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MY LITTLE PONY 6

"The Fault in Our Cutie Marks

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## **TEASER**

### **SC. 1 - HOUSE IN PONYVILLE - DAY**

Outside a lovely house, SCOOTALOO digs in a sandbox with a pony (PETUNIA PALEO), whose cutie mark we don't yet see.

### **SC. 2 - INT. HOUSE IN PONYVILLE - DAY**

Carrying a teacup, SWEETIE BELLE turns away from the window through which she was watching Scoot and the other pony. Sweetie Belle and APPLE BLOOM are having tea with a very nervous pair of PARENT PONIES.

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

2            MOTHER PONY  
I'm sure you get these questions  
all the time...  
(look to Father Pony)  
Oh, this is so awkward.

3            FATHER PONY  
You're the experts, so we thought  
you'd have some insight into our  
daughter's new... cutie mark.

Mother and Father Pony share a significant look.

4            APPLE BLOOM  
What's wrong? You can tell us.

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

6            FATHER PONY  
Despite its, um, unsettling nature.

7            SWEETIE BELLE  
Unsettling?

They follow Mother Pony to the window. She points outside.  
CLOSE ON the Petunia's cutie mark: a skull and bones!

8            APPLE BLOOM  
I don't get what you mean.

9 MOTHER PONY  
Her cutie mark doesn't bother you  
at all?

Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle exchange confused looks.  
Suddenly Scootaloo calls from O.S.

10 SCOOTALOO (O.S.)  
Hey! Check out what we found!

The parents and the other two Crusaders rush out the door.

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

Scootaloo watches as they approach Petunia, in a hole,  
digging like a happy puppy. Dirt flies. Mother Pony swoons.

11 FATHER PONY  
Stay strong, Muriel!

They all reach the hole and look down to see Petunia's  
uncovered fossilized dinosaur bones [Pony Dinosaur, obvs].

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

Petunia goes back to digging, her skull and bones cutie mark  
(which vaguely resembles the Jolly Roger) plainly visible.  
Her parents share a perplexed look. A BEAT - then, very  
relieved:

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

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

SMASH CUT TO: Mother and FATHER PONY holding a full PIRATE  
COSTUME - which they quickly whip behind their backs.

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

The parents <LAUGH NERVOUSLY> as Petunia pops out of the hole  
with a dinosaur skull. The Mother Pony swoons again as we...

**END TEASER**

**MAIN TITLES**

**ACT ONE**

**SC. 4 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY**

The CMCs head towards their clubhouse, happy and satisfied.

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

They walk by a young JAZZ PONY who blows <JAZZ> on a sax. *The sax hangs from his neck on a loop, or on a harmonica holder (as when a guitarist in a band also plays harmonica).*

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

The Jazz Pony, BLUE NOTE, gives a <FLOURISH ON THE SAX>.

18 APPLE BLOOM  
Durn tootin'! Why, everywhere you  
look, there's a pony we've helped  
find a purpose.

They look around Ponyville. A series of quick cuts.

ON: BULK BICEPS grandly lifting heavy things and coaching smaller ponies to lift smaller objects.

ON: TENDER TAPS, putting on a dance show in Town Square - showing off real razzmatazz (with jazz hooves).

ON: DIAMOND TIARA, who leads a team of ponies in re-painting Town Hall. *Up just a few rungs on a ladder*, she peers into a paint bucket, perplexed - then turns it over. It's empty! She calls *down*:

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19 DIAMOND TIARA  
Oh, Daaaaaaaddy... we're going to  
need a bit more paint!

On the street below, FILTHY RICH pulls out a sack of bits.

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20 FILTHY RICH  
Anything for my little foal!

He gives bits to a CONSTRUCTION WORKER PONY, who gives him cans of paint. Construction Pony **trots** past pony versions of THE VILLAGE PEOPLE. They disco away. Back ON the Crusaders:

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21 APPLE BLOOM  
You've gotta admit, we've had a good effect on everypony since we discovered our destiny...

22 SCOOTALOO  
And started helping other ponies discover theirs! Could this get any better or what? Wait, I'll answer that. (BEAT.) No. No, it COULD NOT **get** any better.

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23 SWEETIE BELLE  
Now, Scootaloo, you do know there will always be challenges. **Why**, **someday** someone might even come to us with a cutie mark problem that even we can't handle. Like, say...

