[Finally I have made it into the Everfree forest’s path, I am that much closer to the Princess. There seems to be two paths going in relatively the same direction though…]

[Choice1] I will go right, right has to be right, right?

[Choice2] Left seems a little less dark, I will go that way.

[Brush rattle]

“What was that? This place is getting more creepy the longer I stay in it” You continue to walk along the path.

I see a yellow figure in front of me, just noticing me.

[Some kind of clunking noise, screen blacks out. After a few seconds you can see a blurry yellow image above you]

I wake up, and it seems like I slept for a very long time. My head really hurts. Where am I? This isn’t Everfree forest. That pegasus is sitting there on the other side of the room. Did she save me? I guess she was the one running towards me.

“Hello? Are you alright?” she says.

[Choice1] “w-what happened?”

[choice2] “Who are you?”

[1]“ I found you in Everfree forest, and you seemed like you needed help”

[2] “I… I am Fluttershy… you seemed like you needed help.”

[choice1] “Oh, I think I was hit with something. My head really hurts.”

[choice2] “Uh thanks, I don’t know what happened. I think something hit me. My head really hurts.”

I guess I should explain a little more..

“I was walking in the Everfree forest when I saw you, and then something attacked me from behind and I couldn’t move.”

 She thinks for a moment and says, “I heard a thud and saw you laying there, b- but I didn’t see anyone else.”

 She didn’t see anyone else? I was sure that something from behind had hit me. “Well sorry to have startled you, I’m [**character name here**]. What was your name again?”

 She waits for a moment and replies. “I’m F-F- I’m Fluttershy.”

 I still don’t know where we are, and I don’t want to be off track.

 “Hey, do you mind telling me where we are? I know we were in the Everfree forest, and I was following a certain path, but I don’t know where this is.”

She seems confused.

“This is.. my cottage. It’s in Ponyville.”

“Ponyville?” I ask. She seems even more confused.

“Y- Yeah.. what were you doing in the forest? I thought you were heading into Ponyville.”

“Oh” I said, “I was looking for something- or someone.”

She was just about to reply, when I heard a knock on the door.

A purple unicorn walks into the cottage, not noticing me.

“Fluttershy!”, she started, “You were supposed to come meet us an hour ago!”

Fluttershy responds, “I- I was going to, but-“

“No buts, we were supposed to prepare for Princess Celestia’s party.”

Princess Celestia. I have heard that name before… he told me to find her… He said that she knows where it is.

“Oh, wh- who is this?” the purple pony said as she noticed me.

Fluttershy slowly says “This is [name], I found him fainted in the forest..”

“Hi.. I was walking in the forest when I felt something hit me from behind, and I guess I blacked out.. I woke up here”

“Oh, I’m Twilight Sparkle, nice to meet you. What were you doing in Everfree forest?” she asked.

 Tell her [][][][][][][][][][] Dont tell her

 [] She knows where Princess Celestia is,

 [] She can lead me to her.

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 “ I was supposed to head to Canterlot and meet Princess Celestia, because she could lead me to what I’m looking for.”

“And what is it you are looking for?” she asked curiously.

“It’s some sort of gem fragment, I don’t know what it does, but he told me to find it.”

“and who is “he?” she asked.

“Well I have been having dreams lately, with a voice talking to me. He told me I should talk to Princess Celestia, because I need to find that gem fragment.”

“Well…” Sparkle said, “we are all going to head to Canterlot tomorrow, why don’t you come with us? But first, why don’t you come with us and meet the rest of our friends!.”

“Ok!” I said, and the three of us headed out the door.” Fluttershy stayed close to me and Sparkle as we walked past a few other ponies. I guess the shy in her name is there for a reason. But at least she is starting to trust me. I know that I can trust these two as well. I don’t know what it was that hit me, but I think Fluttershy knows. She is afraid of it. But she unintentionally scared it off. And I owe her for that.

As we walk further into Ponyville, four ponies greet us.

“Who is he?” the pink one asks as she gets a little inside my personal bubble.

 Introduce Myself [][][][][][][][][] Let Twilight introduce me

 [] “This is [name], Fluttershy’s friend.

“Hi, I’m [name], nice to meet you all”[] “Hi, nice to meet you all” they all

They all introduce themselves. [] introduce themselves.

I was kind of hoping that Sparkle skips the whole “I fainted” story. I can’t just go around telling everyone about that.. But as I expected…

“Fluttershy found him in Everfree forest. He says something hit him from behind, and he fainted. He is coming with us to Canterlot tomorrow, because he needs to have a chat with Princess Celestia.”

I’m not too happy that they all know this now, but I guess they are all close friends with Sparkle and Fluttershy. I can’t help being a little disappointed that I ran away from home cluelessly just to follow a voice in my dreams. The pink one, Pinkie Pie catches me frowning for a second. “Turn that frown upside down, we need to prepare for the princesses party!”

“You mean you guys haven’t started yet?” says Sparkle with a worried tone. “We won’t have enough time to finish!”

“Don’t worry” Applejack says, “We have plenty of time, and [name] can help us right?”

“Yeah, I’ll help all of you prepare. It’s only fair, since I’m coming with you all right?”

“Right!” Pinkpie Pie says with excitement.

“Fluttershy, [name], you two go help AppleJack prepare the food. Pinkpie Pie and I will help Rarity pack up. Rainbow Dash, can you please go find Spike, he has my list of things to do, and I need it to organize all this.” Sparkle says

Fluttershy and I follow Applejack, Applejack rushing ahead of us.

While me and Fluttershy are walking, I take this opportunity to find out more about what happened

“Thanks for finding me Fluttershy,” I say. “If you had not have found me, whatever it is that had hit me would have probably taken me away or something.”

“No problem [name]… but I um.. I need to tell you something..”

“Hm? What is it?”

“I uh, I saw the thing that hit you for a second.” “It looked like a pony, but it vanished before I could make sure..”

“Did you catch a glimpse of his face?”

She shakes her head in a “no”

“but… your cutie mark” she says.

“What about it?” I ask.

“It matches the one the pony who attacked you had, but.. it was kind of darker, not blue like yours.”

“Fluttershy, you don’t know how much of a help you’ve been.”

She giggles, and we both realize that Applejack is way ahead of us, so we run to catch up with her.

It takes a couple of minutes to gather some apples, and then we pack them up and head back to Sparkles house.

“Good job you three!” Sparkle says, “It’s getting late, lets-“

“Let’s have a party!” Pinkpie Pie suddenly blurts out.

“No..” Sparkle sighs, “We have to be up tomorrow to head to Canterlot, we will party there.”

“Awww, fine…” Pinkpie Pie sighs with a small frown.”

“Turn that frown upside down I say jokingly”

She laughs, and nods.

We all start heading our own way, until Sparkle realizes. “Say [name], you don’t have anywhere to stay for the night… do you?”

I hadn’t even realized.

“I guess not, I said”

Fluttershy knows a little about what happened back in the forest, I should try and stay with her-

“He can stay with me again I guess”, Fluttershy suddenly says.

“You won’t mind? I said

“No not at all’ she replies.

“It’s settled then” Twilight says, “we meet tomorrow morning and head to Canterlot”

And with that, me and Fluttershy head back to her cottage

“I hope you don’t mind sleeping next to a bear” Fluttershy says

“Ummm.. you’re joking right?”

She has a… non convincing smile on her face, while a bear enters the room, looks at me, and tackles me.

It’s hugging me… I guess Fluttershy treats it right. The rest of the animals in here are all happy too.

“Good night!” Fluttershy says

“Good night” I reply

“I was talking to the bear, but good night to you too”, she replies with a giggle

“So was I” I reply, and we both laugh

I don’t know what really happened today, but I met great friends. And they are helping me greatly. Tommorow, Canterlot. I was such a fool. Leaving home by myself. I wouldn’t even know how to get to Canterlot. I barely made it into Everfree forest. Barely made it out alive too. Thanks to Fluttershy. This bear sure likes snoring. I better get some rest, I need to be up early tomorrow morning…

I wake up and hear Fluttershy’s voice coming from her living room.

“Good morning Fluttershy”

“Good morning [name], did you sleep well?”

“Yeah, but that bear slept better.”

She laughs, and feeds a bunny an apple.

“You sure care about animals don’t you Fluttershy?”

“Oh of course I do, more than anything!”

“Why is that?” I ask.

