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TEASER

SC 1 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY

APPLE BLOOM stands behind the podium and SMACKS it with a gavel.

1 APPLE BLOOM
Hear ye, hear ye, this meeting of
the Cutie Mark Crusaders is now in
session. Who wants to do roll call?

2 SCOOTALOO
I'm pretty sure we're all here.

3 SWEETIE BELL
Yeah, Apple Bloom, what's this
about?

4 APPLE BLOOM
 (coy)
Oh, nothin'...

Apple Bloom whips out a LETTER.

5 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Except this letter from Babs Seed
saying she got her cutie mark!

6 SCOOTALOO/SWEETIE BELL
WHAT!?

The others quickly gather around, hopping from hoof to hoof trying to see the letter.

7 SCOOTALOO
When did it happen?

8 SWEETIE BELL
Does she feel any different?

9 SCOOTALOO/SWEETIE BELL
What is it? What is it!? WHAT IS
IT!?!?

10 APPLE BLOOM
It says here her cutie mark is a
brush and scissors.

The others freeze, deflated.

11 SCOOTALOO
So... she's good at crafts?

12 SWEETIE BELL
Of course! She was always fussing
with her bangs and tail. I'll bet
she grows up to be a celebrity
stylist.

13 APPLE BLOOM
But if she spends all her time
fixing hair, who's gonna run the
Manhattan CMCs?

14 SCOOTALOO
Well, not Babs. She can't be a CMC
anymore. She got her cutie mark.

15 APPLE BLOOM
Oh, wow. I guess you're right.

16 SWEETIE BELL
I'm glad she's happy, but I sure
wouldn't want to be up to my flank
in hair all day. Can you imagine
getting stuck with a cutie mark you
didn't like?

17 APPLE BLOOM
No... Or, at least, I hadn't.

18 SWEETIE BELL
Don't worry, Apple Bloom. I'm sure
yours will be some kind of apple.

19 SCOOTALOO
Babs' cutie mark didn't have an
apple. Does that mean she's not
your cousin any more? Does she have
to change her name?

20 SWEETIE BELL
That's ridiculous. Right, Apple
Bloom?

But Apple Bloom looks worried.

21 APPLE BLOOM
No. I mean, yes. I mean, I don't
really know. I've spent so much
time worrying about how to get a
cutie mark, I never thought about
what'd happen after.

Off all three Cutie Mark Crusaders' looks of concern we CUT
TO...

MAIN TITLES**ACT ONE****SC 2 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - ESTABLISHING - NIGHT**

22 APPLE BLOOM (O.S.)
There's just all sorts of things I
never even thought of before.

SC 3 - INT. FARMHOUSE - BATHROOM - NIGHT

Apple Bloom squirts a dollop of apple toothpaste onto her
toothbrush while APPLEJACK looks on.

23 APPLEJACK
I'm sure there are, but you don't
need to--

24 APPLE BLOOM
 (cutting her off)
What if I finally get my cutie mark
and I don't like it?

25 APPLEJACK
See, now that's something I--

Apple Bloom starts brushing her teeth, but keeps talking.

26 APPLE BLOOM
 (cutting her off)
What if I get it and nopony likes
me?

Apple Bloom brushes harder, foam building up in her mouth.

27 APPLEJACK
Well, that's just--

28 APPLE BLOOM
 (cutting her off)
What if the CMCs drift apart? I
mean, we won't really be CMCs
anymore...
 (gasp)
What if it's not an apple!? Will I
have to move out? Where will I
live!?

29 APPLEJACK
Alright. That's enough.

Applejack hands Apple Bloom a glass of water and she rinses out a mouthful of foam.

SC 4 - INT. APPLE BLOOM'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Applejack tucks Apple Bloom into bed.

30 APPLEJACK
Those are way too many questions to
answer all in one night.

31 APPLE BLOOM
But--

32 APPLEJACK
 (cutting her off)
Just stop all your worrying.
Everything is gonna be fine.

33 APPLE BLOOM
Are you sure, Applejack?

34 APPLEJACK
Of course I'm sure. You know why?

35 APPLE BLOOM
Why?

Applejack strokes Apple Bloom's mane as she sings "APPLES FOREVER" in lullaby form.

36 APPLEJACK
*Because we're Apples forever,
Apples together, we're family but
so much more. No matter what comes,
we will face the weather, we're
Apples to the core.*

Apple Bloom yawns and shuts her eyes. Applejack turns off the light.

