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MY LITTLE PONY III

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TEASER

SC 1 - INT. APPLE BLOOM'S ROOM - DAY

APPLE BLOOM is sifting through outfits hanging in her wardrobe, looking for the right item to wear.

1 APPLE BLOOM
What to wear...what to wear...?

APPLEJACK enters.

2 APPLEJACK
Scoot yer boot, Apple Bloom! It's not like it's the Harvest Day Parade; we're just going to the train station.

Apple Bloom stops at a pair of overalls.

3 APPLE BLOOM
Too casual!

She sifts past some more outfits and stops at a sundress.

4 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Too summery!

Her search continues.

5 APPLEJACK
Your cousin isn't gonna care what you're wearin'. Just pick somethin'.

6 APPLE BLOOM
This is my first time meeting her. And she's from Manehattan. I want to make a good impression.

7 APPLEJACK
You know what would make a good impression?

8 APPLE BLOOM
(eager)
What?!

9 APPLEJACK
Bein' on time to pick her up.

Apple Bloom GRIMACES, then resumes her search. She tosses aside outfit after outfit.

10 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
You got nothin' to worry about, sugar cube. Ya'll are gonna get along great. You already have somethin' big in common.

11 APPLE BLOOM
(distracted)
Oh yeah. What's that?

12 APPLEJACK
Neither of you have your Cutie Mark.

Apple Bloom SPINS around on her heels to face her sister.

13 APPLE BLOOM
What?! How could you forget to tell me something like that?

14 APPLEJACK
Well I--

15 APPLE BLOOM
This changes everything!
(then)
Meet you at the train station. I gotta tell Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo.

Apple Bloom makes a hasty exit.

16 APPLEJACK
(calling after her)
You know your cousin is supposed to sleep in here!

WIDEN TO REVEAL - Apple Bloom's room is an absolute disaster area of discarded outfits.

END TEASER

ACT I

SC 2 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TRAIN STATION

Apple Bloom, SWEETIE BELLE, and SCOOTALOO stand at the train station with Applejack. They can barely contain their excitement.

17 SCOOTALOO
You really think she'll want to join?

18 APPLE BLOOM
She doesn't have her Cutie Mark. Of course she'll want to be a Cutie Mark Crusader.

19 SWEETIE BELLE
I'm just so excited I could burst.

The train pulls into the station.

20 APPLE BLOOM
(to Applejack)
Is that the train from Manehattan?

21 APPLEJACK
Yep.

The train comes to a stop and the Cutie Mark Crusaders try and find Babs.

22 APPLE BLOOM
That's her! Wait, no, no it's not. Wait! That's her! No, no,...that's not her either!...Wait! --

23 APPLEJACK
Apple Bloom, you've never met Babs, remember?

Apple Bloom blushes.

24 APPLE BLOOM
Oh, yeah...

Applejack strains her neck.

25 APPLEJACK
Ah, that's her!

ANGLE ON - BABS SEED exiting the train. She's about Apple Bloom's age and you can see the familial relation. You can also see that she is a fellow BLANK FLANK. She looks around, unsure of her surroundings.

26 APPLE BLOOM (O.S.)
Babs! Babs!

Babs suddenly finds herself surrounded by Apple Bloom, Scootaloo, and Sweetie Belle.

27 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
It's me, your cousin, Apple Bloom! And this is Sweetie Belle.
(MORE)

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
And this is Scootaloo. And we are so, so, so glad you're here.

Babs tries to interject and we catch a hint of her Manehattan accent.

28 BABS
Thanks I'm happy to--

29 SWEETIE BELLE
This is going to be the best week of your life!

30 BABS
Sure hope it's--

31 SCOOTALOO
Seriously, we are gonna have a blast.

32 SWEETIE BELLE
The Summer Harvest Parade is going on while you're here. We get to ride in a float!

Babs likes the sound of that.

33 BABS
Really?! Oh, wow! I've never been on a float before--

34 APPLE BLOOM
And we've got a really big surprise for you.

35 BABS
(nervous)
A surprise?

SC 3 - EXT. CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS CLUBHOUSE - SOON AFTER

The Cutie Mark Crusaders approach the clubhouse. Babs is with them and has her eyes closed.

36 APPLE BLOOM
Okay, open 'em!

Babs opens her eyes.

37 CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS
Ta-da!

38 SCOOTALOO
Well, whatta ya think?

Babs opens her mouth to speak but doesn't get a chance.

39 APPLE BLOOM
Don't answer yet. You gotta see the inside first.

Babs follows her to the front door.

40 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
I give you...

She ushers Babs inside.

SC 4 - INT. CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS CLUBHOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Babs enters, followed by Apple Bloom, Scootaloo, and Sweetie Belle.

