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SC. 1 - EXT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - DAY

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The school gleams in the sunlight. PUSH IN as a wobbly stack of ponies step out from behind a shrub. The CMCs, on each others' shoulders, awkwardly sway toward a school window.

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1 SCOOTALOO
Almost...There...

ON THE BOTTOM, APPLE BLOOM is awkwardly up on her hind legs and using her front hooves to hold SWEETIE BELLE's back hooves on her shoulders. She staggers a bit, but is excited.

2 APPLE BLOOM
I can't wait! Silverstar says
Twilight's School of Friendship is
amazing inside!

PAN UP to SWEETIE BELLE, who balances on Apple Bloom, holding Scootaloo's hooves on her own shoulders.

3 SWEETIE BELLE
Rarity told me there's never been a
school like it.

And finish the PAN UP to SCOOTALOO, who sways at the top of their stack, fluttering her wings to balance as she tries to reach a window sill to peek in.

4 SCOOTALOO
Yeah! I heard the students get to
do all kinds of awesome stuff!

Scootaloo swings back, then forward, grabbing onto the sill.

5 APPLE BLOOM
Do ya see anything yet?

Scootaloo peers in, amped--

6 SCOOTALOO
Yeah! It looks like...A BROOM! And
a dustpan...And some buckets...

7 SWEETIE BELLE
That sounds like a closet.

8 APPLE BLOOM
Let's try another window.

The stack of ponies sway over to the next window, and
Scootaloo grabs on to peek in. She beams at what she sees:

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9 SCOOTALOO
BINGO!

THEIR POV: INT. FRIENDSHIP CLASSROOM - PINKIE PIE faces a few
PONY STUDENTS, along with YANA, GALLUS, and **OCELLUS**.

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10 PINKIE PIE
Time for a speed round of cupcakes
and compliments!

Pinkie produces her CUPCAKE CANNON and faces Yana.

11 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I love the way you braid your hair!

Pinkie launches a cupcake from her cannon. Yana happily leaps
to catch it in her teeth, landing with a <GROUND SHAKE>.

12 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
You are such a good listener!

Pinkie launches another cupcake. Ocellus catches it and
smiles shyly. Pinkie turns to Gallus, who is cat-napping.

13 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
You're reallllly great at sleeping
in my class!

She fires the cannon and the cupcake sails over his head and
out the window...

BACK ON SCOOTALOO - she dodges and falls back, windmilling
her arms as the tower of CMCs collapses...

14 SCOOTALOO / SWEETIE BELLE / APPLE
 BLOOM
Whoaaaaa! <impact>

...To land safely in a shrub.

Looking up, the CMCs see - a HEART made of BUTTERFLIES
hovering in the sky.

ON A SCHOOL BALCONY, FLUTTERSHY calls--

15 FLUTTERSHY
Alright students, it's time to meet
some new friends!

Fluttershy smiles as the butterflies swirl around her FRIENDSHIP STUDENTS (including SANDALWOOD and SILVERSTAR), who look on in awe.

THE CMCs are equally wowed. They turn their heads at--

16 APPLEJACK
Incoming!

IN THE SCHOOL FIELD - Applejack kicks a BUCKBALL toward some pony students (and BLAZE). The students <LAUGH> as they bounce the ball back to each other, and Blaze flies up to catch it and slam it in a bucket.

17 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
That's friendship in action, y'all.

BACK ON THE CMCs - eyes shining, beaming.

18 SWEETIE BELLE
Wow. I thought our school was fun,
but this place is incredible!

19 SCOOTALOO
Yeah, Miss Cheerilee never lets us
play buckball in class.

20 APPLE BLOOM
I know! Why don't we go here
instead? It's still school, right?

The CMCs love this idea and do a three-way HIGH HOOF!

21 SCOOTALOO / SWEETIE BELLE / APPLE
 BLOOM
Yeah! / Great idea! / Woo hoo!

22 APPLE BLOOM
What could be better than learning
friendship with your best friends?

Pinkie POPS out of the bushes next to the CMCs, having just retrieved the cupcake that flew out the window.

23 PINKIE PIE
Learning friendship with your best
friends and CAKE! <CHOMP!>

Pinkie NOMS the entire cupcake in one bite.

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES**ACT ONE****SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - THE NEXT DAY**

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TWILIGHT SPARKLE addresses her STUDENTS. SPIKE stands nearby.
NOTE: THERE ARE THREE EMPTY SEATS NEAR THE FRONT OF CLASS.

