

# Chapter 1: The Shower

The sun filtered in through the glass window, gently warming the small gray pegasus as she slowly awoke. She opened her eyes, her most fascinating feature. The two eyes constantly looked in different directions, which made it hard on the poor pony. She had grown accustomed to her eyes, but that doesn't prevent the problems she constantly faces with them. She stood up and stretched, climbing out of her bed. Derpy smiled. Today was Sunday, the one day of the week she didn't have anything to do, and she loved the time off. She looked out the window, letting the sunlight shine on her face. Derpy shook her head, letting her mane fall into place, her blond hair falling over one of her eyes. She yawned, walking towards her door, then quickly opening it and walking out, heading towards the edge of the Everfree Forest.

Derpy arrived at the small cottage. Outside, a table was set. Derpy made her way over to the table and sat down, looking towards the dark forest ahead. She shivered, then looked towards the cottage door. "Hey Fluttershy!" The gray pony smiled as Fluttershy flew over, landing near the opposite end of the table. Fluttershy placed a teapot on the table, and smiled.

"Hello to you too, Derpy." Fluttershy watched Angel and another bunny jump onto the table and steal a muffin before jumping down and running off. "Oh no, Angel, don't steal food from the table..." She shook her head. "That silly bunny."

Derpy smiled and chuckled a bit before grabbing a muffin herself. "So Fluttershy, who was that other bunny with Angel?" She took a bite of the muffin, then swallowed, savoring the flavor. "I thought you only had the one. I was unaware you had a second one."

Fluttershy smiled. "Oh, that was just Sir Izenhime. He's just a friend of Angel's. Those two have been running around doing all sorts of things." She smiled and poured a bit of tea into both hers and Derpy's cups. "They don't mean any harm, really, but they have been acting up lately." She took a sip of her tea. "Just the other day I caught them teasing some poor girl bunny." Fluttershy sighed, then looked at Derpy. "I don't know what's gotten into the poor thing..."

Derpy shrugged. She took a sip of her tea. She rubbed her left eye, then took another bite of her muffin, looking at Fluttershy. "So, Sir Izenhime, was it? Is the sir part like a title or is it just with the name?"

"It's a title." Fluttershy smiled. "His name is Izenhime, and the sir is just a title part."

Fluttershy watched as Angel lifted a black feather and jumped onto the table, rubbing the feather under Fluttershy's nose. Fluttershy rubbed her nose, but was unable to stop the sneeze from coming out. She sniffed. Angel fell backwards laughing, then quickly jumped off the table and ran towards his small house. Fluttershy looked at Derpy. "He's so cute...But he's been so rude lately."

Derpy smiled and finished off her muffin. "Oh hey, did you hear about the meteor shower tonight? Should be pretty. Wanna go see it?" Derpy took another sip of tea, then grabbed a second muffin, and began to nibble on that.

Fluttershy nodded. "Yes, I have heard about it. It should be wonderful. I'd love to go watch it with you, Derpy." She took another sip of tea, then looked into the cup. She had finished off what was left in her cup, so she picked up the pot and poured more into her cup, and offered Derpy another cup. Derpy shook her head, so Fluttershy smiled, and set the pot back onto the table.

Derpy smiled. "We can watch it from...There!" Derpy pointed with her hoof towards a tall mountain off in the distance. The mountain looked as if it touched the sky, but for a pegasus like them, there would be no trouble getting to the top to view the meteor shower. Derpy turned back to Fluttershy. "It will be fun!"

Fluttershy looked at the mountain. Her ears lowered. That was the same mountain that the red dragon had once been sleeping in. She had a bit of a problem when it came to heights, but now that the dragon was no longer there, she wouldn't have a problem flying up to the top. She looked back at Derpy. "Sure, it sounds fun..."

Derpy frowned, but then she smiled. "This only happens once every ten thousand years. They say these meteors have a special magical quality that unicorns can use to power their magic. Weird eh?" Derpy took a bite of her muffin, and gulped it down, opening her eyes wide. "Oh my gosh, I forgot I had to go talk to Cheerilee!" Derpy popped the last bit of muffin into her mouth and turned to leave. "Sorry Fluttershy!! Meet me on the top of the mountain tonight! I'll see you then!"

