Song cover from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nksprQwm4K4>

*Every time I stop and stumble*

*And doubt in darkness*

*I close my eyes and think back to you.*

*We made a vow, a promise,*

*To carry onward,*

*I'll see it through.*

**Cardcaptor Sweet Heart**

*When I was young, the sky shone clear and bright and blue,*

*And I smiled through every day, knowing that all my dreams would come true.*

*Now that I've grown, that sky fades dark and disappears*

*And the future I once dreamed dissolves before my doubts and fears.*

*Then you came to me,*

*Took me by the hand,*

*And the strength you shared helped me to rise and stand.*

*Let the clocks tick by,*

*Let the days fade away,*

*'Cause I've found the path my heart will walk today.*

*Now my heart's alive, and racing*

*Towards the future,*

*There's no doubt that*

*Could dare hold me back.*

*I'm gonna fly on forward into that blue sky, bound-less and bright.*

*I still pray and hope*

*That one day we'll be together*

*I'll fight onward*

*And see you again, my friend.*

*I won't stop until the end,*

*I won't give in!*

Cards, cards falling everywhere.

Sweet Heart Pegasus, a pink Pegasus Care Bear Cousin with a heart shaped wrapped candy for a tummy symbol, stood atop the Hall of Hearts, a red building in the shape of a giant red valentine heart, as strange cards fell all around her like snowflakes. She held a bird-headed staff in one hand and reached up to catch one of the cards in her other, which faded as soon as it touched her hand.

“Cards?” she looked around at Care-a-Lot and then-

\*BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP\*

Sweet Heart shot awake and shook her head. She sat up in bed, stretched her arms and wings then shut off her alarm. She barely recalled the dream as she dragged herself out of bed and smoothed her wings down, pulling a couple molted feathers free. Then she grinned as she fully woke up.

“Last day of school!”

Sweet Heart just grabbed and apple for breakfast as she passed through the kitchen. Her father, Sage Heart Bear an iridescent blue Care Bear with a rainbow dust heart for a symbol, called out to her.

“Is that enough for breakfast?”

“Meeting Pretty Heart and Tugs! Last day of school!” She picked up her school bag and tore out the door.

“Last day of school for her, last day of exams for me,” Sweet Heart’s older brother Love Heart Bear, a lime green Care Bear with a complicated arrangement of hearts for a tummy symbol, trudged down the stairs.

Sweet Heart jumped and took off into the sky. She held her school bag close, since she couldn’t fly and wear a backpack at the same time, and grinned when she saw her closest friends waiting near the ground, a blue Care Bear Tugs and a pink Care Skunk named Pretty Heart.

Tugs was the first one to see her and waved up, “Hey Sweets! Down here!”

Sweet Heart landed between them, “Alright, let’s go!” She took off on foot which forced her friends to dash to keep up, laughing all the way towards the massive cloud building: Care-a-Lot escalator school, where both human and Care Bear students attended classes from kindergarten up to grade twelve.

Since it was the last day of school there wasn’t any work to be done: a movie was playing, they played board games, a couple had trading cards games going, while Sweet Heart, Tugs and Pretty Heart were discussing what they would be doing this summer, with Tugs lamenting that Grams Bear had things scheduled for him and his twin sister Hugs to do for a couple weeks starting right after school.

Sweet Heart found herself staring out the nearby window as they day wore on, her mind flashing back to the odd dream she’d had, then she swore she saw the staff she had been holding in the clouds overhead.

“Hey, Care-a-Lot to Sweets, what’s going on?” Tug prodded her shoulder.

Sweet Heart snapped out of the stupor she’d been in and shook her head, “Yow! Sorry just... I just think I have something urgent to take care of at home after school.”

“You too huh,” Tugs sighed, “Well guess we’ll hang out more later then.”

Pretty Heart smirked, “Well I’m going to check out that new store that just opened. Maybe I’ll catch you there later.”

“I’d love to go, I’ll try to get done fast,” Sweet Heart smiled and returned to having fun with her friends.

The elementary school part of Care-a-Lot Escalator got out an hour before the high schoolers were finished their last exam and the three friends went their separate ways once the bell rang, with Pretty Heart heading through the huge rainbow heart-shaped portal to the earth city of Readington that was connected to the Kingdom of Caring.

