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"The Fault in Our Cutie Marks"

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TEASER

SC. 2 - INT. HOUSE IN PONYVILLE - DAY

SWEETIE BELLE

So, Scootaloo's keeping Petunia busy like you asked. What did you two want to talk about?

MOTHER PONY

I'm sure you get these questions all the time...Oh, this is so awkward.

FATHER PONY

Uh, you're the experts, so we thought you'd have some insight into our daughter's new...uh, cutie mark.

APPLE BLOOM

What's wrong?

MOTHER PONY

Obviously we're both very proud of her and her cutie mark...

FATHER PONY

Despite its, um, unsettling nature.

SWEETIE BELLE

Unsettling?

APPLE BLOOM

I don't get what you mean.

MOTHER PONY

Her mark doesn't bother you at all?

SCOOTALOO (O.S.)

Hey! Check out what we found!

SC. 3 - EXT. - GARDEN OF THE HOUSE - DAY

PETUNIA PALEO

Look! A spiny-backed Pon-asaurus - in our own backyard! And I found 'em on my very own. How cool is that?!?!

MOTHER AND FATHER PONY
Ooooooh. She's an archaeologist!

SCOOTALOO
Of course! What did you think she was gonna be - a pirate?

MOTHER PONY
Pirate!? Pfft! Why would we think that?

SC. 4 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

SCOOTALOO
Whoo-hoo! Another successful cutie intervention. You know Crusaders, I don't want to toot our own horn...

SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
...but we've helped a lot of ponies figure out their purpose in life. Like Blue Note, here - nice saxaphone, Blue Note!

APPLE BLOOM
Yep. Everywhere you look, there's a pony we've helped find a purpose.

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
You've gotta admit, we've had a pretty good effect on everypony since we discovered our destiny...

SCOOTALOO
And started helping other ponies discover theirs! Could this get any better or what?

SWEETIE BELLE
Now, Scootaloo, you do know there will always be challenges. Someday somepony might even come to us with a problem that even we can't handle. Like, say...

APPLE BLOOM
...a griffon?

SWEETIE BELLE
Ha! Exactly. Like a griffon. But
that's just crazy talk.

SCOOTALOO
OR NOT!

SWEETIE BELLE
Is that really a griffon?

APPLE BLOOM
You're durn tootin' it is!

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Whaddya think that griffon wants?

SWEETIE BELLE
I guess we've gotta ask her but...
Aren't Griffons supposed to be kinda
mean and cranky?

SCOOTALOO
Crusaders, looks like we've gotta
step carefully!

GABBY
The Cutie Mark Crusaders? I can't
believe it's really really you!
EEEEEEEE!

SCOOTALOO
This-- griffon-- not-- cranky!

APPLE BLOOM
How in the blooming apples did you
know who we are?

GABBY
Know who you are? KNOW WHO YOU ARE?
Why, I've heard about you from
everypony in Ponyville! I'm so
excited to meet you, I could just
EXPLODE! I'm Gabriella, but you can
call me Gabby, since we're friends
now. Pleased to meetcha!

APPLE BLOOM
Well howdy, um... Gabby.

GABBY

OOOOOOH! I'm just about the most excited any griffon has ever been about anything.

SWEETIE BELLE

Excited? But whatever for?

GABBY

What for? WHAT FOR? Everypony in town tells me of your amaaaaazing assistance. How you help ponies find their place in the world.

SCOOTALOO

It's a calling. But...

GABBY

And that's why I'm here. I need help, too. I want you to give me a cutie mark!

APPLE BLOOM

Um, can a griffon even GET a Cutie Mark?

SCOOTALOO

I dunno - but I think we should probably find out.

SC. 5 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY

SCOOTALOO

So, Gabriella -

GABBY

Gabby, 'kay?

SCOOTALOO

'Gabby.' Why do you even want a cutie mark? It doesn't seem like a very griffon-y thing to want.

GABBY

Right? Right? RIIIIIGHT? You're telling me! I don't know if you've heard, but griffons can be a little bit... unfriendly.

SC. 6 - EXT. - FLASHBACK - GRIFFONSTONE VILLAGE SQUARE - DAY

GABBY (V.O.)

Most griffons don't pay much attention to each other. And if they do, it's not, y'know... the good kind of attention.