“Well they are people like us, aren’t they? I mean, they have feelings too. S- Sure not all of them are able to talk to each other like we are, but that doesn’t mean that we can ignore them.

I am happy when I am with animals, because they are so peaceful, and they make me happy and they are all my friends… I’m sorry for talking so much” she says with a small frown.

“No don’t be” I say, “I understand now. They are people too. They can’t do all the things we can, so it’s up to us to help them. Thank you Fluttershy.”

She smiles, and realizes she hasn’t answered yet. “Why?” she says.

“I don’t know… for everything” I say, heading for the door.

“Wh-where are you going?” she says worryingly. “We are supposed to meet the others in half an hour!”

“Oh don’t worry, I just want to go on a morning walk” I reply, and head out the door.

Looking up, I see Rainbow Dash flying through a few clouds. She recognizes me, and flies down to me.

“Sup [name], whatcha up to?”

“Hey Rainbow Dash, I’m just going for a walk before we head out.”

“Cool, I was doing the same! Well err, flying around”

[1]”Must be fun to fly!”

[2] “You really enjoy flying don’t you.”

“Oh yeah, flying is really fun. I love feeling the breeze, and it’s totally cool to fly over Ponyville”.

We start walking for a while, until she breaks the silence.

“Hey [name], where did you come from? I mean, where were you before you came here to Ponyville?”

Where did I come from?... what the…. I… I can’t remember. But I’m sure I knew it yesterday, how is it possible that I can’t-

“Are you okay?” she asks.

[choice 1] “I- I’m fine”

[choice 2] “I- I don’t-“

“Come on, you can tell me!”

“Okay.. I… I seem to have forgotten where I’m from”.

“Huh?” she says, “How can you forgot where you came from?”

“I… I don’t know”. “Ugh, maybe it’s best that we get to Princess Celestia soon, because this is really freaking me out.”

It takes us a while to realize that Fluttershy is behind us

“Fluttershy?” Rainbow Dash says as she notices her, “how long have you been here?”

“Oh I was here the entire time” she says.

She says “[name], maybe the thing that hit you took away your memory?”

“I guess so… I find it pretty weird that I can’t rememb-…”

I have a weird feeling in my head, and I have a sudden realization.

“What is it?” they both ask at the same time.

“I….. I can’t remember anything from my past..” “Up to my dream of the voice telling me to find the fragment..”

“What type of pony can do that! Even Twilight Sparkle doesn’t have the magic strong enough to wipe someponies memory!” Rainbow Dash says.

“This is… weird… let’s meet with the others-, wait.. before we go, I need to ask you both for a favor.”

“What is it?” they both ask again.

“I know that whatever is happening to me is pretty serious… but I don’t want to get people all worried about me.”

“But you are our friend!” Rainbow Dash says.

“I know I am” I say, “but I don’t want people thinking more about me than themselves… so besides Sparkle, can you two promise to keep whatever is happening just between us four?”

“Fine… I promise I will [name], but we need to tell Sparkle as soon as we can” Rainbow Dash says.

I nod, and turn to Fluttershy.

“[name], I promise I won’t tell the rest… but please.. let me worry about you just a little.”

Me and Rainbow Dash stand there surprised on what Fluttershy just said.

“I mean… you are a person too. Just like the animals are.. we all need care, and we all need each other.”

“She is right”, Rainbow Dash says”.

“We all got each other’s backs, now let’s head to Sparkles house and tell her about what is happening”.

We head off to Sparkles house.

“Hey you three! The others are going to meet us by the train in ten minutes or so.”

“Okay”, Rainbow Dash says, “say Sparkle, me and Fluttershy need to talk to you about something..”

I start heading by them, until Sparkle stops me, “nuh uh, [name], you stay here, as a matter of fact, can you do me a small favor. Please go wake Spike up. That lazy little dragon will be a pain to wake up this early in the morning.”

I nod, and head upstairs where I find a purple baby dragon sleeping on a bed.

Wow, Sparkle sure loves books. I start reading the covers of a few books on her shelves. “Tales of Ancient Equestria”… “Daring Do and the Sapphire Stone”… “Canterlot stories”. I notice the baby dragon waking up, but not turning to me.”

“Sparkle”, he says without turning. “Can I pleassse stay here, I’m so sleepy and I don’t want to move.”

[1] (Try to Imitate Sparkle) “Get up you lazy dragon, we need to go”

[2] say nothing

The baby dragon suddenly turns around.

“Huh? Who are you?”

“Hi, I’m [name], I’m Twilight Sparkles friend. I already met the others, and I’m going with you all to Canterlot. So I would appreciate it if you got up so we can leave as soon as possible”.

“I’m… Spike… (he says while yawning), I…. just give… me… five.. more..” he falls back asleep.

Pinkie Pie heads upstairs and looks at me.

“Hey [name], we just got here, do you need help waking this silly dragon up?”

“uhh, he was just awake like five seconds ago, but he fell back asleep”

She giggles, “Yeah, dragons are lazy, here let me help”

She starts singing..

“Wake up sleepy head, get your butt off of the bed. We need to get to the party. We can not be tardy. So get up you lazy dragon or we will force you out, If you don’t get up, then I will just shout!-”

“Enough enough…” Spike interrupts, “I’ll get up.. just stop singing so loud.”

“Huh? But I sing great~” she says. “Don’t I [name]?”

I just want to get on that train as soon as possible.

“Yeah, you do” I say. She has a huge smile on her face.

“Now let’s go” I say before another song pops up, “we need to get on that train”

Spike jumps on me, and we all rush to the train.

We make it just in time.

We all put our stuff on the beds, and we all get confy, because it’s going to be a while until we get to Canterlot… Almost a day I think.

Sparkle motions me to join her on the back of the train. I slip past the others and get to her.

“Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy told me about what happened… about how you lost all your memories before the dream.”

“Yeah… it’s creeping me out.. how can anypony do something like that? Would you know?”

“Well there aren’t any spells that I know of that can wipe a ponies memory away… not that I know of at least.”

“Well then it looks like I have another question to ask Princess Celestia when we get there.”

“I promise”, she says.

“You… promise? What?”
“Just like Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy did… I promise not to tell anypony about what has been happening to you lately.”

“Thank you” I said. Realizing that Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash are right behind us.

“You know…” Sparkle says. “[name], I know that we have only known you for like a day now… but we all care about you… and I know that we just met yesterday, but we trust you.”

Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash both nod.

“Thank you” I said. “So for now, why don’t we not think about this until we get to talk to Princess Celestia?”

They all nod, and we get back to the others.

(A few hours later)

I look out the window, and I see what I’m guessing is Canterlot.

I met these ponies yesterday… and they have been so friendly to me. They really do care about me. I trust them too. I know that I would help them if they were in my situation. Fluttershy. She seems the most interesting. If it wasn’t for her, who knows where I would be right now. I still owe her big time, and I won’t forget to somehow make it up to her.

“We are here!” Sparkle says, as the train stops.

We all get our stuff and head out.

“[name]… can I talk to you about something” Fluttershy says as we are all walking on the road towards the enterance to Canterlot.

“Sure” I say, as we both separate from the group.

“I… I need help with something..”

Hmm, maybe this is my chance to help her.

“Okay, what is it?” I ask.

“I..I… I am pretty shy when it comes to talking to others… I mean.. to me.. the wild animals are the same as other ponies.. but I can connect to them somehow… I just can’t do it when it comes to ponies.”

“But you aren’t shy around me, in fact, you saved me and had the courage to bring me to your cottage, and to let me stay there for the night.”

“B… But you are different” she says with a smile..

I… I don’t know exactly what she means… but I want to help her with this. I care about her as much as she cares about me.

“Okay, I will help you.” I say.

She reacts with a surprised face

“Really?!” she says, as if she expected me to refuse.

“Of course I will! I mean, I’m not only doing it because you saved me, but you are very important to me.”

Before she can say anything, a few servants of Princess Celestia show up.

“Hello, please allow us to take your bags up to your rooms.”

“Well” Sparkle says, I guess we can just do whatever we want until the party tomorrow.”

Since I really have nothing to do, I decide this is a great time to improve on Fluttershy’s shyness problem. I separate from the group, and start heading towards the streets, signaling Fluttershy to accompany me.

“What is it?” she asks.

“Time to teach you how to talk to people without being shy..”

She makes a face as if she doesn’t want to socialize with anypony

“Fluttershy… come on, you know you have to get over your shyness sooner or later..”

