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TEASER

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

Fluffy clouds drift past the school as we hear -

1 TWILIGHT (O.S.)
And the Friendship School teacher of the month is...

SC. 2 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - STAFF ROOM - CONTINUOUS

THE MANE 5 and SPIKE are gathered as TWILIGHT SPARKLE addresses them. RAINBOW DASH and APPLEJACK lean in, hopeful/anxious, as Twilight announces--

2 TWILIGHT
Fluttershy!

Applejack and Rainbow Dash slump/gape -- clearly, this was not the outcome they were hoping for.

3 APPLEJACK
Again?

FLUTTERSHY looks surprised as SPIKE takes her photo. PULL BACK to reveal that there are THREE IDENTICAL FRAMED PHOTOS of Fluttershy on the wall above.

4 FLUTTERSHY
Oh my. I don't know how I keep winning.

5 RAINBOW DASH
(sour, sotto)
Yeah, me either.

6 TWILIGHT
The award is based on the students' vote. They must really like you! Congratulations, Fluttershy.

Twilight LEVITATES a TROPHY TOPPED WITH a GRADUATION CAP to Fluttershy, past an envious Rainbow Dash and Applejack.

7 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Next item of business. I've been looking into a new activity for our friendship classes. Spike? *

Spike pulls out Twilight's rule book and holds it open for her. Twilight magically flips through the pages, then reads:

8 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Section 147, paragraph 2 states that teamwork is a key part of friendship. And section 229, paragraph 9 says outdoor activity reinforces learning. Add that together and what do you get?

9 PINKIE PIE
Three hundred and eighty-seven?

10 TWILIGHT
A teamwork field trip! Leading it is a Teacher of the Month type-job, so I thought I'd ask--

Applejack and Rainbow Dash hooves' shoot up to volunteer.

11 APPLEJACK
I'm yer pony, Twilight. Sweet Apple Acres has taught me a thing or two about workin' together.

12 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, but being in the Wonderbolts is the <u>definition</u> of teamwork.

13 APPLEJACK
(chuckles, good natured)
I'm sure you're not sayin' fancy flyin' makes ya a better choice than me. *

14 RAINBOW DASH
(chuckles back)
I wouldn't say *better,* just a little more *qualified.* No offense.

Fluttershy kindly suggests a compromise.

15 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe you can lead the field trip together?

Applejack and Rainbow Dash open their mouths to protest, but Twilight enthusiastically agrees--

16 TWILIGHT
Of course! Who better to model the importance of working as a team?

17 PINKIE PIE
Um, Rarity, Fluttershy, me, Spike --
(picks up a flower pot) *
This flower pot --

Rarity <SHUSHES> Pinkie Pie. Twilight smiles at Rainbow Dash and Applejack.

18 TWILIGHT
BOTH of you are teamwork experts. If the students see the two of you teaching together, they'll learn even more. I know you've been competitive in the past, but I'm SURE you'd never let that get in the way of friendship education! *

19 APPLEJACK / RAINBOW DASH
'A course. / Totally.

But as Twilight turns her back, Applejack and Rainbow Dash slide a not so friendly look towards each other -- only to smile broadly when they catch each other's eye.

END TEASER

ACT ONE

SC. 3 - EXT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - FIELD - DAY

Twilight leads friendship students OCELLUS, BLAZE, GALLUS, YANA, SILVERSTAR, and SANDALWOOD away from the school.

20 OCELLUS
I've never been on a field trip before.

21 BLAZE
Yeah, what's the point of this, exactly?

22 GALLUS
Getting out of the classroom, duh.

23 YANA
Yak best at field tripping.

Yana demonstrates with a large pratfall, proud.

24 SILVERSTAR
That's what we're doing? SO FUN!

Silverstar also does a pratfall and <LAUGHS>. Sandalwood smiles and shakes his head at them.

25 SANDALWOOD
Pretty sure the Headmare has something else in mind.

Twilight stops and turns to face the others.

26 TWILIGHT
Alright, class. Today you'll learn how important working together is for building a strong friendship.

The group arrives to find a waiting Dash and Applejack.