24 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Good morning, class! Today, we're
going to learn about friendship
through the ages. Spike? Slide
one, please.

Spike nods and lifts a large poster-drawing to show the
class: it shows a PONY with SABRE-TEETH and FUR CAPE.

25 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Back in the days of the cave ponies-

Suddenly a WING snaps up to block her view. Twilight
startles, then wryly peeks around the wing--

26 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Uh...Spike? I can't see my
students.

Spike notices he has his wings spread, then blushes.

27 SPIKE
Sorry, Twilight. Still getting used
to my new wings.
(can't contain his joy)
They're pretty great, huh?!

28 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yes, Spike. As I was saying...

Twilight looks back to her class. The empty seats are now
filled with Apple Bloom, Scootaloo, and Sweetie Belle!

Twilight does a double take at the beaming CMCs.

29 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
What are you three doing here?

30 APPLE BLOOM
We wanna go to your school!

31 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But...Why?

32 SWEETIE BELLE
We want to learn friendship!

33 SCOOTALOO
And play Buckball!

34 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 (amused)
I see. Why don't you three come
with me? You're in charge, Spike.

Spike nods, then when Twilight turns away, he does a fist pump and turns excitedly to the class...

SC. 3 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - HALLWAY OUTSIDE CLASSROOM *
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Twilight faces the CMCs, and tries to break it to them easy--

35 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm sorry to have to tell you this,
but... You can't come to my school.

The CMCs gape in dismay.

36 SWEETIE BELLE
Why not?

37 APPLE BLOOM
We'll study extra hard!

38 SCOOTALOO
I thought this place was for EVERY
creature!

39 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It is... But we teach friendship
lessons here. You already know all
about helping ponies in need, and
being there for each other.

40 APPLE BLOOM
I guess...

41 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You need Cheerilee's classes, not
mine. So you better get back to her
school before you miss too much.

42 SWEETIE BELLE
Can't you just give us a chance?

The CMCs fix Twilight with their cutest, biggest-eyed plea:

43 SCOOTALOO / SWEETIE BELLE / APPLE
BLOOM
Pleeeeeeeeeaaaaase?

Twilight smiles apologetically, shakes her head.

44 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm sorry. Now, my students are
waiting for me. Trot along!

Twilight turns back to her classroom and opens the door --

HER POV: INT. CLASSROOM - several students are standing on
their desks reciting as Spike beams--

45 STUDENTS
O dragon, my dragon!

46 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Spiiiiiike? What did you do...

Spike looks sheepish and the door closes.

BACK ON THE downcast CMCs in the hallway. Suddenly they
rally, defiant.

47 SCOOTALOO
Well, I'm not giving up. We'll
just have to prove that we belong
in this school!

48 SWEETIE BELLE
Yeah! Um, how?

49 APPLE BLOOM
By showing Twilight we still have
lots to learn about friendship.
And I know just where to start...

Apple Bloom looks crafty and the others smile.

SC. 4 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - AFTERNOON

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Applejack trots across the farm happily, until her hoof hits
something OS with a <CRUNCH>.

50 APPLEJACK
What in tarnation?

Applejack looks down to see she's stepped on and SMASHED an
overturned apple basket.

Applejack frowns and looks around to see -- the farm is half-hazardly scattered with FARM EQUIPMENT - baskets, tools, etc.

Applejack spots Apple Bloom relaxing under a tree, sipping a cool drink and lazily reading a book. AJ trots over, annoyed.

51 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Apple Bloom! You know better than
to leave our good tools out like
that.

Apple Bloom looks noncommittal. Keeps reading.

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52 APPLE BLOOM
I guess.

Applejack closes Apple Bloom's book.

53 APPLEJACK
And aren't you supposed to be on
harvest duty right now?

54 APPLE BLOOM
(shrug)
It's not like the apples are going
anywhere.

Applejack takes in disbelief.

55 APPLEJACK
What's gotten into you? Those
chores are your responsibility!
Farm work is family work!

Apple Bloom acts penitent, and way oversells it:

56 APPLE BLOOM
Sorry, Applejack. MAYBE, if I went
to Twilight's School of Friendship,
I'd learn to be better at helpin'
the family!

