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Friendship Lesson: With courage, strength and beauty on your side, nothing is impossible.

TEASER

Sc. 1 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - DAY

ANGLE ON APPLE BLOOM and APPLEJACK set up their tent.

1 APPLE BLOOM
Tent's lookin' good. We should do the
annual big sister little sister
camping trip every weekend!

2 APPLEJACK
(smiles) Then it wouldn't be annual.
And if we did it every weekend, it
probably wouldn't be as special.

The Apple sisters share a smile.

ANGLE ON RARITY and SWEETIE BELLE as they hang colorful paper lanterns in the neighboring trees. Sweetie Belle takes it all in.

3 SWEETIE BELLE
Oooh. Rarity, I didn't think Winsome
Falls could be any more beautiful...

4 RARITY
I know, darling. The trick is to
highlight the natural beauty that's
already there. And these lanterns
really do brighten up the forest.

ANGLE ON RAINBOW DASH and SCOOTALOO as they forage for food. Rainbow Dash has a satchel of berries on her back while Scootaloo holds a book. As Rainbow Dash comes across a bush filled with berries...

5 RAINBOW DASH
Mmm. These berries look good enough to
eat.

As Rainbow Dash's about to put a hoof-full in her mouth, Scootaloo checks her book.

6 SCOOTALOO
DON'T! According to my book, they are
extremely poisonous.

Rainbow Dash drops the berries hastily. Suddenly we hear a <LOW BUZZING SOUND>.

Scootaloo <SCREAMS> and jumps back, snapping a twig, which also makes her <SCREAM> then whirls around and comes face to face with a dark and spooky cave. She <SCREAMS> a third time.

7 RAINBOW DASH
What?

8 SCOOTALOO
I heard something I stepped on
something and I saw that creepy cave.

9 RAINBOW DASH
It's nothing. You're gonna be fine.
You're with me. Besides, (she looks at
her satchel) we got enough berries!
C'mon! Let's go!

Scootaloo and Rainbow Dash take off as we ANGLE BACK ON Apple Bloom and Applejack. They put the finishing touches on their tent.

Rarity and Sweetie Belle arrive from hanging lanterns.

10 SWEETIE BELLE
Perfect! The older we get, the better
you are at making tents.

11 APPLE BLOOM
And the lanterns look amazing!

Rainbow Dash and Scootaloo arrive with their satchel of berries.

12 SCOOTALOO
It took us a while but we picked so
many berries, we could make pies!

13 SWEETIE BELLE
This is going to be the best big
sister/little sister camping trip
ever!

Suddenly, a thick SWARM OF NIBBLERS (A SMALL WINGED BUG)
descends on the camp. The ponies are inundated.

14 APPLE BLOOM
Ow! What are these things?

15 APPLEJACK
Nibblers! Their bites itch somethin'
fierce! Everypony run for cover!

As they swat bugs with their tails and shake their manes, They
all run for the tents but before they get there they realize the
tents are already swarming with the bugs.

16 SWEETIE BELLE
Agh! Now what?

17 RAINBOW DASH
Follow me, everypony!

Rainbow Dash leads the way as they all gallop away from the swarm of bugs toward the cave from earlier. As she goes,

18 SCOOTALOO
Not the scary cave!

Rainbow Dash pulls her in.

Sc. 2 - INT. CAVE - DAY

The ponies are all covered in bug bites. They look at each other, disappointed. Scootaloo looks a bit spooked.

19 APPLE BLOOM
Well, camping was going to be fun. But now it's starting to "bug" me. Get it?

As Apple Bloom tries to laugh and the others just scratch away...

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

Sc. 3 - INT. CAVE - DAY

The ponies remain sheltered in the cave. Sweetie Belle can't stop scratching herself.