27 APPLEJACK
Hey there! Y'all ready to get out there and do some learnin' the Apple family way?

Rainbow Dash steps in front of Applejack enthusiastically--

28 RAINBOW DASH
This is basically gonna be the best field trip in the history of ever... With me in charge that is.

29 APPLEJACK
(chuckles)
With <u>us</u> in charge. Meanin' mostly <u>me</u>.

30 RAINBOW DASH
(chuckles)
Good one.

31 TWILIGHT
And what teamwork activity do you two have planned for today?

32 APPLEJACK / RAINBOW DASH
Shed building. / Canoe racing.

Applejack and Rainbow Dash frown at each other, tension broken by an enthusiastic Silverstar:

33 SILVERSTAR
No way. We get to do BOTH?!

34 TWILIGHT
I bet that's exactly what your teachers had in mind. Why don't you start with shed building first?

35 APPLEJACK
(tosses Dash a look, then)
Don't mind if I do! Everycreature follow the leader!

Applejack exits with the students, a sulking Dash following.

36 TWILIGHT
I'll check in to see how it's going. Remember to <u>work together</u>!

SC. 4 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

Applejack leads the students and Rainbow Dash through the farm's apple trees. AJ smiles at her surrounding.

37 APPLEJACK
Now take a good deep breath. What do ya smell?

Gallus, next to Yana, makes a face.

38 GALLUS
Yak?

Yana smells her own shoulder and nods.

39 APPLEJACK
Nope. Try again.

40 OCELLUS
Um...Apples?

41 APPLEJACK
AND... The promise of teamwork!

Applejack points to an APPLE SHED nearby: a small building with a door and a roof, covering apples in baskets.

42 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
That there's an apple shed.

Applejack nods to a pile of building supplies in the B.G.

43 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
And this here is what we're gonna use to build it! Nothin' brings friends together like a little hard work and honest sweat.

Rainbow Dash cracks up--

44 RAINBOW DASH
Sweat? Seriously? That's supposed to be part of friendship?

45 APPLEJACK
Not everypony would know that, Rainbow Dash. Just Teacher of the Month kinda ponies.

46 RAINBOW DASH
Whatever. Let's just get this done so we can move on to my activity!

As Applejack narrows her eyes, we PRE-LAP <POUNDING> and <SAWING>...

SC. 5 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER

The students (wearing construction hats) are hard at work on the shed, side-by-side and helping each other. Gallus sets nails in place, Yana pounds them with her hooves, Ocellus and Silverstar carry lumber. Blaze uses a saw, and Sandalwood paints what she's cut. Applejack oversees their progress.

47 APPLEJACK
That's it! Measure twice, and cut once. Haste makes waste. Slow and steady. *

Rainbow Dash flies by in a blur, with some wood and nails.

48 RAINBOW DASH
Emphasis on the slow.

Dash tosses the wood in the air. CLOSE SHOTS: She flings nails and kicks them in, a blur of motion.

Applejack watches in frustration.

49 APPLEJACK
Rainbow Dash! Ya can't build an apple shed like that!

Rainbow Dash flaps down to hover, arms crossed, cocky.

50 RAINBOW DASH
Oh yeah? I just did!

She points -- <BOOM> - the three walls of the apple shed fall neatly into place from the air where she constructed them. (NOTE: not the door piece.)

The students gape, amazed.

51 SANDALWOOD
Whoa! No way!

52 GALLUS
Impressive...If you can call an apple shed impressive.

Applejack frowns at Rainbow Dash.

53 APPLEJACK
Just ‘cause it’s fast don’t mean it’s good.

54 RAINBOW DASH
Can’t hear you. Too busy practicing my Teacher of the Month pose.

Rainbow Dash strikes several victorious mid-air poses.

55 APPLEJACK
Don’t count your pictures before they’re snapped, Rainbow Dash.

Rainbow Dash flies down to face off with Applejack.

56 RAINBOW DASH
C’mon, these students are totally gonna vote for a teacher who gets things done!

57 APPLEJACK
No, they’re gonna vote for a teacher who gets things done <u>right</u>!

The students share worried, torn looks.

58 BLAZE
Yeah, this isn’t awkward at all.

WIPE TO -- LATER. The shed walls are all assembled. Applejack supports a cross beam and Silverstar, Sandalwood and Ocellus support the walls (now all completed, including the door-wall).

ABOVE: Rainbow Dash, Blaze, and Gallus fly above to lower the shed roof down toward the shed frame.