She shakes her head in a huge no

I grab her, and drag her along.

“Okay look” I say, “you aren’t scared of the wild animals in the forest are you?”

“N-no” she says.

“Well what makes ponies so different? The only difference is that they can talk when most of the small creatures in the forest can’t.”

“Th-that’s the problem” she says. “I- I have trouble talking to other ponies.”

“You’re talking to me now aren’t you? Just pretend… I’m them?”

“How can I do that?” she asks.

“Ummm…. When you are talking with someone… just… just pretend you are talking to me I guess.”

“Okay..” she says.

“Don’t use my name while talking to them though!” I say and laugh.

I see a male pony dressed classy. I guess most people here in Canterlot dress like that.

“I bump Fluttershy into him”.

“I’m sorry”, he says.

“I-It……-ITSALLRIGHT” she says and runs away down the road.
The pony is confused.

I chase after her.

She is running pretty fast.

“Fluttershy!” I yell as I chase her.

She keeps running and running and running.

“I’m not going to stop chasing you!” I tell her.

Suddenly, her wings pop out, as she is about to fly.

I jump and catch her and tackle her down in a rather awkward position as we both fall.

She has a nervous look on her face.

“Fluttershy…. Really?” I say as I start laughing. The sun feels good right about now. I close my eyes, and relax on the soft grass. I open them to see Fluttershy smiling.

“Th- that was fun” she says.

“So… are you going to do that every time I try and get you to talk to a new pony?”

“I’ll try not to” she says.

“Tell me.. what gave you the courage to come up to me, and even take me into your cottage?”

“I- I was worried you were seriously injured… I was… I was going to leave you and tell the others so we could take you to the hospital… but… I… I don’t know.. I felt something… in my mind… telling me that I should help you right then and there.”

“A… feeling?” I say

“More like a voice in my head..” she replies.

“Kinda like the voice that told me to find the Relic Fragment.. I’m so stupid. I don’t even know what that stupid Relic Fragment is for, yet I left home just to go find it. And now I don’t even remember anything about my past. At least I got you… and Sparkle, and the rest of our friends.”

“Y-You aren’t stupid. I mean… we got to Canterlot right? That’s one thing off the list.. Now all we need to do is talk to Princess Celestia. Right?”

“Right. Say, it’s starting to get dark, and we have had enough fun for today. We should go find the others and get to our rooms before sundown.”

She agrees, and we go find the others.

That night, I had another dream. A voice, the same one in my head.. whispered the same word over and over again. “Fate… Fate… Fate”. Fate? What does the voice mean by fate? Fate… destiny.. was it… was it destiny that I met these ponies? Was it destiny that Fluttershy happened to find me just as I had fainted? Was it… was destiny the reason that brought me here? Does any of my past even matter anymore? In the morning, we all wake up with a knock on our doors. We all say good morning to each other, as one of the servants tells us.. “I have urgent news… Princess Celestia… she had to leave Canterlot on some important business”.

“WHAT!?!?!?” we all yell at the same time.

“Shhh, not so loud” the servant says, “You will wake everypony up!”

“What do you mean she left on some important business!” Sparkle says.

“I’m sorry, all I know is that she left last night”

“Do you know where she is headed?” I say.

“I- I’m sorry, I do not” he says. “She told me to tell you this news. Nothing else”

Sparkle grabs me, Fluttershy, and Rainbow Dash, and takes us to the end of the hall.

“Well what are we supposed to do now!?” Sparkle says.

“Calm down” I reply.. “It’s okay.. we can see Princess Celestia another time”

“Are you sure?” Rainbow Dash says. “You were so looking forward to meeting her”.

“It’s fine” I reply. “Really, no problem, I mean.. it’s not like she isn’t going to return right?”

Sparkle nods “Yeah, but the party…”

“Looks like we will have to cancel it” Rainbow Dash says.

We turn around, and Pinkie Pie is looking at us.

“AWWWWW, COME ONNNNN” she says rather loudly.

“Sorry Pinkie Pie… it’s not our-“

“But I was so looking forward to the party!!! And the cupcakes, and balloons!”

Sparkle whispers to me. “Do you mind taking her out and cheering her up? She has a soft spot for male ponies.”

“Fine”, I say. “It’s the least I could do.”

Pinkie Pie continues.. “and the presents! And the cakes!”

I grab her, and drag her out.

“Where are we going?” Pinkie Pie says with a frown.

“I won’t tell you until you smile.” I reply.

She shows a slight smile.

“You call that a smile?” I say.

She smiles even bigger.

“What?” I say.

She smiles until she has the biggest grin I have ever seen her have.

I can’t help but laugh. She laughs too.

“Really, where are we going?” she says.

“I don’t know… let’s see if there is a cupcake shop somewhere”.

“Really? That would be so much fun! Wait… [name], are you taking me out on a date?”

A date? I thought I was just trying to cheer her up..

[1]” Yes I am.”

[2]“I.. I guess so.”

She has the biggest smile I have ever seen her have.

“Okay! Let’s go!” she says, as we head down the road.

Cupcake shop… cupcake shop..

“Aha!” I say, “ a bakery! I bet they have a whole bunch of cupcakes there!”

“Yay!” she says, as she runs ahead of me into the shop.

I enter the shop, and see Pinkie Pie amazed with all the cupcakes on the shelves.

“Pick any of them you want. Heck, you can get every flavor if you want!” I say.

“Really? You wouldn’t mind paying for them?”

“No”, I say without a second thought.

As I carry her cupcakes, we find a place to sit outside.

She begins munching on them, as I look at her.

“Want one?” she asks.

“Nah it’s fine, I’m not hungry” I reply.

A few minutes later, she asks.

“Say, [name], what was Sparkle talking to you, Fluttershy, and Rainbow Dash about?”

Uh oh. This is the last thing I was expecting her to say. Well, she does know that I had to talk to Princess Celestia, so I can just use that as an excuse.

“Well you know how I was going to talk to Princess Celestia?”

“mhm~” she says.

“Well she was just worried that I would get upset that Celestia wasn’t here.”

“Oh okay” she says. “What do you want to do now?”

“Hmmm.. I don’t know.”

A sudden expression of joy shows on her face.

“Hey! Is that a park over there?”

“Yeah, it is” I reply.

“I can see swings and slides! Let’s go!”

She grabs me as we both run to the park.

She jumps on the swing instantly.
“Push me!” she says.

I push her, and she starts swinging up and down.

“Wahahahaha~, weeeeeeee”

Seeing her this happy made me smile. I have made two people smile today. That is a great feeling. Pinkie Pie is always happy. She encourages others around her to be happy too. Each of these ponies are different in their own way. What is it that I bring to these ponies? I mean.. Fluttershy makes me remember that it is always important to treat others with happiness. Twilight Sparkle reminds me the importance of friendship. Pinkie Pie reminds me that we should always be happy and cheer each other up on the time of need. What is it that I do? Maybe I should learn more about myself on the way. Sucks that I forgot everything about my past. It really sucks. How can something that important slip out of my mind? How can someone have the power to remove someponies memory? I hope it never happens again. I hope I never lose my memories again, because these ponies make me feel special. Like.. Like I belong here. Watching Pinkie Pie happily swinging on this swing set, it makes me feel happy. Like I have made someone happy.

“[name]” Pinkie Pie says.

“Yes Pinkie Pie?”

“Thank you. Thank you for taking me on a date. This has been one of the happiest days of my life.”

“Really?”

I have made this the happiest days of her life?

“Yes really! We had so much fun!”

“Yeah, we did, we can do this again sometime too”

“I would love that! I forgot all about the party! And I don’t care anymore! As long as I get to be with you, and the rest of us, I will always be happy!”

This brings a huge smile on my face.

“Thank you.” I say.

“For what?” she replies.

“For always making me happy.”

She smiles, as we head back to the others. I pick up a beautiful flower that catches my eye, and put it in my bag.

We get back to the others.

“Say [name]”, Rarity says.

“Yes Rarity? What is it?” I ask.

“Do you mind helping me? I need to make a few dresses to some wonderful ponies here in Canterlot, but I need help.”

“I’m not really good at making dresses Rarity-“

“It’s fine, I just need help with the simpler stuff”.

“Okay” I said, as we headed to her room.