Derpy jumped into the air and flew towards the schoolhouse, leaving Fluttershy behind to clean up the supplies. Derpy smiled as she flew through the air, letting the wind run through her mane. She always loved flying, and she loved her job as the mail mare, because then she could fly anywhere she wanted. She looked down as she passed over the schoolhouse, half-expecting the little fillies and foals who went to school there to be running out for recess. Derpy flew down to the schoolhouse and landed outside the door. She pushed the door open with her front left

hoof. "Hello?" Derpy called, looking throughout the room. In the back of the room, there stood Cheerilee, writing something on a blackboard with a piece of chalk. Cheerilee turned when she heard the door open. She smiled.

"Hey there, Derpy! You are just in time." Cheerilee turned to Derpy and motioned over towards a book. She walked over to it, and picked it up, carrying it over to a desk near Derpy. She placed it on the desk and smiled. "I need you to bring this to the library for me. I'd do it myself, but I have to prepare for school tomorrow. I'm having some trouble getting two specific fillies to pay attention in class."

Derpy nodded. She looked at the book. "The Great Alicorn..." Derpy looked up at Cheerilee. "What is it?"

Cheerilee smiled. "It's an old mare's tale." She flipped open the cover of the book, and began to summarize the book for Derpy. "Long ago, there was a Great Alicorn. The Great Alicorn had amazing magic, and he was the creator of the Elements of Harmony." She looked at Derpy. "The Great Alicorn, however, held too much power for one pony. Even after splitting his power among the six items that held the Elements' power, his power was still destroying his body from within." She walked over to the window and looked up into the sky. "He then took his power, as well as his own body, and sent it into space. This created the meteors that come by every ten thousand years, the Sorcerer's Shower. The Great Alicorn's magic is held within the meteors in the shower." She closed the book and smiled. "It is said that if anypony with the ability to use magic harnesses the meteors, their power will be great." She laughed. "But of course if the Great Alicorn couldn't handle it, what makes anypony think they could?" She stopped laughing and smiled at Derpy. "Besides, it is just an old mare's tale used to describe the meteor shower. It's most likely not true in the slightest."

Derpy nodded, but in her head she thought something different. Nightmare Moon's story was just a mare's tale, but it turned out to be true. She just shrugged it off. She smiled at Cheerilee. "So why did this Alicorn split his power into the Elements of Harmony? Why create something so powerful that could be used?"

Cheerilee smiled. "You see, he created the Elements of Harmony so that his power may be used, but only be used by those with pure intentions." Her face grew grim as she looked down. "If somepony evil got a hold of that kind of raw magical energy, just think of the horrors they could unleash..."

Derpy looked at Cheerilee. "Um...Cheerilee?" She picked up the book in her mouth and tossed it onto her own back. She looked at Cheerilee, who seemed to be somewhat lost in

thought. “Cheerilee!” Derpy yelled, trying to snap her back into reality.

Cheerilee shook her head. “Oh my, sorry Derpy. I sometimes get so lost in thought I forget what’s happening around me!” She laughed, instantly reverting back to her old self. “You should see the class. Half the time they have to make me pay attention!” she exclaimed, putting emphasis on the word “me.”

Derpy smiled. “It’s alright. I’ll go to the library now. Twilight would be thrilled to read this before the meteor shower tonight.” She turned to leave. “I’ll see you later, Cheerilee!”

Derpy took off into the air, making sure the book didn’t fall off her back as she flew towards the library where Twilight Sparkle lived. Derpy had a rocky relationship with Twilight. The one time they really had interaction was when Derpy accidentally dropped several items onto Twilight’s head. The fact Twilight survived that many blows to the head was a miracle in Derpy’s crazy eyes. She landed outside the door and pushed it open, looking inside.

Inside, there were many shelves containing many books, each one Twilight has most likely read or planned to read. There was a pile of books next to one of the walls, and a small purple dragon was placing them back onto the shelves, grumbling under his breath. Derpy walked inside, and slid the book off her back and onto the table. She walked up to the ladder that the dragon was on. “Hey Spike!”

