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*Friendship Lesson: Don't let the fear of not being what you want
keep you from finding out who you are.* *

TEASER

SC 1 - INT. CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS HQ - DAY *

SCOOTALOO, APPLE BLOOM, and SWEETIE BELLE watch as a little blank flank, KETTLE CORN stands before an art easel, holding a paint brush in her mouth. In front of the easel is the basket of fruit that she's painting. *

1 APPLE BLOOM
Let's see how your still-life's comin'
along, Kettle Corn.

The Crusaders look at Kettle Corn's painting. REVEAL: She's only drawn a CIRCLE. *

2 SWEETIE BELLE
Well, that certainly is... round. *

3 KETTLE CORN
(excited) I can make it rounder.

4 APPLE BLOOM
Sorry, that's all the time we have
today. *Maybe we'll try something else
tomorrow.* *

5 KETTLE CORN
But I like circle-painting. *

6 SCOOTALOO
*And on the way to figuring out what
you're meant to do, you'll find a ton
more stuff you like. That's what makes
looking for your cutie mark so great.* *

Through the open door, we see there's a short line of blank flanks waiting to get in. *

7 APPLE BLOOM
Sorry everypony, we're closin' up
shop. We'll have to help you all
tomorrow.

The disappointed BLANK FLANKS all <GROAN>, then turn to leave. *

8 SCOOTALOO
*I don't know if we can help them
tomorrow. Working with blank flanks
one at a time takes forever.* *

9 APPLE BLOOM *
If only there was a way we could help
a whole herd of 'em at once. *

10 SWEETIE BELLE *
(excited at the thought) That would be
perfect! We'd save time and they could
help each other. *

11 SCOOTALOO *
(even more excited) Just like we used
to! But it'd have to be somewhere big
enough to handle all those blank
flanks. *

12 SWEETIE BELLE *
(more excited, leading) Somewhere
outside... With tons of activities to
try... *

Apple Bloom looks at the others excited. *

13 APPLE BLOOM *
Are you two thinking what I'm
thinking? *

14 ALL THREE *
(shouting) CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP! *

15 APPLE BLOOM *
And I know just the place. Applejack
used to go there when she was little-- *

Scootaloo suddenly cuts her off, still shouting. *

16 SCOOTALOO *
CAMP FRIENDSHIP! *

The other two stare at her. *

17 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D) *
Oh. Sorry. I though we were all gonna
yell that one too. *

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC 2 - EXT. PONYVILLE STREET - DAY *

Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo stand behind a table with fliers and
a sign-up sheet.

There are balloons stamped with the Cutie Mark Crusader's cutie marks. Apple Bloom pulls on a rope by a flag pole, proudly raising a CMC flag.

18 APPLE BLOOM
Attention all blank flanks!

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19 SCOOTALOO
And blank flank affiliates!

Ponies gather around.

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20 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Come to our Cutie Mark Day Camp to
find out what you're truly good at.

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21 SWEETIE BELLE
Bond with other blank flanks and find
out what you're meant to do together!

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Apple Bloom starts handing out fliers to the crowd.

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Up the street a blank flank foal, RUMBLE, sees the CMCs and stops short. He tries to avoid them by crossing the street, but the girls shout out to him.

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22 SCOOTALOO
Hey Rumble!

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Rumble slows, caught. He calls out, still heading away.

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23 RUMBLE
Hey, Crusaders. I can't stop. Gotta
meet my brother for... something.

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Apple Bloom runs over and hands Rumble a flier

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24 APPLE BLOOM
No problem! Just wanted to make sure
you heard about our Cutie Mark Day
Camp!

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Scoot shouts to him from behind their table.

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25 SCOOTALOO
Come figure out what your special
purpose is!

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26 APPLE BLOOM
First session's tomorrow!

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Apple Bloom heads back to help the others deal with the crowd.
Rumble looks down at the flier and frowns, crumpling it up.

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27 THUNDERLANE (O.S.)
Whatchya got there, little brother?

Rumble looks up to see his older brother, THUNDERLANE.