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Seeing something ahead, Apple Bloom stops short.

24 APPLE BLOOM  
...a griffon?

25 SWEETIE BELLE  
(trotting on, oblivious:)  
Ha! Exactly. Like a griffon. **But that's just** crazy talk.

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Scootaloo stops short, and points O.S.

26 SCOOTALOO  
OR NOT!

<STING OF MUSIC>. ON: a YOUNG GRIFFON (GABBY) perched in a tree by the Clubhouse. **She wears a mailbag on a belt that circles her waist**. The Crusaders leap into a bush and pop their heads out to peer at the stranger.

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27 SWEETIE BELLE  
Is that really a griffon?

<STING OF MUSIC.>

28 APPLE BLOOM  
No doubt about it.

<STING OF MUSIC.> Blue Note, the Jazz pony, trots by, playing the stings of music on his sax.

29 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
(re Blue Note)  
UGH, I wish he wouldn't do that.  
What does that griffon want?

30 SWEETIE BELLE  
We better ask her. Hey, how do we  
address a griffon, anyway?

31 SCOOTALOO  
Carefully! Rainbow Dash says  
griffons are super cranky.

The Crusaders creep out of the bushes and go to the Griffon  
with awkward bows and curtsies.

32 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE  
Oh Mighty Griffon! / Howdy pardner!  
/ Greetings, your wonderfulness!

GABBY THE GRIFFON spots them and stops short.

33 GABBY  
The Cutie Mark Crusaders? I can't  
believe it's really really you!  
(a happy fangirl shriek:)  
EEEEEEEE!

With a burst of exuberance, Gabby swoops down and scoops them  
up in a griffon hug so hard the CMCs' eyes bug out.

34 SCOOTALOO  
(strangled)  
This-- griffon-- not-- cranky!

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

36 GABBY  
(in a rush of words)  
Know who you are? KNOW WHO YOU ARE?  
**Every griffon knows who you are** -  
I've been **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! \*

She shakes their hoofs so vigorously their teeth rattle.

37 APPLE BLOOM  
Well howdy, um... Gabby. Mighty  
firm hoofshake you got there. \*

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

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39 SWEETIE BELLE  
Excited? But whatever for?

Gabby flies in loop-de-loops.

40 GABBY  
What for? WHAT FOR? Tales of your  
amaaaaazing cutie mark assistance  
have reached aaaaaaall the way to  
Griffonstone! Yup: we've heard all  
about how you help ponies find  
their place in the world.

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41 SCOOTALOO  
It's a calling. But...

42 GABBY  
And that's why I'm here. (BEAT) I  
want you to give me a cutie mark!

<STING OF MUSIC>. Blue Note pops out of a bush with his sax.

43 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE  
*Cut that out!*

44 APPLE BLOOM  
(sotto to the other CMCs:)  
Um, can a griffon even GET a Cutie  
Mark?

45 SCOOTALOO  
(still sotto)  
I dunno - but I think we should  
probably find out.

They all smile nervously at Gabby. She gives a wide smile  
back.

# **SC. 5 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY**

Inside, the CMCs give Gabby a lemonade.

46 SCOOTALOO  
So, Gabriella -

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47 GABBY  
(correcting)  
Gabby, 'kay?

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

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

50 APPLE BLOOM  
Oh, we've heard, all right.

DISSOLVE TO:

**SC. 6 - EXT. - FLASHBACK - GRIFFINSTONE TOWN SQUARE - DAY**

We see GRIFFONS pushing past each other with their noses in  
the air, knocking into each other without apologizing and  
shoving their way to the front of lines. (Think NYC subways  
at rush hour.)

51 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 appears in the crowd, smiling and upbeat. She has to  
leap to evade the smashing feet of grownup griffons who  
nearly stomp on her as they go along their haughty way.

52 GABBY (V.O.)  
As for me, I like to spread a  
little bit of griffon-y sunshine!  
Which truth be told never goes over  
too well with the other griffons.

Gabby darts forward and goes to hold a door open for a grown  
up griffon who's carrying boxes. The griffon pushes right  
past her - and then accidentally slips and falls, dropping  
the packages.

Ever helpful, Gabby goes to help the griffon pick them up -  
but the griffon snatches them away, turns, and marches off in  
a huff.

