPony: Boy, I never saw Scrubs, and I can still confirm this lacks any emotion or power that the original scene had.
Crazy56U: Today is your fucking lucky day.
ThatUnknownPony: ...And now I can reconfirm this absolutely lacks any of the emotional power of that scene. *Excuse me while I wipe some tears...*
CaptainPipsqueak: ...as though outside help were needed...
BittplexMutt: [Rainbow] "Uh... IHOP?"

Dash's smile faded as she looked at the purple pony.

Crazy56U: It was at this moment that Rainbow fully realized the plagiarism taking place.
BittplexMutt: And what fic she is in.

The way her mane was combed so neat today. The way she was all dressed up in formal wear, just like Dash was. Slowly, Rainbow Dash turned around to look at the party.

y2k890: Slowly I turned, step by step...
BittplexMutt: It turned out, there was no party.
CaptainPipsqueak: Well, there *was*, but she wasn't invited.

At all the people who had gathered there today. The beautiful decorations, all centered around the casket, with the three balloons tied to one of its handles.
It was truly a beautiful day for a party.

SC276: ~A rehearsal, my dear, to be perfectly clear / A rehearsal for this glorious party~
BittplexMutt: Somepony. Died.
Captain Pipsqueak: That's no reason to not be happy.

Only one thing was missing.

Calico: ...Shovels?
ThatUnknownPony: Emotion.
Crazy56U: A sacrifice.
PanzerThiefZero: Me?
Mono: A reason to give a shit?

SC276: ...A sacrifice?

BittplexMutt: A virgin sacrifice?

CaptainPipsqueak: I don't think they have that sort of time, Bitt. I mean, I suppose you could use one of the CMC, but that'd be kind of dickish.

Pinkie Pie was gone.

Crazy56U: ...she's in the coffin, though...

Mono: Rainbow doesn't have object permanence yet, give her a little time.

BittplexMutt: Gone with the wind?

Rainbow Dash was lounging around on a cloud, blankly staring into space.

Crazy56U: Apparently having fucking bailed from the funeral...

ThatUnknownPony: What a good friend, leaving in the middle of their funeral.

BittplexMutt: Our hero, everybody.

CaptainPipsqueak: Hey, it's not like *Pinkie* was going anywhere, right?

The funeral ended sometime ago,

SC276: *Goddammit, where's the original? I refuse to believe that that someone that spells this correctly would forget to include clear scene breaks!*

Crazy56U: In Hell, where it belongs.

BittplexMutt: A month ago?

and Dash fled the scene before anypony could see her cry.

BittplexMutt: Even though everyone was crying.

Mono: Setting your pride before your friends. *Smooth, Dash.*

After all, she was Rainbow Dash,

BittplexMutt: Yes, we know that.

the toughest,

BittplexMutt: So tough that she could go to the Salty Spitoon.

CaptainPipsqueak: ...the rooten-tootenist...

fastest flier in Equestria, and if other ponies saw her cry it would destroy her reputation!

Calico: *Your friend fucking died.*

Crazy56U: ...why am I being reminded of "The Mysterious Death of the Wonderbolt Leader"?

ThatUnknownPony: No, that Rainbow was literally stupid, not egocentric and selfish to care more about "reputation" than her best friend dying.

BittplexMutt: I can't believe that Rainbow is somehow better than this Rainbow.

Nightshade: And boy is that saying something.

CaptainPipsqueak: And in that one, she was glad Spitfire had been murdered because that meant maybe they'd hire her to take her place. Really.

Rainbow Dash did what she could to hold back her tears during the funeral,

BittplexMutt: She did have a bucket.

but she was unable to stand it when they lowered Pinkie's casket into the ground,

BittplexMutt: She cans stands it no more.

causing her to hideaway in this cloud ever since.

Calico: Oh, she's *in* the cloud now? What, is she wearing it like a suit of armor or something?

BittplexMutt: She's now a cloud now.

Mono: [Rainbow] "Beep beep."

SC276: Hey you, get off of my cloud.

Nightshade: Rainbow Dash was attempting to audition for a Final Fantasy character.

CaptainPipsqueak: Makes sense. She's feeling strife right now.

"You're so stupid Rainbow Dash..." the pony said, muttering to herself.

BittplexMutt: That's right.

Captainpipsqueak: She's taken the first step.

"You're Pinkie Pie's best friend, you should've caught her sickness before it got so bad..."

ThatUnknownPony: Or maybe she should've checked herself and visit her medic.

SC276: It's not a *sickness*, it's a *medical condition*, there's a *difference*.

BittplexMutt: Because diabetes is contagious in this fic.

CaptainPipsqueak: Think you missed an "onto" there, champ.

With all the sweets Pinkie Pie ate on a regular basis, it shouldn't have been a surprise to anypony that she contracted diabetes.

Calico: ...Except for the fact that they're in a cartoon where diabetes hadn't really been established.

CaptainPipsqueak: What if it was *magic* diabetes?

ThatUnknownPony: And this is why *Reality Ensues* is at its worst when applied to cartoon logic.

Crazy56U: "Reality Ensues" is a double-edged sword in general, let's not kid ourselves here.

BittplexMutt: Because that always works, right?

Ponies usually could handle their sugar, and it seemed that Pinkie Pie quickly burned through all the sugar with her randomness.

Calico: Ah, yes, the number one cause of eating: being random.

ThatUnknownPony: So all those authors who write "random" stories are just burning calories?

CaptainPipsqueak: ... Sure; let's go with that.

Mono: So you can eat as much sugar as you want if you're just random?
SC276: Setting up that shuffle last week lost me two pounds!
BittplexMutt: Being random makes you lose weight.

Pinkie and sweets together just seemed normal, just like Twilight Sparkle with her books or Fluttershy with her animals.

SC276: PINKIE! CAKE! *BEST MATCH!*
BittplexMutt: Or Celestia and paint.
Nightshade: Or Twilight and moonshine.
CaptainPipsqueak: Or Fluttershy and her magic leaves.
Crazy56U: Or Spike and dying.

No pony thought they needed to stage an intervention for Pinkie, and it was that mindset that caused this tragedy to happen.

ThatUnknownPony: No, it was some author thinking they would apply "logic" to a cartoon plus mixing it up with an emotional Scrubs episode that led to this.
BittplexMutt: And it became a mess.

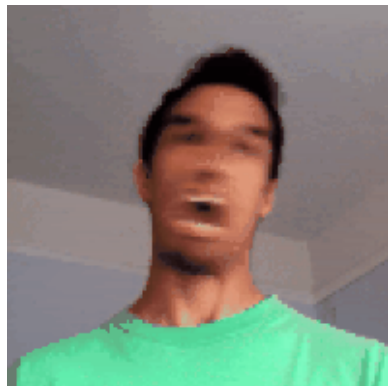
By the time Rainbow Dash and the other ponies found out Pinkie had diabetes, it was already too late to heal the disease with magic.

Calico: Because fuck you, the plot has to happen *somehow!*
BittplexMutt: Because magic overcomes health apparently.
ThatUnknownPony: Except you would've still controlled it with medicines.
PanzerThiefZero: But Unknown, there'd be no drama!

Pinkie had long past the point where she could be easily cured, hiding her illness the entire time to not make any pony worry about her.

y2k890: Author had long past the point of grammar.
Mono: And then she just decided to kill herself because fuck everything.
CaptainPipsqueak: Unfortunately, she didn't take into account that she can't keep a secret worth a shit.
BittplexMutt: She wasn't fooling anyone.

Rainbow Dash shook the thoughts of Pinkie out of her head.



BittplexMutt:

Crazy56U: Mental repression. The best worst coping mechanism.

CaptainPipsqueak: They fell to their deaths, screaming the whole way down.

What's the point in worrying over what happened in the past anyways? What happens, happens, right? It just totally wasn't in her style to dwell on the past, she was Rainbow Dash! Speeding forward into the Wonderbolts and into the future! Not letting anything or anypony slow her down!

ThatUnknownPony: So, being Rainbow Dash equals being a dickward.

Mono: Well, to most badfic authors, yeah.

SC276: Not anything or anypony, including her many AU deaths!

Nightshade: She even gets into the Ghost Wonderbolts in the RDP version of Cupcakes.

CaptainPipsqueak: She definitely got the last laugh there: Spitfire said she wouldn't be caught dead making Dash a member.

BittplexMutt: Except for the cops.

Giving this pep-talk to herself, Rainbow Dash sped out of her cloud to do some exercises. If she spent all day moping around, her spot in the Wonderbolts would disappear!

ThatUnknownPony: Ok, *now* I'm being reminded of "The Mysterious Death of the Wonderbolt Leader".

Nightshade: The twist is that Spitfire ends up catching the diabetes, and nobody was aware of this fact.

BittplexMutt: Because they would do that at this point.

Dash flew up into the air over Equestria, reached her peak height, and then performed a nosedive straight to the ground.

Mono: Now she's gonna kill herself too?

SC276: Goddamnit, at least Envy had the decency to kill the entire Mane Six in less than six thousand words.

CaptainPipsqueak: They never found all of her body, but *damn* was that cool!

BittplexMutt: Burning on reentry.

"C'mon Rainbow Dash... just like always, show Equestria who's the greatest flier around here!"

SC276: By crashing.

She prepared her wings to maneuver around the clouds to spin them around, when suddenly, the image of Pinkie Pie's frail smile came back into her mind.

Calico: Damn it, I hate jumpscares!

ThatunknownPony: You and me, bro!

BittplexMutt: 2scary4me.

"I keep laughing... but... it's not working as well as it used to..."

Dash shook her head to get rid of the voice in her head, but by the time she did she plunged headfirst into the cloud, breaking her momentum.

ThatUnknownPony: As well as her neck. Pinkie was impressed at how quick she arrived to the afterlife.

SC276: *Goddammit*, Unknown, we just got done with that fic!

BittplexMutt: and her bones in the process.

CaptainPipsqueak: I... was unaware clouds could *do* that.

Rainbow Dash tumbled clumsily out of the cloud and roughly planted her face into another cloud right below her. And another. And another.

SC276: Boy, the universe is trying to keep you alive. It must *really* hate you.

BittplexMutt: It's repeating again.

CaptainPipsqueak: Could someone give the story a bump, please?

Before she knew it, she already hit the ground.

ThatUnknownPony: At full speed. She left quite the splatter in the ground.

BittplexMutt: With a loud crash.

"Argh... what's wrong with me?" Dash muttered, throwing herself back into the sky.

ThatUnknownPony: You want the quick answer or the long answer?

Mono: Grief. It's natural, and prevents you from being an ass.

BittplexMutt: Guilt.

CaptainPipsqueak: Stupidity.

Crazy56U: Yes.

"If I can't pull off a simple maneuver like that, I'll never get into the Wonderbolts!"

SC276: That episode where Rainbow gets into the Wonderbolts may not have been universally liked, but at least it invalidates so much badfic.

BittplexMutt: I highly doubt they're gonna notice.

CaptainPipsqueak: Or they'll simply ignore it.

Frenetically, Rainbow Dash flew through the skies again, attempting to skillfully weave around a row of clouds.

BittplexMutt: So many clouds.

"Can... can you do me a favor, Dash? ...can... can you hold me a bit?"

Crazy56U: Uh oh, *flashbacks!*

Rainbow Dash repeated her previous maneuver, crashing through a series of clouds before painfully landing back on the ground.

BittplexMutt: Breaking her wing in the process.

"AAARGH! Why can't I do this!" Rainbow Dash cried out angrily.

ThatUnknownPony: Maybe because you refuse to accept your emotions, dickhead?!

SC276: Also because the author is determined to make you suffer.
CaptainPipsqueak: Now you know what life is like for *us*, Dash.

"Alright, one more time!"

SC276: That's what they *all* say...

She sped back up in the air, even higher than she did previously, the harsh wind stinging her eyes. She was going to do it. She was going to perform a sonic rainboom.

SC276: Oh is *that* what you've been trying to do this entire time?
ThatUnknownPony: Just in case you wondered which season this was written in.
Mono: No she wasn't.
BittplexMutt: But failed. Miserably.

As soon as she hit the highest a pony could possibly go, she dived right down towards Equestria. Rainbow Dash sped as fast as she could, pushing her wings to the absolute limit until she could feel the sound barrier giving way to her speed.
"Hey... Rainbow Dash... I... I..."

ThatUnknownPony: [Rainbow] "Goddamnit, again?! LINE!"

The sound barrier suddenly ricocheted Rainbow Dash away from the ground, launching her straight into a faraway cloud with its force.

Mono: The cloud bursted apart, causing Rainbow to fly through it all the way to Yakakistan.
BittplexMutt: And now she's in space.
SC276: You decide to add "realistic" medicine, while *keeping* the cartoon physics? You can't have your cake and eat it too, or did you kill off Pinkie Pie because she kept trying to tell you that?
CaptainPipsqueak: Team Rainbow Dash is blasting off againnnn... *ting*****

"DARN IT!" Rainbow Dash hoofed angrily at the clouds she landed on.

BittplexMutt: Oh right, we're using kid friendly swears now.
CaptainPipsqueak: Fuck *that* cock-sucking nonsense!

"Why can't I do my normal tricks? Why can't I do a sonic rainboom anymore? Why... why..."

ThatUnknownPony: Because you're being a cold-ass dickward about your friend's passing!
BittplexMutt: Because guilt?
Nightshade: Because when you insert real world logic into a cartoon world, it fucks with physics?
CaptainPipsqueak: What is physics?! A miserable little pile of secrets! **throws wineglass**

A steady stream of rain started falling down from the cloud she was on.
"Why did the party have to end, Pinkie Pie?"

Crazy56U: Heyyyyyy, you decided to allude to a better story in the middle of this one, that's classy... not...

ThatUnknownPony: So, this is a story about Rainbow *NOT* letting go *based* on an episode where a character *accepts* someone's passing... Just in case you wondered if the author actually watched *Scrubs*.

BittplexMutt: Which is none.

Bittersweet: Part 2

SC276: ...No, it's still part one?

Crazy56U: "No Sugar Tonight in My Tea"

y2k890: "The Way the Cookie Crumbles"

BittplexMutt: "Jawbreaker Moments"

Nightshade: "Bitter? I Hardly Knew'er"

CaptainPipsqueak: "Pinkie Pie Is Still Dead"

PanzerThiefZero: "This Time, It's Pointless!"

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Mono: "And a *Scrubs* episode mixed in there, but don't notice the plagiarism."

Crazy56U: Mainly the word "The".

ThatUnknownPony: "And omitting any sort of coherency."

BittplexMutt: "This is totally an original story."

It's already been a week since the funeral,

Crazy56U: And five days since you laughed at me, saying "Get back together, come back and save me".

and life in Ponyville had seemingly gone back to normal.

Calico: Except for the tense changes happening mid-sentence. Twilight fucked up another time-travel spell.

CaptainPipsqueak: For the third most powerful mage on the planet, she sure fucks up a lot of spells. Maybe if she wasn't *quite* so reliant on the 'shine...

ThatUnknownPony: Except for the fact Rainbow Dash was acting even more egocentric.

SC276: Except for the fact that Pinkie Pie was- wait...

Derpy Hooves delivered the mail every day,

Mono: *Stop making Ring mad!*

BittplexMutt: She did her best everyday, and that's what counts.

Bon-Bon and Lyra could be seen chatting in front of the bakery,

BittplexMutt: About girly things.

CaptainPipsqueak: Something about "Who will be on top tonight" I think? I dunno; I wasn't paying full attention.

and all in all everything seemed perfectly fine.

Crazy56U: And then the murders began.

CaptainPipsqueak: ...and the Fire Nation attacked. ... Fucking Fire Nation. **STOP ATTACKING EVERYONE!!**

ThatUnknownPony: Almost like if life continued even after a friend's passing.

BittplexMutt: As if nothing happened.

However, if somepony looked closer at the scene,

BittplexMutt: We can't. It's written text.

they would notice less spring in Derpy's step,

SC276: That's because she probably *flies* while doing her job.

Nightshade: Well, it is Summer after all.

a more hushed conversation from Bon-Bon and Lyra, and a much more solemn atmosphere overall.

ThatUnknownPony: In other words... A single death is somehow the equivalent to a national tragedy.

BittplexMutt: Well, Pinkie has helped save the world multiple times so...

SC276: That has never actually mattered to anyone other than themselves and the Princesses, and you know it.

The loss of Ponyville's party pony struck deep in the hearts of everypony in Ponyville, even in the ponies that barely came in contact with Pinkie Pie.

Mono: Meanwhile, Cranky was feeling really pleased and he didn't know why.

Crazy56U: Meanwhile, Jackoff Johnny was whistling a jaunty tune as he was heading home, having stolen the tombstone.

CaptainPipsqueak: And Cheese Sandwich's business literally tripled overnight.

But it was the ponies closest to Pinkie Pie that felt the most loss...



Crazy56U:

SC276: Right. Those closest to Pinkie. And not those that follow Crazy's Tumblr.

Crazy56U: *Topical humor!* (jazz hands)

"Where's that cotton-pickin'

Mono: *tugs on his collar nervously* Ummm...

Crazy56U: Uh oh, Applejack is reaching dangerous levels of Southern...

BittplexMutt: Oh no..

CaptainPipsqueak: Now, now... At least she's still coherent.

stripey-maned pegasus? Ah thought there was s'posed to be a rainstorm t'day! Mah crops need waterin'!" Applejack stormed

Crazy56U: [Applejack] "I mean, it's not like hoses exist!"

