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TEASER**SC 1 - EXT. TRAIN STATION - DAY**

SFX: TRAIN WHISTLE! A train comes heading down the track. As PONIES bustle about, a very excited SCOOTALOO, APPLE BLOOM, and SWEETIE BELLE trot up. Apple Bloom holds a flyer.

1 APPLE BLOOM
The Appleloosa County Fair looks so
excitin'!

She shows them the flyer, showing a rustic country fair.

2 SWEETIE BELLE
(reads) Animal shows, carnival
rides--

3 SCOOTALOO
--And all kinds of food on a stick!

Scoot smiles at the thought as the train pulls up with a burst of STEAM. But when it clears, APPLEJACK is standing in front of the CMCs, shaking her head.

4 APPLEJACK
Sorry, you three, but you're way
too young to be taking the train to
another town all on your lonesome.

5 SCOOTALOO
Too young? We're older than most
ponies twice our age!

6 APPLEJACK
All the same, you ain't old enough
for this and I'm too busy today to
take ya.

Disappointed, the girls watch as the train pulls out, leaving the CMCs' manes windblown.

SC 2 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - MOMENTS LATER

The Crusaders stand in line behind RARITY who's finishing up a purchase with MRS. CAKE.

7 RARITY
I'm afraid I have plans today, or
I'd take you. The fair sounds
wonderful.

8 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
We know.

As Rarity turns to go, Mrs. Cake leans across the counter to talk to them.

9 MRS. CAKE

And I'm pretty sure Pinkie is busy planning a pretty involved party-- or at least I hope that's what the sounds coming from downstairs are.

10 SCOOTALOO

(disappointed) Oh, well. Let's get some sweets. If we can't get food on a stick, at least we can eat whatever we want here.

RARITY stops at the door and rushes back, ushering the girls away from a display of cakes and pies.

11 RARITY

Before breakfast!? Girls, you'll ruin your teeth! Trust me, when you're older, your mouth will thank me for pointing you in a more nutritious direction.

She directs them toward an less appetizing vegetable pie. Mrs. Cake holds it out eagerly. The girls all slump with a <SIGH>.

SC 3 - EXT. PATH NEAR THE FOREST - SOON AFTER

FLUTTERSHY looks on RAINBOW DASH wrestles with a BASILISK. As it squirms and flails it's limbs, the CMCs try to avoid its flashing talons.

12 FLUTTERSHY

I'm so sorry, but neither Rainbow Dash or I can take you. This poor basilisk needs a time out.

13 RAINBOW DASH

<GRUNTING EFFORTS> Actually, so do I!

The basilisk shakes free, and runs off. Dash flies after it.

14 APPLE BLOOM

Well, if we can't see the animals and creatures at the fair, maybe we could help with this?

15 FLUTTERSHY

Goodness, no. A basilisk needs a much older, more experienced hoof.

16 RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)
Like miiiiinnnnne!

The basilisk zooms by, dragging Dash behind her and almost hitting the CMCs. Off the CMCs ducking to cover...

SC 4 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - SOON AFTER

The CMCs stand with Twilight, who consults a magical book by a pedestal over which a glowing, MAGICAL FLOWER floats.

17 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sorry, but I'm busy too! I was hoping to unlock the mystery of this Floating Lotus for Starswirl, but I have no idea what it does.

18 SWEETIE BELLE
(flat) I don't suppose we could help.

19 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Thanks, but if Starswirl can't figure it out, I'm sure you're too young to have the experience in magical botany I need... But I bet Shadetail Evergreen does! I know I have her book around somewhere.

Twilight rushes off. Despondent, the three girls gather around the pedestal and look up at the floating flower.

20 SCOOTALOO
I wish everypony would stop telling us we're too little for everything!

21 SWEETIE BELLE
I wish all three of us were already grownups so they wouldn't be able to!

Suddenly, the flower pulse with a FLASH that fills the screen. When it clears, all three CMCs are suddenly transformed into OLDER VERSIONS OF THEMSELVES!

22 APPLE BLOOM
Well... I think we figured out what the flower does!

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC 5 - INT. CASTLE - DAY - RESUME

Resume on the CMCs, now magically older! [*NOTE: ALL THREE WILL APPEAR AS OLDER PONIES UNTIL NOTED IN THE FINAL SCENE.]

23 APPLE BLOOM
 (stammering)
S-scootaloo? Sweetie Belle? Look at
yourselves!

24 SCOOTALOO
Look at US? Look at YOU!

They rush over to a mirror.