53 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 looks disappointed momentarily - until she spots an older male griffon trying to cross the street with a cane.

She rushes over and tries to help him across the street - but he bats her off with his tail, knocking Gabby into a puddle!

LATER: Gabby slinks past rude griffons, dejected. The griffons don't pay the slightest bit of attention to her.

Then Gabby spots Rainbow Dash helping GILDA with her muffin cart during her visit from *The Lost Treasure of Griffonstone*.

54 GABBY

It wasn't until Rainbow Dash came to town that I realized that some creatures actually like being nice to each other. And that's when I saw something so incredibly awesomely awesome -

LATER: Gabby spots something: Dash's cutie mark. Her eyes get very wide.

55 GABBY (V.O.)

The first cutie mark I'd ever laid eyes on! And I knew then, I just knew, that someday I'd have one, too: a cutie mark of my very own.

Push in on her excited expression:

DISSOLVE BACK:

# SC. 7 - INT. - CMC CLUBHOUSE - RESUME

Pull back on her glowing face.

56 GABBY

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

Gabby looks down at them. The CMCs look back at her awkwardly. Gabby claps her claws together.

57 GABBY (CONT'D)

So... Let's make with the cutie!  
(closes her eyes)  
Whenever you're ready!  
(peeks)  
Did it happen yet?

The CMCs stare up at her, speechless.

58 SWEETIE BELLE  
Uh... Not exactly.

59 GABBY  
How 'bout now? How 'bout now? How  
'bout now? How 'bout now?

The Crusaders share a look.

60 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.*

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

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62 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 looks crestfallen.

63 GABBY  
Oh. I hadn't thought of that.  
(brightens up, undaunted:)  
*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?*

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The CMCs share an uncertain look. *Gabby whips out a letter  
from her mailbag.*

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64 GABBY (CONT'D)  
*Now I have to deliver a letter to  
Rainbow Dash from Gilda. I bet by  
the time I get back you'll have it  
one-hundred percent figured out!*

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She gathers them in one more big strangling hug.

65 GABBY (CONT'D)  
You ponies are the best. THE. BEST.  
Toodles for now. OFF I GOOOOOOOO...

She <FLAPS> into the sky, leaving the CMCs <GASPING FOR AIR>.

66 SWEETIE BELLE  
Whew! A Cutie Mark - for a Griffon.  
That's not possible, right?

Scootaloo watches as Gabby flies away excited, right past Twilight's Castle.

67 GABBY (O.S.)  
(far away)  
Wheeeee! Gonna get my Cutie Mark!

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

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Push in on the turrets of the castle.

#### SC. 8 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

With the CMCs by her side, TWILIGHT trots down a hallway.

*She levitates her magic book to her and flips through pages.*

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69 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I have to admit - 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!

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

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71 SWEETIE BELLE  
*Say... is there some kind of spell  
you can whip up* to make a cutie  
mark appear?

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Twilight shakes her head.

72 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.*

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73 ALL 3 CRUSADERS  
(sigh of realization:)  
Ohhhhhh... riiiiight. \*

74 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I'm sorry, but, while I can't say  
for certain that it's utterly  
impossible, the chances of Gabby  
getting an actual cutie mark are... \*

Off the Crusaders looking dejected...

**SC. 9 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY**

The CMCs head back towards the clubhouse. \*

75 SWEETIE BELLE  
I hope Gabby won't be too  
disappointed. \*

76 APPLE BLOOM  
I know. She really believed in us!  
But it sure seems like gettin' a  
Griffon cutie mark is a lost cause. \*

Scootaloo stops, struck with an idea.

77 SCOOTALOO  
You know what, Crusaders... \*

She maneuvers her scooter up onto a little ridge and swings  
it around to face them to give a pep talk.

78 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)  
Maybe we can't help Gabby get a  
cutie mark. But what IS a cutie  
mark, anyway?

79 SWEETIE BELLE  
It's, well, a mark that shows  
everypony's special purpose! \*

80 SCOOTALOO  
Exactly! So we just need to tell  
Gabby that even though we can't  
help her get a cutie mark, we can  
still do what we're best at. We can  
help her find her purpose! \*

81 APPLE BLOOM  
(brightening)  
And I reckon doin' that is the same  
for Griffons as it is for ponies...  
or any other creature in Equestria!

