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Friendship Lesson: Don't let the fear of not being what you want keep you from finding out who you are.

TEASER

SC 1 - INT. CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS HQ - DAY

SCOOTALOO, APPLE BLOOM, and SWEETIE BELLE watch as a little blank flank, KETTLE CORN stands before an art easel, holding a paint brush in her mouth. In front of the easel is the basket of fruit that she's painting.

1 APPLE BLOOM
Let's see how your still-life's comin'
along, Kettle Corn.

The Crusaders look at Kettle Corn's painting. REVEAL: She's only drawn a CIRCLE.

2 SWEETIE BELLE
Well, that certainly is... round.

3 KETTLE CORN
(excited) I can make it rounder.

4 APPLE BLOOM
Sorry, that's all the time we have
today. Maybe we'll try something else
tomorrow.

5 KETTLE CORN
But I like circle-painting.

6 SCOOTALOO
And on the way to figuring out what
you're meant to do, you'll find a ton
more stuff you like. That's what makes
looking for your cutie mark so great.

Through the open door, we see there's a short line of blank flanks waiting to get in.

7 APPLE BLOOM
Sorry everypony, we're closin' up
shop. We'll have to help you all
tomorrow.

The disappointed BLANK FLANKS all <GROAN>, then turn to leave.

8 SCOOTALOO
I don't know if we can help them
tomorrow. Working with blank flanks
one at a time takes forever.

9 APPLE BLOOM
If only there was a way we could help
a whole herd of 'em at once.

10 SWEETIE BELLE
(excited at the thought) That would be
perfect! We'd save time and they could
help each other.

11 SCOOTALOO
(even more excited) Just like we used
to! But it'd have to be somewhere big
enough to handle all those blank
flanks.

12 SWEETIE BELLE
(more excited, leading) Somewhere
outside... With tons of activities to
try...

Apple Bloom looks at the others excited.

13 APPLE BLOOM
Are you two thinking what I'm
thinking?

14 ALL THREE
(shouting) CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP!

15 APPLE BLOOM
And I know just the place. Applejack
used to go there when she was little--

Scootaloo suddenly cuts her off, still shouting.

16 SCOOTALOO
CAMP FRIENDSHIP!

The other two stare at her.

17 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Oh. Sorry. I though we were all gonna
yell that one too.

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC 2 - EXT. PONYVILLE STREET - DAY

Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo stand behind a table with fliers and
a sign-up sheet.

There are balloons stamped with the Cutie Mark Crusader's cutie marks. Apple Bloom pulls on a rope by a flag pole, proudly raising a CMC flag.

18 APPLE BLOOM
Attention all blank flanks!

19 SCOOTALOO
And blank flank affiliates!

Ponies gather around.

20 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Come to our Cutie Mark Day Camp to
find out what you're truly good at.

21 SWEETIE BELLE
Bond with other blank flanks and find
out what you're meant to do together!

Apple Bloom starts handing out fliers to the crowd.

Up the street a blank flank foal, RUMBLE, sees the CMCs and stops short. He tries to avoid them by crossing the street, but the girls shout out to him.

22 SCOOTALOO
Hey Rumble!

Rumble slows, caught. He calls out, still heading away.

23 RUMBLE
Hey, Crusaders. I can't stop. Gotta
meet my brother for... something.

Apple Bloom runs over and hands Rumble a flier

24 APPLE BLOOM
No problem! Just wanted to make sure
you heard about our Cutie Mark Day
Camp! The first session's tomorrow!

Apple Bloom heads back to help the others deal with the crowd. Rumble looks down at the flier and frowns, crumpling it up.

25 THUNDERLANE (O.S.)
Whatchya got there, little brother?

Rumble looks up to see his older brother, THUNDERLANE.

26 RUMBLE
What? Oh. Nothing. Come on. I wanna
show you a new dive roll I'm trying.

With that, Rumble tosses the flier in the trash and takes off into the air. Curious, Thunderlane picks up the flier and smooths it out. He looks from the flier to the CMCs, still talking to the crowd.