25 APPLE BLOOM
Oh my apples, we're all grown up! I
look just like Applejack.

26 SWEETIE BELLE
And I look just like Rarity! That
flower granted my wish.

They rush to the floating flower - but as they watch, the
flower's GLOW fades as it withers and falls to the pedestal.

27 APPLE BLOOM
Looks like we used it all up. I
guess we better fess up and tell
Twilight so she can turn us back.

She goes to trot out, but Scootaloo stops her by riding over
on her scooter (on which she now barely fits).

28 SCOOTALOO
Waitasecond. Are you sure that's
what a grownup pony would do? I
mean, we are older and wiser now.

29 SWEETIE BELLE
You have a point! We should
probably spend some time as
grownups to make sure that's the
wisest decision.

30 APPLE BLOOM
I suppose we do need some
experience to go with our newfound
experienced look.

The girls exchange excited looks, then zip out of the room
just before Twilight comes back in with a magical tome. MUSIC
UP: a driving beat under the following.

31 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Okay, where were we...

Of Twilight looking from the wilted flower to the empty room...

SC 6 - INT./EXT. - PONYVILLE - VARIOUS - MONTAGE

In a MONTAGE, the CMCs SING A **SONG: BIGGER IS BETTER**. During the song, they do all sorts of things unavailable to little ponies:

SUGAR CUBE CORNER - Scoot walks out with a sweet in each hoof.

32 SCOOTALOO
*Woke up this morning feeling tired
and small -
But look at me now! I must be a
hundred feet tall.
A new me, feelin' free,
Is here to answer the call
Now that I'm bigger.
And bein' bigger is better!*

AT A FANCY RESTAURANT - they pass a MAITRE D' who's stopped DIAMOND TIARA and SILVER SPOON. The Maitre d' uses a yard stick to measure the younger ponies, then shakes his head.

33 APPLE BLOOM
*See it my way, it's not all that
strange.
A tiny twist of fate brought on a
ginormous change.
Give me room, gonna zoom!
I got plans to arrange
Now that I'm bigger.
And bein' bigger is better.*

IN A STORE FULL OF DELICATE, BREAKABLE THINGS - They browse like bulls in a china shop, but no pony pays them any mind. *

34 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
*Oh oh oh: Bigger is better.
Bein' bigger... is better...
when you're bigger!*

35 SWEETIE BELLE
*I'm leaving behind the little pony
you've known -
steppin' out, movin' up, makin'
moves on my own.
Don't tell me no! I can go
where I want since I've grown -
(MORE)*

SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)

*Now that I'm bigger.
And bein' bigger is better!*

SOMEWHERE - They find a giant floor piano to dance on, (in an homage to Big).

36 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE

*Can't stop us now, don't try to
stand in our way!
Once we had to listen, now you'll
hear what we say.
We're awake, gonna take
all we can from today
Now that we're bigger.
And bein' bigger is better.*

IN PONYVILLE - They strut proudly down the street as if they own the town. The crowd parts for them.

37 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
(CONT'D)

*Oh oh oh: Bigger is better.
Bein' bigger... is better...
when you're bigger!
Oh oh oh: Bigger is better.
Bein' bigger... is better...
when you're bigger!*

END SONG

SC 7 - EXT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS

The delighted CMCs pass the Carousel Boutique.

38 SCOOTALOO

BEST DAY EVER! What could go wrong?

Suddenly, SPOILED RICH trots up wearing a flowing CAPE and holding a large sack of BITS.

39 SPOILED RICH

*Rarity, there you are! Thank you so
much for agreeing to do my cape
alterations on credit. Here is the
full balance due-- plus a little
extra for interest.*

40 SWEETIE BELLE

Rarity? Oh, I'm not--

Apple Bloom nudges her. Sweetie Belle gets it and takes the bits.

41 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
(imitating Rarity)
I mean, of COURSE I'm Rarity and
not her younger sister-- Uh...
thank you soooo much daaaarling.

Spoiled rich stares at her, confused as a FRUIT SELLER PONY
pulling a cart rushes up to Apple Bloom.

42 FRUIT SELLER PONY
Applejack! - Wow, I've never seen
you without your hat - Anyway, I
just wanted to say thanks for the
bushel of apples yesterday. If
there's anything from my cart you
want in return, it's yours!

Apple Bloom looks over the Fruit Seller's cart filled with
delicious looking flats of berries.