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82 CMCS  
Yeah!/Right!/Woo-hoo!

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They reach the Clubhouse as Gabby barrels out of the sky.

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83 GABBY  
INCOMING!

She lands right on top of them, squashing them with hugs.

84 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! Right? Right!?  
RIGHT!!!?

85 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...

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

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Gabby sails into a loop-de-loop of joy, circling in the air,  
over and over again.

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87 SCOOTALOO  
Wait, you didn't let me finish!

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Gabby just continues her celebratory loops, not listening.

88 GABBY  
WHEEEEE!

89 SWEETIE BELLE  
At least she's not disappointed.

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As the CMCs exchange nervous looks we...

**END ACT ONE**

**ACT TWO**

**SC. 10 - INT. - CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY**

Through the window, we see Gabby still rejoicing in the sky.

90 GABBY  
(chanting:)  
*Cutie mark, cutie mark, gonna get  
my cutie mark - YEAH!*

REVEAL: the Crusaders watching Gabby through the window.

91 SWEETIE BELLE  
*Anypony know if Griffons ever get  
tired?*

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Gabby comes in for a landing.

92 GABBY  
*What do you think my cutie 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!*

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93 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 a cutie mark's  
probably not gonna happen.*

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*She stops short, thunderstruck.*

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94 GABBY  
*Wait - WHAT?!?!*

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

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

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97 SWEETIE BELLE  
*I guess...*

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

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The CMCs share a look.

99 APPLE BLOOM  
Well, not exactly...

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

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Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle share an uncertain look, but  
Scoot gets a gleam in her eye and steps up to Gabby  
determined.

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

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

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Gabby flies into the air again. The Crusaders follow out on  
the clubhouse porch to watch her.

103 SWEETIE BELLE  
Aaaaand, she's off again.

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104 APPLE BLOOM  
(to Scoot)  
Why in tarnation would you promise  
her something that just can't be  
done!

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Scootaloo regards her scooter, then looks at her wings.

105 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.

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The other ponies share a look, then circle around Scoot.

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

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107       APPLE BLOOM  
All right. But where do we even  
start? \*  
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108       SCOOTALOO  
Where we always do - with a good  
ol' fashioned Cutie Mark Crusaders  
CHART! \*

With a gleam in her eye, Scootaloo pulls down a classic CMC  
chart on the clubhouse wall. Off the three of them excited... \*

**SC. 11 - INT. - CMC CLUBHOUSE - LATER**

Gabby scrutinizes the chart with the Crusaders. Apple Bloom  
stands at the front with a pointer. \*

109       APPLE BLOOM  
The first thing we gotta do is find  
your purpose. \*

Scoot looks to Gabby, reassuringly. \*

110       SCOOTALOO  
No pony gets a cutie mark without  
one. \*

Gabby claps her claws together with anticipation \*

111       GABBY  
All right! Let's do this! \*

Scootaloo takes the pointer and points to all the great  
things Gabby can do. \*

112       SCOOTALOO  
What are you good at? Do you play  
any sports? \*

113       APPLE BLOOM  
Or like to dance? \*

114       SWEETIE BELLE  
Or how about singing? I just love  
to sing. LA LA LA LAAAAAAA! \*

Gabby looks thoughtfully at the chart.

115       GABBY  
Wow. I kinda wanna just try  
everything. I mean, I don't even  
know where to start! \*

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

**SONG BEGINS: "HELP YOU FIND THE PURPOSE IN YOUR LIFE"**

MUSIC UP: a marching tune. Starts slowly but builds.

117 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)  
*Like a racer at the starting gate,  
you're chomping at the bit.*

118 SWEETIE BELLE  
*You're here to find your purpose  
and the place you really fit.*

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

120 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE  
*We can help you find the purpose in  
your life!*

Gabby takes the chart down from the wall, and together with the Crusaders she marches around the clubhouse. They head off into the world to find Gabby's purpose.

121 GABBY  
*A griffon mixes lion's strength  
with winged 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!*

Music segues into a syncopated, peppy, fast-paced part of the song as Gabby tries a bunch of things to find her purpose.  
(MUSICAL REFERENCES: *I Don't Know But I've Been Told* (aka *The Children's Cadence*, *Jody Calls*, *Sound Off*, *The Duckworth Chant*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Vtq8B64MlM> - or [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military\\_cadence](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_cadence)

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**SC. 12 - INT. - ZECORA'S HUT - DAY**

ZECORA struggles to stir a thick mixture in her cauldron. Gabby grabs a giant spoon and stirs the mixture easily.