27 SCOOTALOO
Come one, come all! Cutie Mark Day
Camp is for blank flanks of all kinds!

Off Thunderlane, considering...

SC 3 - EXT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - DAY

Camp Friendship has been re-tooled by the CMCs with activities set up everywhere - a horseshoe toss, a tug-of-war area, an archery range, craft tables, etc.

Scootaloo, Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom stand on the small stage in front of half a dozen BLANK FLANKS, including Kettle Corn, PIPSQUEAK, and SKEEDADDLE (the foals that were waiting outside in the teaser).

28 APPLE BLOOM
Welcome Cutie Mark Campers!

29 SWEETIE BELLE
Who's excited to be here?

The blank flanks <SHOUT> with excitement.

30 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
Well, we're excited too! At Cutie Mark
Day Camp you'll be able to try all
kinds of things.

31 APPLE BLOOM
Kayaking!

WHIP PAN to the DOCKS with kayaks and paddles.

32 SCOOTALOO
Horseshoe tossing!

WHIP PAN to a horseshoe toss game area.

33 KETTLE CORN (O.S.)
Circle painting!

WHIP PAN to Kettle Corn, who already has a canvas and brush out.

BACK TO THE STAGE

34 APPLE BLOOM
You can try 'em all, but the most
important thing is that you'll be
trying them together.

35 SCOOTALOO
That's what worked for us!

36 THUNDERLANE (O.S.)
Then I bet it'll work for these little
guys too!

Everyone turns to see Thunderlane and Rumble - who looks up at
his older brother, annoyed.

37 RUMBLE
I thought you said we were going to go
practice for the Wonderbolt's
Ponyville extravaganza show.

38 THUNDERLANE
I'm going to Wonderbolt practice.
You're going to cutie mark practice.

39 SWEETIE BELLE
And we're glad to have you!

Rumble frowns. The other blank flanks quickly gather around him
and his brother.

40 SKEEDADDLE
(to Rumble) I can't believe your own
brother is a Wonderbolt.

Scoot calls down from the stage.

41 SCOOTALOO
Rainbow Dash is practically my sister
and she's a Wonder Bolt too.

The blank flanks look at Scoot for a beat, then excitedly turn
back to Thunderlane.

42 PIPSQUEAK
(to Thunderlane) Do you know
Spitfire?!

43 THUNDERLANE
(nods) I know she'll be mad if I'm
late! (to Rumble) Now you have a good
time and try some stuff. Who knows
what you'll be good at.

With that, Thunderlane picks up the horseshoe and pitches it at the stake on the other side of the game area. It hits the target perfectly, circling around the stake with a <CLANG>. The blank flanks all stare, impressed.

44 BLANK FLANKS
Wow! / Ooh! / Aaah!

45 APPLE BLOOM
All right! Looks like we found the first activity of the day - the horseshoe toss!

The campers all <CHEER>.

46 THUNDERLANE
Wish I could stay and play, but it's time to fly! Have fun!

With that, Thunderlane flies into the air, does a flip and a barrel roll, then soars off.

Rumble frowns, but the other blank flanks all stare, even more impressed.

47 BLANK FLANKS
WOW! / OOH! / AAAH!

48 SWEETIE BELLE
C'mon, Rumble!

The Crusaders have re-set the horseshoe game.

49 APPLE BLOOM
(to Rumble) Step on up and show us how it's done.

Scootaloo ushers Rumble over to the hay mat. Kettle Corn turns to one of the other blank flanks.

50 KETTLE CORN
(loud whisper) No way he's as good as his brother.

Hearing that, Rumble tosses his horseshoe halfheartedly. It lands right in front of him with a <PLOP>.

51 RUMBLE
Whoops. Guess I won't be getting my cutie mark in the horseshoe toss.

52 SWEETIE BELLE
Don't worry about it, Rumble. Hardly
anypony finds their calling on the
first try.

53 RUMBLE
I wasn't worried.

54 SCOOTALOO
Good! 'Cause there's a ton of other
stuff to try! We'll find you something
you're good at!

The blank flanks <CHEER>. Rumble rolls his eyes.