41 APPLE BLOOM
...the Cutie Mark Crusaders Clubhouse!

42 BABS
Cutie Mark Crusaders?

43 SCOOTALOO
A club devoted to helping ponies get their Cutie Marks.
(then, proudly)
We're its founding members.

44 SWEETIE BELLE
Technically, we're its only members.

45 APPLE BLOOM
But we're always looking to expand and you seem like the perfect candidate.

46 BABS
I do?

47 SCOOTALOO
Well, yeah. Since you don't have a Cutie Mark and all.

Babs looks a little self-conscious at the mention of her Blank Flank.

48 BABS
Oh. Yeah. That.

49 APPLE BLOOM
Allow me to show you just some of the highlights of our clubhouse should you choose to join us.

She gestures to the roll call sheet.

50 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
This is where we do roll call.

She gestures to a table.

51 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
This is where we eat our lunch.

She gestures to an empty corner.

52 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Sometimes we stand here and think up great ideas.

Babs nods her head, looking around. The Cutie Mark Crusaders look at her expectantly, but she just stands there.

53 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Could you excuse us for a minute?

54 BABS
Sure.

Apple Bloom gestures for Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo to join her in the "important ideas corner".

55 APPLE BLOOM
(whispering)
Thought she'd be more impressed.

56 SWEETIE BELLE
She's from Manehattan. If we want to impress her we need to really wow her.

They ponder this for a moment before Scootaloo gets an idea.

57 SCOOTALOO
The float! She can ride with us on our Summer Harvest Parade float!

58 APPLE BLOOM
That's perfect!
(then)
This really is a good spot for thinking up great ideas.

Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle nod in agreement as we...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC 5 - EXT. APPLE ORCHARD - A FEW MINUTES LATER

Down at an outside workshop, the Cutie Mark Crusaders have set up a work station for their float.

59 APPLE BLOOM
Here it is... the official Cutie Mark Crusaders float for the Summer Harvest Parade.

Babs looks over the almost complete PUMPKIN FLOAT, made of dried flowers, pieces of fabric, and other odds and ends. It sits on wooden wheels.

60 SCOOTALOO
As a member of the Cutie Mark Crusaders you'd be able to ride on it with us. It'll be totally fun.

Babs smiles.

61 BABS
That does sound pretty fun--

62 DIAMOND TIARA (O.S.)
More like funny...

The Cutie Mark Crusaders and Babs turn to see DIAMOND TIARA and SILVER SPOON approaching the float.

63 DIAMOND TIARA/SILVER SPOON
...looking!

They <LAUGH> at their own joke.

64 SILVER SPOON
(re: the float)
What is that thing? A giant orange?

65 APPLE BLOOM
It's a pumpkin.

66 DIAMOND TIARA
More like a <u>lame</u>-kin.

Silver Spoon <GIGGLES>. Diamond Tiara notices Babs.

67 DIAMOND TIARA (CONT'D)
Who's the new blank flank?

Babs is visibly uncomfortable.

68 APPLE BLOOM
She's my cousin, Babs. She's from Manehattan.

69 DIAMOND TIARA
Manehattan, huh? Well I guess you have *that* going for you.

70 SILVER SPOON
Suppose you're gonna join their little club? What's it called? The "Cutie Mark Crusaders".

71 BABS
More like the Cutie Mark Crybabies.

Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle, and Scootaloo visibly react to the insult.

72 APPLE BLOOM
Hey!

Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon stop and look at each other, surprised. Diamond Tiara smiles deviously.

73 DIAMOND TIARA
Oooh. Big city attitude. I like it.

Silver Spoon nods in agreement.

74 BABS
Oh yeah? Well there's more where that came from. Check this out.

Babs turns around and gives a couple of SWIFT BUCKING KICKS to the Cutie Mark Crusaders float, bending it and tearing big holes into it!

Sweetie Belle <GASPS> in horror.

75 BABS (CONT'D)
Looks like somepony's pumpkin just got squashed.

She looks over to see Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon <GIGGLING>. Babs smiles, pleased with their reaction.

76 SCOOTALOO
Oh no she didn't!

77 APPLE BLOOM
When I tell Appleja--

Babs gets into Apple Bloom's face.

78 BABS
You gonna tell Applejack what?

Apple Bloom cowers a bit.

79 APPLE BLOOM
Well, uh, you know---

80 BABS
What're you-- a SNITCH?

Babs sneers. Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon look on, impressed by her bad attitude.

81 DIAMOND TIARA
C'mon Babs. You should hang with us-- you know, the cool ponies. Not these babies.

Babs gives them one more look and then struts off with Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon, leaving the Cutie Mark Crusaders in a bit of shock.