20 RARITY
Sweetie Belle, darling try not to scratch. You'll only make it worse.

21 SWEETIE BELLE
But I am so itchy!

22 RARITY
Try and think about something else.

23 SWEETIE BELLE
Like what? How those bugs are ruining our trip?

24 APPLE BLOOM
Yeah, where did they come from?

25 RARITY
Maybe they were attracted to the lanterns?

26 RAINBOW DASH
Or to the berries?

Sweetie Belle can't help but scratch:

27 SWEETIE BELLE
(itches like crazy) I think they were attracted to me!

The others aren't faring much better. They're all pretty itchy.

28 APPLEJACK
What we need is a distraction!
Maybe we should tell stories?

29 RAINBOW DASH
You want stories? I've got a ton of stories. Spoiler Alert. They're all about me and how awesome I am.

30 APPLEJACK
I was thinking more like campfire stories.

31 RARITY
That's sounds like a lovely idea.

32 SCOOTALOO
But...(searching for an excuse not to)
we don't even have a campfire.

33 RAINBOW DASH
I got it.

Rainbow Dash dashes out of the cave, through the Nibblers and then dashes back in. She's got a few twigs and a few new bites.

34 APPLEJACK
Wow. That was brave.

35 RAINBOW DASH
(scratching) Eh, it was no biggie.

Applejack uses a heavy larger rock to chip some smaller rocks off the side of the cave. She uses the flint rocks to spark a small fire. Rarity magics some rocks around it to contain it.

36 RARITY
Wonderful! Now we have a cozy warm campfire.

Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle settle around it. But Scootaloo looks horrified.

37 SCOOTALOO
(The truth) But it's scary enough just being in here. I really don't want to tell scary stories.

38 APPLEJACK
Don't worry, Scootaloo. This isn't like our last camping trip. I was gonna tell you mine and Apple Bloom's favorite legend!

39 APPLE BLOOM
You mean Rockhoof? Ooh! I love that one! He was so strong and when he...

40 SWEETIE BELLE
Apple Bloom! Shhh. I haven't heard it yet.

41 APPLE BLOOM
Sorry.

42 APPLEJACK

(chuckles) Well, it's true. Rockhoof was known far and wide for his incredible strength but he didn't start out that way...

TRUCK IN ON APPLEJACK as she begins the tale.

43 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
You see, Rockhoof was a tiny little fella, the son of a farmer.

Apple Bloom's head pops into frame.

44 APPLE BLOOM
Just like us!

She pops back out.

45 APPLEJACK
They lived in a village that sat at the foot of a gigantic volcano...

FLASHBACK TO:

SC. 4 - EXT. ROCKHOOF'S VILLAGE - DAY

WE SEE a quaint Viking-esque village nestled just below a magnificently intimidating volcano and to the side is the sea.

46 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
And the village was protected by an elite group of Guard Ponies called the Mighty Helm.

WE SEE the large, mighty GUARD PONIES, they wear a spiked helmet and carry a spear. They stand encircling the village.

47 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
Young Rockhoof wanted nothing more than to be a part of the Mighty Helm, but he was told that he was too scrawny and weak to protect the village.

WE SEE several of the Guard Ponies standing in front of the smaller ROCKHOOF, with an enormous SHOVEL slung over his shoulder. It makes him look even smaller. The Guard Ponies just shake their head "no." Some even laugh at his diminutive size. Rockhoof walks away sad but determined.

48 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
But Rockhoof wouldn't take "no" for an answer.

ON Rockhoof doing pushups (plank ups?), pullups, he uses his shovel to dig a hole. At first he can barely move any dirt with it, but slowly the amount of earth he can move increases.

49 ROCKHOOF
I will be a Mighty Helm!

50 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
Then one fateful day...

All of a sudden, the ground begins to rumble, then shake violently. Rockhoof looks up to see black smoke billowing out of the volcano. Then, HOT LAVA starts bubbling and flowing out of the top of it.

BACK TO THE CAVE:

SC. 5 - INT. CAVE - CONTINUOUS

Rainbow Dash, Sweetie Belle, and Scootaloo listen intently. Apple Bloom bounces excitedly.