MONTAGE:

The CMCs lead the campers in different activities.

SC 4 - EXT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - DOCKS - DAY

Scootaloo watches three blank flanks (all in appropriate safety gear) paddle off in their kayaks. One kayak is left at the dock, upside down. Scoot flips it over revealing Rumble.

55 RUMBLE
Whoops.

SC 5 - EXT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - ARCHERY RANGE - DAY

Sweetie Belle helps the blank flanks take turns shooting arrows at a target. Rumble lets the bowstring go and his arrow just drops to the ground.

56 RUMBLE
Whoops.

SC 6 - INT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - STAGE - DAY

MUSIC PLAYS. Apple Bloom leads the group in line dancing. Rumble dances right off the stage.

57 RUMBLE
Whoops.

SC 7 - INT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - CRAFT TABLES - DAY

The Crusaders stand in front of the tables. Each blank flank has a piece of parchment and holds a pencil in their mouths. Skeedaddle explains to Kettle Corn, pointing at the page.

58 SKEEDADDLE
(punctuating the syllables) The first
and last lines / have five syllables,
but the / middle has seven. (then)
It's called a haiku.

Kettle Corn smiles, excited, and starts writing. Rumble looks at his parchment, then press his pencil down so hard he breaks the point. He spits his pencil out. [Note: Rumble accidentally haikus on the next line]

59 RUMBLE
(throwing up his hooves) Whoops. I've
tried it all. / Time to tell my
brother this / camp isn't for me.

60 SCOOTALOO
Come on, Rumble. Isn't it fun just
trying stuff?

61 RUMBLE
Not really.

With that, Rumble flies off. The Crusaders look at each other, concerned.

SC 8 - EXT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - LATER

The Crusaders stand with Kettle Corn - all admiring the brand new CUTIE MARK of a quill on her flank.

62 KETTLE CORN
(punctuating the syllables) Haiku
cutie mark! / And I never would have
tried / without Skeeadddle.

63 APPLE BLOOM
That's what Cutie Mark Day Camp is all
about.

64 SWEETIE BELLE
Working together and helping each
other!

The campers all <CHEER>.

65 KETTLE CORN
But I can still come back, right? And
maybe paint some circles?

66 SCOOTALOO
Of course! Let's all meet right back
here tomorrow.

Another <CHEER> as the campers all head off.

67 SWEETIE BELLE
Wow. I can't believe we got a cutie
mark on the first day!

68 APPLE BLOOM
Yep. This camp was a pretty swell
idea. Everypony's really enjoyed it.

69 SCOOTALOO
Everypony except Rumble. He didn't
have much luck with anything.

70 SWEETIE BELLE
Trying to find what you're meant to do
can be frustrating. You remember how
long it took us to get our cutie
marks?

71 APPLE BLOOM
I remember the nightmares.

72 SCOOTALOO
Well, we can't let Rumble quit camp
just because he didn't find something
he's good at yet.

73 SWEETIE BELLE
We'll just have to convince him to
come back and try harder.

The Crusaders all nod, determined.

SC 9 - EXT. PONYVILLE - EDGE OF TOWN - STANDS - DAY

Rumble sits in some bleachers facing an open field where the
Wonderbolts are practicing.

He looks up, discouraged, as Thunderlane careens around a few
tall trees then soars through a series of cloud rings at
different levels. Scootaloo, Sweetie Belle, and Apple Bloom
enter.

74 SCOOTALOO
Hey Rumble!

75 RUMBLE
What are you all doing here?

76 SCOOTALOO
We just wanted to apologize for not
finding anything you liked today.

77 RUMBLE
Oh. Whatever. It's fine.

Rumble tries to go around the Crusaders, but they block his way.