82 APPLE BLOOM
What. Just. Happened?

83 SCOOTALOO
(quietly)
I think Babs just went to the dark side.

84 SWEETIE BELLE
We have to tell Applejack.

Apple Bloom turns to Sweetie Belle.

85 APPLE BLOOM
No! We're NOT snitches!

86 SCOOTALOO
Yeah. And we're NOT BABIES!

Sweetie Belle begins to <WHIMPER>.

87 SWEETIE BELLE
Then why do I feel like crying?

END OF ACT I

ACT II

SC 6 - EXT. CLUBHOUSE - ESTABLISHING - DAY

SC 7 - INT. CLUBHOUSE - AT THE SAME TIME

Scootaloo paces back and forth while Sweetie Belles sits in the corner, sad. Apple Bloom stands between them.

88 SCOOTALOO
I still can't believe she ruined our pumpkin float.

89 APPLE BLOOM
I still can't believe I'm related to such a big, stinking bully.

90 SWEETIE BELLE
What are we going to do?

91 APPLE BLOOM
We're gonna build a new float, that's what.

92 SCOOTALOO
Why bother? She'll probably just ruin that one too.

Apple Bloom slumps. Scootaloo makes a good point.

93 SWEETIE BELLE
(hopeful)
We could always tell Applejack.

94 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM
NO!

Now Sweetie Belle slumps.

95 APPLE BLOOM
We're not gonna be a bunch of tattle-tales. Besides, she's only here a couple of weeks. We'll just avoid her like the plague until she goes home.

96 SCOOTALOO
Avoid her. Yeah. How hard can that be?

CUT TO:

MONTAGE

MUSIC UP as the Cutie Mark Crusaders try to avoid Babs. It is actually a very hard thing to do... In the montage, Babs should be the only pony committing the bullying, with Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon really only there to be part of the fun. *

SC 8 - EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER

The Cutie Mark Crusaders are lined up in front of the counter enjoying a trio of MILKSHAKES.

97 APPLEBLOOM
First we thought that Babs was so really *
really sweet/ A new friend to have, and *
it seemed like such a treat. *

Sweetie Belle looks up from her milkshake to see Babs is standing next to her. She's accompanied by Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon. Babs gives Sweetie Belle a bump with her backside.

98 SCOOTALOO
But then we found the truth , she's just *
a bully from the east/She went from Babs, *
yeah, to a bully and a beast! *

Sweetie Belle topples into Apple Bloom who topples into Scootaloo and they fall like dominoes. Babs, Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon take over sipping the milkshakes.

SC 9 - EXT. MARKET

The Cutie Mark Crusaders weave through the town's outdoor farmer's market. They look a little on edge.

99 SWEETIE BELLE
Everywhere we turn, she's just one step *
ahead! *

Apple Bloom is suddenly struck by a tomato. She looks over to see Diamond Tiara, Silver Spoon, and Babs near a tomato stand. Babs BUCKS her hind legs...

ANGLE ON the CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS as they duck and dive to avoid a barrage of tomatoes. A shopkeeper runs up to Babs, Diamond Tiara, and Silver Spoon, shaking his mane, angry. The three ponies giggle and run off.

100 CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS
Babs Seed! Babs Seed! What we gonna do?
Got a bully on our tail/ Gotta hide we *
gotta bail *
Babs Seed! Babs Seed! If she's after you, *
gotta run we gotta flee, gotta hurry *
don't you see *

CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS CON'T *
Babs Seed! Babs Seed! She's just a bad *
bad seed! *

SC 10 - INT. PONYVILLE THEATRE

The Cutie Mark Crusaders nervously look around, then take their seats in an almost empty theater.

101 APPLE BLOOM
Hiding from a Bully/ we know it isn't *
right but the Cutie Mark Crusaders/ *
Aren't lookin' for a fight!

102 SCOOTALOO
Oh she'll go home soon/ and then we'll *
have some peace again/ but for now we're *
stayin' out of her way 'til then/ *
everywhere we turn/she's just one step *
ahead *

Just as the CMCs get comfortable, Babs slides into their row. Babs keeps nudging the Cutie Mark Crusaders over until they are pushed out of the row entirely. Silver Spoon and Diamond Tiara give Babs "high fives" as the CMCs hastily leave the theater.

NOTE: The next part of the montage should be rapid-fire

SC 11 - INT. LIBRARY

The ponies are standing in front of a shelf of books. When they pull out one, they can see Babs', Diamond Tiara's and Silver Spoon's faces behind the books. They all smile. The CMCs roll their eyes and walk away.