43 APPLE BLOOM
(imitating her sister) Well, now I
reckon you've got some mighty fine
looking fruit here...

As Apple Bloom hungrily picks over the cart, Scootaloo looks
up to see the actual Rarity and Applejack headed toward them.

44 SCOOTALOO
Uh, actually, thanks so much but we
have really important business to
take care of-- somewhere else.

With that, she slaps the berries out of Apple Bloom's hooves,
gives the sack of bits back to Spoiled Rich, and pulls her
friends around the corner.

The Fruit Seller and Spoiled Rich exchange confused looks,
which only deepen as actual Rarity and Applejack show up.

ON THE CMCS - just around the next corner, catching their
breath.

45 APPLE BLOOM
That was close!

46 SWEETIE BELLE
I don't think we can keep up this
being grown ponies thing around
here much longer.

47 SCOOTALOO
Well, then, maybe we should go
somewhere else!

Scotaloo holds up the FLYER for the Fair from earlier. Off the girls exchanging excited glances...

SC 8 - INT. TRAIN - SOON AFTER

Beside themselves with joy, the CMCs stick their heads out the window and feel the wind whip through their manes.

48 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
GROWNUPS! / ON A TRAIN! / WHOO HOO!

Confused at this behavior, the CONDUCTOR shakes his head.

SC 9 - EXT. APPLELOOSA FAIR - LATER

The CMCs walk up to the fair entrance, grinning from ear to ear. As they exchange elated looks we CUT TO...

A SERIES OF SHOTS OF THEM AT THE FAIR:

ON SWEETIE BELLE - as the other two watch her swing the hammer at a "test of strength" booth.

49 SWEETIE BELLE
Coming to this Fair as a grownup is
even more fun than I dreamed! I bet
I couldn't even lift this thing as
a foal!

She brings it down with a THWAK and rings the BELL.

ON THE TRIO - exchanging giggles and knowing looks as they walk right past several young ponies stopped up at a "YOU MUST BE THIS TALL TO RIDE" sign for a ferris wheel. *

ON THE GIRLS - sitting side by side in the car, screaming...

50 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
GROWNUPS!!!

ON SCOOT - her arms loaded with various foods on sticks. She struggles to move the collection so she can take a bite of a roasted carrot, then...

51 SCOOTALOO
(mouth full)
Being a grownup is... AMAZING!

SC 10 - EXT. ANIMAL TENT - SOON

SFX: BARN ANIMAL SOUNDS as the CMCs wander happily through the tent looking at all the animals to be judged for blue ribbons (think 4-H fair): prize pigs, varieties of chickens, magical lambs with rainbow-colored wool, etc.

52 APPLE BLOOM
 (sighing happily:)
Food, rides, prize animals... how
could this day get any better?

They wander by two little ponies: soft-spoken SPUR and his
confident friend BISCUIT. In the middle of a heated argument,
they stand by a cage covered with a cloth.

53 SPUR
You can't tell me what to do,
Biscuit. You're not a grownup!

Biscuit sees the CMCs and calls out to them.

54 BISCUIT
Hey, you three are grownups. Maybe
you can settle this!

55 SCOOTALOO
 (mouth still full)
Um, yes! Yes, we are in fact
grownups! All three of us. How can
we help?

56 SPUR
Well, I brought my pet 'cause I
thought maybe there'd be a prize
for 'most unusual' creature.

He takes the cover off the cage. The CMCs lean in to see. ON:
BLOOFERPOOFER, a cute <SNORING> snaggletoothed, fuzzball.

57 SWEETIE BELLE
He IS pretty unusual. What is he?

58 SPUR
No idea! I found him in the forest
when he was small. I call him
"Blooferpoofer." Bloofy for short.

59 BISCUIT
And Bloofy's cute, no doubt. But
why would you want a 'most unusual'
blue ribbon when you could win
actual bits entering him in the
animal showcase?!

60 SPUR
Because entering Bloofy in the
showcase is a terrible idea?

61 BISCUIT
IS NOT!

62 SPUR
IS TOO!

As the foals continue to argue, Apple Bloom turns to the others with a sudden thought.

63 APPLE BLOOM
Crusaders, I just figured out how
this day could get better!

64 SCOOTALOO
(mouth full:)
<GASP> Hay cake on a stick?

65 APPLE BLOOM
No! I mean, yes, but even better
than that! What if we didn't just
look like our grown up sisters,
what if we acted like them too and
solved a genuine friendship
problem!?

The others' eyes light up.