GABBY (V.O.)

As for me, I'm just a little mail-delivery griffon who likes to spread a little bit of griffon-y sunshine on my rounds! Which always made me feel different from the other griffons.

GABBY (V.O.)

I'd do anything for any ol' griffon in need. But it just always seemed like the harder I tried, the less I fit in!

GABBY

It wasn't until your friends came to Griffonstone that I realized some creatures actually like helping each other. And I saw something so awesomely awesome - how helping spreads from pony to pony and griffon to griffon...

SC. 7 - EXT. - GRIFFONSTONE VILLAGE SQ. - DAY

GABBY (V.O.)

I knew then that I had find out why I was so different from the other griffons. And I knew the answer just HAD to have something to do with those wonderful, amaaaaaazing marks on the ponies' flanks!

GABBY (V.O.)

And I admit, I became, maybe, a little obsessed. So first chance I had to deliver a letter from Gilda, I took it - so I could find the perfect

ponies to help me understand what those marks are.

SC. 8 - EXT. - PONYVILLE TOWN SQ. - DAY

GABBY (V.O.)

Everypony here told me one thing: I just HAD to see the cutie mark crusaders. They've helped everypony here get there cutie marks. And I knew, I just *knew*, that someday I'd have one, too: a cutie mark of my very own!

SC. 9 - INT. - CMC CLUBHOUSE - RESUME

GABBY

That's why I flew all the way here. I want to find my own place in the world, and I know you can help me-- by giving me a cutie mark!

GABBY (CONT'D)

So... Let's make with the cutie! Whenever you're ready! Did it happen yet?

SWEETIE BELLE

Uh... Not exactly.

GABBY

How 'bout now? How 'bout now? How 'bout now? How 'bout now?

APPLE BLOOM

Um, Gabby, I hate to break it to you, but it sounds like you mighta heard some tall tales about what Crusaders can do.

SCOOTALOO

I mean, we are kinda awesome and all, but nopony can just give you a cutie mark. It just sort of... happens.

SWEETIE BELLE

Though I'm pretty sure it doesn't happen to Griffons. Or if it does - we've never ever heard of it.

GABBY

Oh. I hadn't thought of that. Sounds like a challenge. And who could be up to it but the world-famous Cutie Mark Crusaders? Cutie marks: it's in your name and everything, right? Right? RIGHT?

GABBY (CONT'D)

Now I have to deliver Gilda's letter to Rainbow Dash. I bet by the time I get back you'll have it one-hundred percent figured out!

GABBY (CONT'D)

Toodles for now.

GABBY

Wheweee! Gonna get my Cutie Mark!

SWEETIE BELLE

What she wants - it's not possible, right?

SCOOTALOO

I don't know. But I know someone who just might!

SC. 10 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

I've read every book on the subject. And I've never read a thing about any creature other than a pony getting a cutie mark!

SCOOTALOO

But Twilight, Gabby flew all the way here so we could help her. There's gotta be something we can do.

SWEETIE BELLE

Say... is there some kind of spell you can whip up to make her mark appear?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Um, I don't know if any of you remember... but using magic to get a cutie mark never really works out all that well.

ALL 3 CRUSADERS

Ohhhhhh... riiiiight.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Crusaders, I'm sorry. While I can't say for certain that it's utterly impossible, the chances of Gabby getting an actual mark are... pretty slim. Everything I've ever learned tells me... it's just not gonna happen.

APPLE BLOOM

Oh NO! Poor Gabby! What the apples are we ever gonna tell her?

SC. 11 - EXT. - PONYVILLE - DAY

SWEETIE BELLE

Crusaders, this is terrible! Gabby really believed in us, and now we're going to let her down.

APPLE BLOOM

But what else can we do?

SCOOTALOO

Hmmm. You know what, Crusaders? So what. Maybe we can't help Gabby get a cutie mark, but we can still do what we're best at. We can help her find her purpose!

APPLE BLOOM

And I reckon doin' that is the same for Griffons as it is for ponies... or any other creature in Equestria!

SCOOTALOO

All we have to do is be extra special
clear with her. Like, Crystal Empire
clear.

CMCS

Yeah!/Right!/Woo-hoo!

GABBY

INCOMING!