103 CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS
Babs Seed! Babs Seed!
What we gonna do? Gotta a bully on our *
tail/ Gotta hide, we gotta bail *
Babs Seed! Babs Seed!
If she's after you, gotta run we gotta *
flee, gotta hurry don't you see.. *
*

SC 12 - INT. COSTUME STORE

The ponies are hiding in there with their own costumes (the CMCs are dressed like three little pigs). Babs jumps out at them in a full wolf costume. They quickly turn around and scramble offscreen.

104 CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS
Why so mean? Why so crude? *
Why so angry? Why so rude? *
Can't you be nice?
Can't we be friends?
Isn't it sad, is this how it all ends? *

SC 13 - EXT. PONYVILLE LAKE

The ponies are fishing at the edge of the lake, and Scootaloo gets a tug on her pole. She reels in Babs, who is wearing a scuba outfit. Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon pop up out of the water next to her.

105 CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS
Babs Seed, Babs Seed/ She's a bad, bad/ *
Babs Seed Babs Seed *

SC 14 - EXT. PONYVILLE FIELD/PATH

This last scene of the montage is longer. The Cutie Mark Crusaders slowly walk along a dirt path, exhausted from running into Babs everywhere in town. Just then they hear a rumble and look to see Diamond Tiara, Silver Spoon, and Babs riding in a frilly wagon/carriage.

106 CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS
She’s just a bad bad/ *
Babs Seed, Babs Seed.. she's just a BAD *
BAD SEED *

The carriage zooms past them, but not before riding through a thick mud puddle. The mud splashes onto The Cutie Mark Crusaders.

MUSIC OUT.

SC 15 - EXT. CLUBHOUSE - DAY - LATER

The Crusaders walk up to their clubhouse.

107 APPLE BLOOM
Babs may have run us out of town, but at least we still have the clubhouse...

She stops short as she sees Babs peering out at them from the clubhouse window.

108 BABS
Hey--what are you doing at MY clubhouse?

Scootaloo is enraged.

109 SCOOTALOO
Y-Y-YOUR clubhouse? This is OUR clubhouse!

110 BABS
Well, it WAS yours. And now it's mine.

Then Silver Spoon pops her head up.

111 SILVER SPOON
And mine.

Then Diamond Tiara pops her head up.

112 DIAMOND TIARA
And MINE.

Apple Bloom steps forward.

113 APPLE BLOOM
That's not fair Babs! We never did anything to you!

114 BABS
And let's keep it that way. Now scram, crybabies--

Babs slams the window shut. Behind it the Crusaders can hear the three of them laughing.

115 DIAMOND TIARA/SILVER SPOON/BABS
Bump! Bump! Sugarlump! Rump!
(then)
<GIGGLES>

Apple Bloom and Scootaloo look at Sweetie Belle. Her bottom lip begins to quiver and her eyes well up with tears.

SC 16 - INT. SWEETIE BELLE'S ROOM - DAY - LATER

The Cutie Mark Crusaders are holed up in Sweetie Belle's room. Sweetie Belle is still <BLUBBERING>.

116 APPLE BLOOM
That Babs has really gone too far this time!

117 SCOOTALOO
Kicked out of our own clubhouse!

118 APPLE BLOOM
And my own bed!

119 SCOOTALOO
Seriously?

120 APPLE BLOOM
Super seriously!

121 SWEETIE BELLE
We need to talk to Applejack!

122 APPLE BLOOM/SCOOTALOO
NO!

123 SWEETIE BELLE
(hopeful)
Rarity?

124 APPLE BLOOM/SCOOTALOO
NO!

125 SWEETIE BELLE
(still hopeful)
Twilight?

126 APPLE BLOOM
No! No! No! We NEED to fight back.

127 SCOOTALOO
(confident)
Yeah! Fight back!
(then, not so confident)
How are we gonna do that?

Apple Bloom paces, deep in thought. A smile creeps onto her face as she is suddenly struck by an idea.

128 APPLE BLOOM
By making her the guest of honor at the Summer Harvest Parade!

129 SCOOTALOO
Yeah.
(then)
Wait. What?

130 APPLE BLOOM
Babs will never wanna mess with us again after we make HER float crash into the lake in front of everypony in Ponyville. When you look up “embarrassed” in the dictionary, her face will be there!

She smiles a mischievous smile that is soon shared by Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle.

FADE TO:

SC 17 - INT. APPLE BLOOM’S ROOM - NIGHT

Babs is <SNORING> away in Apple Bloom’s bed. Apple Bloom lays on the ground, quiet as a mouse, waiting for the signal.

131 SWEETIE BELLE (O.S.)
Mooooo!

Apple Bloom hears Sweetie Belle, gets up and looks outside. Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo are there with saddle bags filled with supplies.

Apple Bloom quietly tiptoes past the still <SNORING> Babs.

