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MY LITTLE PONY 5

Crusaders of the Lost Mark

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TEASER**SC. 1 – INT. PONYVILLE ELEMENTARY – DAY**

The Student Pony President Elections are today at Ponyville Elementary! And the candidates are PIP SQUEAK and DIAMOND TIARA. Huge posters of Diamond Tiara are plastered all over the school while poor Pip Squeak hardly has the same kind of exposure. They have been campaigning all week and it's now down to the candidate's speeches.

Pip Squeak stands before his classmates, mustering up everything he's got. As he rallies the students, he makes them a big campaign promise. Vote for him, and he'll spruce up the playground! After all, it wasn't just the Golden Oaks Library that took a beating during that battle with Tirek. But Pip Squeak is just the pony to fix all that! The class cheers excitedly at the thought of teeter-totters that don't just teeter and a merry-go-round that's actually merry. And to be led by the kind-hearted Pip Squeak? Every pony-tot can get 'round an idea like that!

But then Diamond Tiara stands before the class. As she gives them a stone cold stare, there is no joy in Ponyville Elementary. Diamond Tiara doesn't make any big campaign promises. In fact, she barely makes a speech. She keeps it simple and not sweet. Vote for her because she told them to. The class shudders in fear. They know who they have to vote for.

APPLE BLOOM, SWEETIE BELLE, and SCOOTALOO watch in annoyance. Enough is enough! They have got to take Diamond Tiara down. And they're going to do it today!

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT 1****SC. 2 – EXT. PONYVILLE ELEMENTARY – DAY**

As the Ponyville Elementary Students line up outside the Schoolhouse to cast their votes, the Cutie Mark Crusaders break into SONG, determined to win this time and finally beat Diamond Tiara! They try to convince the students that voting for Diamond Tiara is a HUGE mistake. Think of all the horrible things she's done to them in the past. They have another choice! Diamond Tiara warns them of the horrible things she'll do to them in the future. They have *no* other choice! And the problem is Diamond Tiara has the ammo to back up her threats. She knows secrets about every pony and they know it! She has no problem telling their secrets and shaming them to get what she wants.

Hearing this, the Cutie Mark Crusaders wonder if the worst thing Diamond Tiara can do is embarrass them. And if that's it, is she really going to embarrass them all so that she can have power? Is letting her have that kind of control really worth it? What if they called her bluff by all voting for Pip Squeak? Then they'd have the power, not Diamond Tiara!

The students actually seem to considering this, so Diamond Tiara tries her next tactic. She begins giving out ice cream sundaes to the voters. As they accept it, she points out that that the sundaes aren't free. There are strings attached! And those strings are their vote for her! The Cutie Mark Crusaders wonder if that ice cream really tastes very good with all those strings attached.

Finally SILVER SPOON chimes in trying to give Diamond Tiara her advice on how to handle this, but she is shut down immediately. No pony asked her! The Cutie Mark Crusaders sing to Silver Spoon, why would she want a Student Pony President that won't even listen to what she wants to say? If she votes for Pip Squeak, it wouldn't be that way! With her tail between her legs, Silver Spoon goes in to vote. The song culminates as Cutie Mark Crusaders are hopeful that they convinced everypony who to vote for and as Diamond Tiara is positive that everypony backed the right pony.

CHEERILEE comes out of the Schoolhouse having counted the votes and makes the announcement. Pip Squeak won! The Cutie Mark Crusaders and all the students cheer with joy, holding Pip Squeak up in the air singing a SONG of celebration, commemorating that Diamond Tiara has finally been dethroned as Queen Bee. Her reign of terror is over and the students couldn't be more thrilled!

When the song ends, a furious Diamond Tiara tells Cheerilee that she demands a recount. Cheerilee tells her that's rather unnecessary since Diamond Tiara only got one vote, which was on a piece of paper that said, "ME!" on it. It was clearly Diamond Tiara's vote for herself. She looks at Silver Spoon accusingly. Silver Spoon didn't even vote for her? Silver Spoon can't even look Diamond Tiara in the eye, claiming that she really just wanted that playground equipment and figured that everypony else would vote for her so it would all balance out.

As Diamond Tiara storms off, the Cutie Mark Crusaders feel a little bad. They didn't mean for Diamond Tiara not to get *any* votes. They run after her to make sure she's okay, but then they hear Diamond Tiara talking with somepony around the corner. It's her mother, MARRIED RICH. Married Rich very disappointed in Diamond Tiara for losing the election to Pip Squeak. The only thing worse would have been if she'd lost to a Blank Flank! Diamond Tiara hangs her head and the Cutie Mark Crusaders suddenly feel awful for her.