“So” she said, I need you to get those fabrics over there, and cut them each exactly at 8 inches. And then I need you to get those gems over there, and put them onto the dress in the spots I have marked. It’s your decision on which you want to do first.”

[1] Cut the fabric

[2] Place the gems

[choice 1] I get the fabrics, and I measure them to exactly 8 inches. I carefully cut them, until there isn’t any fabric left on the roll. Well that is done.

[choice2] I pick up the gems, and I carefully place them onto where Rarity wanted me to. It was a little difficult to place them in the exact location, but I slowly got it done. This job is done.

“I am finished.” I said.

“Good work [name], see? You are doing great. I just need one more thing. Can you please now cut the dress? I need it to be cut in the exact shape as it is in this picture.”

Wow. That seems difficult. Why can’t she do it? It will be rude to ask that. I nod, and start cutting. She made the fabric so perfectly, that if I make even one mistake, it will all be ruined. I suddenly stop cutting.

“Why have you stopped cutting?” she asked.

“If I make one mistake, all your hard work will be ruined.”

“I trust you [name], and I know you can do it!”

“I don’t know, it seems a little difficult.”

I make at least 5 dresses every single day all by myself. It is difficult sometimes… well actually, most of the time. But I never give up. Giving up is not an option. You need to at least try. And if something goes wrong, do not worry.”

With what she said, I have enough courage to continue cutting. After what felt like forever, I got it done. I cut it perfectly, without one thing wrong.

“Good work! You should help me more often!”

“I couldn’t have done it without you and that speech back there”. I laugh. “Hey, Rarity?”

“Yes [name]?”

“You say that you make at least 5 dresses every single day alone. Why did you ask for my help today? Not that I didn’t enjoy helping you, but you usually do it yourself. What made you ask me to help you?”

She thinks for a few seconds before answering.

“Well, it’s always nice to have some company…. And… I didn’t get a chance to properly meet you yet alone talk to you. I guess I just wanted a chance to talk to you.”

I smile. “It was a pleasure helping you, and talking to you. If you ever need any help with this again, please do ask, because I had fun.”

“Will do [name]!, I’ll see you later!”

On my way back to my room, I realized that I learned another lesson. Rarity has taught me to never give up. You must always try, and if you mess up, it’s okay.

I got bored in my room and decided to draw random things I have seen lately. I drew Canterlot with the hill

I drew my friends standing in front of the enterance to Everfree forest

I then drew up a chart that I think will solve a lot of peoples problems.

I will definitely use this in the future. Well, it is already getting dark again. Tommorow, around the afternoon, we head back to Ponyville. I’m not too upset that we are not able to see Princess Celestia, because I am having a lot of fun with my friends. A lot of memories, memories that I am hoping won’t disappear. Fluttershy, Twilight Sparkle, and Rainbow Dash come into my room.

“Hey [name]” says Rainbow Dash, “whatcha doin’?”

“Nothing, just drawing.”

“These are really good!” says Sparkle. “Is this us in front of Everfree forest? And Canterlot! Oh what is this?”

They read the chart.

“This makes a lot of sense.” Rainbow Dash says. “Why worry about something that you can’t change? It’s fate.”

“[name]” Sparkle says.

“Yes?” I reply.

“I promise we will find as much information about the Relic as possible when we are back in Ponyville”.

“Thank you, but don’t worry too much about me.”

“It’s the least we could do.”

“But I haven’t done much to help you at all”

“Not true! Do you know how happy you have made all of us so far? You helped AppleJack carry all those apples. You cheered Rainbow Dash up when she was upset on not qualif-“

“Sparkle! I told you not to-“ Rainbow Dash says

“What?” I say.

Sparkle sighs. “Rainbow Dash was going to be in a racing competition the day we left for Canterlot, but she couldn’t since we were coming here. You cheered her up by talking to her. You took Pinkpie Pie and made her happy. You are teaching Fluttershy how to not be shy! You helped me by waking up Spike. Sure I could have done that myself, but you did it for me. You helped Rarity. You have helped all of us.”

“I- I did all that because you all asked me to.”

“It doesn’t matter” Fluttershy calmly says. “We all depend on each other”.

“That is true” I say. “You all have been very nice to me. A stranger who you met just a few days ago”.

“You are no longer a stranger.” Sparkle says happily.

“I just hope I don’t lose all these memories.” I say.

They all realize that this might be a possibility.

“Well for now, we all need to get some rest.”Sparkle says.

“Yeah” Rainbow Dash says. “We will talk about that sometime tomorrow.

We all say good night and they all leave.

Fluttershy comes back.

“[name]”

“Yes Fluttershy?” I reply

“If you ever do lose your memories, I promise I will remind you of them.”

I take something out of my pocket, and give it to Fluttershy.

“I- It’s beautiful.. thank you!”

“Good night” I say with a smile.

“G-Good night [name].” She says with a smile, and leaves off to her room.

Well, today was our last full day in Canterlot… for a while now at least. I don’t even know when I will return here again. I don’t even know when Princess Celestia will return at all. And I can’t go home… I don’t even know where home is now. It will be rude to sleep at Fluttershy’s cottage every day. I… I guess I’ll have to live in Ponyville. Why am I making that sound like a bad thing? These ponies obviously care about me, and I care about them. I can’t randomly leave them forever. Why would I? What if the dream I had about finding the relic is just a random dream? But then why would someone attack me in the forest? Obviously someone or something is trying to prevent me from finding that relic. But what? I’m thinking too much. What should I do?

[1]Go for a walk

[2]Call it a day

[1] I guess I could go for a walk. It’s not like I can sleep anyways. With all these thoughts in my mind, it would probably take me an hour just to fall asleep. I guess this is a good time to think.

[2] I can’t get any sleep. Looks like I’ll just take a quick walk to get my thoughts clear.

I get up from bed, and step onto the dark lonely streets of Canterlot. I see a giant waterfall in the distance, and decide to head towards there. The streets are well lit. This isn’t a bad place to live. Not my type of home though. As I reach the waterfall, all my thoughts disappear. All my worries are gone. The sound of the water calms my mind. I feel like I belong here. The water is so clear, clear to the point where I can see my own reflection. Everything is so peaceful right about now.

(Eyes close, screen darkens.)

I wake up to a sound behind me.

“[name]?”

“Huh?”

As I turn around, I see Fluttershy standing there, next to me.

“F-Fluttershy?”

“I- I’m sorry for waking you up.. I saw you leaving your room, and I was worried you were leaving”

“Leaving? It’s not like I can go anywhere really. I don’t even remember where I live. I just wanted to go for a walk, but I guess I fell asleep here.”

She sits next to me.

“[name]?”

“Yes Fluttershy?”

“The place where I find you.. I don’t usually go near there. It’s dark, and scary, and there are barely any creatures there. I.. I….”

“…I….?”

“It might sound weird, but those dreams with a voice.. I’ve been having them too..”

“Really?”
“Yes, you see, it told me to go to that path in the forest, where I found you. It told me that it is my responsibility of keeping your memories safe. And… a few hours ago I had another dream. It told me to come outside and come to this waterfall. I didn’t really see you leaving your room. The dream, it just told me to come here.”

“This is really weird. I mean the voices in our dreams. I wonder if the others have been having weird dreams too.”

“Well, we can ask them tomorrow.”

“Yeah… say what time is it?”
“It’s… it’s going to be sunrise in a few minutes.”

I sit back, close my eyes, and relax.

So Fluttershy has been hearing these voices too. It’s because of the voices, that she came to me and saved me in the forest.

I open my eyes, to see Fluttershy looking off to the sunrise.

You know.. me and Fluttershy are getting closer and closer. Is it a coincidence that she has been having these dreams too? Does this all link to that Relic Fragment? What is so important about it?

Fluttershy turns around.

“[name]?”
“Yes?”
“Can we go for a walk?”
“Sure, let’s go.”
We start walking down the path.

“[name], are you sad that you don’t remember anything from your past?”
“Well… I don’t remember anypony, not even my parents.. or who they are, what they are like. I don’t remember any of my friends. I guess… I am a little sad about that.. but look at what I’ve gotten now. You and the others. You have all put so many memories into my head, that I would never want to lose them.”

“No! You will never lose any of these memories [name]!”

This was suprising. She looks a little mad. Not at me, just at the thought of me losing my memories.

“[name]… you… you can’t lose your memories again.. I won’t let it happen.”

A tear rolls down her eye.