“Hello?” there was no answer to Sweet Heart’s call when she got home and she sighed. Why did she come home instead of hanging out with Pretty Heart?

A sudden shock through the back of her mind gave her answer and she heard something coming from downstairs. “Hello?” she called out? Why would someone be here? She headed for the basement and gulped when she opened the door.

“Alright, there’s no monsters down there, at least none worse than Mr Beastly,” she took a deep breath as she stepped down the stairs, turning the lights on. She saw a glow coming from the small basement storage room and felt compelled to go to it. Even with the light on Sweet Heart could see the glow coming from a small wooden chest at the side of the room. She carefully lifted the lid and found the source: a red book with a golden latch holding it shut and a cover with a picture of a large maneless armored lion with large feathery wings on the front surrounded in gold filigree over an elaborately drawn picture of a sun.

She picked up the book and read the words on the cover “The Clow?” Sweet Heart shuddered as he felt a sudden pulse of energy run through her.

There was a sudden flash of golden light and the latch popped open. Sweet Heart squeaked and held still for a moment, but when nothing happened she carefully opened the book. Instead of normal pages the inside of the book was hollowed out filled with a pile of large cards, about three times the size of a playing card the back of which were red and had an elaborate golden disk with the same picture of the sun drawn in the middle and a small crescent moon on the upper left corner, just like the cards in her dream.

“Cards?” Sweet Heart picked up the first card and flipped it over to see the face, it was a very detailed drawing of a woman with large wings enfolding her and hair antenna on a black background and a name written on the bottom. “The Windy?” Sweet Heart saw the card flash for a moment then it glowed and before she could react a massive wind storm flared up around her.

Sweet Heart shut her eyes against the gale force wind that blew into a tornado up around him, the force reaching into the book and launching the cards up and magically through the roof and out of her house. Sweet Heart pulled her wings in and held on for dear life until the wind finally died down and all the cards were gone, except for The Windy still held tight in her hand.

Sweet Heart dropped the book and fell to her knees, “What just happened?” She stared at the card in her hands, as if hoping it would answer.

Unexpectedly the book seemed to answer instead when it glowed bright gold again and a small creature floated out from the front cover: it looked like a small yellow stuffed animal with a big head, large round ears, small feathery wings and long tail with a white tuft at the end.

It opened its tiny eyes, then grinned and threw up an arm, “Well hidey howdy ho! Thank you so much for waking me up... little pink horse?” The creature’s voice was masculine and deeper than its size would have suggested. It stared at Sweet Heart, “Wait, have humans been replaced by animal people? How long was I locked up in that book?”

“Oh no, my name’s Sweet Heart Pegasus, I’m a Care Bear Cousin,” Sweet Heart pointed to herself, “Who are you?”

“A Care Bear Cousin huh? That’s news to me, but no big deal.” The creature folded his arms and gave a proud grin, “My name is Keroberos, The Guardian Beast of the Seal of the Clow Book.”

“You mean that book?” Sweet Heart pointed to the book on the floor.

“Yeah, you got it, girl,” the Clow book lifted up behind Keroberos and stood upright with the cover open and he turned and pointed to the now empty slot in the book, “I keep the Clow Cards from getting loose and causing trouble see?” There was a moment of awkward silence before the guardian beast did a double take and freaked out “WAAAAA NO NO NO! The Clow Cards are gone!? Why Why Why?! Where did the cards go!?” He wailed, trying to dig through the empty slot as if that would make them rematerialize before he hung his head in defeat.

“I’m sorry but I let them out,” Sweet Heart’s ears drooped.

“What?” Keroberos turned to face Sweet Heart with simmering anger in his eyes.

“I found the book, opened it and picked up this card called ‘The Windy’.”

Keroberos nodded, “Yeah?”

“And right after I read its name a big wind storm picked up,” Sweet Heart gulped.

“Uh-huh?” Keroberos nodded again.

“And they all got blown away...” Sweet Heart’s whole body seemed to sag with shame.

“I see.” Keroberos nodded, then briefly burst into laughter.

“AHahahahaha ha ha ha...” Keroberos stared at Sweet Heart for a moment before he shouted, “ALL OF THEM?!”

“Well I still have The Windy,” Sweet Heart handed the card to Keroberos.

“Oh thank goodness at least one card’s still here!” Keroberos grabbed the card and hugged it like a treasured stuffed animal.

