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**TEASER****SC. 1 - INT. SCOOTALOO'S HOUSE - DAY**

SKEEDADDLE bursts into Scootaloo's house, overjoyed.

1                   SKEEDADDLE  
Cutie Mark Crusaders! Cutie Mark  
Crusaders! I got my Cutie Mark!

The CMCs - SCOOTALOO, SWEETIE BELLE, and APPLE BLOOM - turn to face the excited colt, thrilled for him!

2                   SWEETIE BELLE  
You did?!

3                   APPLE BLOOM  
That's great, Skeedaddle!

4                   SCOOTALOO  
Yeah! What's it for?

Skeedaddle turns in a circle to look at his new mark, proud.

5                   SKEEDADDLE  
Knot tying! And I never would've  
gotten it without all of you!

6                   APPLE BLOOM  
(aside to Sweetie Belle)  
Did we suggest knot tying?

Sweetie Belle shakes her head.

7                   SKEEDADDLE  
(to Scootaloo)  
First I tried sailing, like you  
said.  
(to Apple Bloom)  
Next I tried fishing, like YOU  
said.  
(Sweetie Belle)  
THEN I tried rowing, like you said--  
but my oar broke. So I used my  
fishing line to tie it back  
together...AND I GOT MY CUTIE MARK!  
(happy buck)  
I can't wait to tell EVERYPONY!

And Skeedaddle happily races out.

WIDEN to include SCOOTALOO'S AUNTS, beaming proudly after seeing the exchange. AUNT HOLIDAY, Scootaloo's EARTH PONY paternal aunt, is kind and warm, with a backbone of steel.

AUNTIE LOFTY is a sturdy pegasus, gruff on the outside, but a marshmallow in the middle. She's currently sitting at a sewing machine, working on a half-made QUILT.

8                   AUNT HOLIDAY  
Oh, how exciting! You three truly  
have a gift for helping ponies.

Scootaloo smiles but looks to the other bemused CMCs.

9                   SCOOTALOO  
Thanks, Aunt Holiday. But I'm not  
sure we can take credit for this  
one.

10                  AUNT HOLIDAY  
Of course you can! You encouraged  
that colt to try new things. And  
because you all believed in him -  
he succeeded.

Lofty frowns at her quilt.

11                  AUNTIE LOFTY  
I could use that kind of help.

12                  SCOOTALOO  
<laugh> C'mon, Auntie Lofty. You  
already HAVE your cutie mark.

Auntie glares at her sewing cutie mark and gestures to her quilt - with no decorative patches yet.

13                  AUNTIE LOFTY  
Lot of good it does me. I can't  
decide what theme to give this  
quilt. I've run out of inspiration.

The CMCs happily chime in.

14                  APPLE BLOOM  
How about apples? Puppies? Kites!

15                  SWEETIE BELLE  
Or cotton candy? Or ballet!

16                  SCOOTALOO  
What about a Wonderbolt quilt?

17                  AUNTIE LOFTY  
(chuckles)  
See? Leave it to you three to come  
up with more ideas than I've had in  
a year. Now that's talent.

The CMCs smile. A clock <CHIMES> and Holiday looks up.

18           AUNT HOLIDAY  
Goodness, we'd better get going or  
we'll miss our train home.  
          (to Scootaloo)  
I left you plenty of healthy food  
for the rest of the week...

19           AUNTIE LOFTY  
And I baked you cookies.

Aunt Holiday puts a loving hoof on Scootaloo's shoulder.

20           AUNT HOLIDAY  
Remember, we're just a few stops  
from Ponyville if you need us. You  
three are always welcome to visit.

The aunts head for the door. Lofty ruffles Scootaloo's mane.

21           AUNTIE LOFTY  
See you next week, Scoot.

Scootaloo and her friends wave as the Aunts leave.

22           SCOOTALOO / APPLE BLOOM / SWEETIE  
          BELLE  
Bye Auntie Lofty! Bye Aunt Holiday!  
/ See ya! / Thanks for the cookies!

The door closes and Sweetie Belle smiles.

23           SWEETIE BELLE  
Your aunts are so nice.

24           APPLE BLOOM  
Yeah, I wish they lived closer!

Scootaloo nods, and then there's a <KNOCK> at the door.

25           SCOOTALOO  
They musta forgot something.

Scootaloo opens the door to see two letters on the doorstep.  
ABOVE, MUFFINS waves, flying off after her delivery.