66 SCOOTALOO/SWEETIE BELLE
That's a great idea! / Let's do it!

The CMCs wheel back around to Spur and Biscuit.

67 APPLE BLOOM
Spur and Biscuit, your friendship
problem is as good as solved!

68 SWEETIE BELLE
What could possibly go wrong?!

Suddenly, the vegetable **kebab** Scoot's nibbling on falls off
the stick and into the dirt. *

69 SCOOTALOO
Don't worry. That's not, like, an
omen at all.

MUSIC STING as we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC 11 - EXT. ANIMAL TENT - DAY - RESUME

Resume on the CMCs with Spur and Biscuit. Spur looks at them
confused.

70 SPUR
What's a 'friendship problem'?

71 SCOOTALOO
It's what you have and what we're
gonna solve! Just like our big sis--
Ah... Grownups. Just like grownups.
Which is what we are!

Apple Bloom peers in the cage at the <SNORING> Bloofy.

72 APPLE BLOOM
Bloofy seems kinda sleepy.

73 SPUR
He feels safe in his cage, so I
hardly ever take him out. Plus he'd
have to do tricks for the showcase
and I don't think he's trainable.

74 BISCUIT
Aw, you could do it if you really
wanted to, Spur!

The CMCs all share a look.

75 SWEETIE BELLE
Well, speaking as a grown up, I
think I already know what the
problem is - and how to solve it.

Sweetie Belle paces thoughtfully.

76 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
It's something we've seen dozens of
times in our vast experience as
grownup friendship problem solvers.
Clearly, Spur is suffering from a
debilitating lack of confidence!

77 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM
That's what I was gonna say! /
Absolutely!

Apple Bloom looks at Bloofy, who's still napping.

78 APPLE BLOOM
You can do just about anything you
set your mind to! I'm sure Bloofy
can learn a few tricks.

79 SPUR
I don't know if that's really the
problem. Are you sure?

80 APPLE BLOOM
Sure, I'm sure!

81 SCOOTALOO
Look out animal showcase, here we
come!

Biscuit hoof-pumps.

82 BISCUIT
YESSSS!

Off Spurs, hesitant look...

SC 12 - EXT. BEHIND THE ANIMAL TENT - MOMENTS LATER

CLOSE ON: the CMCs:

83 SCOOTALOO
We've faced many a friendship
problem in all our years and the
best way to solve it is... WITH A
CHART!

Widen to show the CMCs and the foals standing by a familiar
CMC-style chart posted on a fencepost. Sweetie Belle has a
pointer. She refers to absurd items drawn on the chart.

84 SWEETIE BELLE
Here's a list of confidence
building exercises! We'll start
small, with elocution,
calisthenics, posture drills...

85 APPLE BLOOM
Then we'll move on to eye contact,
hoofshakes, feats of strength,
mime, modern dance...

86 SPUR
"Modern dance?"

87 SCOOTALOO
And we'll finish with a walk over
hot coals, a solo tuba concerto,
and a logrolling obstacle course
over a frozen waterfall!

88 SPUR
Um, maybe I could start by just
taking Bloofy out of his cage?

The CMCs share a look. Then they shrug.

89 SCOOTALOO
Well, I guess that's okay, too.

Spur opens the cage and clips a leash to Bloofy's collar.
Biscuit leans on the fence as Spur sets Bloofy on the ground.

90 BISCUIT
How great is this, Spur? With the
help of these grownups, that prize
money is as good as ours!

Bloofy gives a YAWN and falls fast asleep on the grass: a
cute, furry little lump.

91 SPUR
I'm still don't know about this.

92 APPLE BLOOM
Aw, apples, all you need is a
little confidence, a little
practice, and a little time!

PAN UP to a blazing sun above. As the sun moves across the
sky.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC 13 - EXT. BEHIND THE ANIMAL TENT - LATER

Hot and droopy, Spur looks out at a series of hoops set up
for Bloofy to jump through. Bloofy just lays in a lump at the
end of his leash SNORING. The CMCs and Biscuit look on.

93 SPUR
How much time do you think this'll
take? Bloofy doesn't seem
interested!

Sweetie Belle turns to the other CMCs.

94 SWEETIE BELLE
(sotto to the CMCs:)
Hey, Crusaders, you don't think we
were wrong about this, do you?

95 SCOOTALOO
No way! We're grownups, and
grownups are always right... Right?

96 APPLE BLOOM
(still snacking on kebab)
Right! (shouting to Spur) Come on,
Spur you can do it!

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Spur takes a breath and wakes Bloofy. He gives her a little grin as Spur sets him back up on his little feet and faces the others.