Applejack catches wise to her sister. Smirks:

57 APPLEJACK
So that's what this is all about.
Well, if it's learnin' you want,
I'd be happy to give you a private
lesson right now. Starting with
cleanin' up all this equipment.

Applejack nods to the mess. Apple Bloom sulks, resigned.

SC. 5 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - SAME TIME

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RARITY concentrates on magic-ing a pin into just the right spot on a dress mannequin... When Sweetie Belle LEANS into FRAME, startling Rarity and making her stab the mannequin in the head.

58 SWEETIE BELLE
Please can I go to Twilight's
school?

Rarity rolls her eyes and trots across the shop to get more pins. She jerks to a stop and looks down-- Sweetie Belle is now stretched out on her belly, holding Rarity's back hoof.

59 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
Please?

Rarity shakes free and moves to a pile of fabric - which Sweetie Belle POPS out of.

60 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
PLEASE?

61 RARITY
Honestly, Sweetie Belle! We've
been through this. Do be a dear and
give me a moment to concentrate!

Sweetie Belle remains quiet for A FEW BEATS as Rarity gathers some fabric supplies... Then startles her sister into dropping it all again with--

62 SWEETIE BELLE
How about now? PLEAAAAAASE?!

Rarity <SIGHS>.

**SC. 6 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - RAINBOW DASH'S CLASSROOM - *
SAME TIME**

RAINBOW DASH is animatedly ACTING OUT a thrilling Wonderbolt tale to her classroom of FRIENDSHIP STUDENTS - including Scootaloo in the front row, wearing a disguise (REUSE 708).

63 RAINBOW DASH
So there I was, leading the
Wonderbolt formation into a super-
dangerous sundog spiral... When
suddenly <THUNDER NOISE> there was
a huge stormcloud in our way!

Scootaloo leans forward, barely able to contain herself.

64 STUDENT 1
What happened?

65 RAINBOW DASH
My genius happened! I reverse-
dived straight up instead!

Rainbow Dash does a flip and "Supermans" up, one hoof raised.
Scootaloo has her hooves on the desk as she watches in awe.

66 STUDENT 2
You changed the routine?!

67 RAINBOW DASH
I had to! And because my crew are
such tight friends, they knew
exactly what to do!

Scootaloo is in full fan-girl mode now, and she acts out her
words as she blurts out--

68 SCOOTALOO
It's just like the time you did the
super-amazing half twist into a
backflip sonic rainboom!

Scootaloo's wild gestures jostle her disguise free. Rainbow
Dash peers at her, suspicious.

69 RAINBOW DASH
Hey... I never told that story to
my students before... SCOOTALOO.

Scootaloo tries to move her disguise back in place, but only
messes it up more.

70 SCOOTALOO
<nervous laughter>

Rainbow Dash points to the door. Scootaloo trudges out.

SC. 7 - EXT. STREETS OF PONYVILLE - NEXT DAY

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The CMCs hide behind a building, in a strategy huddle.

71 APPLE BLOOM
Remember, for the plan to work, we
all really gotta act like we don't
get along.

Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle nod.

72 SCOOTALOO
If this doesn't convince everypony
we need friendship lessons, I don't
know what will.

Sweetie Belle looks up to see Fluttershy and Pinkie Pie
approaching in the distance.

73 SWEETIE BELLE
They're coming! Get in your places!

The CMCs scramble into position - Apple Bloom on one side of
the street, Scootaloo on the other. Sweetie Belle hides
behind a building, still on the lookout.

As Fluttershy and Pinkie Pie approach, Sweetie Belle signals
Scootaloo. She hops on her scooter (helmeted) and zips out
in the street in front of the ponies.

Sweetie Belle signals Apple Bloom, who moves into the street
from the opposite side, a bucket of apples balanced on her
head, walking straight towards Scootaloo. *

74 SCOOTALOO / APPLE BLOOM
Look out! / <yell!>

Scootaloo swerves and Apple Bloom jumps, dropping her apples
in front of a surprised Fluttershy and Pinkie.

75 SCOOTALOO
Hey! Watch where you're going!

76 APPLE BLOOM
I was watching - watching you drive
like a crazy pony!

Scootaloo drops her scooter and they go nose-to-nose--

77 SCOOTALOO
Well maybe if you wouldn't drop
apples all over the street, I
wouldn't have to!

78 APPLE BLOOM
I only dropped them 'cause of you!

ON FLUTTERSHY and PINKIE PIE - shocked at the sight.