37 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Now get some sleep. You'll see.
Everything will be better in the
morning.

38 APPLE BLOOM
 (half-asleep)
Apples to the core...

SC 5 - INT. APPLE BLOOM'S BEDROOM - MORNING

Apple Bloom's eyes blink open and she sits up in bed.

39 APPLE BLOOM
Hooee! Nothing like a good night's
sleep.

She opens the shade and bright sunlight fills the room.

40 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Wow, I really slept in.

From downstairs comes the sound of Applejack singing.

41 APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Because we're Apples forever...

Apple Bloom skips out her bedroom door and down the stairs,
following the sound.

SC 6 - INT. FARM HOUSE - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Applejack stands at the sink, singing while she does the
dishes.

42 APPLEJACK
...we're family but so much more...

Apple Bloom bounds into the room.

43 APPLE BLOOM
You were right Applejack. I feel
much better. I don't know what I
was so worried about last night.

44 APPLEJACK
See? Now, what did I tell y--

Applejack turns and stops mid-word. She looks down at Apple
Bloom's flank.

45 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Well, no wonder you were so worked
up.

46 APPLE BLOOM
What? What is it?

Applejack pulls out a hand mirror and holds it up to Apple
Bloom's flank.

47 APPLEJACK
Looks like somepony got her cutie
mark!

48 APPLE BLOOM
I did?

Apple Bloom looks down at the reflection of her hind quarters and sees... a cutie mark of an OLD-FASHIONED SPRAY CAN with a pump.

49 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
I did! WOW! I can't believe it.

Apple Bloom gallops in circles then stops in front of the mirror again.

50 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Wait till I tell the others that my
cutie mark is a, a...
 (beat)
What is it?

Applejack takes a closer look then scratches her head, perplexed.

51 APPLEJACK
I have no idea.

Still excited, Apple Bloom runs in a circle the other way.

52 APPLE BLOOM
Do you think Scootaloo and Sweetie
Belle got their cutie marks too?

53 APPLEJACK
I don't know, but I'll bet they'll
help figure out what yours means.

Apple Bloom eyes go wide. She rushes to the front door and swings it open to reveal a pony in an ALIEN-LOOKING GAS MASK.

54 GAS MASK PONY (BUGSY MAPONE)
I'll tell you what it means...

Apple Bloom GASPS. The pony wearing the mask takes it off and steps inside revealing he sports a similar SPRAY CAN CUTIE MARK.

55 BUGSY MAPONE
It means I can retire.

SC 7 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER

Outside, Buggy Mapone leads Apple Bloom to his wagon.

56 APPLE BLOOM
Pest Control? You mean, like,
Parasprites?

57 BUGSY MAPONE
Please. Any pony with a trombone
can get rid of Parasprites. I'm
talking about the serious stuff.
The stuff you'll be dealing with
when you take over.

58 APPLE BLOOM
Take over?

Buggy Mapone pulls out a glass canister. Inside, tiny insects
with sharp looking ice-skate feet fly around.

59 BUGSY MAPONE
Sledbugs! Of course, they're only a
problem in winter. Let's see...

Buggy Mapone rummages through his wagon.

60 APPLE BLOOM
Sledbugs?

Buggy Mapone pulls out another canister-- this one full of
round bugs that look like they're wearing sunglasses.

61 BUGSY MAPONE
Flicks! They jump in your mane and
cause Rhyme Disease. Though, Zebras
have a natural immunity they can
pass along. Zacora's got that one
covered.

62 APPLE BLOOM
Rhyme disease?

ANGLE ON - Buggy Mapone's last canister, filled with a tiny
swarm of winged, chomping teeth.

63 BUGSY MAPONE
Here we go. Twittermites. They'll
eat anything in their path and can
only be stopped by a special
procedure that's been passed down
from Pest Pony to Pest Pony.

64 APPLE BLOOM
Pest Pony?

Bugsy Mapone stares at her.

65 BUGSY MAPONE
You're gonna have to stop repeating
everything I say and pay attention
if you want to learn anything.

66 APPLE BLOOM
I'm sorry. I guess this just wasn't
what I was expecting.

67 BUGSY MAPONE
Don't worry, I'll teach you
everything you need to operate the
contraption.

68 APPLE BLOOM
The contraption?

Bugsy Mapone just stares at her.