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“Thanks for supper, gonna have dessert in my room!” Sweet Heart shouted a bit too loudly as she grabbed the bowl of chocolate pudding and darted up to her room.

“Sweet Heart!” Her mother called after her. Her name was Life Heart Unicorn and she was a green unicorn with long silver hair and an apple tree with heart shaped apples for her tummy symbol. “That was odd.”

“Huh?” Love Heart had barely touched his food, he’d been despondent since he got home, “Not hungry, gonna go to bed.” He trudged up to his bedroom and left their parents sitting at the table.

When Sweet Heart got to her bedroom she saw Keroberos floating in mid-air and glowing. He finally stopped glowing and sighed, his limbs hanging down, “It’s no good. I can’t tell where the other Clow Cards have gone.”

“Here, maybe this will help you feel better, Kero.” Sweet Heart set the pudding and spoon on her dresser near the guardian beast.

Keroberos’ face lit up as he saw the sweet treat placed in front of him, “Oh wow, this looks tasty!” He grabbed the spoon, which was as long as he was tall, with little effort and hovered over the dessert as scooped it into his mouth, clearly enjoying the taste. He paused briefly and asked, “Did you call me Kero?”

“It sounds cuter, and shorter,” Sweet Heart sighed, “So what can I do about these Clow Cards.”

“Oh right,” Keroberos dropped his spoon into the now empty pudding cup, “That pudding hit the spot!” he floated up with a happy smile on his face for a moment, “go stand over there,” Keroberos pointed to a spot near Sweet Heart’s bedroom door.

“OK,” Sweet Heart stepped back as Kero floated over to stand on the Book of Clow, which was lying on her bed.

The guardian beast’s body glowed gold and there was suddenly a glowing golden seal identical in design to the one on the back of the Clow Cards on the ground surrounding them. “Key of Clow,” as Keroberos spoke a small blue orb floated out of the book’s key hole that quickly grew to the size of a golf ball that floated up to Sweet Heart, “This girl named Sweet Heart will carry out the sacred promise.” He pointed dramatically at the glowing ball and shouted, “RELEASE!” A windstorm picked up as the item inside the ball grew larger, eventually forming a pink staff with a bird’s head at the top with small wings attached to large gem eyes.

“Take the staff!” Keroberos shouted over the wind. Sweet Heart stepped forwards against the wind and grabbed the staff which grew to a length of 70 cm before the wind calmed down.

Kero smiled as the wind vanished, “I name you, Sweet Heart Pegasus, as Cardcaptor.”

“So what do I do?” Sweet Heart stared at the staff in her hand, which looked exactly like the staff from her dream.

A loud cry from outside and the howling of wind made them jump, “You’re about to find out!” Kero flew to the window as a huge shadow passed over the rapidly fading daylight, “It’s The Fly Card!”

Sweet Heart ran to the window as a massive bird flew past. “Oh my stars!” she gulped.

“You have to get out there and capture it!” Kero said.

Sweet Heart was shaking but took a deep breath and pushed her window open, “Alright, let’s go!” She stepped out her window and spread her wings then took off after The Fly.

Kero was startled but took off after her, “You can fly!?”

Sweet Heart grinned, “Yup! I’m Sweet Heart Pegasus!” she flew after The Fly Card, “So how do I capture it?” She shouted over the wind as she got closer to The Fly, the force of its wings shaking her off course.

“Use The Windy Card!” Kero had grabbed the card before taking off and handed it to Sweet Heart, “Hit it with the staff and call its name and what you want it to do!”

Sweet Heart took the card, “Right!” She threw the card forwards as a sun and moon themes golden seal appeared below her, “Windy Card! Form a chain and tie up The Fly! Release and dispel!” she struck the card and the spirit emerged then flew off to wrap around the giant bird, which cried out in shock before crashing down to the clouds, thankfully far enough from Care-a-Lot not to damage anything.

Sweet Heart landed in front of the struggling Fly, “Now what?!”

Kero floated down next to her, “Repeat after me: Fly Card I command you to return to your power confined! Fly!”

“OK!” Sweet Heart raised the staff over her head, “Fly Card I command you to return to your power confined! Fly!” She swung at the bird and a card shape formed in front of the staff’s beak. The Fly cried out again as it was sucked into the card, which solidified and floated into Sweet Heart’s hand, showing the bird with the name ‘The Fly’ printed on a ribbon across the bottom.

