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TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

PIPSQUEAK looks on adoringly at SCOOTALOO (in full safety gear) leaning on her scooter.

1 SCOOTALOO
The first thing to remember is that
it's totally easy.

2 PIPSQUEAK
Got it.

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Scoot climbs aboard her scooter.

3 SCOOTALOO
You just get a firm grip on the
handlebars, and...

She places a hoof securely on each handle.

4 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
...the rest comes naturally.

With that, Scoot kicks off and heads down the hill.

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ScOOTING through the streets of Ponyville, Scoot weaves in
and out, past other PONIES going about their day.

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5 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
'Scuse me! Comming through!

Finally, she turns onto an open field, charges up a pre-made
ramp, and flips around impossibly in the air as she makes a
perfect loop and lands amazingly on the roof of a house.

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ScOOTING down the pitched roof, she hops and does another
fantastically impossible flip, landing safely right back
where she started.

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6 PIPSQUEAK
Whoa! I could never do that!

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7 SCOOTALOO
(correcting him)
Ah-ah. What did I say was the first
thing to remember?

8 PIPSQUEAK
That it's totally easy?

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9 SCOOTALOO
Exactly!

Scoot hops off and walks over to Pip.

10 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Your turn.

Pip heads to the scooter off screen while we stay on Scoot.

11 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
So, just get a firm grip of those
handle bars...

12 PIPSQUEAK (O.S.)
Ah, Scootaloo...

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Scoot turns as we reveal Pip standing on the scooter looking
up at the handle bars-- clearly too high for him to reach.

13 PIPSQUEAK (CONT'D)
Any other pointers?

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Off Scoot's surprised expression...

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

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ACT ONE

SC. 2 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

Scoot, SWEETIE BELLE, and APPLE BLOOM walk along the road on
their way to school.

14 SCOOTALOO
Yeah. I don't know what went wrong,
exactly.

15 SWEETIE BELLE
It doesn't sound like anything went
wrong, Scootaloo.

16 SCOOTALOO
I mean, I taught him everything I
know...

17 APPLE BLOOM
Still, if he can't reach the
handles--

18 SCOOTALOO
...and he just gave up.

19 SWEETIE BELLE
Maybe he just needs more time.

20 APPLE BLOOM
Yeah. To grow.

21 SCOOTALOO
(not really listening)
You know, I'm not sure he really
wanted to learn.

Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom share a look.

22 SWEETIE BELLE
Well, you know, different ponies
have different ways of learning
things.

23 SCOOTALOO
That doesn't make any sense.
There's only one way to ride a
scooter.

24 APPLE BLOOM
But there's different ways to learn
how.

25 SCOOTALOO
Well, I've never met a pony who
really wanted to ride that I
couldn't teach, but I guess there's
a first time for everything.

Scoot heads up to school as the others shake their heads.

SC. 3 - EXT. PONYVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE - CONTINUOUS

The girls walk up to the school house to find a new pony
(FILAMENT SWITCH) sitting on the front steps. *

Switch pushes a pair of unusual GOGGLES back onto her head. *
The goggles are fitted with brass eye cups, loupes, different *
colored lenses, telescopes and innerscopes. *

A brass arm unfolds and pivots from one side in a Seussian *
manner and holds a pencil which Switch controls with flicks *
of her ears as she scribbles furiously in a little notebook *

Scootaloo walks up and looks down at Switch's goggles. *

26 SCOOTALOO

Wow. I've never seen anything like those before.

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With a flick of her ear, Switch's goggle-controlled pencil retracts and folds up like a Swiss Army Knife. She looks up from her journal, slightly puzzled.

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27 FILAMENT SWITCH

That makes sense, because I invented them and I've never been here before. Unless you can see through the space time continuum, which would be super cool, but.... that's probably not what you're talking about.

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28 SCOOTALOO

Um... I don't think so.

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Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom join them.

29 SWEETIE BELLE

But seeing through the space time continuum would be super cool.

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30 FILAMENT SWITCH

Wouldn't it though?

(extends a hoof)

I'm FILAMENT SWITCH. We just moved from Baltimore.

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Switch flips down her goggles and her pencil springs out as she goes back to scribbling.

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31 APPLE BLOOM

Baltimore. Wow. That sure is far...

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*

The CMCs look down at Switch expectantly, but she just goes on drawing.

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32 SCOOTALOO

Well, I'm Scootaloo, this is Sweetie Belle and she's Apple Bloom.

33 FILAMENT SWITCH

(without looking up)

Nice to meet you.

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34 SCOOTALOO

I'm sure you'll love it in Ponyville. Everypony here is super nice. You'll make tons of friends.

