**Chapter 3: Tour guide**

**This chapter is going to be just when the mane six are showing Static around Ponyville, a little more backstory on him will be told this chapter and also some time with just Static and Rainbow Dash. I promise there will be fighting scenes the next chapter…**

“OWW! Geeze could you be a little more gentle please? I think you’re doing more damage than help…” said Static as nurse RedHeart was busy stitching an area on his left shoulder. She sighed irritably, “It’s hard enough doing this with hooves, so please stay still!”. Static grumbled about how unnecessary all this really was, but stopped fidgeting anyway, the nurse had been waiting for the seven ever since they left, and wouldn’t let Static go anywhere until he got some form of medical treatment. “Dang”, said Applejack jokingly, “He’s about as stubborn as you R.D., especially with the doctors”. Rainbow Dash shot a cold look at the country pony, who immediately put her forehooves in the air in a defeated manner, “Ah’m jus’ messin with ya sugar cube, quit taken it so seriously”. Rainbow Dash then softened her look and smiled as she looked away. The stay at the hospital wasn’t as long as expected, once the nurse finished with her stitching, she told Static to wash up in one of the empty wash rooms then he could leave. The six had to admit, he seemed to look much better once he was patched up and cleaned, and they immediately began conversation with the stallion as they showed him around Ponyville. “So Static, where would you like to go first? We have tons of places to visit here in Ponyville, we can give you a grand tour! We could go to the park, or- oh we could check out Twilights library! I personally don’t read much but I didn’t know if you did, ooh! We could check out Sweet Apple Acres! That’s where Applejack and her family live! Oh oh oh!! We could go to Sugarcube Corner! That’s where I work and get to bake all kinds of pastries and sweets! I can introduce you to the Cakes, and Gummy my pet alligator… \*GASP\*…”. Pinkie Pie had to stop her ranting as she caught her breath. All Static could do was look at the party pony with a baffled look as to how she found so much energy. “Oh don’t mind her dear” said Rarity, “she’s just excited to have somepony new in town. We don’t get visitors here quite often you know.” Static nodded in understanding, “Well” he said, but before he could finish his sentence, his stomach began to growl loud and obnoxiously, causing the other six to giggle quietly, “Don’t suppose you know some good places for lunch do you?” he asked with a sheepish grin. The girls decided to take Static to a small corner restaurant near Twilights library home, where they met Spike digging in to a plate full of hay fries. He looked up from his food and saw his other friends, and waved to them and motioned them to his table, where they all sat and took a menu. “So ladies, how did everything go? You got your message to Princess Celestia right? What’s the plan on how you’re gonna handle this shadow- whatever?”. Twilight went over this for a little, then sighed, “To be honest Spike, I’m not too sure about what we’re gonna do about it. None of us, save for Static, has any experience with the Shadow, we don’t really know what were really up against at the moment. What do you think Static? Where was the Shadow when you last saw it?”. Static sighed and closed his eyes, I cant really remember too much about my location, I was more worried about getting away from it more than anything. But my best guess is it is about a weeks distance from Ponyville, judging by the amount of time I was traveling before I crashed”. “A week huh?” said Rainbow Dash, “that’s plenty of time to prepare! By the time that Shadow gets here, it’ll wish it never woke up!” this statement made Static smile, he definitely liked her confidence, and she seemed like a really cool mare, and he also thought quietly to himself that she was pretty cute. She wasn’t like the other girls, she didn’t style her hair in any certain way, she seemed to have a love of risk and adventure, and she definitely didn’t show any worry. He found himself still smiling at her, right at the time that she looked at him and their eyes met. The split second that they made eye contact felt like an hour, finally, they both quickly looked away, slightly blushing. “Y-yeah” he finally managed to stammer, “A week is plenty of time, but it’s not gonna be easy. There are a lot of things that you need to know about the Shadow, and within the week, it’ll most likely send minions to try and weaken us”. “I guess we’ll just have to be ready then” said Twilight, re-opening her menu. A waiter pony came to the table, asking if everypony was ready to order, Twilight ordered her usual dandelion sandwich, Pinkie Pie ordered a restaurant sampler, saying that she couldn’t decide on one thing, both Rarity and Fluttershy ordered a small house salad, Rainbow Dash ordered a deluxe veggie burger with a side of hay fries, and Applejack ordered a bowl of steamed veggies and a side of applesauce. Static couldn’t really decide, and he finally ended up randomly pointing to a dish, and he ended up with an alfalfa casserole. As they waited for their food to be made, Static took this chance to get to know the six better, “So ladies” he began, “Why don’t you say a little bit about