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TEASER**SC. 1 - EXT. SCOOTALOO'S HOUSE - FRIDAY - MORNING**

SKEEDADDLE races by, overjoyed and yelling as he searches--

1 SKEEDADDLE
Cutie Mark Crusaders! Cutie Mark
Crusaders!

Scootaloo pokes her head out the window of the house, waves.

2 SCOOTALOO
We're at my house!

Skeedaddle, breathless and excited, changes course to her.

SC. 2 - INT. SCOOTALOO'S HOUSE - CONT.

The CMCs - SCOOTALOO, SWEETIE BELLE, and APPLE BLOOM are eating breakfast as an overjoyed Skeedaddle bursts in.

3 SKEEDADDLE
I got my cutie mark!

The CMCs beam at the excited colt.

4 SWEETIE BELLE
You did?!

5 APPLE BLOOM
That's great, Skeedaddle!

6 SCOOTALOO
Yeah! What's it for?

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

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

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

Sweetie Belle shakes her head.

9 SKEEDADDLE
(to Scootaloo)
First I tried sailing, like you
said.
(to Apple Bloom)
(MORE)

SKEEDADDLE (CONT'D)
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.

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

Scootaloo smiles but looks to the other bemused CMCs.

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

12 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.

13 AUNTIE LOFTY
I could use that kind of help.

14 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.

15 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.

16 APPLE BLOOM
How about apples? Puppies? Kites!

17 SWEETIE BELLE
Or cotton candy? Or ballet!

18 SCOOTALOO
What about a Wonderbolt quilt?

19 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.

20 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 weekend...

21 AUNTIE LOFTY
And I left you cookies.

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

22 AUNT HOLIDAY
The Cakes will stay with you
tonight, then Rarity, and Rainbow
Dash after that. Remember, we're
just a few stops from Ponyville if
you need us.

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

23 AUNTIE LOFTY
She knows, Holiday! See you next
week, slugger.

Scootaloo and her friends wave as the Aunts leave.

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

The door closes and Sweetie Belle smiles.

25 SWEETIE BELLE
Your aunts are so nice!

26 APPLE BLOOM
Yeah! It's really cool they watch
you while your parents are gone.

27 SCOOTALOO
I know! I just wish they lived
closer. Nopony bakes like Auntie
Lofty!

There's a <KNOCK> at the door. Scootaloo opens it to see two
letters on the doorstep. ABOVE, MUFFINS waves, flying off.

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

28 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
They're coming home today!!!

29 SWEETIE BELLE
Who?

30 SCOOTALOO
MY PARENTS!

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 3 - INT. MISS CHEERILEE'S SCHOOL - FRIDAY - DAY

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.

31 MISS CHEERILEE
Today we're going to learn about
the Pegasus Weather Factory.
 (then)
Once everypony is in their seats.

REVEAL: Scootaloo has left her seat to peek out the door.
She sheepishly heads back to her chair.

32 MISS CHEERILEE (CONT'D)
The factory specializes in snow,
rain, sunshine, and--
 (archly, to OS)
Scootaloo. May I help you?

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

33 SCOOTALOO
I...Just noticed your erasers 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:

34 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.

35 SCOOTALOO
My parents are coming home to
Ponyville today!

Snips frowns.

36 SNIPS
Wait. They don't live here?

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

37 SCOOTALOO
Nope. Their jobs are way too
important for that. They travel to
the farthest, most dangerous places
in the world to study unknown
plants and fierce creatures. And
what they learn helps pony science
and medicine! 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 Snips isn't buying it.

38 SNIPS
You're making that up. No pony 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>!

39 MISS CHEERILEE
It's a CRAGADILE!

Suddenly, Scootaloo's dad, Snap Shutter, an EARTH PONY ala Steve Irwin, leaps in between the class and the cragadile. He has an Australian accent and wears an Aussie hat; rugged with a roguish charm.

40 SNAP SHUTTER
Easy there, Marshmallow. 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. She's a very cool, athletic mom. She points a no-nonsense hoof to the door.

41 MANE ALLGOOD
And that means now, mister!

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

42 SCOOTALOO
Mom! Dad!

They hug back. Apple Bloom asks a gaping Snips--

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

Snips shakes his head fast. Scootaloo presents her parents to the class.