“F-Fluttershy… are you okay?”
“[name]… you don’t remember anything of your past.. you don’t even remember your own parents!”

“But Fluttershy, you don’t have to cry. It’s okay.”

“No it isn’t okay. And I won’t let it happen aga-“

“Fluttershy, please don’t cry-“

“Let me cry just this once.”

I hate seeing her like this. It’s the first time I have seen her cry. So I do the first thing that comes to my mind. I hug her. Time suddenly stops, and it feels like everything is peaceful again. She stops crying.

“[name], Fluttershy? What are you two doing our here so early?”

We turn around to see Twilight Sparkle standing behind us.

I say the first thing on my mind.

“Twilight, have you had any weird dreams lately?”

“No, why? Have you?”

[1] Kinda… but I guess it’s nothing

[2]I want to tell her yes, but something in me prevents it.

“No no, I was just wondering.”

Fluttershy quickly changes the conversation.

“I just saw [name] sleepwalking, so I came to make sure he was all right.”

“Fluttershy”, Sparkle says, “Are you okay? Your cheeks are a little red.”

“I.. I’m fine, just sleepy that’s all.”

“My my, what are you all doing out here?”

We turn around. All three of us are frozen with a shocked expression.

All three of us yell at once “PRINCESS CELESTIA?!”

“Shh, not so loud.”

“But we thought you were gone!” Sparkle yelled.

“I was, but it was so all of a sudden. I’m back now.. [name], Fluttershy, I need to talk to you both.”
“You- You know who I am?”

“I’ll explain it all soon, I promise.”

Sparkle starts “What about me… you know, I’ve been reading a l-“

“I’m sorry Twilight Sparkle, but this is urgent.”

“Okay, I understand.”

“Thank you. Now then, [name], Fluttershy, you two are coming with me.”

“Where are we-“

“No time! Let’s go” Princess Celestia says.
The three of us walk down a path while Sparkle walks back to the hotel.

“Princess Celestia, I need to-“ she cuts me off

“I know [name], I know.”

“You can read my mind?”
“Something like that” she giggles.

“So you know about the fragment, and the stranger who attacked me?”
“Yes, I do know.. that’s what I wanted to talk to you about.. you two are having similar dreams yes?”
“Y-yeah are, and the strange voice talking to us.” I say

Fluttershy nods.

“[name]”

“Yes?”
“The pony that attacked you… it was your sister.”
“WHAT?!... I had a sister?”

“Yes.. you did.. she has the same cutie mark as you.. but darker..”

“Why would she attack me?”

“I don’t know. That is what I have been trying to find out.. you see, she stole something of mine.. something I found to give to you.”

“What was it?”

“The gem fragment you were seeking for.”

“She took it? How would she know that I was looking for it?”

“I.. I don’t know.”

“But you knew that I was coming to look for it. Maybe she knew too?”
“That is impossible. I believe me and my sister Luna are the only ones who know this trick.”
“Then Luna must have helped her.”

“That is a possibility.”

“Do you know where your sister is? We can ask her where my sister went with the fragment.”
“Sadly, I do not know where she is..”
“Damn it. Can you help me look for it?”

“Yes, but you should return with your friends to Ponyville for now. It might take a while until I find out where our sisters are.”

“But… okay fine, but promise me you will let me know when you find something? And me only. I don’t want the others to get dragged into this.”

“You know” Fluttershy says, “I’m right here. And I’m going to help you two find them. Speaking of which, Princess Celestia? Why have I been having these dreams too? We asked the others, and they have not been having any of these dreams.”

Princess Celestia giggles. “The same thing that led you to save him.. you can call it fate.. but I think that there is something connecting you, him, and his sister all to this fragment. But I have yet to find out why. I promise I will let you two know as soon as I find something. As for now, it is getting late.. I think this is good bye for a while.”

“Wait, you aren’t coming with us back to the hotel?” I say.

“No.. I barely found time to get here, I must be off. I can’t tell you why I’m in such a hurry. I promise I will let you two know of whatever I find.”

Princess Celestia takes off in a hurry.

I had a sudden realization. Princess Celestia knew about my past. I had to ask her about a bunch of stuff… I had to ask her about my parents.

“PRINCESS CELESTIA, I HAVE TO ASK YOU SOMETHING!”

“It will have to wait until next time [name], goodbye!”

“What did you want to ask her?” Fluttershy asks.

“About my past.. my parents, anything that I have forgotten about. We should get back to the hotel, because we are leaving soon.”

The entire ride back to Ponyville, all I thought about was my past. I had a sister? Why would my sister attack me? This is all so weird. The others didn’t ask about Princess Celestia, so I’m guessing Twilight Sparkle kept it a secret.. As we got off the train, everyone was tired.

We all said bye to each other. Fluttershy, Twilight Sparkle, and I headed our own way.

Maybe I should go and visit the ruins in Everfree forest. Maybe my sister came from there or something?

“I heard everything.” Sparkle said.

“I knew it. I thought I sensed somepony watching us.” I said with a laugh.

Twilight laughed too. “I’m sorry, I couldn’t just head back without hearing all of this.”

“It’s alright.”

“[name], will you be staying at my cottage tonight too?” Fluttershy says

“Nah, actually, I think I’ll take a walk to the Everfree forest ruins.”

“WHAT?!” they both said.

“Do you know how dangerous it is there?” Sparkle says.

“Sure I do” I said, “but I like exploring.”

“That doesn’t mean you should go get yourself hurt!”

“I will be fine, I promise.”

"Okay", she says as she heads off with Spike.

 “Want me to come with you?” Fluttershy says.
“No. It might be dangerous, and I wouldn’t want anything to happen to you.”

“Why are you going to head into danger?” she asks.

“I don’t know. I just want to go there.”
“Okay.. be safe.” She says with a smile and heads off.

Well, time to get myself lost, because I don’t even know the way there. I saw a giant temple like structure back there, so I think I will just head towards there.

As I get deeper into the ruins, I see two paths.

[1] One leads to a higher path, that looks like it connects to the rest of the temple.

[2] One leads to a path that looks like it goes underground.. I don’t know where it leads to exactly.

[1 I decide to take the higher path, since it looks like I can actually get somewhere from there. I climb up a few stone steps, and head inside. It is dark, really dark. I can barely make out the path. I bump into a few walls here and there, as I continue walking. As I walk into the next hallway, a small crack sound can be heard. Suddenly, the entire wall collapses, and I along with it fall down into a pool of water. I get out and dry myself. I gave myself a scar on my face near my mouth.

[2] I decide to check what is in the path that looks like it goes underground. I open the door. It isn’t as dark as I expected. I head down some hallways, until I reach a pool of water. Until I trip on some rocks and fall in. That kind of hurt. I gave myself a scar on my face near my mouth.

I look around and I notice what looks like a pony asleep.

I approach him, and he doesn’t budge a bit. He looks weird. He has a mining pickaxe as a cutie mark. He is wearing a miners helmet too. I guess he is looking for something.

I was going to talk to him, but then my scar starts stinging. It looks worse than it actually is. I might as well stop here. I can always come back here right? So I don’t want to risk getting hurt. It seems that there are a few cracks on the ceiling, so it would be best to return sometime when it is daylight. The more light the better. I exit through the underground door, and head back. What a wonderful night. There are stars everywhere. And the full moon is visible.

I just realized.. I can’t just barge into Fluttershy’s cottage. She is most likely asleep, and it would be rude.. Where should I stay? I guess I’ll just be awake tonight. As I reach Ponyville, I decide to take a walk through town and see if anypony is awake besides me. It seems all the lights are out, and everypony is fast asleep. I see a pony with a cowboy hat on. As I get closer, I notice that it is AppleJack.

“Hey AppleJack!” I say as I get to her.

She had not noticed me.

“[name]? Hi, what are you doin’ up so late?”

“I couldn’t sleep, so I just wanted to take a walk.”

“Oh okay… hey you got a cut on your face.. are you okay?”

“Haha yeah, I just tripped. It’s nothing. So what are you doing up?”

“Oh, well since we were gone for a week, my brother Big Macintosh had to pick all these apples all by himself. I decided that I should at least get somethin’ done by tonight, to make his job a lil’ easier. It’s the least I could do.”

“Here, I’ll help.”
“Why thanks [name].”

I had nothing to do anyways, at least this could kill a little time.

After about an hour, we had collected enough apples.