97 SPUR
(flat) For our next trick, Bloofy the Magnificent will jump through these hoops.

She drags Bloofy towards the first hoop where... he falls asleep again.

98 SPUR (CONT'D)
UGH! This is never gonna work!

99 BISCUIT
It would if you tried a little.

100 SPUR
I am trying!

101 BISCUIT
Maybe you need to try harder.

102 SPUR
Maybe you should do it!

Biscuit jumps the fence and grabs Bloofy's leash.

103 BISCUIT
Maybe I will.

104 SPUR
FINE! I DIDN'T WANNA DO THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE!

Spur trots off, angry. Sweetie Belle turns to the others.

105 SWEETIE BELLE
Are you sure we're doing this right?

106 BISCUIT
Don't worry about Spur. Once I train Bloofy, he'll see just how easy it is.

The girls look to each other, considering.

107 APPLE BLOOM
Maybe if Biscuit wins the prize, Spur will learn that he could have done it all along.

108 SCOOTALOO
That makes sense.

They hop the fence and stand with Biscuit, who holds Bloofy's leash. (NOTE: Scootaloo carries the **kebab** she's noshing on.) *

109 BISCUIT
This is gonna be a piece of cake.
Watch. Hey, Bloofy... SIT!

The creature continues sleeping. Scootaloo leans down to make sure it's breathing.

110 SCOOTALOO
I think he's still asleep.

As Scoot leans down, Bloofy smells her **kebab** and his eyes pop open. He sits up and pants - fixated on the food. *

111 APPLE BLOOM
Huh, it won't be a piece of cake,
it'll be a piece of food on a
stick!

Apple Bloom gives Biscuit the **kebab**. She holds it out to a fully-wide-awake Bloofy. Lured by the treat, Bloofy follows her lead... and rolls over and over through the hoops! *

112 BISCUIT
HA! See? I knew I could do it. Good
boy, Bloofy! Good boy!

She gives Bloofy a bit of the **kebab**. Bloofy GULPS it down and sits at attention, ready for Biscuit's next command. The CMCS jump for joy. *

113 SWEETIE BELLE
Maybe this is gonna work out after
all!

114 SCOOTALOO
Are we good or what?

115 APPLE BLOOM
Woo-hoo!

SC 14 - EXT. SHOW ARENA - LATER

A little later, APPLELOOSA TOWNSPONIES watch from viewing stands in a small judging arena. Other PONIES lead their animals around the ring, strutting their stuff "Westminster Dog Show"-style.

TWO ANNOUNCER PONIES with headsets talk into an old-fashioned microphone / loudspeaker combination. They do color commentary as PONIES lead their show animals around the ring. First up: a PONY with a proudly prancing PIG.

116 ANNOUNCER 1
What a fabulous day for the Animal Showcase. Just look at the form on that trained pig!

117 ANNOUNCER 2
A fine specimen, but can she clear the hoops? (off the animal's successful attempt) YES SHE CAN!

ON THE CMCS - at ringside talking to Biscuit, who's in the ring with Bloofy on a leash. Bloofy is gussied up: groomed and adorable, with a ribbon in his hair.

Scootaloo hands Biscuit a kebab. Bloofy's eyes light up. *

118 SCOOTALOO
We'll be right here cheering you on. Good luck.

119 BISCUIT
Who needs luck with grownups like you on my side?

With that, Biscuit uses the kebab to lead Bloofy out into the ring. *

120 SWEETIE BELLE
I don't know about you girls, but I think we've got this friendship problem almost solved.

121 SPUR (O.S.)
That's a relief.

The girls turn to see Spur, looking up at them meekly.

122 APPLE BLOOM
Spur, there you are!

123 SPUR
I shouldn't have run off and left Bloofy. Is he okay?

124 SCOOTALOO
Better than okay. Look!

She points to the ring, where Biscuit leads a prancing Bloofy across the obstacle course of hoops and animal-training paraphernalia.

125 ANNOUNCER 1 (V.O.)
Looks like we have a new entry, and
isn't he a cute little... whatever
he is?

126 ANNOUNCER 2 (V.O.)
He sure is. And look at those
impressive moves!

Following Biscuit's lead, Bloofy performs a quick series of pretty amazing tricks: he rolls through the hoops, then dances, stands on his head - and even juggles apples.

<SFX: CROWD APPLAUSE>.

ON THE CMCs, happy.