BittplexMutt: [Applejack] "Or a well."

ThatUnknownPony: [Applejack] "What, did the whole weather control decide to take the day off?"

down the street in town, stopping each pony as she passed.

SC276: And kicking their asses.

Crazy56U: [Applejack] "Are you Rainbow Dash?! Are *you* Rainbow Dash?! ARE YOU RAINBOW DASH?!?"

"Y'all seen Rainbow Dash 'round here? How 'bout you over there?

BittplexMutt: "Miss, please just leave us alone!"

You three? No?" She stamped her hoof in frustration,

Crazy56U: [Applejack] "(pissed) Goddamnit, why is nobody helping me, I'm the most likeable character!"

ThatUnknownPony: Curious how you're just lookin' now for her when you require her to do your job.

Mono: Little did Applejack know those ponies were imaginary.

moving over toward the Library.

SC276: [author] "That is *totally* what its name is."

Crazy56U: Applejack was operating under the assumption that Rainbow Dash was being held hostage there.

CaptainPipsqueak: But would she be bad enough dude to rescue her?

"Twilight! Spike? Either o' y'all home?"

Calico: [Twilight] "No. Go away."

BittplexMutt: "Leave a message after the beep."

CaptainPipsqueak: [Applejack] "If either of you are, get the fuck out here! My fields need tending an' I'm too surly t'do my own work!"

The door opened and a tired looking purple unicorn stepped out. "Applejack? What's up?"

"Ya seen Rainbow Dash? It was s'posed to rain t'day, and ah ain't even seen a drop!"

Mono: Check Pinkie's basement- oh... wait...

ThatUnknownPony: Because apparently there are no more pegasus in charge of the weather.

SC276: It's almost like the Author saw the pilot and no other episode.

Twilight sighed, shaking her head. "...I haven't seen her since... you know. She's seemed a bit... distracted since then."

Crazy56U: You know, talking to ghosts and what not...

ThatUnknownPony: And badly ripping off better written episodes.

BittplexMutt: "And she looks wasted."

Applejack's expression softened. "I'll go talk to Fluttershy, AJ.

SC276: Yeah, Rainbow totally would get high to get away from her troubles in times like these.

BittplexMutt: It all makes sense now!

CaptainPipsqueak: Magic Brownies fix *everything*.

She can go check on Rainbow Dash, and it'll give her something to do. She was pretty broken up, but is taking it well. I guess her time with animals has shown her how to deal with such things..."

ThatUnknownPony: That, or a couple of brownies and a joint helped her ease the pain and forget entirely about Pinkie.

CaptainPipsqueak: Yeah, Fluttershy spends a lot of time... *with* her animals.

BittplexMutt: Yep, that's why.

Applejack nodded. "Thanks, sugarcube.

SC276: [Applejack] "For doing my work for me."

BittplexMutt: "I guess..?"

Listen... ah... gotta go back to the farm. Ah've got lots o' waterin' to do, so ah'll see ya 'round, right?" Twilight nodded, waving a hoof as Applejack wandered off. On her way back, the farm pony paused to look at Mr. and Mrs. Cake's bakery, black ribbon hanging across the door. With a sigh, Applejack shook her head and continued home.

ThatUnknownPony: Trying to not get deep into bullshit.

BittplexMutt: She had nothing to add to the scene.

As soon as Applejack left her sight, Twilight Sparkle sighed and stepped back into the library to stick a bookmark inside the book she had been reading.

BittplexMutt: "How To Raise The Dead."

Ever since the funeral, Twilight shut herself off from the rest of pony society, occupying her mind with studying textbooks.

Mono: She got so close to raising the dead, but then she got assaulted with those weird letters.

ThatUnknownPony: Instead of, you know, trying to find mutual comfort along her four other friends.

SC276: And then she got hit by a truck, but it was actually a tractor and she died of shock from thinking she was hit by a truck...

CaptainPipsqueak: And then woke up as a train.

BittplexMutt: She wanted to find a way out.

It's already been a week since the funeral,

SC276: But it feels like ten years.

BittplexMutt: But for them it was Tuesday.

Nightshade: Is anyone else experiencing the sensation of deja-vu?

CaptainPipsqueak: I don't know, but I feel like we've done this before.

but Twilight could still picture the funeral as if it only happened a couple hours ago.

BittplexMutt: She could paint a picture of it too.

CaptainPipsqueak: Not a very good one, though.

"How many more books are you going to read until you go outside, Twilight?"

Mono: [Twilight] "Oh, so do this kind of stuff all the time, and *now* it's suddenly a problem?!"

ThatUnknownPony: [Twilight] "As many as I need to learn about bringing back the death, ok?"

BittplexMutt: [Twilight] "As long as I wanna!"

Spike asked as he picked up some of the stray books Twilight left strewn across the floor.

BittplexMutt: Strewn?

CaptainPipsqueak: Spike tried getting Twilight to clean them up, but she broke one of his arms.

"I know it's tough, but you gotta lighten up a little, y'know? It's already been a week after all, and Princess Celestia wouldn't want to see her favorite student moping around."

SC276: [Spike] "Otherwise, the next time there's a supervillain, who's she going to offload saving Equestria onto?"

BittplexMutt: [Spike] "Luna, on the other hand.."

"Spike! I..." Twilight stopped herself before she said anything venomous to Spike.

Mono: She decided to *feed* him something venomous instead.

ThatUnknownPony: Dude, death isn't *that* hard to accept. And it doesn't make you an asshole unless you were one already.

Crazy56U: [Twilight Sparkle] "*Shut the fuck up, Puff!*"

[Spike] "...why are you being racist, Twilight?"

BittplexMutt: Because Twilight is now Venom.

Nightshade: That certainly would've made a more interesting Spiderman 3.
CaptainPipsqueak: I expected something a bit better from 'evil Peter Parker' than Leisure Suit Larry...

Because he was a dragon, albeit a baby one, he was built with tougher stuff than the average everyday pony.

Crazy56U: "After all, given how many times Spike himself has died and come back, him not giving a shit that *Pinkie* died honestly is understandable."
BittplexMutt: He clearly was done with this.

Besides... he wouldn't throw away his dragon pride to openly mope around like Twilight Sparkle and the other ponies.

SC276: Which is why Rainbow tried to suffocate herself with a cloud.
ThatUnknownPony: *What is with pride that somehow crying makes you seem weak?!*
CaptainPipsqueak: You don't see *Klingons* doing it, do you?

Twilight sighed. "Yeah... you're right Spike.

BittplexMutt: "I can't believe I'm saying that."
Nightshade: [Spike] "Me neither."

But you have to understand that these things take time to get over, and not everypony can be as tough as you."

ThatUnknownPony: [Spike] "Girl, seriously... It's been an entire week. It isn't *that* hard."
BittplexMutt: "Even if it takes forever."

"Well... Princess Celestia didn't send you to Ponyville to hide away all day.

BittplexMutt: She sent you for other reasons.

You should be outside with your friends!"

CaptainPipsqueak: [Spike] "Now get out there and play! If you sit in front of a book all day you'll ruin your eyes!"

"Yeah... I guess." Twilight magically inserted a bookmark onto the page she was on, and then promptly shut it closed. "I was going to head out right now anyways to see how Fluttershy's doing,

SC276: *Riiiiiiiiight.*

so you clean up all this mess, okay Spike?"

Mono: [Spike] "I have to clean up those empty jars *again?!!*"
ThatUnknownPony: [Spike] "Oh, sure. I try to help and you treat me like your servant."
BittplexMutt: [Spike] "Sure. Whatever."

CaptainPipsqueak: [Spike] "I'll just use my *unbroken* arm, shall I?"

Spike grumbled. "Yeah, yeah..." Twilight let off a small giggle. It was good to see some normalcy despite the somber atmosphere that hung about the Library.

SC276: It wouldn't be shooed out, no matter how much Spike swatted at it with a broom and broke stuff.

BittplexMutt: The Library. Normal?

CatainPipqueak: Now that Pinkie's dead, things might get *too* normal.

Twilight Sparkle took a deep breath before going off on her way towards Fluttershy's house.

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"C'mon... git down ya stupid apple!" Applejack yelled,

Crazy56U: [Granny Smith] "Don't wanna! Can't make me!"

BittplexMutt: Don't insult apples like that, Applejack.

repeatedly smacking the apple tree with her hind hooves.

Mono: As opposed to with her tail.

ThatUnknownPony: Which, for some reason, were lacking her natural strength.

BittplexMutt: Instead of her front hooves.

"Why ya gotta be so darn stubborn?"

SC276: If this is because of the spoiler on the YMMV tab of this fic's trope page that I didn't look at, I swear to god...

BittplexMutt: Because it doesn't wanna come down?

"You've been workin' awful hard the past few days, AJ.

BittplexMutt: It's only been a couple of hours.

Shouldn't you take it a bit easier?" asked Big Mac,

BittplexMutt: [Applejack] "NO."

switching the piece of hay he was chewing on to the other side of his mouth.

SC276: [author] "That entire part of the cast is country hicks, he *totally* does that all the time."

BittplexMutt: He's only done that once this entire series!

SC276: In apparently the one episode the author's watched.

"Won't do anypony no good to burn yerself out."

Calico: "Besides, if *you* die too, we'll have another shitty fic on our hands!"

Nightshade: Bittersweet 2: Sour Apple.

SC276: [Big Mac] "We've literally done this episode already."

BittplexMutt: [Mac] " Whoa, deja vu.."

"Who asked you, anyways?" snapped Applejack, finally knocking down that single apple.

BittplexMutt: [Mac] "Uh.. I did?"

"Ah'm just fine!

BittplexMutt: No, you're not.

Now where's that waterin' can? Ah've got work t'do! Get outta mah way!" She stomped off, barely missing bumping into Applebloom. "Somepony's got ta make sure this farm keeps goin'!"

Mono: Implying Big Mac does dick all?

ThatUnknownPony: Because... Pinkie dying suddenly means the farm business is in danger?

BittplexMutt: I guess..?

Crazy56U: ...does this technically mean the Author predicted "Magical Mystery Cure"?

"Big Mac? What's wrong with sis?" Applebloom asked timidly. "She's yellin' all the time these days..." Big Mac gently patted the young filly's head with one of his hooves. "Nothin' to worry yer little head about, she's just got a lot on her mind."

ThatUnknownPony: Again, *somebody dying doesn't make you an asshole unless you were already one.*

SC276: [Applebloom] "'Nothin' to worry about?' She ran me over an hour ago!"

"Does it have anything ta do with Pinkie Pie's vacation the other day?"

Calico: Aaand now we're dealing with the age-old "children don't know what death is" trope. Fucking great.

ThatUnknownPony: Because that surely won't end up biting them in the ass at all!

Mono: *By golly, this fic just keeps getting better and better.*

Big Mac smiled nervously.



BittplexMutt: Like this:

Crazy56U: (is about to comment)eh, close enough...

He told Applebloom that Pinkie Pie was just going on a vacation a while, not wanting Applebloom to deal with the harsh reality of death just yet.

Calico: ...While also setting Applebloom up for the even harsher reality of her brother lying to her.

ThatUnknownPony: "Apple Bloom was surprised to hear she left to the same place her parents went on vacations many years ago... and yet still hadn't come back."

PanzerThiefZero: Yeah, have fun updating the 'vacation' story every few months.

BittplexMutt: They didn't think this through, did they?

SC276: Anyone else miss *Sesame Street*?

He chewed slowly on his piece of hay, debating whether to tell Applebloom the truth or not, when finally...

Mono: ...Line?

ThatUnknownPony: ...somebody cried because Pinkie died. Apple Bloom was not amused.

BittplexMutt: Mac just blabbed the truth out.

"Eeeyup. AJ's just kinda worried 'bout Pinkie Pie. Ah'm sure she'll be back to her normal self in no time. Now why don't you go play with yer friends a while and let AJ work?"

SC276: [Applebloom] "Because they're dead."

BittplexMutt: [Applebloom] "Because they don't exist."

Applebloom nodded and trotted away to go play with the other Cutie Mark Crusaders.

BittplexMutt: Who don't have names.

As Big Mac saw her off, his heart tightened at the thought of breaking the news to a little filly like Applebloom.

ThatUnknownPony: Even when, you know, there's that thing where your parents died and... Oh wait, this is before Season 3 and long before Season 7.

BittplexMutt: Thank goodness for those two seasons.

Crazy56U: [Apple Bloom] "Is someone going to tell me that Pinkie died, or are we just going to keep dancing around the issue?!"

He knew he couldn't hide the truth from her forever, but once he started lying about Pinkie Pie, it became harder and harder to bring himself to tell Applebloom the truth.

SC276: Yes, that is literally how that works.

ThatUnknownPony: Geez, if only you had told her the truth in the first place!

BittplexMutt: Why am I not surprised?

Big Mac sighed. "It can't be helped ah guess.

SC276: Well not *now*.

Ah'll just have ta find the right moment to tell l'il Applebloom..."

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Twilight Sparkle took her time trotting over to Fluttershy's house, taking in the fresh air of Ponyville. It has been a while since she last stepped out of the library,

SC276: Because Pinkie is apparently required for Twilight to stop being a hikikomori.

and the fresh air did improve her mood just a bit. Although the large black ribbon tied around the Cake's bakery painfully reminded Twilight of Pinkie's absence.

ThatUnknownPony: "-But after a small moment of sadness, she consoled herself with the thought of fresh moonshine when she returned home."

SC276: Mostly because the ribbon stabbed her.

BittplexMutt: Because ribbons.

"The greetings is to the muffins!"

Calico: ...The fuck?

Mono: *Wait, now you decide to be random?!*

ThatUnknownPony: *Can you repeat that, but this time in English, please?*

Crazy56U: *Annnnnnnnnnnnd thus begins Ring's hell anew.*

BittplexMutt: "It is my one character trait!"

Everypony's favorite mailpony suddenly came crashing down in front of Twilight Sparkle,

Crazy56U: -having forgotten how to fly again.

BittplexMutt: Twilight was so done with today.

causing Twilight to recoil in surprise. "The muffin stuck on tree falls down to the grass!"

Calico: *The fuck?!*

Mono: *You can't just drop this bullshit after two chapters of melodrama, story.*

Crazy56U: Uh oh, Derpy finally snapped from the numerous amount of name changes! *She's speaking in tongues!*

ThatUnknownPony: *Did she really hit her head so hard on the floor she forgot how to talk?*

BittplexMutt: Yes.

SC276: Wait, if someone can't talk, they don't have to riff this! Someone drop me on the floor head-first!

"Oh, uhm... hi, Derpy..." Twilight said nervously.

BittplexMutt: [Twilight] "What's happening?"

Crazy56U: [Twilight Sparkle] "(thinking) *ohgodohgodohgod it happened it finally happened she fucking snapped*"

She didn't really interact with Derpy Hooves that much,

BittplexMutt: Because of things like this.

considering Spike handled most of her mail. But she did know that Derpy was a really kind mailpony with an unfortunate disability and a strange manner of speaking.

Mono: Yes, as indicated by *all those fucking times in canon*.

Crazy56U: You know, like in that one episode that got marred in a shitton of controversy: "Applejack Says the Fuck Word". It was a very special episode, don't ya know?

BittplexMutt: Which is only canon in this author's mind.

SC276: The unfortunate disability is that this author is writing her.

Not that those things ever got in the way of her job of course, Derpy was as diligent as a mailpony could get.

BittplexMutt: Depending on the author.

Crazy56U: She lives in the Post Office. Literally. The bank foreclosed on her last house because she didn't actually own it; she was squatting.

"Salutations is to the muffins!

Crazy56U: *Okay, no, seriously, why did the Author decide to make Derpy insane?*

Mono: *Because this story about death and grief needed a funny moment without buildup, apparently.*

ThatUnknownPony: *Well this attempt as funny is so painful I'd rather take more of the angst, please!*

BittplexMutt: This isn't funny.

The sun and moon fly away many, but rainy sprinkles hail down on sparkles!"

Calico: This is making my head hurt more than it already does.

Crazy56U: [Derpy] "I told them, I told them, the Vulcans, you can't trust the Vulcans! They run up the flat to the back of the dragon and hold their tails so you can't fly no more, and then you can't know your thoughts no more because they've already stolen the wrench to your mind! Mindbomb the mindbomb! It's the only thing that will keep them out of your brain! It stops them coming through!"

PanzerThiefZero: [Twilight] "...are you sure I *didn't* start drinking yet?"

ThatUnknownPony: [Twilight] "...oh, for fucks sakes, how many times have you hit your head over a tree?"

"Uh... sure Derpy." Twilight could never really make heads or tails of what this mailpony was saying,

BittplexMutt: Us either.

and it gave her a headache to even try.

SC276: Please, if we can read "Mother Pinkie Pie..."

BittplexMutt: Nothing like a little moonshine won't fix.

"Listen Derpy, I'd love to chat with you for a moment, but I really have to go someplace, so if you have something important to say—"

BittplexMutt: Twilight BREATHE.

"Important is the rainy skies! Fly away sprinkles with the sun and moon! Party over, but heart goes on!

y2k890: "You open the door to Duman, yes in chorus with me, and I will be in my bowels!"

Crazy56U: (is horribly confused)

BittplexMutt: Her heart will go on and on.

Nightshade: Should I be concerned that I think I understood part of that?