122 GABBY  
*Got a job that's just no fun?  
Call on me - I'll get it done.  
(MORE)*

GABBY (CONT'D)

*Need a potion and you want to mix  
it up?  
I'm the griffon who can help you  
fix it up!*

**SC. 13 - INT. - SCHOOL - DAY**

Gabby scribbles calculations on a chalkboard next to a grateful MISS CHEERILEE.

123 GABBY  
*Help you teach pre-calculus -*

**SC. 14 - INT. - RARITY'S BOUTIQUE - DAY**

Gabby scrubs the floor as RARITY watches approvingly.

124 GABBY  
*Scrub your floors, no muss no fuss.*

**SC. 15 - MONTAGE:**

In a series of quick cuts, Gabby whips through activities,  
helping other ponies wherever she can. \*

She pets animals, helps lift boxes for Bulk Biceps, helps  
GRANNY SMITH across a busy road - and even takes the wheel of  
a ship (wearing a lifejacket, of course). \*

She tries foalsitting for an EXHAUSTED MOTHER PONY, samples  
various sports, tries instruments, helps in a dentist's  
office, and cooks and bakes (safely, wearing oven mitts). \*

The CMCs are present throughout, crossing off activities on  
their chart while watching in awe at Gabby's griffon strength  
and stamina. \*

125 GABBY  
*I'm feelin' my oats and keepin' it  
loose.  
I'll do anything to be of use!  
Give your long-lost friend a holla -  
Or pedicure your pet koala -  
Help you lift a heavy load -  
Help your Granny cross the road -  
Clearing kelp? Give a yelp!  
I'm rarin' to go and ready to help.  
Shear your sheep -  
Rock your little ones to sleep!  
Need a boost? Come on, just ask it!  
I can help you make that basket.  
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GABBY (CONT'D)

*I've got vigor, I've got verve -  
Call on me, I live to serve.  
I'm here to help you run your bases  
Hide your traces -  
Help your dentist tighten braces.  
Compose sonatas for your quartet,  
while filling in on clarinet!  
Cheer you up when you're feeling  
low -  
Or help you cook your escargot -  
Bake your cakes as fast as  
lightning -*

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126 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE  
*She's so good at things, it's  
frightening!*

END MONTAGE.

**SC. 16 - EXT. - PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - DAY**

*Back to the main theme. Everypony lifts Gabby in the air -  
while the Crusaders watch, growing a bit worried.*

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127 GABBY  
*On my quest to get my cutie mark  
I'll try anything, it's true!*

128 SCOOTALOO  
*How can we help her find her  
purpose when there's nothing she  
can't do?*

129 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE  
*(sotto to each other:)  
It looks like everything we feared  
is absolutely coming true -  
We'll never help her find the  
purpose in her life - no!*

130 GABBY  
*You're gonna help me find my  
purpose in my life!*

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

Big finish, with Gabby hoisted on the shoulders of the other ponies, graciously accepting their adulation!

**END SONG**

Off to the side, the Crusaders watch, totally stymied. \*

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

133 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 sits down, dejected. \*

134 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. I don't know \*  
what we're gonna do. \*

135 APPLE BLOOM \*  
I guess the only thing we can do: \*  
be honest with her. \*

Gabby flies over to the Crusaders.

136 GABBY \*  
Whew! Were you all watching? I \*  
mean, I Did. It. All! So? Lay it \*  
one me, Crusaders. What's my \*  
purpose? And how do we get a cutie \*  
mark on these here haunches? \*

The Crusaders share a look.

137 SCOOTALOO \*  
We don't. \*

138 GABBY \*  
Wait - what are you saying? \*

139 APPLE BLOOM \*  
We're saying that since you can do \*  
everything... \*

140 SWEETIE BELLE \*  
We can't figure out what you're \*  
supposed to do. \*

141 SCOOTALOO  
I'm sorry, Gabby, but for the first  
time it looks like the Cutie Mark  
Crusaders are cutie mark failures.

Gabby's eyes get wide.

142 GABBY  
Failures? I can't believe it. I - I  
WON'T believe it. Not the world-  
famous Cutie Mark Crusaders...

Looking very upset, Gabby flies away.