26           SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)  
It's mail... From my parents!

Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle gather around as Scootaloo  
reads one letter, and GAPES in shock and joy--

27                   SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)  
They're coming home!!!

**END TEASER**

**MAIN TITLES**

**ACT ONE**

**SC. 2 - INT. MISS CHEERILEE'S SCHOOL - DAY**

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MISS CHEERILEE faces her classroom of foals (including the usual faces - SNIPS, SNAILS, DIAMOND TIARA, SILVER SPOON, TWIST, Apple Bloom, and Sweetie Belle), who pay attention, except for Scootaloo, practically vibrating with impatience.

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28                   MISS CHEERILEE  
Today we're going to learn all  
about the Pegasus Weather Factory.

Scootaloo waves her hoof in the air.

29                   SCOOTALOO  
Uh, Miss Cheerilee? Can I move that  
curtain? The sun's in my eyes.

Scootaloo gestures to one of the classroom windows. There is no obvious sun problem, but Miss Cheerilee shrugs.

30                   MISS CHEERILEE  
Sure, Scootaloo.

Scoot runs to the window and looks out, excited... But slumps when she doesn't see anything. She sighs and turns to go, popping back into FRAME to hastily adjust the curtain.

31                   MISS CHEERILEE (CONT'D)  
The factory specializes in snow,  
rain, sunshine, and--

Scootaloo's hoof shoots up again. Cheerilee forces patience:

32                   MISS CHEERILEE (CONT'D)  
Yes, Scootaloo?

33                   SCOOTALOO  
It's kinda stuffy in here. Can I  
open the door?

Miss Cheerilee <SIGHS>, but nods. Scootaloo rushes to the door, opens it, and looks around... Nothing visible outside. She trudges back to her desk.

Miss Cheerilee begins again--

34           MISS CHEERILEE  
As I was saying, we rely on the  
pegasi to--  
          (archly to OS)  
Scootaloo. May I help you with  
something?

REVEAL - Scootaloo has once again edged to peer out the window near the chalkboard. She covers by grabbing an eraser from the chalkboard and begins slamming it against the floor.

35           SCOOTALOO  
I...Just noticed that your erasers  
really need dusting!

The cloud of chalk dust causes Scootaloo and all the nearest students to <COUGH>, including Miss Cheerilee. She waves a hoof in front of her face, then, resigned:

36           MISS CHEERILEE  
Why don't we hold off on the lesson  
until after lunch. How about show  
and tell? Does anypony have any--

Scootaloo ZIPS to the front of the class, amped.

37           MISS CHEERILEE (CONT'D)  
Of course. Scootaloo.

38           SCOOTALOO  
My parents are coming home to  
Ponyville today!

Snips frowns.

39           SNIPS  
Wait. They don't live here?

40           SCOOTALOO  
Nope. Their jobs are way too  
important for that. There's nopony  
in all of Equestria that's good  
enough to do what they do.

41           SILVER SPOON  
Really? What is it?

As Scootaloo spins her tale, the class leans in, enraptured.

42           SCOOTALOO  
They go to the farthest, most  
dangerous places in the world to  
study fierce, unknown creatures!  
          (MORE)

SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)

I'd go with them, but it's too dangerous. Once, my mom had to wing-wrestle a wyvern! And my dad got trapped in a chimera's cave for three moons! He still has the scars to prove it.

But Diamond Tiara isn't buying it.

43           DIAMOND TIARA  
Please. You're making that up.  
Nopony has THAT kind of job.

Suddenly, the classroom door BURSTS OPEN, and a SNARLING CRAGADILE barges in, jaws wide.

The class reacts in <GASPS> of fear and a few <SCREAMS>!

44           MISS CHEERILEE  
It's a CRAGADILE!

Suddenly, Scootaloo's dad, SNAP PIXEL, an EARTH PONY ala Steve Irwin, leaps in between the class and the cragadile.

45           SNAP PIXEL  
Exactly! You can tell them from  
Owligators by their snouts. See?

Snap puts a hoof under the cragadile's jaw and tilts it for Miss Cheerilee to see. The cragadile <SNAPS> its jaws.

46           SNAP PIXEL (CONT'D)  
Easy there, Gumdrop. High time you  
were in your crate for your nap!

Snap picks up a chair in his mouth and using it to steer the cragadile toward the door, like a lion tamer. Scootaloo's pegasus mom - MANE ALLGOOD - enters and points with a no-nonsense hoof to the door.

47           MANE ALLGOOD  
And that means now, mister!

Gumdrop hangs his head and trudges out, cowed. Scootaloo, overjoyed to see her parents, races to hug them both.

48           SCOOTALOO  
Dad! Mom!

They hug back. Apple Bloom asks a gaping Diamond Tiara--

49           APPLE BLOOM  
Still think she's makin' it all up?

Diamond Tiara shakes her head fast. Meanwhile, Snap doffs his Aussie-style hat to Miss Cheerilee.