44 SCOOTALOO
Everypony, meet my parents: Snap
Shutter and Mane Allgood.

Snap doffs his hat.

45 SNAP SHUTTER
Sorry to make such an entrance.
Just brought back a few friends
from our last adventure.

46 MANE ALLGOOD
We couldn't wait another moment to
see Scootaloo!
 (to Miss Cheerilee)
I hope we didn't interrupt
anything...

Miss Cheerilee looks stunned and shakes her head.

47 MISS CHEERILEE
No, I...Think class is dismissed.

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

48 SNAP SHUTTER
Crikey! You're nearly as tall as me now, Scoot!

Teasing, he squats to be shorter. Scootaloo loves it.

49 SCOOTALOO
Aw, c'mon, dad.

Mane wraps a wing around her daughter, warm.

50 MANE ALLGOOD
Oh, Scootaloo. We missed you!

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

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

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

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

The CMCs grin at the invitation.

SC. 4 - EXT. PONYVILLE OUTDOOR CAFE - DAY

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

55 SCOOTALOO
...And Princess Twilight said we're such good friendship tutors, she might even let us teach a class!

Scootaloo's parents beam, proud.

56 SNAP SHUTTER
Good on ya, Scoot!

57 MANE ALLGOOD
What an honor!

58 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.

59 SNAP SHUTTER
Oh, you'll be seeing plenty of us.

60 SCOOTALOO
Really?!

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

61 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.

62 SCOOTALOO
I can't believe it! That's awesome!

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

The CMCs bounce happily, sharing Scootaloo's joy.

64 SNAP SHUTTER
We never planned to be away for so
long in the first place. We just
kept discovering things that could
help Equestria, and nopony else had
the experience to finish our job.

65 MANE ALLGOOD
But with all that's happened lately
--Sombra's return, the destruction
of the Tree of Harmony--we decided
our family should be together.

66 SCOOTALOO
This is the best day of my life.

Scootaloo hugs her parents. They smile warmly.

67 SNAP SHUTTER
We'll stay in town for the weekend,
so you can pack your things.

The other CMCs stop bouncing and gape. Scootaloo pulls back -- surely they heard that wrong.

68 SCOOTALOO
Wait...WHAT?!

69 MANE ALLGOOD
We're all moving to Shirelanka.
(then) That's where our new job is.

Even more shock from the CMCs.

70 SCOOTALOO
But...My friends are in Ponyville!

Snap tries to soothe Scootaloo with "good news."

71 SNAP SHUTTER
You can come back and visit 'em.
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.

72 APPLE BLOOM
But Scootaloo can't leave!

73 SWEETIE BELLE
We've been together our whole
lives!

Snap and Mane share a look. This is not the reaction they were expecting.

74 MANE ALLGOOD
It'll be a big change for
everypony. But it'll be a good
change! Give it time, you'll see.

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

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

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 5 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - FRIDAY - LATER

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

76 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>. Then, wiping her nose, Scootaloo tries to be brave for her friends:

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

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

79 SCOOTALOO
Maybe...You can find a replacement
for me.

80 SWEETIE BELLE
No we can't! YOU'RE the only...YOU!

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

82 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.

83 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.

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

The CMCs all <BURST INTO TEARS>. Rainbow Dash is flummoxed.

85 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
That is NOT the reaction I was
expecting.

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

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

Rainbow Dash is shocked/upset by the news.

88 RAINBOW DASH
What? No way. Scootaloo belongs
HERE!

89 SWEETIE BELLE
And now we'll probably never see
her again! It's HOPELESS!

The CMCs bawl. Rainbow Dash holds up her hooves to stop them.

90 RAINBOW DASH
Whoa whoa whoa. I can't believe
you're giving up so easily! You're
the Cutie Mark Crusaders! Solving
tough problems is what you do!

The CMCs consider this, perking up. Maybe Dash is right.

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

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

93 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.

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

95 SCOOTALOO
That's where their new job is.

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

97 APPLE BLOOM
Yeah! They like 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.

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

Sweetie Belle looks thoughtful.

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

100 APPLE BLOOM
Then how would we hear about it?

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

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

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

SC. 6 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - LATER

Scootaloo leads her parents through the forest, to a trail of
broken branches, large claw marks on some trees, and oddly
shaped, enormous footprints on the ground.