51 APPLE BLOOM
Oooh this is my favorite part!

52 SWEETIE BELLE/
SCOOTALOO/RAINBOW DASH
What happened next?!

Applejack and Rarity share a look, The girls aren't scratching anymore. Applejack smiles.

53 APPLEJACK
As the molten lava poured down the
side of the volcano...

FLASHBACK TO:

SC. 6 - ROCKHOOF'S VILLAGE - DAY

WE SEE The Mighty Helm are huddled together discussing what to do animatedly. Some gesture to the volcano, others to the town.

54 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
The Mighty Helm couldn't figure out a
way to save the village. They had to
evacuate.

VILLAGERS surround them.

55 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
But the village ponies didn't want to
leave their homes! They spent their
entire lives there and had nowhere
else to go!

ANGLE ON Rockhoof overhearing the arguing. He looks at the volcano at the villagers and the Mighty Helm.

56 APPLEJACK
So Rockhoof decided to do something
crazy.

Rockhoof takes off towards the volcano with his trusted shovel. Rockhoof starts to dig a trench at the base of the volcano. As he digs the lava bubbles down toward him.

57 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
He thought if he could divert the flow
of lava he might just be able to save
his village! He started digging a
trench.

SC. 7 - INT. CAVE - CONTINUOUS

58 RAINBOW DASH
Wait a minute. It'd be impossible for
one pony to dig a trench big enough
and fast enough to stop the lava!

59 APPLEJACK
Well, good thing Rockhoof didn't
believe in the word "impossible".

SC. 8 - ROCKHOOF'S VILLAGE - DAY

Rockhoof is working at an incredible pace but the lava is catching up to him, he's in a race for his life against the lava. As he digs, ferociously and with an unshakeable determination a magical transformation occurs.

60 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
He continued to work, knowing the odds
were against him. But he was
determined to push through and then
something magical happened.

He grows in size. His muscles bulge.

61 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
Rockhoof got visibly stronger. But the
lava was getting closer and closer...

Rockhoof doesn't stop to notice, but continues to dig the trench down the side of the volcano and around the village.

ANGLE ON the villagers and the Ponies of the Guard as they are starting to evacuate. Once they spot Rockhoof they drop everything and watch in amazement as he works. Just as the lava is about to singe his hooves, he finishes his trench to the sea. He leaps out of the way and the lava sizzles and cools in the water. The villagers cheer. Rockhoof looks over at them and then passes out from exhaustion.

62 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
Through his extraordinary
determination and sheer force of will,
Rockhoof more than earned his place in
the Mighty Helm.

TIME DISSOLVE:

REVEAL Rockhoof, now in official Mighty Helm attire, holding his trusty shovel instead of a spear. The Mighty Helm cheer for Rockhoof and struggle to lift him on their shoulders, now that he's so big.

SC. 9 - INT. CAVE - CONTINUOUS

Sweetie Belle, Apple Bloom, and Scootaloo let out a cheer for Rockhoof as well.

63 SCOOTALOO/ SWEETIE BELLE
Wow! That was awesome!

64 APPLE BLOOM
I love that story no matter how many
times I hear it. (To Applejack) Maybe
cuz you kinda remind me of him.

65 APPLEJACK
Really? How?

66 APPLE BLOOM
You'd do anything you could to protect
our family and our farm even if it
meant doing something impossible.

Flattered and slightly blushing, Applejack gives Apple Bloom a hug.

67 RAINBOW DASH
Good story, Applejack! Even if it
wasn't about me.

68 SCOOTALOO
Let's see if it's safe to head back to
camp.

69 SWEETIE BELLE (O.S.)
Uh girls....

Reveal Sweetie Belle has already made her way over to the edge of the cave.

70 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
There is no camp to go back to....

Sweetie Belle points at their campsite. WE SEE that the relentless swarm of insects keep up their assault on the campsite. The food has all been knocked onto the ground, the tents are all over turned and the lanterns are knocked down and shattered. Everypony joins her at the mouth of the cave.

