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FRIENDSHIP LESSON: The fillies learn not to discount the past because its lessons are what shape our present.

Applejack, Rainbow Dash, and Rarity are excited for their annual big sister/little sister camping trip! However, when it comes to the nitty gritty details of setting up camp, Scootaloo, Apple Bloom, and Sweetie Belle are less than enthusiastic. Apple Bloom complains that pitching the tent is hard work while Sweetie Belle thinks camping is too dirty. Scootaloo doesn't want to admit it, but the idea of spending the night in the spooky forest still scares her. The big sisters convince the CMC's to go. It'll be fun. More importantly, their camping trip is a tradition. Tradition is history, and history should never be ignored.

Our group arrives at the campgrounds. Applejack, Rarity and Rainbow Dash announce they're going to gather firewood, water, and berries and tell the CMCs to get started on their tent. The CMCs can't swing it, though. Apple Bloom is convinced the tent poles are too heavy, Sweetie Belle doesn't want to help because she doesn't want to get dirty and Scootaloo can't decide which is the safest way to face the tent. The big sisters come back, only to discover that the campgrounds are exactly as they left them; tentless. Uh oh.

Applejack suggests they take a break and gathers everypony around the campfire. Sensing Scootaloo's fear about the scary tales she heard last time, Applejack says she just wants to tell a story about her favorite pony legend. The CMC's groan, ugh, history lessons! This is supposed to be fun! Undaunted, the big sisters tell their tales. Applejack begins by telling the tale of Rockhoof, a Paul Bunion-type pony who saved all of Equestria from a drought by digging an entire riverbed with his mighty hoof, even though the task seemed impossible. Apple Bloom is taken by Rockhoof's strength and determination. Then Rarity tells the story of Mistmane, a sorceress who always found a way to make Equestria beautiful, even if it meant giving away her own beauty. Sweetie Belle admires that Mistmane's beauty comes from her selflessness. Finally, Rainbow Dash tells the story of Flash Prance, a courageous leader of ancient Equestria who rallied his apathetic village, into defending their home against a horde of dragons and went on to start the Wonderbolts. Scootaloo is impressed by his bravery! The CMC's are blown away by the stories!

Inspired, the CMCs start setting up their tent. Having learned that you never know how strong you are until you try, Apple Bloom raises the tent pole. Success! Sweetie Belle is totally ok with helping and getting her hooves a bit dirty now that she's reminded that beauty comes from within. And Scootaloo is fine with the tent facing the spooky forest, because courage is all about facing your fears!

A bit later, the CMCs proudly show their sisters their tent. Reveal that the tent is indeed "set up", but it's rickety and lopsided. Rarity: "We are so glad you took our stories to heart, but that is unsafe and there's no way we can let you sleep in it!" They all share a laugh. The big sisters lend a hoof and together, they all get the tents up and working correctly.