GABBY (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Hiya, you wonderful, wonderful
Crusaders. I just know you figured
out how to help me because you're all
so incredible!

SCOOTALOO

Well, Gabby, we've talked it over and
we think we may just be able to help
you out - But not exactly in the way
you think. See, here's the thing
about you getting a cutie mark...

GABBY

I'M GETTING A CUTIE MARK!
WOOO-WHOOOOO!

SCOOTALOO

Wait, you didn't let me finish!

GABBY

WHEEEEE!

SWEETIE BELLE

Um, I think maybe that could have been
clearer.

SC. 12 - INT. - CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY

GABBY

*Cutie mark, cutie mark, gonna get my
cutie mark - YEAH!*
Woo-woo-woo-woo-woo!

SWEETIE BELLE

She's still going! Anypony know if
Griffons ever get tired?

GABBY

What do you think my mark will be? A lightning bolt? An erupting volcano?! I don't care if it's a jar of marmalade. I know I'll love it, whatever it is!

APPLE BLOOM

Hold on just a hoofstep, Gabby, there's something we need to clear up. We can definitely help you find your purpose - but that mark's probably not gonna happen.

GABBY

WHAT?!?!

SCOOTALOO

It's true. Twilight's never heard of a creature other than a pony getting a cutie mark.

GABBY

Oh, pfft, is that all? You had me worried for a second. I mean, there's a first time for everything, right?

GABBY

And she didn't say it was impossible, right?

APPLE BLOOM

Well, not exactly...

GABBY

Well, then if anypony can make it happen, it's you three! I mean, you haven't failed yet!

SCOOTALOO

You know what, Gabby? I promise, we're gonna do everything we can to help you get your mark!

GABBY

OH! It's gonna happen! I can feel it!

SWEETIE BELLE

Aaaaand, she's off again.

APPLE BLOOM

Why in tarnation would you promise something that just can't be done!

SCOOTALOO

I know what it's like to want something that's out of reach. And just because it hasn't happened yet doesn't mean it can't. Maybe trying for the impossible isn't so bad.

SWEETIE BELLE

I guess we'll never know for sure unless we give it a try.

APPLE BLOOM

All right. But where do we even start?

SCOOTALOO

Where we always do - with a good ol' fashioned Crusaders CHART!

SC. 13 - INT. - CMC CLUBHOUSE - LATER

APPLE BLOOM

The first thing we gotta do is find your purpose.

SCOOTALOO

No pony gets a mark without one.

GABBY

All right! Let's do this!

SCOOTALOO

What are you good at? Do you play any sports?

APPLE BLOOM

Or like to dance?

SWEETIE BELLE

Or how about singing? I just love to sing. LA LA LA LAAAAAAA!

GABBY

Wow. I kinda wanna just try
everything. I mean, I don't even know
what to pick!

SCOOTALOO

Don't worry - that's what we're here
for!

SWEETIE BELLE

*Like a racer at the starting line,
you're chomping at the bit.*

SCOOTALOO

*You are here to find your purpose and
the place you really fit.*

APPLE BLOOM

*And until you find your place in life
you're never gonna quit -*

SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE

*We can help you find the purpose in
your life!*

GABBY

*A griffon mixes lion's strength with
wingéd eagle's might -
When I finally find my purpose then
my cutie mark's in sight.
Crusaders, I won't let you down -
I've just begun to fight
You're gonna help me find the purpose
in my life!*

SC. 14 - INT. - ZECORA'S HUT - DAY

GABBY

*Got a job that's just no fun?
Call on me - I'll get it done.
Cauldron's stuck and needs a mix?
I'm the one who's got the fix.*

SC. 15 - INT. - SCHOOL - DAY

GABBY

Help you teach pre-calculus -

SC. 16 - INT. - RARITY'S BOUTIQUE - DAY

GABBY

Scrub the floors, won't make a fuss.