50           SNAP PIXEL  
Sorry, Miss Cheerilee. Didn't mean to make such an entrance. Just brought back a few friends from our last adventure.

51           MANE ALLGOOD  
I hope we didn't interrupt anything.

Miss Cheerilee looks stunned and shakes her head.

52           MISS CHEERILEE  
No, no. I'd say class is dismissed.

The students head out, except for Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle, who join Scootaloo and her parents.

53           SNAP PIXEL  
Crikey! You're nearly as tall as me now, Scoot!

He squats to pretend to be shorter. Scootaloo loves it.

54           SCOOTALOO  
Aw, c'mon, dad.

Mane wraps a wing around her daughter.

55           MANE ALLGOOD  
Oh, Scootaloo. We missed you!

56           SCOOTALOO  
Me too, mom! Did you get all my letters?

57           MANE ALLGOOD  
And read them twenty times! But they're never as good as the real thing. It's so good to see you.

58           SNAP PIXEL  
I say we celebrate with ice cream sundaes! They don't have THOSE in the jungle, that's for sure.

59           MANE ALLGOOD  
Why don't you all come? Our treat!

60           CMCS  
You bet! / Wow, thanks! / Yeah!

**SC. 3 - EXT. PONYVILLE OUTDOOR CAFE - DAY**

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The CMCs sit at a table with Scootaloo's parents, sundaes almost finished.

61           SCOOTALOO  
...And that's how we became  
friendship tutors at Princess  
Twilight's school!

Scootaloo's parents beam, proud.

62           SNAP PIXEL  
Well I'll be a three-tailed  
bandicoot! What a story!

63           MANE ALLGOOD  
We're so proud of you, Scootaloo.

64           SCOOTALOO  
I can give you a tour of the school  
if you want! I mean, if you're  
staying for awhile this time...

Her eyes brim with hope. Snap smiles broadly.

65           SNAP PIXEL  
Oh, you'll be seeing plenty of us.

66           SCOOTALOO  
Really?!

Mane and Snap share a warm look, and Mane nods.

67           MANE ALLGOOD  
Mm hm. Because we've taken a new  
job assignment that will let ALL of  
us live together.

Scootaloo leaps up, shocked and thrilled.

68           SCOOTALOO  
Really?! That's awesome!

69           APPLE BLOOM / SWEETIE BELLE  
Alright, Scootaloo! / Woo hoo!

The CMCs bounce happily, sharing Scootaloo's joy.  
Scootaloo's parents smile.

70           SNAP PIXEL  
We never intended to be away for so  
long in the first place.

71           MANE ALLGOOD  
We just kept discovering new  
creatures!

72           SNAP PIXEL  
And if we didn't stay to finish the  
job, nopony would.

73           MANE ALLGOOD  
But with all that's been happening  
lately - Equestria losing magic,  
Sombra coming back... We thought  
our family should be together.

74           SNAP PIXEL  
We'll stay in Ponyville just long  
enough for you to pack your things.

The CMCs stop bouncing and whip their heads to Scootaloo's  
parents in shock. Surely they heard that wrong.

75           SCOOTALOO  
Wait... Pack my things? Why?

76           MANE ALLGOOD  
We're moving to Shirelanka.

Even more shock from the CMCs.

77           SWEETIE BELLE  
Isn't that the farthest place in  
Equestria from Ponyville?

78           SNAP PIXEL  
Right. It's where our new job is.

79           SCOOTALOO  
But all my friends are here!

80           MANE ALLGOOD  
You can come back and visit them.  
Or they can take the train to us.  
There's one every month.

This is not reassuring. Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle each  
put a hoof around a gaping Scootaloo.

81           APPLE BLOOM  
Scootaloo can't leave! It would  
break up the Cutie Mark Crusaders!

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82           SWEETIE BELLE  
Yeah! We're supposed to be together  
forever!

Scootaloo's parents share a look - unmoveable, but gentle:

83           MANE ALLGOOD  
Maybe Scootaloo can open a new  
Shirelanka chapter of your club!

84           SCOOTALOO  
But--

85           SNAP PIXEL  
Now, Scoot. Your mother and I have  
discussed this.

86           MANE ALLGOOD  
It's a big change for all of us.  
But it will be a good change!  
You'll see.

The CMCs' eyes well with tears - this is the worst possible  
thing they could ever have imagined.