“Wow, we finished sooner than I thought. Thanks, it’s always nice to have help once in a while.” AJ says.

“Not a problem. Now you should go get some rest.”
“Yeah.. you should too y’know.”

“I will, good night AppleJack. And if you ever need any more help, just ask okay?”

“Will do! Night [name]! I’ll seeya later.”

Who am I kidding. I’m not getting any sleep. And it will take a while until I hear from Princess Celestia. I guess I should help these ponies as much as I can in the meantime. It would have taken poor AppleJack all night to collect all those apples. I’m glad I helped her or she would not have had enough energy to do much in the morning.

I head near a body of water. It shows my reflection. Wow, this cut I got actually makes me look cool, hehe. Something a superhero would have. I look at Fluttershy’s cottage in the distance. The lights are on… Maybe I should head back after all… I was about to head towards there, when I heard a strange sound. It sounded like an animal. I headed through a few bushes to where the sound was coming from.

I find an injured squirrel on the floor. Poor thing must have fallen off of a branch.

“Here little guy, I can help you”. I put the squirrel on my back, and head towards Fluttershy’s cottage.

I open the door, to see Fluttershy awake.
“[name]? What is it?”
“I found this squirrel injured in the forest.”

She quickly takes the squirrel and lays it down.

“Aww you poor thing.. here.”

She wraps a bandage around the squirrels leg, and feeds the squirrel a cookie.

The squirrel smiles, and falls asleep.

“Thank you for saving him [name], he looks fine now… say [name], is that a cut I see?”

“Oh this? Ermm its nothing really-“

“I told you you would get hurt! Come here”

She puts a bandage on my cut.

“Be careful next time. Where did you run off to anyways? It isn’t safe out there.”

Haha, she treats me like one of her creatures.

“I’m sorry, I just went into the ruins. Nothing much, then I helped AppleJack collect some apples. And now I’m here… I’m a little tired though…”

“Shhh” Fluttershy says. “It’s alright, just fall asleep.”

She didn’t need to say that, because I was already half asleep. Another dream takes over my mind. I hear more voices in my head. “Do it now!”.. “Just do it!”. What does that mean? “So it’s you..” This is so far the strangest dream I have had. “It’s you.. [name].” What the? It just said my name? This is more than just a dream. “[name]…[name]…[name]… I have been waiting… waiting and waiting…[name]……”

I wake up suddenly, and see that I’m in Fluttershy’s room. Fluttershy is on the other side, and it seems like she too is having a bad dream. “No… No” she keeps saying. She is talking in her sleep. I wake her up.

“Bad dream?” I say

“..Yeah” she says.

“Me too”

She starts crying and puts her head near me.

“Fluttershy?! What’s wrong?”
“It… it was so bad”.

“What happened in your dream?”

She calms down before she answers.

“The… the forest… it was burning… and… I saw you.. lying on the ground… the fire surrounding you… and Twilight Sparkle… and everyone else.. and.. and I heard the voice.. It said “Useless.” And it repeated it many many times.”

“Fluttershy.. you are not useless… you don’t need to worry about that.. look at all the animals you help. Everybody loves you!”

This cheers her up.

“Thank you [name].”

We both fall back asleep.

We both wake up with Pinkie Pie and Rainbow Dash at the door.

“Hey you two!” Rainbow Dash says.

Pinkie Pie says without patience “We are going to go bowling! Want to come with us? It’s going to be so much fun! So much so much fun fun fun!”

“I don’t think I’ve gone bowling before. This will be fun.”

Fluttershy nods. “Let’s go” she says.

As we enter, there aren’t too many ponies inside, mostly because it’s early morning.

We each pick a lane, and Pinkie Pie starts, with a strike.

“YAY a striiiiiiiike! I got a striiiike! Your turn Rainbow Dash!”

Rainbow Dash has a smile on her face

She flies in the air, does a flip, and kicks the ball across the lane, hitting a perfect strike.

“Awesome!” she says.

It’s Fluttershy’s turn. She seems nervous. Too nervous. “Don’t worry Fluttershy, pretend it’s only you and me here. Nopony is watching but me.”
This gives her enough confidence, and she gently throws the ball across the lane and gets a strike.

“Good job!” Rainbow Dash and Pinkie Pie say.

“T-Thank you.” Fluttershy says with a smile.

It’s my turn. This doesn’t seem too hard… just line the ball in the middle and… I throw the ball and I hit a strike.

“Wow, I got it.”

“Good job [name]!”

At the end, Pinkie Pie ends up winning, and we all head out. I’m glad this cheered Fluttershy up a little. Heck, I’m glad this cheered me up a little. That dream I had was weird. The voice in my dream actually said my name.

As we walk out, I see a female pony dressed in a weird outfit… almost like she came here from the future. I could swear that I saw her signal me to follow her or something. I excuse myself from the group and follow her. She doesn’t notice me, or she makes it seem that way. She heads into the forest, and I follow her. Once we reach the forest, she turns around.

“[name]”.

“How do you know my name?” I reply.

“It doesn’t matter. I know where that fragment you are looking for is. It is down that path.”

She points at a small path leading deeper into the forest.

“How do you know?” I reply.

“Look, just follow that path, and you will find a small cave. Inside is what you seek.”

I turn to the path. It seems to go really deep into the jungle.

“Say… what’s your name?” I ask.

No reply.

I turn around and notice that she is gone.

I start heading for the path. I get deeper and deeper. The trees cover the sky. Almost makes it seem like it is night time. I hear a crackle in the bushes. I turn around, and something hits me.

I wake up after what seems like a 24 hour rest. My head really hurts, and whatever hit me knocked the bandage right off of my scar. What the heck hit me? Was it my sister again? I look up and notice that it IS nighttime. Judging by the moon, it’s around midnight or so. Well, no going back. I need to continue following this path until I get to this cave.

After a few minutes, I find the cave I have been looking for. I barely fit in. There are a few lit torches on the wall. Looks like someone has been here recently. I continue down the path until I reach a small broken bridge with a river below it. How will I get past this?

[1] Try to jump it

[2] Try and find a safe way around

[1] After building enough courage, I back up, and leap across the bridge. I barely make it too. I’m never doing that again.

[2] I realize that I might not make the jump and end up hurting myself, so I climb down safely. The stream in this river is passing by really quickly. Luckily for me, there are a few stone steps placed there, and I carefully walk over them and climb back up from the other side of the bridge.

I step into the next room, which is a long hallway. I continue walking, until I see something shiny at the end of the hallway. It shines a blue light. I think this might be the fragment! I was so excited, that I rushed towards the light, only to break the floor below me and fall into a dark room.

I land on my back, with small pebbles falling on me. I look around. Complete darkness. Then a blue light shines behind me. I start walking towards it until I hear a voice.

“[name]! Stop!”

I turn around and see Princess Celestia.

“What are you doing here Princess Celestia? I thought you had to leave on some urgent business!”

“This is the urgent business I was talking about. That isn’t what you are looking for.”

She uses magic and lights up the room.

I look forward and see that mysterious pony that led me to come here. She has an evil looking grin on her face.

Princess Celestia looks at me. “[name], look at what this pony did while you were gone looking for this so called fragment.”

Princess Celestia uses magic on the wall, and it becomes a flashback screen.

It shows this mysterious pony talking to Twilight Sparkle, Fluttershy, and the rest of the gang.

“Hey everypony, I’m Morgan… and I have some important information I need to tell you all.”

“Hi!” Twilight introduces everypony. “What is it you need to tell us?”

“It’s [name], he said that he is leaving Ponyville forever.”

“WHAT?!” They all yell at the same time and turn to each other.

“How can he leave without telling us good bye?” Sparkle says.

"This isn't like him..." Applejack says.

As they turn around, they notice that both Morgan and Fluttershy are gone. The vision on the wall slowly fades away.

"Hahahaha," Morgan starts laughing, and presses a switch. A cage lowers into the room. Fluttershy is in it.

“H-Help me.” She says.

“Enough of this!” Princess Celestia says. “[name], get Fluttershy out of there and get out of this cave!”

“But I can’t just leave you here!”

“GO!” Princess Celestia yells.

She charges into Morgan, and they both roll down a few rocks.

The room starts shaking violently.

I break open the cage, and carry Fluttershy towards the exit.

We barely make it out alive, as a few giant boulders block the path behind us.

“What the heck just happened? And how did she capture you?” I ask her as I set her down beside me.