Crazy56U: K... kinda?

Muffins to the good feelings!"

Mono: *GO AWAY!*

SC276: ...Is the disability that she can speak only in metaphors? Quick, Twilight, say "Darmok and Jalad at Tanagra!"

BittplexMutt: Screw your good feelings.

"Party... are you talking about Pi-Pinkie Pie?" It's been so long since she said Pinkie's name that Twilight stumbled over her words.

ThatUnknownPony: *And back to the angst.*

BittplexMutt: For a brief second, there was light.

Derpy nodded enthusiastically in response. "Sprinkles fly away, but sugar still in heart! Good feelings to the muffins!"

SC276: *~Farewell, Mutton! / Fare well, Lamb Chops! / Hello, Salads! / I'm a vegetarian now.~*

BittplexMutt: Yeah, what she said.

Derpy reached into her mailbag and pulled out a muffin. "Farewell to the sprinkles with sun and moon, but helium stay with the muffins!"

Mono: Helium muffins- *the fuck are you on, Derpy?!*

Crazy56U: I'm kind of leaning towards "cold medicine" right now...

ThatUnknownPony: No, cold medicine doesn't make you *that* stupid. Can confirm.

Crazy56U: Uh, trust me, it can. Can confirm.

SC276: You're just not trying hard enough.

She placed the muffin in Twilight's hooves and flew away as suddenly as she came. "Salutations is to the muffins!"

Mono: ...Well, after that totally unnecessary part.

Crazy56U: [Twilight Sparkle] "*STOP FUCKING SPEAKING NONSENSE!*"

ThatUnknownPony: [Twilight] "*YOU'RE SPEAKING MORE BULLSHIT THAN ME AFTER GETTING DRUNK AS FUCK!*"

Twilight Sparkle had absolutely no idea what just happened,

SC276: Great, not even the author can be bothered.

but looking at the blueberry muffin in her hooves... she thought Derpy just tried to comfort her.

BittplexMutt: I guess.

Tears welled up in Twilight's eyes, thinking about how Derpy comforted her regardless of the fact that they barely talked to each other.

BittplexMutt: That's being courteous.

"She's... a really kind mailpony."

Crazy56U: "Too bad she has some sort of brain damage currently..."

ThatUnknownPony: "...I should appoint her to a mental institution."

Calico: Or a "metal hospital."

BittplexMutt: "Hopefully, she won't do something stupid."

Twilight said to herself as she nibbled on her muffin.

BittplexMutt: And then she went insane.

"There you are darling!" called a familiar, sophisticated voice. "You're just the pony I was looking for! Uh... is that a muffin you're holding there in your hoof?"

Mono: [Twilight] "...Is it suddenly illegal to eat muffins?"

ThatUnknownPony: [Twilight] "Mine! Go buy yours!"

BittplexMutt: [Twilight] "It's a long story."

Wiping the tears from her eyes, Twilight Sparkle turned around and smiled meekly at Rarity. "Uhm... yeah." Twilight quickly downed the rest of the blueberry muffin Derpy handed her.

SC276: Great, now I'm hungry. And I'm trying to save money too.

"What's going on, Rarity?"

ThatUnknownPony: [Rarity] "Oh, you know, making dresses and all that. You know... like a functional adult who moves on with life."

"Well, I do believe I've found a way to clear up all this dreadful dreariness around here.

SC276: [Rarity] "Kill everyone!"

Of course, it would take a fashion genius such as moi to come up with such an elegant way to cheer everypony up."

Calico: Man, I sure do love Rarity's one personality trait!

That's great to hear, Rarity!" Twilight perked up, looking hopeful. "What's the idea?"

Looking at one of her hooves, Rarity let out a slight laugh. "It's laughably simple, really. I can barely even take credit for this thing. Who is the best at cheering other ponies up, I asked myself? Oh how I thought on this.

SC276: (pulls out his 3DS) I'm gonna go beat *Pokémon Moon*, let me know when she actually says it.

And the answer came to me as I was looking to a shipment of fabrics I had obtained! Who is more cheerful than Pinkie Pie, I said to myself."

Mono: Jackoff Johnny on three pints of cider?
Crazy56U: Mono, why are you lying?

Twilight's smile drooped slightly. "... but Rarity... Pinkie is—"

ThatUnknownPony: [Rarity] "And that's why I'm making clothing in memory of her, idiot."

"Yesyesyes," Rarity interrupted,



BittplexMutt:

"But what if you could fix that?"

SC276: What, the crack in your window from when you inevitably threw a fit of grief?

BittplexMutt: I don't think even Fix-It Felix can fix this.

Crazy56U: Ohhhhhh nooooooooooooooooooooo...

Come now, Twilight Sparkle, I'm willing to pay anything you might want,

Mono: [Twilight] "Can you pay me in moonshine?!"

and I'll go get you anything you need to do so.

BittplexMutt: Anything?

"Rarity? ...what are you saying?"

BittplexMutt: She wants to raise the dead?

Letting out another haughty laugh, Rarity looked Twilight in the eyes. "It's simple, really darling. I'd like for you to bring Pinkie back to us."

Calico: And now necromancy, too? We're learning so much about the MLP universe today...

ThatUnknownPony: We interrupt *My Screw Up* to bring you *Pet Sematary*.

Crazy56U: [Twilight Sparkle] "Lady, I don't even know how *Spike* does it, fuck off."

Mono: [Twilight] "Rarity, the last time I brought someone back to life, I had to install a spam filter into *Spike*!"

Twilight's smile faded to nothingness as she shook her head.

Rarity's smile cracked just a bit. "C-come now, Twilight Sparkle... Let us not be selfish here."

SC276: Ain't that a laugh coming from you...

I'm willing to do whatever it takes. You're the most powerful pony in Ponyville after all. Surely with your magic you'd be able to—"

ThatUnknownPony: [Twilight] "Rarity, have you ever read a horror novel? That shit NEVER works."

Twilight cut her off. "I'm sorry Rarity... but... it's not possible."

Mono: Necromancy is a myth.

BittplexMutt: In a land made of magic?

I may be good with magic, but even magic has its limits.

BittplexMutt: Especially time limits.

I'd like to see Pinkie again as much as the next pony,

SC276: That depends entirely on whether or not you can deal with her insensitive moments.

but..."

"Well, what about Princess Celestia?"

BittplexMutt: What about her?

You're on good terms with her, darling, surely you can write a letter to her and—"

ThatUnknownPony: And that's when Twilight fucking decked her insane necromantic friend and left her unconscious before dragging her to a mental facility.

Mono: [Twilight] "Okay, do you really want a fucking zombie apocalypse?!"

Another shake of Twilight's head. "If it were possible, don't you think I would have tried that already? Do you know how many ponies try to ask Celestia to bring somepony back?"

SC276: Do you? You spent all your time in a library.

Even with how powerful she is... it's beyond her ability.

BittplexMutt: Even though she is that powerful.

As much as it breaks my heart to say this... ponies should be left to rest."

ThatUnknownPony: Watch as Rarity disregards that and brings Pinkie back as a Zombie.

BittplexMutt: That won't end well.

Calico: [Zombie!Pinkie] "GIGGLE AT THE GHOSTLY, MOTHERFUCKERS!"

Nightshade: Does that mean that Pinkie will poof away if they laugh at her?

Rarity shook her head, then huffed and tossed her mane out of her eyes. "Hmph! Well, now we see who Pinkie's real friends are, hm?"

"Rarity, I—"

"No, no, it's fine! Keep your little secrets, Twilight Sparkle. You may have given up, but I'm certain there is a way. I just have to find it.

SC276: [Rarity] "EASTER MEANS NO DEATH"

And if you won't help, I'll just have to find a way myself.
Good day!" Turning and lifting her nose to the air, Rarity trotted away.

ThatUnknownPony: Now I just want a zombie to fucking eat Rarity for being the biggest bitch here.

BittplexMutt: [Twilight] "Well, good luck with that."

Twilight Sparkle looked after the purple and white unicorn,

SC276: -while being lavender-

debating whether to follow her or not. Shaking her head and wiping the tears forming in her eyes, she refrained from following the other unicorn.

Mono: ...Why would she want to follow Lyra at this point?

Bringing back the dead was something everypony thinks of doing one day, but given enough time, they'll realize it's best to let sleeping ponies lie.

SC276: After they do it and regret everything.

BittplexMutt: Isn't it let sleeping dogs lie?

Nightshade: And isn't sleeping different from being dead?

Rarity just needs some time to accept the fact is all.

ThatUnknownPony: But knowing this story, it'll take shorter for her to kickstart the Zombie Apocalypse.

BittplexMutt: And she never did accept it.

Twilight Sparkle let out a sad sigh and continued on her way to Fluttershy's. Hopefully she won't be too depressed...

ThatUnknownPony: \$5 they find her a broken mess.

BittplexMutt: Sucker's bet.

Mono: Meanwhile, Fluttershy was busy getting high and skinning her pets.

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"That Twilight Sparkle," Rarity said to herself in a huff, "I can't believe she didn't even consider my idea.

SC276: They can't all be gems, girl.

Honestly, you'd think a pony like her would do anything to help out one of her friends..." Rarity sighed. "...maybe I was asking too much of her.

Mono: Ya think?!

After all, Twilight Sparkle's really is the type who would do anything to help out one of her friends. The dearie probably wasn't lying about not knowing a spell to revive Pinkie.

SC276: Oh she probably does, she's fucking *Twilight Sparkle*. But then Celestia told her no.

But still! I can't believe she wouldn't even try to look up a spell for that!"

ThatUnknownPony: [Rarity] "I mean, why isn't she in denial like me! She should be acting like an immature child trying to stop death from happening!"

Rarity hoofed at the ground in frustration. Pinkie Pie's absence had an abnormal effect on Rarity's business. Rarity always complained that Pinkie Pie kept her from getting any work done, and that without Pinkie around her business would go ten times more smoothly.

Calico: What a great interpretation of this character.

ThatUnknownPony: It's almost like the author missed the entire point of everything they watched!

BittplexMutt: You think?

But... there was just something... off when Pinkie wasn't around to interrupt her hard work. Every piece Rarity tried to design since her funeral was absolute tripe! A lack of inspiration, a lack of motivation, Rarity just didn't know what was causing her creativity to run dry!

Crazy56U: ...Pinkie was Rarity's muse?

ThatUnknownPony: ...Author, are you implying Rarity is legitly insane?

SC276: No, that Pinkie was the only thing keeping this town running.

"Ahh, it's just so frustrating having something missing from somepony's life!"

Mono: [Rarity] "Why did Pinkie have to die?! My business is ruined now!"

Rarity lamented to herself. "Oh, woe is me, woe is Ponyville now that Pinkie's departed!

Mono: *groans*

SC276: And woe is us for having to read about it!

Nightshade: And woe is Poe who stubbed his toe and had to go to play in the snow and perform a show because you know that I am low for hiring a hoe.

Crazy56U: *I am this close to force-feeding you my fist.*

But no worries, Rarity's on the case, she'll find a way to bring normalcy back into little ol' Ponyville!"

ThatUnknownPony: And by normalcy, she means "the end of days."

BittplexMutt: Ponyville. Normal?

PanzerThiefZero: Uh, yeah. About that.

She said that, but honestly she had no idea where to even start. She was sure Twilight Sparkle would have the answer to Ponyville's problem. She always seemed to have it after all!

SC276: Because she was basically the main character for the first couple seasons.

Rarity continued wandering aimlessly around Ponyville, pondering whatever in the world she's supposed to do next. "I haven't seen Sweetie Belle in a while..." Rarity said to herself, "Oh, I do hope she's not too distraught over these recent happenings.

SC276: Or *also* dead.

Oh well, I'm sure everything will go back to normal as soon as I bring back Pinkie Pie, oh yesyesyes!"

ThatUnknownPony: The role of Rarity will be played tonight by Victor Frankenstein.

Crazy56U: Uh oh.

BittplexMutt: But will it though?

Suddenly, another dash of inspiration hit Rarity as soon as she thought of Sweetie Belle.

"Sweetie Belle... the Cutie Mark Crusaders... Applebloom...

Mono: Cutie Mark Crusaders Necromancers YAY!

y2k890: Scootaloo has become the entirety of the CMCs unto herself. Bask in her glory!

Mono: *immediately begins basking*

BittplexMutt: [Rarity] "Did I forgot someone?"

Nightshade: Rarity must have lost it if she's considering help from the CMC.

that's it! Zecora! I'm sure that zebra has a trick or two to bring Pinkie Pie back! I'm sure of it!"

Crazy56U: Oh, goddamnit, Rarity, you should know by now not to tamper in God's domain!

SC276: Have you *not* been paying attention to anything she's done in the *entire story so far*?

Crazy56U: Yes. I am. HENCE ME REPEATEDLY MENTIONING THE LAST TIME SHE DID THIS, DUMMY. (ball drops in the background)

ThatUnknownPony: ...I was joking about Rarity becoming Victor Frankenstein.

BittplexMutt: Because witchcraft.

Rarity pranced excitedly towards the Everfree Forest, but as soon as she reached its outskirts, her wave of enthusiasm deteriorated. "Oh... it sure is drabby in there..."

Mono: I miss the later seasons where Rarity actually grew some balls.

BittplexMutt: Me too.

maybe I should bring somepony else to assist me... oh!" Rarity smacked her front hooves together.

SC276: The pony whose house you're right next to?

"Rainbow Dash!

SC276: Of course not.

She'll escort me through the Everfree Forest!

SC276: Assuming anyone can find her at this point.

And there's absolutely positively no way she'll refuse!

Mono: Sucker's bet. I know no one said anything yet, just being one step ahead of you guys.

BittplexMutt: She's totally gonna refuse.

But... where is that pony anyways? I haven't seen her since the funeral..."

ThatunknownPony: Judging by this story, probably digging up her corpse and pretending she's still alive. Think Norman Bates, but less incestuous and more stupid.

BittplexMutt: She's a cloud now.

Rarity hoofed at the ground again, pondering over where to find Rainbow Dash. But little did Rarity and the other ponies know, Rainbow Dash was dealing with problems of her own...

ThatUnknownPony: She fell into alcoholism, and was about to become drink buddies with Twilight.

BittplexMutt: "Hello, My name is Rainbow Dash and I'm an addict."

Bittersweet: Part 3

Crazy56U: "No Sugar to Stand Beside Me"

y2k890: "Cookies are Eternal"

BittplexMutt: "Endless Sweets"

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ThatUnknownPony: So... from here onwards it's all "original" stuff? Let's see how bad this goes compared to what was ripped off.

BittplexMutt: My guess? It's that bad.

"C'mon Rainbow Dash, pick up the pace!"

Mono: No shits given.

BittplexMutt: "You're gonna be late!"

The blue pegasus pony zoomed over the ground, swerving around the trees that stood in her way. Once or twice a branch clipped off a feather or two from Rainbow Dash's wings, but Dash just kept on flying despite the recklessness with which she flew.

SC276: ...Is that supposed to be *new*, or...?

ThatUnknownPony: "That is until she ended up breaking her wings after crashing with several branches at once."

After swerving through the trees, she quickly shifted her weight so her hind-hooves kicked off a wall, propelling her into a cloud up in the air.

SC276: Are you going to ever crash into something that's not a cloud, or...?

"Is that all you got Dash? Seriously? Thought 'Equestria's greatest young flier' would have more skill than a little newborn filly!"

Mono: Have you *seen* Baby Cakes? Don't talk about fillies like that!

Rainbow Dash scowled. "I'd like to see you do better, Gilda!"

ThatUnknownPony: And now Gilda is here. And this is pre-season 5 Gilda, so... *This can only go so well...*

Mono: *why did she need to be here*

Calico: Because fuck having a good time, that's why!

SC276: C'mon, guys, we know the author interpreted the *Scrubs* scene rip-off as Pinkie's death causes Rainbow Dash to lose all sense of time, right?

Crazy56U: No.

Gilda the Griffon grinned wildly at the pegasus pony. "Oh Dash, you know I can do better. Check it, you and me to that cloud up there. Think you can out-fly me with that speed of yours Dash?" Rainbow Dash grinned bitterly. "Who do you think I am, Gil? I'm Rainbow Dash! The greatest flier in all of Equestria!"

ThatUnknownPony: And apparently the douchiest flier in all of Equestria, too.

"Oh yeah? Prove it!" Gilda quickly lifted off, leaving Rainbow Dash back in the dust.

BittplexMutt: Rainbow liked the dust.

"Hey! No fair Gilda!" Rainbow Dash chased after her.

BittplexMutt: "I wasn't ready!"

SC276: Neither are we, Bitt. Neither are we.

The two fliers sped through the sky, Gilda in the lead with Rainbow Dash trying to keep on her tail.

Crazy56U: Because this is *Top Gun* now...

They both hit the cloud at the same time,

Mono: Riveting.

although Rainbow Dash had a bit of trouble braking.

"Haha! I beat you there Rainbow Dash!" Gilda boasted.

"Yeah right, anypony could see that I clearly beat you by a hair!" Dash retorted.

"More like lost by a hair!"

"Whatever, Gil!"

ThatUnknownPony: Get to the fucking point, story!

The two fliers let out a short fit of laughter at their pointless quarrel. However, while Gilda's laugh was full, Rainbow Dash's was somewhat strained.

SC276: Like our patience.