Yana holds a GUIDE ROPE on the ground, using it to “steer” the roof.

59 APPLEJACK
Steady, steady... Take her nice and slow. Liiiittle to the left.
(MORE)

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
A hair to the right. Now a hoofshavin' higher...

60 RAINBOW DASH
JUST BRING IT DOWN ALREADY!

The students STARTLE and drop the ropes!

61 APPLEJACK
Take cover!

Applejack dives for cover! A <CRASH> and a dustcloud...

REVEAL the crushed remains of the apple shed -- the side with the door still standing. Applejack, Sandalwood, Yana, and Ocellus pop their heads up out of the debris.

Rainbow Dash gives an "oops" wince. Applejack gives her the stink-eye.

62 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
I'll give ya one guess whose side is still standin.'

63 YANA
Yak side!

Yana happily thumps the wall with a hoof. It collapses. Applejack <SIGHS>.

64 OCELLUS
Um, professors? I'm a little confused about teamwork now...

65 RAINBOW DASH
That's because you need a different teacher. Follow me! Last one to the stream is a rotten apple shed!

Dash flies off with a <SNICKER> as Applejack seethes --

SC. 6 - EXT. RIVER - DAY

The students (with lifejackets), Applejack, and Rainbow Dash (with a STOPWATCH around her neck) stand at a river's edge near an eight-creature CANOE (think a crew boat).

66 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Who's ready to smash the all time Equestria speed record for river canoeing? *

Gallus sottos to Sandalwood.

67 GALLUS
Is that even a thing?

68 SANDALWOOD
First I've heard of it.

Rainbow Dash shows them the stopwatch.

69 RAINBOW DASH
We need to get to the finish line before this alarm goes off! That means you gotta move fast!

Rainbow Dash tosses them paddles... Ocellus ducks hers, and Blaze catches it, then nods and hands it to Ocellus, who smiles gratefully.

70 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Any questions?

71 YANA
Yana have--

72 RAINBOW DASH
No time for 'em! Get in the boat.

Everyone climbs aboard as Applejack steps to Dash.

73 APPLEJACK
You really think winnin' some canoin' record is gonna get you that teacher of the month trophy?

74 RAINBOW DASH
I'm pretty sure everycreature's gonna like it a lot better than pounding nails and cutting wood.

I/C at the river's edge, Yana eyes the boat suspiciously.

75 YANA
Yak not like water.

76 OCELLUS
Sometimes, when I'm scared to try something new...I whistle.

Yana nods, then starts an <OFF KEY WHISTLE> as she clumsily clamors aboard, <WHISTLING HARDER> when the boat tips. Blaze and Gallus fly up and steady the boat.

77 GALLUS
We got you, Yak.

BACK ON THE TEACHERS - clueless and still arguing.

78 APPLEJACK
Way I see it, Twilight's gonna give the teachin' trophy to a TEACHER, not a RACER.

79 RAINBOW DASH
We'll see about that.

And on their competitive looks, we cut to--

SC. 7 - EXT. RIVER - DAY - MINUTES LATER

TIGHT ON Dash in the front of the canoe (facing backward like a coxswain) with Blaze, Gallus, and Yana. They do a FORWARD STROKE. *

80 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Stroke, stoke, stroke - harder! Put your backs into it, newbies! * *

But Applejack is at the back of the boat, facing opposite Dash, and she's commanding the students in front of her: Ocellus, Silverstar, and Sandalwood. They do a BACKWARD STROKE.

81 APPLEJACK
Stroooke, stroooke, stroooke - slower! Focus on your paddle technique, y'all! * *

82 SILVERSTAR
WHOO HOO! We're really going now!

PULL BACK to see that because of the cross-purpose rowing, the boat remains motionless.

83 BLAZE
So... When do we get to the part when we move?

Rainbow Dash leans out to glare at Applejack in the back:

84 RAINBOW DASH
When everycreature starts listening to me. The leader of my activity... Applejack. NOW STROKE!

Everycreature finally strokes the same direction and the boat SHOOTS FORWARD. Yana's head snaps back and she begins <WHISTLING> madly.

SC. 8 - ANOTHER PART OF THE RIVER - LATER

The canoe moves at top speed as everycreature strokes together. THE RIVER FORKS in the DISTANCE, a large rock defining the separation of the two riverways.