78 APPLE BLOOM
It's not fine, it's frustrating and we know what it's like.

79 RUMBLE
I'm not frustrated.

80 SCOOTALOO
It's okay. We've all been there. But we won't give up on helping you.

81 SWEETIE BELLE
We know you'll get your cutie mark. Everypony does!

82 RUMBLE
Actually, I don't need your help because I don't want to get my cutie mark!

With that, Rumble brushes past them. Off the Crusader's shocked faces, we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC 10 - EXT. WONDERBOLTS HQ - RESUME

The Crusaders continue to stare, wide-eyed, in shock at what they just heard.

83 APPLE BLOOM
I must have hay in my ears because I thought I just heard Rumble say--

Rumble shouts back at them over his shoulder.

84 RUMBLE
You heard right! I don't want to get my cutie mark!

85 SWEETIE BELLE
(gasp) He said it again!

The Crusaders catch up to Rumble and surround him.

86 SCOOTALOO
(to Rumble) Not wanting a cutie mark
is like not wanting to breathe.

87 SWEETIE BELLE
Everypony wants to know what they're
meant to do.

88 RUMBLE
Not this pony.

89 ALL CRUSADERS
WHY?

90 RUMBLE
Because Cutie Marks are silly and...
(thinks, then) they just force you
into one thing your whole life!

91 SWEETIE BELLE
That's silly. Having a cutie mark
doesn't mean you can't do other
things.

92 APPLE BLOOM
Yeah! Our cutie marks are in helping
ponies with their cutie marks, but I
still like making potions with Zecora.

93 RUMBLE
And when was the last time you did
that?

94 APPLE BLOOM
Hmm. I think it was... um... Well, we
have been pretty busy helping other
ponies lately--

95 RUMBLE
Oh. You mean doing the thing you got
your cutie mark for? The thing you're
stuck doing for the rest of your life?

96 SWEETIE BELLE
Okay, maybe we will be doing that more
than anything else, but we love being
Cutie Mark Crusaders!

97 RUMBLE
Well, that's fine for you, but I'm not
gonna be put in a box!

With that, Rumble squeezes past the three ponies and trots away.

98 SCOOTALOO
A blank flank who doesn't want a cutie mark?! That's gotta be the strangest thing I've ever heard.

99 APPLE BLOOM
Granny always says, some ponies have to find their own hay.

100 SCOOTALOO
Are you sure she didn't mean "find their own way?"

Apple Bloom considers this.

101 APPLE BLOOM
That would make more sense...

102 SWEETIE BELLE
I can't believe Rumble isn't interested in getting his cutie mark either, but we can't force him.

103 SCOOTALOO
And we've got a whole camp full of ponies who are interested in cutie marks.

As the three of them nod...

SC 11 - EXT. PONYVILLE - EDGE OF TOWN - DAY

In a patch of clouds, not far from the stands where the Wonderbolts are practicing, Rumble pushes some puffs together to create a cloud ring obstacle course similar to the one Thunderlane just flew.

Rumble looks at it, satisfied, then DIVES! At top speed, he swoops around a tree, then swerves up toward the small course.

104 RUMBLE
(to himself) Here he comes, the fastest, most elite flyer in Equestria...

Suddenly, Thunderlane swoops in from nowhere, barrel rolling around his little brother as he flies ahead of him and through the course.

105 THUNDERLANE
THUNDERLANE!

Surprised, Rumble swerves away, catching an edge on one of his wings, then tumbles to the end of the course where Thunderlane catches him. Rumble stands and shakes himself off.

106 RUMBLE
I was going to say me. (holds up a wing) You're not the only pegasus in the family, you know.

107 THUNDERLANE
(sees Rumbles frustration) Sorry, little brother. You're right. You might be the most elite flyer in Equestria some day, but for now you should try other things too. Speaking of which, aren't you supposed to be at camp.

108 RUMBLE
That camp is for losers who can't do anything.

109 THUNDERLANE
Great. So there's no pressure. You can try everything and not be worried about looking bad.

110 RUMBLE
I'm not worried about that, I just don't want to get a cutie mark in any of their ridiculous activities.

111 THUNDERLANE
Well, you're still going back tomorrow. You can't be a blank flank forever.

Off Rumble thinking...