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

Mane studies the prints and claw marks.

104 MANE ALLGOOD
They're like nothing I've seen.

105 SCOOTALOO
Legend says it has five claws and
three wings, and it's super-
dangerous if you get close. If only
somepony could prove it exists!

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

106 SNAP SHUTTER
Easy enough. We'll follow the
spoor.

And Snap and Mane hurry into the forest. Scootaloo panics -
this wasn't what she expected. She hurries to catch up.

Scootaloo runs to block her parents' path and steers them to
an obviously-pre-selected clearing with OBFUSCATING BUSHES
that only allow partial view of what's beyond.

107 SCOOTALOO
I think I heard something this way!

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.

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:

108 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Come back! Did I mention it was
SUPER 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.

109 APPLE BLOOM
So the plan is, we let 'em get a
picture, then hide again, right?

Mane and Snap burst through the bushes.

110 SWEETIE BELLE
Now the plan is RUN!

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.

111 SCOOTALOO
Heh. Guess you solved the mystery.

112 MANE ALLGOOD
We'd better get back. There's a lot to get ready before the house goes up for sale tomorrow.

Scootaloo slumps.

SC. 7 - INT. SCOOTALOO'S ROOM - SATURDAY - MORNING

Scootaloo's ROOM is mostly packed in boxes. She miserably puts an "X" on a calendar page - now TWO DAYS (Saturday and Sunday, but no text) remain before a big, red circled day. She <SIGHS>. Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom reassure her--

113 SWEETIE BELLE
Don't worry, Scootaloo. We have a NEW plan to keep you in Ponyville.

Apple Bloom nods and holds up Snap's camera.

114 APPLE BLOOM
We just gotta show your parents we're a set of three! Then they'll have to let you stay here with us!

SC. 8 - INT. SCOOTALOO'S HOUSE - DARKROOM - DAY

Snap Shutter is packing up his darkroom/photo equipment into boxes. He notices some PHOTOS sitting in DEVELOPING BATH. Frowning, he takes them out and hangs them up.

The photos develop into SUPER-CLOSE snapshots of the CMCs' cutie marks. Snap looks thoughtful...

SC. 9 - INT. SCOOTALOO'S ROOM - CONT.

Snap enters, looking amused, carrying the photos.

115 SNAP SHUTTER
Scoot? Are these yours?

Snap puts the photos down. The CMCs crowd around them.

116 SCOOTALOO
Yeah, thanks, Dad. We're sending
them to Pony Book of Records.

117 SWEETIE BELLE
We're the only three ponies in
Equestria with the SAME cutie mark!

118 APPLE BLOOM
The chances of that are so rare, it
means we belong together, forever!

The CMCs pose, marks matching the photos.

119 SNAP SHUTTER
But you don't have the same cutie
mark.

The CMCs frown - say whaaaat?

120 SWEETIE BELLE
Sure we do! Look!

Snap points to the photos, explaining--

121 SNAP SHUTTER
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 exits.

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

SC. 10 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - THAT AFTERNOON

Apple Bloom hurries in, toward Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle.

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

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

124 SCOOTALOO
With prune juice?

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

126 SWEETIE BELLE
What's it do?

Apple Bloom pulls out the book and reads--

127 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?

128 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...

129 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.

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

131 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.

132 CMCS
<whoaaaaa...Impact>

133 SCOOTALOO
Thanks for trying, Apple Bloom. But
I might as well face it. I'm gonna
have to leave Ponyville.

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).

134 APPLE BLOOM
Don't give up, Scootaloo. (re their
hooves) This just gave me an even
BETTER idea how to keep you here.
C'mon!

Apple Bloom heads for the door, tugging the others with her.
Trying to go through at once, they get comically stuck.

135 SWEETIE BELLE
Maybe we'd better see Zecora about
fixing this first.

SC. 11 - EXT. SCOOTALOO'S HOUSE - SUNDAY - DAY

Apple Bloom fixes a hoofcuff to her back hoof, attaching it
to the "For Sale" sign. The other CMCs are similarly chained
to it, doing a "sit in" - like chaining yourself to a tree so
it's not cut down.

