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TEASER

Sc. 1 - EXT. FOREST - DAY

Scotaloo, Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle are with Applejack, Rainbow Dash, and Rarity. They're all excited to go on their annual big sister/little sister camping trip! As they travel to Winsome Falls, they talk about how beautiful the campgrounds are and reminisce about how much fun they've always had on their previous camping trips.

Sc. 2 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - LATER THAT DAY

When they arrive at Winsome Falls, they can't believe their eyes. The place is not at all how they remembered it. Their once glorious campgrounds have turned into a complete disaster area; trees have been knocked down, the riverbed has dried up and in its place is sludge around the camp, and the lush meadow has turned brown and dusty. The ponies look at each other in horror and disappointment. What are they going to do?

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT I

Sc. 3 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - DAY

The disappointed CMC's think the conditions are depressing and untenable for a camping trip. But Rarity, Apple Jack, and Rainbow Dash say Winsome Falls means too much to them. They can restore it! The CMC's are confused. The place is a disaster area. What could they possibly do to bring this place back to life? The big sisters explain that with a little bit of imagination and hard work, they would be surprised at what they can accomplish. Hearing a creature howl, Scootaloo says, "With a little hard work, we can also get home before nightfall." But the big sisters stay positive. Applejack, "We can just divide and conquer." The big sisters divide the chores and break off into teams.

Sc. 4 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - RIVERBED

Applejack and Apple Bloom approach a large tree that has fallen over and is acting like a dam, diverting the flow of the stream away from Winsome Falls. Applejack explains that restoring Winsome Falls requires restoring its water supply. Apple Bloom looks at the large, fallen tree and begins to laugh. How are they possibly going to lift a tree? Applejack, "With a little will and determination, maybe we can muster up the strength to move it. At least we can try." Apple Bloom stops laughing long enough to help her sister try. But even their combined strength isn't enough. Apple Bloom, "We're never gonna make this tree move. Can we just go home?"

Sc. 5 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - SLUDGY MEADOW

Rarity and Sweetie Belle survey the meadow, covered in sludge. As Sweetie Belle carefully steps around the sludge, she declares that the meadow, which used to be filled with beautiful wildflowers, was her

favorite place in Winsome Falls. Rarity says if they're willing to get a little dirty, , it can once again become her favorite place. But how? Rarity, “We can start by working our tails off to clean up this sludge! Then we can pick the weeds and make room for new wildflowers.” Sweetie Belle relents and starts picking up sludge with her magic, a disgusted look on her face.

Sc. 6 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - EDGE OF THE FOREST

Rainbow Dash explains to Scootaloo that they will have to venture deep into the forest to gather berries and other fruits to supply everyone with the energy they'll need to complete their tasks. Scootaloo is too scared to enter the forest. Scootaloo, “Especially since something terrible must have caused all this ugliness to Winsome Falls. And I bet it's lurking in the forest right now.” Rainbow Dash tells Scootaloo that the others are counting on them. She needs to face her fears. After a beat, Scootaloo abates and hesitantly enters the forest. Suddenly, she hears a roar in the distance. Scootaloo runs out of the forest; “Scootaloo says toodle-loo!”

END ACT I

ACT II

Sc. 7 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - RIVERBED

Apple Bloom looks disheveled as she gives a determined look at the fallen tree. She grunts, then pushes, then tumbles back, utterly exhausted. As Apple Bloom nurses her sore muscles, she tells Applejack, “See? I told you this was impossible!” With that, Applejack lets go of her end of the tree and lets it fall. She joins Apple Bloom as they sit on the trunk of the tree. Applejack asks her little sister, “Have I ever told you the tale of Rockhoof?” Apple Bloom can barely shake her head, no. Applejack, “Once upon a time, there was an earth pony named Rockhoof...”

Sc. 8 - EXT. MOUNTAIN NEXT TO ROCKHOOF'S HAMLET - DAY

The hamlet has a hazy, dreamlike quality to it. WE SEE Rockhoof, a scrawny pony holding his ever-present axe, happily heading up the mountain. In V.O., Applejack explains he was just an ordinary pony. We see him cutting some smaller branches from felled trees. Suddenly, Rockhoof sees water begin to flow down the side of the mountain. Some of the other logger ponies run just ahead of the surging waters and explain to Rockhoof that the dam's about to burst, he should run for his life! Rockhoof looks down the mountain toward his hamlet at the happy little houses and pretty little farms and foals who are playing a little ways off. If he runs, the hamlet will be destroyed. He is determined to do something.

Sc. 9 - EXT. BROKEN DAM - DAY

Rockhoof gallops toward the dam and is overwhelmed by what he sees; raging waters flowing through the broken dam and downhill towards Rockhoof's village. How can one pony stop this? Rockhoof has no choice but to use whatever strength he has to hold back the powerful waters by using his axe and cutting down mighty trees, then stacking several logs, one by one, and tying them together with tree branches. As he continues to work hard, something magical happens. Rockhoof seems to get visibly stronger as builds a temporary dam using sheer determination to push past any ordinary pony's ability to do the job. The other logger ponies watch in awe and by the time he's finishing up, Rockhoof is lifting huge trees and boulders to save his town.