“I… well as the others were talking, she quickly grabbed me and we both just vanished. The next thing I know I’m trapped in that cage. I… I knew you would never leave us.” She says with a smile.

“I don’t know who that was, or how Princess Celestia showed up… but this is all weird. Who knows. Maybe she was working with my sister. Wait a second... if Princess Celestia knew where to show up, that means she knows more information and has not told us yet.”

"That is correct, [name]," Princess Celestia says as we see her slowly approach us and then collapse on the floor.

“Are you okay?!” I ask.

“I- I’m fine. Just out of breath.”

“Are you sure?” Fluttershy asks.

“Yes yes no need to worry.”

I’m glad Celestia made it out alive…

"Winry." Princess Celestia suddenly says.

“W-Winry? Who is that?” I ask.

"Winry is your sister's name, [name]."

“Oh. Winry. Then did Winry have anything to do with that Morgan back there?”

“Yes. They are working together. I have figured out that much. Also… I know where my sister might be… but that will have to wait for later, because I have to go right now. I can’t explain… I’ve only got a few more seconds until-“

Princess Celestia vanishes into thin air.

“Where did she go?” I ask.

“I- I don’t know… but we better get back to the other ponies and explain…”

We head back to the other ponies and tell them everything that had just happened.

“So she just disappeared again?” Sparkle asked.

“Yeah, she vanished into thin air. She said she had to go.” I answer.
“T-Thank you for saving me [name].”

“No problem… I had no idea who this Morgan even was. I just followed her and she tricked me just like that. Princess Celestia must have taken care of her… for a while at least.”

“Well at least you two are safe.” Sparkle says.

“Yeah” I say.

Everything goes on normally for the rest of the day until later tonight.

All of us are together when Rarity comes running at us.

“My gem my gem! I can’t find it!” she yells.

“Woah woah slow down there…” Applejack says.

Rarity catches her breath

“Now what was it you were sayin’?” Apllejack says.

“This important gem I need for a special dress… I can’t find it anywhere! And its irreplaceable!”

A gem? She can’t find a gem?

“What type of gem is it?” I ask

“Here take this, it looks like this.” Rarity replies.

She gives me a piece of paper.

“One more thing” Rarity adds, “They are… sort of rare… heh heh”.

Great. How am I going to find this? Hey! That guy in the ruins of Everfree forest. He had a miners hat on, and a pickaxe cutie mark. If anypony, he must be the most to know about gems and how to find them!

“I think I can help you.” I say

“Really? Oh thank you thank you thank you thank you!” she says and hugs me.

“Not a problem. I’ll be back soon.”

“Wait!” Sparkle says. “You can’t go alone!”

“Sure I can. I’ve been there before, and I know where to go.”

“Where is it you are going to look for them?”

“The ruins of Everfree forest.”

That doesn’t make them happy at all. They all have worried looks on their faces.

“Come on trust me. Do not be worried. I’ll be back in like an hour or so.”

“But it is dangerous, and Morgan is still out there somewhere.” Sparkle says.

“I promise I will be all right.” I say to hopefully cheer them up.

“Pinkie promissse?” Pinkie Pie says.

“Sure, I’ve seen you do this all the time, so I already know what to sa-

“Say it nooow!” she says.

“Cross my heart and hope to fly, stick a cupcake in my eye.”

“Ok good! Now if you break this promise… I will have to-“

“Haha, don’t worry, I won’t.”

This gets them smiling. All except for Fluttershy.

“Well I’ll be back soon! See you all.” I say, as I head towards the forest.

“Bye! Be safe!” they all say.

I head into the forest, remembering the way I went last time.

I feel something on my shoulder, and I turn around.

“Fluttershy? Don’t worry. I promise I will be safe.”

She shakes her head in a “no”, and points at my scar.

“Please. I will be ok.” I say.

“Can I at least walk you to the ruins?” she says.
“Yeah.”

We both continue walking. Neither of us say anything. After a few minutes, we get to the ruins.

“Well we are here. Thanks Fluttershy, for walking me here. I will be back from there before you know it.”

“Be safe.” She says, and heads back.

I remember how last time I left through the underground enterance, so I should head through there again. I head in, and everything looks exactly the same way as it did before. I get to the pool of water where I last left off. I look for the pony with the pickaxe cutie mark and the miners helmet.

He isn’t there, but there is a huge hole behind him from where I last saw him. I decide to head inside. As I go in deeper, I notice newly lit torches on the wall. He must have been here recently.

The space he dug leads me into a big room with a few torches, a table, and a few bags. There is a fire in the middle of the room. I go and sit next to it.

Suddenly, something grabs me from the back and pushes me onto a wall.

“What are you doing here ey? Trying to steal my food are you? Well I’LL TEACH YOU!”
It’s him. It’s the pony that I saw from my last visit to the ruins.

“W-Wait! I’m not here to steal anything!”

“Yeah right! You are trying to steal everythin’ are ya?!”

“No! I’m not! My name is [name], and I was hoping you could help me with something.”

“Help ya’? What could you possibly want from me?”

“I need to find this.”

I show him the picture of the gem Rarity gave me.

“These? I know where a bunch of ‘em are. No big deal.”
“So you will help me?”
“Sure I will, if ya’ don’t steal anything, and take just one. My name is Seth. Follow me.”

I start following him, as we head deeper into some holes he dug.

“Nice to meet you Seth. I saw you in the ruins before, but you were asleep, so I didn’t want to bother you.”

“Ya’ been spyin’ on me boy?”

“No, I was just lost.”

“Boy let me tell ‘ya a story. There was once a lad who got lost in these ruins. Guess what I find? I find a starvin’ pony comin’ and askin’ me for food! I turn my back for a few seconds, and what do I get? I get half my food taken away from me!”

“I won’t steal your food. I’m only here for this gem, and then I will leave.”

“Won’t be long till we get there. We are goin’ the right way. I think.”

“You think?”

“No no, I’m positive. We are goin’ the right wa- oh wait, we turn right from here.”

If this guy leads me to the wrong direction, I’ll-

“Ok! We are heading the right way. I recognize these parts.”

“How?”
“Notice how the walls on these ‘ere caves got more blue? That means we are gettin’ deeper into where we wanna go!”

“Are you sure this is the right way?”

“Boy! Don’t doubt me! These caves are like my backyard. I know them like the back o’ my hand… Now, you might wanna be quiet, I HEARD SOME BATS ARE LIVIN’ ROUND THESE ‘ERE PARTS.”

“WHAT?! Then why are you shouting!”

“Hee heeeeeee, I’m just messin with you boy. The only thing livin’ here are you, me, and a bunch o’ wild poisonous spiders!”

“WHAT?!”

“HAHAHAHAHAHAHA”

Great. I’m here deep in a cave with a lunatic who probably hasn’t seen daylight for years.

“Well, we are here!” he says.

We are on the edge of a rock. I look down, and see what looks like a bottomless pit.

“Jump.” He says.

“What?! Are you crazy?”

“Boy. I told you I know these caves like the back of my hand. Now jump. If it makes ya feel any better, I’ll jump before ya.”

“Can you at least tell me where we are jumping?”
“No time! YIPPPPEEEEEEEEE”

He jumps without warning nor hesitation.

I don’t know whether I should jump… or simply head back.
I was considering heading back a little, until I heard what sounded like bats a little behind me. It takes me a few seconds, but I build up the courage…

“Here we go…” I say. I back up. I will count the 3 and jump. No turning back now, I will probably get lost anyways… okay…

One………Two……..THREE!

I jump off the edge, and fall into complete darkness. I fall for a good 10 seconds, until I splash into a body of water. It’s an underwater river. It carries me downstream. I hear a voice.

“Boy! Grab onto my hand otherwise it will be too late!”

I see him, on a few rocks on the side of the river. I grab onto him, and he carries me safely up.
“What is down the river if we continued?”
“A waterfall, one that leads to that Ponyville place I’ve heard of.”

“So the gem is here?”
“Yep! In the next room is what you are lookin’ for, come on!”

We both enter a hole in the wall.
Wow. Gems are everywhere. This would last Spike years. Probably all his life.
“This is the one you be lookin’ for boy.”

He points at a gem.

He is right, this fits the picture perfectly.

“Here I’ll dig it out for ya.”

As he approaches the gem, the room trembles.

“What was that der!” He says.

“I don’t know!”

The room trembles again, this time it won’t stop.