69 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Sorry.

With that, Bugsy Mapone pulls the tarp off of his wagon to
reveal what looks like a railroad handcar on a treadmill.

70 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Wow. That looks... complicated.

71 BUGSY MAPONE
It is. But for Pest Ponies like you
and me, it's a snap.

Bugsy Mapone hands Apple Bloom his giant GAS MASK and she
straps it on, nearly falling over from it's weight.

ANGLE ON - Apple Bloom's POV and Darth Vader-like BREATHING
as she looks through the yellow tinted, bug-eyed goggles.

72 APPLE BLOOM
It's kinda hard to see in this
thing... and stand... and breath.

73 BUGSY MAPONE
I know.

Bugsy Mapone pushes a button on his contraption and a small
flight of stairs pops out. He leads Apple Bloom up and straps
her in.

74 APPLE BLOOM
What do I do now?

75 BUGSY MAPONE
You'll figure it out.

With that, Buggy Mapone takes the lid off of the canister of Twittermites. The small cloud of bugs flies out and Apple Bloom immediately starts running on the contraption's treadmill.

Pistons pulse and move as tanks and hoses rise up out of the side. A dial in front of Apple Bloom spins and stops on a picture of a Twittermite.

Smoke from the contraption's nozzle blasts the cloud of bugs and they immediately fly back into Buggy Mapone's canister.

76 BUGSY MAPONE (CONT'D)
See? Easy-peasy.

ANGLE ON - Apple Bloom, who drops to her knees, exhausted.

77 APPLE BLOOM
Yeah. Easy.

As Apple Bloom staggers to her feet, she's surprised to see Buggy Mapone now wearing a coat and holding a suitcase.

78 BUGSY MAPONE
Well, it looks like you're all set.
Drop me note sometime at the Golden
Acres retirement community.

With that, Buggy Mapone starts to head off. Apple Bloom struggles to get her mask off.

ANGLE ON - her POV through the goggles as Buggy Mapone walks off.

79 APPLE BLOOM
Wait! I know I'm good at mixin'
potions and stuff, but I don't
think bug spray really counts!

Finally, she gets the front of the mask off (like Robert Downey Jr. in Iron Man), but somehow Buggy Mapone is already gone.

80 VOICE (DIAMOND TIARA)
Well, well, well. Look at the new
Exterminator Pony.

Apple Bloom spins around to see DIAMOND TIARA and SILVER SPOON standing beside her contraption.

81 APPLE BLOOM
 (correcting her)
It's Pest Pony.

82 SILVER SPOON
It sure is.

The mean ponies laugh as Apple Bloom continues struggling to extricate herself from the mask and the machine. Finally, she releases a latch and falls down the stairs, landing at the mean ponies' feet.

Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon laugh even harder.

83 DIAMOND TIARA
I might have known you'd end up
with the worst cutie mark ever.

84 SILVER SPOON
And it doesn't even look like you
know what to do with that.

As the mean ponies' laughter grows louder and louder, Apple Bloom runs off in tears-- the background swirling oddly as she does.

SC 8 - EXT. EDGE OF EVERFREE FOREST - DAY

Apple Bloom finally stops at the edge of the forest, catching her breath. She looks down at her cutie mark.

85 APPLE BLOOM
I'm sure Pest Pony's an important
job, but Diamond Tiara is right.
This must be the worst cutie mark
ever.

Suddenly, the leaves around her rustle and a VOICE comes like wind through the trees.

86 VOICE
Why don't you get rid of it, then?

Apple Bloom sees a PONY moving through the forest, her face obscured by leaves.

87 APPLE BLOOM
Who's there? What do you mean?

Apple Bloom tries to make out the mystery pony, but just when she thinks she's zeroed in on her location, the voice suddenly comes from somewhere else.

88 PONY IN THE LEAVES
If your cutie mark bothers you so
much, just start over.

89 APPLE BLOOM
I can do that?

90 PONY IN THE LEAVES
You can do whatever you want.

91 APPLE BLOOM
 (flip)
Well, if you know how to wave a
hoof and erase a terrible cutie
mark, you go right ahead.

92 PONY IN THE LEAVES
Easier done than said...

With that, SMOKE curls out through the trees and surrounds Apple Bloom.

When the smoke clears the mysterious pony is gone and so is Apple Bloom's cutie mark.