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35 FILAMENT SWITCH
(Still not looking up)
I don't know. I'm not really good
at that. I never know what to say.

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36      SCOOTALOO
Well, you're new.  You should just
start by telling everypony where
you're from.

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Curious, Switch looks up at this, but the SCHOOL BELL rings and Scoot and the others head inside. Off Switch considering...

SC. 4 - INT. PONYVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE - DAY

Switch stands at the front of the classroom using her goggles' pencil arm (now holding chalk) to draft a huge BLUEPRINT-LIKE DRAWING OF THE FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS on the BLACKBOARD.

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37          FILAMENT SWITCH
    (brightly)
Rail adhesion actually relies on
the friction between the steel
wheel and the steel rail...

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The ponies sit in **stunned** silence. As **Switch** continues, **Scout** gives the others a **worried** look.

38 SCOOTALOO
(whispering to the others)
I don't understand any of this.

39 SWEETIE BELLE
(taking notes)
I actually think it's pretty
interesting.

40 APPLE BLOOM
It never occurred to me to figure
out how the Friendship Express
works.

41 SCOOTALOO
Is that what that is?

Back at the BLACKBOARD -

42 FILAMENT SWITCH

(big finish)

--Adhesion traction is the most common type of railway, and the amount of force it took to get me all the way to Ponyville from Baltimore is pretty impressive.

Switch stares out at the class. The lenses of her goggles make her eyes look giant.

43 CHEERILEE

Thanks for telling us all where you're from in such a creative way, Switch.

Switch pushes her goggles back and returns to her seat.

44 CHEERILEE (CONT'D)

And it also leads nicely into today's geography lesson...

Switch takes out her notebook and begins using her goggle pencil to take notes. A few of the other ponies in class stare. Scootaloo looks on, concerned.

SC. 5 - INT. PONYVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE - LATER

As the rest of the class files out, the CMCs walk up to the blackboard and examine Switch's detailed train schematic.

45 SWEETIE BELLE

I'm never going to look at the Friendship Express the same way!

46 APPLE BLOOM

I know. I never thought about what it takes to get from one place to another.

47 SCOOTALOO

I kinda feel bad. When I told her "tell ponies where you're from," this isn't what I meant.

48 CHEERILEE (O.S.)

What did you mean, Scootaloo?

The girls turn to see Cheerilee sitting at her desk.

49 SCOOTALOO *
Well, it was just something to talk *
about. You know, if she was stuck *
and wanted to make friends. *

50 CHEERILEE *
If you're worried about Switch *
making friends, why don't you help *
her? *

51 SWEETIE BELLE *
I don't think she needs any help. *

52 APPLE BLOOM *
Yeah. She seems pretty interesting *
to me. *

53 SCOOTALOO *
(doubtful) *
If you like trains. *

54 CHEERILEE *
Then it's settled. Scootaloo you *
should introduce Switch to all of *
Ponyville. That way, if she runs *
into any trouble, you'll be right *
there to help. *

55 SCOOTALOO *
(considering) *
Okay. Yeah... *
(puffing up) *
I bet with my help, Switch will *
making friends in no time. *

With that, Scoot heads outside. Off Sweetie Belle's and Apple *
Bloom's look of concern... *

SC. 6 - EXT. SCHOOLHOUSE - LUNCH TABLES - LATER *

Scoot catches up to Switch standing by the lunch tables. *

56 SCOOTALOO *
Hey. Sorry I suggested telling *
ponies where you were from. *

57 FILAMENT SWITCH *
Why? *

58 SCOOTALOO *
Well, it just wasn't the best *
advice, but don't worry, I'll be *
way more hoofs on from now on. *

59 FILAMENT SWITCH
Hoofs on what?

60 SCOOTALOO
You said you weren't so great at
making friends, so I'm here to
help.

61 FILAMENT SWITCH
You'd do that? Thanks!

62 SCOOTALOO
No problem.

Scotaloo leads Switch closer to the lunch tables where SNIPS, SNAILS, SUNNY DAZE, and PEACHY PIE sit.

63 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Now the first thing you need to
know is that making friends is
easy. All you have to do is sit
down and start talking.

Switch looks to the ponies eating their lunch, all swatting at a SMALL CLOUD OF ANNOYING GNAT-LIKE BUGS.

64 FILAMENT SWITCH
Start talking about what?

65 SCOOTALOO
Whatever everypony is talking
about.

Switch nodes. She steps forward as the others continue their conversation.

66 SNAILS
 (swatting at a bug)
...and then she said I didn't have
the ab-DA-tude.

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67          SNIPS
Me too! Maybe we should study
harder.
        (blowing a bug off his
        food)
Ugh! These bugs are everywhere!
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68 FILAMENT SWITCH
Actually, the bugs we see are just
the tip of the iceberg. There's
probably more in our fur than are
flying around here.

