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Logline: The Cutie Mark Crusaders meet a young Hippogriff with family members on Mt. Aris as well as Sea Pony relatives in Sequestria. Able to go between both worlds, he's torn about which to live in. It's a made to order case for the CMC—if only THEY could agree on the right answer.

Everyone's excited about a visitor coming to Equestria—the younger brother of the HIPPOGRIFF student at the Friendship School (we'll call him TERRAMAR for now). The CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS go to the lakeshore with TWILIGHT SPARKLE and look up to the sky, expecting to see their visitor fly in. But to their surprise, Terramar pops up out of the lake—he's a SEA PONY!

WhaaAAA? How can a Hippogriff have a Sea Pony for a sibling? SCOOTALOO wonders. SWEETIE BELLE whispers that it's rude to ask questions like that. Then things get even weirder when Terramar swims to the edge of the shore—a burst-of-light transformation occurs—and he steps onto land as a full-fledged Hippogriff! Okay, NOW can we ask? Says APPLE BLOOM.

The Hippogriff introduces his brother to the CMCs, who immediately gush about how cool his transformation power is. But as they all show him around the school, it becomes apparent that he doesn't think his ability is cool at all. In fact, it's kind of a pain. He explains to the girls how half of his family (like his brother) loves Mt. Aris, and happily live there, while the other half prefers living as Sea Ponies in Sequestria. So he goes back and forth (using a special NECKLACE he's been given, derived from the magic pearl).

Scootaloo still doesn't get it. How can getting to be two things and getting to live in two worlds be a pain? Because, Terramar says, eventually he'll have to choose one over the other—like his older brother has done. And that's going to be hard—he just can't figure out which world he's meant to live in.

Does this sound like a case for the CMCs, or what? THEY can help him figure out which land to live in! Problem is, Terramar is only here for the day, and then he's returning with his Brother, along with Twilight, who is going to visit Mt. Aris as part of an outreach for the Friendship School. Scootaloo announces that it's their duty to go along. After all, that's what they do—help people find their purpose and place in the world. And no need to bother TS about it...they'll just hitch a ride in the CART that she's using to bring some Equestrian gifts to Mt. Aris.

Terramar and his brother take off flying, with the CMCs stowed away in the cart that Twilight Sparkle magically pulls behind her. It isn't until they land on Mt. Aris that the stowaways are discovered. Twilight's displeased but not angry, and they tag along as Twilight visits the siblings' Hippogriff family. There they see how much Terramar enjoys his mountain family. With the scenery, games, and COUSINS to play with, it seems (especially to Scootaloo) that Mt. Aris is a very cool place to live! It is, he agrees. But so is Sequestria. And every time he's in one world, he feels like he's letting somebody down by not being in the other. Sooner or later, he's going to have to make a choice.

Scootaloo has an idea—they'll make a list of all the pluses and minuses for both worlds, then help him decide which is the better place to live. But how can they visit Sequestria? Using his pearl/necklace, he gives the CMCs "bubble-helmets" to facilitate their breathing (or they transform into Sea Ponies if warranted). Once again, they observe how Terramar seems to really love this world and his family members in it. And Apple Bloom absolutely LOVES being under the sea—this is what flying must be like!

After they emerge from Sequestria, Scootaloo looks at her checklist and the answer is obvious—Mt. Aris is the winner. Apple Bloom disagrees, and suggests that her checklist—well, okay, she doesn't have one but if she did it would—proves Sequestria is the answer for Terramar. Sweetie Belle can see where they both have their merits... It turns into a SONG, in which Scootaloo tries to sell Terramar on choosing Mt. Aris—the outdoor activities, the Hippogriff nests, the mountainsides made for scooter riding! And Apple Bloom extolls the virtues of Sequestria. The coral reefs! The gorgeous colors! And sea apples! Okay, they're not really edible but still—SEA APPLES! Sweetie Belle tries to mediate, but the team ends up just as conflicted as Terramar, with Scootaloo and Apple Bloom not even speaking to each other.

Later, Twilight Sparkle comes to check up on them and finds Sweetie Belle on the beach, serving as a go-between for the feuding parties—Apple Bloom in the shallow water (“This is SO MUCH FUN!”) and Scootaloo riding along the sand (“Who wouldn't want to live here?”). Terramar feels terrible—none of this would have happened if it weren't for him. “Now you know how I feel inside,” he says, turns, and heads off. Now it's Apple Bloom and Scootaloo's turn to feel terrible as they watch him walk sadly down the beach. TS tells them not to blame themselves. After all, it's not their fault...is it? They all kerfuffle an answer...not exactly, but...they tell her the whole story....and we DISSOLVE to...

The end of their story. “It's just so sad that he has to choose which world to live in,” concludes Sweetie Belle. But, asks TS, who ever said he does? Well...HE did, explain the girls. And then—three light bulbs go off at once....and they all HIGH FIVE each other. They know how to solve this!

The CMCs find Terramar sitting on a rock on the mountainside, lost in thought, and tell him to come with them—it's time for a party! He thanks them for trying to cheer him up, but he doesn't feel much like a party. But they're adamant, so he reluctantly gives in and follows them to...

THE BEACH, where his family members are gathered—ALL his family members, the Hippogriffs on the shore, the Sea Ponies in the water—and they're PLAYING TOGETHER. Knocking a beach ball back and forth...Hippogriffs taking Sea Ponies for “parasail rides”...Both sides playing keep away in the shallow water, and having a PICNIC on a RAFT, sharing food from both worlds. Terramar can't believe it! They all beckon him to join in, and he does, playing with BOTH families at once....this is great!

Later, Terramar thanks the ponies for making him realize—he doesn't HAVE to choose between worlds. His brother and other family members confirm this—they never meant for him to think that he had to make a choice, and if they did, they're sorry. Though they live in separate lands, they're united in their love for him. And there's no reason he can't continue to go between worlds. Terramar's so excited he jumps BACK AND FORTH several times, from the water to the shore, changing each time. He was obviously meant to bridge both worlds.

Well, says TS, turning to the CMCs...looks like their work here is done. Maybe, says Scootaloo...but their *play* isn't. She scoots along the shore as AB dives into the water....and we END EPISODE.