

MY LITTLE PONY
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EXT. PONYVILLE - SCHOOL

INT. PONYVILLE - SCHOOL - CONTINUOUS

MISS CHERRILEE

Today we have two special guests with a very special announcement. Everypony, welcome the Head of the Equestria Games, Ms. Harshwhinny.

MS. HARSHWHINNY

Thank you. Now I'm sure you all know about the Equestria Games, where ponies from all over the land compete for glory in various athletic pursuits? Well, now you littlest ones will have the chance to compete for a weighty responsibility of your very own -

RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)

Oh, c'mon! Tell 'em the fun part!

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

That's right! All you gotta do is show Miss Harshwhinny the coolest, most spectacular, most rockin' routine and you're goin' to the Games! So, who's gonna be the lucky ponies?

DIAMOND TIARA / SILVER SPOON

It's got to be me.

TWIST

Maybe it's me?

SCOOTALOO

Maybe it's us!

SNIPS AND SNAILS

Maybe it's us!

SNIPS

Hey! It could happen!

INT. PONYVILLE - SCHOOL - CONTINUOUS

RAINBOW DASH

So the winning team gets to carry the Ponyville flag at the Equestria Games! Oh, you are gonna LOVE this!

MS. HARSHWHINNY

(whispering)

Miss. Dash! Will you please curb your overenthusiastic outbursts!

MS. HARSHWHINNY

Now, then, let me be clear on the rules.

MS. HARSHWHINNY (CONT'D)

You ponies will form teams. Each team will create their own flag-carrying routine. Everypony will be judged on grace, style, and originality. There's a most complicated scoring system, which I will elaborate upon now...firstly..

RAINBOW DASH

Aw, Get to the nitty gritty later. Tell 'em the important stuff: like who's the coach?

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

That's right: ME! And you know why I'm qualified to coach you? Guess who carried the Cloudsdale flag in the Games when she was a little filly?: ME!

DISSOLVE TO:

FLASHBACK - EXT. STADIUM - DAY

RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)

I'll never forget it.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

I burst into the stadium... spreading my wings, the flag flapping in the breeze!

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

I did tricks with that flag the likes of which no pony saw before, and no pony's seen since!

DISSOLVE TO:

RESUME REALITY - INT. PONYVILLE - SCHOOL - CONTINUOUS

MS. HARSHWHINNY

(calmly)

Professionalism Ms. Dash. I must insist: if you want to keep your job as coach of these ponies, you must maintain a professional attitude and keep your emotions in check!

(in her face:)

Am I making myself absolutely, 100% crystal clear?

RAINBOW DASH

Yes, Ms. Harshwhinny. You know,
professionalism is my middle name.
Rainbow "Professionalism" Dash.

MS. HARSHWHINNY

Hmph! Well, in three days' time, Ms.
Dash will accompany anypony competing
to the Crystal Empire where you will
demonstrate your routines for me and
the other judges. Who will judge you
very professionally.

RAINBOW DASH

Ahem! Yes, quite, quite correct! In
the meantime, get ready to train - and
train hard! Because I know this
Opening Ceremony is the single most
important thing that will ever happen
in your young lives...

RAINBOW DASH

But I know you're up to the challenge!

RAINBOW DASH

And so am I! WA-WAHOOOO-

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

(calmer)

AHEM! Meet me after school tomorrow at
15-hundred hours, sharp, and show me
your flag-carrying skills - I. Am.
Outta here! Professionally! See how
professionally?

MS. HARSHWHINNY

Ponies, the most important thing is
this: your routine needs to show what
your town means to you. So do
Ponyville proud! Work hard. Be bold.
Wow me. That is all.

EXT. PONYVILLE - SCHOOL - CONTINUOUS

SCOOTALOO

So whaddaya say we come up with the
perfect routine and win this
thing?!?!

APPLE BLOOM

I'd say that's rootin' tootin'
terrific!

SWEETIE BELLE

But there's one problem! I bet
everypony in class is planning to
compete.

SCOOTALOO

Listen: somepony in our class is gonna carry that flag - so it might as well be us! Crusaders, are you in, or are you in? Cuz I'M in.

APPLE BLOOM

Me too!

SWEETIE BELLE

Me three!