DISSOLVE TO:

PITCH BLACK. Then a door SLIDES OPEN to reveal...

The SILHOUETTES of the Cutie Mark Crusaders.

The <STRIKE> of match is heard and a lantern is lit revealing:

SC 18 - INT. BARN - NIGHT

In the foreground is a ROUND METAL STRUCTURE sitting on wheels, similar to the pumpkin float Babs destroyed earlier.

The Cutie Mark Crusaders begin to pull out materials from their saddlebags. Sweetie Belle is sorting through scraps of shiny golden fabric.

132 APPLE BLOOM
Are those from the Carousel Boutique?

133 SWEETIE BELLE
Yep!

134 APPLE BLOOM

Excellent!

Scootaloo blows a sparkly powder off of her hoof into the air.

135 SWEETIE BELLE
Ooooh! What is that?

136 SCOOTALOO
Luster dust from Sugercube Corner -- they use it for decorating cakes!

137 SWEETIE BELLE
That must be what Rarity uses on her emergency edible boots!

Scootaloo reveals what she brought.

138 SCOOTALOO
The gears and bands for the moving mechanism, my tools n' stuff.
(then, to Apple Bloom)
Did you bring the thing? From the place?

Apple Bloom opens her bag and dumps out a KITCHEN TIMER in the shape of an apple.

139 SWEETIE BELLE
What's that?

140 APPLE BLOOM
Granny Smith's kitchen timer!

141 SWEETIE BELLE
What's that for?

Scootaloo smiles.

142 SCOOTALOO
(sing songy))
You'll see!

143 APPLE BLOOM
Come on, y'all. Let's get to it. We only have a few hours before morning and this thing has to look so good, Babs won't be able to resist wanting to ride in it.

DISSOLVE TO:

A SERIES OF SHOTS

Depict the Cutie Mark Crusaders building their new float. We can't quite see what they are making.

A) Apple Bloom PAINTS a side with a brush in her mouth.

B) Sweetie Belle dips fabric in something that looks like wallpaper glue and spreads it over a side.

C)Scootaloo works under the float like a mechanic. She rolls out with grease on her face. Apple Bloom throws shiny dust into the air from over the float.

D) They GLUE, TACK, HAMMER. Scootaloo installs the STEERING WHEEL. More FABRIC is CUT UP, more PAINT is ROLLED ON.

E) Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom watch Scootaloo as she works under the float. They are yawning, and the sun begins to come up.

Finally, she rolls out with a RATCHET in her mouth. She high hoofs Sweetie Belle.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC 19 - INT. BARN - SOON AFTER

The Cutie Mark Crusaders admire their handiwork. (Still not fully revealed to the audience.)

144 APPLE BLOOM
Is this it?

145 SCOOTALOO
I think we're a go!

Sweetie Belle <YAWNS>.

146 SWEETIE BELLE
(mid-yawn)
Good cuth we better geth outha here before Babsth findsth uth!

Three hooves combine in the center of the screen, one on top of the other.

147 APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE/SCOOTALOO (O.S.)
Cutie Mark Crusaders....HO!

FADE OUT.

FADE IN ON:

SC 20 - EXT. PONYVILLE MAIN STREET - MORNING

It is the morning of the Summer Harvest Parade. PONIES are already lined up along the path through town, adorned in FUN COSTUMES, silly fruit and veggie HATS, and FLAGS. Little FOALS and FILLIES are anxiously anticipating the parade. RAINBOW DASH, RARITY, FLUTTERSHY, TWILIGHT, and SPIKE are all grouped together watching as well. VENDORS are selling their goods.

148 VENDOR
Hawwwwt carrot crepes. Get'em here! Get'em hawwwwt!

At the beginning of the parade, Babs is strolling along with Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon, checking out the floats, all lined up and ready to go. They are all floats in the shapes of summer fruits and vegetables, a squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, eggplants....

Babs separates from Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon. Just then, Bab's mouth drops as she sees the Cutie Mark Crusaders finishing up..... their spectacular Golden Apple Float! It's dazzling.

149 BABS
Whoah!

150 SWEETIE BELLE
Isn't it smashing? No-- I didn't mean smash! I mean, -- isn't it a hit? No, not Hit! No hitting! I mean---

Scootaloo winks at Apple Bloom, then turns to Babs, laying it on thick.

151 SCOOTALOO
Well, don't even THINK about riding it, Babs! You had your chance.

Scootaloo leans into the float, she hits a button and the GEARS and MECHANICS under the float begin to move. The parade is starting.

Babs looks at Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon down the path, watching the starting parade.

152 BABS
Oh yeah?!

Apple Bloom holds the door open, and just as she is about to climb in, Babs pushes her aside, hops in, and slams the door shut.