87           SCOOTALOO  
The only thing I see...Is the end  
of the Cutie Mark Crusaders!

**END ACT ONE**

**ACT TWO**

**SC. 4 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - LATER**

It's the saddest CMC meeting ever. Sweetie Belle sniffles,  
Scootaloo's lip quivers, and Apple Bloom half-heartedly taps  
her gavel. Heartbroken:

88           APPLE BLOOM  
I now call our last ever Cutie Mark  
Crusader meeting to order. First  
item of business - cry!

The CMCS all burst into <OVER THE TOP TEARS>. Sweetie Belle  
wipes her nose with a hoof.

89           SWEETIE BELLE  
What are we supposed to do now?

90           APPLE BLOOM  
I don't know! We've been together  
practically our whole lives! I feel  
like I'm losin' a part of my heart.

Scootaloo tries to be brave - she tells her friends:

91           SCOOTALOO  
You can't let the blank flanks down  
just cause I'm gone. You gotta keep  
being CMCs without me!

92           SWEETIE BELLE  
How? There's only two of us.

93           SCOOTALOO  
Maybe...You can find a replacement.

94           SWEETIE BELLE  
But there ISN'T ONE!

95           APPLE BLOOM  
Nothin's gonna be the same. Who's  
gonna ride their scooter ahead of  
us everywhere we go?

96           SWEETIE BELLE  
Or put on plays with us? Or go  
camping with us? Or just...hang  
out with us?

Scootaloo can't keep a stiff upperlip any longer.

97           SCOOTALOO  
Well, it's worse for me! I have to  
say goodbye to BOTH of you!

RAINBOW DASH picks that moment to burst into the clubhouse.  
Proud of herself, she flashes three matching tickets.

98           RAINBOW DASH  
Guess who just got three front row  
tickets to the Wonderbolts show  
next week?

The CMCs all <BURST INTO TEARS>.

99           CMCS  
<over the top crying>

Rainbow Dash is totally flummoxed.

100          RAINBOW DASH  
That is NOT the reaction I was  
expecting.

101          SCOOTALOO  
          (sniffles)  
Thanks for the tickets, Rainbow  
Dash. But I can't go.

102           APPLE BLOOM  
Her parents are making her move  
super far away from Ponyville!

103           SWEETIE BELLE  
We'll probably never see her again!  
It's hopeless!

Rainbow Dash holds up her hooves to stop them.

104           RAINBOW DASH  
Whoa whoa whoa. I can't believe  
you're giving up so easily! You're  
the Cutie Mark Crusaders! You've  
solved waaay tougher problems than  
this!

The CMCs consider this, and start to perk up a bit. Maybe  
Dash is onto something here.

105           SCOOTALOO  
We are pretty good at coming up  
with ideas...

106           SWEETIE BELLE  
That's right! When we work  
together, we're unstoppable!

107           APPLE BLOOM  
I can't believe we didn't think of  
it before! It's list time, y'all!

And with that, Apple Bloom moves to a chart on the wall. The  
others gather around her, excited, in planning mode.

108           APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
First question - why do Scootaloo's  
parents want to move to Shirelanka?

109           SCOOTALOO  
Cause that's where their new job  
is.

110           SWEETIE BELLE  
<gasp> What if we get them a job  
HERE instead?!

111           APPLE BLOOM  
Yeah! They like takin' pictures of  
dangerous creatures, right? We  
gotta have some of those around  
here. Like... Timberwolves!

Apple Bloom grabs a book of CREATURES and holds it up - a snarling timberwolf on the page. Scootaloo shakes her head and leafs through the book, dismissing every creature in it.

112           SCOOTALOO  
Dad knows all about those. And cockatrices, and bugbears... They only study super-rare animals.

Sweetie Belle looks thoughtful.

113           SWEETIE BELLE  
Then maybe we need to give them an animal NOPONY's ever heard of!

114           APPLE BLOOM  
Then how would we hear about it?

115           SWEETIE BELLE  
Because we're making it up! C'mon!

Sweetie Belle leads the CMCs out, past a bemused Dash.

116           RAINBOW DASH  
Sooo... You want these tickets, or?

#### **SC. 5 - EXT. EDGE OF THE EVERFREE FOREST - LATER**

Scootaloo leads her parents to the edge of the forest, where there are broken branches, large claw marks on some trees, and oddly shaped, enormous footprints on the ground.

117           SCOOTALOO  
This is what I wanted to show you! The tracks of the mysterious Everfree Banshee Beast.

Mane studies the prints and claw marks.

118           MANE ALLGOOD  
I've never heard of that creature.

119           SCOOTALOO  
No pony's ever seen it. They say it has five claws, and three wings, and its known by its strange, yodeling call.

There's silence. Scootaloo frowns and says louder--

120           SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)  
ITS STRANGE YODELING CALL.

In the distance, in the forest, we hear a <MORE SILLY THAN STRANGE YODELING CALL>.