93 APPLE BLOOM
 (pleased)
Wow.

Apple Bloom looks up to find herself in...

SC 9 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

Confused, Apple Bloom looks around at the town square.

94 APPLE BLOOM
How'd I get here?

Several ponies run by with suitcases and steamer trunks.

95 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Where's everypony going?

Apple Bloom grabs MAYOR as she runs by.

96 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Mayor, what's going on!

97 MAYOR
Apple Bloom! You've got to go home
and get your family out of town.

Mayor points to a small CLOUD drifting toward a cottage at the edge of town.

The cloud surrounds the cottage in flurry of activity, then moves on, leaving the cottage a pile of dust.

ANGLE ON - The cloud. It's made up of a familiar swarm of winged teeth-- IT'S A TWITTERMITE INFESTATION!

98 APPLE BLOOM
Oh, no!

99 MAYOR
I just wish Buggy Mapone hadn't
retired before finding somepony
else to do his job.

Apple Bloom's eyes go wide. She turns, and oddly finds herself standing in front of Buggy Mapone's contraption.

She grabs the giant gas mask and puts it on as she climbs onto the treadmill. She runs and runs but nothing happens.

100 APPLE BLOOM
What the heck is wrong with this
thing?

101 VOICE (APPLEJACK)
Apple Bloom, what in tarnation are
you doing?

ANGLE ON - Apple Bloom's gas mask POV as she turns to see the whole Apple Family standing by the side of the road, packed and ready to go.

102 APPLE BLOOM
Trying to stop the infestation!

103 APPLEJACK
Only a Pest Pony can do that. Now
climb on down from there. We've
gotta get outta here right now!

Apple Bloom stops running, exhausted. She looks over Applejack's shoulder as the Twittermites arrive at Sweet Apple Acres.

Powerless to do anything, Apple Bloom takes off her mask and watches as the insects descend on her home, destroying it.

Devastated, Apple Bloom looks to the sky and shouts...

104 APPLE BLOOM
NOOOOOOO!

As we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC 10 - EXT. PONYVILLE - RESUME

105 APPLE BLOOM
Nooooooooo!

Apple Bloom continues screaming to the heavens until we...

CUT TO:

SC 11 - INT. APPLE BLOOM'S BEDROOM - MORNING

Apple Bloom WAKES UP sweating and breathing hard. She looks around to see that she's back in her room and starts to calm down.

106 APPLE BLOOM
Hooee! Now that's what I call a
nightmare!

Apple Bloom climbs out of bed and looks out the window, relieved to find Sweet Apple Acres still standing.

107 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
It seemed so real.

The sound of Applejack singing drifts up from downstairs.

108 APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Because we're Apples together...

Brightening at the sound of her sister's voice, Apple Bloom heads down the stairs.

SC 12 - INT. FARMHOUSE - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Applejack stands at the sink, singing while she does the dishes.

109 APPLEJACK
...we're family but so much more...

Apple Bloom walks into the room.

110 APPLE BLOOM
Applejack, you are not gonna
believe the dream I just had. I
guess I needed sleep more than I
thought.

111 APPLEJACK
I told ya. A good night's sle--

Applejack turns and stops mid-word. She looks down at Apple Bloom's flank.

112 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Well, lookee, here.

113 APPLE BLOOM
What?

Applejack pulls out a hand mirror and holds it up to Apple Bloom's flank.

114 APPLEJACK
Looks like a little sleep gave you
more than just dreams. You got your
cutie mark!

115 APPLE BLOOM
Again? I mean, I did?

Apple Bloom looks down at the reflection of her hind quarters and sees... a cutie mark of a MORTAR and PESTLE.

116 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Woohoo! Potion making! Now that's
more like it!

Excited, Apple Bloom gallops around in a circle.

117 APPLEJACK
More like what?

Apple Bloom pulls up short.

118 APPLE BLOOM
Nevermind. I'm just glad Princess
Twilight's lessons finally paid
off.

119 APPLEJACK
I expect you want to run off to the
clubhouse and tell your friends all
about your new cutie mark?

120 APPLE BLOOM
Do you think they got theirs too?

121 APPLEJACK
I don't know. But before you go
make sure you do all your--

Applejack looks around to see that Apple Bloom has already
rushed out.

122 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
--chores?

SC 13 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - CONTINUOUS

Apple Bloom runs through the fields toward the Clubhouse, the
background swirling oddly again.