SC 12 - EXT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - TABLES - DAY

The Cutie Mark Crusaders watch as the blank flanks make jam. A CLOCK on the wall <CHIMES>.

112 SWEETIE BELLE
All righty, Cutie Mark Campers, that's it for jam making.

Pipsqueak looks up, his hooves covered in jam.

113 PIPSQUEAK
(disappointed) But this is fun and I didn't get my cutie mark yet. What if I'm not good at anything else?

114 SCOOTALOO
You don't get a cutie mark just
because you're good at something, or
even because you like it. There's more
to it than that.

Kettle Corn reaches under the table and pulls out a stack of
canvases - all with circles painted on them.

115 KETTLE CORN
I'm real good at painting circles, but
I got my cutie mark in haikus.

116 SKEEDADDLE
(to Pip) Which is what I like, but I'm
still a blank flank like you.

117 PIPSQUEAK
So, you can't get a cutie mark in
something you like?

118 APPLE BLOOM
Now, we didn't say that.

119 RUMBLE (O.S.)
You didn't have to.

They turn to see Rumble standing there.

120 SWEETIE BELLE
Rumble, you came back.

Rumble ignores the Crusaders and turns to the other blank
flanks.

121 RUMBLE
(to Kettle Corn) Say buh-bye to
painting circles. You'll be too busy
haikuing from now on!

122 SKEEDADDLE
(confused) But... I like circles.

123 APPLE BLOOM
Now, come on, Rumble, that's not how
cutie marks work.

But the blank flanks ignore the Crusaders as they bypass them
and approach Rumble.

124 PIPSQUEAK
(to Rumble) So that's how cutie marks
work?

125 APPLE BLOOM
Am I speaking Olde Ponish? I just said
it wasn't!

<MUSIC UP> As the other blank flanks ignore her and gather
around Rumble who starts to <SING>...

126 RUMBLE
*Cutie Marks are great, they say / They
make you special in your way / But
that special mark that's just for you
/ Will erase the stuff you like to do.*

127 KETTLE CORN
So no more painting?

128 SKEEDADDLE
No more Haiku?

129 SWEETIE BELLE
Rumble, stop. That's just not true!

Rumble leads the campers away from the Crusaders and back to the
tables where they were making jam.

130 RUMBLE
*So you're good at charming snakes / Or
you bake the delicious cakes / Excel
at giving quick mane cuts / or helping
ponies out of ruts / One thing I can
say is true / no matter what you like
to do / You're options will be pretty
stark / once you get your cutie mark!*

The campers all <GASP>, concerned. Rumble leads them away,
marching through the campground.

131 RUMBLE (CONT'D)
*Oh-oh no! Oh-oh no! / Cutie marks
will have to go! / Blank Flank is the
way to be / Blank Flank means that you
are free / Blank flank forever /
That's my new endeavor!*

The crusaders chase behind the group, shouting.

132 SCOOTALOO
Cutie marks don't limit you!

133 APPLE BLOOM
They only show what you can do!

But their protests fall on deaf ears as the blank flanks
continue to follow Rumble, getting more and more excited.

134 PIPSQUEAK
*But what if you can't do a thing? /
These cutie marks are frustrating!*

135 RUMBLE
*(to Pip) You say there's nothing you
can do? / Than blank flank is the way
for you / There's no work to being who
you are / No hunt to be some cutie
star / You're perfect now just being
you / Don't try the stuff that you
can't do!*

The blank flanks all <CHEER>.

136 PIPSQUEAK
Whoopee!

Pipsqueak joins the pack as Rumble leads all the blank flanks out of camp.

137 BLANK FLANKS
*Oh-oh no! Oh-oh no! / Cutie marks
will have to go! / Blank Flank is the
way to be / Blank Flank means that you
are free / Blank flank forever /
That's our new endeavor!*

<MUSIC OUT> as the Crusaders gallop in front of the pack.