yourselves, I’m sure you have tons of stuff to talk about”. Twilight was the first to speak, she talked about how she became Celestia’s student after her little incident during her enrollment test into the school of magic while she was hatching Spike, how she had met her five friends, and then the others all chimed in as they all told about how they defeated Nightmare Moon and even the chaos lord Discord, “And now I’m the town librarian I guess you can say”. Static made a long whistle, clearly impressed by the adventures these mares have had. Next was Applejack to speak, “Well, ah’ve lived here mah whole life, growin up on tha farm n’ such. Ah help mah granny and mah big brother run the family apple business, and I hope ta take over the business when tha time comes”, When Applejack finished her piece, Rarity began, “Well to begin, I was born and raised here, as a filly I was always fascinated in fashion, and from a young age, taught myself to make a wide array of gowns, dresses, suits, and various other articles of clothing”. Static listened intently, and then looked to Fluttershy and waited for her to say her piece, “Well… um… I-I…” Fluttershy murmured until she was muttering so quietly that nobody could understand her. Static wore a confused look on his face as the quiet became more and more awkward, until finally Applejack spoke for her, “Fluttershy here is jus’ a little nervous around new ponies, don’ take it personal or nothin’. She takes care of all the little critters down here, findin homes for ‘em, nursing them to health, all kinds of stuff, she can understand ‘em on a level that no other pony can”. Static gave an impressed nod, “That’s really neat Fluttershy, I’m sure you do a great job with the animals here” he said warmly, making Fluttershy look at him and give a slight, shy smile. “Ooh ooh me next me next! Exclaimed Pinkie Pie, waving her forehooves wildly in the air, “Well, I didn’t live in Ponyville at first, I used to live at a rock farm outside of town, it was sooo boring let me tell you! But one day I saw this huge rainbow made by Dashie and all the colors made me sooo happy! It was there that I made my first party and from then on I became the best party pony in the whole town! Then I found a job in Sugarcube Corner and got to meet every pony here in Ponyville!”. She then went into a giggling fit as she reminisced on past memories as Static looked to Rainbow Dash. “Well” she began, “all my life, I loved to fly fast, I think it was when I saw my first Wonderbolts performance that I really began to put my fast flying into use. I trained myself every day to fly faster, farther, and I taught myself trick after unimaginable trick, hoping one day to join my childhood heroes. I still work today on my performances in my free time, and I’m also head of weather patrol here, that reminds me… I need to check my schedule, I think we’re gonna have some rainfall tomorrow…”. Twilight and the others then looked at Static expectantly, waiting for him to tell more about himself, he suddenly became nervous, he never talked much about his life, mainly because it really isn’t much to talk about, he was about to say something when he saw the plates of food heading their way, distracting the other six with the scents of lunch as they began to eat. Static felt his stomach rumble and his mouth salivate in anticipation, he felt as if he hadn’t eaten in days, and after his first large bite, his eyes rolled back in bliss and continued to eat his meal. Static was the first to finish, before any of the others were half finished with their own food. He patiently waited for the others to finish when he felt a nudge on his side, he turned to see Rainbow Dash looking at him, some of her veggie burger stuck on the corner of her mouth, “You wanna share the rest of my fries? You ate pretty quickly, plus the burger fills me up quick and I never finish them” she said as she turned her plate so the hay fries were closer to Static, he was about to turn down the offer, though he was still hungry, until he looked into her rose colored irises for a second time. Blushing ever so slightly, he smiled and happily accepted the offer, and as they shared the hay fries, the other five gave Rainbow a sly look, who returned it with an annoyed roll of her eyes. The seven left the restaurant, along with Spike, all satisfied with a full belly, and continued through the town. During the tour, however, Twilight and the others noticed that the ponies they passed by were strangely quiet, as they looked around, they saw that everypony were shying away from the group, their eyes locked on Static as if he were going to trash the town again. “Uh, what’s up with everypony?” asked Spike, “They all look so…” “Scared?” finished Static in a wry tone, “They are, they’re scared of me, and they’ve got a good enough reason to be. I mean, look at what I did to the town” he extended his hoof, showing the damage that could still clearly be seen as ponies worked to repair all the damaged stores. “Well, they shouldn’t be scared because of that, it wasn’t your fault you just happened to land here, you were unconscious at the time” said Twilight, a look of concern on her face as she looked at Static. His expression didn’t change, however, instead he seemed to look even more depressed than before. “They’re scared of me because