143      APPLE BLOOM  
Gabby - wait!

DISSOLVE TO:

**SC. 17 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY**

A little bit later. The Crusaders **seem** bummed. Scootaloo **rolls up the activity chart**.

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

145 SWEETIE BELLE  
I thought we could help anypony.

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

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147 SCOOTALOO  
Or maybe we just plain failed.

The door bursts open. Gabby bursts in, very excited!

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

She turns her flank to reveal - A CUTIE MARK! (A cauldron.)

149 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE  
YOU GOT A CUTIE MARK!??!

On the Crusaders shocked – and Gabby beaming – we GO OUT.

**END ACT TWO**

**ACT THREE**

**SC. 18 - INT. - CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY**

RESUME ON: the Crusaders, admiring Gabby's cutie mark.

150 SWEETIE BELLE  
WHAT? You got your cutie mark after  
all - even though we couldn't find  
your purpose? But - how?

151 APPLE BLOOM  
And what does it mean? A cauldron?

Apple Bloom gets right up close to Gabby's cutie mark. Gabby  
backs away, quickly.

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

Scootaloo trots around her, thrilled!

153 SCOOTALOO  
This. Is. AWESOME! We aren't  
failures. Whatever we did WORKED!  
You know, I had a feeling we could  
help you - and we did!

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

155 SWEETIE BELLE  
Correction - she NEEDS to know  
about this. I bet she'll want to  
write a whole book about the  
Griffon who got a cutie marks!

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Gabby backs away, looking a little tentative.

156 GABBY  
Oh. Right. But there's no rush,  
I'll have my Cutie Mark for life.  
And I just remembered - Rainbow  
Dash asked me to pick up her answer  
to Gilda's letter. I better take  
care of that before I forget.  
(MORE)

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GABBY (CONT'D)  
You know how forgetful I am, right?  
Right? \*

157 APPLE BLOOM  
You never mentioned that... \*

158 GABBY  
No? I guess I, uh, forgot to tell  
you. Ha-ha! \*

She starts to flap her wings.

159 SCOOTALOO  
Wait! Don't you want to show  
Twilight right this minute? She'll  
be so surprised!

160 GABBY  
Oh. Totally. But you know - duty  
calls! Here's an idea: you head to  
the castle, I'll meet you there,  
cutie mark and all. Um.... toodles! \*

<WHOOSH!> Gabby zips off. The Crusaders watch, elated.

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

They start out quickly, beyond excited.

CUT TO:

**SC. 19 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY**

The delighted Crusaders prance around Twilight, who's  
struggling to put up a trellis covered with roses.

162 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(effort grunts)  
Gabby? You just missed her! She was  
in such a hurry she didn't even  
come in. Just dropped this letter  
for you all and zoomed off. \*

Twilight levitates a letter over to the Crusaders. It unfurls  
and they read it. We hear Gabby's VO.

163 GABBY (V.O.)  
Dear Crusaders - I'll never forget  
you! \*

(MORE)

GABBY (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
 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 is so shocked she drops the trellis with a <CRASH>.

164 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!

She starts levitating over piles of parchment and pens - as  
 the Crusaders exchange confused looks.

165 SWEETIE BELLE  
 I don't get it. Gabby didn't come  
 in and show you her cutie mark?

166 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
 Nope! If she had, I'm not sure I'd  
 have let her go...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 20 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - EARLIER

Twilight reads a book in the bathtub with a showercap on her  
 mane. A <KNOCKING> from below.

Twilight goes to the balcony and sees Gabby down below. Gabby  
 waves, drops a letter, then backs away awkwardly, hiding her  
 flank, before zooming off.

Twilight levitates the letter up and looks at it, curious.

DISSOLVE BACK:

SC. 21 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY - RESUME

167 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
 I can't believe she had a cutie  
 mark and I missed it! You have GOT  
 to get her back here right away. I  
 have so many questions! I hope I  
 have enough ink and parchment to  
 document EVERYTHING!  
 (calling out)  
 SPIKE! Guess what just happened!