79 FLUTTERSHY
I've never seen Apple Bloom and
Scootaloo argue like this.

80 PINKIE PIE
Yeah, they usually go together like
candy canes and stripes...

Just then, Sweetie Belle walks up to "trip" on the scooter,
knocking apples everywhere in an over-the-top pratfall.

81 SWEETIE BELLE
Whoaaaaa! <oof>

82 APPLE BLOOM
My apples! This is all your fault,
Scootaloo!

83 SCOOTALOO
Hey! Sweetie Belle's the clumsy
one.

84 SWEETIE BELLE
I'm not talking to either one of
you ever again!

Fluttershy and Pinkie can't believe what they're hearing.

85 FLUTTERSHY
Goodness! They seem really upset!

86 PINKIE PIE
It's almost like they forgot
they're friends!

Overhearing this, the CMCs pause in their argument.
Scootaloo gives a tiny smile and whispers--

87 SCOOTALOO
I think it's working...

The others smile too, getting progressively louder as they
forget what they're supposed to be doing.

88 SWEETIE BELLE
Good plan, Apple Bloom!

89 APPLE BLOOM
And great actin', Sweetie Belle.

90 SCOOTALOO
We're an awesome team!

The CMCs high hoof each other... Then pause, realizing --
Fluttershy and Pinkie Pie are still watching them.

91 APPLE BLOOM
Oops.

Pinkie happily bounces around the trio.

92 PINKIE PIE
Yaaaay! You're friends again! I
knew you would be! Candy cane
stripes forever!!!!

The CMCs sigh. Sweetie Belle asks Apple Bloom.

93 SWEETIE BELLE
So... Any other plans?

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 8 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - THAT AFTERNOON

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Sweetie Belle uses her magic to finish checking off a visual checklist of all the strategies Apple Bloom names--

94 APPLE BLOOM
Shirkin' chores, pesterin', wearin'
disguises, fightin'....

The CMCs wrack their brains for inspiration--

95 SCOOTALOO
There has to be some other way to
convince Twilight we belong in her
School of Friendship!

ON SWEETIE BELLE as she thinks--

96 SWEETIE BELLE
We need to do something new.
Something unexpected.

APPLE BLOOM perks up at the sound of O.S. <CRYING>.

97 APPLE BLOOM
Great idea, Scootaloo! We haven't
tried cryin' yet!

REVEAL Scootaloo, who shakes her head, dry eyed.

98 SCOOTALOO
That wasn't me. It sounds like
it's coming from outside!

The CMCs rush to the window and look out to see--

OUTSIDE NEARBY - a young, small ADORABLE PEGASUS PONY (COZY GLOW), sits under a tree, sniffing and looking miserable. Her cutie mark is a CHESS PIECE - perhaps a rook or queen.

99 COZY GLOW
<sniffing and crying>

ON THE CMCs - their hearts melt at the sight.

100 SWEETIE BELLE
Aww, she looks so sad! We should
go see what's wrong.

SC. 9 - EXT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - CONTINUOUS

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The CMCs approach Cozy Glow, who keeps crying softly until--

101 APPLE BLOOM
Hey, are you okay?

Surprised, Cozy looks up at them with huge eyes and
<sniffles> out in a SHIRLEY-TEMPLE-ESQUE SWEET WAY--

102 COZY GLOW
Oh, thank you for asking... But no.
I'm having real trouble with
<sniffs> the School of Friendship.

The CMCs share a knowing look.

103 SCOOTALOO
Twilight won't let you go either,
huh?

104 COZY GLOW
Oh no, that's not it. I'm in her
class but... <sobs> it's too HARD!

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105 SWEETIE BELLE
Really?

Cozy Glow nods emphatically.

106 COZY GLOW
I just moved here to go to school,
but everything's so new and
different. I don't know anypony!

107 APPLE BLOOM
Well, now you do! I'm Apple Bloom.
This is Sweetie Belle and
Scootaloo. We're the Cutie Mark
Crusaders!

108 SWEETIE BELLE / SCOOTALOO
Hello! / Hi!

Cozy brightens at this and stands to greet them.

109 COZY GLOW
I'm Cozy Glow. It's very nice to
meet you. But... I don't know if
I'll stay long. I'm having so much
trouble with my friendship lessons.