123 APPLE BLOOM
I bet Scootaloo's is something
super acrobatic and Sweetie Belle's
probably has to do with music...

SC 14 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY

Excited, Apple Bloom bursts in to find Sweetie Belle and
Scootaloo already there.

124 SCOOTALOO
Hey, Apple Bloom. Why all the
excitement?

125 SWEETIE BELLE
Yeah. What's going on?

126 APPLE BLOOM
 (coy)
Oh, nothin'.

See quickly spins around, showing off her new cutie mark.

127 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Except this brand new cutie mark!

128 SWEETIE BELLE
Wow!

129 SCOOTALOO
That's amazing!

The three ponies jump around excited. Suddenly, Apple Bloom stops.

130 APPLE BLOOM
What about you two? Anything in the cutie mark department?

131 SCOOTALOO
No.

132 SWEETIE BELLE
Me neither.

133 APPLE BLOOM
(disappointed)
Oh. I kinda hoped we'd all get our cutie marks together.

134 SCOOTALOO
Me too.

135 SWEETIE BELLE
But I'm still super excited for you!

136 SCOOTALOO
Absolutely!

Apple Bloom thinks for a moment, then something occurs to her.

137 APPLE BLOOM
I know!

She walks up to the podium and grabs the gavel.

138 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Let's call this meeting to order.
I'm sure the three of us can figure out how to get two more cutie marks!

Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle exchange looks, then stare at Apple Bloom awkwardly.

139 SWEETIE BELLE
Um... Yeah. The thing is...

140 APPLE BLOOM
What?

141 SCOOTALOO
Well, you're not a CMC anymore.

Scootaloo walks up and takes Apple Bloom's gavel away.

142 APPLE BLOOM
Oh. Yeah. I guess I'm not.
 (beat)
Well, I can just sit quietly in the
corner while you two figure out
what you're gonna to do.

The others exchange another awkward look.

143 SWEETIE BELLE
Well, technically, the clubhouse is
for CMCs only.

Scootaloo walks over and opens the door for Apple Bloom.

144 APPLE BLOOM
Oh. Right.

Apple Bloom heads through the door and steps outside.

145 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
I guess I should just come back
later, then?

146 SWEETIE BELLE
Actually, I don't think there's
much point meeting on your farm
anymore.

147 SCOOTALOO
Yeah. I'm not even sure if we're
still supposed to be friends.

148 APPLE BLOOM
What!?

With that, Scootaloo slams the door shut. From inside, we
hear Sweetie Belle.

149 SWEETIE BELLE (O.S.)
This meeting of the remaining CMCs
is now in session.

150 APPLE BLOOM
Oh.

Apple Bloom turns away, nearly in tears.

The sound of the GAVEL BANGING inside takes on a surreal ECHO and Apple Bloom looks back to see the clubhouse is suddenly all boarded up.

She rushes back and peers through the boards, but it's empty inside.

151 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Scootaloo? Sweetie Belle?

Apple Bloom turns around again to find she is somehow standing at the edge of the Everfree Forest.

SC 15 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - DAY

Confused, Apple Bloom continues to call out to her friends.

152 APPLE BLOOM
Sweetie Belle? Scootaloo? Come on
gals this isn't funny.

Suddenly, a familiar voice drifts through the trees.

153 PONY IN THE LEAVES
More trouble with your cutie mark?

Apple Bloom looks up to see the pony figure, moving behind the trees again, just out of view.

154 APPLE BLOOM
No. I mean, yeah. I mean... Well, I
got mine, but my friends didn't get
theirs and now there's all kinds of
trouble.

155 PONY IN THE LEAVES
Sounds to me like cutie marks and
trouble go hand in hand.

156 APPLE BLOOM
I guess so. I mean, if we were all
blank flanks again, there wouldn't
be a problem.

157 PONY IN THE LEAVES
Your wish is my command...

With that, the Pony's magic smoke rises from under the trees again as we...

SMOKE DISSOLVE TO:

SC 16 - EXT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY

Apple Bloom stands outside the clubhouse, pulling boards off one by one. Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo walk up.

158 SCOOTALOO
Hey, Apple Bloom. What are you
doing to that old place.

159 APPLE BLOOM
Why, I am re-opening the clubhouse,
of course.

160 SWEETIE BELLE
You are?

161 SCOOTALOO
Why?

162 APPLE BLOOM
Well, us blankflanks have to meet
somewhere!

With that, Apple Bloom shows off her newly naked flank.
Again, Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle share an awkward look.

