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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 PIP
Got it.

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 flies down a hill.

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

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

Finally, she heads straight for a cart VENDOR, who looks up at her, wide-eyed.

6 VENDOR PONY
Wait!

But Scoot puts on the gas and hits a BOARD leaning on some boxes right in front of the cart.

Charging up the make-shift jump, she flies over the cart, flipping around in the air as she makes a perfect loop and lands on the roof of a house.

Speeding down the slanted roof, she hops and does another flip, landing right back where she started next to Pip.

7 PIP
Whoa! I could never do that!

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

9 PIP
That it's totally easy?

10 SCOOTALOO
Exactly!

Scoot hops off and walks over to Pip.

11 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Your turn.

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

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

13 PIP (O.S.)
Ah, Scootaloo...

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

14 PIP (CONT'D)
Any other pointers?

Off Scoot's surprised expression...

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 2 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

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

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

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

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

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

19 SCOOTALOO
...and he just gave up.

20 SWEETIE BELLE
Maybe he just needs more time.

21 APPLE BLOOM
Yeah. To grow.

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

Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom share a look.

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

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

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

26 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 (FILLY KEEN) sitting on the front steps. Filly pushes a pair of welder-type GOGGLES back onto her head as she scribbles intently in a small notebook.

Scootaloo walks up.

27 SCOOTALOO
Hi. I haven't seen you before. You
must be new.

Filly looks up from her book, slightly puzzled.

28 FILLY KEEN
I'm just as old as you are.

29 SCOOTALOO
Huh?

Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom join them.

30 SWEETIE BELLE
Scootaloo means you must be new
here, to Ponyville.

31 FILLY KEEN
Oh. Yep. We just moved from
Baltimore.

Filly goes back to her scribbling.

32 APPLE BLOOM
Baltimore. Wow. That sure is far...

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

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

Still nothing.

34 SWEETIE BELLE
And your name is...?

35 FILLY KEEN
 (finally looking up)
Filly Keen.

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

Filly turns back to her drawing.

37 FILLY KEEN
I don't know about that. I don't
have the easiest time talking to
ponies.

38 APPLE BLOOM
 (mild sarcasm)
You don't say.

39 FILLY KEEN
 (looking up)
I did say. Just now.

They all just stare at each other for a beat, confused.
Thankfully the SCHOOL BELL RINGS.

40 SCOOTALOO
Well, if you're stuck for something
to talk about, just tell everypony
where you're from.

With that, Scoot and the others head inside. Off Filly
considering...

SC. 4 - INT. PONYVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE - DAY

Filly stands at the front of the classroom drafting a huge
BLUEPRINT-LIKE DRAWING OF THE FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS on the
BLACKBOARD.

41 FILLY KEEN
 (brightly)
Rail adhesion actually relies on
the friction between the steel
wheel and the steel rail...

The ponies sit in shocked silence. As Filly continues, the
CMCs give each other worried looks.

42 APPLE BLOOM
I don't understand what's
happening.

43 SWEETIE BELLE
 (taking notes)
This is actually kind of
interesting.

44 SCOOTALOO
Okay. I may not be able to teach
Pip how to ride a scooter, but
helping a new pony make friends is
something I can work with.

Back at the BLACKBOARD -

45 FILLY KEEN
 (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.

Filly stares out at the stunned class.

46 CHEERILEE
Yes, well, thank you so much,
Filly, for telling us <AHM> where
you are from.

Cheerilee leads a short smattering of applause, breaking the
awkward moment. Confused, Filly walks back to her seat.

As Cheerilee continues on with the day's lessons, Scoot leans
over to Filly.

47 SCOOTALOO
Maybe telling ponies where you're
from wasn't the best advice, but
don't worry, I'll be a little more
hands on from now on.

48 FILLY KEEN
Hands on what?

49 SCOOTALOO
Well, It's pretty obvious you need
help meeting everypony here in
Ponyville and I'm just the pony for
the job.

50 FILLY KEEN
 (shrugs)
Okay.

Off Scootaloo, filled with purpose...