153 BABS (CONT'D)
See ya later, Cutie Mark Crybabies!

Babs pushes her hoof on the wooden pedal, and the wheels move along. The Cutie Mark Crusaders watch Babs take off with the parade.

154 APPLE BLOOM
So is the timer set?

155 SCOOTALOO
Yup.

156 SWEETIE BELLE
Teach her to fool with the Cutie Mark Crusaders!

Just then, Applejack approaches the ponies.

157 APPLEJACK
Y'all lettin' Babs ride in your Golden Apple float?

158 APPLE BLOOM
Yeah! We thought she deserved to be the "center of attention."

The Cutie Mark Crusaders <GIGGLE>

159 APPLEJACK
Well, that's just super sweet of y'all-- makin' Babs feel so special. You know, after all the heartache she's been having in Manehattan.

The ponies are confused.

160 APPLE BLOOM
Heartache?

161 APPLEJACK
Well, I didn't say nothin' cuz I didn't want her to feel singled out, but there's some bullies back in Manehattan just been teasin' her to pieces for her blank flank.

The Cutie Mark Crusaders exchange worried glances.

162 APPLE BLOOM
...T-T-Teased?

163 SWEETIE BELLE
...B--Bullies?

164 APPLEJACK
Yup. She came out to the farm to get away from all her problems back home.

Applejack stretches her fore legs around the three and gives them a big squeeze.

165 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
I'm proud of y'all. You've done a good deed.

Applejack departs. The Cutie Mark Crusaders quickly look at each other.

166 SCOOTALOO
So <u>that's</u> why she jumped in when Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon started giving us a hard time.

167 APPLE BLOOM
She didn't want to be bullied like at home so she decided to try and <u>be</u> a bully instead.

168 SWEETIE BELLE
And now we've turned into bullies, too!

The three ponies look off in the distance at the float riding off-- the CAMERA SHIFTS to the lake ahead.

BACK ON the Cutie Mark Crusaders sharing horrified looks.

169 APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE/SCOOTALOO
WHAT DID WE DO?!?!?!

END OF ACT II

ACT III

SC 21 - EXT. PONYVILLE MAIN STREET - CONTINUOUS

The Cutie Mark Crusaders are watching the float riding off in the distance. They rush up to Applejack who is enjoying the passing parade.

170 APPLE BLOOM
Applejack! Quick, you have to help us! We gotta stop that float!!

Applejack is confused.

171 APPLEJACK
Huh?

172 APPLE BLOOM
We booby-trapped it!

173 APPLEJACK
What?! W-Why would you do that?

174 SCOOTALOO
Babs! Bully! Payback! No time to explain! We've just got to get Babs out of that float!

At the front of the parade, Babs is floating by, waving to spectators. Ponies are cheering and waving back, throwing confetti in the air.

There are BATON TWIRLERS dancing up and down the sides, small ponies doing tricks on larger ponies' backs, a small pony MARCHING BAND blaring patriotic tunes.

It's very exciting and there is a lot of commotion. Babs is taking it all in.

Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon wave from the crowd. Silver Spoon whistles to get Babs' attention.

175 SILVER SPOON
<wheeeeet!>

176 DIAMOND TIARA
Nice float, Babs!

Babs yells back out, gesturing behind her.

177 BABS
Snagged it from those whiny-baby blank flanks!

Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon smile in approval.

178 DIAMOND TIARA
Too cool for mule, Babs!

Babs smiles, proudly.

INT THE DISTANCE - Ponyville Lake is fast approaching.

BACK ON BABS - who is oblivious to what is in store for her.

At the back of the parade, Applejack and the Cutie Mark Crusaders are trying to reach Babs up front. They attempt to get through the crowds to no avail.

179 SPECTATOR 1
Ouch!

180 APPLEJACK
Oh sorry, sir!

Popcorn flies into the air.

181 SPECTATOR 2

Oof! My popcorn!

182 APPLE BLOOM
Oh sorry!

Apple Bloom disappears through the crowd and comes out wearing a TOP HAT, GIANT GLASSES, a large POLKA-DOTTED JACKET, and giant FLOPPY RED SHOES. Realizing she is walking like someone wearing flippers, she looks down.

183 SCOOTALOO (V.O.)
'scuse me, 'scuse me---- oh!

REVEAL: A disgruntled pony clown in a wife beater, suspenders, and pants.

184 SCOOTALOO
Whoops!

Sweetie Belle cuts out of the crowd and tries to cut through the band. She gets caught up in the music and starts marching to the beat. Apple Bloom passes her, grabs her and goes.