163 SCOOTALOO
Um... actually, Apple Bloom, we
both sort of got our cutie marks.

Apple Bloom stares in shock as they both turn and show off
their marks.

164 SWEETIE BELLE
And I don't really have time to
hang out in an old clubhouse
anymore.

165 SCOOTALOO
Yeah. We've got responsibilities
now.

Apple Bloom just stares in shock as Scootaloo and Sweetie
Belle turn and start to walk off.

166 APPLE BLOOM
Wait!

Apple Bloom tries to follow them but her tail gets stuck on
one of the boards.

167 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Hold on gals! I can get my cutie
mark back. I think. I mean, I got
it once, right? Just wait a second!

She tugs at her tail, trying to get free. Finally she gives one last pull and the whole front wall of the clubhouse pulls away, falling toward her.

168 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Noooooooooooo!

Just as she's about to be struck by the crumbling structure we...

CUT TO:

SC 17 - INT. APPLE BLOOM'S BEDROOM - MORNING

Apple Bloom bolts up in bed, panting, a little less comforted to be back in her room than the last time.

She jumps to the window and throws up the shade. In the distance, the clubhouse sits just like it always has-- no boards, no falling walls.

169 APPLE BLOOM
What in the world is going on?

As she starts to settle down, the sound of her sister's singing drifts up from downstairs.

170 APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Because we're Apples forever...

171 APPLE BLOOM
I'm not so sure sleep is the
cureall Applejack thinks it is.

With that, she heads downstairs.

SC 18 - INT. FARMHOUSE - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Applejack stands at the sink again, singing while she does the dishes-- again.

172 APPLEJACK
...we're family but so much more...

Apple Bloom walks tentatively into the room.

173 APPLE BLOOM
Ah... I know you said a good
night's sleep is supposed to make
me feel better, Applejack, but I'm
pretty sure it's making me feel
worse.

174 APPLEJACK
Come on, now, little seed. It can't
be that ba--

Applejack turns and stops mid-word. Her eyes go wide as she
looks down at Apple Bloom's flank.

175 APPLE BLOOM
Applejack? What's wrong?

176 APPLEJACK
 (nervous)
Ah... Nothing. Nothing's wrong at
all. Right, Big Mac?

We pan left to reveal Big Mac standing next to Applejack,
also staring, wide-eyed at Apple Bloom.

177 BIG MAC
 (matching Applejack)
Ah... Nope.

178 APPLE BLOOM
Why are you two staring at me like
that?

Applejack and Big Mac share an anxious look.

179 APPLEJACK
Well, I don't exactly know how to
tell you this, Apple Bloom, but...
It's your cutie mark.

180 APPLE BLOOM
Oh, no. What is it now?

Apple Bloom turns around, trying to get a look at her flank,
but instead comes face to face with GRANNY.

181 GRANNY SMITH
Well, I'll tell you what it ain't.
It ain't no apple!

182 APPLE BLOOM
What!?

Apple Bloom runs in circles, trying to see what her non-Apple cutie mark is, the faces of her family spinning by.

183 APPLEJACK
Now don't you worry, sugar cube.

184 BIG MAC
Nope.

185 GRANNY SMITH
I bet you find someplace real nice.

186 BIG MAC
Yep.

Apple Bloom stops spinning and looks at her family-- her POV slightly CANTED, either from the spinning or something else.

187 APPLE BLOOM
Nice for what?

Granny Smith pulls a SUITCASE out of nowhere.

188 GRANNY SMITH
To live, of course! You can't very well stay at Sweet Apple Acres if you ain't an Apple.

189 APPLE BLOOM
I have to move?

190 BIG MAC
Yep.

191 APPLEJACK
You might also want to consider changing your name.

192 APPLE BLOOM
My name?

193 APPLEJACK
I think just "Bloom" has a real nice ring to it.

194 BIG MAC
Yep.

With that, Big Mac opens a door. Granny throws the suitcase into Apple Bloom's arms, sending her out the door and into a BLACK HOLE.

195 APPLE BLOOM
Nooooooooooooo!

As Apple Bloom falls through the abyss we...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC 19 - EST. ABYSS - CONTINUOUS

196 APPLE BLOOM
Nooooooooo!

Apple Bloom continues to scream as she falls through blackness until we...