Scootaloo's parents share a look - interested, but skeptical.

121           SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)  
If only somepony could prove it  
exists...

122           SNAP PIXEL  
Easy enough. We'll follow the  
spoor.

And Snap and Mane hurry into the forest. Scootaloo panics - this was not what she expected.

123           SCOOTALOO  
Uh, wait!

Scootaloo hurries to catch up to her parents and usher them down another path.

124           SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)  
I think we should go this way!

Scootaloo steers her parents toward an obviously-pre-selected clearing with OBFUSCATING BUSHES that only allow partial view of what's beyond.

The <YODELING CALL> comes again.

125           SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)  
Shhh! It must be nearby!

Suddenly, a NESSIE-LIKE head appears over the bushes, and FIVE CLAWED FEET <TROMP> past (note, the body isn't seen, just head and feet visible through the bushes).

Snap raises his camera and starts <TAKING PHOTOS>. Mane begins writing notes in a FIELD JOURNAL.

126           SNAP PIXEL  
Let's get a closer look.

Mane nods and leaps into the air to fly after the creature, while Snap pushes through the bushes. Scootaloo panics, and she holds out a hoof to stop them, calling:

127           SCOOTALOO  
I don't think that's such a great  
idea! It could be dangerous!

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BUSHES - we get a better view of the creature - which is clearly a HOOF-MADE COSTUME, hastily stitched together in the middle. \*

Four of the "CLAWS" are just big claw-feet slippers on Apple Bloom's hooves (the body/rump of the creature), and one of them is one of Sweetie Belle's back hoof (she's bouncing on one hoof). She wears a tall, giraffe like neck/creature head on her shoulders, and struggles to control it with her MAGIC.

128           APPLE BLOOM  
I think our plan's workin'!

129           SWEETIE BELLE  
Good! Because I'm not sure how much  
longer I can hop on one hoof...

Mane and Snap burst through the bushes.

130           APPLE BLOOM  
Run! I mean... <YODEL CRY>.

The "Banshee Beast" runs through the forest. Unfortunately, Sweetie Belle goes one direction, and Apple Bloom goes another, bending the beast around a tree...

And <RIPPING> the costume, sending both ponies somersaulting to a stop.

Mane and Snap look down, eyebrows raised at the sheepish fillies as Scootaloo catches up.

131           SCOOTALOO  
Heh. Guess you solved the mystery.

Snap grins to his daughter.

132           SNAP PIXEL  
Here's a hint for the future -  
Banshee Beasts never come out  
during the daytime.

133           MANE ALLGOOD  
Now, we'd better get back to the  
house. There's a lot of packing to  
do before tomorrow!

Scootaloo slumps. Sweetie Belle magics her torn costume off, dejected. Apple Bloom, still in the ripped costume back end, stumbles around, comically bumping into things.

134           APPLE BLOOM  
Can somepony get this off?!

**SC. 6 - EXT. SCOOTALOO'S HOUSE - LATER**

The CMCs huddle near the door of Scootaloo's house. Scootaloo is on her scooter, helmet on. Apple Bloom has a BUCKBALL and BUCKBALL basket. The CMCs wear matching Buckball jerseys.

135           APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
New plan. We show Scootaloo's  
parents that we're a set of three -  
and nopony should ever split us up!

136           SCOOTALOO  
Yeah! If they get how important we  
are to each other, there's no way  
they'll make me move away from you!

137           SWEETIE BELLE  
All for one, and one for all!

The CMCs high-hoof. Scootaloo sees the door open.

138           APPLE BLOOM  
Get ready, they're coming!

Apple Bloom shoves a buckball basket to Sweetie Belle and positions herself with a ball. As Mane steps out of the door, Apple Bloom bucks the ball high.

139           APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
All you, Scootaloo!

Scootaloo zooms her scooter up a ramp and catches air, head-butting the ball to Sweetie Belle...

Who catches it in her basket. Now, like a play, the ponies loudly announce for Mane's benefit:

140           SWEETIE BELLE  
You can't have a Buckball team  
without three ponies!

141           APPLE BLOOM  
We're so lucky to have the perfect  
combination of friends!

142           SCOOTALOO  
I can't imagine playing this game  
with anypony else.

Mane is watching this, and the CMCs think they're getting through to her, when RUMBLE ambles up.

143           RUMBLE  
Cool, Buckball! I'm tagging in!

Rumble kicks the ball into Sweetie Belle's basket. Mane walks on. The CMCs shake their heads, exasperated.