Sc. 10 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - RIVERBED

Applejack and Apple Bloom are as we left them. Applejack finishes up the tall tale, “And so Rockhoof went from an ordinary pony to being a symbol of strength.” Applejack applies this lesson to her little sister, telling Apple Bloom that strength is more than muscle, it’s about determination and believing in herself to muster up her own inner-strength. Apple Bloom considers for a moment and is wowed. If Rockhoof can do it, so can she.

Sc. 11 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - SLUDGY MEADOW

Sweetie Belle is covered in sludge and the meadow doesn’t look much better. She becomes so frustrated that she gives up and lays down in the meadow. Rarity, aware that she needs to inspire her younger sister, plops down next her. Rarity, “Did I ever tell you the tale of Mistmane?” Rarity begins telling the tale. “Long ago, there was a beautiful unicorn named Mistmane. She lived in a sad little village ruled by an evil pony named Sable Marrow...”

Sc. 12 - EXT. MISTMANE’S VILLAGE

Again, the village has a hazy, dreamlike quality to it. WE SEE Mistmane working with some downtrodden villagers as WE HEAR Rarity’s V.O. “Sable Marrow put everypony to work making her palace beautiful, she took and took from the village until it became even uglier than Winsome Falls is now.” WE SEE Sable Marrow as she makes everypony in her village work hard, depleting their resources to make Sable Marrow’s gorgeous palace. Rarity explains that Mistmane was studying magic and believed it was up to her to do something. She couldn’t bear to see her village so stripped bare and the villagers so helpless. She searched and searched for a spell that could help and eventually she found one. But it was very costly. Mistmane realized she could give Sable Marrow inner beauty but that that beauty had to come from somewhere. Selflessly, she used her own external beauty to transform the evil overlord. We watch the transformation as Mistmane takes all of her outer beauty and puts it inside Sable, transforming Sable into a NICE pony. As Sable becomes nicer and nicer, freeing the villagers and donating her palace to them, Mistmane transforms, too. She is drained of all her outer beauty, until Mistmane wasn’t a beautiful Unicorn anymore. But in sacrificing her beauty, something magical happened. Because of her selfless gift, the universe gave her one in return. We see an ever-blooming flower magically grow by Mistmane’s hooves. Legend has it, the ever-blooming flower has the power to make things beautiful once more. She used its power to make the village a happy and pretty place to live again.

Sc. 13 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - DUSTY MEADOW

Sweetie Belle and Rarity are as we left them. Rarity, “Even though Mistmane was never beautiful again on the outside, her inner beauty shone so brightly that she was beloved by all who knew her. They were so grateful for what she’d done.” Sweetie Belle is blown away by this. She hops up and starts trotting away, braving through the sludge. Rarity asks where she is going? Sweetie Belle, “We need to make the meadow beautiful again!” Off Rarity’s smile...

Sc. 14 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - EDGE OF FOREST

A petrified Scootaloo sits on the edge of the thick forest. She keeps trying to make her way in, having several false starts. Scootaloo, “What was that? Did you hear that?” Rainbow Dash, “That’s just your

imagination running away with you.” Rainbow Dash decides to offer some words of encouragement. Scootaloo gives it one last try until she hears a ROAR, way in the distance. Rainbow Dash, “Okay, that one I did hear. But it was a good, long ways away.” Scootaloo says she wishes she was a good long ways away, too. Like home! Rainbow Dash sits next to Scootaloo and begins to tell her a story. “Not a scary one this time, I promise! This is about a brave, courageous pony named Flash Prance...”

Sc. 15 - EXT. FLASH PRANCE MOUNTAIN

Flash Prance Mountain also has a hazy, dreamlike quality to it. WE SEE Flash Prance ducking and hiding behind his shield from attacking dragons. WE HEAR Rainbow Dash’s V.O., “Well, actually, he wasn’t so brave and courageous at first. Flash Prance was afraid of dragons. Which didn’t bode well because back then, ponies and dragons were at war.” WE SEE Flash Prance duck into a bunker, which is already occupied by two other ponies. As the dragons dive bomb them, the ponies talk to Flash Prance about how they can’t possibly defeat all these dragons. Just then a large scary dragon peaks his head into the bunker. Dragon: “Found you.” He laughs evilly. The three ponies scream which blends with Scootaloo’s scream. CUT BACK TO:

Sc. 16 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - EDGE OF FOREST

Scootaloo finishes screaming. Rainbow Dash looks around trying to see what made Scootaloo scream: “What? What’s wrong!?” Scootaloo: “You said this wasn’t a scary story!”

END ACT II

ACT III

Sc. 17 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - EDGE OF FOREST

Rainbow Dash assures Scootaloo it’s not, but she has to hang in there. Scootaloo timidly nods. She doesn’t want to let Dash down. Rainbow continues with her tale.