"But man Rainbow Dash, was I surprised when I saw you roll into town the other day!" Gilda said, slapping the pony on the back. "What made you ditch those dweebs back at Ponyville anyways?"

Mono: Okay, so they're outside of Ponyville now. Thanks for clearing that up, fic!

ThatUnknownPony: Obligatory "*she wanted out*" joke.

"Oh... you know. I guess I just felt like they were crampin' my style, you know?" Rainbow Dash lied.

"Besides, the most awesome pony in Equestria is more suited to the city life then life in a little backwater town, right?"

"Well Dash, you're about 20 percent cooler

SC276: Fuck you and your memes.

Crazy56U: I want to eat glass.

now that you've ditched all those lame-o's back in Ponyville and started hanging with me out in Fillydelphia!"

Mono: And then season 5 strolled along and fucked this little piece of headcanon right over.

ThatUnknownPony: And thank fuck for that. *God, I miss season 5.*

Crazy56U: ...never expected to hear that from you, considering...

SC276: Let's be fair: I wouldn't put any author past having Rainbow Dash go insane and hallucinate everything.

Nightshade: Actually, there is a fanfic where that happens. It's a sequel to Cupcakes, where Rainbow Dash had dreamed it all. As her nightmares get worse, she starts seeing her nightmares while she's awake. And eventually, she kills Pinkie Pie because she offered her a cupcake.

Crazy56U: And actually, I'm pretty sure that was *also* covered back in the FFT3K days, so... ..maybe next year...

"Uh...yeah, haha." Rainbow Dash looked sadly out in the distance, back in the direction Ponyville was in.

After Pinkie Pie's funeral, Dash ran away from Ponyville, hoping to get away from everything that reminded her of Pinkie Pie.

SC276: OK, is the idea that Pinkie Pie was the only one keeping the Elements from reversing on themselves?

She just couldn't spread her wings if every time she flew up into the air, the Cakes' bakery entered her field of vision and brought with it those painful memories.

ThatUnknownPony: Because acceptance is a myth. Confirmed.

Luckily, when Gilda visited Ponyville before she left Dash some contact information

Mono: Read: ~~FILLEDELLFIA~~ written with a sharpie on a napkin.

Crazy56U: For some odd reason she listed her phone number as *No*.

so she could reach her, so Rainbow Dash packed her belongings and hightailed it to Fillydelphia.

SC276: Unfortunately, she had hoped this action would allow her to escape the story. You can guess how that went.

"So Dash, why's your flying been so messed up lately?" Gilda asked. "It's not like you to be so sloppy when flying.

BittplexMutt: Does she not know yet?

ThatUnknownPony: Guess news really travel late in Equestria.

Did those dweebs keep you from practicing or something?"

Rainbow Dash put on a strained smile. "Yeah... that's it." Ever since she arrived in Fillydelphia, Gilda thought insulting Dash's old friends was free game now that Dash 'ditched' them.

ThatUnknownPony: But every time she mocked Pinkie Pie, Dash immediately started to cry. She had no idea why.

BittplexMutt: And Rainbow won't tell her because she's a jerk.

Besides, it's not like she totally ditched them anyways, she was just taking a little unannounced vacation from Ponyville to recuperate, that's all!

SC276: That only matters if there's a legal difference.

Sure she left without warning... and sure she didn't tell anypony about her leaving...

Nightshade: Not even the weather team... Who seem to solely rely on her being there in order to function apparently.

but it's not like she's planning to stay in Fillydelphia forever!

SC276: That would require her to have a plan in the first place.

ThatUnknownPony: Wait until she hears Rarity brought back the dead.

Gilda playfully smacked Rainbow Dash on the back again a couple times. "Well whatever dude!

Mono: [Rainbow] "You're callin' me a guy?!"

BittplexMutt: "I'm not your dude, buddy."

We'll get you back on your wings in no time, just stick with me and it'll be just like our old days back at Flight Academy in Cloudsdale!" Rainbow Dash flinched at the mention of Flight Academy. "Oh... what's this?"

Mono: No, It's "OwO, what's this". *Get it right!*

Gilda said upon seeing Dash's reaction. "Don't tell me you're still sore about what happened back in Flight Academy! That was years ago man, you should be over it by now!"

SC276: *Like you're one to talk about getting over things, FIC!*

Mono: "Seriously, it was *just* a whip."

ThatUnknownPony: Gilda, you're asking *this* Rainbow to get over something. That's like asking us to riff a good story: It won't happen.

Crazy56U: And the pot proceeds to lecture the kettle about color.

"W-what are you talking about, Gilda?" Rainbow Dash hurriedly said.

BittplexMutt: [Gilda] "I'm telling you to get over it. Pay attention."

"Why wouldn't I be over that lameness back in Flight Academy?"

"Sure you are, Rainbow Crash," Gilda said sarcastically. "Look dude, I'm cool if you're not over it, I know you have a really hard time dealing with tough things like that.

Mono: *...How do you fuck up writing Gilda of all characters?!*

ThatUnknownPony: Is it really a fuck up if she's actually being the most reasonable character so far?

SC276: Before season five, yes!

I was your best friend for all those years in Flight Academy after all!"

SC276: [author] "If I keep saying it, maybe someone will believe I've actually watched more than two episodes!"

"Uh, yeah..."

Gilda sighed. "Look bro, I can't be seen hanging with somepony who's all mopey-eyed and crap over stuff that's happened years ago. So how 'bout this?" Gilda grinned mischievously at Rainbow Dash.

SC276: And then she at her.

"Why don't you and I go over downtown and nick some cupcakes from one of the vendors over there?"

Rainbow Dash froze at the mention of cupcakes.

Mono: Suddenly she got visions of hacksaws and dirty basements.

ThatUnknownPony: And then got visions of Plants vs Zombies OCs and Pinkie becoming half-plant, and was about to scream in terror.

"U-uhh... I'm not sure I'm too cool with that..."

"C'mon Rainbow Dash, you and I used to nick things all the time back in the day!" Gilda criticized, not noticing what was actually bothering Rainbow Dash.

Nightshade: It's almost as if she was never told what happened.

"Don't tell me that somepony's lost all their backbone after living in a soft-hooved place like Ponyville for all this time! What happened to that cool Dash that was down with anything, huh?"

ThatUnknownPony: Hit her head too hard on the floor and became an asshole.

SC276: By "floor," you mean "literally all the clouds," right?

"I-I'm down with it!" Rainbow Dash hurriedly said. "I'm just... allergic to cupcakes."

Calico: Not just diabetes, we're dealing with all sorts of medical conditions in this story!

That's all. No biggie."

"You're... allergic to cupcakes."

"Yeah! I'm allergic to cupcakes, can't stand the sight of them! You got a problem with that Gilda?"

Mono: [Gilda] "I... literally just said we used to steal them all the time. I don't know why you're pulling this bullshit on me."

ThatUnknownPony: [Gilda] "Well, as a matter of fact, I'm allergic to bullshit myself, and I'm getting itchy just from hearing you."

BittplexMutt: [Gilda] "That's bullshit and I don't believe it."

SC276: Honestly, after the pie episode, who knows what Rainbow Dash is allergic to...

Nightshade: I'm allergic to Cupcakes too. I'm also allergic to Rainbow Factory, Spiderses, Moron Mykan, Bitterswe- ACHOO!!!

"Woah dude, chill." Gilda lifted off from the cloud and spread her wings. "Well if you can't eat cupcakes, let's just nick some apples or something. Unless you're gonna say that you're allergic to apples or something like that too." Gilda sneered.

"No way, Gil! I'm totally down with stealing apples!" Rainbow Dash lied.

SC276: [Rainbow Dash] "Applejack's not dead yet, right?"

"Now that's the cool Rainbow Dash I knew! C'mon, maybe after we're done eating I can show you some cool hangout places, you dig?"

Mono: "Have you heard of this place called Denny's?"

"Sure, Gil!" Rainbow Dash lifted off and hovered next to Gilda. "Let's go!"
"Oh, and Rainbow Dash?"
"What is it Gil?"

**SC276: [Gilda] "Stop calling me that, it makes me feel like cheap currency."
BittplexMutt: That fish from *Finding Nemo*?**

Gilda placed a talon on Dash's head and ruffled up her mane. "Don't stress so much about what happened in Flight Academy man. You ran away from it years ago, so put that behind you and get over it already!"

**SC276: [Gilda] "If I have to sing you *Hakuna Matata*, I swear to fuck I will!"
Nightshade: Great. Now I want to see that happen. It certainly would be better than what we're reading right now.**

It's not like you have to run anymore after you did that sonic rainboom of yours, after all!"

**BittplexMutt: What does she have to be afraid of?
ThatUnknownPony: Only thing that comes to mind is those three bullies, but even that would make more sense than whatever this fic will do.**

"I-I didn't even run away from it in the first place, Gilda!" Dash shouted.
"Sure Dash, sure." Gilda teased as she suddenly zoomed ahead of Rainbow Dash. "Just keep telling yourself that, broski!"

**Mono: The part of Gilda will be played by Kiyotaka Ishimaru.
ThatUnknownPony: If only the part of Rainbow was played by Mondo Oowada and not Yasuhiro Hagakure.
BittplexMutt: [Rainbow] "What's a broski?"
Nightshade: I think I just lose 20 IQ points for reading that.**

"Don't call me broski!" Dash called out angrily, boosting forward to catch up to Gilda.

SC276: [Rainbow Dash] "It's offensive in my native tongue!"

No matter what anypony said about her fallout from Flight Academy,

SC276: It's called "dropping out," author, like what you probably did.

she did not run away. She was just too cool to hang at a place like Flight Academy, that's all! Who did Gilda think she was anyways?

**ThatUnknownPony: Cool canon! Rainbow, for starters.
BittplexMutt: A softie?**

Just because she knew Dash for many years doesn't mean she knows everything about her! After all, she was Rainbow Dash! The greatest young flier in all of Equestria!

SC276: We know.

A future member of the Wonderbolts! And somepony like her... somepony like her...

Mono: [Rainbow] "...Oh, for fuck's sake this is getting annoying. ***LINE!***"

ThatUnknownPony: ...Should act like a dumbass douchebag over a friend's death?

Somepony like her would never run away from a challenge, right?

SC276: [Rainbow Dash] "Who do I think I am, Stinkoman?"

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"Ooh little Angel Bunny... won't you come out to eat your lunch?" Fluttershy was crouched over Angel's tiny rabbit-hole, trying to coax the bunny to come out to eat his lunch.

Mono: The reason he won't come out is the Fluttershy has been force-feeding him carrots for the past half hour. Think Wreck-It Ralph 2, but Angel deserves it.

Crazy56U: *not even angel deserves that scene*

"I got the freshest little carrot for you Angel, and if you don't come out then it'll go bad..." Angel groggily crept out of his home and shot a grumpy look to Fluttershy.

SC276: Unfortunately for him, his aim was terrible. One might say it was... (puts on sunglasses) shot.

"Ooh, there you are Angel," Fluttershy said, completely ignoring the look Angel shot her. "Here's a nice yummy carrot to fill up your little bunny belly this afternoon!"

Mono: You gotta wonder, is Angel just pissed off because Fluttershy is talking down to him all the time?

Fluttershy brought a carrot out from her saddlebags and gave it to Angel. The bunny began appraising the goods, gingerly felling the texture with his paws and giving it a cautious sniff. He then took a cautious nibble from the carrot, before throwing it down haughtily in disgust.

ThatUnknownPony: *Riveting.*

SC276: *The guy possessed by his shoulder devil had more of a plot than this.*

"Oh... no Angel, you can't waste food like that." Fluttershy nuzzled the carrot closer to Angel with a gentle smile on her face. "Come on, be a good little bunny and eat your lunch."

Angel crossed his paws and stuck his nose up in the air as if to say, "You interrupted my afternoon nap for this?"

ThatUnknownPony: *Well then starve off and die, fucking rabbit.*

PanzerThiefZero: Would I be considered promoting animal cruelty if I actually agree with Unknown here?

Mono: It's Angel, so no. You wouldn't.

SC276: Who does Angel think he is, a cow?

"Come on Angel... come on, little bunnies like you need to eat their food if you want to grow nice and healthy..."

SC276: OK, so so far, Fluttershy seems to have handled Pinkie's death the best. Let's throw in someone that can talk back and see how that gets fucked up.
BittplexMutt: It's a bet. A suckers bet.

"Hi Fluttershy!"

"EEP!" Fluttershy jumped in surprise,

Mono: Don't blame her, I would be surprised if a random voice called out to me as well.

scattering the carrots and other vegetables in her bag all over the place.

ThatUnknownPony: And then she suffered a heart attack and died.

Angel quickly took advantage of the opportunity and grabbed as many as the vegetables as he could before hurrying back into his den. "O-oh no Angel ,you can't take all that food, it's for the other animals..."

ThatUnknownPony: [Angel] *through sight language* "Make me, bitch!"
BittplexMutt: [Angel] "Does it look like I care?"

Twilight Sparkle quietly stepped next too Fluttershy. "Sorry, Fluttershy, I thought it'd be good if I greeted you energetically this afternoon..."

SC276: [Fluttershy] "When I wasn't even paying attention, you inconsiderate prick?!"

"Oh, no Twilight, it's not your fault." Fluttershy mumbled,

BittplexMutt: Except it is.

staring at her hooves. "It's my fault for being such a scaredy-pony all the time. Don't blame yourself. Please. Don't."

ThatUnknownPony: [Fluttershy] "Celestia knows there's been enough self-blaming and wangst for a while."

SC276: No. Do. Twilight was being a fucking jerkass to someone that she KNOWS is easily scared.

"If you say so Fluttershy," Twilight said, "Say, do you think you can spare a few minutes to talk for a bit?"

Nightshade: [Fluttershy] "holds out a hoof waiting for Twilight to pay her a bit**"**

"Oh, I was feeding the animals right now... but it's okay Twilight!" Fluttershy hurriedly added, seeing the expression on Twilight's face.



Mono:

BittplexMutt: Pretty accurate.

"Angel took most of my food anyways, so, um, I'd have to wait for him to finish eating so, um, well..."

BittplexMutt: "yeah I'm screwed."

I have time."

"That's great Fluttershy!" Twilight Sparkle replied enthusiastically.

BittplexMutt: [Fluttershy] "What have I gotten myself into?"

"Not about Angel stealing your food though, that's horrible."

ThatUnknownPony: [Fluttershy] "Don't worry, once he gets fat enough he'll make for an excellent stew."

Nightshade: [Twilight] "I'm gonna need some extra moonshine to forget you just said that."

"Oh, no, it's okay." Fluttershy said. "Angel does this all the time, so I'm used to it, so, um, he'll give back what he doesn't eat, which is usually most of it, so, um... yes."

SC276: GET TO THE POINT

Twilight grinned nervously. "So..."

"So..." Fluttershy hoofed shyly at the ground.

"...so..."

"...so..."

Crazy56U: Sew buttons, if you know how to.

BittplexMutt: And so...

ThatUnknownPony: ...LINE?!

Mono: ~So, so, so your boat~

"Uh..." Twilight wasn't exactly sure where to start. It'd be rude if she just asked Fluttershy where Rainbow Dash was right off the bat after all.

"um..."



ThatUnknownPony:

Y2k890: *Should we do something?*

"So Angel Bunny!" Twilight said, breaking the awkward silence.

BittplexMutt: What about him?

SC276: Fuck's sakes, how is "I'm looking for Rainbow Dash and asking around, have you seen her lately?" so hard to ask?! Did *Twilight's social skills* die with Pinkie?!

Nightshade: I think the author thinks that Twilight never had social skills in the first place.

"How long have you been looking after him anyways?"

ThatUnknownPony: [Fluttershy] "...bitch, if you came for a batch of brownies, you should've just asked."

Mono: [Fluttershy] Too long... way too fucking long."

BittplexMutt: Since forever.

"Oh, Angel Bunny?" Fluttershy suddenly perked up after being asked about Angel. "Well, you see, I've been looking after Angel for the longest time, I was there when he was born and watched him grow up ever since!"

SC276: And look how he turned out! *Great work.*

"E-ever since he was born, Fluttershy?" Twilight asked nervously. Fluttershy's sudden bouts of enthusiasm always left anyone unsure of how to react.

ThatUnknownPony: Mostly because of her bloodshot eyes and smell of pot.

SC276: [Twilight] "I don't like how other ponies can be enthusiastic about things they like but I don't."

"Mhmm, ever since he was born." Fluttershy smiled, looking back on her memories. "You see, back when I was a little filly, my mommy and daddy looked after me and the rest of the animals.

Mono: Didn't know they had so much animals in Cloudsdale.

SC276: Anyone else miss season... six, I think?

Nightshade: At this point, I miss The Cutie Mark Chronicles.

And cute little Angel Bunny's parents were a pair of those animals."

"Ah..." Twilight Sparkle smiled at the thought of little filly Fluttershy playing in a flower field with her parents and the animals. "So you've taken care of Angel ever since you were a filly?"

ThatUnknownPony: CAN SOMETHING PLEASE HAPPEN?!

Mono: What, aren't you interested in Angel's backstory?

SC276: I would be if they stopped *fucking repeating themselves*.

Nightshade: Angel's backstory would make for a better story than this fic.

Fluttershy nodded. "My mommy and daddy let me take care of Angel Bunny and his parents, so Angel is actually the first animal I started taking care of."

Mono: "And I regretted it ever since."