The CMCs smile at each other, getting the same idea at once!

110 SWEETIE BELLE
We can help you with those!

111 SCOOTALOO
We know all about friendship!

112 APPLE BLOOM
And studyin' with you would be
almost as good as bein' in class!

Cozy Glow looks startled.

113 COZY GLOW
But... Why would you help me?
 (her eyes narrow)
What's in it for you?

Sweetie Belle smiles - wow, Cozy has a lot to learn.

114 SWEETIE BELLE
That's the first thing to learn
about friendship. When you give
from your heart, you don't expect
anything in return.

Cozy's shocked, but she slowly smiles, looking at the earnest
faces of the CMCs.

115 COZY GLOW
Well, if you really mean it...

The CMCs nod happily. Cozy Glow pulls three pictures out of
a bag nearby and puts them down to show the CMCs.

116 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
I could use some help with my
homework.

ON THE PICTURES -- BON BON, MRS. CAKE, and BIG MAC.

117 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
I have to do something nice for
each of these ponies.

BACK ON COZY as she looks adorably distraught.

118 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
But I don't know anything about
them. And it's so hard to talk to
ponies you've never met.

The CMCs smile - this is gonna be super-easy!

119 APPLE BLOOM
Well you're in luck. 'Cause we
know all those ponies!

120 SCOOTALOO
And we're gonna help you ace your
homework.

Cozy Glow beams at her new friends.

SC. 10 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

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BON BON is shopping at a PLANT STAND.

NEARBY, Scootaloo holds Bon Bon's photo, standing covertly
with Cozy Glow, observing the scene.

121 SCOOTALOO
That's Bon Bon. If you wanna do
something nice for her, first you
gotta figure out what she needs.

122 COZY GLOW
How am I supposed to do that?

123 SCOOTALOO
Just pay attention. Friendship is
about listening to others.

They watch as Bon Bon pays for a nice-looking CACTUS, and the
UNICORN SELLER magics the cactus into Bon Bon's shopping bag.
But it sticks out, poking Bon Bon as she tries to walk. She
winces in pain.

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124 BON BON
Ooh. Ow. Ouch!

Scootaloo "leads" Cozy Glow into deductive reasoning.

125 SCOOTALOO
Uh oh. That cactus keeps pricking
her every step she takes! If only
there was something to protect her
from those spines...

Cozy looks around, thinking wildly...

FOLLOW Bon Bon, wincing with each step. Cozy Glow flutters
up and puts Scootaloo's helmet on the cactus.

126 COZY GLOW
 (in a nervous rush)
It looks like you need help
carrying your cactus so here's a
safe way to take it home.

Cozy Glow shyly scampers away. Bon Bon smiles, grateful.

127 BON BON
Thank you! That's so thoughtful!

Cozy Glow runs back to Scootaloo, proud.

128 COZY GLOW
I did it!

129 SCOOTALOO
Good job! But, uh, next time?
Maybe don't give away my helmet.

Cozy Glow gives an apologetic grin.

SC. 11 - EXT. MRS. CAKE'S SHOP - SOON

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Sweetie Belle uses her magic to levitate COLORED SPRINKLES
one at a time from a bucket of RAINBOW SPRINKLES, towards
Cozy Glow, who lifts up different colored SHAKERS to catch
them.

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130 SWEETIE BELLE
Green. Purple. Yellow. And...One
more purple. Whew. Sorting all
those took longer than I thought!

131 COZY GLOW
You really think Mrs. Cake will
like these new sprinkle shakers?

132 SWEETIE BELLE
Definitely! Now instead of having
to use rainbow sprinkles all the
time, she can choose exactly which
color she wants to bake with!

SC. 12 - INT. MRS. CAKE'S SHOP - SOON

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Mrs. Cake looks at the new shakers, beaming at Cozy Glow.

133 MRS. CAKE
Oh, I love these! I can't wait to
try them out!

Mrs. Cake turns towards a white-iced cake and begins to use
her shakers (the action can happen OS). She steps aside to
reveal her cake to Cozy -- covered in RAINBOW SPRINKLES.

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134 MRS. CAKE (CONT'D)
Look! I made rainbow sprinkles!
Aren't they wonderful?

Cozy Glow gapes in disbelief/horror. Sweetie Belle edges in
to talk Cozy down as Mrs. Cake turns back to work.