SC. 5 - EXT. SCHOOLHOUSE - LUNCH TABLES - LATER

Scootaloo and Filly Keen approach SNIPS, SNAILS, and TWIST sitting at an outdoor lunch table.

51 SCOOTALOO
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.

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

52 FILLY KEEN
Start talking about what?

53 SCOOTALOO
About anything.

Scootaloo pushes Filly Keen closer to the table. She steps
forward warily as the others continue their conversation.

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

55 SNAILS
 (blowing a bug off his
 food)
That's crazy!

56 FILLY KEEN
You know what's also crazy? Eating
your entire weight in the parasites
that live under a pony's fur.

Scootaloo slaps her forehead. The other's stare. Filly points
to the flying insects.

57 FILLY KEEN (CONT'D)
Murine Mustangota. Really
fascinating actually-
 (Filly settles in)
Super friendly, but they really do
love pony fur.
 (Filly swats one away)
A little too much, if you ask me.

The other ponies continue to stare blankly at Filly.

58 SCOOTALOO
What she means is, has anyone read
the latest issue of Power Ponies?

59 FILLY KEEN
 (shoos away another bug)
Murine Mustangota are actually 1000
times stronger than a regular pony.
I don't know what a Power Pony is.

60 TWIST
You don't know what a Power Pony
is?

61 FILLY KEEN
 (looks to Scoot)
I just said that.

62 SCOOTALOO
Oh, she knows all about the Power
Ponies! She's just... making a
joke!

63 FILLY KEEN
Murine Mustangota are no laughing
matter. They're actually kind of a
nuisance.

64 SNIPS
They're not the only ones.

65 SCOOTALOO
Oh, look at that! The line is
super short over at Four Square.
Catch you ponies later!

Scootaloo snatches Filly away from the lunch tables and heads
to the...

SC. 6 - EXT. SCHOOLHOUSE - PLAYGROUND - CONTINUOUS

Filly follows Scoot over to the play area where DIAMOND
TIARA, SILVER SPOON, and a few OTHER PONIES play four square.

66 SCOOTALOO
Okay. So maybe talking isn't your
thing.

67 FILLY KEEN
I talk just fine. But, ponies don't
always listen.

68 SCOOTALOO
No problem. You can bond with
ponies in other ways.
(points to the court)
Like playing a game.

They watch a round of foursquare as Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon pass the ball back and forth.

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

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

71 DIAMOND TIARA
Sugar, lump...

72 SILVER SPOON
RUMP!

Silver Spoon slams the ball down hard in a SMALLER PONY'S square and it bounces too far for her to reach.

Seeing the Smaller Pony's sad expression, Diamond Tiara steps up.

73 DIAMOND TIARA
(genuine)
Don't worry. You'll get it next
time.

74 SILVER SPOON
(annoyed)
Are we going to play or what?

The Smaller Pony passes Scoot and Filly on her way to the back of the line. Scoot pushes Filly in behind her.

75 SCOOTALOO
Come on. Get in line.

76 FILLY KEEN
How does beating other ponies in a
game make them want to be friends
with me?

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

78 FILLY KEEN
 (pointing off screen)
What's that line for?

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

79 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 Filly has wandered over to the water fountain. She stands looking at it and scribbling in her notebook.

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

SC. 7 - INT. SCHOOLHOUSE - LATER

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

81 CHEERILEE
Okay, class!

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

82 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.

83 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. 8 - EXT. SCHOOLHOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

Scootaloo sidles up to Filly, still doodling in her book.

84 SCOOTALOO
Okay. Now's your chance!

Filly nods, not really listening, then looks up suddenly.

85 FILLY KEEN
Wait. My chance for what?

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

87 FILLY KEEN
 (confused)
Because...?

88 SCOOTALOO
Because if you do something
impressive like that, everypony
will want to be your friend!

89 FILLY KEEN
So, by making other ponies feel bad
that their plants didn't get
picked, they'll like me more?

90 SCOOTALOO
Well...
 (she's never thought about
 it like that)
Yeah. Something like that. Just
choose something memorable.