Scootaloo pulls out a calendar and puts another "X" on it -
the next day (Monday) is the red circle day.

136 SCOOTALOO
We're running out of time. This HAS
to work!

Mane and Snap walk out of the house, carrying MOVING BOXES.

137 MANE ALLGOOD
Scootaloo? I know you're having fun
with your friends, but we need to
get all our things to the station.

138 SNAP SHUTTER
We can't miss tomorrow's train.
It's the only one for a month.

Scootaloo crosses her arms.

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

140 SWEETIE BELLE
We're chained to this post!

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

Behind Apple Bloom, the SALES PONY has come to take the sign.
He uses his magic to lift it from the ground and the
hoofcuffs fall off it.

142 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
What.

The CMCs look to Scootaloo's parents sheepishly. Her parents
are empathetic and caring as they explain:

143 SNAP SHUTTER
We just sold the house, Scoot. I
know this is hard to accept, but--

144 SCOOTALOO
It's more than hard! It's not fair!
You're making me pick between my
family and my friends.

Mane hugs her daughter.

145 MANE ALLGOOD
Oh, Scootaloo. Moving away won't
stop you three from caring about
each other. Why don't you sleep
over with Sweetie Belle and Apple
Bloom tonight. It'll give you a
chance to say a real goodbye.

146 SCOOTALOO
But I don't WANT to say goodbye!
You're changing my whole life
without even asking how I feel!

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

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 12 - EXT. NEAR TRAIN STATION - SOON

The CMCs run after Scootaloo.

147 APPLE BLOOM
Scootaloo, wait!

148 SWEETIE BELLE
Where are you going?

Scootaloo slows and stops so her friends can catch up.

149 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.

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

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

152 SWEETIE BELLE
Rarity won't be mad.

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

Scootaloo hugs them both. They hug back.

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

155 APPLE BLOOM
WE'RE the best.

156 SWEETIE BELLE
Together!

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

SC. 13 - EXT. SCOOTALOO'S AUNTS' HOUSE - DUSK

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

157 AUNT HOLIDAY
Scootaloo! What a nice surprise!

Lofty joins her, smiling to the CMCs.

158 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.

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

160 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.

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

162 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!

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

164 SCOOTALOO
Oh. I think the mailpony delivered
your letter to my house.

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

165 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.

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

Scootaloo shakes her head.

167 SCOOTALOO
Their job is too important.

168 APPLE BLOOM
That's it!

Sweetie Belle looks skeptical.

169 SWEETIE BELLE
Is this another potion idea?

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

171 SCOOTALOO
Right...

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

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

174 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.

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

176 AUNT HOLIDAY
Oh, YOU don't have to explain it.

Aunt Holiday lifts Lofty's quilt. Lofty points to the
embroidered ponies on it and smiles.

177 AUNTIE LOFTY
THEY will.

And on their thoughtful look...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 14 - INT. SCOOTALOO'S HOUSE - MONDAY - DAY

Scootaloo enters the house, to find Mane and Snap stacking
the last suitcases and boxes. Marshmallow is in his crate.
Mane looks at her daughter, concerned. Gently:

178 MANE ALLGOOD
Feeling better, Scootaloo?

179 SCOOTALOO
 (nods)
A little. I just wanna show you
something before we go.

Snap looks at the clock and nods.

180 SNAP SHUTTER
Alright, but let's make it fast.
That train won't wait.

Scootaloo nods and leads them out the door to--

SC. 15 - EXT. STREETS OF PONYVILLE - SOON

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. EVERYPONY and CREATURE the CMCs have helped are there- GABBY, TENDER TAPS, Silver Spoon, Diamond Tiara, PIPSQUEAK, TROUBLESHOES, TERRAMAR, BABS SEED, FEATHER BANGS, BIG MAC, etc., along with STARLIGHT, SPIKE, the MANE SIX, Scootaloo's aunts and our TOWN REGULARS. (After this wide 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.

181 SNAP SHUTTER (CONT'D)
Sweet Celestia's slippers!

182 MANE ALLGOOD
What is all this?

Rainbow Dash swoops down to grab Scootaloo.