144            SWEETIE BELLE  
Rumble!

**SC. 7 - INT. SCOOTALOO'S HOUSE - LATER**

Snap is looking over his photo negatives of creatures with a jeweler's loop, when the CMCs enter and put down three DRAWINGS of their cutie marks.

145            SCOOTALOO  
Hey, dad. I bet you've seen a lot  
of weird stuff in your job, huh?

146            SNAP PIXEL  
A fair amount.

147            SWEETIE BELLE  
Have you ever seen three ponies  
with the same cutie mark?

148            SNAP PIXEL  
Never.

The CMCs push their drawings under his nose. Snap eyes them.

149            APPLE BLOOM  
Well, NOW you have! There's no  
other ponies like us in Equestria.  
We belong together, no matter what!

150            SNAP PIXEL  
But you don't have the same cutie  
mark.

151            SWEETIE BELLE  
Sure we do! Look!

Snap points to the drawings, looking closely.

152            SNAP PIXEL  
This part is the same, but the  
picture inside each of these is  
different. I think it means you'll  
stay best friends, no matter where  
you go. And that's really special.

The CMCs are stymied while Snap gets up to leave.

153            SCOOTALOO  
But...We... (then) How do you argue  
with that?!

**SC. 8 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - SOON**

Apple Bloom hurries in, toward Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle.

154           APPLE BLOOM  
Alright, y'all. Time to take  
things up a notch.

Apple Bloom pulls a PURPLE POTION out of her saddle bag.

155           SCOOTALOO  
With prune juice?

156           APPLE BLOOM  
It's a potion I mixed up from  
Zecora's book! Prune is only ONE  
of the ingredients.

157           SWEETIE BELLE  
What's it do?

Apple Bloom pulls out the book and reads--

158           APPLE BLOOM  
Makes sure no pony can split us up.  
          (reads)  
On this potion, please depend. Any  
separation, mend. Friends together  
'til the end!  
          (then)  
We just gotta dab a little on our  
hooves. Sounds perfect, right?

159           SCOOTALOO  
Better than perfect!

Sweetie Belle uses her magic to uncork the bottle, and she  
tips it on each of their front hooves. A beat, then...

160           SWEETIE BELLE  
Is something supposed to happen?

The CMCs' hooves shake and suddenly zip toward each other...  
Sticking the CMCs together like three legged racers - Sweetie  
Belle's right hoof to Scootaloo's left hoof, Scootaloo's  
right hoof to Apple Bloom's left hoof.

The CMCs TAKE in surprise/concern.

161           SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)  
Is THAT the something that's  
supposed to happen?!

162           APPLE BLOOM  
The book didn't really say.

Apple Bloom tries to move toward the book, but as she does, she pulls Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle with her. They stumble around awkwardly, then trip and FALL in a heap.

163           CMCS  
<whoaaaaa...Impact>

164           SCOOTALOO  
Didn't we talk about reading the fine print before making a potion?

Scootaloo tries to stand up, but as she does, she tugs Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom in awkward positions (as their hooves are still stuck to hers).

165           SWEETIE BELLE  
Yeah! So we can be sure we're making things BETTER, not worse?

Sweetie Belle stands, but she and Scootaloo are on opposite sides of the CMC podium (or other obstacle), so neither can step forward. Applebloom eyes their plight and gets an idea--

166           APPLE BLOOM  
Don't worry, it wears off fast.  
Besides, it just gave me an idea...

#### **SC. 9 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY**

Apple Bloom fixes a hoofcuff to her back hoof, attaching it to a tall SIGNPOST outside a moving supplies shop. The other CMCs are similarly chained to it, doing a "sit in" - like chaining yourself to a tree so it's not cut down.

Mane and Snap walk toward them, carrying some boxes and tape.

167           MANE ALLGOOD  
Scootaloo? I know you're having fun with your friends, but shouldn't you be packing?

168           SNAP PIXEL  
We can't miss tomorrow's train.  
There isn't another one for a month.

Scootaloo crosses her arms.

169           SCOOTALOO  
Then you'll just have to go without me! I'm staying with the CMCs!

170            SWEETIE BELLE  
We're chained to this post!

171            APPLE BLOOM  
And nuthin' and nopony is gonna  
move us, no matter--

Behind Apple Bloom, a unicorn shop pony has come to take in the sign. He uses his magic to lift it from the ground and the hoofcuffs fall off it.

172            APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
What.

The CMCs look to Scootaloo's parents sheepishly. Her parents are tough, but caring as they explain:

173            SNAP PIXEL  
I know this is hard, Scoot. But you  
have to face the facts. We ARE  
moving. And you're coming with us.