28 RUMBLE
What? Oh. Nothing. Come on. I wanna
show you a new dive roll I'm trying.

With that, Rumble tosses the flier in the trash and takes off into the air. Curious, Thunderlane picks up the flier and smooths it out. He looks from the flier to the CMCs, still talking to the crowd.

29 SCOOTALOO
Come one, come all! Cutie Mark Day
Camp is for blank flanks of all kinds!

Off Thunderlane, considering...

SC 3 - EXT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - DAY

Camp Friendship has been re-tooled by the CMCs with activities set up everywhere - a horseshoe toss, a tug-of-war area, an archery range, craft tables, etc.

Scootaloo, Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom stand on the small stage in front of half a dozen BLANK FLANKS, including Kettle Corn, PIPSQUEAK, and SKEEDADDLE (the foals that were waiting outside in the teaser).

30 APPLE BLOOM
Welcome Cutie Mark Campers!

31 SWEETIE BELLE
Who's excited to be here?

The blank flanks <SHOUT> with excitement.

32 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
Well, we're excited too! At Cutie Mark
Day Camp you'll be able to try all
kinds of things.

33 SCOOTALOO
And who knows, maybe you'll discover
the thing you're meant to do and get
your cutie mark!

The blank flanks all <CHEER>.

34 PIPSQUEAK
I wanna get my cutie mark in kayaking!

Skeedaddle picks up a horseshoe from the game area and flips it in the air.

35 SKEEDADDLE
Horseshoe tossing!

36 KETTLE CORN
Circle painting!

37 APPLE BLOOM
You can try 'em all, but the most important thing is that you'll be trying them together.

38 SCOOTALOO
That's what worked for us!

39 THUNDERLANE (O.S.)
Then I bet it'll work for these little guys too!

Everyone turns to see Thunderlane and Rumble - who looks up at his older brother, annoyed.

40 RUMBLE
I thought you said we were going to Wonderbolt practice.

41 THUNDERLANE
I'm going to Wonderbolt practice.
You're going to cutie mark practice.

42 SWEETIE BELLE
And we're glad to have you!

Rumble frowns. The other blank flanks quickly gather around him and his brother.

43 SKEEDADDLE
(to Rumble) I can't believe your own brother is a Wonderbolt.

44 PIPSQUEAK
(to Thunderlane) Do you know Spitfire?!

45 THUNDERLANE
(nods) I know she'll be mad if I'm late! (to Rumble) Now you have a good time and try some stuff. Who knows what you'll be good at.

With that, Thunderlane picks up the horseshoe and pitches it at the stake on the other side of the game area.

It hits the target perfectly, circling around the stake with a
<CLANG>. The blank flanks all stare, impressed.

46 BLANK FLANKS

Wow! / Ooh! / Aaah!

47 APPLE BLOOM

All right! Looks like we found the
first activity of the day - the
horseshoe toss!

The campers all <CHEER>.

48 THUNDERLANE

Wish I could stay and play, but it's
time to fly! Have fun!

With that, Thunderlane flies into the air, does a flip and a
barrel roll, then soars off.

Rumble frowns, but the other blank flanks all stare, even more
impressed.

49 BLANK FLANKS

WOW! / OOH! / AAAH!

50 SWEETIE BELLE

C'mon, Rumble!

The Crusaders have re-set the horseshoe game.

51 APPLE BLOOM

(to Rumble) Step on up and show us how
it's done.

Scootaloo ushers Rumble over to the hay mat. Kettle Corn turns
to one of the other blank flanks.

52 KETTLE CORN

(loud whisper) No way he's as good as
his brother.

Hearing that, Rumble tosses his horseshoe halfheartedly. It
lands right in front of him with a <PLOP>.

53 RUMBLE

Whoops. Guess I won't be getting my
cutie mark in the horseshoe toss.

54 SWEETIE BELLE

Don't worry about it, Rumble. Hardly
anypony finds their calling on the
first try.

55 RUMBLE
I wasn't worried.

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56 SCOOTALOO
Good! 'Cause there's a ton of other
stuff to try! We'll find you something
you're good at!

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The blank flanks <CHEER>. Rumble rolls his eyes.

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MONTAGE:

The CMCs lead the campers in different activities.

