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The CMCs loll about, trying to think of something to do together. Sweetie Belle suggests something fun to get their cutie marks and they all get excited... till they realize that, duh, they already have their cutie marks. Oh yeah. So what's the point? With their previous motivation for doing stuff now permanently satisfied, they've slipped into a sort of lazy funk. They more or less know it's their destiny to work together to help others with cutie marks of their own, but since our CMCs already have their cutie marks, helping others seems nice in theory... but not especially urgent. They can always put it off till tomorrow... or the day after that.

Back with her family, Applebloom's slacker attitude extends to her daily chores, and the rest of the Apples ain't havin' it. Applebloom is informed in no uncertain terms that as long as she lives at Sweet Apple Acres she'll be expected to do her part. Applebloom gets with the program, and realizes this sense of duty should probably carry over to her cutie-mark-related conduct as well. When she brings this up to her fellow CMCs, however, Sweetie Belle resists, insisting they should only help ponies get their cutie marks "when they feel like it." Scootaloo sees both sides of the issue, so Applebloom calls an official meeting of the CMCs. Meeting in their neglected, dusty clubhouse, Applebloom's unable to persuade Sweetie Belle, but gets Scootaloo's support for her resolution and it is so moved: the CMCs will actively seek ponies to help with their cutie marks.

Scootaloo focuses on finding ponies without cutie marks to help. Applebloom focuses on finding ponies confused about their cutie marks to recover a correct sense of purpose about them (a la Trouble Shoes). And Sweetie Belle sets up a stand a la Lucy Van Pelt, where ponies can come with their cutie-mark-related woes. Sweetie Belle figures this is just a way to kick back and relax, but to her surprise she has a "customer": Bulk Biceps. His dumbbell cutie mark has lost all meaning for him. He's already picked up and lifted every dumbbell in all of Ponyville. There are simply no more dumbbells left for him to lift, sending him into his own special form of dim-witted and adorable despair. Sweetie Belle finds him exasperating and calls upon her fellow CMCs to help figure out what to do about this guy.

The CMCs help Bulk Biceps realize that perhaps it's his destiny to lift the heaviest barbell in all of Equestria. They learn what the record is and set up a big event for him to break the Equestria record. Bulk Biceps prepares with vigor, and when the event comes he succeeds. Hurray! But just as the CMCs congratulate each other on a job well done, Bulk Biceps sinks into another funk. NOW there are no more mountains for him to climb. What's the point of anything anymore?

The CMCs are really stumped. How are they supposed to help this guy? But then they realize: they found their own sense of purpose in helping others, so maybe Bulk Biceps can do the same. Turns out there's no shortage of ponies who want to learn to lift weights like Bulk Biceps, so Bulk Biceps becomes a personal trainer and finds a sense of purpose that will possibly never go out of style.