PEACHY PIE SNAILS
Ewww! Really? *

Scootaloo slaps her forehead. The other's stare as Switch
nods to Snips and points to the flying insects. *

69 FILAMENT SWITCH (CONT'D) *

If you took all the Murine *

Mustangota in Equestria, for *

example, and compared them to all *

the ponies by mass, these bugs *

would outweigh us three to one. *

SUNNY DAZE SNIPS
Awesome! Gross! *

Scoot looks on, worried, as Switch continues. *

70 FILAMENT SWITCH (CONT'D) *

Add to that the fact that they're *

1000 times stronger by body weight *

than we are... *

Snails and Sunny Daze enthusiastically sit forward, genuinely *

interested, when Scoot swoops in and pulls Switch away. *

71 SCOOTALOO

Oh, look at that! The line is

super short over at Four Square.

Catch you ponies later!

Scootaloo snatches Switch away from the lunch tables and *

heads to the... *

SC. 7 - EXT. SCHOOLHOUSE - PLAYGROUND - CONTINUOUS *

Scoot leads Switch to the play area where DIAMOND TIARA, *

SILVER SPOON, and a few OTHER PONIES play four square.

72 SCOOTALOO

Okay. So maybe talking isn't your

thing. No problem. You can bond *

with ponies in other ways. *

(points to the court) *

Like playing a game. *

73 FILAMENT SWITCH *

Talking is way more my thing than *

sports, I can assure you. *

They watch a round of foursquare as Diamond Tiara and Silver *

Spoon pass the ball back and forth. *

74 DIAMOND TIARA
(hitting the ball)
Bump...

75 SILVER SPOON
(hitting the ball)
Bump...

76 DIAMOND TIARA
Sugar, lump...

77 SILVER SPOON
THUMP!

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Silver Spoon hits the ball into another SMALLER PONY'S square and it bounces too far for her to reach.

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As the Smaller Pony sadly watches the ball bounce off, Diamond Tiara rolls her eyes.

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78 DIAMOND TIARA
(annoyed)
UGH!

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The Smaller Pony recoils, but Diamond Tara takes a breath.

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79 DIAMOND TIARA (CONT'D)
Sorry. You know what? I'm sure
you'll get better if you keep
practicing.

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80 SILVER SPOON
Way to reign it in, DT.

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They girls highhoof as the Smaller Pony heads to the back of the line, passing Scoot and Switch on the way. Scoot has Switch step in behind her.

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81 SCOOTALOO
Come on. Get in line.

82 FILAMENT SWITCH
How does beating other ponies in a
game make them want to be friends
with me?

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83 SCOOTALOO
I... uh...
(having never thought
about it like that
before)
It just does, okay?

84 **FILAMENT SWITCH**
 (pointing off screen)
What's that line for?

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REVEAL - another long line of ponies right next to the Four Square court.

85 **SCOOTALOO**
What? Oh, that's the water fountain. There's only one so you have to wait.
 (point to the court)
Now the idea is to bounce the ball in the other pony's square so hard that they can't...

Scoot looks up to see **Switch** has wandered over to the water fountain. **Switch's goggles are flipped down as she studies the water fountain closely,** scribbling in her notebook.

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86 **SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)**
 (to herself)
This is going to be harder than I thought.

SC. 8 - INT. SCHOOLHOUSE - LATER

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Cheerilee stands at the front of the class as ponies file in from recess.

87 **CHEERILEE**
Okay, class!

The class settles down. Scootaloo shoots a concerned look at **Switch**, happily sketching away in her journal.

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88 **CHEERILEE (CONT'D)**
Now, as you all may have noticed our class plant has seen better days.

ANGLE ON - A totally dead plant in the corner. The last leaf falls to the ground.

89 **CHEERILEE (CONT'D)**
For our nature project, I want each of you to head outside and find a new plant. Then I'll decide which one will be our new Class Plant!
 (sotto)
And maybe this time we'll remember to water it.

Everypony is so excited they grab a shovel and pot and head outside.

SC. 9 - EXT. SCHOOLHOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

Scootaloo sidles up to **Switch**, who's using her goggles to examining a small weed and doodle in her book.

90 SCOOTALOO
Okay. Now's your chance!

Switch looks up, confused.

91 **FILAMENT SWITCH**
My chance for what?

92 SCOOTALOO
To find the most awesome plant ever
and have Ms. Cheerilee choose it to
be the Class Plant!

93 **FILAMENT SWITCH**
(confused)
Wait. By "awesome" do you mean
large? Because the largest, or
"most awesome" plant in these parts
is the Coniferous Rotundus, and I'm
afraid we couldn't even get one of
its branches in that schoolhouse.