85 OCELLUS
Which way do we go?

86 RAINBOW DASH / APPLEJACK
Left! / Right!

87 SILVERSTAR
Aye-aye captains! Wait, what?

88 RAINBOW DASH
Left! I can see the finish line from here!

Rainbow Dash points. ZOOM down the LEFT FORK OF THE RIVER to a CHECKERED FINISH LINE FLAG whipping in the breeze.

Rainbow Dash glances at her stopwatch, and points a hoof in an “onward to battle” pose.

89 RAINBOW DASH (CONT’D)
Dig in team! We can still beat that record!

As the students row...Applejack stands to make her point.

90 APPLEJACK
Stop! The Apple Family has been rafting these rivers for years. If we go left, we’ll head straight inta the Bite-acuda fish!

Applejack points. ZOOM down the LEFT FORK again to stop at to a SCHOOL OF COMICALLY SCARY FLYING FISH that leap into the air <SNAPPING>, JUST IN FRONT OF THE FINISH LINE.

Rainbow Dash stands to face AJ. The canoe rocks.

91 RAINBOW DASH
Who cares about a few fish?

92 SANDALWOOD
Uh, professors?

93 APPLEJACK
You’ll care plenty when they bite ya!

94 SANDALWOOD
Guys?

95 RAINBOW DASH
We'll just row around them.

96 SANDALWOOD
ROCK!

Dash and AJ see... The boat is on a head-on collision course with the HUGE ROCK at the fork! <CRASH!>

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 9 - RIVER - RESUME

REVEAL the canoe, now split in half, as it floats around either side of the huge rock. Next to the rock (not floating down either fork, so safe from the fish) Dash, Applejack, and the students (except Yana) pop up in the river.

97 SILVERSTAR
I LOVE FIELD TRIPS!

98 APPLEJACK
(to Rainbow Dash)
I hope you're happy.

The stopwatch <ALARM GOES OFF>. Dash glares at it.

99 RAINBOW DASH
Obviously not, because there goes our new speed record!

Nearby there's a panicked thrashing of legs and hooves, and wild <WHISTLING>.

100 YANA
Help! Yak not swim!

Silverstar and Ocellus <TRANSFORM> INTO SEAPONY FORMS, disappear into the water for a quick beat then pop up next to Yana, buoying her up.

101 OCELLUS
That's okay. Your friends can change into creatures that do! *

Yana bear hugs them awkwardly, making them all struggle to stay afloat. But everyone freezes when they hear--

102 TWILIGHT (O.S.)
How's the canoeing...

Everycreature turns to see a flummoxed Twilight walking up.

103 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
... going?

The students and teachers step up onto the bank.

104 BLAZE
About as good as the apple shed building.

105 RAINBOW DASH
I totally had things under control, until Applejack messed 'em up.

106 APPLEJACK
I did not!

107 RAINBOW DASH
Did too!

108 APPLEJACK
Did not!

Twilight stares, aghast, then turns to the students.

109 GALLUS
Yeah. It's been like this all day.

110 SANDALWOOD
I wouldn't say <u>all</u> day. Just, 99% of it.

Twilight frowns with a <MARGE NOISE>.

SC. 10 - RIVERBANK - SOON

Twilight paces in front of a chagrined Applejack and Dash, the students far in the BG, out of earshot.

111 TWILIGHT
I can't believe this! You're not teaching teamwork, you're competing with each other. I thought you were past that!

112 RAINBOW DASH
We are! Mostly.

113 APPLEJACK
We got carried away with wantin' to be teacher of the month, is all.

114 TWILIGHT
The Teacher of the Month wouldn't care about being teacher of the month! I know Fluttershy would be thrilled to see another pony win. That's it. I'm taking over this field trip.

Applejack and Dash share a horrified look - then, switching gears, they cooperate:

115 APPLEJACK
(sells it)
Hold up, Twilight. Don't count out Rainbow Dash for that award just yet. You shoulda seen her fire up those students to build a shed!

116 RAINBOW DASH
(super-sweet)
No way! You're the one the students listen to -- besides, you saved us from the pony-eating fish.
(off Twilight's look)
Long story. But Applejack should definitely be teacher of the month.