71 SCOOTALOO
Oh no....

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 10 - INT. CAVE - DAY

All of the ponies stand at the edge of the cave, looking down at their campsite. Sweetie Belle dejectedly lowers her shoulders and retreats into the cave.

72 SWEETIE BELLE
All our hard work is ruined.

73 RARITY
There, there. Sweetie Belle. It will be okay.

74 SWEETIE BELLE
How? Our camp was so pretty and this cave is sooo....not.

75 RARITY
Not true! There is beauty in everything...

Rarity looks around for something pretty.

76 RARITY (CONT'D)
Like the... um... way the fire dances in shadow on the wall of the cave.

Everypony else looks at the cave wall, is it kinda pretty? Maybe? Not really though...

77 RARITY (CONT'D)
Alright. You know what? It's time for another story and I know just the one. The Legend of Mistmane.

78 RAINBOW DASH
Mistmane? Isn't she the old wrinkly sorceress with the flower?

79 RARITY
Yes. But did you know she used to be the most beautiful unicorn in all the land?

80 RAINBOW DASH
No.

81 SWEETIE BELLE/APPLE
BLOOM/SCOOTALOO
So what happened to her?

82 RARITY
Well, Mistmane was a very promising young sorceress.

FLASHBACK TO:

SC. 11 - EXT. MISTMANE'S VILLAGE - DAY

Mistmane, a gorgeous young unicorn, is outside her home in a quaint adorable little village (Think where Mulan was from.) She waves goodbye to her family, then gives her best friend, SABLE MARROW (also a unicorn), a hug as she leaves.

83 RARITY (V.O.)
She was sent to the finest magic
school...

SC. 12 - INT. CLASSROOM - LATER

Mistmane is studying amid herbs when she gets a letter.

84 RARITY (V.O.)
While she was gone she was delighted
to find out her best friend, Sable
Marrow, was crowned Empress. She
couldn't wait to return home.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 13 - EXT. MISTMANE'S VILLAGE - LATER

The same adorable little village is now gutted. It's villagers look haggard and worn and the streets are in shambles. Mistmane looks shocked.

85 RARITY (V.O.)
She was devastated when she arrived
however.

She walks through the streets in disbelief and approaches a villager.

86 MISTMANE
What happened here?

87 VILLAGER
The Empress happened. She makes
everypony work day and night on her
palace. We don't have time to take
care of anything else.

88 MISTMANE
That can't be. I know her. She would
never do this.

89 RARITY (V.O.)
But there was no denying what was in
front of her.

We see an ornate carriage roll through the street, carrying the EMPRESS who we don't see behind a veil. As she passes a small child holding a flower her carriage stops. Then magically the flower is pulled from the child and sucked into the carriage.

90 RARITY (V.O.)
She took everything that was beautiful
away from anypony else.

Mistmane looks horrified.

91 VILLAGER
Some ponies say that she steals pretty
things because she's hideous inside
and out.

92 RARITY (V.O.)
Mistmane was sure there was some
explanation.

SC. 14 - INT. CAVE - BACK TO PRESENT

Sweetie Belle looks to Apple Bloom and Scootaloo.

93 SWEETIE BELLE
I'd assume there was too, if somepony
told me either one of you two'd gone
evil.

94 APPLE BLOOM
Yeah, me too. I'd never believe it.

95 SCOOTALOO
I'm not sure. I've seen the way you
two get when you miss breakfast. (off
their looks) Just kidding! But I'd
want answers for sure.

96 RARITY
So did Mistmane. She went to confront
her friend.

SC. 15 - INT. EMPRESS'S PALACE - LATER

Mistmane enters the throne room of a cool Asian influenced palace. SABLE MARROW sits at the throne, wearing her veil.