94 SCOOTALOO
I'm just saying that finding the
plant that Ms. Cheerilee picks
would impress everypony.

95 **FILAMENT SWITCH**
So, by making other ponies feel bad
that their plants didn't get
picked, they'll like me more?

96 SCOOTALOO
Well...
(she's never thought about
it like that)
Yeah. Something like that. Just
go find something memorable.

Switch shrugs and heads off while Scoot beams proudly.

SC. 10 - INT. PONYVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE - LATER

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The whole classroom is overrun with plants and flowers of every kind.

97 CHEERILEE

Okay, thank you Snails, but I was
thinking of something a little...

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REVEAL - Snips holding a patch of sod.

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98 CHEERILEE (CONT'D)

Taller.

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Snails shrugs and walks back to his desk.

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99 CHEERILEE (CONT'D)

Okay. Switch? Do you have a plant
you'd like to share?

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Scootaloo perks up as Switch walks to the front of the classroom with a dead looking plant.

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100 CHEERILEE (CONT'D)

Well, that one looks like it could
use a little TLC already.

101 FILAMENT SWITCH

(excited)

Oh, that's just its defense
mechanism. This is the one and only
Carnivorous Sleeping Trapdoor
Snapdragon.

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102 CHEERILEE

The Carnivorous what...

103 FILAMENT SWITCH

It only pretends to look like it's
dying. But the minute it senses
there's food...

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The class all <GASP> in unison as Switch twirls her hoof around the blossom of the plant and it <ROARS> to life, chomping and salivating just like a dragon.

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104 FILAMENT SWITCH (CONT'D)

(yelling over the din)

...it is quite a different story!

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The entire schoolroom explodes into chaos, ponies running everywhere, plants and flowers being thrown up in panic.

Off Scootaloo's worried exasperation...

END ACT ONE**ACT TWO****SC. 11 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER**

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Scootaloo and Switch walk home from school, exhausted and a bit dirty.

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105 **FILAMENT SWITCH**
I don't understand why Ms.
Cheerilee made us clean up the
whole school house.

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106 **SCOOTALOO**
It probably had something to do
with the pony-eating plant you
brought in to class.

107 **FILAMENT SWITCH**
The Carnivorous Sleeping Trapdoor-

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108 **SCOOTALOO**
Snapdragon, yeah.

109 **FILAMENT SWITCH**
You said find something memorable.

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110 **SCOOTALOO**
I meant something memorable that
doesn't make ponies run for their
lives.

111 **FILAMENT SWITCH**
Then you probably should have been
more specific.

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112 **SCOOTALOO**
Right...

Scoot looks up to see they have arrived at...

SC. 12 - EXT. SWITCH HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

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It's a sweet Ponyville cottage attached to a large garage-like workshop. Switch walks toward the garage's swung-open metal door. Scoot calls after her.

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113 **SCOOTALOO**
Sorry I did such a bad job of
helping you make friends today.

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114      FILAMENT SWITCH                                     *
Today was awesome.  I actually                             *
learned a lot.

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115 SCOOTALOO
You did?

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116      FILAMENT SWITCH                                     *
      (nods)                                              *
Enough to keep me working all night                    *
in my workshop.
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Scoot follows [Switch](#) around the corrugated metal garage door. *

117 SCOOTALOO
Workshop?

SC. 13 - INT. FILAMENT SWITCH'S WORKSHOP - CONTINUOUS *

Scoot turns the corner to find **FILAMENT SWITCH's** workshop is *
a Dr. Seussian maze of springs, teetering stacks of gears,
and miss-matched shelves of odds and ends.

Scoot immediately loses sight of **Switch** as she turns down an aisle of leaning sheets of plywood and metal. Scoot takes a tentative step inside. *

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118      SCOOTALOO
Switch? <OUCH>                                     *
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Scout looks down to see she's stepped on a loose bolt as a muffled voice comes from somewhere in the workshop. *

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119      FILAMENT SWITCH (O.S.)      *
Right here.                        *
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120 SCOOTALOO
Where?

Switch sticks her head out from behind a stack of gears just behind Scoot. *

121 FILAMENT SWITCH *

Here.

122 SCOOTALOO
What is all this?

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123      FILAMENT SWITCH                                     *
This is my workshop.

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Switch takes out her notebook and points outside. *

124 **FILAMENT SWITCH** (CONT'D) *
I draw stuff from out there.

She hold the book open for Scoot. It's full of drafting/
engineering drawings of trains, playground equipment, etc.

125 **FILAMENT SWITCH** (CONT'D) *
And I make it in here.