SCOOTALOO

Alright, the winning routine needs to show what's important about Ponyville, right?

APPLE BLOOM / SWEETIE BELLE

Right!

SCOOTALOO

So what's special about Ponyville -
(thinking)
It's...It's...

SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)

I've got it! It's a place where different kinds of ponies live together as friends -

APPLE BLOOM

Earth Ponies, like me!

SWEETIE BELLE

Unicorns, like me!

SCOOTALOO

And PegaSI, like me! So somehow we gotta figure out a way to show that in our act.

SWEETIE BELLE

We're gonna need a plan -

APPLE BLOOM

And a lotta hard work -

SCOOTALOO

And a whole bunch of practice. But take it from me:
We may just be little ponies - but we have hearts as strong as horses!

MUSIC UP:

SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)

We're the toughest little ponies in town! Got the moves, got the mojo. /

*Ain't no harder-working ponies around
/ we are a trio, work as a team, we'll
be the first ponies out on the flag
waving scene.*

MONTAGE - EXT. - VARIOUS LOCATIONS - PONYVILLE - CONTINUOUS

APPLE BLOOM

We get going when the going gets tough

SCOOTALOO

*We know our very best is just never
enough*

SWEETIE BELLE

*We're kinda short, but so what? We
don't get defeated. We could take a
little break but we don't need it.*

ALL THREE CRUSADERS

*We've got hearts, as strong as horses.
We've got hearts, as strong as horses.
We've got hearts as, strong as horses.
We've got hearts, hearts strong as
horses*

*When we put our minds together we can
achieve.*

*We're the Cutie Mark Crusaders and you
should believe.*

*We've got determinations to represent
the nation for the win!*

*We've got hearts, as strong as horses.
We've got hearts, as strong as horses.
We've got hearts, as strong as horses!*

*And we're playing to win
As we gallop to glory!
We know we can conquer
any challenge we're in -
We've got hearts...
hearts strong as horses!*

ALL THREE CRUSADERS (CONT'D)

Hearts strong as horses!

END SONG

ALL THREE CRUSADERS

OOF! / OW! / UGH!

DIAMOND TIARA

*If that's the best you've got, we're
going to win for sure!*

SILVER SPOON
We already have the most divine
routine planned.

DIAMOND TIARA
It's absolutely sure to crush
everyone else. And I mean CRUSH!

SCOOTALOO
(singing poorly)
*But we're winners, and we have
heaaaarts...*

SILVER SPOON
Sure, but you know what you don't
have?

DIAMOND TIARA / SILVER SPOON
YOUR CUTIE MARKS!
(pointing and laughing)
*Blank Flanks! Blank Flanks! Blank
Flanks!*

APPLE BLOOM
What does that have to do with
flag-carrying?

SILVER SPOON
Having Cutie-Mark-less ponies
represent Ponyville would be
unthinkable!

DIAMOND TIARA
And we, of course, already HAVE our
Cutie Marks. So we know who's going to
be in the winner's circle.

SCOOTALOO
Listen you two: Cutie Marks or no
Cutie Marks, you'll see: the
Crusaders are going to carry that flag
at the Games.

SILVER SPOON
May the best ponies win!

SCOOTALOO
GAME ON!

SLAM TO BLACK.

EXT. PONYVILLE - SCHOOL - ATHLETIC FIELD - DAY

RAINBOW DASH
Show me what you got, Cutie Mark
Crusaders: And make it good.

SCOOTALOO
(head through the curtain)
Don't worry, we will!

SWEETIE BELLE
(head through the curtain)
Now, this is just a little something
we threw together. It's not perfect
yet - not even close -

DIAMOND TIARA
Let's watch the Cutie Mark
GOOF-saders do their sad little
routine.

SILVER SPOON
There's only one way to say it:
they're gonna be a hot mess.

SCOOTALOO (O.S.)
(amplified, reverberating)
Since the dawn of recorded time, in
one town of amazing amazingness...
three types of ponies coexist

APPLE BLOOM
We are Earth Ponies...

SWEETIE BELLE
We are Unicorns...

SCOOTALOO
We are Pegasi!

SCOOTALOO (O.S.)
And the town where friendship reigns
is our home...

SCOOTALOO (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Now welcome to the stadium the flag of
the place we love best...