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SC 4 - EXT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - DOCKS - DAY

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Scootaloo watches three blank flanks (all in appropriate safety gear) paddle off in their kayaks. One kayak is left at the dock, upside down. Scoot flips it over revealing Rumble.

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57 RUMBLE
Whoops.

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SC 5 - EXT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - ARCHERY RANGE - DAY

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Sweetie Belle helps the blank flanks take turns shooting arrows at a target. Rumble lets the bowstring go and his arrow just drops to the ground.

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58 RUMBLE
Whoops.

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SC 6 - INT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - STAGE - DAY

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MUSIC PLAYS. Apple Bloom leads the group in line dancing. Rumble dances right off the stage.

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59 RUMBLE
Whoops.

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SC 7 - INT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - CRAFT TABLES - DAY

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The Crusaders stand in front of the tables. Each blank flank has a piece of parchment and holds a pencil in their mouths. SkeeDaddle turns to Kettle Corn, excited.

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60 SKEEDADDLE
I love haikus. The first and last
lines have five syllables and the
middle one has seven.

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Kettle Corn shrugs and starts writing. Rumble looks at his parchment, then press his pencil down so hard he breaks the point. He spits his pencil out.

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61 RUMBLE

Whoops. Well, looks like I've tried everything. Time to go tell my brother this camp just isn't for me.

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62 SCOOTALOO

Come on, Rumble. Isn't it fun just trying stuff?

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63 RUMBLE

Not really.

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With that, Rumble flies off. The Crusaders look at each other, concerned.

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SC 8 - EXT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - LATER

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The Crusaders stand with Kettle Corn - all admiring the brand new CUTIE MARK of a quill on her flank.

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64 KETTLE CORN

(punctuating the syllables) Haiku cutie mark! / And I never would have tried / without Skee-daddle.

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65 APPLE BLOOM

That's what Cutie Mark Day Camp is all about.

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66 SWEETIE BELLE

Working together and helping each other!

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The campers all <CHEER>.

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67 KETTLE CORN

But I can still come back, right? And maybe paint some circles?

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68 SCOOTALOO

Of course! Let's all meet right back here tomorrow.

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Another <CHEER> as the campers all head off.

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69 SWEETIE BELLE

Wow. I can't believe we got a cutie mark on the first day!

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70 APPLE BLOOM

Yep. This camp was a pretty swell idea. Everypony's really enjoyed it.

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71 SCOOTALOO *
Everypony except Rumble. He didn't *
have much luck with anything. *

72 SWEETIE BELLE *
Trying to find what you're meant to do *
can be frustrating. You remember how *
long it took us to get our cutie
marks?

73 APPLE BLOOM
I remember the nightmares.

74 SCOOTALOO *
Well, we can't let Rumble quit camp *
just because he didn't find something *
he's good at yet. *

75 SWEETIE BELLE *
We'll just have to convince him to *
come back and try harder. *

The Crusaders all nod, determined. *

SC 9 - EXT. WONDERBOLTS HQ - DAY *

Rumble sits watching the Wonderbolts practice. He looks up, *
discouraged, as Thunderlane soars through an obstacle course. *
Scootaloo, Sweetie Belle, and Apple Bloom enter.

76 SCOOTALOO
Hey Rumble!

77 RUMBLE *
What are you all doing here? *

78 SCOOTALOO *
We just wanted to apologize for not *
finding anything you liked today. *

79 RUMBLE *
Oh. Whatever. It's fine. *

Rumble tries to go around the Crusaders, but they block his way. *

80 APPLE BLOOM *
It's not fine, it's frustrating and we *
know what it's like. *

81 RUMBLE
I'm not frustrated.

82 SCOOTALOO
It's okay. We've all been there. But *
we can't let you give up. *

83 SWEETIE BELLE
We're here to help. And we know you'll *
get your cutie mark. Everypony does! *

84 RUMBLE
Actually, I don't need your help *
because I don't want to get my cutie *
mark! *

With that, Rumble brushes past them. Off the Crusader's shocked *
faces, we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC 10 - EXT. WONDERBOLTS HQ - RESUME *

The Crusaders continue to stare, wide-eyed, in shock at what *
they just heard.