Filly shrugs and heads off while Scoot beams proudly.

SC. 9 - INT. PONYVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE - LATER

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

91 CHEERILEE
Okay, thank you Snips. That was...

Snips walks back to his desk with the last of the plant sticking out of his mouth.

92 SNIPS
 (Swallows)
Delicious.

93 CHEERILEE
Okay. Filly Keen? Do you have a
plant you would like to share?

Scotaloo perks up.

Filly Keen walks to the front of the classroom with a dead looking plant.

94 CHEERILEE (CONT'D)
Well, that one looks like it could
use a little TLC already.

95 FILLY KEEN
Oh, that's just its defense
mechanism.

96 CHEERILEE
It's wh--

97 FILLY KEEN
 (excited)
This is the one and only
Carnivorous Sleeping Trapdoor
Snapdragon.

98 CHEERILEE
The Carnivorous what...

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

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

100 FILLY KEEN (CONT'D)
 (yelling over the din)
 ...it is quite a different story!

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. 10 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

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

101 FILLY KEEN
I don't understand why Ms.
Cheerilee made us clean up the
whole school house.

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

103 FILLY KEEN
The Carnivorous Sleeping Trapdoor-

104 SCOOTALOO
Snapdragon, yeah.

105 FILLY KEEN
You said find something memorable.

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

107 FILLY KEEN
You probably should have been more
specific.

108 SCOOTALOO
Right...

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

SC. 11 - EXT. FILLY HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

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

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

110 FILLY KEEN
I actually learned a lot.

111 SCOOTALOO
You did?

112 FILLY KEEN
 (nods)
I'll probably be working on stuff
all night in my workshop.

Scoot follows Filly around the corrugated metal garage door.

113 SCOOTALOO
Workshop?

SC. 12 - INT. FILLY KEEN'S WORKSHOP - CONTINUOUS

Scoot turns the corner to find Filly Keen's workshop is a Dr. Seussian maze of springs, teetering stacks of gears, and mismatched shelves of odds and ends.

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

114 SCOOTALOO
Filly? <OUCH>

Scoot looks down to see she's stepped on a loose bolt.

A muffled voice comes from somewhere in the workshop.

115 FILLY KEEN (O.S.)
I'm here.

116 SCOOTALOO
Where?

Appearing just behind Scoot.

117 FILLY KEEN
Here.

118 SCOOTALOO
What is all this?

119 FILLY KEEN
This is my workshop.

Filly takes out her notebook and points outside.

120 FILLY KEEN (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.

121 FILLY KEEN (CONT'D)
And I make it in here.

Filly pulls out a working miniature version of the FRIENDSHIP
EXPRESS made out of soup cans. Scoot stares, impressed.

122 SCOOTALOO
You make this?

123 FILLY KEEN
 (upbeat)
Yeah. It's way easier to make a
train than a friend.

Scoot sets the train down and looks to Filly, troubled.

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

125 FILLY KEEN
Oh, I'm not hiding, I have a few
ideas to fix--

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

127 FILLY KEEN
I know, but--

128 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.

129 Filly KEEN
 (shrugs)
 Okay.

Off Scoot nodding with determination...

SC. 13 - EXT. CMC'S CLUBHOUSE - DAY

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:

SWEETIE BELLE & APPLE BLOOM - demonstrate a hoofshake for an attentive Filly.

130 SCOOTALOO
 Now watch the body distance and...

Scoot blows her whistle as the others walk through each step. Extend the hoof <TWEET>. Shake the hoof <TWEET>. Release the hoof <TWEET>. Smile <TWEET>.

Scoot looks over to see Filly jotting down the mechanics in her notebook. Scoot steps forward and holds out her hoof for the book. Filly looks up and passes it over.

As Scoot continues to blow her whistle, Filly attempts to repeat the hoofshake steps with varying degrees of success.

WIPE TO:

CLOSE - on Scoot demonstrating a smile.

CLOSE - on Filly demonstrating an odd grin.