135 COZY GLOW
But...She...I...<frustration!>

136 SWEETIE BELLE
Friendship is in the giving of the
gift, not in how it gets used.

137 MRS. CAKE
<happy humming>

138 SWEETIE BELLE
At least she likes her present...

Cozy nods weakly.

SC. 13 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY - LATER

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BIG MAC kicks an apple tree and waits for apples to fall into
an empty bucket. Nothing happens.

He frowns and moves to another tree. Kicks it. Nothing!

Starting to get worried, he runs to a third tree and kicks
it. Still no apples! As Big Mac gapes, he hears an O.S.
<WHISTLE>. He turns to see--

Apple Bloom and Cozy Glow standing next to stacks of full APPLE BASKETS. Big Mac's jaw drops, then he beams.

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Cozy looks amazed and asks Apple Bloom--

139 COZY GLOW
Wow! How did you know that would make him so happy?

140 APPLE BLOOM
Friendship means pitchin' in to help others' chores go faster. Especially when their special somepony's waitin' for them to finish.

PAN OVER to reveal SUGAR BELLE waiting outside the farm.

Big Mac blushes, then gallops towards her at top speed, a goofy smile on his face. Cozy and Apple Bloom share a laugh.

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141 COZY GLOW / APPLE BLOOM
<laugh>

SC 14 - EXT. CHEERILEE'S SCHOOL - NEXT DAY

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The CMCs leave class, looking downcast.

142 SCOOTALOO
Ugh. That class was so boring!

143 SWEETIE BELLE
Not even Miss Cheerilee can make the history of radishes exciting.

144 APPLE BLOOM
I bet they don't hafta learn about that stuff at Twilight's school.

Cozy Glow rushes up to them, beyond excited.

145 COZY GLOW
Guess what! I got an A on my homework!

She prances happily, and the CMCs join in.

146 SCOOTALOO / SWEETIE BELLE / APPLE BLOOM
Alright! / Woo hoo! / Nice goin'!

147 COZY GLOW
And I never could have done it
without your help.

148 APPLE BLOOM
No problem!

149 SWEETIE BELLE
It was fun!

150 SCOOTALOO
Yeah, we just wish we could've done
more.

151 COZY GLOW
Actually... You can. Professor
Sparkle is giving us a big test at
the end of the week. And I could
really use your help studying.

Cozy looks up at them with adorable, pleading eyes. The CMCs
share a look, then nod decisively--

152 APPLE BLOOM
Then you've come to the right
ponies!

SC. 15 - EXT. VARIOUS PONYVILLE LOCATIONS -- STUDY MONTAGE

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The CMCs help prep Cozy for her big test.

--Apple Bloom shoots a cupcake from a cupcake cannon to
Sweetie Belle. She magically catches it. Apple Bloom shoots
a cupcake toward Scootaloo. She leaps to catch it in her
mouth. Apple Bloom shoots a cupcake to Cozy Glow...

And it splats her in the face. The CMCs wince, but then Cozy
licks it and <LAUGHS>. They all join in <LAUGHING>.

--Sweetie Belle uses a magically-floating pointer to point to
the symbol for "loyalty" on an illustrated CHART OF THE
ELEMENTS OF HARMONY.

Cozy Glow eyes it, then guesses--

153 COZY GLOW
Um... Intelligence?

Sweetie Belle shakes her head. The CMCs share a worried
look.

--The CMCs bounce a buckball back and forth. Cozy keeps trying to reach it, but misses. Finally, the ball comes straight for her! She closes her eyes and covers her head...

...And the ball bounces off her to land in the goal basket! The CMCs <CHEER!> Cozy opens her eyes to look, and grins.

--Back to the Elements of Harmony Chart. Sweetie Belle points to the symbol for "laughter".

154 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
Laughter? (then) Yes!

Sweetie Belle nods happily, then points to "honesty".

155 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
Is it...Control?

Sweetie Belle deflates and shakes her head.

--Scootaloo points Cozy towards a flock of BUTTERFLIES. Cozy *
nods, looks determined, and flies towards them. CLOSE as she *
spins and flips, concentrating...

And when she finishes, hovering, reveal... The Butterflies have formed a perfect heart!

The CMCs grin and nod. Cozy beams.

--Sweetie Belle points at the Element Chart, and Cozy Glow names the elements rapid fire:

156 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
Honesty, kindness, loyalty,
friendship, laughter, magic!