CUT TO:

SC 20 - INT. APPLE BLOOM'S BEDROOM - MORNING

Apple Bloom shoots up with a start.

197 APPLE BLOOM
Alright. This is getting
ridiculous.

She jumps out of bed, opens the closet and stares at her flank in the full length mirror. It's blank.

198 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Whew! I never thought I'd be so
happy to see a blank flank.

Suddenly, another mirrored door opens behind her... then another... and another until Apple Bloom stands in the center of a HALL OF MIRRORS (think THE LADY FROM SHANGHAI).

199 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
What the--?

Apple Bloom steps back, the CLICK, CLACK of her footsteps echoing as, first her leg appears, then the rest of her-- reflected an infinite number of times in the mirrors.

200 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
That's more me than I ever need to
see. At least they don't all have
their own--

Apple Bloom and her endless counterparts turn to reveal and endless number of...

201 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
CUTIE MARKS!

Apple Bloom starts to run through the hall of mirrors, but at every turn there's a new reflection of herself with a different cutie mark: an Ice Cream Cone, an Anvil, a Crab Cracker, a Life Preserver, a Tooth, etc.

Beside herself, Apple Bloom finally charges straight for her own reflection, breaking through the mirror which shatters and falls away to reveal...

SC 21 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - DAY

Apple Bloom comes to a stop, finding herself once more at the edge of the forest.

Behind the leaves the mysterious pony figure appears, still obscured by trees.

202 PONY IN THE LEAVES
Back so soon?

203 APPLE BLOOM
Alright, whoever you are, I don't know what spell you went and cast on me but I want it to stop right now!

Apple Bloom charges at where she thinks the Pony is, but there's just leaves. The mysterious Pony's voice now comes from behind her.

204 PONY IN THE LEAVES
I didn't cast a spell. On you or your anypony else. I only did what you wanted.

Apple Bloom doubles back, trying to catch her nemesis, but only finds herself alone and deeper in the woods.

205 APPLE BLOOM
Why would I want you to torment me with nightmares?

The Pony appears again, peering out from the thick underbrush. The forest seems to close in as she talks.

206 PONY IN THE LEAVES
You didn't want to spray bugs and I helped. You didn't want to lose friends and I helped.
(MORE)

PONY IN THE LEAVES (CONT'D)

If there's a problem with your family, why, I'm sure I can help with that too.

207 APPLE BLOOM
I don't want your help. Just leave me alone!

Suddenly, a SHAFT OF MOONLIGHT fills the clearing and the dark forest recedes as PRINCESS LUNA appears.

208 LUNA
Oh, Apple Bloom, that's the one thing our friend, here, can never do.

209 APPLE BLOOM
Princess Luna! I don't know what you heard, but that pony, there, is not my friend.

210 LUNA
Sometimes, I'm afraid, that's true, and it can lead to horrible dreams. But it's your job, I think, to make friends with her, even when that's the hardest thing to do.

Apple Bloom stares through the leaves, the figure of the mysterious pony still barely visible.

211 APPLE BLOOM
Who is she?

Luna smiles. Magic shoots out of her horn clearing the forest away as it goes. The leaves and trees part to reveal the mysterious Pony Figure is actually... APPLE BLOOM HERSELF.

212 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Me? It's me? I've been doing all of this to myself.

213 LUNA
Of course. Who else lives in your dreams?

214 APPLE BLOOM
But I don't understand.

215 LUNA
You're worried about what you're cutie mark will be, yes?

216 APPLE BLOOM
I sure am.

217 LUNA
But that's the same as worrying
about who you are. That's all a
cutie mark is. And if you can't
accept who you are, your life will
always seem like a bad dream.

218 APPLE BLOOM
So, if I like who I am, it doesn't
matter what my cutie mark is.

219 LUNA
Indeed.

220 APPLE BLOOM
But that's so simple. I must be the
only pony in the world this worried
about her cutie mark.

221 LUNA
Oh, I wouldn't say that.

Again, Luna's horn glows and two holes in the dreamscape open on either side of her. Apple Bloom peers through and sees...

SWEETIE BELLE - Holding a giant, padded baton and standing next to a huge WHACK-A-MOLE game.