“Alright! Great job!” Kero pumped a fist in the air, “Now let’s get home before anyone sees us.”

Sweet Heart lay on her bed and stared at The Fly, on which she had written her name, Sweet Heart Pegasus, to seal its power to her, “So how many Clow Cards are there, Kero?”

“Nineteen, so you have seventeen more to go,” Kero landed on her pillow next to her, “But you can’t let anyone know about this.”

“OK, I don’t like keeping secrets but I won’t tell anyone.” Sweet Heart sighed, “So much for summer, but I guess if I really try hard to get them captured I won’t have to take too much of my free time.”

“That’s the spirit.” Kero yawned, “The sooner they’re captured the better.”

Sweet Heart put the cards and the now sealed staff, in the form of a small key, away, “Good night, Kero.”

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“How exactly am I supposed to find the Clow Cards?” Sweet Heart whispered as she walked down the sidewalk in Readington, carrying an overlarge handbag where she was carrying The Clow Book and Kero, “Just wait for them to show up?”

“Mostly,” Kero’s voice was just barely audible from the handbag, “The Clow Cards won’t make themselves known until they’re ready.”

“I don’t want to spend all summer on this, I want to hang out with my friends,” Sweet Heart sighed.

“Spend all summer on what?”

Sweet Heart jumped and spun around to find herself face-to-face with Wish Bear, a teal green Care Bear girl with a shooting star for a tummy symbol wearing a pale blue blouse and skirt.

“Oh uhh, nothing Wish Bear,” Sweet Heart gulped.

“Nothing? You mean you weren’t dealing with that giant bird from last night,” Wish Bear pulled out her Heartphone, a Care Bear’s smartphone, and pulled up a short video that showed Sweet Heart chasing after The Fly Card.

Sweet Heart turned pale, “How did you see that?! Did you post it anywhere?!”

“Not yet, and I walked your brother home so I was nearby when I saw the giant bird and you chasing it,” Wish put her phone away, “So what was that bird? We both know it’s not No-Heart’s.”

Sweet Heart looked around then whispered harshly, “I’ll show you at your house, just please don’t tell anyone!”

“Alright, I’ll see you later,” Wish gave a friendly smile then whistled as she swayed away.

Kero poked his head out of the handbag, “Think she’ll tell anyone?”

“No,” Sweet Heart sighed, “Wish is kinda spacey but we can trust her.”

Later at Wish Bear’s house Sweet Heart had laid the Clow Book on Wish’s coffee table and had finished explaining everything, with Kero’s help.

“... and we can’t tell anyone about this.” Sweet Heart stared at the book, “I want to try and capture all of the Clow Cards as fast as possible before they hurt anyone, and before I spend all summer on this.”

“I see,” Wish Bear looked up at Kero, “I’m going to help you.”

“What?!” Kero stared back at her, “But it’s too dangerous for anyone without magical powers to help with this.”

“But I do have magical powers,” Wish touched her tummy symbol, which was on her blouse, “I can make wishes come true, if I really believe in them.”

“She can,” Sweet Heart backed her up, “She’s saved the whole Care Bear Family a couple of times when they work, like their first encounter with Cold Heart.”

“Cold who?” Kero turned to Sweet Heart, “And when they work? Are you sure about this?”

“You need someone older to keep an eye on both of you,” Wish Bear added, “And if you won’t tell your parents then I can at least help cover for you.”

“My brother is one of her best friends,” Sweet Heart turned to Kero, “And I could use the help.”

Kero sighed, “Alright, just be careful about this.”

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“Shadow, Jump, Windy, Glow, Shield, Sword,” Sweet Heart set the cards in front of her on her dresser, “six down thirteen to go.”

“And in only two weeks,” Kero whistled, “at this rate you should have them all by the end of the month.”

“I hope so,” Sweet Heart put the cards away and climbed into bed, “I don’t want to keep blowing off Tugs and Pretty Heart all summer.”

“Hopefully you won’t have to,” Kero curled up on Sweet Heart’s other pillow.

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Cozy Heart almost drowned. At an aquarium show she was pulled underwater by a whirlpool and lost consciousness before she could be pulled back above water. CPR barely managed to revive her and Take Care Bear insisted on keeping her at the hospital to observe for a couple days.