I look around, gems are falling everywhere, along with rocks.

“Boy, you gotta’ escape outta here! Leave me, I can’t go out, I’ll be fine in these caves.”

“But it’s dangerous! You can get hurt!
He throws me the gem. I quickly put it in my bag.
“Now go boy! RUN! AND DON’T TELL NOBODY BOUT ME OR THESE ‘ERE CAVES YA HEREEE!”

I run out of where I came from. There is nowhere to go but down the river. I jump in. Wait… HE SAID THERE IS A WATERFALL. I see light. What’s the next thing I see? Me, falling down the waterfall. I fall for a while…

SPLASH.

I wake up.

I look up.All my friends are looking at me worriedly. Rainbow Dash isn’t there.

“[name].” Fluttershy says, and starts crying.

I look down, and I see that my leg has been wrapped up.

I look back up. Pinkie Pie is looking at me. “You Pinkie promised…” she says and starts crying.

“You guys… I’m fine.”

I try and sit up, but my leg prevents me.

“This is all my fault.” Rarity says.

That reminds me.

“Rarity.” I say.

“Yes [name]?”

“Get my bag, and open it.”
She gets my bag and opens it. She is surprised.

“Wow… you got it!”

They all look with amazement.

“It was worth it.” I say. I was going to tell them about Seth, until I remember.

“Now go boy! RUN! AND DON’T TELL NOBODY BOUT ME OR THESE ‘ERE CAVES YA HEREEE!”

Oh well, I guess it will be my secret.

I notice that I’m in the hospital.

The doctor walks in.

“Oh, he has woken up! Now let’s see the results… aha! He will be out of here walking by next morning!”

“Really?!” They all say.
“Yep! Just in time for the festival too!”

“Festival?” I ask.

“Oh yeah! We forgot to tell you!” Sparkle says. “We are having our annual Ponyville Festival tomorrow starting around 8 PM. Everypony is going to be there!”

“Games and cake and fun fun fun!” Pinkie Pie says.

“I’ll be there” I say with a smile.
“It is getting late, you should all go. He will be up walking tomorrow morning.” The doctor repeats.

Everyone gets up, says goodnight and leaves. Everyone but Fluttershy.
“Doctor? C-Can I p-please stay here overnight?” Fluttershy says.

“I suppose so…”

“But Fluttershy, there is nowher-“

“She can sleep on the bed over there, it is unoccupied.”

“Will you be fine with that Fluttershy?”

“Y-yes” she says with a smile.

“Very well, good night you two.” The doctor says and leaves the room.

“Fluttershy-“ I say.

“Shhhh” she says.

Some time passes, and neither of us say anything. The room slowly gets darker and darker, as my eyes close shut.

My dreams start again. “Lies.” “Promises” “Broken…” “[name]…”

I wake up next morning, feeling better than I had yesterday. I turn around, and see that Fluttershy has woken up and is sitting on the bed.

“Good morning” she says with a smile.

“Morning… did you have another dream too?”

She nods. “Just voices”.

“Yeah…”

“Hey [name], try standing up.”

I nod, and sit up. Next, I try and get out of bed but end up falling to the floor. I look up, and see that Fluttershy is worried. What do I do when she is worried? I smile. That causes her to smile too. She extends her hoof, as I accept it and she pulls me up leaning me to her. We start heading out the door. Each step I take, the better I feel. As we step outside, the sun is shining brightly.

“Hey Fluttershy. Let’s go for a walk.”

“Can you walk well enough?”

I let go of her and start walking in circles to see.

“Yeah, I’m good.”

“Ok”

We start walking down a path.

The birds are chirping, and everything feels so alive. We pass by a lake, and our reflections are clear.
“I can see why you love nature so much. It’s great. Everything is so alive, and you can’t help but feel happiness inside of you.”

She hugs me.

“That is exactly how I feel.”

We see Twilight Sparkle Spike, and Rainbow Dash walking towards us.

Rainbow Dash charges flying into me.
“[name]! I’m so sorry! I saw you falling down that waterfall and I couldn’t-“

“Rainbow Dash, it’s fine”

I notice her left wing is partially tied up.

“Hey, what happened to your wing?” I ask.
“A rock hit it when I was trying to catch you… I’m sorry..”

“No it’s fine. At least we are both ok now right?”

She nods.

“I can’t wait for the festival. Everything is already prepared… want to go see?” Sparkle says.

We all nod, and follow Sparkle.

We get to a giant field where the festival is taking place. There is a ferris wheel, a lot of stands, and a stage.

“Wow this looks really great.” I say.

We see Pinkie Pie, AJ, and Rarity.
We all say hi to each other.

“This festival is going to be so much fun fun fun! Look at the ferris wheel! And the stage!”

For the rest of the day, I help build stands, a few other things. The time for the festival has begun.

I see Fluttershy and Rarity walking around, and head towards them.

“Hey you two! It’s started. Look how many ponies are here.” I say.

“This place is really crowded” Rarity says.

I notice that she is wearing a very pretty dress with the gem I got her.

“See?” I ask. “My ruin adventures weren’t for nothing!”

“Thank you [name], really.”

I smile, as we continue walking around.

“I’m going to get food, you two coming?”
“I’m not hungry” I say.

“Me neither” Fluttershy says.

“Okay, I’ll see you two later then.” Rarity says and gets mixed into the crowd.

Me and Fluttershy walk and sit on a bench.
“What do you want to do?” I ask her.

“Sit here.”

“You don’t want to go and see what is happening?”

“No, I want to sit here with you.”

“Okay.”

So we sit there. We sit there for about an hour. I don’t mind it. It’s not like I had much to do anyways.
“Hey Fluttershy. The ferris wheel is right there. Do you want to take a ride? The fireworks that were prepared are going to go off any minute too. Seems like a perfect time.”

“Yes” she says, and we head towards the ferris wheels.

We get inside, and the wheel starts cycling.
The first firework sets off. This startles Fluttershy, and she sits next to me.
“Wow, that looks beautiful” I say as I am mesmerized by the sight of the firework. The other fireworks start going off too.

"Watching fireworks makes me feel a little sad. They are so loud and shiny, so it makes you want to look at them. But by the time you look, they have already dissapeared.” Fluttershy says.

“Everything eventually disappears Fluttershy. It’s just how it goes. That’s why we need to enjoy every moment we have in our lives before it is all over.”

“I’m enjoying it with you” Fluttershy says.
We both smile, and continue watching the fireworks.

“Fluttershy. If I ever do lose my memo-“

“I won’t let it happen. Not after all of this.”

The fireworks stop. We get off the ferris wheel.

“Stay over at my place.” Fluttershy says.

“Okay.” I say.

That night I fell asleep like a baby. I guess it was because of the festival.

Another dream starts. This is different. It’s like what they call… a lucid dream. I look around. Complete darkness. Then, something starts shining. It is the gem fragment that I have been looking for. I know it. Something else starts shining. It’s all of my friends. I head towards them, but they get further and further away. The gem fragment is dragging me in. I can’t get closer to my friends. I get tripped, and dragged to the gem fragment. I see my friends falling to the floor and not budging at all. Then I wake up.

I turn around, and I see Fluttershy sleeping next to me, with tears in her eyes. I wake her up.
“Bad dream?” I ask.

She nods and hugs me closely.
“Me too.” I say. And we both fall asleep.

We wake up in the morning with a knock on the door.

We open it, and Fluttershy has a worried look on her face.

“We need to get out of here. RIGHT NOW!”
“What happened?!” I ask.

“Morgan. She somehow has tricked everypony into believing we three are working for her. Then she destroyed part of the hospital and disappeared. Luckily, nopony got hurt, but everypony thinks us three are evil. We need to get out of here!”

“Where will we go?” Fluttershy asks.

“The mountains. They lead to a trail far off. I know a few ponies there. They can help us.”

We look out the window, and we see a lot of ponies angrily marching up here.

“The back enterance. Let’s go!” Fluttershy says.

We rush out and head toward the mountains.

“This is so sudden. How long will we be gone for!” I ask as we are running.
“I don’t know! I wrote a letter to Princess Celestia after Morgan disappeared. She probably got it by now. Spike and the others are safe. Morgan only mentioned us three for some reason. For now, we need to get away from here.”

“Fluttershy are you ok?” I ask her.

“You are here. I am fine. Now let’s hurry towards the mountains.”

We continue running towards the mountains.