Sweetie Belle jumps for joy!

--Cozy passes the buckball to Apple Bloom, who bounces it back. Cozy whips it into the basket!

Apple Bloom high-hoofs her!

--Scootaloo shoots the cupcake cannon to Cozy, and she whips a hoof up to catch it, ninja-style. Scootaloo grins.

END MONTAGE.

SC. 16 - EXT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - NEXT DAY

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The CMCs wait at the front gates of the school with flowers.

157 APPLE BLOOM
I'm so prouda Cozy Glow!

158 SCOOTALOO
Thanks to us, she's definitely
gonna ace her test.

159 SWEETIE BELLE
There she is!

As Cozy Glow exits the school, the CMCs excitedly mob her.

160 APPLE BLOOM
How'd it go?

161 SWEETIE BELLE
Were there any essay questions?

162 SCOOTALOO
Did you remember everything we
taught you?

Cozy shakes her head...And BURSTS INTO TEARS!

163 COZY GLOW
I FAILED! <sobs>

Cozy turns and runs back into the school, leaving the CMCs to
share a dumbfounded look.

164 APPLE BLOOM
But how?!

Before the others can think of an answer, Twilight Sparkle
walks out of the school toward the CMCs, frowning.

165 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(upset)
I want to see you three in my
office. Now.

Twilight turns and stomps off. The CMCs share a gulp.

166 SCOOTALOO
I know we wanted to be invited
inside...But this isn't really what
I had in mind.

And on their concern, we....

END OF ACT TWO**ACT THREE****SC. 17 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - TWILIGHT'S OFFICE - SOON ***

The CMCs stand in a line and make themselves small as Twilight Sparkle paces angrily in front of them.

167 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I can't believe you'd do this!

168 APPLE BLOOM
Do what?

That stops Twilight. She looks surprised.

169 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You ARE Cozy Glow's tutors, aren't you?

The CMCs all nod.

170 SCOOTALOO
We've been working with her for days!

171 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(frowns)
That's what she told me. And clearly, you've been setting her up to fail.

172 SCOOTALOO / SWEETIE BELLE / APPLE BLOOM
What?! / Huh? / How?

173 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I know you're upset that I won't let you come to my school. But to teach Cozy all the wrong things out of spite...That's just cruel.

174 SWEETIE BELLE
(indignant squeak)
But we taught her all the right things!

175 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Really? Then how do you explain these friendship test answers?

Twilight uses her magic to float Cozy's test paper (no text, but lots of red marks) over to her to read--

176 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
(reads)
What are the six elements of
harmony? Five turtlenecks and a
cheese grater?! Who is the Princess
of Friendship. Your mom?!

The CMCs share a look of confusion.

177 APPLE BLOOM
I don't understand...

178 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(suddenly tired)
Me either. I never thought you
three would pull such a mean prank.
You're dismissed from my school.
Permanently.

The CMCs are crushed. They shuffle out of Twilight's office.

ANGLE ON THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE -- Cozy Glow has been eavesdropping outside the office. When she sees the CMCs go by, she looks worried.

179 COZY GLOW
(sotto)
Oh no!

Cozy trots off in the other direction.

SC. 18 - INT. GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OFFICE - SOON

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STARLIGHT GLIMMER uses her horn to stack and restack papers. She talks to herself, wryly--

180 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Guess I'll just go ahead and re-
reorganize the office again. Not
much need for a guidance counselor
at a School of Friendship...

Cozy, standing behind her in the doorway, <CLEARS> her throat. Starlight JUMPS and turns--

181 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Ah! How much of that did you hear?
Nevermind.
(switches gears, babbles)
Welcome!
(MORE)

STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)

Can I get you a comfort pillow?
Security blanket? Empathy cocoa?

Starlight levitates a PILLOW, BLANKET, and MUG OF COCOA (with marshmallows) towards Cozy. Cozy shakes her head. *

182 COZY GLOW
I just need some advice.

183 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Well, I have plenty of that!
Anecdotes, insight, midnight
confessions...
(catches herself)
I'm babbling. Ahem.
(then, professional)
Go ahead. I'm listening.

184 COZY GLOW
I think I got my friends in
trouble. They helped me study for
my friendship test... And I failed
it. On purpose.

Starlight gapes, blurts--

185 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Why would you do that?!
(then, professional)
Sorry, listening.