The culprit turned out to be The Watery Card and that same night Sweet Heart went to the Aquarium and with help from Wish Bear she managed to lure The Watery into a huge freezer in the aquarium’s basement and use The Windy to freeze it solid and capture it.

She exited with the newly sealed Watery Card and gave a relieved sigh, “That was too close. I just hope Cozy Heart will be ok.”

“She will,” Wish reassured her, “But I see why you need to capture these cards fast. Can’t let any of them try that again.”

“You’re doing fine, Sweet Heart,” Kero assured her, “But we have to be on alert. The Clow Cards are only going to get tougher from here.”

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“Big brother! Are you out here? Love Heart!” Sweet Heart trudged between the park trees.

“He’s close, Wish’s wish led us here so it must have lured him,” Kero floated by a very worried Sweet Heart’s head.

“I just hope Wish can get Take Care here- Yow!” Sweet Heart wasn’t looking where she was going and stepped off a ledge, her wings snapping open to catch her. She watched below and felt her heart sink as she saw the lime green form slumped against the base of the cliff and another pink form staring up at her.

“LOVE HEART!” Sweet Heart dove and landed hard next to her brother, ignoring the shock that traveled up her legs as she grabbed him, “Wake up!” she grabbed his shoulders and felt him slump. A whimper from behind her made her get up as she faced her doppelganger, who looked remorseful.

Sweet Heart pulled out her staff, which she had released earlier, and swung it towards the card, then watched as the doppelganger imitated her. Clues pieced together from its actions made her speak, “Card, your name is Mirror.” She barely had time to see The Mirror’s true form before calling out her incantation, “Mirror Card! I command you to return to your power confined! Mirror!”

Sweet Heart snatched the captured card from mid-air and turned back to her brother as the sound of Take Care’s cloud ambulance was heard overhead. “Love Heart! Please talk to me!” Sweet Heart pleaded even as Take Care and Independent Bear arrived.

Take Care only had to check him for a moment to see something was seriously, “He’s barely breathing! Get him into the ambulance now!” Independent helped her load Love Heart into the back and they took off. Sweet Heart hid the sealed staff and card as she rode along.

Sweet Heart anxiously wandered the waiting room where she and her parents waited for Take Care to finish with Love Heart.

Wish Bear sat nearby, hands clasped in her lap as she whispered over and over: “I wish Love Heart will be alright. I wish Love Heart will be alright.” Her tummy symbol glowed briefly then she gasped and held her chest as she stopped talking.

“Wish?” Sweet Heart stopped and turned to face her and saw the teal bear’s pained expression.

Take Care emerged into the waiting room and Sweet Heart immediately ran over to her, “Is Love Heart alright!? Tell me he’s alright!” Sweet Heart stared up at Take Care.

Take Care tried to keep her face impassive a she spoke, “I’m sorry, Love Heart’s dead.”

The color drained from Sweet Heart’s face, “Wh-what?” her voice caught in her throat.

“His spine was broken by the fall and he stopped breathing on the way over. I tried to revive him but... I’m sorry, I didn’t get to him in time,” Take Care took a deep breath.

“No...” Sweet Heart’s whole body started shaking, “NO! NO! NO! NO! NO!” She started beating Take Care’s chest with her fists as she burst into tears, “BRING HIM BACK! PLEASE BRING HIM BACK, TAKE CARE!”

Life Heart and Sage Heart had broken down crying too and even Wish Bear had started crying but forced herself to walk over to Sweet Heart and pull her away from Take Care, who had let the grief stricken child just keep at her.

“Shh shh, Sweet Heart please calm down,” Wish sniffled but tried to be strong.

“WISH HIM BACK PLEASE!” Sweet Heart whirled on Wish Bear her wings flared, Please Wish,” her voice finally started to fade, “Bring him back, do something, anything...” She sunk to her knees.

“I tried but,” Wish touched her tummy symbol, “Some wishes are too much...”

“No no no no no no no... aaa WAAAAAAAAAAHHH!” Sweet Heart couldn’t hold it in any more and bawled her eyes out, hands pressed to her face trying to rub the tears away as if she could dispel this like a bad dream.

