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Friendship Lesson: Rarity learns that even though her little sister may change over time, her love for her never will.

TEASER

INT. CANTERLOT BOUTIQUE – DAY

Sassy Saddles is giddy with excitement over the upcoming debut of Rarity’s new fashion line. There’s so much involved with the launch though, she’s worried something may fall through the cracks. Rarity calmly explains that’s not possible, thanks to the “Rarity-system.” She points to a vast array of organized, yet beautiful, color-coded charts on the wall. Not to worry. Nothing’s going to slip between the cracks – because there are no cracks.

As Sassy Saddles exits to the back room to grab some more fabric, Rarity notices the corner of a picture sticking out from behind one of her charts. She moves the chart revealing a picture of her and Sweetie Belle having a picnic together. She continues moving charts and graphs, revealing more and more pictures of her and her sister. It’s been far too long since she’s spent quality time with Sweetie Belle. Rarity: “Well, maybe something or some-pony is slipping between the cracks!” She misses her baby sister so much, she begins to well up. As Sassy Saddles comes back in and tells Rarity they’re running low on vermillion satin, Rarity bursts into tears. A confused Sassy Saddles replies, “It’s okay, really! I can just order more!”

ACT ONE

INT. CANTERLOT BOUTIQUE – DAY

Sassy Saddles offers Rarity a comforting cup of tea as she looks through a photo album. Rarity tears up as she stares at a picture of she and a younger Sweetie Belle bumping hindquarters. She explains to Sassy Saddles that she and Sweetie Belle have a “sister hoofshake” that’ve they’ve been doing all of their lives. Rarity flips through the pictures (like a flip-book) showing the long, complicated hoofshake that ends with the sisters bumping hindquarters. Rarity didn’t realize how much she’s missed her little sister until she saw all of these pictures.

Sassy Saddles suggests there’s a simple solution to this -- Rarity should go visit with Sweetie Belle. While Rarity would love nothing more, she can’t possibly leave her stores and abandon her responsibilities. Sassy Saddles tells her not to worry and insists she’s got everything well in hoof. Thanks to the “Rarity-system”, running Rarity’s fashion empire for an afternoon will be a breeze. Rarity is super-excited. Not only is she going to spend an entire day with her baby sister, but she’s going to make it extra special for her by doing all of Sweetie Belle’s favorite things!

Rarity smiles and looks at a picture of a young Sweetie Belle, Scootaloo, and Apple Bloom all riding a sled together.

FLIP CUT TO:

EXT. STEEP HILL – DAY

Sweetie Belle, Scootaloo and Apple Bloom are in the same pose – but instead of being on a sled, they’re sliding down a mountain on a giant slab of granite. As they yell out: “Excuse us! /Pardon me!/ Cutie Mark Crusaders coming through!” ponies leap out of the way. The slab begins to slow and eventually stops right in front of a waiting young pegasus. They leap off and tell the foal they’ve done their part – the rest is up to him now. He hems and haws, as they encourage him to have at it. Sweetie Belle floats a hammer and chisel over to him. Suddenly, he flies into the air and circles around the slab, giving it quick

knocks with the hammer. As the dust settles, we see he’s chiseled a statue of the Cutie Mark Crusaders all in action poses. The CMC’s are flattered, but more importantly, they’re happy that the foal was finally brave enough to try his hoof at sculpting. Suddenly, a hammer and a chisel cutie mark appears on the pegasus. The four celebrate.