Spike teetered on the ladder in surprise before plummeting to the floor. Derpy took a step back as Spike picked himself up. “Ow...Oh hey Derpy! Got something to deliver? Oh wait, today is Sunday.” Spike looked at the table. “Did I miss another book?”

Derpy smiled. “No, no. I brought that. Cheerilee asked me to bring it over.” Derpy looked at Spike. “Sorry for making you fall off your ladder. I thought you heard me enter.” She rubbed her nose with her hoof, and sneezed. When Spike fell, he had knocked up a layer of dust that had been piling up on some of the books. She shook her head.

Spike nodded. “It’s fine, I was busy putting up the books. Twilight leaves them out. You’d think she’d be able to pick up after herself.” Spike picked up another book and set it on the shelf. “Anyway, you should talk to Twilight about that book. She made some of this mess looking for it. It’s the one about that alicorn right? The Great Alicorn? She wanted to read it. Something about magical powers or something.”

Derpy nodded. “Do you happen to know where Twilight is?” She looked up the stairs and saw a book fly through a door and tossed down the stairs, landing with a thud. Derpy smiled.

“Nevermind, I think I know where she might be.” Derpy made her way over to the stairs and climbed up, dodging another book that flew through the door. She walked into the room and found Twilight running around, looking for something. “Hey, Twi-”

Twilight turned to Derpy. “Derpy! No time for greetings, I need to find a book. Help me out. It’s called The Great Alicorn. I know it is in the library somewhere but I don’t know where and I can’t seem to find it and I need to find it and...” Twilight took in a deep breath and sighed. “Sorry...”

Derpy smiled. “It’s on the table downstairs. Cheerilee had it until just now. She asked me to return it to you.” Derpy watched as Twilight’s eyes lit up. She moved out of the way as Twilight charged down the stairs. Derpy chuckled, then looked around the room. “So this is her bedroom...Who would have thought this was in a library?” She looked up at the balcony and saw a large telescope. She flew up to the balcony and looked through the window. “Hey...You can see that mountain from here...” Derpy smiled. She was eager for night to arrive. Once the Sorcerer’s Shower started, it would be beautiful. She turned around in time to see Twilight walk back in with a book floating behind her. Derpy flew down and over to Twilight, landing next to her. Derpy looked at Twilight. “Cheerilee told me about this story. It’s an old mare’s tale right? Like the tale of Nightmare Moon?”

Twilight looked at Derpy. She nodded. “Right. This one is much older, however.” She looked at the book with a wide smile. “The Sorcerer’s Shower is just a beautiful sight. And if the story is true, then my magic will be ten times stronger than ever before!” She looked at Derpy once again. “But I am not sure it is true. Princess Celestia would have told me if there was a single Alicorn who created the Elements of Harmony.” She sighed. “But after learning Nightmare Moon was real, and then realizing Pinkie had this weird sense thing, I am beginning to believe more and more.”

Derpy nodded, then turned towards the door back to the stairs. “I’m going to go meet Fluttershy now. We were going to watch the shower from the mountain over there. Should be a spectacular view. Want to watch with us?”

Twilight shook her head. “No, I have to study these meteors. There’s some questions I want answered.” She looked at Derpy. “Applejack might want to go with you two if you want a third pony there.”

Derpy shook her head. “No, it’s fine. I wouldn’t think Applejack would be interested in a bunch of flaming rocks.” Derpy chuckled, then quickly trotted out of the building, heading towards the library exit. On her way down, she noticed Spike, who was back up on his ladder

placing more books onto their appropriate shelves. Derpy smiled weakly. “Um Spike, I can help you if you would like me to. I don’t have much of a hurry, the shower isn’t for another few hours. I have some spare time.”

Spike smiled. “That’d be great if you would help. I didn’t tell Twilight this, but I kinda want to see the meteor shower too. If we finish up early, then I’ll be able to watch it tonight!” He looked at Derpy. “Please?”

Derpy laughed and started picking up books with her hooves and sliding them into their slots on the shelves. “Sure, Spike. I’d be glad to help you.”

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