WIDE - on Filly and the others practicing smiles while Scoot continues to whistle.

131 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
 <TWEET> Smile! <TWEET> Relax!
 <TWEET> Smile! <TWEET> Relax!
 <TWEET> Smile! <TWEET> Relax!

Filly actually starts to improve. Scoot holds up her arm for a high hoof, but Filly just stares at her. Off Scoot's <SIGH>...

WIPE TO:

CLOSE - on Scoot, whistle in her mouth, as she blows.

CLOSE - on Sweetie Belle hitting a ball as Scoot <TWEEPS>.

CLOSE - on Apple Bloom hitting a ball as Scoot <TWEEPS>.

WIDE - on both of them hitting ball after ball in time with Scoots whistled <TWEEPS> while Filly stands in a four square court watching every ball go by.

Finally Filly sticks out an arm and hits a ball back, but it ricochets, bouncing off of a roof, a tree, and finally Scoot-- popping the whistle into her mouth.

Scoot spits out the whistle and smiles. She holds up an arm to Filly for a high hoof. This time Filly bends down and picks up a ball that's slowly rolling by. Scoot <SIGHS> as we...

END MONTAGE

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

Filly sits with the CMCs at their table.

132 SCOOTALOO
Now the most important friendship
making skill is small talk.

133 FILLY KEEN
 (brightening)
Small talk is all I do.

134 SCOOTALOO
Right.
 (to Apple Bloom)
Nice weather we're having isn't it?

135 APPLE BLOOM
It sure is.

136 SWEETIE BELLE
It's very pleasant.

Scoot turns to Filly.

137 FILLY KEEN
Well, the pressure is actually
dropping which means--

Scoot shakes her head and holds up a hoof.

138 SCOOTALOO
Not quite. Maybe you should let
other ponies do the talking. You
can just ask questions, like... Did
you see what Rarity was wearing?

139 FILLY KEEN
Who's Rarity?

140 SCOOTALOO
Trust me.

Scoot gestures for Filly to repeat.

141 FILLY KEEN
Did you see what Rarity was
wearing?

142 SCOOTALOO
 (nods with approval)
Exactly.
 (then)
What did you do after school?

143 FILLY KEEN
What did you do after school?

144 SCOOTALOO
 (pleased)
Good!
 (then)
What did you bring for lunch?

145 FILLY KEEN
What did you bring for lunch?

Scootaloo stands back. Proud. She turns to the others.

146 SCOOTALOO
I think she's got it!

147 FILLY KEEN
I think I've got it.

Filly stands and Scootaloo comes in for a victorious high
hoof, but Filly just walks out.

148 APPLE BLOOM
I don't actually think she does.

SC. 15 - EXT. SCHOOLHOUSE - LUNCH TABLES - DAY

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

149 FILLY KEEN
What did you do after school
yesterday?

150 SMALLER PONY
Oh, you know - chores and homework.
Like always, right?

151 FILLY KEEN
 (laughing a bit too hard)
Yes. Like always!

Filly looks over at Scoot who motions for her to bring it down. Filly stops laughing immediately and turns to another, TALLER PONY.

152 FILLY KEEN (CONT'D)
Did you see what Rarity was
wearing?

153 TALLER PONY
It was amazing!

154 FILLY KEEN
Yes. Amazing!

Filly casts a glance at Scoot who nods, approvingly.

SC. 16 - EXT. PONYVILLE PLAYGROUND - LATER

Back on the four square court, Filly chats it up with Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon. Again, the CMCs look on.

155 FILLY KEEN
And what about this weather we're
having?

156 SILVER SPOON
Ugh! So ridiculously hot.

157 FILLY KEEN
Yes. Hot! Did you see what Rarity
was wearing?

Apple Bloom turns to Scoot.

158 APPLE BLOOM
Um... I hope you're going to teach
her more stuff to say.

159 SCOOTALOO
 (shrugs)
Everypony has to start somewhere.

160 SWEETIE BELLE
Sure, but it seems like she's just
doing what you tell her.

161 SCOOTALOO
 (pleased)
I know!

The bell rings. The ponies stream in from the playground.
Scootaloo rushes up to Filly.