117 TWILIGHT
Hmmm. Maybe you two have learned something after all.

118 APPLEJACK
Does that mean you'll give us another chance at the Teacher of the--

Dash puts a hoof over Applejack's mouth, completing sweetly:

119 RAINBOW DASH
--Field Trip?

120 TWILIGHT
Well...

121 RAINBOW DASH
C'mon, Twilight. We get it. No more arguing. Right, Applejack?

122 APPLEJACK
Right as rain and twice as refreshin'!

Applejack and Rainbow Dash high-hoof each other and smile to Twilight. Twilight frowns, thinking...Then decides.

123 TWILIGHT
Fine. But I'm picking the next activity you two lead. A nature walk. Nopony could possibly argue over that. Right?

124 RAINBOW DASH / APPLEJACK
Right!

125 APPLEJACK
See? We're agreein' already!

Twilight nods warily, then trots off. Behind her, Applejack and Rainbow Dash wave and keep up their smiles.

SC. 11 - EXT. TREES / FOREST - SOON

Applejack and Rainbow Dash cheerfully lead their students toward the forest. The path FORKS in the road ahead and Applejack notices.

126 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Well look at that! The path splits up ahead. Left or right?

Blaze runs a claw over her face and sighs.

127 BLAZE
Here we go again.

The students watch the following rapid-fire exchange like a tennis match, their teachers out-agreeing each other as they grow more and more over-the top obsequious.

128 APPLEJACK
Where to, Rainbow Dash?

129 RAINBOW DASH
I was thinking right... Unless you want to go left. Because what makes you happy, makes me happy.

130 APPLEJACK
Ah, heck, forget about me. You want to go right, we'll go right.

131 RAINBOW DASH
But teamwork means listening to other ponies, so it's up to you.

132 APPLEJACK
Well, aren't you as sweet as sugar apple pie. But it's up to <u>you</u>.

Yana <SNORTS> and heads for the left fork.

133 YANA
Follow me. Yak know best way.

Applejack and Dash look up to see their students leaving...

134 APPLEJACK
Hey, where y'all goin'?

...And they rush after them.

SC. 12 - EXT. WOODS - LATER

Looking weary, the group pulls up alongside a sheer cliff.

135 OCELLUS
I think we've gone in the same circle five times.

136 SANDALWOOD
Only because 'someponies' won't make up their minds about which way to go.

Fed up, the group swivels to Dash and Applejack. By now, Dash and Applejack's mutual respect war is wearing thin.

137 RAINBOW DASH
(forced grin)
Do you want to keep going in a circle, Applejack?

138 APPLEJACK
(obsequiously)
Up to you, Rainbow Dash. I insist.

139 RAINBOW DASH
(gritted teeth)
No no, I insist.

140 APPLEJACK
(gritted teeth)
But I insisted first...

141 SILVERSTAR
(confused)
Are we still on a field trip? Cause this just feels like being lost.

BLAZE rolls her eyes and flies straight up above the trees.

BLAZE'S POV: Across the chasm (with a familiar river running below it), lies a clear path back to the School.

BLAZE lands next to the group.

142 BLAZE
We can still get back to school before dark if we cross that ravine and stop doubling back.

The teachers overhear this. Dash tries to play it cool.

143 RAINBOW DASH
We knew that. All part of our plan, right, Applejack?

144 APPLEJACK
Yep. All we have to do is... build a bridge 'cross that... giant canyon and we're home free!
(then, to Dash)
That is if ya think a bridge is a good idea.

145 RAINBOW DASH
Only if <u>you</u> want to build a bridge.

146 GALLUS
STOP! Listen - we can just fly everyone over and be done.

147 APPLEJACK
Nope. There's still plentya time to teach y'all a lesson in teamwork.

148 RAINBOW DASH
Cooperation!

149 APPLEJACK
Togetherness!

150 RAINBOW DASH
You are <u>so</u> right!

151 APPLEJACK
Only as right as you are!

Blaze interrupts, stepping between them.

152 BLAZE
OKAY! We'll build the bridge.
What do we use?

153 RAINBOW DASH / APPLEJACK
Vines! / Branches!

The teachers look at each other, then --

154 APPLEJACK / RAINBOW DASH
Vines! / Branches!

They both stare, their forced smiles growing more manic.