Switch flips down her goggles, pulls out a working miniature
version of the FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS made out of soup cans.
Scoot stares, impressed. *

126 SCOOTALOO *
You made this?

127 **FILAMENT SWITCH** *
 (upbeat)
Yeah. I have an easier time making *
things than friends. *

Scoot sets the train down and looks to **Switch**, troubled. *

128 SCOOTALOO
Well, that's really cool, but you
can't just hide out in your
workshop forever...

129 **FILAMENT SWITCH** *
Oh, I'm not hiding, I have some *
ideas to fix--

130 SCOOTALOO
 (not listening)
...you'll never make any friends in
here.

131 **FILAMENT SWITCH** *
I know, but--

132 SCOOTALOO
 (with sudden inspiration)
What we have to do is get down to
basics. Starting tomorrow we'll
turn you into a friendship making
machine.

133 **FILAMENT SWITCH** *
 (perks up) *
The machine part of that seems *
interesting, but somehow I don't *
think we're talking about the same *
thing. *

Off Scoot nodding with determination...

SC. 14 - EXT. CMC'S CLUBHOUSE - DAY

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In a SERIES OF QUICK CUTS we see a HEADBAND go on a forehead, two WRISTBANDS slide on with a SNAP, and finally a WHISTLE drop over a head.

REVEAL - Scoot in full COACH regalia (i.e., she's the wearer of the headband, hoofbands, whistle, etc.) as we begin a...

FRIENDSHIP FUNDAMENTALS MONTAGE:

Switch stands facing Scootaloo, who wears her coach outfit.

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134 SCOOTALOO
Never underestimate the importance
of a firm hoofshake.

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Scoot blows her WHISTLE and extends her hoof. Switch extends the wrong hoof.

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Scoot blows her WHISTLE several more times, extending her hoof each time and each time Switch sticks out the wrong hoof. Finally...

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135 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Maybe we should start with
something else.

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CUT TO:

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SCOOT - holding up an Power Pony comic book as Switch looks on nervous.

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136 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Small talk!

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Scoot blows her WHISTLE.

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137 FILAMENT SWITCH
My favorite Power Pony is Zapp.
What's yours?

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Scoot blows her WHISTLE.

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138 SCOOTALOO
Again!

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139 FILAMENT SWITCH
My favorite Power Pony is Zapp.
What's yours?

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*

Scoot blows her WHISTLE.

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140 SCOOTALOO
Again!

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141 FILAMENT SWITCH
(louder)
My favorite Power Pony is Zapp.
What's yours?

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WIPE TO:

CLOSE - on a hoof getting ready to hit a big red BALL.

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CLOSE - on Switch's eyes anticipating.

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CLOSE - on Scoot's eyes narrowing...

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WIDE - as Scoot blows her WHISTLE and hits the ball which sails right past Switch, who looks back at it, then at Scoot and shrugs. Off Scoot's frown...

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A SERIES OF SHOTS PUNCTUATED BY SCOOT'S WHISTLE:

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- Scoot hits the ball and Switch swings and misses.

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- Scoot hits the ball and Switch swings with the wrong hoof.

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- Scoot hits the ball and finally Switch hits it back, but wonkily as it ricochets, bouncing off of a roof, a tree, and finally Scoot-- popping the whistle into her mouth.

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Scoot spits out the whistle and <SIGHS> as we...

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END MONTAGE

SC. 15 - INT. CMC'S CLUBHOUSE - DAY

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Scootaloo, still in her coach gear, paces nervously in front of Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom.

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142 SCOOTALOO
Okay. Just remember that I've-- I mean, she's been working really hard.

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143 SWEETIE BELLE
Scootaloo, I know you've been trying your best to make it easier for Filament Switch to make friends, but I'm just not sure she needs it.

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144 APPLE BLOOM
Me neither. I mean, I kinda liked
her already.

145 SCOOTALOO
Well, if you liked her before, I
guarantee you'll like her even more
now...
 (cautioning)
Just go easy on her. We haven't
worked out all the kinks yet.

Suddenly, there's a KNOCK at the door.

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146      SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
      (calling out)
Just a second!
      (to the others)
Here goes...

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Scout swings the door open to reveal Filament Switch, though Switch is facing the other way, her goggles on with the pencil attachment extended, as she scribbles in her notebook.

Scoot casts an embarrassed look back at the others, then reaches up and takes the goggles and book.

147 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Maybe I'll just hold onto these for
now...

Scout looks to Switch and gestures toward Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom. Switch nods and steps forward, extending her hoof.