162 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
You did great!

163 FILLY KEEN
Thanks!

164 SCOOTALOO
So, how many friends did you make?

165 FILLY KEEN
None.

166 SCOOTALOO
What do you mean none?

167 FILLY KEEN
I mean zero.

168 SCOOTALOO
Oh... okay, well... Don't you
worry!

169 FILLY KEEN
I'm not worried.

170 SCOOTALOO
We'll just try again tomorrow.

171 FILLY KEEN
Oh. No. I don't think I will.

172 SCOOTALOO
What?

173 FILLY KEEN
This has been great, Scootaloo, but
I don't want to do it anymore and
I've got other stuff to do.

With that, Filly walks inside the school house. Scoot looks after her, stunned as we...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

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

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

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

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

176 SCOOTALOO
(pulls sweatband off)
I don't know what I'm doing wrong.
I'm the worst teacher ever!

177 SWEETIE BELLE
Well, Filly seemed pretty fine with
it.

178 SCOOTALOO
Fine? FINE!? How can she be fine
when I couldn't help her make one
single friend?

Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom share a look.

179 SWEETIE BELLE
Well, the Cutie Mark Crusaders help
ponies solve cutie mark problems.
Do you think Filly needs help with
that?

180 SCOOTALOO
No. Her workshop is filled with all
kinds of gears that look just like
her cutie mark. Plus she builds
things. She's awesome at it.

181 APPLE BLOOM
Right. Well, since this is more of
a friendship issue than a cutie
mark issue, maybe you should get
some help.

182 SCOOTALOO
Maybe. But who in Ponyville could I
ask to help with a friendship
problem?

Off Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom sharing a smile...

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

Twilight sits in her thrown and looks down at Scootaloo.
Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom stand behind her.

183 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That does sound like a difficult
problem.

184 SCOOTALOO
I've tried everything!

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

186 SCOOTALOO
Yeah. Sorry about that.

187 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh, that's okay. It's totally been
taken care of.

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

188 SCOOTALOO
So, what do I do?

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

190 SCOOTALOO
Wait. What?

191 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You can't make other ponies be the
way you want them to be and even if
you could, they wouldn't learn
anything.

192 SCOOTALOO
Why not?

193 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Some lessons ponies just have to
teach themselves.

Off Scootaloo's perplexed expression...

SC. 19 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

Scootaloo kicks the dirt as she and the others walk home.

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

195 SWEETIE BELLE
I'm not sure that's what Twilight
meant.

196 SCOOTALOO
Well, that's what she said.

197 APPLE BLOOM
Maybe it's just that ponies need to
find their own way sometimes.

198 SCOOTALOO
But where does that leave me?

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

199 PIPSQUEAK
Wooooohoooooooooooo!!!!!!

Pip skids to a halt in front of Scootaloo.

200 SCOOTALOO
Wow! I thought you gave up on
scootering.

201 PIPSQUEAK
Well, I gave up trying to ride
yours. Turns out all I needed was
to find one the right size.

Pip zips around in a circle, then power-slides to another
stop.

202 SCOOTALOO
Huh.
 (brightening)
Well, do you want me to show you
some of my tricks?

203 PIPSQUEAK
That's okay. Now that I found a
scooter that fits, I can kinda
figured things out on my own.

204 SCOOTALOO
Oh.

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

Pipsqueak kicks off and scoots away.

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

Scootaloo hangs her head and walks toward school. The others
follow.

SC. 20 - EXT. PONYVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE - DAY

Scoot and the others walk up to find a crowd of ponies
gathered around the play area.

207 SCOOTALOO
What's going on?

Snails turns around.

208 SNAILS
Oh, nothing. Just the new pony
being weird again.

The CMCs all exchange a worried look. Scoot pushes her way to
the front of the crowd to see...

Filly kneels 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. Filly switches out the lens on her goggles for a bigger one, then takes a small mallet and taps a metal rod, riveting the last connection in place.