I’m different, I’m not like everypony else so they shy away” he paused a minute then sighed, “I never get the chance to show them who I really am, they right me off as soon as they see me as some dangerous… thing… and I’m not”. Static couldn’t find anything else to say after that, so he just looked to the ground as he walked. “Dang” said Applejack sadly, “It’s just like Zecora all over again”, the others wanted to cheer up the pegasus stallion, but they didn’t know what to say. Rainbow Dash didn’t really understand why, but for some reason, seeing Static so sad and unhappy made her feel a strong pang in her chest, so she did what she felt that she had to do. She walked closer to the stallion and nudged her head against his shoulder in a friendly, almost playful manner to get his attention, as soon as she saw the silver irises of his eyes, she smiled widely and said, “Hey, chin up dude, so what they misjudge you, that’s their loss, besides, I… I mean… we, aren’t writing you off, in fact, we think you’re pretty cool, so stop with the long face… figuratively speaking… hehe”. At first all Rainbow Dash could do was look into his eyes, hoping what she said would help, then Static lifted his head, still looking at Rainbow, and smiled. “You’re right Rainbow Dash, I shouldn’t have to worry about what others think… and… thanks, I’m glad your all not like everypony else, your all pretty cool too…” he was referring to the whole group, but he was only looking at Rainbow Dash, *Wow,* he thought, *I could look at those eyes all day.* The two pegasi were broken from their short trance as Pinkie Pie popped up suddenly between them, exclaiming happily “YAY no more saddy faces! Were super-duper happy that you’re our friend and that’s all that matters!” she finished her sentence by pulling both into a tight hug, causing both pegasi to gag from the sudden cut off of oxygen, “Y-yeah… T-That’s great Pinkie… Pie” Rainbow Dash managed to cough out, while Static could only manage a garbled “Choking… Not-breathing!” she then let go, giggling and with an apologetic look, “Hehe, oopsie, my bad” she said as the two pegasus ponies gasped for air. Twilight looked into the air and saw that the sun was beginning to set, “Well guys, it seems to be getting late, we should go on and get some rest, I’m sure there’s gonna be a lot of work for us tomorrow with the battle preparations and what-not, let’s go Spike, night everypony”. Soon after, the others also left for their homes, leaving Static and Rainbow Dash to themselves, “So…” Static began, “I’m guessing your town is elsewhere?”. Rainbow Dash nodded smiling, “It’s up there, the floating city of Cloudsdale, come on and I’ll show you” and at that, she took off with Static following her. Although he was still tired from that morning’s little fiasco, he kept up with Rainbow wing beat for wing beat, he couldn’t help admire how graceful she looked when she flew, her movements seemed almost fluid, and it added to her beauty. He blushed as he thought this, and quickly averted his eyes so he wouldn’t end up staring at her the whole time. What he didn’t know, was that Rainbow Dash was also admiring him, casting sideways glances toward him. She admired how strong he looked when he flew with her, the strength he showed each wing beat, *this guy is definitely no pushover on flying I bet,* she thought. Soon, they reached Cloudsdale, and the sight of the magnificent pegasus city made Static gasp, *Wow,* he thought, *this place is huge!* “Welcome to the coolest city in the sky” said Rainbow Dash, all Static could do was look around the city, gaping at the cloud structures and magnificent rainbows that fell like waterfalls, “I’d thought you’d like it” she said, then started to walk off. “If you want, I can give you a tour of it tomorrow…” she paused, suddenly realizing an important detail, “Oh my gosh! We completely spaced out on finding you a place to sleep for the night! Uhh, don’t worry, I know this great inn that has a ton of vacancy and uhh…” Static stopped her with a wave of his hoof, “You don’t worry yourself at all about that, little known fact about me is… I’ve never slept in a home” Rainbow Dash couldn’t believe what she was hearing, “Never?”. Static nodded his head, “I’ve lived my life moving from place to place, so I never had the chance to settle down anywhere, I would usually just sleep under the stars on clear nights like this, and other times I’d just find a small overhang near a cliff”. Rainbow Dash let this sink in for a while, *Never had a real home?*, she thought, she wanted to say something, but he was already getting up and yawning, “Well… its getting late, I’ll see you tomorrow Rainbow” and at that, he turned around. She didn’t know why, but watching him turn and leave made her want to call him back, she wanted him close and she didn’t know why. Never the less, she turned and headed to her home with a smile on her face, and that smile stayed with her long after she was asleep…

**PHEW!! I didn’t expect this chapter to be so long! Anyway here it is. I kinda felt this one may have gone a little too long, but you all just let me know! I love to hear what you all have to tell me that will improve my writing so leave a comment. Next chapter we will finally have some action where Static will show just how good he can use his power so sit tight!**