148 FILAMENT SWITCH
(shaking hooves)
Why, hello Sweetie Belle. Apple
Bloom. It sure is nice to see you
two again.

149 APPLE BLOOM
Um... Yeah. You too.

150 SWEETIE BELLE
Absolutely.

Sweetie Belle pulls out a book and shows it to Switch.

151 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
In fact, since your talk in class
the other day, I've been reading up
on different kinds of trains.
Funiculars, cog railways...

152 FILAMENT SWITCH
Also known as rack-and-pinion
railways--

Scootaloo gives a little cough, interrupting.

153 SCOOTALOO
<AHEM>

154 FILAMENT SWITCH
(correcting herself)
I mean... Have either of you read
the latest issue of Power Ponies?
My favorite's Zapp.

Sweetie Belle looks over at Scoot who nods encouragingly.

155 SWEETIE BELLE
Oh. Um... No. I haven't read it.

156 APPLE BLOOM
Yeah. Me neither.

157 FILAMENT SWITCH
Well, if you get a chance it's
great. Anyway, nice talking to you
both again. See you on the
foursquare court.

With that Switch turns and walks out. Scoot gives her an
approving nod as she goes, then turns to the others.

158 SCOOTALOO
Well?

159 APPLE BLOOM
(uncertain)
Well, she sure is different.

160 SCOOTALOO
(pleased)
I know!

Off Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom's concerned looks...

SC. 16 - EXT. SCHOOLHOUSE - DAY

Scootaloo, Sweetie Belle, and Apple Bloom stand off to the
side watching as Switch interacts with other ponies.

161 APPLE BLOOM
I have to admit, Switch is talking
to a lot more ponies than before.

162 SCOOTALOO *
Yep. I really got her to focus on *
the stuff other ponies are *
interested in. *

163 SWEETIE BELLE *
I was interested in what she had to *
say before. *

164 SCOOTALOO *
Oh, I know. But now she can talk to *
anypony she wants. See? *

Scoot points over to the foursquare court where Switch chats *
it up with Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon. *

165 SWEETIE BELLE *
She could do that before, and then *
ponies could decide if they liked *
her for who she already was, *
instead of who you think she should *
be. *

166 SCOOTALOO *
What do you mean? *

167 SWEETIE BELLE *
I know you've been trying to help, *
but are you sure Switch is better *
off? *

168 SCOOTALOO *
Are you kidding? I'll bet she's *
made more friends today than she's *
ever had in her whole life. *

Scoot turns as Switch walks up. *

169 FILAMENT SWITCH *
Hi Scootaloo. I was wondering if I *
could have my book and goggles *
back. *

170 SCOOTALOO *
Oh. Of course. *

Scoot pulls Switch's things out of her backpack and hands *
them over. *

171 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D) *
(glance to Sweetie Belle) *
So, things seem to be going pretty *
well. How many friends did you *
make? *

172 FILAMENT SWITCH
(donning her goggles)
Oh, I didn't make any friends.

173 SCOOTALOO
WHAT?!

174 FILAMENT SWITCH

I was just doing what you said
because it seemed to make you
happy. I could kind of tell it
wasn't working, though. But that's
okay, I've got a ton of work I want
to get to. See you later.

With that, Switch flips down her goggles and walks off, paging through her notebook. Scoot stares after her, stunned. Apple Bloom walks up and pats Scoot on the shoulder.

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175      APPLE BLOOM
Well, you win some, you lose some,
I guess.

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Off Scoot, crestfallen...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 17 - INT. CUTIE MARK CRUSADER CLUBHOUSE - DAY

Scotaloo sits slumped in the corner. She pulls her coach's sweatband down over her eyes.

176 SCOOTALOO
Don't look at me! I'm a failure!

177 APPLE BLOOM
You know we can still see you,
right?

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178      SCOOTALOO
      (pulls sweatband off)
I must be the worst teacher ever! I
can't believe I let Switch down
like that.

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179 SWEETIE BELLE
She seemed pretty okay to me.

180 SCOOTALOO
Okay? OKAY!? How can she be okay
when everything I worked on didn't
lead to one single friend?

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Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom share a look.

181 SWEETIE BELLE
Maybe you should just let Switch
make friends in her own way.

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182 APPLE BLOOM
Yeah. I think she's gonna be fine.

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Scootaloo just shakes her head, not really listening.

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183 SCOOTALOO
I gotta come up with something.
(slapping her forehead)
Think. Think. Think.

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Scoot looks out the window of the clubhouse and sees
Twilights Castle, glistening in the distance.

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184 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
That's it!

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185 SWEETIE BELLE
That's what?

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186 SCOOTALOO
I should have thought of it from
the beginning! This isn't a cutie
mark problem, it's a friendship
problem!

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187 APPLE BLOOM
I guess I still don't see the
problem.