INT. CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS’ HQ – DAY

The three ponies walk in tired, with satisfied smiles on their faces. Sweetie Belle adds a picture of the sculptor pegasus to a wall of satisfied “customers.” When Scootaloo wonders what their next mission should be, Sweetie Belle reminds them that’s what the Sweetie Belle-system is for. She points to the wall and we see a vast array of color-coded charts (that look almost exact like Rarity’s from the teaser). They should be expecting a visit from Zipporwhill just about.... Right on cue, there’s a knock on the door. It’s Zipporwhill. She’s having an issue with her cutie mark that she hopes they can help her with. It seems as though she’s lost her connection to her cutie mark (three puppy paw prints). Just as she’s about to explain further, the door bursts open and Rarity happily trots inside. Sweetie Belle is surprised and excited to see her sister. The two immediately go into their sister hoofshake, but since Sweetie Belle is a little bigger, everything is a bit off and their final “bump” sends Rarity tumbling into the wall. Not wanting to accept that her sister has grown, Rarity comments they just must be out of practice.

ACT TWO

INT. CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS’ HQ – DAY

Sweetie Belle is excited at the prospect of spending the day with her sister, but when she sees Zipporwhill, she’s hesitant to leave. There’s just so much the CMC’s still have to do today. Much like Sassy Saddles did for Rarity earlier, Apple Bloom and Scootaloo reassure Sweetie Belle they’ve got this and can cover for her.

Rarity tells Sweetie Belle to get ready for a day of fun! She knows her little sister better than anypony else and has planned the perfect day for her – doing all of her favorite things.

EXT. PONYVILLE PARK – DAY

Rarity and Sweetie Belle are watching Claude the puppeteer perform his puppet show. They sit head and shoulders above the rest of the audience – all little foals. When Rarity asks if she’s enjoying her favorite show, knowing her sister is trying hard to please her, Sweetie Belle acts as if she’s enthralled by the puppet show. But every time Rarity turns away, Sweetie Belle fights to stay awake. As a vendor passes with refreshments, she grabs an ice cold drink and throws it in her face.

INT. ICE CREAM SHOP – DAY

A confused Sweetie Belle follows Rarity into the shop. Rarity asks if she’s excited to be back here again. Sweetie Belle admits she doesn’t remember ever coming here until Rarity shows her a picture and reminds her that this used to be her favorite ice cream shop. Sweetie Belle does remember! And surprise – Rarity’s even convinced the old owner to come out of retirement to make her all-time favorite dessert.

A doddering old pony shambles out holding a tiny ice cream sundae resembling a pony clown face. Sweetie Belle: “Huh. I remember it being much bigger.” She eats the whole thing in one bite. Rarity watches for her reaction expectantly. Sweetie Belle smiles weakly. Rarity explodes, bragging about how well she knows her baby sister. Sweetie Belle quietly whispers to the old pony she’s still hungry and asks for twenty-seven more.

EXT. PONYVILLE PARK – DAY

Sweetie Belle lets out a long bored sigh as she holds onto a kite, flying high in the air. In the distance, we see Rarity wave to her as she sets up a camera on a tripod. Suddenly, Sweetie Belle notices Apple

Bloom, Scootaloo and Zipporwhill nearby. She runs over to them. When they ask how her sister day is going, Sweetie Belle admits it's not going as well as she hoped. All of "her favorite things" that Rarity had planned for her were her favorite things -- moons ago. It's like Rarity doesn't even know her anymore. Apple Bloom and Scootaloo confess their day isn't going so well either. They're having a really tough time getting Zipporwhill to reconnect with her cutie mark. Her cutie mark is a paw print but she's feels like she's no longer connecting with her puppy. They look over and see Zipporwhill trying to put a pink ribbon on her dog (which is definitely no longer a puppy). The dog immediately shakes it off. Zipporwhill looks at the cast off bow sadly.

Suddenly, Sweetie Belle hears Rarity calling her name. She looks over to see Rarity standing next to the camera with a pile of costumes and a pull down backdrop. Rarity: "Darling, your favorite -- picture time!" Sweetie Belle sighs and walks off.

EXT. PONYVILLE PARK - DAY

In a PHOTO MONTAGE we see various snapshots of Rarity and Sweetie Belle in matching silly costumes (Elizabethan gowns, cow girls, etc.) Sweetie Belle looks more and more frustrated in each shot.