SC. 17 - MONTAGE:

GABBY

*Clearing kelp? Just give a yelp!
Rarin' to go, ready to help.*

SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE

*That's the spirit, you ought to see
what you do best.
Try it all, pick your fave and leave
behind the rest.*

GABBY

*I'll try anything to get my cutie
mark, keep up with me crusaders we're
just getting our start.*

GABBY (CONT'D)

*Rock your little ones to sleep, while
hanging up the sheets.
I can help you with your heavy load,
walk granny cross the street.
I'll run you around the bases fast,
it's really no big feat.*

SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE

*Can we help her find the purpose in
her life?*

GABBY (CONT'D)

*Cheer you if you're feeling low.
Plant your garden, make it grow.
Write a piece for your quartet,
filling in on clarinet.
Bake that cake as fast as lightning.*

SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE

*She's so good at things, it's
frightening. Cutie Mark Crusaders, I
think we've got a problem.*

GABBY

Build a boat and sail it out across the sea. Need some help, you know that you can count on me. CMCs you're going to help me find my purpose. The purpose in my life! In my life!

APPLE BLOOM
Now how we gonna do *THIS?!*

SC. 18 - EXT. - PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - DAY

SWEETIE BELLE
Gabby's special purpose can't be everything, right?

APPLE BLOOM
It may as well be. I don't know how we find what she's supposed to do when she can do it all.

SCOOTALOO
And if finding her purpose seems impossible, we can just forget about the whole Griffon-getting-a-cutie-mark thing which is actually impossible. I never should have gotten her hopes up.

GABBY
I Did. It. All! So? Lay it on me, Crusaders. What's my purpose? And how do we get a mark on these here haunches?

SCOOTALOO
Gabby, we - we don't.

GABBY
Wait - what are you saying?

APPLE BLOOM
We're saying that since you can do everything so amazin'ly well...

SWEETIE BELLE

We just can't figure out what one thing you're supposed to do.

SCOOTALOO
Gabby... We can't help you.

GABBY
But-but you're the world-famous Cutie Mark Crusaders! I can't believe it. I - I WON'T believe it.

APPLE BLOOM
Gabby - wait!

SCOOTALOO
We're sorry! We're so, so sorry! This is just awful! For the first time ever, the Cutie Mark Crusaders are cutie mark... failures!

SC. 19 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY

SCOOTALOO
I'm sorry, Crusaders. I really thought we could help Gabby.

SWEETIE BELLE
I thought we could help anypony.

APPLE BLOOM
Maybe that's just it. Maybe we can only help ponies.

SCOOTALOO
Or maybe we just plain failed.

GABBY
Failed? Then what do you call *THIS*?

SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
A CUTIE MARK!??!

SWEETIE BELLE
WHAT? You got your mark after all - even though we couldn't find your purpose? But - whaaaa? Huh? HOW?

APPLE BLOOM

An' what does it mean? A cauldron?

GABBY

Um, I don't know. Maybe it means my purpose is helping uh, Zecora with potions. That's the first thing I tried. I guess it just took some time to appear - but here it is!

SCOOTALOO

This. Is. AWESOME! We're not failures. Whatever we did WORKED! I had a feeling we could help you - and we did!

APPLE BLOOM

Ooh, we've gotta go see Twilight right away! She'll want to know about this.

SWEETIE BELLE

Correction - she NEEDS to know about this. I bet she'll want to write a whole book about the very first Griffon to get a cutie mark of her own!

GABBY

Oh, totally. Um, but you know Rainbow Dash asked me to pick up her answer to Gilda's letter. I better take care of that before I forget.

GABBY (CONT'D)

Here's an idea: uh, you head to the castle, I'll meet you there, cutie mark and all. Um.... toodles!

SCOOTALOO

Wow, can you believe it? We were able to help her get her mark after all! Come on, Crusaders - let's tell Twilight!

SC. 20 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Gabby? You just missed her! She was in such a hurry she didn't even come in. Just dropped this letter and zoomed away.

SCOOTALOO

Dear Crusaders - I'll never forget you! You really are every bit as awesome as I'd heard. I'm heading home to tell all the griffons how you did the impossible by getting me my cutie mark. Toodles!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Waitasecond - CUTIE MARK? You actually got a griffon a cutie mark for the first time in recorded history? You know what this calls for? A full-scale research project!

SWEETIE BELLE

This makes no sense. Gabby didn't come in and show you her mark?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

You have GOT to get Gabby back here right away. I have soooooooo many questions! OOOOO I hope I have enough ink and parchment to document EVERYTHING! SPIKE! Guess what just happened!