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174            MANE ALLGOOD  
Why don't you take tonight to have  
one last sleep over with your  
friends. Say your goodbyes... And  
then tomorrow, be ready to go.

175            SCOOTALOO  
But I don't WANT to go! My friends  
are here in Ponyville. Everything  
was fine! You're changing my whole  
life without even asking how I  
feel!

176            SNAP PIXEL  
Now, Scoot. You know we're only  
doing what's best for you.

177            SCOOTALOO  
You never cared about that before!

Bursting into tears, Scootaloo runs off. The CMCs follow her. Mane and Snap watch, sharing a sad look.

**END ACT TWO**

**ACT THREE**

**SC. 10 - EXT. NEAR TRAIN STATION - SOON**

The CMCs run after Scootaloo.

178           APPLE BLOOM  
Scootaloo, wait!

179           SWEETIE BELLE  
Where are you going?

Scootaloo slows and stops so her friends can catch up.

180           SCOOTALOO  
To stay with my aunts. You heard my  
parents! There isn't another train  
to Shirelanka for a month. If I'm  
not on it, they'll have to go  
without me.

181           APPLE BLOOM  
Then we're comin' with ya!

182           SCOOTALOO  
Are you sure? I don't want you to  
get in trouble...

183           SWEETIE BELLE  
Rarity won't be mad.

184           APPLE BLOOM  
Applejack neither! I bet she'd do  
the same thing for her friends.

Scootaloo hugs them both. They hug back.

185           SCOOTALOO  
You're the best, you know that?

186           APPLE BLOOM  
WE'RE the best.

187           SWEETIE BELLE  
Together!

The train <BLOWS> its whistle, and the CMCs hurry to get on.

**SC. 11 - EXT. SCOOTALOO'S AUNTS' HOUSE - DUSK**

The CMCs stand on the Aunts' doorstep as Aunt Holiday opens  
the door - and looks surprised.

188           AUNT HOLIDAY  
Scootaloo! What a nice surprise!

Lofty joins her, smiling to the CMCs.

189           AUNTIE LOFTY  
And I've got a surprise for you!

She reaches OS to hold up her now-finished quilt. All the squares on it are images of PONIES THAT THE CMCS HAVE HELPED.

190           AUNTIE LOFTY (CONT'D)  
You three inspired me to finish my quilt. See? It's Cutie Mark Crusader themed!

191           AUNT HOLIDAY  
We love hearing stories about all the ponies you've helped. So Lofty decided to celebrate the special job you three do!

But instead of being happy, it makes the CMCs even sadder. Lofty pulls back her quilt. Holiday looks concerned.

192           AUNTIE LOFTY  
It's still a work in progress...

193           SCOOTALOO  
It's not your quilt we're sad about, Auntie Lofty. Mom and Dad are back. And they're making me move to Shirelanka with them!

194           AUNT HOLIDAY  
Snap and Mane are back? They didn't tell me that!

195           SCOOTALOO  
Oh. I guess you never got your letter.

Scotaloo gives Aunt Holiday the OTHER letter from the teaser. She reads it quickly.

196           SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)  
I love my family! But I love being with my friends, too.  
          (torn, sad)  
I don't want to have to choose.

197           AUNTIE LOFTY  
          (to Scootaloo)  
Then why don't your parents just stay in Ponyville?

Scotaloo shakes her head.

198           SCOOTALOO  
Their job is too important.

199           APPLE BLOOM  
That's it!

Sweetie Belle looks skeptical.

200           SWEETIE BELLE  
Is this another potion idea?

201           APPLE BLOOM  
No! Scootaloo's parents are the  
only ponies in Equestria that can  
do what they do, right?

202           SCOOTALOO  
Right...

203           APPLE BLOOM  
Well, so are we! Our cutie marks  
prove it!

204           SWEETIE BELLE  
          (getting it)  
Yeah! Our job is to help other  
ponies find their purpose!

205           SCOOTALOO  
And nopony else can do that! So if  
my parents split us up...It'd be  
just as bad as them quitting their  
jobs!

It's a victory moment and the CMCs are pumped... Until  
reality sets in.

206           APPLE BLOOM  
Now how do we explain that to 'em?

207           AUNT HOLIDAY  
Oh, you don't have to explain it.

Aunt Holiday lifts Lofty's quilt.

208           AUNTIE LOFTY  
You just need to SHOW it.

And on their thoughtful look...

DISSOLVE TO:

**SC. 12 - INT. SCOOTALOO'S HOUSE - THE NEXT DAY**

Scootaloo enters the house, to find Mane and Snap doing their  
last bit of packing - suitcases and boxes ready to go.  
Gumdrop is in his crate.