Instead of moles, pony hindquarters pop up through the holes. Each pony bottom has a different cutie mark and every time one pops up, Sweetie Belle give it a WHACK.

Unfortunately, each time she does the baton appears behind her and whacks her own rear end.

222 SWEETIE BELLE
Ow!

Apple Bloom shifts to the other hole in the dreaming to see...

SCOOTALOO - Poised at the top of a huge Evel Knievel-style ramp. She gives her scooter a couple of revs and takes off.

Careening down the ramp at top speed she hits the jump and flies over a huge chasm, just as she gets her cutie mark-- a pair of knitting needles.

The scooter suddenly disappears, replaced with knitting needles, yarn, and an afghan. She freezes mid-air and drops (Wylie Coyote-style).

Apple Bloom looks away from the images of her friends and up at Luna.

223 APPLE BLOOM
Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle are
having nightmares too?

224 LUNA
It's been a busy night for us all,
but I think it's time to bring it
to a close.

With that, Luna's horn glows and the scene shifts too...

SC 22 - INT. DREAM WORLD CLUBHOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Luna stands at the podium in front of the CMCs.

225 SCOOTALOO/SWEETIE BELL
Princess Luna!

226 LUNA
I know you've all had a lot on your
minds tonight, but I think Apple
Bloom has something she'd like to
share before you wake.

227 SWEETIE BELLE
We're still asleep?

Luna nods. Scootaloo runs up the wall and stands upsidedown on the ceiling.

228 SCOOTALOO
Cool!

As Scootaloo runs back down, Apple Bloom walks up to the podium. Luna hands her the gavel.

229 APPLE BLOOM
Well, I guess I should call this
dream meeting of the CMCs to order.

Apple Bloom smacks the gavel, but it sounds like a CLOWN HORN. Luna smiles.

230 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
I know we all got pretty anxious
when we found out Babs' got her
cutie mark. But I don't wanna have
nightmares every night from now
until we get ours.

The others nod.

231 SCOOTALOO
Me neither.

232 APPLE BLOOM
And even though we're all a little
scared, a cutie mark won't change
who we are or how everypony feels
about us.

The others agree.

233 SWEETIE BELLE
It's lucky we're all scared of the
same things. That way we can help
each other and remind each other to
just be who we are.

234 LUNA
And when the day comes that you all
finally get your cutie marks, you
can be sure they'll fit you to a
tee.

235 APPLE BLOOM
Exactly.

236 SCOOTALOO
Do you gals think that Babs is
worried or scared about some of
this stuff?

237 APPLE BLOOM
I know! Let's put together a care
package for her!

238 SWEETIE BELLE
That way she'll know she isn't
alone!

239 APPLE BLOOM
We wouldn't want her to think that
just because she isn't a CMC, we
can't still be friends.

They start to gather stuff together for the care package, but Apple Bloom's basket turns into a FLAMINGO, Scootaloo's FLOWERS fly off their stems and pop like bubbles, and Sweetie Belle's wrapping paper folds itself into a PAPER BOAT and sails through the window.

240 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
But... maybe we should wait until
we wake up.

241 LUNA
Good idea.

Luna smiles and again her horn glows. The walls of the
clubhouse SWIRL and swim as we...

CUT TO:

SC 23 - INT. APPLE BLOOM AND APPLEJACK'S BEDROOM - MORNING

Apple Bloom wakes up. She quickly pulls back the covers and
checks her hindquarters. It's still blank.

Just then, the sound of Applejack drifts up from downstairs.

242 APPLEJACK
Because we're Apples together...

Apple Blooms eyes light up and she runs downstairs...

SC 24 - INT. KITCHEN - SOON AFTER

Apple Bloom rushes in to find Applejack standing at the sink
singing.

243 APPLEJACK
...we're family but so much more...

Apple Bloom immediately steps up beside her sister and joins
in.

244 APPLE BLOOM
*No matter what comes we will face
the weather...*

245 BOTH
We're Apples to the core!

Applejack looks down at her sister.

246 APPLEJACK
Well, it sure looks like somepony
is feeling better.

247 APPLE BLOOM
You have no idea.

248 APPLEJACK
See? Now, what did I tell ya? A
good night's sleep cures just about
everything.

249 APPLE BLOOM
I guess so...

Apple Bloom smiles.

250 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
I just wish it hadn't been so
exhausting.

Off of Applejack's curious expression we...

FADE OUT.

END.