APPLE BLOOM

Weird - Gabby didn't show Twilight her mark, like she said she was gonna do? Something in this here applesauce smells kinda fishy.

SCOOTALOO

We better find her and find out what's going on! Come on, Crusaders.

SC. 21 - EXT. ROAD - DAY

SCOOTALOO

Keep your eyes on the skies, ponies. Gabby can't have gone far.

APPLE BLOOM

She's not in the air, she's right
THERE! Gabby! Hold up, we're
a-comin'!

GABBY

Um - Sorry, no time to chat - I just
stopped to help this pony get out of
the muck and then I really gotta fly!
Okay, HEAVE-HOHHHH!

SWEETIE BELLE

Gabby, we're your friends! Why in
Equestria you running away from us?

GABBY

Running away? Oh, I'm not running
away. I'm just, um, excited to show
my lovely new cutie mark to everyone
in Griffonstone.

APPLE BLOOM

You mean the cutie mark that's
runnin' right off your flank?

GABBY

Yup. That's the one. I guess the one
thing I'm really not that good at...
is faking things.

SCOOTALOO

Wow, Gabby, painting on a fake cutie
mark to make yourself feel better?
You must have been REALLY upset.

GABBY

Sure I was disappointed - but I didn't
do it to make myself feel better. I
wanted to make you feel better! I
couldn't bear you three thinking you
failed after you tried so hard to
help. That's why I had to leave before
you or Twilight found out the truth.
<Sigh>. I'm sorry I wasn't honest
with you. I'll just wing my way back
to Griffonstone. Thanks for trying.

APPLE BLOOM

You don't need to apologize for caring about how other ponies are feelin'!

SWEETIE BELLE

I'm just sorry we couldn't come through for you.

SCOOTALOO

Hmmm... maybe we can. Gabby, clean up and meet us back at the Crusaders clubhouse!

SC. 22 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY

GABBY

I know you all tried your very best, but I guess griffons and cutie marks just don't mix. Maybe I don't even have a special purpose.

SCOOTALOO

Hang on a second! We were wracking our brains trying to figure out your destiny... Until we remembered how every time you did something new you tried to help everypony around you.

SWEETIE BELLE

Even us! How did it feel when you showed up with that fake mark - and the three of us thought we'd actually helped you?

GABBY

Hmm, well... I was really glad I helped you feel happier!

SCOOTALOO

So maybe helping is your thing-- you might even say it's your purpose...

GABBY

But helping just feels good - it couldn't have anything to do with what I'm supposed to do with my life, right?

SCOOTALOO

Gabby, finding your special purpose
doesn't have to be about being good
at something, it's about feeling good
about something-- inside.

APPLE BLOOM

And it looks like your destiny is a
whole lot like ours: helping others.
And you don't need a symbol on your
flank to know that!

SWEETIE BELLE

But since we ARE the Cutie Mark
Crusaders-- we made you one anyway!
Behold...

SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE

Your very own cutie mark! TA DA!

SCOOTALOO

We carved it to mark the moment we all
figured out what you should do with
your life!

GABBY

But they look just like yours? You
can't mean...

SCOOTALOO

You bet we do! You're one of us now!
Gabby, today we dub thee -

SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE

- *the very first Griffon member of the
Cutie Mark Crusaders! WOOHOO!/YAY!*

SWEETIE BELLE

You may not be able to get a cutie
mark..

APPLE BLOOM

...but you're selflessly dedicatin'
your life to helpin' others, anyhow!
I can't think of anything more
Crusadery than that!

SC. 23 - EXT - PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - DAY

GABBY

AWESOME! My very own cutecinera!

APPLE BLOOM

Landsakes, you sure have earned it!

SWEETIE BELLE

And so have we. Scootaloo, you're pretty amazing. Even though things looked bleak you still found a way to help Gabby in the end.

SCOOTALOO

'Course! Helping's what we do, right?

GABBY

Ooooo, I am SOOOOO grateful! I'm gonna go home and do my very very best to bring Cutie Mark Crusader values to Griffonstone, I promise!

SCOOTALOO

Promise us one other thing, too?

SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE

COME BACK SOON!

SCOOTALOO

After all, you're a Crusader now. Crusaders forever?

GABBY

Crusaders forever!

END