97 MISTMANE
Sable? Is that you?

98 SABLE MARROW
Don't tell me you don't recognize your
old friend.

99 MISTMANE
I don't. My friend would never work
our families and friends to the bone
for something as silly as a palace.

100 SABLE MARROW
Silly? My palace is a beacon of
beauty. Anypony who passes will be in
awe of its majesty.

101 MISTMANE
What good is a pretty palace if it
just hides the misery of its ponies?

102 SABLE MARROW
Beauty is everything. You taught me
that.

Mistmane looks taken aback.

103 MISTMANE
What?

104 SABLE MARROW
You were always the pretty one. You
got to go to the best magic school.
Everypony missed you. Everypony loves
you. I admit, I was jealous. So I
tried to perform a spell that would
make me beautiful...

She takes off her veil. Clearly the spell didn't work. Mistmane
<GASPS>.

105 SABLE MARROW (CONT'D)
So I vowed that if I couldn't have
beauty, I would take it. I wasn't
chosen to be Empress you know. I took
it. Just like I'm going to take
everything else.

106 MISTMANE
I can't let you do that.

107 SABLE MARROW
Let me? <EVIL LAUGH>

Sable Marrow sends a magical blast to Mistmane. It encircles her
with hedge of thorns. Mistmane blasts the thorns away but Sable
tries to hit her again with a dragon made of fire. Mistmane
summons a water blast to put the dragon out. Then Mistmane aims
a blast at Sable's hooves. A flower grows beneath her and traps
Sable in its bud.

The guards <CHEER>.

108 RARITY (V.O.)
With Sable Marrow defeated, everypony thought Mistmane would be the new Empress. But Mistmane didn't want to be Empress. And despite everything, she wanted to help her friend. She believed that there was beauty in everypony, you just have to remind them that it's there!

Mistmane takes a deep breath and puts a hoof on the flower bud. She closes her eyes and an essence leaves her and transfers to the flower. As it goes, we see Mistmane's beauty fade as she prematurely ages. The flower blooms into an orchid. Its petals open up REVEALING a beautiful Sable Marrow. She looks at Mistmane.

109 SABLE MARROW
What did you do?

110 MISTMANE
I gave you what you needed.

111 RARITY (V.O.)
Sable Marrow was so touched by Mistmane's gesture that she vowed to be more like her friend in the ways that mattered. From then on, she ruled with kindness and compassion.

SC. 16 - EXT. MISTMANE'S VILLAGE - LATER

We see the village is back as it was and everypony looks happy as Sable Marrow visits and gives out beautiful flowers to the villagers and to the child she took one from in the beginning.

112 SWEETIE BELLE (V.O.)
And what happened to Mistmane?

113 RARITY (V.O.)
Somehow after that battle, her magic was stronger than ever. And even though she gave away her physical beauty, she dedicated her life to spreading beauty all over Equestria in whatever way she could.

SC. 17 - EXT. EQUESTRIA - SOMEWHERE

Mistmane, now in her cloak with an orchid pin, passes by some ponies by a dying apple tree.

She touches it and it comes back to life. The ponies smile at Mistmane. As she leaves she's followed by beautiful butterflies and birds.

SC. 18 - INT. CAVE - CONTINUOUS

Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle, and Scootaloo are transfixed.

114 RARITY
Anytime you go out of your way to brighten somepony's day by doing something nice like giving them flowers, you're following in the hoofsteps of Mistmane.

115 SWEETIE BELLE
Is that why you do stuff like that all the time?

It's Rarity's turn to blush.

116 RARITY
Well, I don't know about all the time...

117 APPLEJACK
It's true, Rarity. You sure do try to make everything a little brighter.

Rainbow Dash shrugs and nods - Rarity really does.

118 RARITY
Aww. Thanks girls.

The moment is broken when Rainbow Dash notices the swarm of insects is headed their way.

119 RAINBOW DASH
Ugh! These nibblers won't quit!

120 SCOOTALOO
What are we going to do?

Without hesitating, Rainbow Dash pulls out a large rock from above the cave's entrance causing a ROCK SLIDE. The cave opening is now sealed shut. And the wind from the falling rocks blows the fire out. Everypony looks at Rainbow Dash incredulously.