Starlight nosily <SIPS> the cocoa, enthralled. *

186 COZY GLOW
The Cutie Mark Crusaders want to go
to this school more than anything.
So I thought if I showed Professor
Sparkle they're bad at friendship,
she'd let them come here with me!

187 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(a little impressed)
That's devious!
(then, professional)
I mean...I see.

188 COZY GLOW
I guess I still have a lot to learn
about friendship.

189 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Actually, I think you're doing
alright.
(off Cozy's surprise)
(MORE)

STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Sure, that was a really, really bad
way to try to help your friends.
But what matters is, you wanted to.

Cozy Glow smiles shyly. Starlight continues--

190 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
The reason the Cutie Mark Crusaders
don't go to school here is that
they'd make better teachers than
students!

Cozy looks at Starlight, slyly earnest:

191 COZY GLOW
So you DO have a place for them
here?

Starlight looks thoughtful...

192 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Now that you mention it...

SC. 19 - INT. CHEERILEE'S CLASSROOM - NEXT DAY

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The CMCs are cleaning the classroom with their fellow STUDENTS, with MISS CHEERILEE overseeing the work. Scootaloo drags a trashbag with her teeth, Apple Bloom uses a tool to scrape gum off the bottoms of the desks, and Sweetie Belle levitates a broom to dust cobwebs.

Apple Bloom gets gum on her hoof and tries in vain to scrape it off, making a bigger mess.

193 APPLE BLOOM
<sigh> I'll bet there's no
Wonderful World of Cleaning lesson
at Twilight's school.

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A cloud of cobwebs falls on Sweetie Belle. She coughs:

194 SWEETIE BELLE
<cough> We'll never find out now.

Scootaloo's trashbag rips open. She sighs and starts trying to gather it back up.

195 SCOOTALOO
I still don't understand how Cozy
could fail her test after all that
studying!

196 SWEETIE BELLE
Or how Twilight could blame us for
it!

197 APPLE BLOOM
Or how gum can be so sticky!!!

The classroom door opens suddenly, and everyone startles to see Starlight.

198 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Sorry to interrupt, Miss Cheerilee.
But Twilight would like to see
Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle, and
Scootaloo immediately.

The CMCs share a gulp.

SC. 20 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - AUDITORIUM - SOON

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Scootaloo, Apple Bloom, and Sweetie Belle anxiously follow Starlight into the big auditorium hall, looking around nervously.

At the front of the auditorium, Twilight waits with the Mane 5, Spike, and Cozy Glow.

<DRAMATIC MUSIC> as tension mounts. The CMCs look around, sweating, until they can't take it any longer.

199 SCOOTALOO
 (dramatic)
We didn't do anything wrong, we
promise!

A beat, and then...Twilight smiles.

200 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I know that...Now. Which is why I
summoned you here.

201 SWEETIE BELLE
Wait...So we're not in trouble?

202 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Just the opposite. Cozy Glow, is
there something you'd like to say?

Cozy steps shyly, apologetically forward.

203 COZY GLOW
This is all my fault. I was just
trying to help you get accepted
into Professor Sparkle's school.
It was wrong, and I'm sorry.

204 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Thank you, Cozy Glow. Honesty is
one of the pillars of friendship.
(smiles to CMCs)
But you already know that. Which
is why I'd like to present you with
these.

Twilight magics three DIPLOMAS over to the CMCs.

205 APPLEJACK
They're honorary diplomas, makin'
y'all official graduates of this
here school.

206 RARITY
You've more than earned them.

207 RAINBOW DASH
Fastest graduation ever!

The CMCs look to each other, proud and smiling.

208 APPLE BLOOM
Thank you, Twilight. We accept.
Even if it means we still don't get
to go to your school.

209 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Actually... If you're interested, I
think Starlight has a place for
you.

The CMCs prance joyfully, and Cozy joins in.

210 SCOOTALOO / SWEETIE BELLE / APPLE
BLOOM
Really? / We can stay? / Wooo hooo!

211 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
We could use some good friendship
tutors on staff. And I hear you're
the best out there.

212 SCOOTALOO
We're ready to start any time.

213 SWEETIE BELLE
Right now!

214 APPLE BLOOM
Yesterday!

Twilight smiles at their enthusiasm, and adds wryly--

215 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
How about after you finish class
with Miss Cheerilee?

THE END.