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"Whoa, you weren't kidding Fluttershy." Dash said in amazement, still staring at the new person in from of her and her friends.

Twilight slowly walked up to Mike. At the same time, he emerged from the shade of the tree. He and the purple pony were now mere feet between eachother. She took any of her anxiety and pushed it deep into her head and formed a smile.

"My name's Twilight Sparkle. That's Rainbow Dash, and I believe you've already met Fluttershy." The unicorn welcomed, gesturing to her friends behind her.

'Shit how do I go by doing this?' Mike crouched down to eye level with Twilight. "My name's Mike. It's very nice to meet you three."

Any anxiety that was in the three ponies was whisked away at Mike's sincere greeting. Even Fluttershy peeked out from Dash, despite the pegasus still hovering in the air.

"If you don't mind me asking... what are you?" Twilight posed, practically mortified by her own question.

'Time to use that story I pieced together while I walked the five seconds over here' Mike thought. "Well, I'm a human. Guess I really can't put it any other way than that." he answered, shrugging his shoulders heavily.

"I've never even heard of a human before. Where are you from?" the unicorn asked, her curiosity spiking.

"Well, you seem like a smart pony. So I won't lie to ya." Mike responded scratching the back of his head. Twilight perked up at the compliment.

"I just appeared here, out of thin air." Mike confessed, putting his hands in his pockets.

The three ponies looked at him, dumbfounded.

"That's it?" Rainbow Dash spoke up, clearly annoyed at his simple confusing answer. "Something as cool as you, I was hoping for something well... cooler!" throwing her hooves in the air.

Twilight for one was not content with the human's explanation, and narrowed her eyes at him. "It's a little more complicated than that, isn't it?"

Mike dropped his head in a rolling-eye fashion. "What do you expect me to say? I'm from a completely different plain of existence?"

"Well, that would've been better." She said, as a matter of factly.

"Okay. I'm from a completely different plain of existence. How's that?" Mike said, raising his

arms a bit and dropping them back to his sides, smiling innocently.

Twilight really wanted to believe the human in front of her. She always had a knack for reading people, he was telling the truth; well, as much as he was letting on. After several seconds of thought, Mike looking at his feet uncomfortably, and Dash's impatient wing flapping she made her decision.

"Well, you can't stay out here in the woods. You're more than welcome to stay with one of us while we figure out how to get you home." She finally said, a smile appearing on her face once again. Dash silently agreed, nodding her head. Fluttershy had cracked a small smile as well, no longer standing behind the other pegasus.

"Actually Twilight, it might not be a good idea for him to stay with me, seeing how my home is in the sky." Dash brought.

"Me too... no offense." Fluttershy added. "It would be too... uncomfortable for me." She admitted softly.

"Then it's settled." The unicorn chirped excitedly. "You'll stay at my house. Might as well, with my library I might be able to find a solution to get you home."

"Thank you Twilight, that's very nice of you." Mike said, thankful of her selfless gesture.

"Let's head back to town. I'm sure we have a lot of researching ahead of us." Twilight said enthusiastically. The three ponies and human started making their back to town.

"Great. Five minutes after meeting you and she already wants to read more books." The blue Pegasus said, annoyed by her friend's bad habit.

'Heh, typical Twilight.' Mike said silently to himself.

After several minutes of what Mike felt was aimless walking, he spotted the rooftops of Ponyville's buildings as the four stopped on top a low-lying hill.

"Well here we are, Ponyville!" Twilight exclaimed to Mike.

'Just as it looked in the show.' Mike thought. Small, quaint, full of ponies... wait. Full of PONIES!? "So... how are we gonna do this?"

"Do what?" Twilight, not understanding Mike's question.

"How are we gonna get me to your place without the whole town noticing?" He added, pointing his hand to the large tree towering over most of the other houses.

"Good point. We don't want to relive you and Fluttershy at a much larger scale." Twilight mentioned. The yellow Pegasus cracked a small giggle recalling their first encounter, no longer afraid of her new near six-foot friend.

"I got an idea!" Dash spoke up. "What if I fly around over the square and distract everypony while Mike sneaks over to your house?"

Twilight put a hoof to her mouth as she thought over the idea. "That's perfect! While Dash distracts the town, Flutter shy and myself will escort you directly to my home."

"Works for me." The human agreed. He sensed he was going to haul ass in the near future, so he limbered up his legs a bit.

"Alright. Dash anytime you're ready." Twilight ordered her blue friend, who instantly whooshed over Ponyville and started to perform amazing aerial tricks over the town. She looked back at Mike and Fluttershy. "Okay follow me."

The three made their way to the back of what Mike could've sworn was the Cake's bake shop, judging by the decorative deserts and candies it adorned. Twilight peeked around the building and noticed large groups of townspoonies gathering over where Dash was performing her astounding show. The unicorn, without a word, turned from the building and darted across the entire market and over to her tree house. She looked at Fluttershy from afar and gave her friend the 'all clear' signal. The yellow pegasus looked back at Mike.

"Twilight says it's all clear. Stay right behind me... or I mean keep your distance... um... ?" The little pony grew very nervous with him following behind her all of a sudden.

"I know what you mean Fluttershy. I won't lag." Mike said, reassuring her anxiety.

"Oh... okay. Go!" Fluttershy took off for Twilight's house. Seconds after Mike shot out from behind the building. Unfortunately he wasn't nowhere near as fast as the pony, painfully regretting for never signing up for high school track. At any rate, he'd follow her route through the forest of fruit and vegetable carts.

As Fluttershy finally passed through the remaining carts Mike could of swore he heard a familiar voice call to his yellow friend.

"Ha Fluttershy. Where ya runnin' off ta?" Mike's fears became reality as a yellow baby pony with a red man, tail, and bow came into view, right in front of his path. Applebloom turned herself and her eyes widened in fear at the huge strange biped came charging right at her full sprint. Mike veered off to the right, missing trampling Applejack's sister by mere inches, but quickly lost balance and tripped over his feet from the sudden sharp adjustment and barreled head on into an-

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-apple cart.

Not even the flashiest of moves from Rainbow Dash could've kept the town's attention after the sudden commotion at the other end of the square. They started to converge on the mysterious incident, the Mayor herself leading the pack. The passive mob stopped before the obliterated fruit cart, Apple Bloom still shaking near it.

“What happened here?” The Mayor asked, astonished that the only culprit looked seemed to be the baby pony. That, however, changed immediately as Mike popped his head through a pile of wrecked wood and apples. The entire crowd of ponies gasped in shock and confusion.

“Ugh... thank god for cartoon physics.” Mike admitted, rubbing his sore head and resetting his now crossed eyes from the impact. As his vision fully readjusted, he noticed the mob of ponies in front of him. His face set hard into a brick wall as he was able to pick out several identifiable ponies, including the still-nameless Mayor.

Mike looks at you, with a sheepish smile. “Well, so much for having the beta tie in.”