138 APPLE BLOOM
*Now just an apple-pickin' minute,
Rumble. Where do you think you're
leading our campers?*

139 RUMBLE
*They're not your campers anymore. I'm
starting a new camp.*

Rumble drags his hoof in the dirt, making a line across the campground.

140 RUMBLE (CONT'D)
*Everypony on this side of the line is
in Blank Flanks Forever Camp!*

The campers all <CHEER>.

141 SCOOTALOO
*But you can't be a blank flank
forever!*

The campers all <GASP>.

142 RUMBLE
That's just the kind of talk I'd
expect to hear from "Camp Cutie Mark."
Which is why blank flanks need a camp
where we can enjoy being blank flanks
and appreciate our blank-flankness
without feeling pressured to get a
cutie mark.

The campers <CHEER>.

143 SCOOTALOO
Now, hold on, everypony.

144 RUMBLE
(chanting) Blank flanks forever! Blank
flanks forever!

145 BLANK FLANKS
(joins chant) Blank flanks forever!
Blank flanks forever!

Rumble marches away, leading the blank flanks off to his side of
the camp.

146 SWEETIE BELLE
What just happened?

147 SCOOTALOO
Has everypony gone mad?

148 BLANK FLANKS (O.S.)
(still chanting) Blank Flank Forever!
Blank Flank Forever!

149 APPLE BLOOM
In a word, "yes."

Off the CMC's watching their campers march away, we...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC 13 - INT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - CABIN - DAY

Apple Bloom and Sweetie Bell sit in a cabin, distraught.
Scootaloo uses a telescope to look out the window.

150 SWEETIE BELLE
I just can't see what we did wrong. I
thought everypony was having fun.

151 APPLE BLOOM
They were until that Rumble came and
made a mess of things. (to Scootaloo)
What are they doing now?

Scootaloo spies on the Blank Flanks Forever Camp and we see what she's looking at in a TELESCOPE POV: Kettle Corn painting circles; Skeedaddle writing on a piece of parchment; and Pipsqueak spreading jam on bread.

152 SCOOTALOO
Exactly what they want, it looks like.

The other two jump up and join Scoot at the telescope. They take turns looking through.

153 SWEETIE BELLE
Honestly, it's not all that different
from what they were doing here.

154 APPLE BLOOM
Then what was the point?

Apple Bloom looks through the telescope and we see Rumble in TELESCOPE POV, just sitting, pitching rocks into the water.

155 SCOOTALOO
The point is that Rumble is a mad pony
who must be stopped!

156 SWEETIE BELLE
Now calm down, Crusaders. We just need
to talk to him again. The key is to
remain calm...

SMASH CUT TO:

SC 14 - EXT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - DAY

Apple Bloom and Scootaloo watch as Sweetie Belle angrily faces off against Rumble - both standing on either side of the line that splits the camp.

The Blank Flank Forever campers stand behind Rumble, all obviously taking a break from their activities - holding horseshoes, paint brushes, jam jars, etc.

157 SWEETIE BELLE
Cutie Marks make you special!

158 RUMBLE
By putting you in a special little
box!

159 SWEETIE BELLE
Special!

160 RUMBLE
Box!

161 APPLE BLOOM
Come on, Sweetie Belle. I think you've
remained calm long enough.

As Scootaloo and Apple Bloom usher Sweetie Belle away, they
notice Kettle Corn - her mark covered up with paint.

162 SWEETIE BELLE
Kettle Corn, you covered your cutie
mark?

163 KETTLE CORN
(hitting the haiku syllables) I'm
blank flank again / Keeping my options
open / I'm more than haikus

164 SWEETIE BELLE
You just haikued right then!

Beat.

165 RUMBLE
Don't let them get in your head.
You're an open-ended question. Blank
Flanks forever!

166 BLANK FLANKS
Blank Flank Forever!

Skeedaddle and Pipsqueak march back to the horseshoe toss.
Skeedaddle throws a horseshoe and hits the mark.