She stands and compares her handiwork to a diagram in her notebook, then nods satisfied.

Diamond Tiara turns to Scoot.

209 DIAMOND TIARA
Maybe you should talk to her.

210 SCOOTALOO
Ah... I don't know.
 (to the other CMCs)
I mean, I'm not supposed to tell
her what to do. Right?

211 APPLE BLOOM
You don't have to tell her what to
do to find out what she's doing.

With that, Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle and a few others push Scootaloo up to Filly. Filly looks up at Scoot and smiles.

212 FILLY KEEN
Scootaloo! I'm glad you're here! I
really want to show you what I've
been working on.

213 SCOOTALOO
Yeah. About that. I mean, I'm
definitely not telling you what to
do, but some ponies might be a
little concerned.

Filly looks over at the crowd of ponies watching them.

214 FILLY KEEN
That makes sense. I just took apart
their water fountain. But that's
the last part.

215 SCOOTALOO
The last part of what?

216 FILLY KEEN
This.

Filly 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. Filly takes a drink, then let's go of the peddle and the water stops.

217 SCOOTALOO
Huh. That's kind of cool.

Other ponies tentatively 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 Filly.

218 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Okay. That's pretty neat.

219 FILLY KEEN
That's not all.

Filly walks off and Scoot follows her to...

SC. 21 - 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 Filly 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.

220 FILLY KEEN
Murine Mustangota really like the
color purple--even more than food!

221 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.

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

Scoot turns to look at Filly, but she's already heading inside. Scoot rushes to follow.

SC. 22 - INT. SCHOOLHOUSE - CONTINUOUS

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

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

223 CHEERILEE
Nice work, Filly. At least our
class plants won't die of thirst
anymore.

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

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

225 FILLY KEEN
But I did. There are plenty of
witnesses.

226 SCOOTALOO
That's not what I-- It's just
impressive, that's all.

Filly starts to head outside and Scoot follows.

227 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Listen, Filly. I'm sorry I spent so
much time trying to get you to do
the stuff I thought you needed to
do. I mean, you obviously had much
bigger plans. Maybe it's okay if
you spend all your time tinkering
instead of making friends.

Filly walks out and Scoot follows.

SC. 23 - EXT. SCHOOLHOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Scoot looks up to see all the ponies from school crowded around Filly and talking at once.

228 SNIPS
How did you know those bugs liked
purple?

229 TWIST
I'll finally be able to eat my
lunch in peace.

230 DIAMOND TIARA
And the new water spouts are
ingenious. So clever!

Scoot watches as they continue to crowd around Filly, who smiles at them-- oddly, but pleased.

Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom walk up to Scoot.

231 APPLE BLOOM
Well, look at that. I think she's
going to make friends after all.

232 SWEETIE BELLE
And all on her own.

233 SCOOTALOO
(shaking her head)
Yeah. I guess I never should have
stuck my hoof in to begin with. She
didn't need me at all.

234 FILLY KEEN (O.S.)
That's not true.

REVEAL - Filly standing in front of the crowd.

235 FILLY KEEN (CONT'D)
If you hadn't taken the trouble to
try and help me make friends, I
never would have noticed the water
fountain, or the class plant, or
the Murine Mustangota.

236 SCOOTALOO
But you probably would have found
other stuff to put in your book.

237 FILLY KEEN
Maybe. But if it wasn't for you, I
might not have looked up from it
long enough to see what the ponies
around her needed.

238 APPLE BLOOM
I guess you can lead a pony to
friendship, but you can't make her
friends.

Suddenly the sound of a SCOOTER comes from off screen as Pip
comes careening through the play ground, barely sliding to a
stop in front of the crowd.

239 PIP
 (winded)
Actually, Scootaloo, I think I
could use a few pointers, if you
wouldn't mind.

240 SCOOTALOO
 (smiles)
Absolutely. Just don't lean on my
knowhow too much. You gotta learn
some of this stuff on your own.

As the crowd gathers around Scoot and Filly we...

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