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188 SCOOTALOO
(ignoring her)
And who can you talk to about a
friendship problem except the
Princess of Friendship, herself!

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With that, Scoot charges out of the clubhouse. Apple Bloom
turns to Sweetie Belle.

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189 APPLE BLOOM
Well, maybe Twilight can get her to
listen to reason.

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190 SWEETIE BELLE
I wouldn't count on it.

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SC. 18 - INT. PRINCESS TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - DAY

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TWILIGHT SPARKLE sits in her throne and looks down at Scootaloo.

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191 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That does sound like a difficult problem.

192 SCOOTALOO
And I tried everything!

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193 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
So I hear. I was wondering how that Carnivorous Sleeping Trapdoor Snapdragon got out of the Everfree Forest.

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194 SCOOTALOO
Oh. (NERVOUS LAUGH) You heard about that?

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195 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Don't worry. It's been taken care of.

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SPIKE walks by in the background with a shovel. He's completely dirty and burnt. He doesn't say a word.

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196 SCOOTALOO
So, what should I do now?

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197 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, I know this sounds hard, and trust me, I struggle with it myself, but sometimes the best thing to do is nothing.

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198 SCOOTALOO
Wait. What?

199 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Everypony has their own way of learning things and you can't make them follow yours.

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200 SCOOTALOO
Why not?

201 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, when it comes to friendship,
sometimes figuring things out for
themselves is the best way for a
pony to learn what they really need
to know.

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Off Scootaloo's perplexed expression...

SC. 19 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

Scootaloo kicks the dirt as she walks down the road.

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202 SCOOTALOO
That makes absolutely no sense. How
can a pony teach themselves to do
something that they don't know how
to do?

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Just then Pip (in full safety gear) scoots by on his own
SMALLER SCOOTER.

203 PIPSQUEAK
Wooooohoooooooooooo!!!!!!

Pip skillfully stops in front of Scootaloo.

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204 PIPSQUEAK (CONT'D)
Hey, Scootaloo!

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205 SCOOTALOO
(surprised)
Hey! I thought you gave up on
scootering.

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206 PIPSQUEAK
Nope. I just gave up trying to ride
yours. Turns out all I needed was
to find a scooter that was just my
size.

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Pip zips around in a circle, then comes to another stop.

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207 SCOOTALOO
Huh.
(brightening)
Well, do you want me to show you a
few of my tricks?

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208 PIPSQUEAK
That's okay. I'm actually having
more fun figuring things out on my
own.

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209 SCOOTALOO
Oh.

210 PIPSQUEAK
(with a look to Scoot)
Firm grip on the handlebars and...

Pip kicks off and scoots away. *

211 SCOOTALOO
I guess Twilight's right. Maybe
everypony's just better off without
my help. *

Scootaloo hangs her head and walks toward school. *

SC. 20 - INT. PONYVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE - DAY *

Scootaloo shuffles in to the empty classroom. Hangdog, Scoot
looks over at Cheerilee who glances up from her desk. *

212 CHEERILEE
Hi Scootaloo. I've actually been
meaning to talk to you-- *

213 SCOOTALOO
I know. I just came by to
apologize. *

214 CHEERILEE
You did? *

215 SCOOTALOO
(nods)
I know you asked me to help
Filament Switch make friends, but I
tried everything and nothing
worked. *

216 CHEERILEE
I see. *

217 SCOOTALOO
And now, I guess she would have
been better off if I never even
tried at all. *

218 CHEERILEE
Well, I wouldn't sell yourself
short just yet. You might want to
take a look outside. *

Off Scoot's confused expression... *

SC. 21 - EXT. PONYVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE - DAY

Cheerilee and Scoot stand on the schoolhouse steps looking out at a crowd of ponies gathered around the play area.

219 SCOOTALOO
What's going on?

220 CHEERILEE
See for yourself.

Scoot walks over and pushes her way to the front of the crowd to see...

SWITCH - kneeling on the ground, her goggles pulled down over her face. Tools are strewn all around and the WATER FOUNTAIN is completely dismantled!

In it's place is a long section of pipe. Switch changes out one of the lenses on her goggles for a bigger one, then takes a small mallet and taps a rod, riveting the last connection in place.

Scoot rushes up, worried.

221 SCOOTALOO
Switch! What are you doing?

Diamond Tiara steps forward, holding Switch's notebook. She shows Scoot a page with a schematic of the water fountain.

222 DIAMOND TIARA
Isn't it obvious?

223 SCOOTALOO
Not really.

Switch finishes and stands, looking at Scoot, the big lens of her goggles making one of her eyes look HUGE.