ALL THREE CRUSADERS
PONYVILLE - FOREVER! YAY!

SCOOTALOO
It's kind of a work in progress. So,
what'd you think?

RAINBOW DASH
That. Was. AMA-- (amazing)
(then in V.O)
Wait. Hold on now. Gotta stay calm,
cool, and collected.

RAINBOW DASH
(to the ponies, calmly)
To give a calm, clear analysis...

(suddenly overexcited)
Wait: you whipped that act together
just yesterday? That... is...
(to herself in V.O.)
Professionalism, Dash: Keep those
emotions in check.
(calmly to the girls:)
Overall it was kinda sorta...
(calmly to the girls:)
Overall it was okay. Keep working
hard, who knows? You might have a
shot. Gotta go. AAH!

APPLE BLOOM
Do you think she liked it?

SWEETIE BELLE
I'm not really sure.

SCOOTALOO
You heard her: if we keep working hard
we might have a shot. So let's keep
working! Trot to it, ponies!

DIAMOND TIARA
Did you SEE that? I can't believe I'm
saying this: they could win!

SILVER SPOON
But how can we stop them? We already
called them Blank Flanks.

DIAMOND TIARA
Then we need to find a new way to get
under their skin.

DIAMOND TIARA (CONT'D)
Or maybe, get under their WINGS.

DIAMOND TIARA (CONT'D)
Girls, we just wanted to say your act
is quite impressive!

SWEETIE BELLE
Wait - what?

APPLE BLOOM
Um... thanks?

SILVER SPOON
Oh, but of course! As a matter of fact,
we think you're very brave.

SCOOTALOO
Brave? Why?

DIAMOND TIARA

Isn't it obvious? It is to us. In fact, it's obvious to everypony. You're showing all three types of ponyville ponies, yet you have a Pegasus Pony -

DIAMOND TIARA / SILVER SPOON

- *who can't even fly!*

APPLE BLOOM

What in tarnation does that have to do with anything?

SILVER SPOON

I'd say not being able to fly has everything to do with everything, doesn't it?

DIAMOND TIARA

I mean, a Pegasus pony - at your age? You should have been flying long ago!

SCOOTALOO

So what if my wings can't get me off the ground?

DIAMOND TIARA

Your career as a flag carrier isn't getting off the ground, either.

SILVER SPOON

Ms. Harshwhinny will never pick a Pegasus pony who can't fly to represent Ponyville in front of all of Equestria!

SWEETIE BELLE

Miss Harshwinny never said anything about that!

SILVER SPOON

I would've thought that was obvious.

DIAMOND TIARA

Well, have fun practicing anyway. Even if your routine will never - how shall I say? "Take off."

SWEETIE BELLE

Don't listen to them, Scootaloo.
(noting Scootaloo's look)
Scootaloo? You ok?

SCOOTALOO

This routine isn't working how it is. We've gotta rethink my part in the whole thing.

SWEETIE BELLE
WHAT?

APPLE BLOOM
Why?

SCOOTALOO
If we want to win, I'm gonna have to fly.

SWEETIE BELLE
Is that even possible?

APPLE BLOOM
And by tomorrow?

SCOOTALOO
Maybe I can fly if I work twice as hard. See?

SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Oof! Maybe three times as hard.

APPLE BLOOM
Golly, I don't know Scootaloo. I don't think that's the problem.

SCOOTALOO
Well I know this for sure: flying is the only way we're gonna win. So it's back to practice!

SWEETIE BELLE
Is this a good idea?

SCOOTALOO
I'll just work four times as hard.

APPLE BLOOM
Probably not.

EXT. PONYVILLE - SCHOOL - ATHLETIC FIELD - LATER

SCOOTALOO
Guys, guys, guys - try it again.

APPLE BLOOM
We've been rehearsing all the livelong day! We're getting tired.

SCOOTALOO
Fine. We'll skip to my big impressive flying entrance. So you've done the do-si-do to the left, then the right, and there's the hoop. Then I come in...

SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Not quite what I had in mind... We'll
just - oof - try that part again...

APPLE BLOOM
I liked our routine the way it was!

SWEETIE BELLE
Me TOO! But all she cares about now is
flying.