127 APPLE BLOOM
See? All it took was a little
confidence, and your friend Biscuit
has that in spades.

128 SCOOTALOO
And now that you see what it takes,
there's no reason you can't do it
yourself.

Spur looks up at them, upset.

129 SPUR
But I don't WANT to. I'm not afraid
or anxious and I don't think I have
a confidence issue. I just didn't
want my pet in the show!

With that, Spur stomps off in a huff. Sweetie Belle looks at the others.

130 SWEETIE BELLE
On second thought, we might **not** be
as close to solving things as I
thought.

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MEANWHILE IN THE RING: the JUDGE PONIES with clipboards eyeball the animals and their owners. Radiating confidence, Biscuit stands with Bloofy next to a smartly-dressed Pony holding a NANNY GOAT on a leash.

ON THE ANNOUNCERS:

131 ANNOUNCER 2 (V.O.)
Wouldn't you say little
Blooferpoofer, there, is a crowd
favorite to win the grand prize?

132 ANNOUNCER 1 (V.O.)
"Crowd favorite?" More like he's a
shoe-in! He's a sure winner! He's
a...

SUDDENLY, THE GOAT NEXT TO BLOOFY
SNATCHES THE **KEBAB** FROM BISCUIT'S HOOF
AND SWALLOWS IT. *

Bloofy stares for a beat perplexed... then furious... then he
undergoes an anger-fueled metamorphosis as he turns fiery red
and swells to a size larger than a pony! The Townsponies go
silent with shock.

133 ANNOUNCER 1 (V.O.)
He's a MONSTER!

BLOOFY sprouts leathery orange wings, claws and fangs. He
ROARS! ON the shocked CMCS:

134 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
AAAH!

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC 15 - EXT. SHOW ARENA - SAME - RESUME

RESUME on menacing BLOOFY-MONSTER in the middle of the arena.
The CMCS, stare, open-mouthed as Bloofy <ROARS>.

135 APPLE BLOOM
I'm startin' to think maybe we
aren't doing the best job as
grownups!

At the broadcast table, the Announcers address the crowd:

136 ANNOUNCER 1
(with great calm:)
All right, everypony, please move
quietly and calmly to the nearest
exit. This is no time for panic.

Enraged, Bloofy opens his mouth - and spits a blast of
magical FIRE! It hits some of the pendants waving around the
stadium. They burst into flames.

137 ANNOUNCERS 2
NOW IT'S TIME TO PANIC!

In the stands, Townsponies rush for the exits. The other handlers in the ring rush out with their animals, save for a terrified Biscuit, who's rooted to the spot with fear.

Sweetie Belle looks around at the running Townsponies.

138 SWEETIE BELLE
Shouldn't some of these grownups
jump in there and help Biscuit?

139 SCOOTALOO
Uh, Sweetie Belle? I think the only
grownups for that job are us! Come
on, Crusaders!

Scootaloo grabs her scooter and rides it down into the ring, followed by Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom.

140 APPLE BLOOM
Biscuit, don't move! We'll distract
him!

141 SWEETIE BELLE
How are we gonna do that?

Scootaloo pulls a bunch of snacks-on-sticks out of her backpack.

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142 SCOOTALOO
With these! HEY BLOOFY, OVER HERE!

Riding her scooter, Scootaloo circles the ring and waves the snacks wildly. Seeing the snacks, Bloofy <ROARS> again, and takes flight.

143 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Well, that got his attention!

Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom rush to Biscuit and usher her out of the ring while...

Scootaloo races at great speed for the gates... but just before she's there, Bloofy lands with a <THUD> right in front of her! Scootaloo skids to a stop as the Monster faces her, eyeing the snacks.

144 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Uh oh. Good Bloofy. Good boy...

Bloofy <ROARS> and spits another blast of fire, instantly barbecuing the kebabs. He snatches them with his claws and starts to gobble them up. *

145 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Hope you like those, because that's
all I got.

Bloofy looks up angrily as Scoot wheels her way out of the gates in a flash. Bloofy <ROARS> again, flaps his wings and launches himself into the air, landing on top of the now-flaming arena. *

Off BLOOFY perched atop the arena, <ROARING> down at the fleeing Townsponies and stampeding barnyard animals...

SC 16 - EXT. APPLELOOSA TRAIN STATION - SAME

A train pulls away from the station, leaving Rarity, Rainbow Dash, Applejack, and Fluttershy behind on the platform.