155 APPLEJACK
I'm goin' with <u>your</u> idea: vines. No
buts about it.

156 RAINBOW DASH
I'm building with <u>your</u> idea.
Branches. End of story.

SC. 13 - EXT. CHASM EDGE - SOON

QUICK SHOTS - The students watch in disbelief as their manic teachers build their bridges side by side. (Note: when finished, Dash's bridge is a rainbow-like arc, higher than Applejack's straight tightrope-like bridge.

ON Applejack tossing vines out like lasso ropes across the chasm to a rock on the other side. They catch and hold.

Next to her, Rainbow Dash flies back and forth, stacking an arc of sticks together to form a rickety bridge.

-- CLOSE ON Applejack as she wobbles on the tightrope of vines to try to bind them together with another vine pulled * tight in her teeth. She pauses to call--

157 APPLEJACK
Why use a branch, when you could
use a vine!

Applejack yanks the vine with her teeth and it <SNAPS>, nearly sending her flying off the bridge. She grabs the bridge with all four hooves in a death-grip and manages a slightly insane smile.

CLOSE ON Rainbow Dash as she struggles to shove a branch in place. She announces to the students:

158 RAINBOW DASH
Why didn't I think of branches to begin with? They're so --

The branch breaks, sending Dash tumbling head over-heels onto the bridge.

159 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
-- easy to work with.

-- Both barely-constructed bridges sway perilously in the breeze next to each other.

Applejack's hooves keep getting tangled in vines as she works to add more of them to her tightrope, getting her more and more wound up. Still:

160 APPLEJACK
These here vines are just the thing, Rainbow Dash!

Dash fights to wrestle a branch into place, while stopping other branches from falling off the bridge with her tail, back hooves, etc.

161 RAINBOW DASH
Not to disagree, but these branches are the way to --
(the bridge collapses)
GOOOOOOO!

Rainbow Dash's bridge (elevated slightly from Applejack bridge) SMASHES into Applejack's bridge! The two bridges tremble for one sickening second, then... drop!

162 RAINBOW DASH / APPLEJACK
<YELLS!>

Rainbow Dash and Applejack, trapped in a "cage" of vines and branches, cling to each other as they fall.

The cage jerks to a stop to dangle above the river. Trapped in their cage, Dash and Applejack look at each other then --

163 RAINBOW DASH / APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
HELP!!!

SC. 14 - EXT. CLIFFSIDE - SAME TIME

The students look down at the dangling cage, then at each other, their faces shocked and worried.

164 OCELLUS
(looks for a silver lining)
At least they're agreeing now...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 15 - EXT. CHASM - DAY - RESUME

ON Rainbow Dash and Applejack. Still clinging to each other, they look at the turbulent waters below. (NOTE: The students watch from the cliff above, but aren't in FRAME.)

Dash struggles to fly, but the vines prevent it.

165 RAINBOW DASH
<efforts> I can't get out!

166 APPLEJACK
Let me try.

Applejack <STRUGGLES> to form a lasso. Managing to pop a leg out, she lets the rope fly upward, but it doesn't go far. They watch as the lasso falls downward past them and <SNAP!>

A BITE-ACUDA FISH LEAPS out of the river and EATS the lasso.

SUDDENLY more BITE-ACUDA FLYING FISH leap up, <SNAPPING>, just inches away from the pony's viney cage. Applejack and Dash trade a worried look.

167 RAINBOW DASH
Let me guess...Bite-acudas?

168 APPLEJACK
(nods, haunted)
And they look mighty hungry.

SC. 16 - EXT. CHASM EDGE - SAME TIME

The students put their heads together for a quick pow-wow --

169 SANDALWOOD
We gotta get our professors outta there! Anycreature have a plan?

170 GALLUS
Leave 'em hanging?

171 SILVERSTAR
What?!

172 GALLUS
I'm kidding. Kinda.

173 OCELLUS
We need to work fast, and together.

They hear a <RIIIP!!> CLOSE ON the vines connected to the cliffside -- hanging by one tenuous thread!

174 BLAZE
But mainly fast...

SC. 17 - EXT. CHASM - CONTINUOUS

The vine cage jerks down closer to the <SNAPPING> fish.

175 APPLEJACK
I hate to admit it, but... This whole mess is kinda our fault.

176 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah. No trophy is worth getting eaten over.