SCOOTALOO
Don't worry - I'll be flyin' high
tomorrow at our final run-through for
Rainbow Dash. I'm gonna get this,
you'll see!

EXT. PONYVILLE - SCHOOL - ATHLETIC FIELD - DAY

RAINBOW DASH
Okay, Cutie Mark Crusaders, this is
your final run before you show it at
the stadium tomorrow.
(getting excited)
I know you're absolutely, positively,
(calms down)
...have a lot of fun. Okay, go!

SCOOTALOO
(into megaphone)
Ponyville! home of the - um...

APPLE BLOOM / SWEETIE BELLE
Friendship!

SCOOTALOO
Friendship, right! There are four -
no, three kinds of ponies...

SWEETIE BELLE
Left! LEFT!

APPLE BLOOM
I'm sorry! I'm just tired. And then I
dip, and then we turn...

SWEETIE BELLE
Turn then dip.

SCOOTALOO
Ta-da!

SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
So? What'd you think?

RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
(interior monologue)

That's. Y'know. Good and all -

RAINBOW DASH

Just a thought - maybe possibly you might wanna go back to, say, the first version of the act, which was, I don't know, what's the word? Better.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

Just do the routine as it was. Don't mess with success, right? Seriously. Now I need to go coach these other ponies.

(then)

And don't forget we've gotta catch the early train for the Crystal Empire. See you in the morning!

SCOOTALOO

What are we gonna do? We're competing tomorrow and I still can't fly, unless -

SWEETIE BELLE

I'm just too tired. I can't keep going.

APPLE BLOOM

Me too! I'm tired, I'm hungry - and now I hate this routine! It feels like it's all about you now.

SWEETIE BELLE

She's right. It's like you don't even need us anymore.

SCOOTALOO

Of COURSE I need you. Without you two, who's going to hold up the hoop?

APPLE BLOOM

UGH! Do you listen to yourself? Oh, forget it. I'm going home to get some sleep.

SCOOTALOO

So? Are you gonna leave me too?

SWEETIE BELLE

(sighing)

We've gotta catch the early train to the Crystal Empire. I better get some rest. See you in the morning, Scootaloo

SCOOTALOO

(to herself)

Come on Scootaloo! Do it for
Ponyville. Just gotta try 20 times as
hard.

EXT. PONYVILLE - SCHOOL - ATHLETIC FIELD - LATER

SCOOTALOO
Thirty - times - as hard.

EXT. PONYVILLE - SCHOOL - ATHLETIC FIELD - STILL LATER

SCOOTALOO
Just - a little - harder...

EXT. PONYVILLE - SCHOOL - ATHLETIC FIELD - NIGHT

SCOOTALOO
I can't fly. I just... can't!

EXT. PONYVILLE - STATION - DAY

CONDUCTOR
Crystal Empire! All aboard!

SWEETIE BELLE
Scootaloo? Where IS she?

APPLE BLOOM
She better get here soon - this here
train is about to leave!

SCOOTALOO (O.S.)
Here I am.

APPLE BLOOM
We were scared you were going to miss
the train -

SCOOTALOO
I - I'm not going.

APPLE BLOOM / SWEETIE BELLE
WHAT?

SCOOTALOO
I'm the weak link. If I go and fall,
flop, or do anything but fly, I'm
gonna blow it for you two.

SWEETIE BELLE
I can't believe you're quitting on us!

SCOOTALOO

But you're better off without me!

SWEETIE BELLE

But that's not true, Scootaloo!

APPLE BLOOM

Ya know what Sweetie Belle, forget it!
If she's gonna quit we don't want her
and we don't need her!

SCOOTALOO

FINE!

APPLE BLOOM

Fine.

SWEETIE BELLE

(discouraged)

Fine.

CONDUCTOR

All aboard!

RAINBOW DASH

How's my favorite routine going
today? OOH I just can't keep it in. I
want you to win so bad! "BumBUM,
bumBUM". Then Scootaloo does that
KAPOW! through the hoop!

APPLE BLOOM

Well, there ain't gonna be a Scootaloo

SWEETIE BELLE

She's staying home.

RAINBOW DASH

She's WHAT?

SLAM TO BLACK.

INT. TRAIN - CONTINUOUS

APPLE BLOOM

She got it in her head that the only
way to represent Ponyville was by
flying in our routine. When she
couldn't do it, she told us she was
quitting.