Nightshade: Fluttershy is an adult. So she shouldn't be calling her parents "mommy and daddy". Or at least I assume that's the case in this fic. It's never actually specified how old the characters are. I mean, season suggests that the CMC are older than 5 at least, and are probably teenagers... I miss season 5.

SC276: Yes, I totally missed the most mishandled *Kamen Rider Den-O* crossover I've ever seen, let's just move on.

"Is that why you never use the Stare when it comes to Angel?"

Fluttershy's happy expression faded away after hearing Twilight's question.

ThatUnknownPony: Mostly because she realized "God, why did I never think of using it on him?!"

"Is something wrong, Fluttershy?" Twilight asked.

BittplexMutt: [Fluttershy] "Yeah, I'm tired of looking at you."

"Oh, no, not really, well... kind of." Fluttershy timidly shuffled her hooves. "You see... I was a shy little filly, even shyer than I am now actually... and, well, um..."

"Angel's parents died."

"Oh... I'm so sorry Fluttershy."

ThatUnknownPony: [Fluttershy] "Oh, don't worry. They tasted good, at least."

"No, don't be, it's okay, well it's not but, well, it was a long time ago so... yeah."

SC276: [Fluttershy] "I'm capable of getting over the passing of someone like a *mature pony*."

Nightshade: [Fluttershy] "Even though I still call my parents mommy and daddy."

Fluttershy brushed her mane out of her eyes, revealing a distant expression.

SC276: If this is supposed to be something like PTSD, I'm gonna strangle someone.

"I was broken up for a while after that; I couldn't talk to anypony for days. My parents tried to coax me out of hiding, but... it didn't work."

ThatUnknownPony: Because... a pair of bunnies died.

Twilight hesitated before asking, "So... how'd you get over it?" She hoped she wasn't prying too much into Fluttershy's life.

Mono: [Fluttershy] "Ever wondered why I started taking drugs?"

"Oh... well, you see... Angel Bunny saved me."

ThatUnknownPony: I know this is supposed to be a melodrama, but *sheez*. Save you from what, depression over *his own parents dying*?!

Upon hearing her name once again, Angel stuck his head outside of his burrow and gave Fluttershy a look before giving back most of the food he stole. The bunny gave a little 'hmp' noise as if to say, "It's not like I did it for you or anything, I just wasn't hungry is all."

ThatUnknownPony: *B-BAKA!*

Fluttershy gave a small smile to Angel and nuzzled the small bunny. Angel gave off an annoyed look, but did nothing to stop Fluttershy's nuzzling.

SC276: [Angel] "I'm just dead inside by this point."

"You see, Twilight, little Angel Bunny here cheered me up by giving me a bouquet of flowers."

Mono: So that's how you help a grief-stricken pony! No emotional support or anything.

ThatUnknownPony: Flowers! The best medicine for depression according to this story.

Nightshade: Somebody needs to give Rainbow Dash flowers ASAP!

Fluttershy explained. "He reminded me that there were still things I needed to take care of, and I shouldn't hide away all day. His flowers gave me the courage to face the world again, you see."

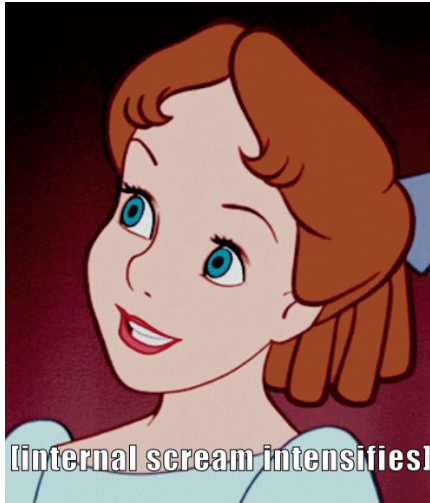
SC276: He didn't want you to get hit by a truck- eh, you know the line.

Although..." Fluttershy blushed. "... I still hide away from everypony a lot."
Twilight smiled warmly at Fluttershy's story. "I guess you've dealt a lot since then huh?"

ThatUnknownPony: [Fluttershy] "Well, that depends. You mean my deals in my everyday life? Or the deals I make with my brownies?"

"Oh yes, Twilight," Fluttershy said,

BittplexMutt: On the outside, but on the inside...



"With all the animals I look after, I've learned a lot about the circle of life and how to cope.

SC276: No, fic, you're supposed to have Fluttershy as fucked up as the rest of them about Pinkie's death, because you don't have the brain to do otherwise! Stick to the fucking script!

Especially after my parents departed—"

Twilight let out a small gasp of shock.

"—to Trottingham to look after the animals over there.

Mono: Except no, because season 7 happened.

ThatUnknownPony: And thank God it happened.

Is something wrong Twilight?"

"Oh... no." Twilight said sheepishly.

BittplexMutt: [Fluttershy] "Twilight, I know you're lying."

SC276: [Fluttershy] "Tell me, how does it feel to get shocked out of fucking nowhere, asshole?"

"Oh... well, since then I've looked after the animals in Ponyville myself, and had to deal with a lot of things myself, but it always hurts to lose one of my little animal friends no matter how often it happens..."

"Yeah... cope." Twilight Sparkle gave the pegasus in front of her a hug.

ThatUnknownPony: [Twilight] "Coping with lost makes me lusty for some reason."

[Fluttershy] "I think it's more the moonshine you just drank."

"Um... Twilight?"

"Oh, um, I'm sorry!" Twilight quickly got out of the hug and hoofed at the ground, embarrassed.

"Didn't mean to..."

"No, that's okay, it was... nice." Fluttershy smiled.

Mono: Now kiss!

"So...I actually came here for a reason." Twilight Sparkle admitted, changing the subject. "I know it's kind of rude to come over and spring a question like this on you but..."

"Oh, no, I'm sure it'll be no trouble, really, go ahead."

SC276: [Twilight] "How much wood could-"
[Fluttershy] "I've changed my mind."

"Well... have you seen Rainbow Dash around?" Twilight asked. "Applejack's looking for her, apparently Rainbow Dash hasn't been performing her weather duties lately..."

ThatUnknownPony: [Twilight Sparkle] "And apparently every other pegasus hasn't been available to cover for her."
BittplexMutt: "And there's a storm approaching."

"Oh, Rainbow Dash? I, um..." Fluttershy bit her lip timidly. "I... no, I haven't seen her."

"... you sure about that, Fluttershy?"

"Honestly, truly!" Fluttershy insisted. "Oh, um, I'm sorry Twilight, I probably disappointed you..."

Mono: *This is fucking exciting.*

ThatUnknownPony: If your intention is making me sleep, you're doing great, story.

Nightshade: I honestly can't tell if Fluttershy is hiding something, or she's just written that poorly.

"No, don't worry about it, just thought I'd ask." Twilight smiled warmly at the yellow pegasus pony. "I got to talk to a friend again after all. Sorry I've been cooped up this whole week."

"Oh, no, don't be, everypony copes in their own way."

SC276: Some by being delusional as fuck to the point they're probably going to be the villain of the fic.

Crazy56U: Some by banking on the probability that one day their brain will cut them some slack and finally kill them via an aneurysm.

But they feel better eventually."

SC276: Don't lie, Fluttershy, it's been three years and the throbbing will not stop.

Fluttershy smiled shyly. "I hope you feel much better Twilight."

"Oh, I do, and your story helped a lot." Twilight Sparkle glanced at the sky. "Well, I guess I need to go head over to Sweet Apple Acres to tell Applejack I couldn't find Rainbow Dash."

SC276: [Twilight] "And not ask anypony else because I'm too sober to care."

And I should probably talk to Rarity a little bit later on too..."

ThatUnknownPony: As long as she hasn't disturbed the dead.

"Oh, wait, sorry, Twilight?" Fluttershy stopped Twilight before she set off to Applejack's farm.

"What is it Fluttershy?"

"You've got a little... something... on your lip... um..." Fluttershy put a hoof on Twilight's lip and brushed something off it. "Oh, it's a muffin crumb. Did Derpy give you one of these earlier today?"
"Derpy? Yeah, how did you know?" Twilight asked, confused.

Mono: [Fluttershy] " 'Cause it's Derpy."

ThatUnknownPony: [Fluttershy] "That's her only trait in this story."

Nightshade: [Fluttershy] "Well, that and her speech pattern."

"Oh, um, it's just, well, Derpy gave everyone muffins the day after, um... the funeral... so, um, I guess she just gave you yours now since she never got your mailing address is all, I think."

SC276: ...Twilight's house is the *GIANT-ASS HOLLOWED-OUT TREE*. ...Also, *WEEK-OLD MUFFIN*.

Nightshade: ...Also, DERPY WAS THERE WHEN PINKIE THREW TWILIGHT THE WELCOME PARTY *AT HER HOME!!!*

Well... Twilight never did turn in her residency application to Ponyville since Spike handled all her transactions...

SC276: And Spike DIDN'T?!

ThatUnknownPony: I mean, it's not like she lives in the one library in the center of town that was made inside a tree.

"So... that pony kept my muffin ready until she saw me?"
Fluttershy nodded. "Um, yes, she did. Derpy's a really nice mailpony..."
Twilight let out a warm smile. "She really is..."

SC276: Great, Twilight has a crush on her now.

maybe I should use the Ponyville Post Office more often, give Spike a break sometimes... oh!" Twilight quickly turned tail. "Sorry Fluttershy, look at the time,

SC276: [Fluttershy] "But I don't own a clock-"

I have to head over to Applejack's! I'll see you later!" Twilight Sparkle galloped off into the distance.
"Twilight's such a nice pony..." Fluttershy said to herself.

ThatUnknownPony: [Fluttershy] "I so wanna bang her."

Angel pretended to gag as if to say, "You fillies and your friendship, it makes me sick."

Mono: The part of Angel will be played by Mykan.

SC276: The part of Angel being played by Mykan will be played by a cow.

Nightshade: You mean that Mykan wasn't already a cow?

"Don't worry Angel Bunny, I haven't forgotten about you." Fluttershy warmly nuzzled Angel Bunny. The small rabbit let out a small 'bleh' sound as if to say, "Don't think you can get all touchy-feely now that we're alone. Honestly, geez."

ThatUnknownPony: [Angel] "Are you seriously *that* desperate, girl?"

But Angel still did nothing to get away.

"Oh Angel, you're such a silly bunny... oh?" Fluttershy squinted out into the distance. She thought she could spy a purple and white pony trotting towards her...

Mono: [Rarity] "Fluttershy! Are you a necromancer?"

SC276: [Rarity] "You're just the girl I'm looking for!"

[Fluttershy] "Why are you being followed by a boy band...?"

Bittersweet: Part 4

Crazy56U: "No Sugar to Run with Me"

Written by nukeiffum

"Ah can't believe ya'd lie ta me Big Mac!" Applebloom shouted fiercely, tears streaming down from her eyes.

BittplexMutt: [Applebloom] "You said the Tooth Fairy was real!"

ThatUnknownPony: *deadpan* *Oh no, who would've guessed lying to her was gonna blow up on their faces?*

"Now Applebloom," Big Macintosh said slowly. "It's not that ah wanted ta lie to ya, but—"

SC276: [Applebloom] "But WHAT, asshole?!"

"Ah see how it is Bic Mac!" Applebloom cut off. "Ya'll think ah'm too much of a li'l filly to handle the truth! Well ah'll show ya Big Mac! Ah'll show ya that ah'm a big pony!"

Mono: *please don't go where I think you're going.*

ThatUnknownPony: [Apple Bloom] "I'm gonna put myself into unnecessary danger just to prove I'm a grown up!"

Ah'll show all o' ya'll!" Applebloom turned tail and sprinted away, leaving the red stallion by himself, wondering what to do.

SC276: Prepare to make sure there's no vacant castles with labs in the basement within a day's running distance of the farm?

Big Mac sighed. "That Applebloom... don't wanna be treated like a filly yet not ol' enough to be treated like a full grown pony..."

SC276: So, she wants to be treated like a teenager?

guess I should let her alone for a bit for her to cool off." He turned around to head back to the field, when he bumped into a certain purple unicorn.

"Eyaa!" Twilight Sparkle let off a startled yell before she fell over. "Oww..."

Mono: Because this heart-felt piece of wank needed more slapstick.

ThatUnknownPony: Wait, was I supposed to laugh?

"Oh, well if it ain't Twilight Sparkle." Big Mac said, shifting over the hay in his mouth to the other side. "Sorry 'bout that, didn't see ya there."

ThatUnknownPony: [Twilight Sparkle] "Maybe because I just arrived, dumbass."

"No, no, it's quite alright." Twilight picked herself back up and brushed some of the dirt off her mane. "It's my fault for not calling out to you right away."

SC276: [Twilight] "I mean, I should've just called your name out when I entered because apparently Pinkie was the only thing keeping me from being an asshole..."

"Oh... ah guess you saw the whole thing then?"
Twilight kicked around a hoof sheepishly. "Well... uh... just a bit. I didn't catch the whole thing... is something wrong with Applebloom?"

ThatUnknownPony: Trust me, Twilight, there is *a lot* wrong with Apple Bloom.

The large stallion sighed again as he started chewing on a new piece of hay.

Mono: Hay he apparently pulled right out of his ass.

"She's jus' a li'l sore that ah hid from her the fact that Pinkie Pie... ah, well, you know. Didn't think she could take it, being the li'l filly she is. But ah guess it's my fault for treat'n her that way. Now that her friends gone and tol' her 'bout the whole thing,

SC276: The CMC is even more done with this bullshit than we are.

ThatUnknownPony: The little fillies are more mature than the grown-up adults. Only in this story.

ah guess ah'm bein' punished for tryin' to shelter her too much."
"Don't be too hard on yourself, Big Mac." Twilight said, "You just did what anypony would do to protect their kin.

SC276: Except apparently Rarity and whoever Scoot's parents are.

ThatUnknownPony: Except lying doesn't exactly protect your kin, if anything it just harms them.

But you do have to realize that Applebloom can't be your little filly sister forever you know, she's going to grow up someday."

Mono: Peter Pan is a myth, after all.

SC276: Technically, it's a play...

"Ah guess... but ah'm pretty sure you didn't come here to Sweet Apple Acres to talk to this here stallion, Twilight Sparkle." Big Mac pointed out. "Ah can handle mah own problems, Twilight, so why don't ya go ahead and tell me what's brought ya here today."
"Oh... well, I'm looking for Applejack. Do you know where she is?"

ThatUnknownPony: [Big Mac] "Somewhere actin' more southern than she normally is."

Big Mac hesitated. "Well... ah know where she is, but ah'm not sure if ya wanna talk ta her right now though."

Twilight Sparkle tilted her head. "Why not?"

SC276: You mean besides the fact that she's in this fic and not Fluttershy?

ThatUnknownPony: Because she's acting racist and stupid.

"Well... AJ's been a bit on the edge lately since the funeral." Big Mac explained, "And she prob'ly ain't cooled down enough yet ta talk prop'ly."

"I'm sure it can't be that bad." Twilight said.

"Ah guess you'll see for yerself then, Twilight." Big Mac pointed her hoof towards the apple fields. "AJ should be somewhere in that direction, you'll know yer close when ya hear her gruntin'."

Mono: UUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUM...

ThatUnknownPony: Mind off the gutter, the last thing this fic needs is clop.

The stallion turned his back on Twilight. "Now if ya'll excuse me, it's a slow day on the job, so I s'pose I should talk ta li'l Applebloom right 'bout now."

"Yeah, okay, see you later Big Macintosh!" Twilight waved the red stallion goodbye and headed into the apple grove to find Applejack.

SC276: [Twilight] "(finds herself in a thorny forest) ...Honestly better than the story I was just in."

As the season mandated, the apple trees were blooming beautifully, with lush apples of every color growing from the branches of every tree.

SC276: Including red, green, orange, and puce!

The tart scent of apples filled the air, and Twilight Sparkle could almost taste the apples from their scent.

Mono: Apples apples, apples. Apples? Apples! Apples! Apples!

PanzerThiefZero: Meh. I like rockmelon better.

She couldn't see how anypony could be cross when surrounded by such serene beauty.

SC276: Weren't you talking to her literally a half-hour ago?

ThatUnknownPony: Unless they're in this fanfic, then it's a "no duh" situation.

Twilight heard a hollow clapping sound out in the distance. That must've been Applejack bucking apples off the apple trees.

Mono: Nope, just a really buff woodpecker.

Twilight Sparkle quickly started trotting towards the sound, hearing the sound grow louder and clearer with each hoof she put forward.

SC276: And then she realized the rate of volume increase was too great unless it was coming straight for her...!

ThatUnknownPony: That's when she turned around just to see a tree trunk being bucked straight to her face!

As the unicorn finally entered the clearing, she spotted Applejack bucking trees just a couple of meters in front of her.

BittplexMutt: As usual.

The orange earth pony looked worn out.

BittplexMutt: So, Applebuck Season!Applejack?

Her mane was all frazzled and her saddlebags were already overflowing with apples.

BittplexMutt: Yep, Applebuck Season!Applejack.

ThatUnknownPony: Yay, Season 1 rehashing!

Next to Applejack was a wagon containing a bunch of the same saddlebags filled to the brim with apples.

BittplexMutt: Apples, man.

It looked like Applejack already did enough work for the entire week, yet the earth pony was still working as if harvest season was just around the corner.

BittplexMutt: As a matter of fact, it is.

ThatUnknownPony: We get it, author, you saw past the first episode.