EXT. PONYVILLE PARK – LATER

Sweetie Belle has a blindfold over her eyes. When Rarity tells her to take it off, she sees her sister has set up a tea party for her, complete with stuffed animals sitting in the extra chairs. Sweetie Belle: "Really? A tea party?"

In the background, we see Apple Bloom and Scootaloo encouraging Zipperwhill to play with her dog – which looks bored and uninterested. She tries holding up a tiny squeaky toy, but he could care less about it. Zipperwhill tries to play peekaboo with him, but when she moves her hands away from her face, she sees the dog has stepped away.

Rarity floats the empty toy teapot over to Sweetie Belle and asks her to "serve" all her guests. Sweetie Belle can't take it anymore and explodes. Sweetie Belle feels ridiculous! Zipperwhill overhears this and relates to what she's expressing. She's never going to reconnect with her cutie mark! Zipperwhill storms off in a huff.

Meanwhile, Sweetie Belle tells Rarity that she's tired of pretending she's some pony that she's not. Rarity's confused. She doesn't know why Sweetie Belle's upset. They've been spending the day doing all of Sweetie Belle's favorite activities. Sweetie Belle corrects her. Yes, she *used to* love this stuff – but that isn't her anymore. If Rarity thinks Sweetie Belle still likes doing this stuff then maybe Rarity doesn't know her at all. Sweetie Belle storms off.

ACT THREE

EXT. PONYVILLE PARK – DAY

Rarity is fuming. She can't believe her baby sister talked to her like that. She's going to find her and when she does, she plans on giving Sweetie Belle a piece of her mind!

With a head full of steam, just as Rarity comes upon Sweetie Belle, she sees her sister approaching the sullen Zipperwhill and decides to listen in. Sweetie Belle encourages Zipperwhill to share her feelings. Zipperwhill is beyond frustrated and just doesn't get it. She's been doing all of the things her puppy used to love, but he just seems indifferent now. She's completely lost her connection with her cutie mark and her puppy. Sweetie Belle explains that's the problem right there. Her puppy isn't a puppy anymore and probably doesn't enjoy doing the same puppy things he used to. The connection and love is still there, but the puppy is now and dog and needs to be treated like one.

When Zipperwhill offers her dog a bigger dog bone, and no longer talks to it like a baby, he immediately responds. Soon the two are having fun together again. Rarity realizes she’s been doing the same thing. Her baby sister isn’t a baby anymore. She’s going to have to make things right.

INT. CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS’ HQ – DAY

Sweetie Belle enters and happily tells Apple Bloom and Scootaloo she solved Zipperwhill’s cutie mark problem. This almost makes up for the day she’s had. As she starts complaining about how Rarity still treats her like a little foal – Apple Bloom and Scootaloo interrupt her. They point out that everything Rarity did, she did out of love. She tried to recreate all of those activities not just because Sweetie Belle loved them – but because Rarity loved doing those things *with* her. Scootaloo wishes she had a big sister to get ice cream with. Sometimes recognizing change is tough, but she needs to remember that the love is still there. Sweetie Belle admits that maybe she was too hard on her sister. She vows to go make things right with her.

EXT. CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS’ HQ - DAY

When Sweetie Belle opens the door to leave, she’s shocked to see Rarity standing there, about to knock. They both say: “I’m sorry” at the same time. Rarity shows Sweetie Belle all of the old pictures again. She didn’t realize the last time they were doing all that stuff together -- would be the last time. She loved doing these things with her so much, it’s hard to let that go. Sweetie Belle: “Well, I guess that means we’ll just have to start making some new amazing memories together.” Rarity’s proud of the pony Sweetie Belle’s grown into and Sweetie Belle’s proud that she’ll always be Rarity’s little sister. No matter how much they may change, the one thing that never will is how much they love each other. The two perform their sister hoofshake again – only this time they nail it perfectly. THE END!