209           SNAP PIXEL  
Morning, Scoot. Just about ready to go?

210           SCOOTALOO  
There's something I think you should see first.

Mane looks at the clock and nods.

211           MANE ALLGOOD  
Alright, but we'd better make it fast. That train won't wait.

Scootaloo nods and leads them out the door to--

**SC. 13 - EXT. STREETS OF PONYVILLE - DAY**

Scootaloo and her parents round a corner to see:

The town center has been transformed - CMC banners with the three cutie marks and pictures of the trio hang everywhere. EVERY PONY and CREATURE the CMCs have helped are there - GABBY, TENDER TAPS, Silver Spoon, Diamond Tiara, PIPSQUEAK, TERRAMAR, BULK BICEPS, BABS SEED, FEATHER BANGS, BIG MAC, etc., along with STARLIGHT, SPIKE, the MANE SIX (except Rainbow Dash), Scootaloo's aunts and our TOWN REGULARS. (After this wide shot reveal, we'll work to keep things closer with fewer characters in frame.)

Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle are on a stage with MAYOR MARE.

Scootaloo's parents look surprised.

212           SNAP PIXEL  
Sweet Celestia!

213           MANE ALLGOOD  
What is all this?

Bulk Biceps points and bellows--

214           BULK BICEPS  
Look! It's Scootaloo!

The assembled crowd hurries to lift her, ala "crowd surfing" onto the stage, amid <CHEERS> and chants--

215           CROWD  
CMCS! CMCS! CMCS!

Scootaloo joins her friends onstage, and they all beam.

216           MAYOR MARE  
In honor of all they have done and  
continue to do for the ponies of  
this town, I would like to present  
the Cutie Mark Crusaders with a  
three-handled key to the city!

Mayor Mare holds out the key - three handled for each of the  
CMCs to hold at one time.

There's <APPLAUSE> and everypony looks up the WONDERBOLTS fly  
overhead - with Rainbow Dash breaking off to do a giant SONIC  
RAINBOOM! The crowd is awed... Especially Snap and Mane.

217           SNAP PIXEL  
A full Wonderbolt rainboom salute?

Aunts Holiday and Lofty join Snap and Mane.

218           AUNT HOLIDAY  
I'm not sure you know just how  
important Scootaloo is, little  
brother!

219           AUNTIE LOFTY  
But you're about to find out.

Skeedaddle and CUTIE MARK CAMPERS step forward.

220           SKEEDADDLE  
The CMCs used their free time to  
set up a camp to help us blank  
flanks find our cutie marks.

Hippogriff Terramar and Gabby are hovering nearby. They claw  
bump as Terramar announces:

221           TERRAMAR  
And it's not just ponies they help -  
it's everycreature.

The Aunts add their voices to the mix:

222           AUNT HOLIDAY  
Whether it's encouraging others to  
find their special talent...

Tender Taps does a little <TAPDANCE> nearby.

223           AUNTIE LOFTY  
Or inspiring them to do what's in  
their heart...

Diamond Tiara smiles to the CMCs. Big Mac and SUGAR BELLE lean toward each other.

224           AUNT HOLIDAY  
These three fillies offer the town  
something no other pony can.

Twilight flies to join the CMCs onstage, smiling to

225           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
The Cutie Mark Crusaders have made  
a difference for all of us. We will  
miss Scootaloo terribly, but before  
she goes, we wanted her to know  
what she means to Ponyville. And  
that it will never be the same  
without her.

Twilight hugs Scootaloo. She turns to the crowd--

226           SCOOTALOO  
I guess this is goodbye, everypony.

ON SNAP and MANE - taking this in. Then Mane announces--

227           MANE ALLGOOD  
Maybe not.

The CMCs and crowd turn to Scootaloo's parents.

228           SNAP PIXEL  
We came to take Scootaloo with us,  
so she could be with her family.  
But you all showed us...She has  
plenty of family here too.

229           MANE ALLGOOD  
We always knew Scootaloo was  
special, but we weren't here to see  
what a difference she and her  
friends made together, everyday.

230           SNAP PIXEL  
Which is a long way to say: Scoot,  
if you want to stay, we understand.

231           SCOOTALOO  
REALLY?!

The crowd <CHEERS> and Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom bounce around happily.

232           SWEETIE BELLE / APPLE BLOOM  
You get to stay here! You get to  
stay here!

They pause as a thought occurs to Apple Bloom.

233           APPLE BLOOM  
Uh...You ARE stayin' here, right?

234           SCOOTALOO  
You kidding? CMCs forever!

The CMCs high-hoof. And as the crowd <CHEERS> again...

**END EPISODE**