"Uhh, Applejack?"

BittplexMutt: "Can I have an apple?"

The earth pony continued bucking the tree she was working on.

"Applejack?" Twilight Sparkle repeated.

She still paid no heed to Twilight.

"APPLEJACK!"

Mono: SNAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAKE!

"I GON' HEARD YOU THE FIRST TIME!" Applejack bellowed. "Can't somepony see when another pony is workin'? Honestly!" She turned around and saw Twilight with a hurt expression on her face. "Oh... Twilight, didn't know it was you sugarcube. Sorry 'bout that."

"Um... no worries..."

SC276: [Twilight] "I mean, I'm supposed to be the asshole in this fic and I oughta shiv you for trying to take my place-"

[Applejack] "You come at me with that knife and I'll turn you into fertilizer."

[Twilight] "-but that."

you okay Applejack? You seem kinda... worn out."

"Worn out? Naw, ah'm as energetic as a parasprite at an all-you-can-eat buffet!" Applejack reassured Twilight. "So ya find Rainbow Dash yet, sugarcube?"

"Uh...

SC276: [Twilight] "Didn't we already have this episode-"

[Applejack] "SHUT UP, BIG MAC"

sorry, Fluttershy didn't know where she was. It seems nopony has even seen her since the funeral either."

"Shucks... guess ah should call up Cloudkicker and get that pony up on cloud duty."

ThatUnknownPony: You know, *what you should've done in the first place!*

Applejack went back to bucking the apple tree she was working on. "Well thanks anyway, sugarcube, sorry ta take up yer time."

"Oh... it's no trouble at all Applejack." Twilight Sparkle stood around, hoofing awkwardly at the ground.

"You still here, sugarcube? Somethin' botherin' ya?"

ThatUnknownPony: [Twilight] "Yeah, you're surprisingly not acting as much like a jackass than thirty-minutes ago."

"Well... not me per se but," Twilight hesitated. "Is something bothering you, Applejack?"

"Didn't we go over this?" Applejack asked.

SC276: [Twilight] "Apparently YES!"

"Ah'm totally fine, jus' got a huge order ah gotta fill up. Now if you'll let me alone sugarcube, ah gotta git back ta work!"

ThatUnknownPony: [Applejack] "I need to get this done before Applebucking season is over."

"Okay Applejack, I guess I'll go now..." Twilight said dejectedly. However, before she even took two steps, a thought suddenly surfaced in her mind. "Wait a minute... Big Mac said that it was a slow day today!"

Mono: Cue Phoenix Wright music, I guess.

Applejack's kick missed her target, causing the pony to lose her balance and fall over. She quickly picked herself back up and brushed back her mane. "O-oh! Ah guess ah forgot to let Big Mac know 'bout the order!"

BittplexMutt: "Because that's his job."

Guess ah'll have ta let him know earlier, t-thanks for remindin' me Twilight!"

"... Applejack, don't all the orders for Sweet Apple Acres go through Big Macintosh?"

SC276: What is this, *My Little Investigations?* ...Is that even still going...?

"I-Is that so?" Applejack stammered, her voice noticeably going up a pitch. "W-well, Big Mac's been letting me handle the las' couple orders, jus' so ah know what ta do in case somethin' happens to him!"

SC276: [Twilight] "What could possibly happen to Big Mac? One time he *towed a building* he was tied to!"

"Who ordered all these apples?"

Mono: [Applejack] "U-ummmm... yes?"
ThatUnknownPony: [Applejack] "...I did?"

Applejack was thrown off by the sudden question. "Well, ah, uh... the apple bakery down at... Coltsdale?"

"Uh-huh. Right Applejack."

ThatUnknownPony: Even Twilight has had enough of this bullshit.

"What's it to ya anyways, Twilight Sparkle?" Applejack huffed. "What ah do is mah business, and ponies like you should keep their hooves outta it!"

SC276: [Twilight] "*WE'VE LITERALLY! ALREADY DONE! THIS EPISODE!*"

[Applejack] "*STOP SHOUTING!*"

Twilight flinched at Applejack's harsh words. "Applejack, if you have a problem, you can just come out and say so."

"Mah problem is that somepony can't figure out when she ain't wanted here

Mono: Hey, don't be so mean to Apple Bloom!

Applejack fiercely bucked at the apple trees.

ThatUnknownPony: "-and then her hoof got stuck into the trunk of the tree. It hurt like hell."

"Applejack, it's not like you to be so tense." Twilight worriedly put a hoof on Applejack's shoulder. "You sure you're fine?"

SC276: No, she's in this fic.

"Gosh darn'it Twilight Sparkle," The orange earth pony shook Twilight's hoof off her shoulder. "Ah already told ya that there ain't NOTHIN' wrong with me!"

ThatUnknownPony: [Twilight Sparkle] "You're acting *exactly* like in "Applebuck Season", I think there's a lot wrong with you!"

"You're a horrible liar Applejack." Twilight pointed out, her eyes tearing up. "You've been spending all your time at the farm for the past week! It's nowhere near harvest season, and I'm pretty sure no major order just happened to come in right after Pinkie Pie's funeral—" Applejack stomped her hoof down, causing the unicorn to meekly shut her mouth.

SC276: Riveting.

"Now you listen here Twilight Sparkle, what in the name of Celestia have you been doing the past week? Wastin' the time of everypony in Ponyville,

Mono: By... being inside all week?

spendin' all day in that library of yers while everypony else was doin' their jobs!

Mono: Technically, she's a librarian, so she was doing her job...

SC276: Considering no one checks out books, she's terrible at it.

And you got the nerve ta call me out!"

ThatUnknownPony: [Twilight] "...Yes, because at least I wasn't acting like a goddamn cunt!"

"Applejack, I-I—" Twilight choked on her words, trying to fight back the stream of tears.

"That's what ah thought." Applejack turned her back on the sobbing purple unicorn. "Now go git and let me do mah job, jus' like everypony who's name ain't Twilight Sparkle!"

"A-Applejack... I...*hic*..."

Mono: And there you have it. Twilight was drunk all this time.

SC276: ...And that's different, *how* now?

ThatUnknownPony: That explains the mess she left in the library.

I... I'm sorry!" Twilight Sparkle turned tail and ran off crying, leaving the orange earth pony by herself.

Applejack went back to bucking the apple tree she was working on. She bucked once, twice, three times,

SC276: [The Count] "Ah ah ah! (thunder and lightning)"

apples falling with every buck. The earth pony kept bucking and bucking, trying to get the very last of the apples from the tree. Thwack. Thwack. Thwack.

Mono: Annoyed groan.

ThatUnknownPony: Wallbang.

She spent several minutes driving her hooves in the bark of the tree, when suddenly, her aim slipped, throwing her to the ground beside the apple tree.

SC276: Again.

ThatUnknownPony: And off the ledge of a cliff conveniently placed behind the tree.

The earth pony slowly picked herself back up and glanced at the tree she was working so hard on. The apples were already long gone, and have been for the past while. Applejack stared blankly at the apples that lie on the ground, and saw her distorted reflection on the apple.

ThatUnknownPony: That's when she realized she had been depriving herself from sleeping, and decided to finally take a much needed rest.

Drops of water fell onto the apple. Soon enough, rain started showering all over the grove.

SC276: With how delusional she's been, I'm willing to bet that's probably crying.

"Ha... haha... ha..." Applejack laughed bitterly. She tilted her head up to look at the sky, and saw a pegasus pony push the last of the rainclouds over Sweet Apple Acres. "Guess Cloudkicker went 'n did Rainbow Dash's job for her..."

Mono: Applejack apparently has bionic vision, considering she could identify a pegasus that high in the sky.

ThatUnknownPony: That or she snapped. Like our patience.

Applejack collapsed back to the ground and buried her head in her hooves. "Ah guess... now that it's rainin'... ah don't hafta worry 'bout anypony seeing me cry... ha... haha... *sob*... ha..."

SC276: Hilarious, you get no sympathy from me.

Under the cover of the clouds and rain, the earth pony openly let her tears flow. This moment was the only time she allowed herself to show her weaknesses, away from anypony who might see.

Mono: But I thought she cried on the inside.....

ThatUnknownPony: But that was until Season 5. Instead she's gonna be a jackass that considers having emotions "being weak"... was this edited or ghost-written by Mykan?

Her tears contained every emotion she tried to hide the past week.

SC276: Including lust from her "private time" in her room.

The sadness from Pinkie Pie's departure. The anger from not being able to do anything to prevent it.

ThatUnknownPony: She died from diabetes, not from an assassination attempt.

And most of all...

The regret from hurting one of the best friends anypony could ever hope to have.

SC276: Silver Spoon.

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Fluttershy and Rarity were venturing through the Everfree Forest towards Zecora's place. The yellow pegasus pony had absolutely no idea how she even got roped into following Rarity,

SC276: Don't worry, dear, neither does the author.

she just knew she couldn't get in a single word to object to Rarity's proposal to venture into the Everfree Forest.

Mono: Not that she had the balls to protest in the first place.....

ThatUnknownPony: Mostly because Rarity literally tied her up and was dragging her along.

SC276: The part of Rarity will be played by Peppermint Patty.

Everything just happened so fast that she didn't even know what Rarity was proposing!

ThatUnknownPony: Literally. It was like Rarity was babbling nonsense to her!

SC276: Next thing she knew, they were married.

"Come on, darling, Zecora's house is only a few more minutes away!" Rarity said cheerfully, trotting at a brisk pace in front of Fluttershy.

"Um... R-Rarity...? I, uh, um—"

SC276: [Fluttershy] "I know the rifiers joked about you not looking for me earlier, but it's not really so funny anymore."

"Hush hush hush, darling!" Rarity exclaimed, holding a hoof out in front of Fluttershy. "You wouldn't want to alert any of the nasty creatures that might be lurking around here!"

ThatUnknownPony: [Rarity] "You know... the ones I would throw you towards if you disobey me. *eyetwitch*"

"... you're the one who'd probably alert them." Fluttershy muttered.

"Hmm, what was that darling?" Rarity inquired.

"N-nothing..." the pegasus pony squeaked. "W-why do you need me anyways...?"

Mono: [Rarity] "Live bait!"

ThatUnknownPony: [Rarity] "Everyone knows you need a virgin sacrifice when performing demonic rituals."

"Because, you silly filly, what if I get attacked?" Rarity dramatically put a hoof to her forehead. "Oh, just think if one of these creatures got a hold of little old me! They'd tear me apart in a heartbeat! Oh no no no, we can't have that, can we?"

SC276: [Fluttershy] "(dead-eyed glare)"

ThatUnknownPony: [Rarity] "That's why I keep you close to use you as a distraction, in case something tries to eat me."

SC276: [Fluttershy] "(deader-eyed glare)"

"B-but... I don't think I could protect you Rarity..."

"But darling you have the Stare!"

ThatUnknownPony: FUCK YOU AND YOUR MEMES!!!

"B-but..."

"Not another word! See," The unicorn pushed back a bush, revealing Zecora's hut. "We're already here!"

SC276: [Fluttershy] "(internal groaning intensifies)"

The Rarity took the lead and burst through Zecora's door, Fluttershy gingerly following behind. They were greeted with Zecora mixing up another strange brew, and the two already learned not to question the strange things Zecora did.

Mono: Because racism and stuff, I guess.

SC276: Sure, *that* lesson sticks...

"Oh if it isn't my two little ponies, what compels you come here on this journey?"

Mono: *Boo! That doesn't even rhyme!*

ThatUnknownPony: *SHUT THE FU- Wait, no rhymes? ...I don't know how to feel about that.*

"Oh Zecora, it's been too long, darling." Rarity flipped back her mane,



SC276:

aiming her sight directly at the zebra. "Now tell me, how's life been for you in this forest?" "I can tell you want something from the look on your face, so why not skip the greetings and cut to the chase?" Zecora clopped her hooves and gave her full attention to Rarity.

ThatUnknownPony: There's the rhyming... *Joy.*

"Oh that's what I like about you, Zecora, getting straight down to business!"

SC276: Zecora's more done with this than we are.

Rarity cleared her throat. "Now, I'm sure you've heard of the trouble Ponyville has been going through for the past week, with everypony being all doom and gloom all the time.

ThatUnknownPony: Because the whole town collapses without someone else being there.

I was sifting through some fabrics the other day and thought to myself 'oh, whatever shall I do to rid this town of its gloominess.' And then, the perfect idea came to me to elegantly resolve all of Ponyville's problems!

"Why not just bring back Pinkie Pie?" Rarity exclaimed.

Crazy56U: Prince Charming called, it said you should let the dead stay dead.

y2k890: Why not read a better fanfic?

BittplexMutt: Why not take a vacation?

Mono: Why not both?

PanzerThiefZero: Why not get some lunch while you're at it?

SC276: And it can all be yours IF THE PRICE IS THE RIGHT!

Fluttershy's eyes widened at the sound of Rarity's idea. "U-um, excuse me, um, I think I, um,

SC276: [Fluttershy] "(shouting at Zecora) I'M NOT WITH THIS MADWOMAN"

are you sure that, um, uh, well—"

"Oh Fluttershy, I'm quite sure of my brilliant idea!"

ThatUnknownPony: [Fluttershy] "And I'm quite sure you just went insane."

"B-but, um, I—"

"Shush now, darling." Rarity brushed off Fluttershy's frantic stuttering. "Now I tried asking Twilight Sparkle for some assistance, but the little darling didn't know of any spell to bring Pinkie Pie back! So that's why I come here, to ask you if you know of any spell or incantation to bring laughter back into Ponyville!"

SC276: [Zecora] "You speak in quite the confident voice / to someone you've said is your second choice."

Zecora put a hoof to her chin, pondering over Rarity's request. "You do know in your unicorn head, that the spell that you seek is to bring back the dead?"

ThatUnknownPony: [Fluttershy] "I'm honestly doubting she knows anything in her head."

"Yesyesyes, I already know that. But there's always been a spell for everything else, so why not a spell to bring loved ones back to life?" Rarity smiled awkwardly. "There is such a spell, right darling?"

SC276: There's only one or two resurrection magics in the entirety of the *Chronicles of Darkness*, and their cost is fucking steep.

The zebra was silent, deep in thought. She carefully surveyed Rarity's expression, debating over whether or not to answer the unicorn's question.

ThatUnknownPony: And after one second of surveyance, she quickly kicked out of her hut before she would bring forth the zombie apocalypse.

SC276: Too many syllables in the second line there, Unknown.

"U-um, I guess there is no spell then." Fluttershy awkwardly cut in. "I'm so sorry to have wasted your time Zecora, come on Rarity, let's go. She, um, doesn't have an answer so—" "No!" Rarity stomped her hoof. "I am not leaving until Zecora gives me a definitive answer!" She firmly looked Zecora in the eye. "Is there a way?"

SC276: [Fluttershy] "I tried, I swear!"

Zecora sighed. "There is a way to get what you seek, but the method to obtain it is not for the weak."

Mono: *so there really are gonna be zombies, then?*

ThatUnknownPony: *please eat Rarity please eat Rarity please eat Rarity*

SC276: *Of course the African-coded lady knows voodoo... This author has the sensitivity of a rock.*

Rarity's eyes gleamed at the new information. "So there is a way! Tell me what it is, darling, quickly!" "I myself do not hold the solution, but by taking a detour you will reach your conclusion." Zecora pointed towards the west.

SC276: Go west, young Meowth!

"You must pass through all that hinders, and arrive at the Ruins of the Ancient Pony Sisters."

ThatUnknownPony: And now Nightmare Moon is gonna get involved, I guess.

"Why?" Rarity asked excitedly. "Is there a book there? A secret artifact? What's there, darling?" Zecora shook her head. "All I can do is point you the direction, everything else is up to your discretion."

Mono: So... you send her to a creepy castle to go fetch something she doesn't even know?

ThatUnknownPony: Or she's sending her on a suicidal mission just to get rid of her for the good of ponykind.

"Well I suppose I just have to settle for that then!" Rarity turned on her heel and headed out the door. "Come on, Fluttershy, let's head over to the Ruins!" "U-um, w-wait!" Fluttershy followed Rarity outside of Zecora's hut. "I-I don't think this is a good idea Rarity!"

Crazy56U: [Fluttershy] "Haven't you seen *Pet Sematary*?!"

ThatUnknownPony: [Fluttershy] "Or any goddamn zombie film?!"

BittplexMutt: [Fluttershy] "You know I don't like dead things."

As soon as the door shut behind the two ponies, the zebra sighed went back to brewing her stew.

BittplexMutt: She was so done with this.

SC276: I know, right?

"That little pony is going in over her head; I do dearly hope she doesn't fall in with the dead!"

ThatUnknownPony: She's so gonna die.

BittplexMutt: *sitcom laughter*

Mono: *plays a slap bass*

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Outside Zecora's hut, the two ponies could be seen heading deeper into the forest,

SC276: By the camera stalking them.

the yellow pegasus pony failing to get her words through Rarity.

BittplexMutt: She was speaking in gibberish now.

However, unbeknownst to the both of them, a sinister presence was watching their every step...

Mono: Does this story really need a villain?

ThatUnknownPony: It isn't a mexican Soap Opera unless there's a cartoonish villain.

"Is that the pony? The one right there?" A gruff voice asked.

A shadowy figure responded to him.

Crazy56U: Uh oh, not the Shadow Man!

"Yeah, that's the pony, the one with the purple mane."