121 RAINBOW DASH
What?

122 APPLEJACK
Um, you do realize that you just blocked our only way out, right?

123 RAINBOW DASH
But I also blocked the bugs from
coming in.

Everypony stares at the enclosed cave opening.

124 RARITY
I suppose you're right. On the bright
side, all we have to do is wait until
the swarm moves on. Then we can figure
out a way to get out of here.

125 SCOOTALOO
That's not a "bright side". A bright
side is not being trapped in a dark,
scary cave!

126 RAINBOW DASH
It'll be okay, Scootaloo.

127 SCOOTALOO
You have a plan?

128 RAINBOW DASH
Close. I have a story!

129 APPLEJACK
Let me guess, it's about you?

Applejack finds the flint rock and re-lights the fire.

130 RAINBOW DASH
Practically. It's about *my* favorite
legend, Flash Prance...

131 APPLE BLOOM
Wasn't he the pony who took on the
Dragons?...

132 SCOOTALOO
(scared) Dragons? Big, scary mean ones
or like Spike?

133 RAINBOW DASH
Oh these were definitely the big scary
mean kind...

Rainbow sees Scootaloo's face.

134 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
But not too scary. (then) You can sit
closer to me if you want.

Scootaloo scoots riiight up next to Rainbow Dash.

135 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Flash Prance was a lowly cadet in the
Royal Legion...

SC. 19 - EXT. DRAGON LANDS - BORDER - DAY

WE SEE FLASH PRANCE flying in formation with the Royal Legion
(they're all pegasi and their armor is Greco-Roman).

136 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
...And the Legion needed to fly over
the Dragon Lands to get to their
comrades on the other side. But as
they got closer to the Dragons...

As the legion flies over the Dragon Lands, a few DRAGONS fly up
to them.

137 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
...The Dragons atta--AAAUGH!

CUT TO:

SC. 20 - INT. CAVE - PRESENT

Scootaloo is hugging Rainbow's face.

138 SCOOTALOO
You said this wasn't too scary!!

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 21 - INT. CAVE - SAME

Scootaloo is still on Rainbow's face.

139 RAINBOW DASH
(muffled)
Scootaloo, if you just hang in there--

140 SCOOTALOO
What?

Rainbow Dash pries Scootaloo off her face.

141 RAINBOW DASH
I said, if you just hang in there, I
promise you'll like the ending.

142 SCOOTALOO
Okay...

143 RAINBOW DASH
The ponies fought valiantly against
the dragons...

FLASHBACK TO:

SC. 22 - EXT. DRAGON LANDS - DAY

The ponies try to form ranks but they're besieged on every side by the dragons.

144 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
They tried to battle, but the Dragons
overwhelmed them.

Pony Army COMMANDER IRONHEAD yells to his troops:

145 COMMANDER IRONHEAD
Everypony, RETREAT!!

ANGLE ON Flash Prance with two army mates. They get separated from the battalion trying to fend off two dragons. Flash Prance manages to outfly them but the dragons grab the other two and head back down to their lair.

146 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
Flash Prance and a few other cadets
were separated from the battalion. He
managed to get away but the dragons
captured his friends and took them
back to their lair.

Flash Prance looks down, conflicted, but has no choice but to follow the rest of the Legion.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 23 - EXT. DRAGON LANDS - BORDER - LATER

The troops are hiding in the forest. Flash Prance joins them. Commander Ironhead addresses his embattled troops.

147 COMMANDER IRONHEAD
Ponies, we need to do an about-face
and retreat.

148 FLASH PRANCE
But Captain, we need to save our
captured brothers.

149 COMMANDER IRONHEAD
How? Getting past the dragons is going
to be impossible.
(MORE)

COMMANDER IRONHEAD (CONT'D)

I appreciate your loyalty, Flash
Prance, but nothing will work.