146 APPLEJACK
I sure hope you're wrong about the girls being here, Fluttershy. I specifically told them they were too young to come on their own.

147 FLUTTERSHY
Well, they were certainly interested in seeing the creatures and animals at the fair and it does have wide selection.

148 RAINBOW DASH
As long as there aren't any basalisks I'm happy to take a look. *

149 RARITY
But it's such a large event. How will we ever find them?

Just then, a bunch of panicked ponies gallop right past them... followed by the fleeing Scootaloo!

150 SCOOTALOO
(zooming past)
AAAAH!

151 RAINBOW DASH
Is it just me or did it look like that grownup pony was riding Scootaloo's scooter?

Just then, Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom gallop up to the older ponies, out of breath. They rush to embrace their sisters.

152 APPLE BLOOM
Applejack, you've gotta help us,
you've just GOTTA!

153 SWEETIE BELLE
Rarity! Am I glad to see YOU!

The older ponies blink at them, confused by these seemingly grown-up fillies.

154 RARITY
I'm sorry. Have we met?

In a jumble, faster and faster:

155 SWEETIE BELLE
It's me, Sweetie Belle!

156 APPLE BLOOM
And I'm Apple Bloom! We kinda sorta
got magically turned into grownups.

157 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
And I know we shouldn't have, but
we came here, and we were really,
having fun...

158 SWEETIE BELLE
And then there was this friendship
problem that we decided to solve,
since we were grownups...

159 APPLE BLOOM
But it turned out to be a lot
harder than we thought!

A beat. Racing past comes another stampede of animals from the animal show (pigs, goats, lambs), followed by more panicking townspanies. Then:

160 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Oh. And there's a fire breathing
monster loose in the arena.

Off the older ponies exchanging looks of concern...

SMASH CUT TO:

SC 17 - EXT. SHOW ARENA - CONTINUOUS

The CMCs (now joined by Scoot) stand next to their "sisters" looking on while Bloofy stomps around the area <ROARING> and breathing fire.

161 FLUTTERSHY
Goodness. A Reversible Mungtooth.
They are very rare, and so adorable
when they're calm.

A BLAST of fire rushes by and they all duck.

162 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
This one isn't calm.

163 SCOOTALOO
Is there anything we can do to calm
him down?

164 FLUTTERSHY
I'm afraid not. At a young age, a
Mungtooth forms a tight bond with
its caretaker. They're the only one
who can calm it down enough to
return to normal.

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165 BISCUIT (O.S.)
She's talking about Spur!

They all turn to see Biscuit climbing out from her hiding place behind some crates.

166 BISCUIT (CONT'D)
And if he's headed home, I know
which way he went.

Off the rest, intrigued...

SC 18 - EXT. APPLELOOSA MAIN ROAD - SAME

Spur trots home sadly, muttering to himself.

167 SPUR
"You're just not trying hard
enough." PFFT! "Confidence issue."
Please. I don't know why I went to
that fair in the first place.

<SFX: GALLOPING O.S.> An out-of-breath Biscuit catches up to Spur. Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle, and Scoot follow close behind. Spur doesn't stop.

168 BISCUIT
Spur, you gotta come back to the
fair!

169 SPUR
Why? It sure looked like you had
everything under control. I don't
know why you need me.

Biscuit gets right in front of Spur. He stops in his tracks.

170 BISCUIT
Spur, please! I'm sorry. You knew
what was best for Bloofy all along,
and now you're the only one who can
calm him down.

171 SPUR
Wait - 'calm him down?'

172 SWEETIE BELLE
He sorta got angry at a goat and
turned into a giant, fire-breathing
rage monster. He really needs you!

173 SPUR
Well, why didn't you say so?

With that, Spur gallop back towards town. Biscuit follows.

174 APPLE BLOOM
Looks like we gave Spur some
confidence after all!

175 SCOOTALOO
Honestly, I'm not sure that was
ever the problem.

They gallop after the foals at high speed.

SC 19 - EXT. APPLELOOSA COUNTY FAIR - SAME

ON RARITY - who stands on a wooden crate and calls into a
megaphone. Calm, orderly Townsponies troop past in a line.

176 RARITY
That's right, everypony: calmly
head to the safety of your homes. I
said 'CALMLY.' No need to push.

ON AJ - who herds a barnyard animals toward a pen.

177 APPLEJACK
Soo-ee! Com on y'all!

She spots a lone PIGLET break from the pack and tosses a lasso to haul him back.

178 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Gotchya!

She deposits the piglet in the pen and closes the gate.