185 APPLE BLOOM
Sweetie Belle!

186 SWEETIE BELLE
Whoooah!

Scootaloo, Sweetie Belle, and Apple Bloom gallop along the floats, trying to catch up. They come to Pinkie Pie, who is driving a big round lettuce head float.

187 SCOOTALOO
Pinkie Pie! Let us in!

Pinkie Pie laughs.

188 PINKIE PIE
Ha ha! Funny joke!

189 APPLE BLOOM
No, really! LET. US. IN!

190 PINKIE PIE
Oh! Here!

She opens the door and the Cutie Mark Crusaders squish in. Scootaloo takes over the steering wheel and zooms out of the parade up towards Babs.

Babs is still up front, enjoying the parade. The lake is getting closer. Just then, the lettuce float catches up to her.

191 APPLE BLOOM
Babs! You gotta get out of the float!

192 BABS
You’re not getting your float back, crybabies!

193 SWEETIE BELLE
But it’s boob---

Ponies tooting <BUGLE HORNS> pass by and drown out Sweetie Belle. All of a sudden Pinkie Pie yells out.

194 PINKIE PIE
Veggie salad! Veggie salad! *

The Scootaloo turns back and looks at her.

195 SCOOTALOO
Huh? What’re you talk---

<CRASH!> Pinkie Pie’s float crashes into a pile of hay.

The dust clears, the ponies are all sitting in the destroyed float, which now looks like a pile of lettuce leaves.

196 PINKIE PIE
(explaining)
Veggie salad! *

The Cutie Mark Crusaders jump up and resume their pursuit of Babs and the float.

197 APPLE BLOOM
Sorry Pinkie Pie! We'll make it up to you!

198 PINKIE PIE
Hey don't leave me!

Pinkie Pie gets her own joke, throwing lettuce leaves into the air.

199 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Ha, ha! "Leave" me!

Back at the front, Babs is still waving to the crowd and enjoying the parade.

INSERT - Under the "dashboard" of the float, there is GRANNY SMITH'S TIMER, <TICKING> away. It's connected via bands, obviously part of some contraption that controls the float.

The timer in Babs' float just then counts down to "0." It little shrill bell <RINGS>.

The mechanism clamps down, turning the wheels in one direction.

RESUME

Babs reacts as the float begins to steer away from the parade!

200 BABS
Huh? What's that?

Babs tries to steer the steering wheel, pulling it fast clockwise then clockwise. But the steering wheel comes off!

201 BABS (CONT'D)
What the--

Just then the Cutie Mark Crusaders gallop up next to her. Apple Bloom swings open the door with her snout.

202 APPLE BLOOM
BABS!!!!

Scootaloo grabs the stem of the steering wheel and yanks it out with Babs still holding onto it.

Sweetie Belle TRIPS and pushes all of the Crusaders into the float. At that moment the float catches the hill in front of the lake and quickly PICKS UP SPEED down the hill. Apple Bloom pushes Babs out of the float.

Babs lands on her butt and watches the float roll out of control and barrel down the embankment.

203 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Ohhhh....apple sauce!!!

The float's wheel hits a giant rock and, with the Cutie Mark Crusaders still inside, it is flung through the air--

204 APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE/SCOOTALOO
WHOOOOOOOOOAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHH!!!!

<SPLASH> The float lands in the middle of the Ponyville Lake!

Unhurt, but SOPPING WET and MUDDY, they all emerge above the water. Then they look up.

There, at the edge of the embankment, is a SMALL CROWD of looking down in shock at the Cutie Mark Crusaders.

205 APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE/ SCOOTALOO
<GROAN>

206 APPLE BLOOM
Maybe we'll get our cutie marks in "Stupidest Ideas of All Time."

Babs and Applejack rush down to the lake to help the ponies out of the water.

207 APPLEJACK
Are y'all ok???

Apple Bloom tilts her head and a stream of water comes out her ear. Sweetie Belle shakes her wet mane. Scootaloo spits out a fish.

208 APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE/SCOOTALOO
Yeah/We're fine/No sweat.

Babs is in disbelief.

209 BABS (APOLOGETIC)
After I'd been so mean to ya, you saved me.

The Cutie Mark Crusaders look at each other, defeated.

Slowly, Apple Bloom turns to Babs and tries to smile.

210 APPLE BLOOM
(to Babs)
About that...

FADE TO:

SC 22 - EXT. APPLE ORCHARD - DAY - LATER

The Cutie Mark Crusaders are washing the mud off of themselves in the presence of Babs and Applejack.