RAINBOW DASH

And then you tried to stop her from
doing that, right?

SWEETIE BELLE

Well, actually we kinda told her -

APPLE BLOOM
- that we didn't want a quitter.

RAINBOW DASH
Hang on: are you NUTS? You're a team
and a team never leaves a friend
behind. Come on!

DIAMOND TIARA
Sorry you can't make it! We'll take a
picture for you from the winners'
circle.

SWEETIE BELLE
I do not like them, one bit.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
(aloud to herself)
Put on some speed, girls!

INT. - PONYVILLE - SCOOTALOO'S BEDROOM - A LITTLE LATER

RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)
Throwing away your SCOOTER?!

SCOOTALOO
Rainbow Dash?

RAINBOW DASH
Yup. But not just me...

SCOOTALOO
I don't want to see them. And what are
they doing here, anyway? They're
supposed to be on the train!

APPLE BLOOM
We're not going.

SWEETIE BELLE
Not without YOU, Scootaloo.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
What got into you, Scootaloo?

SCOOTALOO
(getting teary)
I didn't want to ruin their chance to
win just because I couldn't fly.

RAINBOW DASH
And who said you had to?

SCOOTALOO
But flying's what Pegasus ponies are
supposed to do! YOU flew when you
carried the flag in the Games.

RAINBOW DASH

But that was me! You're you! And it just doesn't matter if you can fly or not!

(then)

Your routine was amazing 'cause it represented exactly what makes Ponyville special.

(then)

You do still know what that is, right?

SWEETIE BELLE

Friendship.

APPLE BLOOM

Three kinds of ponies living together as friends, just like us! Earth Ponies...

SWEETIE BELLE

Unicorns...

SCOOTALOO

And Pegasi. But Rainbow Dash...

(lip quivering)

What if - what if my wings never grow? What if I never fly?

RAINBOW DASH

Listen, Scootaloo: maybe you'll fly someday... or maybe you won't. You're all kinds of awesome anyway.

MUSIC UP: SLOWLY AT FIRST.

RAINBOW DASH

Who's the toughest little pony in town?

SWEETIE BELLE

Got the moves got the mojo

APPLE BLOOM

NO harder working pony around.

SCOOTALOO

We are a trio - work as a team,

APPLE BLOOM / SWEETIE BELLE/SCOOTALOO

We'll be the first ponies out on the flag waving scene.

SCOOTALOO

So let's get to the Crystal Empire. And let's do the routine as it was. And let's WIN THIS THING!

EXT. PONYVILLE - SCOOTALOO'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

**MONTAGE - EXT. - VARIOUS LOCATIONS - PONYVILLE , LANDSCAPE - AND
CRYSTAL EMPIRE - CONTINUOUS**

RAINBOW DASH / ALL THREE CRUSADERS
*We've got hearts, strong as horses.
We've got hearts, strong as horses.
We've got hearts, strong as horses.*

*And we're playing to win
As we gallop to glory!
We can conquer
Any challenge we're in -
We've got HEARTS - hearts strong as
horses.
Hearts strong as horses.*

MATCH CUT TO:

INT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE - STADIUM - LATER

ALL THREE CRUSADERS
PONYVILLE - FOREVER! YAY!

MS. HARSHWHINNY
(amplified, reverb)
In the Equestria Games, the Ponyville
Flag will be carried by...

MS. HARSHWHINNY (CONT'D)
...the "The Cutie Mark Crusaders"!

ALL THREE CRUSADERS
WHOO-HOO!

INT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE - STADIUM WINNER'S CIRCLE - LATER

RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)
Ahem!

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
(calmly)
Look, what you three did was...
acceptable.

MS. HARSHWHINNY
(super excited)
Acceptable? Acceptable?! Why it was
totally, stupendously the single most
amazing thing I have ever, seen!

RAINBOW DASH
Contain your excitement, Ms.
Harshwhinny. Remember,
professionalism.

MS. HARSHWHINNY
Yes Yes, well, I...

SCOOTALOO
You know what this means, right?

APPLE BLOOM
What?

SCOOTALOO
We are totally gonna get Cutie Marks
in Flag Carrying.

FADE OUT.

END.