167 PIPSQUEAK
Wow, you're good.

168 SKEEDADDLE
Thanks! (then gasps) Oh no! What if I
get a cutie mark in it?

169 RUMBLE
Then you'll be stuck doing it forever!
(to the group) Blank flanks, no more
potential cutie mark activities!

Skeedaddle drops the other horseshoes. Suddenly, all of the
blank flanks drop what they're holding - except for Kettle Corn
who can't bring herself to drop her paint brush.

Off the Crusaders sharing an exasperated look...

SC 15 - EXT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - MOMENTS LATER

The Crusaders enter, upset and angry.

170 SWEETIE BELLE
Well, Cutie Mark Day Camp is a bust.

171 APPLE BLOOM
No it isn't. It's a swell idea. We
just can't seem to talk any sense into
that... that Rumble.

Suddenly, Scootaloo sees a few pegasi streaking by overhead and has an idea.

172 SCOOTALOO
Maybe we can't, but I bet I know
somepony who can.

Off the other two, curious...

SC 16 - EXT. WONDERBOLT HQ - DAY

The Crusaders stand off to the side of the tarmac talk to Thunderlane.

173 THUNDERLANE
Let me get this straight. My little
brother upended your entire camp? How
in Equestria did he do that?

174 SWEETIE BELLE
(blurting) Well, it started when he
couldn't toss a horseshoe, or paddle a
kayak, or shoot an arrow, or use a
pencil, and we felt bad he wasn't good
at anything, but now he doesn't want a
cutie mark at all because he's afraid
he'll get stuck doing something he
doesn't like forever. Y'know?

Thunderlane stares at her, confused.

175 THUNDERLANE
No. I don't. Rumble's good at all that
stuff.

176 APPLE BLOOM
Well, that doesn't make a lick of
sense - unless he was being bad at
stuff on purpose.

Thunderlane rolls his eyes and <SIGHS>.

177 THUNDERLANE
I was afraid of this.

The Crusaders all look at each other, confused.

178 SCOOTALOO
Afraid of what?

179 THUNDERLANE
Ever since I became a Wonderbolt,
Rumble's either watching me or trying
to fly like me. He won't do anything
else. That's why I thought your camp
was such a good idea.

180 SCOOTALOO
I don't understand. If Rumble wants to
be a Wonderbolt some day, what's wrong
with that?

181 THUNDERLANE
Not a thing, but right now he isn't
even giving anything else a chance.

182 APPLE BLOOM
Sounds to me like Rumble isn't afraid
of being "put in a box" at all.

183 SWEETIE BELLE
It doesn't?

184 APPLE BLOOM
Nope. I think Rumble's already picked
out a box. He's afraid he'll get a
cutie mark that'll keep him from it.

Off all of them, realizing...

SC 17 - EXT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - DAY

Rumble and the Blank Flankers sit around literally doing
nothing.

185 PIPSQUEAK
I don't know how to say this Rumble
but, Blank Flank Forever Camp is
kinda...

186 SKEEDADDLE
Boring?

187 RUMBLE
If we want to stay blank flanks, we
can't risk doing stuff.

188 SKEEDADDLE
What if I get a cutie mark in being
bored?

189 SCOOTALOO (O.S.)
Attention blank flanks of Cutie Mark
Day Camp!

The blank flanks all hop up and run to the line that separates the two camps. They look over to see the Crusaders, standing on stage addressing a non-existent audience. Pipsqueak turns to Skeedaddle.

190 PIPSQUEAK
Who's she talking to?

Skeedaddle shrugs as Sweetie Belle steps forward.

191 SWEETIE BELLE
The Cutie Mark Crusaders are pleased
to announce today's special guest--
Thunderlane!

Rumble runs up to join the rest of the campers at the line as Thunderlane streaks out of the sky and lands in front of the stage.