211 BABS
I don't get it-- I saw it all happen! You pushed me out just when the float was about to head into the lake.

212 SCOOTALOO
Except WE were the reason it was headed into the lake.

213 SWEETIE BELLE
We booby-trapped the float.

214 APPLE BLOOM
You see Babs, we were trying to get you back for being a big bully.

215 SCOOTALOO
But then Applejack told us about how you were being bullied back in Manehattan.

216 SWEETIE BELLE
--and we figured out you were just doing it to avoid getting picked on in Ponyville. But by then WE were the ones being bullies and-- OH, WHY does life have to be SO IRONIC??

217 APPLE BLOOM
Guess what we're trying to say is--

218 APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE/SCOOTALOO
We're sorry!

219 BABS
I'm sorry too.

Applejack looks disappointed.

220 APPLEJACK
You know this all could've been avoided if y'all had just come to me in the very beginning.

221 SWEETIE BELLE
That's what I kept on saying!

Apple Bloom and Scootaloo share guilty looks.

222 BABS
So, can we start over?

223 APPLE BLOOM
Definitely.

224 SCOOTALOO
Yeah!! And I know how!!

SC 23 - INT. CLUBHOUSE - DAY - LATER

Scootaloo blares a <HORRIBLE TUNE> on her BUGLE. All the other ponies cover their ears.

Sweetie Belle reads from the OFFICIAL SCROLL.

225 SWEETIE BELLE
We, the Cutie Mark Crusaders, elect Babs Seed to join us as a sister, friend, confidante, ally, bosom buddy, gal pal, compadre, chum of chums---

226 SCOOTALOO
Ahem!!

Sweetie Belle reminds Scootaloo.

227 SWEETIE BELLE
Well, you wrote this!

Scootaloo blushes.

228 SCOOTALOO
Oh, yeah, right.

Apple Bloom suggests a compromise.

229 APPLE BLOOM
Let's just, uh, skip to the bottom part?

230 SWEETIE BELLE
--Homegirl, amiga, blah, blah, blah--

She scans down to the bottom.

231 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
Oh yes, HERE! ..and FELLOW CUTIE MARK CRUSADER!

Babs blushes.

232 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
You are solemnly sworn in, here this day, in witness of your fellow sisters, friends, confidantes, allies, bosom buddies, gal pals, compadres--

Scootaloo cuts her off.

233 SCOOTALOO
Congratulations!!
(under her breath)
Gotta remember to revise that!

The Cutie Mark Crusaders toss confetti over Babs head. Scootaloo raises the bugle to her mouth again. Apple Bloom stops her.

234 APPLE BLOOM
Can we revise the bugle part, too?

Scootaloo puts down the bugle.

235 SCOOTALOO
Heh,heh. Sure.

236 APPLE BLOOM
And, the best part, of course,--- is the RECEPTION!

Sweetie Belle opens the clubhouse door, revealing Apple Jack who has put together an entire spread of harvest treats over a wonderfully decorated picnic table!

237 APPLEJACK
Let's chow!

The ponies rush to the table and dig in.

FADE TO:

SC 24 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TRAIN STATION

The train awaits its passengers as the Cutie Mark Crusaders and Applejack say a final goodbye to their new friend Babs.

238 APPLE BLOOM
So you promise you're going to start our Manehattan branch of the Cutie Mark Crusaders, right? *

239 BABS
Yeah.
(then, to Applejack)
And I promise to keep talking to my big sis about the teasing back home.

240 APPLEJACK
Good, and if you have any problems, we've got your back, too, ya hear?

Babs nods. Just then, Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon approach the group.

241 DIAMOND TIARA
So you're leaving, huh?
(then)
Great! Now we're stuck here with these lame blank flanks--

Babs stand up to Diamond Tiara.

242 BABS
Hey-- that's not how you talk to my FRIENDS!

243 SILVER SPOON
F-Friends?!?

Babs gets closer.

244 BABS
Yeah, you gotta problem with that?

245 DIAMOND TIARA
Well what if I do? What're YOU going to do about it?

Babs gets even a little closer, towering over the two.

246 BABS
Tell your muthas about your bad attitudes!

Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon get nervous. They frown and quickly back off.

Babs looks at Applejack, who winks at her in approval. Babs goes to board her train, finds a window seat and looks out. As the train whistles and begins to move, she waves goodbye to the Cutie Mark Crusaders.

247 SWEETIE BELLE
I'm sure gonna miss that "Bad Seed."

248 APPLEJACK
"Bad" seed? Thought y'all were friends now?

249 SWEETIE BELLE
No-- see... first we called her "Bad Seed" as in actually a "bad seed." But now she's "Bad" as in "good." Get it?

Applejack nods, "yes", then stops, realizing she doesn't.

250 APPLEJACK
No!

The Cutie Mark Crusaders share a <GIGGLE> as we...

FADE OUT

END EPISODE