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Sweet Heart barely recalled her brother’s funeral: lots of tears, lots of regrets, kind words from most of the family especially their parents, Brave Heart Lion, Harmony Bear, Wish Bear, Loyal Heart Dog and Confidence Heart Fennec, but Sweet Heart couldn’t say anything.

Sweet Heart lay barely held herself together long enough to get home then flung herself on her bed and resumed crying her eyes out. Kero sat down on her pillow next to her head, not having been able to attend.

Sweet Heart turned her tearstained face to Kero, “Why? Why did my brother have to die?”

Kero turned his head to look at The Mirror Card where Sweet Heart had left it, face down next to the book, “Because the Clow Cards are getting more aggressive, they might do more damage if they’re left out.”

“Because I wasn’t good enough,” Sweet Heart hiccupped then curled up on her side, her wings pulled tight against her back, “If I was faster, or if I found The Mirror sooner he’d still be alive...” She sniffed and started crying again, more softly now. Kero hovered over to The Mirror and placed it inside the Clow Book.

The following day, Sweet Heart awoke with a new sense of determination, “I’ll capture the rest of the Clow Cards as soon as possible.”

Kero was a bit startled by her serious gaze, “Maybe you should give yourself time to grieve, let this sink in.”

Sweet Heart shook her head as she opened her window, “No, I won’t let anyone else be hurt.” She looked down and saw Wish Bear standing below her window.

Sweet Heart jumped down and landed carefully in front of Wish Bear, “Can you help me find the Clow Cards?”

“I can,” Wish touched the dark pink eight-pointed star on Sweet Heart’s forehead that signified that she was the child of a unicorn as they both closed their eyes. “I wish that Sweet Heart will know where the nearest escaped Clow Card is.” Her tummy symbol lit up along with Sweet Heart’s unicorn star.

Sweet Heart’s eyes shot open, “This way!” she turned and took off, taking to the air as she released the sealing staff. No more pain, she would capture the cards and seal them away before they could hurt anyone else.

Kero flew alongside Sweet Heart, “I know you can do it, your magical powers are growing every day.”

“Good, because I’ll need them,” Sweet Heart said.

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With Wish Bear’s help, Sweet Heart managed to capture four more Clow Cards in just under a week, but the fifth one proved to be the breaking point.

Lightning lanced up from the clouds beneath the feet of the Care Bear Family, shooting into the Forest of Feelings and setting it on fire. The Care Bear Cousins fled from their burning home, unable to stop it from spreading as more bolts struck and set more trees alight. Sweet Heart couldn’t track The Thunder Card as it destroyed the forest and the clouds beneath Care-a-Lot turned to storm clouds.

Sweet Heart was panicking even before she noticed that she was sinking into the darkening clouds, as were the buildings of Care-a-Lot.

“No!” Sweet Heart forced herself to fly up and out then turned and saw, to her horror, that The Thunder’s magic was unwinding the enchantments that made the clouds solid and Care Bears and Cousins who hadn’t made it to the huge portal were sinking into the clouds, including her parents.

“MOM! DAD!” Sweet Heart dove towards them and grabbed Sage Heart’s hand as he held on to Life Heart, who sank out of sight, but she wasn’t strong enough and the water made them slippery.

Sage Heart gave a weak smile as he felt his grip loosen, “Sweet Heart, please live,” was all he said before he slipped out of her grip and fell through the clouds. Sweet Heart almost lost her will to hover, but shook her head and flew right for the portal even as it was falling apart on this side.

Sweet Heart crash landed on the street, taking a chunk of fur off her legs as she tried to stand, crying so hard she was barely able to see. Then she felt the ground shaking as she felt herself pulled up to her feet by Wish Bear.

“What’s going on?” She saw a massive pillar of earth shoot up in the middle of the city.

“The Clow Cards are going crazy!” Kero floated next to Sweet Heart, “They got scared by you hunting them down so aggressively.” His voice was filled with remorse, “I didn’t think they would go this far so fast.”

“I think you, me and Loyal Heart are the only ones who escaped,” Wish Bear said.

“This is all my fault...” Sweet Heart couldn’t even watch the destruction all around her, “I wasn’t good enough and I rushed I... I’m sorry everyone... everyone’s dead because of me...” she turned to Wish Bear who was on the verge of tears as well, then looked at the bear’s tummy symbol then the sealing staff still in her hand. A plan formed in her mind and she forcefully wiped the tears from her eyes and turned to Wish Bear.