192 APPLE BLOOM
Anypony who's interested, gather round
for a day of camp activities with a
genuine Wonderbolt!

A few of the blank flanks exchange glances. Skeedaddle turns to Rumble.

193 SKEEDADDLE
Sorry, Rumble, but cutie mark or not,
I'm not missing out on this.

Skeedaddle heads over the line. A few other blank flanks join him and they gather around Thunderlane, excited. Off the Crusaders sharing a knowing smile...

A SERIES OF QUICK SHOTS:

THE CRUSADERS - pull on the end of a tug of war rope. PULL WIDE to reveal the other side where Thunderlane pulls with Skeedaddle and a few other delighted blank flanks.

RUMBLE - watches as Kettle Corn and a few more blank flanks defect.

A HORSESHOE - clangs around a post. PULL WIDE to reveal Kettle Corn and another group of blank flanks excitedly playing with Thunderlane.

RUMBLE - standing firm as the last of the blank flanks head back to the Cutie Mark Day Camp side. Pipsqueak is the last to go and gives Rumble a shrug.

PIPSQUEAK - sits at the craft tables excitedly building a house out of popsicle sticks. PULL WIDE to see Thunderlane helping. Skeedaddle and Kettle Corn we are having a good time as well.

END MONTAGE

Rumble stubbornly stands alone on his side of the camp staring across at the other blank flanks with a frown.

194 APPLE BLOOM (O.S.)
All right campers, it's time for our
last activity of the day.

The Crusaders stand on the stage again, this time addressing an actual audience.

195 SWEETIE BELLE
A Wonderbolt obstacle course just like
the one they'll fly through in their
upcoming show!

196 SCOOTALOO
But on the ground, since not everypony
has wings.

The Crusaders point to an obstacle course area with trees and hoops instead of cloud rings. The blank flanks all <CHEER>.

On the other side of the camp, Rumble perks up. He thinks for half a second, then trots over to the group looking for his brother.

Finally he spots him with a group of campers at the craft tables. Thunderlane stands over a portable stove, wearing a chef's hat. Rumble walks up, confused.

197 RUMBLE
(to Thunderlane) Aren't you going to
run the course?

198 THUNDERLANE
Nope! I know I'm a Wonderbolt and my
cutie mark is all about moving fast,
but I really like to cook.

199 RUMBLE
(shocked) Since when?!

200 THUNDERLANE
We take turns making the meals and
Wonderbolt HQ. I didn't want to at
first, but now I love it. I just wish
I tried it sooner.

201 RUMBLE
You do?

202 THUNDERLANE
Of course! There's more to me than
just flying. And I bet there's more to
you.

Thunderlane holds out a mixing spoon. Rumble takes it,
uncertain. Off Thunderlane looking down at his brother with a
smile...

SC 18 - EXT. CUTIE MARK DAY CAMP - LATER

The Crusaders and some campers march off the obstacle course
covered in mud.

203 KETTLE CORN
(hitting the haiku syllables)
Obstacles are fun / Running free
through mud and dirt / Beats circle
painting!

204 APPLE BLOOM
That haiku pretty well sums it up.

Scootaloo spots Rumble stirring a pot with Thunderlane.

205 SCOOTALOO
Looks like Thunderlane was right about
the obstacle course getting Rumble to
come back over.

206 SWEETIE BELLE
(shouts over) Hey, Rumble. Aren't you
gonna do our Wonderbolt course?

207 RUMBLE
Nah. I'm cooking today. Maybe I'll do
the course tomorrow.

The Crusaders all share a look of shock.

208 APPLE BLOOM
So, you're coming back tomorrow?

209 SCOOTALOO
You're not worried about getting your
cutie mark?

Rumble looks up at his brother and smiles.

210 RUMBLE
Nah. I already know I'm a good flyer.
It kinda runs in the family. I guess
it's time to see what other stuff I
can do.

Rumble goes back to stirring the pot. Thunderlane looks to the
Crusaders with a smile. Off the CMCs looking pleased, we...

FADE OUT

END