Twilight rushes out of room, **super** excited, **as the paper and pens levitate after her in a rush.** \*

168 APPLE BLOOM  
**Something in this here applesauce** \*  
**smells kinda fishy.**

169 **SCOOTALOO** \*  
We better find Gabby and get to the \*  
bottom of **it!** Come on, Crusaders. \*

**She** leads them out **at a high speed.** \*

**SC. 22 - EXT. ROAD - DAY** \*

The Crusaders race along the road, scouring the sky.

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

ON: Gabby in the sky, up above.

171 SWEETIE BELLE  
There! I see her! Gabby! Stop!

172 GABBY  
(high above)  
Um - sorry, can't hear you! I  
mean... in a hurry - gotta fly!

But she's not looking where she's going, and <CLONK!> she bonks into a tree and slides down into a mud puddle. The Crusaders rush over.

173 SWEETIE BELLE \*  
Gabby, we're your friends! Why in  
Equestria you running away from us?

174 GABBY  
Running away? Oh, I wasn't running  
away. I was just, um, excited to  
show my lovely new cutie mark to  
everyone in Griffinstone.

175 **APPLE BLOOM** \*  
(pointing at her flank:) \*  
You mean the cutie mark that's  
**smudging off right now?** \*

They all look down. On Gabby's flank, the cutie mark has partially smudged off in the goo she's sitting in.

176 GABBY

(sighs)

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

She rubs off the cutie mark sadly.

177 SCOOTALOO

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

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178 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.

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(she sighs)

I'm sorry I wasn't honest with you. I'll just wing my way back to Griffonstone. Thanks for trying.

The ponies share a look.

179 APPLE BLOOM

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

180 SWEETIE BELLE

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

181 SCOOTALOO

(a glimmer of an idea:)

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

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Gabby stands, dripping with mud, and give a salute.

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182 GABBY

Yes, ma'am!

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With that, Scoot leads the other Crusaders off.

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**SC. 23 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY**

Gabby arrives and <KNOCKS> on the door. The Crusaders open up and usher her in, looking very excited. They've hidden something under a cloth.

Gabby just looks at the floor.

183 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.

184 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.

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

Gabby thinks for a moment.

186 GABBY  
Hmm, well... it felt kinda awesome! I just like helping. I guess I always have.

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

188 APPLE BLOOM  
And that would make you pretty special among griffons. No offense.

189 GABBY  
None taken! But helping just feels good - it couldn't have anything to do with what I'm supposed to do with my life, right?

190 SCOOTALOO  
 Gabby, finding your special purpose  
 is about being good and something,  
 it's about feeling good doing  
 something-- inside.

191 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!

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

She whips off the cloth over the object to reveal: *two* \*  
*homemade cutie marks, just like the Crusaders' marks! It's* \*  
 carved out of wood and covered in glitter. It glimmers:  
 <BLING!>

193 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE  
 Your very own cutie mark! TA DA!

*With great ceremony as at the end of Star Wars, Episode IV* \*  
*they hang the cutie marks on the mailbag belt around Gabby's* \*  
*waist.* \*

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

195 GABBY  
 But *they* look just like yours? *You* \*  
*can't mean...* \*

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

197 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE  
 - *the very first Griffon member of*  
*the Cutie Mark Crusaders! YAY!*

198 GABBY  
 For once in my life I'm speechless!  
 All I can say is, this... is....

Close in on her expression: wide and happy eyes.

**SC. 24 - EXT - PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - DAY**

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199 GABBY  
...AWESOME! My very own cutecinera!

A <BLAST OF PARTY MUSIC>. PULL BACK TO REVEAL a party in full swing: the Crusaders are throwing Gabby her own cutecinera!

Everypony Gabby helped in Ponyville is there to celebrate with her, and they're partying as only ponies can.

200 APPLE BLOOM  
Landsakes, you sure have earned it!

201 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.

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

Gabby swoops in and gathers all three ponies in another huge griffon hug, nearly smothering them with happiness.

203 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!

204 SCOOTALOO  
Promise us one other thing, too?

205 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE  
COME BACK SOON!

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

207 GABBY  
Crusaders forever!

<MUSIC UP: A CONGA VERSION OF THE MAIN THEME FROM EARLIER.>

208 CRUSADERS / CROWD  
*We helped you find the purpose in your life - oh yeah!*  
*We helped you find the purpose in your life!*

Gabby and her fellow pony Crusaders join a conga line of celebrating ponies. They all dance off as we...

FADE OUT.

**END**