ON RAINBOW DASH - in the sky, shoving a lumpy grey storm cloud over the still burning arena.

She kicks the cloud with her hoof... and RAIN gushes forth, dousing the arena fire. She leans against the cloud coolly.

179 RAINBOW DASH
Perfect aim. Dash, you are GOOD!

Suddenly a BLAST of flame leaps up at her and Dash has to dive to avoid it.

ON FLUTTERSHY - who holds a hoof out to Bloofy like Chris Pratt in Jurassic World.

180 FLUTTERSHY
Bloofy! We do not breath fire at
our friends!

Bloofy <ROARS> and gets ready to blow another fire ball when--

AJ tosses her lasso around one of Bloofy's arms and yanks so the blast shoots off harmlessly. Rarity rushes up as well.

181 RARITY
Nice work, Applejack!

Bloofy turns and narrows his eyes at them.

182 RARITY (CONT'D)
Although not quite complete.

They stare up, frightened as Bloofy stomps toward them when Dash ZOOMS in.

183 RAINBOW DASH
Stay away from my friends!

Bloofy <ROARS> in response and starts to advance when--

184 SPUR (O.S.)
BLOOFY!

Monster-Bloofy turns to see Spur, who stands by himself in the middle of the arena. The others all watch, nervous.

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Spur offers Bloofy a slightly nervous smile.

185 SPUR (CONT'D)
Bloofy. I'm so sorry I left, but
it's okay now. C'mon here.

Spur opens his hooves for a hug - and Monster-Bloofy smiles, <GURGLES>, and hops toward him, shrinking as he goes, until he's back to his normal, adorable size. Spur scoops him up and cuddles him tight.

The CMCs and Biscuit watch from outside the fence. Apple Bloom turns to Scoot.

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186 APPLE BLOOM
Well, you are definitely right
about confidence not being Spur's
problem.

SC 20 - EXT. APPLELOOSA TRAIN STATION - DAY

The CMCs, Biscuit and Spur head toward the platform with Rarity, Dash, Fluttershy and Applejack following behind.

187 BISCUIT
Well, one thing's for sure. Bloofy
definitely earned his 'most
unusual' prize.

Spur holds up Bloofy, in his cage with a BLUE RIBBON attached.

188 BISCUIT (CONT'D)
I'm sorry I pushed so hard to get
you to put him in the showcase.

189 APPLE BLOOM
And we're sorry we didn't really
listen to what you were saying.

190 SCOOTALOO
Turns out you were right all along.

191 SPUR
I guess sometimes grownup ponies
are wrong.

192 SWEETIE BELLE
Yeah. About that...

Rarity and the other older ponies walk up.

193 RARITY
Yes, darling. Tell us all about
that.

194 APPLEJACK
I can't wait to hear.

They all turn to the CMCs, who look sheepish.

195 SWEETIE BELLE
We're not exactly grownups.

196 BISCUIT/SPUR
What?

197 APPLE BLOOM
You see we weren't allowed to do
anything and we really wanted to
come to the fair...

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198 SCOOTALOO
...and there was this magic flower
and we kinda wished to be older...

199 BISCUIT/SPUR
WHAT!?

200 SWEETIE BELLE
I guess we thought if we skipped
right to being grownups we could do
whatever we wanted because we'd
know everything already.

201 APPLE BLOOM
But you kinda have to live all the
moments in between to understand
what being a grownup really means.

202 SCOOTALOO
I sure wish we'll get to go back to
being young again. There's so much
we have to learn and I don't wanna
miss any of it.

203 SWEETIE BELLE/APPLE BLOOM
ME TOO!

Suddenly a GLOW starts to emanate from between the three of
them, growing brighter and bright until it fills the screen.

When it clears, the CMCs are back to their REGULAR YOUNG
FORMS! The three of the CHEER.

204 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
YOO-HOO!

The older ponies look on, relieved. Biscuit and Spur stare at them in shock.

205 BISCUIT
Wait. So that's what you all look like? You were foals just like us all along?

206 SPUR
No wonder you were so wrong about everything!

207 SCOOTALOO
Maybe we were, but we'd sure like to come back to Appleloosa and hang out some day.

208 APPLE BLOOM
Would that be okay?

209 SPUR
Sure! On one condition. You never tell us what to do ever again!

210 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
IT'S A DEAL!

Spur and Biscuit tumble over from the force of their yell, as they all break into laughter like the excited kids they are. As the older ponies look on, pleased we...

CUT TO BLACK

END