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Friendship Lesson: Some things that are important to one pony may not be as important to another pony.

The CMC's are with a dozen or so Blank Flanks, about to start the first day of Cutie Mark Camp, where everypony can try out a bunch of activities in one convenient spot to see if they get their cutie mark. It would normally take a long time to try all these different activities, but the CMC's are hoping this camp makes it a one stop shop and that every foal who attends will leave with a cutie mark! As camp begins, there's one particular pony that stands out -- a pegasus foal named RUMBLE. No matter what activity Rumble tries, he fails at. And they try everything from sewing to archery to writing haikus. At the end of the first day, some ponies have gained their cutie marks while some ponies are close to finding out what they're truly meant to do. But not Rumble. But the Crusaders refuse to give up. They know how frustrating cutie mark acquiring can be, so they feel for him. They're going to have to try harder tomorrow.

On the second day, the CMC's are more determined than ever to find cutie marks for the blank flanks. But Rumble is still not showing any improvement -- until he plays a game of horseshoe toss. For a brief beat, he excels at the game, then he catches what he's doing and purposely loses. It happens again when Rumble makes strawberry jam and purposely sabotages his own jam. By the end of the day, the Crusaders compare notes and realize that they pegged Rumble all wrong. It's not that he's bad at everything. He's purposely pretending to be bad at everything. When the Crusaders confront Rumble, he confesses that he doesn't want his cutie mark! The Crusaders are shocked -- they've never met anypony who didn't want their cutie mark. They were so desperate to get theirs that this idea is completely foreign to them. Why would anypony NOT want their cutie mark? Rumble gets defensive. There's no shame in being a Blank Flank! Rumble marches up to the campers and makes an impassioned speech about being a proud Blank Flank. Why should we be forced to get a Cutie Mark if we don't want one?! The other Cutie Mark Campers -- some of whom have grown weary and tired of trying to get their cutie mark -- agree with Rumble. They revolt against the CMC chanting "BFF -- Blank Flank Forever!" The CMC's are beside themselves, now half their campers won't get their cutie marks! Their camp is a failure!

The Crusaders try to appeal to their campers, cutie marks are important -- why wouldn't everypony want them? You can't ignore or control it. It's a natural pony-process. This adds more fuel to the fire of the revolt. Some of the little ponies who got their cutie marks cover it up with paint so they can be a BFF. During another "rally the ponies" speech, Rumble says that no-pony should be forced to do only one activity for the rest of their lives! Without a cutie mark, you're free to do anything you like! No pony expects anything from you! The Crusaders realize what Rumble's real issue is. He's afraid once he gets his cutie mark, he'll have to grow up and give up doing all the other things that he likes to do. For the first time, the Crusaders understand why someone wouldn't want their cutie mark. With this new perspective, the Crusaders try a different approach with their campers. They show them that just because they excel at something, doesn't mean it's the only thing they can ever do, or that that's the only thing other ponies will expect them to do! It's just that getting your cutie mark means finding the one thing you love doing more than anything else! But the Crusaders understand that some campers aren't ready, and they shouldn't have put so much pressure on them to find their Cutie Marks. For the last day of camp,

everypony agrees to just have fun! If some ponies get their Cutie Marks, great. If not, that's okay too! Now that he's not holding back anymore, Rumble has a blast. At the end of the day, some ponies leave camp with their cutie marks and some without, but everypony's happy because now they understand that everypony gets their cutie mark in their own time. **THE END.**