“Please, help me fix this, Wish!” she grabbed the bear’s hands.

Wish blinked, “Sweet Heart... even I can’t make that big a wish come true...”

“I know, but maybe together we can,” she put the staff between both of their hands, “Help me undo all of this, I know we can!” she pleaded.

Wish looked Sweet Heart in the eyes, then up to the damage still being done to Readington, “Alright, if you believe you can then make your wish.”

“With my magic and yours,” Sweet Heart took a deep breath as her unicorn star began to glow and then Wish’s symbol began to glow as well. “I will undo this.” The gem on either side of her staff’s head started to glow.

“Sweet Heart! What are you doing?!” Kero tried to fly closer but had to cover his eyes against the light as Wish Bear’s whole body glowed bright white.

“Fixing my mistake.” Sweet Heart looked up at Wish Bear, “I wish to rewind, to turn time back to before I released the seal of the Book of Clow so I can prevent all of this from happening!” Sweet Heart’s cry sent a massive wave of light outwards from Wish’s body as the teal bear seemed to collapse in on herself and the staff transformed. Sweet Heart caught a glimpse of a spinning star inside a ring at the staff’s top before time froze.

At first nothing happened, then time began to flow backwards like watching an old video on rewind. All the events of the summer played backwards before Sweet Heart’s eyes until everything suddenly stopped.

Sweet Heart found herself standing in the basement storage room of her house, the Book of Clow glowing from inside the chest in front of her. She hastily shut the chest lid and let out a massive sigh of relief, hands on her chest. Then she noticed she was holding something she wasn’t before.

She held it up in front of her face, “A Clow Card?” it looked like a Clow Card, except it was pink instead of red and the sun and moon pattern on the back was replaced with one that had a golden star in the middle. She turned it over and gasped, “Wish Bear?!” It was indeed Wish Bear with a serene look on her face and dressed in some kind of eastern clothing that the other Clow Card Spirits wore. Across the bottom of her card was the name THE WISH and her own name Sweet Heart Pegasus already printed on the bottom.

“Hold on, I’ll get you out!” Sweet Heart closed her eyes and tried to focus her magic again, but only got a small spark out of her unicorn star. She sighed and put the card in her pocket, remembering that Kero had said her powers had grown as she captured the cards so if she rewound time that meant she was no more powerful than she had been before she opened the book.

“Don’t worry, Wish, I’ll find a way to set you free,” she promised as she headed up the stairs.

She stepped out of the basement door and gasped when she saw who was there: “Big brother! You’re home!”

Love Heart looked up to see the owner of the voice standing by the basement stairs, his little sister Sweet Heart Pegasus: a bright pink horse with hooves instead of feet, two large pink feathered wings and a tummy symbol that was a wrapped piece of heart shaped striped candy; her only piece of clothing was a short pink skirt with pockets.

“Huh?” Love Heart wiped his still leaking eyes, “Sweet Heart, I thought you’d be out with your friends after school.”

“Oh, I came home to...” Sweet Heart paused when she saw Love Heart’s tear stained, “Love Heart, what happened?”

Love Heart rubbed his eyes with his forearm, “Harmony rejected me...”

“Oh...oooooh!” Sweet Heart eyes lit up with understanding and she darted forwards to hug her older brother, also wrapping him in her wings around him in comfort. “I’m sorry, Love Heart.” She held him tightly.

Love Heart smiled slightly and tried to hug her without pushing her wings out of the way. “Don’t worry about it,” he sniffed, still feeling the need to cry, “Go have fun with your friends. I... need to be alone.”

“OK,” Sweet Heart stepped back so Love Heart could step away from the door, “Tell mom and dad I’m going to meet Pretty Heart at that new toy shop, Twin Bells.”

“Right...” Love Heart mumbled as his sister slipped out the front door.

Sweet Heart let out a sigh of relief and then smiled. It had worked! Her brother was alive again and Care-a-Lot was in one piece. With everything settled she decide she might as well go meet up with Pretty Heart Skunk like she had said.

She walked off with a big smile on her face. She’d have to keep what happened a secret for now but the first chance she got she would talk to her parents about what happened and plan the best time to unseal the Clow Book to start her destiny.

She was through the portal too soon to notice the storm that kicked up over her house when Love Heart released the Clow Cards...