150 FLASH PRANCE
No disrespect, Sir, but why don't we
try and focus on a way that could
work.

151 COMMANDER IRONHEAD
Like what?

Flash Prance doesn't have an answer. With the others watching,
he thinks and thinks...

SC. 24 - INT. CAVE - CONTINUOUS

152 APPLE BLOOM
The Commander was right. You can't out-
fight Dragons.

153 RAINBOW DASH
But you can out think them...

154 APPLE BLOOM / SWEETIE BELLE
/ SCOOTALOO
Ohhhhhh...

SC. 25 - EXT. MEADOW - DAY

Flash Prance is still thinking of a solution...then it occurs to
him!

155 FLASH PRANCE
You can't out-fight dragons. But you
can out think them.

156 ARMY PONIES
Ohhh...

157 FLASH PRANCE
Commander Ironhead, I'm pretty sure I
can outfly the Dragons.

158 COMMANDER IRONHEAD
Pretty sure?

159 FLASH PRANCE
I did it once before. If I can lure
the dragons into chasing me, you can
all sneak into the lair and retrieve
our friends before they get back.

160 COMMANDER IRONHEAD
Are you really willing to take that
chance, Soldier?

161 FLASH PRANCE
I am, Sir.

162 COMMANDER IRONHEAD
Then let's do it.

SC. 26 - EXT. DRAGON LANDS - LATER

Commander Ironhead and his cadets are gathered behind a rock.
Flash Prance peeks around and sees the dragon lair.

163 COMMANDER IRONHEAD
It's a very brave thing you're doing.
You'll need all the help you can get.

Commander Ironhead puts a shield on Flash Prance's back.

164 FLASH PRANCE
Is this your fireproof shield?

Ironhead nods.

165 COMMANDER IRONHEAD
Good luck, soldier.

SC. 27 - EXT. DRAGON LANDS - LAIR

The dragons are guarding the pony prisoners. Suddenly Flash
Prance darts out from behind the rock.

166 FLASH PRANCE
Hey! Come and get me, fire breath! If
you can!

Flash Prance takes to the sky. The dragons give chase.

167 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
While Flash Prance bravely flew for
his life, Commander Ironhoof was able
to get his soldiers back.

We see Commander Ironhead sneak into the lair. Meanwhile...

SC. 28 - EXT. SKY - SAME

The dragons are flying after Flash Prance. They breathe fire at
him but his shield protects him.

168 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
Flash Prance flew like the wind.
Faster than the dragons! But he knew
he couldn't do this forever. Luckily,
he had a plan.

Flash Prance narrowly dodges fire blasts and makes a b-line for a big STORM CLOUD ahead that the pegasi from the legion are forming. When they spot him coming they clear the area as he leads the dragons under it.

169 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
He led the dragons straight into a
storm that the Legion planted.

Lightning fires all around them and eventually hits the two dragons, who yelp and retreat.

170 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
One taste of the lightning and the
dragons retreated! Flash Prance's plan
worked.

On Flash Prance still in the cloud, narrowly dodging lightning.

SC. 29 - EXT. MEADOW - DAY

Commander Ironhead, the newly recovered cadets, and the rest of the Legion nervously watch the storm cloud and wait. Suddenly, Flash Prance flies out of the cloud. The Army CHEERS! MATCH CUT WITH:

SC. 30 - INT. CAVE - CONTINUOUS

Sweetie Belle, Apple Bloom, and Scootaloo let out the same CHEER.

171 APPLE BLOOM / SWEETIE BELLE
 / SCOOTALOO
Yay!!!!

172 SCOOTALOO
Wow. I did like that ending.

173 RAINBOW DASH
Tolja! He always inspired me to be my
brave and awesome self.

She looks at everypony expectantly.