85 APPLE BLOOM *
I must have hay in my ears because I *
thought I just heard Rumble say-- *

Rumble shouts back at them over his shoulder. *

86 RUMBLE *
You heard right! I don't want to get *
my cutie mark! *

87 SWEETIE BELLE
(gasp) He said it again!

The Crusaders catch up to Rumble and surround him. *

88 SCOOTALOO *
(to Rumble) Not wanting a cutie mark *
is like not wanting to breathe. *

89 SWEETIE BELLE *
Everypony wants to know what they're *
meant to do. *

90 RUMBLE
Not this pony.

91 ALL CRUSADERS *
WHY? *

92 RUMBLE
Because Cutie Marks are silly and... *
(thinks, then) they just force you *
into one thing your whole life! *

93 SWEETIE BELLE
That's silly. Having a cutie mark *
doesn't mean you can't do other *
things. *

94 APPLE BLOOM
Yeah! Our cutie marks are in helping *
ponies with their cutie marks, but I
still like making potions with Zecora.

95 RUMBLE
And when was the last time you did *
that? *

96 APPLE BLOOM
Hmm. I think it was... um... Well, we *
have been pretty busy helping other *
ponies lately-- *

97 RUMBLE
Oh. You mean doing the thing your *
cutie mark is in? The thing you're *
stuck doing for the rest of your life? *

98 SWEETIE BELLE
Okay, maybe we will be doing that more *
than anything else, but we love being *
Cutie Mark Crusaders! *

99 RUMBLE
Well, that's fine for you, but I'm not *
gonna be put in a box! *

With that, Rumble squeezes past the three ponies and trots away.

100 SCOOTALOO *
A blank flank who doesn't want a cutie *
mark?! That's gotta be the strangest *
thing I've ever heard. *

101 APPLE BLOOM *
Granny always says, some ponies have *
to find their own hay.

102 SCOOTALOO *
Are you sure she didn't mean "find *
their own way?" *

Apple Bloom considers this.

103 APPLE BLOOM *
That would make more sense...

104 SWEETIE BELLE *
I can't believe Rumble isn't *
interested in getting his cutie mark *
either, but we can't force him. *

105 SCOOTALOO *
And we've got a whole camp full of *
ponies who are interested in cutie *
marks. *

106 APPLE BLOOM *
Maybe if we help enough of them, *
they'll convince Rumble to come back. *

As the three of them nod... *

SC 11 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE - DAY *

In a patch of clouds, not far from Wonderbolt HQ, Rumble pushes *
some puffs together to create his own obstacle course similar to *
the one Thunderlane just flew. *

Rumble looks at it, satisfied, then DIVES! At top speed, he *
swoops and swerves through the small course. *

107 RUMBLE *
(to himself) Here he comes, the *
fastest, most elite flyer in *
Equestria... *

Suddenly, Thunderlane swoops in from nowhere, barrel rolling *
around his little brother as he flies ahead of him and finishes *
the course. *

108 THUNDERLANE *
THUNDERLANE! *

Surprised, Rumble swerves away, catching an edge on one of his *
wings, and tumbles to the finish line where Thunderlane catches *
him. Rumble stands and shakes himself off. *

109 RUMBLE *
I was going to say me. You're not the *
only flyer in the family, you know. *

110 THUNDERLANE *
Nope. But I am the best. (off Rumble's *
frown) You might be better some day, *
but for now you should find your own *
thing. Speaking of which, aren't you *
supposed to be at camp. *

111 RUMBLE *
That camp is for losers who can't do *
anything. *

112 THUNDERLANE *
Great. So there's no pressure. You can *
try everything and not be worried *
about looking bad. *

113 RUMBLE *
I'm not worried about that, I just *
don't want to get a cutie mark in any *
of their ridiculous activities. *

114 THUNDERLANE *
Well, you're still going back *
tomorrow. You can't be a blank flank *
forever. *

Off Rumble thinking... *

SC 12 - EXT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - TABLES - DAY *

The Cutie Mark Crusaders watch as the blank flanks make jam. A
CLOCK on the wall <CHIMES>.