END ACT 1

ACT 2

SC. 3 – PONYVILLE – CONTINUOUS

After hearing how Diamond Tiara's mother talked to her, the Cutie Mark Crusaders suddenly understand why she's always acted so horribly. Of all the weird things, they think they've got to help her. And even weirder, they think they need to become Diamond Tiara's friend! They see Married Rich walk away from her daughter. Now's their chance! As the Cutie Mark Crusaders approach Diamond Tiara, she immediately goes on the defensive. What do they want? To gloat? Rub in her defeat? Take a victory lap? Whatever it is, they should just do it and move on. Ummm...actually they just wanted to invite her to their clubhouse. After the scolding she got from her mother, Diamond Tiara is so down she takes the offer and goes with the ponies.

SC. 4 – CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS CLUBHOUSE – LATER

Diamond Tiara looks around the Clubhouse skeptically. So what do they do here? Just plot out different ways to get their Cutie Marks? The Cutie Mark Crusaders say that's exactly what they do. They've tried lots of different things and keep track of everything that hasn't worked so far. But they're sure that something will soon. It's got to! But that's not why they're here now. Now they're here to help Diamond Tiara. Diamond Tiara has no idea how they could possibly do that. She lost the election and as they noted, her reign is over.

Suddenly, Pip Squeak runs up to the Clubhouse (not seeing Diamond Tiara) saying that he needs help from the Cutie Mark Crusaders. His campaign promise for the playground equipment has totally fallen through. He was going to use all the bits he'd saved up in his Peggy Bank (a chibi Pegasus), but it's going to cost WAY more bits than that! If

he doesn't make good on his promise, he'll be ruined! The Cutie Mark Crusaders tell him not to worry. They'll meet him at the school and help him find a solution. A hopeful Pip Squeak runs off and Diamond Tiara emerges with an evil smile having heard this very interesting news. "Looks like our new Student Pony President is about to be kicked out of office!"

SC. 5 – PONYVILLE – CONTINUOUS

Diamond Tiara takes off with the Cutie Mark Crusaders hot on her tail. They launch into a SONG trying to convince her to use her talent to help the other ponies instead of herself. She has this amazing ability to convince others to get things done, but she's been using it the wrong way all this time. Using it for selfish means having others do her bidding. But she can make a different choice. She can use her skills to benefit others. Using them for the greater good.

SC. 6 – EXT. PONYVILLE ELEMENTARY – CONTINUOUS

Arriving at the schoolhouse as the song ends, it's clear that Diamond Tiara is torn. If she sticks with her old ways, she'll get exactly what she wants. But if she changes, she'll become a better pony. What choice will she make?

END ACT 2

ACT 3

SC. 6 – EXT. PONYVILLE ELEMENTARY – CONTINUOUS

As Diamond Tiara stands on the brink of a huge decision, her mother comes up, seeing that she is talking with the Cutie Mark Crusaders. Married Rich harshly tells her daughter that associating with Blank Flanks is not the way to move up in Equestria! The Cutie Mark Crusaders are clearly hurt by this rude remark. Diamond Tiara sees this and turns to her mother, telling her that she does not appreciate her calling her friends mean names. They are working very hard on getting their Cutie Marks. And they will get them exactly when they discover what their true talent is.

As for Diamond Tiara, she's discovered that while she's known for quite some time that her talent is getting other ponies to do what she wants, she's decided that this shouldn't just benefit her. This should benefit everypony.

REPRISE of the first SONG as the Cutie Mark Crusaders and Diamond Tiara sing about everything they can get done now working together with Diamond Tiara using her talents to benefit the group. First of all, she'll help Pip Squeak acquire the equipment and doesn't expect anything in return. Next, she turns those "shameful secrets" into advantages.

Soon the classmates are setting up the playground under Diamond Tiara's strong direction. When the students are getting worn out, she rallies them with ice cream, no strings attached. And finally, when she gets stumped on next move to make, she turns to her friend Silver Spoon and asks for advice. Silver Spoon is stunned. Does she really mean it? When Diamond Tiara admits she does, Silver Spoon has a wealth of ideas she's just been waiting to offer.

The Cutie Mark Crusaders realize that really do have a talent for helping others with their talent. And helping somepony else discover what their true talent is a talent, isn't it? As the three make this realization and ask this...WOOSH! They are swept up into wild EFX of magic. Everypony looks up in amazement. When everything clears, the Cutie Mark Crusaders are crusading for their Cutie Marks no more for they have their...CUTIE MARKS!!!

They break into SONG singing about how this is it: They've finally gotten their Cutie Marks! And their Cutie Marks are the symbols of the CMCs! They worked together through it all and now they are joined together forever! They'll always be the Cutie Mark Crusaders helping other ponies to use their talents to benefit others!

It's a huge celebration for the Cutie Mark Crusaders. As Applejack hugs Apple Bloom, she tells her little sis that if their mom and dad were there, they sure would be proud.

THE END.