The gruff voice cackled. "Lucky for us she ventured in the forest herself. That makes our job much easier!"

SC276: [some guy] "Guess we can just keep this ruby I was gonna tie to a string then."

The gruff voiced one attempted to move out of the clump of bushes he was hiding in, but paused.

"What should we do with the yellow one? Tear her apart? Have her as a snack?"

PanzerThiefZero: Boil her? Mash her? Stick her in a stew?

ThatUnknownPony: Kiss her? Love her? Squeeze her? Hug her? Call her George?

Mono: Put her in a long boat 'till she's sober?

The shadow shook his head. "No, this isn't our territory.

BittplexMutt: It's no one's territory.

If we kill anyone in Equestria that Princess will know we're here... We signed a treaty, no wolves allowed in Equestria."

BittplexMutt: Either these are the Timberwolves or these are cosplayer furies.

Mono: ...Well, that didn't stop Dog.

The shadow bared its fangs.

BittplexMutt: Because wolves.

"Knock the yellow one out and take the purple one.

ThatUnknownPony: "But isn't the purple one back in the library?"
BittplexMutt: "I'm pretty sure leaving her here won't come back to bite us."

We'll then take as many jewels as we can

SC276: Off the pony with no clothes or anything to carry stuff in.

and hightail it back to our homeland."

BittplexMutt: Which is...?
PanzerThiefZero: Right over there! (points to a nonspecific piece of land)

"Won't taking that purple pony over the border break the treaty?"

BittplexMutt: "Also, isn't this entire world technically Equestria?"

The shadow smirked. "Not if nopony knows she was taken over the border..."

BittplexMutt: But you're still gonna leave at least one pony behind.
Mono: ...Equestria doesn't have a border, Author. It's an island. *Technically* there's the Crystal Mountains, but do you really want to drag her all the way to the north?
ThatUnknownPony: An island? I thought Equestria was a continent. But yeah, no borders unless you consider the Badlands one.
SC276: Most continents are on giant islands anyway, and I don't think "Equestria" covers places like Griffonstone. In any case, the official Equestria map kicks this fic in the fucking teeth.

A lot of scary things live in the Everfree Forest, it wouldn't be surprising if one of those things came up and spirited that pony away..."

BittplexMutt: Such as?
SC276: That only works if Fluttershy thinks a monster took Rarity, you realize.

"Kehehe, you're great boss!" The gruff voiced wolf exclaimed. "So should I go get her now?"

BittplexMutt: "Uh... yes."

The shadow paused, and then nodded his head. "Make it clean though, I don't want that yellow pony harmed too badly."

SC276: For... some reason.

"I'm on it boss!" The other wolf jumped from the trees, and descended on the two unsuspecting ponies...

BittplexMutt: But the ponies were able to know them because they talked too loud.
ThatUnknownPony: ...which were already far ahead of them because they spent all the time talking instead of following them.

Bittersweet: Part 5

Crazy56U: "Cause It's the New Mother Nature Taking Over."
y2k890: "The Apple of my Pie"

Written by nukeiffum

Twilight Sparkle was lying down emotionlessly on her bed, her eyes red from crying.

ThatUnknownPony: And a dozen of bottles of moonshine laying on the floor.

She ran straight back home from Sweet Apple Acres and flung herself into her bed, crying her eyes out from the pain of Applejack's words. After two straight hours of crying, she finally settled down into an emotionless stupor and spent the time just staring the constellation chart on her wall.

Mono: Read: Some random stars she scribbled on her ceiling while drunk.

The unicorn knew in her heart that Applejack didn't mean to hurt Twilight the way she did.

BittplexMutt: Yes. Yes she did.

ThatUnknownPony: And she was gonna make sure she knew next time Twilight saw her.

The earth pony just had a different way of coping, that's all.

SC276: If you were able to identify that, you wouldn't have pushed Applejack that far in the first place.

However, knowing that fact did nothing to ease the pain Applejack's words inflicted onto Twilight. After all, those hurtful words did hold some truth to them...

SC276: Because honesty, apparently.

Twilight shook her head. It wouldn't do anypony any good to get stuck in a cycle of sad thoughts. All Twilight had to do was get back to work and... what was her job anyways?

Mono: Drinking and librarian stuff?

ThatUnknownPony: Do Princess Celestia's errands and beat the bad guys for her?

Unlike Applejack or the other ponies, Twilight was still a student, so no job aside from studying could come to her mind.

SC276: Author, this is about diabetes, not white privilege.

The purple unicorn groggily forced herself out of bed and surveyed the room. Books were scattered all across the floor, some books on arithmetic, others on biology, none of them catching Twilight's interest. These books shouldn't be all over the floor anyways!

ThatUnknownPony: Then she remembered how she tends to read while drunk and calmed down."

"Spike!" Twilight called out. "Spike! Clean up these books!"
Silence filled the room. Twilight forgot that Spike's been out of the library ever since she got back in.

Mono: He killed himself out of grief.

ThatUnknownPony: He wanted out before things got even more stupid.

If he was going to take an afternoon walk, the least he could do was clean up before he left...
Twilight groaned as she plopped herself back onto her bed. As she did, her eye caught sight of a piece of parchment lying alongside a lopsided stack of books.

SC276: It got lost on its way to the bar.

Come to think of it, Twilight thought, I haven't sent a friendship report for the past week...I just haven't really learned anything about friendship since the funeral...

Mono: Instead of the lesson you could have learned. This fic would actually be good if the author didn't focus on the melodrama too much.

ThatUnknownPony: Which means that Celestia is gonna send her back to Magic Kindergarten!

Suddenly, the sound of knocking filled the library, startling Twilight Sparkle out of her bed. She was about to call for Spike to open the door, before once again remembering that the dragon was out.
"Agh, what's that Spike doing to be out for more than two hours anyways..."

Mono: "It usually takes about an hour before he respawns."

Twilight muttered to herself. The knocking continued to echo through the room, although now that she thought about it, the knocking was strangely subdued to really be called a knock.

SC276: Given you're suddenly pretentious about not doing things yourself now, you're not one to be judging the quality of hard knocks.

"Coming!" Twilight called out as she galloped towards the door. She pulled the door open and was greeted by a sorry sight.

ThatUnknownPony: She didn't accept the apology.

"F-Fluttershy? What happened to you?"
The yellow pegasus pony was bruised and battered.

SC276: OK so they're just going to have an epic adventure in the Everfree and not tell us about it- oh right, the wolf attack. It was so goddamn stupid, I forgot about it.

Her feathers were disheveled and sticking out at odd directions, and her normally flowing pink mane was tangled with twigs and leaves. There were a bunch of shallow cuts on her body with faint traces of blood oozing out of them, and she wore an incredibly distraught expression.

SC276: That she had taken from the wolves in the struggle.

"T-Twilight!" Fluttershy struggled to say between breaths. "R-Rarity! She, and, um, it, we, in the, um, forest and, uh, um, I—"

"Fluttershy!" Twilight exclaimed worriedly. "Take a moment to catch your breath, and calmly tell me what's going on!"

ThatUnknownPony: [Fluttershy] "Rarity is trying to raise up the dead! And things kinda escalated quickly from there."

Fluttershy took three deep breaths and paused before breaking the bad news to Twilight.

"Rarity's been kidnapped!"

Mono: Again, is this subplot really necessary?

PanzerThiefZero: Well, we do need a good dose of Unnecessary Drama™ for a badfic like this.

ThatUnknownPony: I feel pity for whoever has to deal with the demented wannabe-necromancer.

SC276: Well I'll give the fic this over our other multiparter - it's *trying* to have a plot.

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"Wake up, pony!"

A cold splash of water slapped Rarity's face. The shock caused her to regain consciousness quickly, and the unicorn was greeted by a looming pair of sharp teeth.

ThatUnknownPony: And then she was eaten.

"Gyaah!" Rarity took a startled leap back. She frantically surveyed her surroundings. From what she could tell from the unrefined greenery, she was somewhere in the Everfree Forest, although she had no idea exactly where.

SC276: Right, because that's a thing that can be determined.

"Wait, what's going on here?" Rarity inquired with her usual haughty tone of voice. "Who are you two, and how dare you handle a lady the way you did?"

"Shut it, pony." The one who spoke was a shadowy figure, whose features Rarity couldn't quite make out in the darkness.

Mono: Oh boy, what kind of bullshit is this gonna end up being?

SC276: Let me guess: he's holding a Hello Kitty umbrella?

"Yeah, yeah! Keep it down, pony!" The other one who kidnapped Rarity had a gruff voice, and a grey coat of fur.

BittplexMutt: So.. Moon Moon?

"Well aren't you two rude?" Rarity criticized. Maybe the same method she used before with the Diamond Dogs would work on these two too.

SC276: Author, stop pretending you've watched the show.

"And what's with this 'pony' talk, I do have a name you know!"

ThatUnknownPony: [???] "Yeah? I don't give a fuck."

"I told you to shut it, pony!" The shadowy one said.

"That is not how you ask a lady to do you a favor!" So far getting on their nerves seemed to work.

SC276: [Rarity] "If you're angry, I win! The part of me will be played by an Internet troll!"

"But I suppose you cannot really refer to me properly if I don't introduce myself. You may call me Miss, or you can call me Rarity, or you can call me Miss Rarity, and maybe—"

Mono: [???] "*rubs temples* Oh my God, kidnapping her was a mistake..."

ThatUnknownPony: [???] "-I can call you an annoyance and put a muzzle on your snout."

SC276: But don't call her later for dinner!

"Shut your mouth, pony!" The gruff voiced one shouted.

"I thought I told you to call me 'Miss'," Rarity scoffed. "You didn't even give me your own names, even if you are kidnappers the very least you could do it introduce yourselves to me!"

ThatUnknownPony: [???] "Why, so that you can turn us to the authorities?"

The shadowy one sighed. "Call me Shadow.

Crazy56U: Take your pick: A) How original., or B) Why is this now a Sonic crossover?

Call him Gruff. Now stop talking before you regret it."

ThatUnknownPony: So Edgeboy and Moon Moon, got it.

Rarity ignored what she thought was an empty threat and continued her verbal assault. "Shadow? Gruff? Seriously? The shadowy one is called 'Shadow,' and the gruff voiced one is called 'Gruff?' Well obviously your parents didn't have a good naming sense.

SC276: Really, Rarity. Insulting mothers now.

Mono: [Shadow] "Ever heard of fake names, moron?"

ThatUnknownPony: Pointing out your problems doesn't make them go away!

Those names lack any creativity whatsoever! And those coats of yours are so filthy! I would absolutely die if my mane was messed up like that, wouldn't you?

ThatUnknownPony: [Rarity] "And then I would bring myself back from the dead! Because fuck the cycle of life, I guess!"

Oh wait, obviously not, my apologies. And I dare say, the smell you two are emitting is absolutely—" A paw suddenly grabbed the back of Rarity's head and shoved it into the ground.

ThatUnknownPony: Thank you for that.

The surprised pony tasted the foul texture of the dirt before she realized what was going on, and she struggled with every ounce of strength she had to break free, but the grip on her head was too strong. After what seemed like an eternity, the grip loosened and Rarity was able to break free, panting desperately for air.

SC276: The part of water will be played by dirt.

A second later she noticed how dirty she was. A strange skittishness crept up all over her body and she started anxiously twitching in place.

"I guess you just died once." Shadow commented, smirking.

Mono: #... YODO?

Crazy56U: [Rarity] "...no? I-I'm clearly still ali- are you stupid or something?"

ThatUnknownPony: Wouldn't it be funny if she actually died and turned into a zombie?

Rarity was able to suppress her urge to panic and instead diverted her thoughts to the current situation. She was not at all expecting that her kidnappers had backbone in them this time,

ThatUnknownPony: Yeah, because what the Diamond Dogs were missing was backbone and not intelligence.

and she didn't even know what her kidnappers were or why they were kidnapping her. The first logical step of action for her was to gather some information.

SC276: Which you already ruined by insulting them.

Rarity spat out some of the dirt that got in her mouth, and spoke with a much more subdued and compliant tone than earlier. She knew now that she couldn't take her kidnappers lightly. "W-who are you and why are you kidnapping me?"

Shadow tipped his head to Gruff for him to explain. "Well, pony, we're Diamond Dogs."

Mono: Oh, dammit! I was hoping for something stupid...

ThatUnknownPony: It is stupid, but just mildly stupid instead of outlandishly stupid.

Rarity almost did a double-take out of surprise. "You two, Diamond Dogs?" She said incredulously, forgetting about how she should be acting for a moment and going back to her haughty tone. "That's ridiculous; the Diamond Dogs were rude, disgusting, and stupid."

Mono: And poachers.

ThatUnknownPony: And the founders of Outer Heaven.

"Oh, so you're going to talk about our brethren like that, pony?" Shadow bared his fangs.

SC276: [Rarity] "...Are you baring your fangs at me? I can't tell in the dark."

Instantly, Rarity shifted back into her subdued tone of voice. "O-of course not, slip of the tongue darling." She gave a sheepish smile.

Shadow smirked. "You're right about that; Diamond Dogs are rude, disgusting, and stupid."

Mono: "I hate myself."

ThatUnknownPony: "Why else would we kidnap you twice?"

However, we're of a higher breed than those mutts. The two of us are wolves."

ThatUnknownPony: So this is the return of Dog and Wolf.

"... wolves?" Rarity questioned, not exactly comprehending.

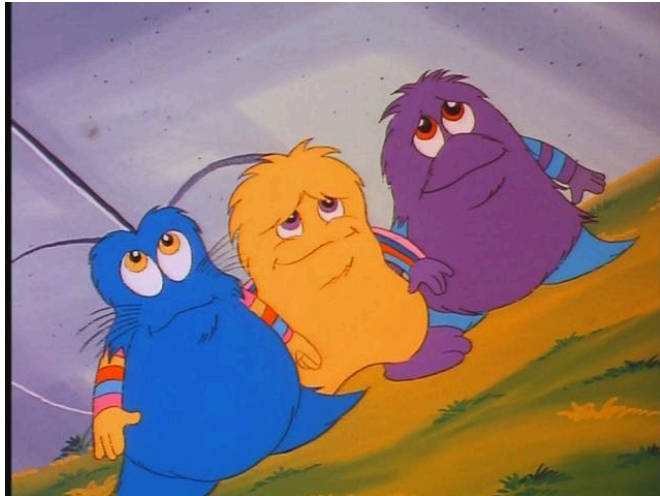
SC276: [Rarity] "Like, Diamond Wolves? That ruins the whole David Bowie thing and turns this into, like, an *Earthbound* ripoff."

Shadow sighed. "Explain, Gruff."

SC276: [Moon Moon] "Why me and not you?"

[Edgedog] "Because 1) I don't give enough of a shit; and 2) so you'll stop carving your initials in the trees!"

"You see, pony, back before your little Princess Celestia rose the sun for Equestria, a bunch more species of animals lived around these parts.



BittplexMutt: Like these guys.

Crazy56U: No, like these.



y2k890:



CaptainPipsqueak:

There was this little thing called the food chain, you see, and once Celestia came into power with her magic this food chain thing had to go.

Mono: She forced everyone to be a vegetarian.

So she sent all the species that proved a danger to you ponies off to a faraway land ruled by destruction and anarchy.

SC276: And yet *Discord* was...

Of course, we put up a fight, but us non-magical species had no way to stand up against Celestia, and in the end we signed a truce, agreeing to stay on our side of the border, while you ponies lived happily and blissfully unaware of our plight."

BittplexMutt: So, that treaty was completely pointless.

ThatUnknownPony: And now we have Pony Supremacy. Just what this story needed.
SC276: And I thought Twilight's attitude this chapter was enough evidence of that.

"F-food chain?" Rarity stopped listening to Gruff's history lesson after the mention of the food chain.

BittplexMutt: Yes. Food chain.

ThatUnknownPony: Mostly because she was thinking about dinner.

"D-do pray tell, what does that entail?" The unicorn asked, knowing full well what it would entail. Shadow bared his fangs again. "You see, us wolves are carnivorous, and your little Princess Celestia

SC276: [Rarity] "Have you ever actually seen how tall she is?"
[Edgedog] "No and shut up."

banished us for a single reason.

"We eat ponies like you."

SC276: ...Gryphons ate horses. What's your point?

Rarity gulped.

"But don't worry, we have no plans to eat you. After all..." Shadow threw Rarity a stick. "You're going to be our little goldmine."

Mono: Suddenly, "A Dog and Pony Show Part 2."

ThatUnknownPony: We interrupt *Pet Sematary* but *stupid* to bring you a rehashed episode.

Rarity bit her lip. "I-I don't know what you're talking about! Me, a goldmine? Ridiculous! W-well, since I'm obviously going to be of no use to you, I guess you should set me free, right?"

"Haha, that's rich!" Gruff laughed. "We heard all about your skills from our underlings that stupidly let you go some time ago."

SC276: Wait, does that mean Ponyville is *right next to the border* of Equestria? Why the fuck would Canterlot be *that* close to the edge where there be monsters?

But if you really have no skills..." Gruff licked his chops. "I could always go for a little snack."

ThatUnknownPony: "Tell me, do you have a nearby Denny's?"

"G-gemstones it is, gentlemen!" Rarity nervously concentrated her magic and surveyed the land for gemstones. There were a few gemstones buried underground a few meters away, and Rarity marked the spot with the stick. "T-there's a couple of gemstones right there, gentlemen. Have at it!"