115 SWEETIE BELLE *
All righty, Cutie Mark Campers, that's *
it for jam making. *

Pipsqueak looks up, his hooves covered in jam. *

116 PIPSQUEAK *
(disappointed) But this is fun and I *
didn't get my cutie mark yet. What if *
I'm not good at anything else? *

117 SCOOTALOO *
You don't get a cutie mark just *
because you're good at something, or *
even because you like it. There's more *
to it than that. *

Kettle Corn reaches under the table and pulls out a stack of
canvases - all with circles painted on them. *

118 KETTLE CORN *
I'm real good at painting circles, but *
I got my cutie mark in haikus. *

119 SKEEDADDLE *
(to Pip) Which is what I like, but I'm *
still a blank flank like you. *

120 PIPSQUEAK *
So, you can't get a cutie mark in *
something you like? *

121 APPLE BLOOM *
Now, we didn't say that. *

122 RUMBLE (O.S.) *
You didn't have to. *

They turn to see Rumble standing there. *

123 SWEETIE BELLE
Rumble, you came back.

Rumble ignores the Crusaders and turns to the other blank
flanks.

124 RUMBLE *
(to Kettle Corn) Say buh-bye to *
painting circles. You'll be too busy *
haiku'ing from now on! *

125 SKEEDADDLE *
(confused) But... I like circles. *

126 APPLE BLOOM *
Now, come on, Rumble, that's not how *
cutie marks work. *

But the blank flanks ignore the Crusaders as they bypass them
and approach Rumble.

127 PIPSQUEAK *
(to Rumble) So that's how cutie marks *
work? *

128 APPLE BLOOM *
Am I speaking "mule"? I just said it *
wasn't! *

<MUSIC UP> As the other blank flanks ignore her and gather *
around Rumble who starts to <SING>... *

129 RUMBLE *
*Cutie Marks are great, they say / They *
make you special in your way / But *
that special mark that's just for you *
/ Will erase the stuff you like to do.* *

130 KETTLE CORN *
So no more painting? *

131 SKEEDADDLE *
No more Haiku? *

132 SWEETIE BELLE *
Rumble, stop. That's just not true! *

Rumble leads the campers away from the Crusaders and back to the
tables where they were making jam. *

133 RUMBLE *
So you make delicious jam / Or you *
bake the perfect ham / Excel at giving *
quick mane cuts / or helping ponies *
out of ruts / One thing I can say is *
true / no matter what you like to do / *
You're options will be pretty stark / *
once you get your cutie mark! *

The campers all <GASP>, concerned. Rumble leads them away,
marching through the campground. *

134 RUMBLE (CONT'D) *
Oh-oh no! Oh-oh no! / Cutie marks *
will have to go! / Blank Flank is the *
way to be / Blank Flank means that you *
are free / Blank flank forever / *
That's my new endeavor! *

The crusaders chase behind the group, shouting. *

135 SCOOTALOO *
Cutie marks don't limit you! *

136 APPLE BLOOM *
They only show what you can do! *

But their protests fall on deaf ears as the blank flanks
continue to follow Rumble, getting more and more excited. *

137 PIPSQUEAK *
But what if you can't do a thing? / *
These cutie marks are frustrating! *

138 RUMBLE *
(to Pip) You say there's nothing you *
can do? / Than blank flank is the way *
for you / There's no work to being who *
you are / No hunt to be some cutie *
star / You're perfect now just being *
you / Don't try the stuff that you *
can't do! *

The blank flanks all <CHEER>. *

139 PIPSQUEAK
Whoopee!

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Pipsqueak joins the pack as Rumble leads all the blank flanks out of camp.

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140 BLANK FLANKS
*Oh-oh no! Oh-oh no! / Cutie marks
will have to go! / Blank Flank is the
way to be / Blank Flank means that you
are free / Blank flank forever /
That's our new endeavor!*

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<MUSIC OUT> as the Crusaders gallop in front of the pack.

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141 APPLE BLOOM
Now just an apple-pickin' minute,
Rumble. Where do you think you're
leading our campers?

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142 RUMBLE
They're not your campers anymore. I'm
starting a new camp.

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Rumble drags his hoof in the dirt, making a line across the campground.