183 RAINBOW DASH
It's Cutie Mark Crusader
Appreciation Day! But we couldn't
start without all of them here!

Dash flies Scootaloo over to the stage to join the other CMCs. As she travels, the assembled crowd CHANTS:

184 CROWD
CMCS! CMCS! CMCS!

As Scootaloo joins her friends, the crowd <CHEERS>! Mayor Mare faces the crowd and announces--

185 MAYOR MARE
These three ponies share a rare
ability to help others find their
true purpose. It's a job only they
can do - and only together.

FAVOR Mane and Snap, who are surprised to realize this.

186 MANE ALLGOOD
That sounds familiar.

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

187 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!

There's <APPLAUSE> and everypony looks up as the WONDERBOLTS
fly overhead. The crowd is awed... Especially Snap and Mane.

188 SNAP SHUTTER
A full Wonderbolt salute?

Aunts Holiday and Lofty join Snap and Mane.

189 AUNT HOLIDAY
I'm not sure you know just how
important Scootaloo and her friends
are, little brother!

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

Skeedaddle and CUTIE MARK CAMPERS step forward.

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

Miss Cheerilee adds--

192 MISS CHEERILEE
They're friendship tutors at
Twilight's School!

Troubleshoes steps forward, comically knocking over a
banner...Which the CMCs catch.

193 SKEEDADDLE
The Cutie Mark Crusaders see the
best in everypony. Even when that
pony can't see it in themselves.

Snap observes to Mane:

194 SNAP SHUTTER
Well, I'll be a three-tailed
bandicoot. I had no idea how
important Scoot's club was.

Rainbow Dash has overheard this.

195 RAINBOW DASH
Oh, it's way more than just a club.
The CMCs have made a difference for
everypony here.

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

196 TERRAMAR
And not just ponies! They help
everycreature.

The Aunts add their voices to the mix:

197 AUNT HOLIDAY
Whether it's encouraging others to
discover their special talent...

Tender Taps does a little <TAPDANCE> nearby.

198 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.

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

Mane and Snap take this in, looking thoughtful. There's a
<TRAIN WHISTLE> in the distance.

Scootaloo looks to her friends, worried. They cling to her.

Mane and Snap step forward. Dash gapes.

200 RAINBOW DASH
No way! After all that, you're
still gonna make her leave?!

201 MANE ALLGOOD
We just want what's best for
Scootaloo. And until now...We
thought we knew what that was.

Mane and Snap face their daughter.

202 SNAP SHUTTER
Turns out, you're just like us,
Scoot. You have an important job
that only you can do. You love it,
and it helps the world.

203 MANE ALLGOOD
Sometimes that means missing out on
other things you love...Like
watching our daughter grow into a
pony we're very proud of.

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

205 SCOOTALOO
REALLY?! Thanks dad. Thanks mom!

Scootaloo leaps off the stage to hug her parents. They hug
her back - an emotional, earned moment.

FAVOR Lofty and Holiday, leaning against each other sweetly,
moved. Holiday tears up. Lofty offers her a hankie.

Mane pulls back to tell Scoot--

206 MANE ALLGOOD
Oh sweetie. I'm just sorry we
didn't realize it sooner.

207 SNAP SHUTTER
Our work is our life's purpose. We
could never quit it. So there's no
way we could ask you to.

Auntie Lofty interrupts the earnest moment, wry.

208 AUNTIE LOFTY
Maybe you should've thought of that
BEFORE you sold the house.

Mane and Snap look chagrined. Holiday playfully bats at Lofty, who smiles.

209 AUNT HOLIDAY
Lofty, don't tease my brother! We
already have a solution worked out.

210 AUNTIE LOFTY
Since the CMCs make Ponyville such
a nice place, we've decided to move
here.

Holiday turns to Scootaloo--

211 AUNT HOLIDAY
You can live with us, Scootaloo. If
you'd like.

212 SCOOTALOO
That would be amazing!!!
(hopeful to her parents)
Will you... Still come and visit?

Mane nods, moved. Snap puts his hat on Scoot's head.

213 MANE ALLGOOD / SNAP SHUTTER
Of course! / Rabid bugbears
couldn't keep us away.

Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom leap off the stage and bounce around Scootaloo happily.

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

They pause as a thought occurs to Apple Bloom.

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

216 SCOOTALOO
You kidding? CMCs forever!

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

END EPISODE