177 APPLEJACK
So whaddya say - ya wanna team up *
and get ourselves outta this here *
pickle barrel? *

178 RAINBOW DASH
I thought you'd never ask! *

Their moment of unity is ruined as a PONY-SIZED BITE-ACUDA *
FISH with weird fishy wings appears to hover inches alongside the twig cage. It smiles, revealing huge pointed teeth.

179 RAINBOW DASH/APPLEJACK
Ahhh!!!!

180 PONYSIZED FISH/OCELLUS
(in Ocellus' voice)
Don't worry! I'm just the distraction.

181 RAINBOW DASH
Ocellus?

182 APPLEJACK
You nearly scared the cutie marks off us!

The ponysized Ocellus fish smiles once more before she splashes down into the school of Bite-acuda fish!

The fish look at Ocellus. She <SNAPS> her massive jaws at them. The fish TAKE IN TERROR and turn and dolphin away. Ocellus chases them away downstream.

Then suddenly, the vine cage <BREAKS> free and falls toward the water! Applejack and Rainbow Dash cling to each other--

183 APPLEJACK / RAINBOW DASH
<yells>

The cage JERKS to a stop above the water--

184 SILVERSTAR (O.S.)
Need a lift?

Applejack and Dash look to see Blaze, Silverstar and Gallus, the cage safely in their talons.

As Applejack and Rainbow Dash are lifted upward --

SC. 18 - EXT. CHASM EDGE - CONTINUOUS

The fliers carefully lower the cage to the ground.

185 YANA
Yak smash!

Yana tramples the imprisoning branches as Sandalwood bite/pulls away the vines, making a hole in the cage.

186 SANDALWOOD
Welcome back, Professors!

Applejack and Rainbow Dash step out of a pony-sized hole to the collective <CHEER> of our students (not Ocellus).

187 STUDENTS
Yes! / Nice! / Alright! / Woohoo! /
Yak cheer!

188 RAINBOW DASH
Now <u>that</u> was a rescue!

189 APPLEJACK
And y'all did it together!

The students trade looks.

190 GALLUS
(shrugs)
No big. Those fish weren't even a thing.

He turns, cocky, to find himself eye-to-eye with OCELLUS in BITE-ACUDA form. He <STARTLES>.

191 OCELLUS
Oops. Sorry.

Ocellus contritely turns back to her Changeling form.

192 SILVERSTAR
Ha ha! BEST FIELD TRIP EVER!

SC. 19 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - HALLWAY - EVENING

Applejack, Dash, and their students walk in, tired but happy. Twilight anxiously waits to greet them.

193 TWILIGHT
How was the field trip? What did you all learn?

Applejack and Dash share a look. Uh oh - here it goes. And then...Yana steps forward.

194 YANA
Yak learn ponies smart!

195 SILVERSTAR
Yeah! Professor Applejack and Professor Rainbow Dash were such good teachers.

Applejack and Dash trade disbelieving looks.

Gallus nods, begrudgingly adding--

196 GALLUS
It was kinda crazy genius. They showed us what <u>not</u> to do so we'd figure out what we <u>should</u> do.

Twilight raises an eyebrow and looks to the teachers.

197 TWILIGHT
Really?

Applejack and Rainbow Dash smile big, going with it.

198 SANDALWOOD
It took us awhile to get it...

199 BLAZE
Especially at the ravine. It would have been so much easier to just fly home.

200 SILVERSTAR
But instead, our professors built bridges the wrong way just to show us how important teamwork is.

201 GALLUS
Yeah, that was super-dangerous. Talk about commitment!

202 OCELLUS
We know it's too early to pick the teacher of the month... But we'd like you to consider Rainbow Dash and Applejack.

203 TWILIGHT
Thank you for telling me! I'm so glad to hear your field trip was a success. I'll make sure to schedule another one right away!

The students beam, stoked at the prospect, and happily exit.

Twilight smiles to Rainbow Dash and Applejack, who still both look amazed.

204 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
You were actually just competing the entire time, weren't you?

205 APPLEJACK
To tell ya the truth...? Yep.

206 RAINBOW DASH
Well, not all the time. I agreed with you for the whole nature walk!

Applejack turns on Dash in disbelief.

207 APPLEJACK
Only cause you were anglin' for that teacher of the month award.

208 RAINBOW DASH
ME? YOU were the one doing the angling --

Twilight <SIGHS> as Applejack and Dash continue on...

SMASH CUT TO BLACK.

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