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143 RUMBLE (CONT'D)
Everypony on this side of the line is
in Blank Flanks Forever Camp!

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The campers all <CHEER>.

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144 SCOOTALOO
But you can't be a blank flank
forever!

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The campers all <GASP>.

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145 RUMBLE
That's just the kind of talk I'd
expect to hear from "Camp Cutie Mark."
Which is why blank flanks need a camp
where we can enjoy being blank flanks
and appreciate our blank-flankness
without feeling pressured to get a
cutie mark.

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The campers <CHEER>.

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146 SCOOTALOO
Now, hold on, everypony.

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147 RUMBLE
(chanting) Blank flanks forever! Blank
flanks forever! *

148 BLANK FLANKS
(joins chant) Blank flanks forever!
Blank flanks forever! *

Rumble marches away, leading the blank flanks off to his side of
the camp. *

149 SWEETIE BELLE
What just happened?

150 SCOOTALOO
Has everypony gone mad?

151 BLANK FLANKS (O.S.)
(still chanting) Blank Flank Forever!
Blank Flank Forever!

152 APPLE BLOOM
In a word, "yes."

Off the CMC's watching their campers march away, we... *

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC 13 - INT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - CABIN - DAY *

Apple Bloom and Sweetie Bell sit in a cabin, distraught.
Scootaloo uses a telescope to look out the window. *

153 SWEETIE BELLE
I just can't see what we did wrong. I
thought everypony was having fun. *

154 APPLE BLOOM
They were until that Rumble came and
made a mess of things. (to Scootaloo)
What are they doing now? *

Scootaloo spies on the Blank Flanks Forever Camp and we see what
she's looking at in a TELESCOPE POV: Kettle Corn painting
circles; Skeedaddle writing on a piece of parchment; and
Pipsqueak spreading jam on bread. *

155 SCOOTALOO
Exactly what they want, it looks like. *

The other two jump up and join Scoot at the telescope. They take
turns looking through. *

156 SWEETIE BELLE *
Honestly, it's not all that different *
from what they were doing here. *

157 SCOOTALOO *
I just don't understand not wanting *
your cutie mark. Who doesn't want to *
know what they're meant to do? *

Apple Bloom looks through the telescope and we see Rumble in *
TELESCOPE POV, just sitting, pitching rocks into the water. *

158 APPLE BLOOM *
I can think of one pony. And we've got *
to do something about him! *

159 SCOOTALOO *
That Rumble has got to be stopped! *

160 SWEETIE BELLE *
Now calm down, Crusaders. We just need *
to talk to him again. The key is to *
remain calm... *

SMASH CUT TO:

SC 14 - EXT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - DAY *

Apple Bloom and Scootaloo watch as Sweetie Belle angrily faces *
off against Rumble - both standing on either side of the line *
that splits the camp. *

The Blank Flank Forever campers stand behind Rumble, all *
obviously taking a break from their activities - holding *
horseshoes, paint brushes, jam jars, etc. *

161 SWEETIE BELLE *
Cutie Marks make you special! *

162 RUMBLE *
By putting you in a special little *
box! *

163 SWEETIE BELLE *
Special! *

164 RUMBLE *
Box! *

165 APPLE BLOOM *
Come on, Sweetie Belle. I think you've *
remained calm long enough. *

As Scootaloo and Apple Bloom usher Sweetie Belle away, they notice **Kettle Corn - her mark** covered up with paint.

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166 SWEETIE BELLE
Kettle Corn, you covered your cutie mark?

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167 KETTLE CORN
(hitting the haiku syllables) I'm blank flank again / Keeping my options open / I'm more than haikus

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168 SWEETIE BELLE
You just haikued right then!

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Beat.

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169 RUMBLE
Don't let them get in your head. You're an open-ended question. Blank Flanks forever!

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170 BLANK FLANKS
Blank Flank Forever!

Skeedaddle and Pipsqueak march back to the horseshoe toss. Skeedaddle throws a horseshoe and hits the mark.

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171 PIPSQUEAK
Wow, you're good.

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172 SKEEDADDLE
Thanks! (then gasps) Oh no! What if I get a cutie mark in it?