The wolves just stood still and smirked at Rarity. "Well, go on, dig, we're waiting."

SC276: Said one of them.

Mono: Why the fuck does Rarity getting kidnapped matter in the story? What does this have to do with Pinkie's death at all?

ThatUnknownPony: It distracts her from summoning the undead.

Rarity grimaced. She just got a pedicure the other day too...

SC276: [Rarity] "But you're the one whose claws are made for-"
[Edgedog] "are you ready to treat the ground as water again"

The unicorn hesitantly drove her hoof into the ground and slowly started digging. This dirt will have an awful effect on her hooves...

ThatUnknownPony: *deadpan* Oh no, not her hooficure. Oh, the huge manatee!

"Dig faster, pony!"

Rarity did a slight jump and increased her speed. These Diamond Wolves

Crazy56U: No, Rarity, Diamond Dogs. You know, that private military company Venom Snake was part of during the 1980s?look, it was either this, or me butchering the David Bowie song. The way I figure it, Konami already did the butchering in the case of *this* reference, so I'm clean.

SC276: Plus you *already* butchered the David Bowie song.

Crazy56U: Yes, that was the joke I was making. (ball drops in the background)

BittplexMutt: What a weird knockoff of a Diamond Dog.

or whatever they wanted to be called were dangerous, and it'd be in ill health to go against their orders.

BittplexMutt: This fic is ill health.

ThatUnknownPony: *Riveting*.

As she dug, she spread her survey of the land further, trying to get a decent grasp of where she was in the off chance she could find an opening to escape. She was halfway done with the gemstones she was digging up when she suddenly felt a sudden influx of magic rebound from her extended survey.

SC276: Magic can't cause echolocation, author.

It felt awfully familiar too...

Rarity gave an excited jump when she realized what it was.

Mono: Kryptonite?

Crazy56U: The Chaos Emeralds?

SC276: Third thing?

"Hey pony! Who told you to stop digging?"

"Y-yes sirs, I'm dreadfully sorry!" Rarity continued to excavate the gemstones. If she was right... just maybe...

BittplexMutt: Maybe maybe..

Crazy56U: She just needs all 7, and then heads will roll.

Rarity finished unearthing the gemstones that lay at her feet, and the wolves took them and threw them into a cart.

SC276: That they have now.

BittplexMutt: and then breaking them.

"You're going to pull too, pony." Rarity grimaced as the wolves fastened the harness onto her back.

BittplexMutt: Which they did with ease.

SC276: Dude, it's just a small bit of gemstones, practically a drop in a bucket.

She again marked another spot and began digging.

BittplexMutt: Dig, dig, diggity dig.

Mono: I AM A DWARF AND I'M DIGGING A HOLE!

Just a couple thousand meters away... were the Ruins of the Ancient Pony Sisters.

BittplexMutt: Not Celestia and Luna, just another pony sisters.

Even though the situation was dire, Rarity still didn't forget the reason why she was in the Everfree Forest in the first place.

BittplexMutt: Really? At a time like this?

Mono: Well, it's bloody fortunate she doesn't have amnesia.

ThatUnknownPony: And now she has two convenient sacrifices at hand, too!

Besides, Zecora mentioned the Ruins held ancient magic, it was possible she could find another spell for self-defense.

BittplexMutt: Somehow.

If she could somehow get closer to the Ruins and break away from her kidnappers...

BittplexMutt: And raise the dead..

ThatUnknownPony: And let them snack on the wolves...

An idea sparked in her head.

SC276: And then it caught on fire.

Crazy56U: [Rarity] "(thinking) Life insurance for couches... ...it *might* work..."

In the worst case, her friends would be unable to ever find her in the uncultivated forest.

BittplexMutt: Except Zecora.

But if she could get to the ruins, then even if she couldn't find the spell she could possibly find a place to hide until her friends found her.

BittplexMutt: Eventually.

ThatUnknownPony: Or she would hide there and wait until she starves and dies.

Mono: But how the fuck would you go there with these wolves there, hm?

SC276: I can think of one way, but what are the odds the author has brains enough to think of it.

And a landmark was a lot easier to locate than a random spot in the Everfree Forest.

ThatUnknownPony: Considering how Twilight's Library, another landmark, was so easy to miss...

"Stop slacking off and work, pony!" Gruff bellowed.

"Y-yes gentlemen!" Rarity responded.

Her plan was risky, but at the moment it was the only feasible option available to her.

BittplexMutt: She played *Risk* before.

Bearing the task of hard labor, Rarity grudgingly put up with the wolves' demand, all the time working one more step toward her plan's fruition...

SC276: Whatever that is.

ThatUnknownPony: Everything in the name of Necromancy.

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Everypony was gathered at the town center to discuss the new crisis that arose.

SC276: Someone being kidnapped by wolves requires the *entire town*?

After Fluttershy told Twilight that Rarity was kidnapped, the poor yellow pegasus pony collapsed from shock and exhaustion. Since then, Mercy the nursepony applied some minor first aid to Fluttershy,

Mono: Redheart apparently got out of this story ASAP.

ThatUnknownPony: She knew that her neurons were too valuable to be wasted here.

cleaning up her minor injuries, and Twilight gathered everypony to the town square to discuss the crisis.

Fluttershy fluttered herself awake, dazedly staring out of the first aid tent she was in to see Twilight talking to the townspeople.

SC276: Because *Fluttershy* is the appropriate perspective character for this.

"Everypony stay calm!" Twilight dictated. "I don't know the exact details, but once Fluttershy regains consciousness she'll be able to inform us of what's happening!"

SC276: You called the *entire town* before you had all the details?! These people have their own lives, you know!

The pegasus pony hid her face behind the curtain upon hearing her name, not wanting to face the public spotlight.

SC276: And so Twilight continues to be an asshole.

However, she saw that Twilight was having trouble keeping the crowd under control, and she timidly stepped out of the first aid tent.

"Hey everypony!" Lyra called out. "Fluttershy's awake!"

Mono: [Everyone] "Who gives a shit?"

Fluttershy shot a meek glare over at Lyra and Bon-Bon. Even though she resolved to step in front of the crowd to assist Twilight, she still would've appreciated a couple more seconds of anonymity.

SC276: We don't care, we're *this* close to the end of the part!

"Oh thank goodness you're okay, Fluttershy." Twilight Sparkle said. "Come up here on the podium and explain to everypony what's going on!"

SC276: [Twilight] "Or the shivving starts!"

"Oh, um..." Fluttershy shyly took the stage. "Um... hello everypony... um, my name is Fluttershy, which, um, I'm sure you all know." The pressure was starting to make her sweat a little. "Well, you see, me and Rarity, um, I mean, Rarity and I, um,

Mono; GET ON WITH IT!

we went into the Everfree Forest to see, um, Zecora. And, uh, on our way back something attacked us, and, um, uh, yeah... they took Rarity and knocked me out." The last part came out little more than a squeak, but somehow everypony managed to hear her.

"The Everfree Forest!" Somepony called out. "We can't go in there! It's too dangerous!"

y2k890: "Despite the fact that Twilight and the others have gone in multiple times and come out just fine!"

Cries of agreement were scattered throughout the crowd. No pony other than Twilight Sparkle and her friends ever set foot into the Everfree Forest, meaning that everypony was too afraid to venture in.

SC276: [author] "I don't trust my readers to make connections on their own!"

"Guys!" Twilight desperately tried to get her voice heard in the crowd. "We need to send a team in to search for and rescue Rarity!" However, no matter how loud the purple unicorn shouted, her voice was drowned out by the objections of the crowd.

SC276: What, a team of four's not enough?

"Um, everypony," Fluttershy tried to have her voice break through the crowd, but as expected she met with much less luck than Twilight. "Um, we need to help Rarity. She is our, um, dear friend, and, uh, *squeak*!" Fluttershy ducked her head in fear of the rising volume of the crowd.

SC276: It almost decapitated her.

Suddenly, a single pony's voice bellowed throughout the crowd. "WHAT IN TARNATION IS EVERYPONY ARGUIN' ABOUT?"

Mono; And somehow, Applejack can do what all the other ponies can't.

Applejack ran into the town square, an annoyed expression on her face. She briefly made eye contact with Twilight for a second before averting her gaze to Fluttershy.

"Oh Applejack, thank goodness you're here!" Fluttershy said, relieved. "Rarity's been kidnapped!"

SC276: [Applejack] "Good, I never liked that bitch."

"What! When?"

"Um... a little more than two hours ago, I think." Fluttershy squeaked.

"Are you serious?" Applejack cried out. "First Applebloom's gone disappeared, and then Rarity was kidnapped! Can this day get any worse?"

SC276: Well you could be having to read this...

"Waitwaitwait, Applebloom's missing?" Twilight called out to Applejack.

Mono: Rarity's kidnapper is Apple Bloom in a wolf costume. Calling it now.

"Uhh, yeah." Applejack answered, avoiding Twilight's gaze. "Big Mac's out lookin' for her now."

"Oh dear..." Twilight held her head in her hooves for a moment.

SC276: [Twilight] "why did I leave my moonshine at home- oh right, because Spike's out and I'm too entitled to carry it myself."

"Okay, everypony listen up! We're going to divide up into two teams! Me, Applejack, Fluttershy, and Rainbow Dash will go out into the Everfree Forest to search for Rarity! Everypony else will scour the town for Applebloom!"

SC276: Give them something to do so they think they're contributing.

"Um, Twilight...?" Fluttershy tugged gently at Twilight's mane. "Rainbow Dash isn't here..."

Twilight's eye twitched for a second. "What do you mean she's not here? A crowd like this always draws her in!"

Mono: Because Rainbow is always drowns to crowds?

"Come to think of it," Vinyl Scratch cut in, "I haven't seen Rainbow Dash since the funeral last week." Murmurs of agreement rose from the crowd. It seemed that Rainbow Dash completely disappeared the day after the funeral.

"AGH! Where's that pony when you really need her!" Twilight exclaimed.

SC276: [Twilight] "(banging her head on the podium) Why can't season 2 have happened yet?!"

"Um... Twilight?" Fluttershy shyly interjected.

"What is it Fluttershy?"

SC276: [Fluttershy] "(points at the ungrounded podium) You, uh, have something on your horn..."

"... I know where Rainbow Dash might've went."

Twilight's eye twitched once again. "B-but... earlier, when I asked, you said you didn't know where she is!"

"Oh, yeah, um, well, about that..." Fluttershy bit her lip. "... I lied. Sorry." Twilight gave Fluttershy an exasperated glare.

SC276: [Twilight] "This fic is already bullshit enough without-!"

"Oh, um, it's not like I lied because I was playing around Twilight! Oh, nonono, you see, um, I thought she needed to be by herself for a while, so, um, I decided to give her some...*gulp*... time?" "Where is she, Fluttershy?" Twilight asked sternly.

y2k890: Up your ass.

PanzerThiefZero: Right over there. (points in a non-specific direction)

BittplexMutt: Twilight is channeling her inner Christian Bale Batman.

Mono: Setting up a factory in Cloudsdale.

SC276: I thought we've been over this, Mono.

"Oh, um, she, uh... flew south... towards Fillydelphia." Fluttershy admitted.

Twilight facehoofed. "Fillydelphia is hours away from Ponyville! There's no way anypony other than Rainbow Dash could fly over there and back fast enough!"

BittplexMutt: You say that now..

"Supersonic time traveler sergeant muffins reporting for mailtime!"

Mono: NO! LEAVE! STAY OUT OF THIS!

Twilight showed a confused expression. "... what?"

Crazy56U: I agree.

The crowd awkwardly dispersed,

Crazy56U: Because not even they like Derpy's characterization here.

revealing a certain wall-eyed pegasus pony standing happily in the middle with her hoof up.

"Mailpony job for express dolphin service!" Derpy called out happily.

Crazy56U: [Twilight Sparkle] "... .. (to the crowd; pointedly ignoring Derpy) Anyone else?! Anyone who can speak English?!"

"Delivery in 30 minutes or less, or postage is free!"

SC276: [Derpy] "Oddly enough, my packages all consist of pizza!"

Crazy56U: Lies.

Twilight still held a confused expression on her face. "I don't get it."

"Don't you know, Twilight?" A stallion with an hourglass cutie mark stepped beside Derpy.

Crazy56U: Fuck you, Doctor, you're enabling this shit.

She thought his name was Doctor Whoof or something...

Mono: *we just did a fucking doctor whooves fic why is he back.*

SC276: (walks through a wall)

"Derpy is the second-fastest flier in Ponyville!" Doctor Whoof exclaimed. "Why, just the other day when I was constructing an incorporeal wormhole, Derpy flew fast enough to stop the thermonuclear reactor from imploding on itself!

Crazy56U: [Twilight Sparkle] "... ... (to the crowd; now pointedly ignoring Derpy and the Doctor) *Seriously, anyone else?! Don't make me beg here!*"

It was brilliant to see how fast she flew to stop the invasion!"

"Muffins!" Derpy agreed.

Whatever Doctor Whoof was talking about flew straight over Twilight's head.

SC276: [Twilight] "This is just... so fucking bullshit, the fucks I give descended into negatives."

However, she understood one thing.

Crazy56U: [Twilight Sparkle] "(thinking) If I say 'Sure', Derpy will go away."

"Derpy, can you fly to Fillydelphia and bring Rainbow Dash back here in less than an hour?"

Derpy nodded. "The bullet express train saves the muffin money!"

Mono: ...I hate you.

Crazy56U: [Twilight Sparkle] "*Please for the love of God, stop talking.*"

"I'll take that as a yes!

SC276: [Twilight] "I don't give enough of a shit to argue that!"

Crazy56U: Twilight said, violently choking down her rage.

Hold on for a moment though." Twilight hastily brought out a piece of parchment from a nearby stand and quickly scribbled a message onto it. "It's not my best handwriting, but it does the job!"

y2k890: [Derpy] "To what am hands?"

BittplexMutt: It's just a bunch of scribbles.

She passed the note to Derpy. "Pass this on to Rainbow Dash when you find her, okay Derpy?"

Crazy56U: Derpy proceeded to say nothing as she ate the note. Twilight then began praying that her headache was the result of a brain embolism about to kill her.

Derpy did her trademark wall-eyed salute.

SC276: Patent pending.

"Faster than muffin baking!"

CaptainPipsqueak: Yeah. Just... just *don't* do that, Derpy. You're better than this.

BittplexMutt: Because muffins.

SC276: (checks) ...That actually *is* about 30 minutes.

The mailpony took Twilight's note and stuffed it into her bag, and launched herself into the air.

BittplexMutt: Like a cannon.

SC276: The resulting shockwave killed dozens.

"Alright, we'll leave a trail so Rainbow Dash can quickly find us once Derpy gets her here." Twilight told the other ponies.

BittplexMutt: That won't be for awhile.

Mono: Meanwhile, Derpy already lost directions and was well on her way to Sequestria.

"Fluttershy, Applejack?" The two ponies stepped towards Twilight, both nervously averting their gaze, which was normal for Fluttershy, but uncommon for Applejack.

BittplexMutt: She knows what she did.

Twilight Sparkle disregarded Applejack's strange behavior.

Crazy56U: Which actually isn't out of character for Twilight, as she ignores Applejack on principle after that one Winter Wrap Up.

There were more important things to worry about right now.

SC276: Like the fact her sister is missing.

BittplexMutt: Twilight hates Applejack.

Crazy56U: ...who *wouldn't*?

"Ready girls? It's time to go find Rarity!"

PanzerThiefZero: Next time on Bittersweet: they find Rarity probably.

Crazy56U: Is it bad that I kinda lost interest in this after it ripped off *Scru-* I just fucking realized this riff happened on the fifth anniversary of *Equestria Girls*.

ThatUnknownPony: Wait, *that means we would've had riffed... FUCKING HELL, RING!*

Mono: ...Except no, because the schedule changed.

Crazy56U:so?

BittplexMutt: I thought this fic was supposed to be about Pinkie's death: What happened?

Crazy56U: Rarity snapped.

SC276: For once we have a fic that's decent on a technical level. No typos, proper paragraph breaks, rarely is it unclear who's speaking... It emphasizes how the content is a total slog. The basic premise - the Mane Six coping with one of their own dying - is well enough on its own, but the execution of this idea is *preposterously terrible*, because everyone's characterizations are scattered to the wind. Let's start

with the kickoff - Pinkie Pie. She's the victim here, and why? Because she has diabetes (apparently horses actually *can* get that) and decides to kill herself with sugar. Aside from the fact that it would not be a quick kill as was explained earlier, it shows just how the author needs to shove his way to his main plot point. Pinkie Pie is the party pony that tries to be friends with and bring joy to everyone - and yet the author would have us believe that, faced with the possibility that she would have to significantly lower her sugar intake to live, *she would rather die*. Since when was eating nonstop sweets part of Pinkie's character at all, or at least enough of it to a degree that she finds life fulfillment only in sugar and *not in her friends*?! The other standout example of mischaracterization is Rarity, who looks at fabric and *somehow* connects dots leading to necromancy - I shouldn't have to explain that further. Rainbow Dash is a less severe example - like, she couldn't bury herself in her house? She *had* to move in with Gilda? The entire rest of the story is just ripping off television - at least two season one episodes and an episode of some doctor sitcom because *ER* and *House* were getting to be too much. Damn this story. Why couldn't an author that can write decently *write decently*?