174 APPLEJACK
Yeah I guess he kinda reminds me of
you.

175 RAINBOW DASH
You guess?? C'mon! I'm just like him.

176 RARITY
Well he is fast. And did you say the shield was blue? That's something you kind of have in common.

177 RAINBOW DASH
I didn't say it was blue. What about his bravery? And his loyalty?

Everypony smiles, giving up the ruse.

178 RARITY
Yes, Rainbow Dash, you're just like Flash Prance.

179 APPLEJACK
Hey, d'you hear that?

Everypony stops. Nothing.

180 APPLE BLOOM
I don't hear anything.

181 APPLEJACK
Exactly. Those gosh darn nibblers are gone! We can get out!

Applejack moves a boulder from the pile blocking the entrance. But as soon as she does, more boulders fall in its place.

182 RARITY
Or not.

183 RAINBOW DASH
What we need is a plan, like Flash Prance. I'll come up with it since I'm the one most like him.

184 APPLEJACK
Maybe instead of trying to get out the way we came in, we should explore going out the other way.

185 RAINBOW DASH
Hey!

186 SCOOTALOO
You mean go further into the dark, spooky cave?

187 RARITY
It's worth a shot. And I'm afraid it's
our only option, Scootaloo.

188 RAINBOW DASH
Which is why I was gonna say it. But I
was too busy saying that I was gonna
say it.

Rarity uses her magic to produce light so they can see. As they
bravely but nervously make their way through the dark...

As they move forward, Rainbow Dash hears something up ahead.

189 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I hear water!

Everypony freezes. They hear the sound of <RUNNING WATER>.

190 RARITY
And if there's flowing water, then...

191 APPLEJACK
It might lead to a way out!

Everypony gallops ahead until they get to the edge of a stream.
It continues down a long tunnel but at the end of it we see a
little sliver of BRIGHT LIGHT.

192 RARITY
The good news is, we are going to get
out of here. The bad news is, we are
going to get wet doing it!

193 RAINBOW DASH
I say we ride the stream until we get
out of the cave! (beat) Yesss. Planned
it.

194 SCOOTALOO
Looks dangerous.

195 APPLEJACK
We'll stick together.

196 SCOOTALOO
Won't be a problem. (sidles up to
Rainbow Dash) I'm never leaving your
side!

197 APPLEJACK
You guys ready to get out of here?

The CMC's hesitantly nod their heads "yes."

198 RARITY
Okay, on three. One, two...

199 APPLE BLOOM / SWEETIE BELLE
/ SCOOTALOO
Three!!!

All the ponies jump into the fast moving stream.

SC. 31 - INT. CAVE - STREAM/TUNNEL - CONTINUOUS

WE FOLLOW their adventure in the water. At one point, the CMC's have trouble keeping afloat but Apple Jack uses her strength to keep them above water. After a little while, the CMC's get the hang of it and start enjoying the ride.

As they have to go under water to pop out on the other side, they whoop it up and land in a pond in sun-filled Winsome Falls.

SC. 32 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - CONTINUOUS

They happily climb out of the pond and gratefully look around.

200 SCOOTALOO
Winsome Falls never looked so
beautiful!

201 APPLE BLOOM
And no bugs!

202 APPLEJACK
We really are sorry that our annual
big sister/little sister camping trip
wasn't what we hoped it would be.

The CMC's look at each other and smile.

203 SWEETIE BELLE
Are you kidding?!

204 APPLE BLOOM
This trip is awesome!

205 RARITY
(surprised) It is?

206 SWEETIE BELLE
Sure! We got to hear legendary
stories...

207 APPLE BLOOM
...And go on an unexpected adventure.

208 SCOOTALOO
And now we get to be brave, strong and
make our camp beautiful again.

209 APPLEJACK
Wait, you three want to stay?

210 SWEETIE BELLE/APPLE
BLOOM/SCOOTALOO
Of course we do!

As everypony sets to work restoring their camp...

211 SCOOTALOO
I can't wait to see what happens next
year!!!

Off the Big Sister's <LAUGHING>, WE FADE OUT.

THE END