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173 RUMBLE
Then you'll be stuck doing it forever! (to the group) Blank flanks, no more potential cutie mark activities!

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Skeedaddle drops the other horseshoes. Suddenly, all of the blank flanks drop what they're holding - except for Kettle Corn who can't bring herself to drop her paint brush.

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Off the Crusaders sharing an exasperated look...

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SC 15 - EXT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - MOMENTS LATER

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The Crusaders enter, upset and angry.

174 SWEETIE BELLE
Well, Cutie Mark Day Camp is a bust.

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175 APPLE BLOOM
No it isn't. It's a swell idea. We
just can't seem to talk any sense into
that... that Rumble.

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Suddenly, Scootaloo sees a few pegasi streaking by overhead and
has an idea.

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176 SCOOTALOO
Maybe we can't, but I bet I know
somepony who can.

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Off the other two, curious...

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SC 16 - EXT. WONDERBOLT HQ - DAY

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The Crusaders stand off to the side of the tarmac talk to
Thunderlane.

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177 THUNDERLANE
Let me get this straight. My little
brother upended your entire camp? How
in Equestria did he do that?

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178 SWEETIE BELLE
(blurting) Well, it started when he
couldn't toss a horseshoe, or paddle a
kayak, or shoot an arrow, or use a
pencil, and we felt bad he wasn't good
at anything, but now he doesn't want a
cutie mark at all because he's afraid
he'll get stuck doing something he
doesn't like forever. Y'know?

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Thunderlane stares at her, confused.

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179 THUNDERLANE
No. I don't. Rumble's good at all that
stuff.

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180 APPLE BLOOM
Well, that doesn't make a lick of
sense - unless he was being bad at
stuff on purpose.

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Thunderlane rolls his eyes and <SIGHS>.

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181 THUNDERLANE
I was afraid of this.

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The Crusaders all look at each other, confused.

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182 SCOOTALOO
Afraid of what?

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183 THUNDERLANE *
Ever since I became a Wonderbolt, *
Rumble's either watching me or trying *
to fly like me. He won't do anything *
else. That's why I thought your camp *
was such a good idea. *

184 SCOOTALOO *
I don't understand. You don't want *
Rumble to be a good flyer? *

185 THUNDERLANE *
If he does that's just fine, but right *
now he isn't even giving anything else *
a chance. *

186 APPLE BLOOM *
Sounds to me like Rumble isn't afraid *
of being "put in a box" at all. *

187 SWEETIE BELLE *
It doesn't? *

188 APPLE BLOOM *
Nope. I think Rumble's already picked *
out a box. He's afraid he'll get a *
cutie mark that'll keep him from being *
a Wonderbolt like his brother. *

Off all of them, realizing... *

SC 17 - EXT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - DAY *

Rumble and the Blank Flankers sit around literally doing *
nothing. *

189 PIPSQUEAK *
I don't know how to say this Rumble *
but, Blank Flank Forever Camp is *
kinda... *

190 SKEEDADDLE *
Boring? *

191 RUMBLE *
If we want to stay blank flanks, we *
can't risk doing stuff. *

192 SKEEDADDLE *
What if I get a cutie mark in being *
bored? *

193 SCOOTALOO (O.S.) *
Attention blank flanks of Cutie Mark *
Day Camp! *

The blank flanks all hop up and run to the line that separates *
the two camps. They look over to see the Crusaders, standing on *
stage addressing a non-existent audience. Pipsqueak turns to *
Skeedaddle. *

194 PIPSQUEAK *
Who's she talking to? *

Skeedaddle shrugs as Sweetie Belle steps forward. *

195 SWEETIE BELLE *
The Cutie Mark Crusaders are pleased *
to announce today's special guest-- *
Thunderlane! *

Rumble runs up to join the rest of the campers at the line as *
Thunderlane streaks out of the sky and lands in front of the *
stage. *

196 APPLE BLOOM *
Anypony who's interested, gather round *
for a day of camp activities with a *
genuine Wonderbolt! *

A few of the blank flanks exchange glances. Skeedaddle turns to *
Rumble. *

197 SKEEDADDLE *
Sorry, Rumble, but cutie mark or not, *
I'm not missing out on this. *

Skeedaddle heads over the line. A few other blank flanks join *
him and they gather around Thunderlane, excited. Off the *
Crusaders sharing a knowing smile... *