224 FILAMENT SWITCH
Scootaloo! I'm so glad you're here!
I really wanted you to see what
I've been working on.

225 SCOOTALOO
You mean taking apart the water
fountain?

226 FILAMENT SWITCH
Sort of...

Switch walks up to the long pipe that lays on the ground where the water fountain used to be.

She steps on a PEDDLE and a STREAM OF WATER shoots up from the pipe in a gentle arc. **Switch** takes a drink, then let's go of the peddle and the water stops. *

227 SCOOTALOO
Okay, that's kind of cool. *

Other ponies walk up and try, stepping on **MORE PEDDLES** that shoot more streams of water as we reveal enough spouts so that nopony has to wait in line for a drink. *

Scoot turns to **Switch**. *

228 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Wow. That's pretty neat. *

229 **FILAMENT SWITCH**
And that's not all. *

Switch walks off. Scoot **and the crowd of school ponies** follow her to... *

SC. 22 - EXT. SCHOOLHOUSE - LUNCH TABLES - CONTINUOUS *

A few ponies sit at the tables, swatting the Murine Mustangota away from their food. *

Scoot follows the pipe that **Switch** laid, which extends along the ground, then up the side of the schoolhouse to a WATER WHEEL. As water flows out of the pipe, the water wheel turns, powering a tiny generator that lights A PURPLE BUG LIGHT. *

[PRODUCTION NOTE: NOT THE ZAPPY KIND, OBVS.]

The instant the light turns on, the cloud of Murine Mustangota moves away from the lunch tables and starts hovering around the bulb.

The lunching ponies all look up, relieved.

230 **FILAMENT SWITCH**
Murine Mustangota really like the color purple-- even more than food! *

231 SCOOTALOO
Well, that's um... wow.

Scoot notices the runoff water from the wheel empties into a gutter that disappears into the wall of the school.

232 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
(still looking up)
Hey, where's the water go from
there?

Scoot turns to look at **Switch**, but she's already heading
inside. Scoot rushes to follow **as the rest of the ponies**
crowd around the door to look in.

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SC. 23 - INT. SCHOOLHOUSE - CONTINUOUS

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Scoot **enters** to see **Switch** standing in front on a wall of
gutters that **crisscross** back and forth, finally ending in a
tiny spout that releases gentle drops into a robust POTTED
PLANT.

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Cheerilee walks up as Scoot and **Switch** look down at the
healthy vegetation.

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233 CHEERILEE
Nice work, **Switch**. **Now** our class
plants won't die of thirst anymore.

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Scoot looks at **Switch** like she's seeing her for the first
time.

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234 SCOOTALOO
I can't believe you did all this.

235 FILAMENT SWITCH
Well, like I said, it's easier for
me to make things than friends.

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A few of the ponies from the crowd outside push through the
doorway, **Peachy Pie** among them. She steps forward.

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236 PEACHY PIE
Are you kidding? You saved
lunchtime from those bugs. I'll be
your friend forever!

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Diamond Tiara steps up as well, handing **Switch** back her book.

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237 DIAMOND TIARA
And no line for water after
foursquare? I wanna know what else
you've got up your sleeve.

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Filament opens the book and leafs through.

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238 FILAMENT SWITCH
Well... I suppose I've got one or
two other ideas I could show you.

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Scoot watches as the class crowds around Switch, all eager to see what she's sketched out in her book. *

Scoot turns to see Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom at her side. *

239 APPLE BLOOM
Well, look at that. Switch might just make one or two friends after all. *

240 SWEETIE BELLE
And all on her own.

241 SCOOTALOO
Yeah. I guess I never should have stuck my hoof in to begin with. She didn't need me at all. *

242 CHEERILEE (O.S.)
Oh, I don't think that's exactly true. *

The girls look up to see Cheerilee, looking on with a smile. *

243 CHEERILEE (CONT'D)
If you hadn't tried so hard to help Switch make friends, she might not have had the chance to show everypony what she could do. *

244 SCOOTALOO
So I did help? *

245 APPLE BLOOM
It sure looks that way. *

246 SWEETIE BELLE
I guess if you hadn't taken her all around, she might not have gotten the idea to fix everything and then everypony wouldn't have seen how special she is. *

Scoot looks up at Cheerilee. *

247 SCOOTALOO
Did you know this was going to happen? *

248 CHEERILEE
Not exactly. But I knew having you introduce Switch to everyone was a good place to start. *

(MORE)

CHEERILEE (CONT'D)

But maybe now instead of trying to
teach her how to make friends, you
could just be one.

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249 SCOOTALOO

Well, that's something I definitely
know how to do.

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With that, Scoot and the others join the rest of the class as
the crowd around Switch. Ceerilee looks on with a smile as
we...

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