Sc. 18 - EXT. FLASH PRANCE MOUNTAIN

The Dragon reached into the bunker and grabbed the other two ponies. Flash Prance saw his opportunity and he ran. But he didn’t get too far before he stopped. He couldn’t let the dragon capture his friends, and even though he was scared, he knew in his heart he had to do something. He knew he was no match for the dragon physically, so he looked around for something, anything that could help him save his friends. He looked up and noticed an ice glacier atop the snow capped mountain. Of course there were other dragons between him and the summit but he reached deep within himself and found the courage to race to the peak. Once there, he breaks off a giant piece of ice with his hooves. He bravely holds the ice up to the sky, knowing that one fiery breath from a dragon will melt away his plans, and the ponies’ hopes and dreams. Flash Prance positions the ice and using the mountain acoustics, said in his deepest voice: “Dragons. Hear me. Leave my friends alone or have me to contend with!” From the dragons’ perspective, WE SEE that the ice works like a huge magnifying glass. When the dragons view Flash Prance, he now looks gigantic! Ten times the size of the mighty dragons. It works! The dragons all retreat and fly off in fear. Huzzah!

In V.O., Rainbow Dash says that after his heroic display, Flash Prance’s piece of ice magically turned into a shield.

Sc. 19 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - EDGE OF FOREST

Rainbow Dash and Scootaloo are as we left them. Rainbow Dash finishes up the Pony Lore, “Even though he was scared, Flash Prance saved all the ponies from the fierce dragons. Because he didn’t let his fear stop him and he was able to outsmart his foe, he became a symbol of courage and there’s even a statue of him in Fillydelphia!” Scootaloo has a newfound bravery. “I want to be there for my friends, just like Flash Prance!” Scootaloo tentatively gets up, “Even if I am a little scared.” She makes it into the forest, ready to forage for food for the rest of the ponies, much to Rainbow Dash’s delight.

Sc. 20 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - RIVERBED

A pumped-up Apple Bloom approaches the large, fallen tree blocking the river. Apple Bloom says, “If an ordinary pony like Rockhoof can stop a raging river, we can free this one if we just keep trying!” Applejack admires her spirit. They each grab an end of the fallen tree, count off, 1-2-3... and with a mighty grunt and push, Apple Bloom manages to lift her end just high enough so that Applejack can lift her end and swing the tree around and clear the path. Suddenly, the water flows where it should; to Winsome Falls. They high-hoof!

Sc. 21 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - DUSTY MEADOW

Meanwhile, Sweetie Belle and Rarity have been hard at work transforming the meadow. Rarity is proud of her little sister. Sweetie Belle shrugs. She may not have the magic of Mistmane, but if Mistmane can do something so costly and selfless as giving up her beauty to transform Sable, then she can too! Sweetie Belle clears one more particularly gross piece of sludge, then admires her work. REVEAL the meadow is as pretty a place as it ever was. Sweetie Belle looks on proudly, until Rarity starts to laugh. Sweetie Belle wants to know what’s so funny. Rarity tells her that just like Mistmane, Sweetie Belle had to sacrifice her own beauty. Sweetie Belle is baffled. “What are you talking about?” Rarity leads Sweetie Belle to the river that’s there again thanks to it being unblocked. Rarity shows Sweetie Belle her reflection in the water. She is a complete mess; covered in dirt, her mane tussled and filthy, mud on her face. She is visibly upset. Rarity picks a flower from the now plush meadow and tucks behind Sweetie Belle’s ear, in her mane. Sweetie Belle looks at her reflection, with flower, and breaks out in laughter at her messy image.

Rarity congratulates her for a job well done. With a satisfied smile, Sweetie Belle and Rarity agree, that this meadow is indeed their favorite place.

Sc. 22 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - FOREST

Rainbow Dash and Scootaloo pick berries and vegetation for food. Although Scootaloo is still nervous and skittish, Rainbow Dash couldn’t be more proud of her. After gathering enough food for everypony, they realize that the faint roars that used to be far away are getting louder and closer. Scootaloo wishes she had a large chunk of ice to make herself look bigger. But, since she doesn’t, Scootaloo suggests they make themselves as small as possible. What does she mean? Scootaloo suggests they hide under a pile of leaves until the “beast” goes away. Rainbow Dash agrees and together they make themselves “small”, or at least, nearly invisible under piles of leaves. After the unseen beast passes, Scootaloo and Rainbow Dash grab the gathered food and exit the forest.

Sc. 23 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - NIGHT

Rarity and Sweetie Belle admire Apple Bloom and Applejack’s work; the now flowing river. Applejack and Apple Bloom admire the lush meadow that Sweetie Belle and Rarity have brought back to life. They are extremely proud and the camp is better than ever. Just as Sweetie Belle mentions that the hard work made her starving, Scootaloo and Rainbow Dash come flying out of the forest. Scootaloo and Rainbow Dash notice the river and the meadow and say, “great work”, but then quickly explain that there is a beast on the loose and they gotta get out of there!

Suddenly, the Manticore comes charging out of the forest. Scootaloo, “Too late.” The Manticore roars, which signals all the animals of Winsome Falls to come out. They do, and surround our group of ponies. The Manticore thanks our group for their hard work in restoring the beauty of Winsome Falls. It was way too much for the Manticore and forest creatures to do, and the ponies’ determination, selflessness, and courage, will never be forgotten.

END SHOW