A SERIES OF QUICK SHOTS: *

THE CRUSADERS - pull on the end of a tug of war rope. PULL WIDE *
to reveal the other side where Thunderlane pulls with Skeedaddle *
and a few other delighted blank flanks. *

RUMBLE - watches as Kettle Corn and a few more blank flanks *
defect. *

A HORSESHOE - clangs around a post. PULL WIDE to reveal Kettle *
Corn and another group of blank flanks excitedly playing with *
Thunderlane. *

RUMBLE - standing firm as the last of the blank flanks head back to the Cutie Mark Day Camp side. Pipsqueak is the last to go and gives Rumble a shrug. *

PIPSQUEAK - sits at the craft tables excitedly building a house out of popsicle sticks. PULL WIDE to see Thunderlane helping. Skeeaddaddle and Kettle Corn we are having a good time as well. *

END MONTAGE *

Rumble stubbornly stands alone on his side of the camp staring across at the other blank flanks with a frown. *

198 APPLE BLOOM (O.S.)
All right campers, it's time for our last activity of the day. *

The Crusaders stand on the stage again, this time addressing an actual audience. *

199 SWEETIE BELLE
An official Wonderbolt obstacle course! *

200 SCOOTALOO
But on the ground, since not everypony has wings. *

The Crusaders point to an obstacle course area, complete with steeplechase-style hurdles, ditches, and brush. The blank flanks all <CHEER>. *

On the other side of the camp, Rumble perks up. He thinks for half a second, then trots over to the group. *

201 APPLE BLOOM
Hey, Rumble. Gonna join in on the obstacle course? *

202 RUMBLE
(frowns at the course) How is that an official Wonderbolt course? *

203 THUNDERLANE (O.S.)
Because an official Wonderbolt designed it. *

Rumble looks over to a group of campers at the craft tables where Thunderlane stands over a portable stove, wearing a chef's hat. Rumble walks over, confused. *

204 RUMBLE
(to Thunderlane) What are you doing? Aren't you going to run the course? *

205 THUNDERLANE *
Nope! I know I'm a Wonderbolt and my *
cutie mark is all about moving fast, *
but I really like to cook. *

206 RUMBLE *
(shocked) Since when?! *

207 THUNDERLANE *
We take turns making the meals and *
Wonderbolt HQ. I didn't want to at *
first, but now I love it. I just wish *
I tried it sooner. *

208 RUMBLE *
You do? *

209 THUNDERLANE *
Of course! There's more to me than *
just flying. And I bet there's more to *
you. *

Thunderlane holds out a mixing spoon. Rumble takes it, *
uncertain. Off Thunderlane looking down at his brother with a *
smile... *

SC 18 - EXT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - LATER *

The Crusaders and some campers march off the obstacle course *
covered in mud. *

210 SCOOTALOO *
I sure wish we'd thought of that *
obstacle course sooner. *

211 KETTLE CORN *
(hitting the haiku syllables) *
Obstacles are fun / Running free *
through mud and dirt / Beats circle *
painting! *

212 APPLE BLOOM *
That haiku pretty well sums it up. *

The group walks past the tables where Thunderlane watches Rumble *
stir a pot. *

213 SWEETIE BELLE *
Hey, Rumble. Aren't you gonna do the *
obstacle course? *

214 RUMBLE *
Nah. I'm cooking today. Maybe I'll do *
the course tomorrow. *

The Crusaders all share a look of shock.

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215 APPLE BLOOM
You're coming back tomorrow?

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216 SCOOTALOO
You're not worried about getting your
cutie mark?

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Rumble looks up at his brother and smiles.

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217 RUMBLE
Nah. I already know I'm a good flyer.
It kinda runs in the family. I guess
it's time to see what other stuff I
can do.

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Rumble goes back to stirring the pot. Thunderlane looks to the
Crusaders with a smile. Off the CMCs looking pleased, we...

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FADE OUT

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