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TEASER

SC 1 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY

APPLE BLOOM stands behind the podium and SMACKS it with a gavel.

1 APPLE BLOOM
Hear ye, hear ye, this meeting of
the Cutie Mark Crusaders is now in
session. Who wants to do roll call?

2 SCOOTALOO
I'm pretty sure we're all here.

3 SWEETIE BELLE
Yeah, Apple Bloom, what's this
about?

4 APPLE BLOOM
 (coy)
Oh, nothin'...

Apple Bloom whips out a letter.

5 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Except this letter from Babs Seed
saying she got her cutie mark!

6 SCOOTALOO/SWEETIE BELL
WHAT!?

The others quickly gather around, hopping from hoof to hoof trying to see the letter.

7 APPLE BLOOM
She says it's a pair of scissors.

The others freeze, surprised.

8 SCOOTALOO
So... she's good at cutting stuff?

9 SWEETIE BELLE
Of course! She was always fussing
with her bangs and tail. I'll bet
she grows up to be a celebrity
stylist.

10 APPLE BLOOM
But if she spends all her time
cutting hair, who's gonna run the
Manhattan CMCs?

11 SCOOTALOO
Well, not Babs. She can't be a
Cutie Mark Crusader if she's
already got her cutie mark.

12 APPLE BLOOM
Oh, wow. I guess you're right.

13 SWEETIE BELLE
I'm glad she's happy, but I sure
wouldn't want to be up to my flank
in hair all day. Can you imagine
getting stuck with a cutie mark you
didn't like?

Apple Bloom suddenly looks worried.

14 APPLE BLOOM
No... Or, at least, I hadn't.

15 SWEETIE BELLE
Don't worry, Apple Bloom. Most of
your family has apple related cutie
marks. I bet yours will be too. And
what's not to like about apples?

Scotaloo takes the last bite of an apple.

16 SCOOTALOO
(with a full mouth)
Well, there's the core, and sour
apples, and rotten apples, and
apples with worms in them...

She looks over at the others staring at her.

17 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
What?

18 SWEETIE BELLE
Not helping.

Off Apple Bloom, even more worried than before, we CUT TO...

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC 2 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - ESTABLISHING - NIGHT

19 APPLE BLOOM (O.S.)
I guess I just spent so much time
worrying about how to get a cutie
mark, I never even thought about
what would happen after.

SC 3 - INT. APPLE BLOOM'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Applejack tucks Apple Bloom into bed.

20 APPLE BLOOM
There's just so many things I never
considered.

21 APPLEJACK
I'm sure there are, but you don't
need to--

22 APPLE BLOOM
 (cutting her off)
What if I finally get my cutie mark
and I don't like it? What if I get
it and nopony likes me?

23 APPLEJACK
Well, that's just--

24 APPLE BLOOM
 (cutting her off)
What if the Crusaders drift apart?
I mean, we won't really be Cutie
Mark Crusaders anymore...
 (gasp)
What if it's not an apple!? Will I
have to move out? Where will I
live!?

25 APPLEJACK
Alright. That's enough, sugar cube.
Those are way too many questions to
answer all in one night.

26 APPLE BLOOM
But--

27 APPLEJACK
 (cutting her off)
And nopony's gonna make you move
out.

28 APPLE BLOOM
Are you sure, Applejack?

29 APPLEJACK
Of course I'm sure. Now get some
sleep. You'll see. Everything'll be
better in the morning.

Applejack strokes Apple Bloom's mane as she sings a country-
style lullaby.

30 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
*Hush now little sister,
you're loved by all you know,
you'll never lose their friendship,
no matter where you go.
There ain't no call to worry,
so don't you cry or fret,
a cutie mark won't change you,
no matter what you get.*

Apple Bloom yawns and shuts her eyes as Applejack turns off
the light and leaves.

31 APPLE BLOOM
(half-asleep)
No matter what I get...

SC 4 - INT. APPLE BLOOM'S BEDROOM - MORNING

A ROOSTER crows. Sunshine pours through the window and fills
the room. Apple Bloom's eyes blink open and she sits up in
bed.

32 APPLE BLOOM
Hooee! Nothing like a good night's
sleep.

Applejack's voice calls up from downstairs.

33 APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Breakfast!

Apple Bloom skips out her bedroom door and down the stairs.

SC 5 - INT. FARM HOUSE - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Applejack stands at the stove flipping pancakes as Apple
Bloom bounds into the room.

34 APPLE BLOOM
You were right Applejack. I feel
much better. I don't know what I
was so worried about last night.

35 APPLEJACK
See? Now, what did I tell you? A
good night's sleep'll fix just
about anythi--

Applejack turns and stops mid-word. She looks down at Apple
Bloom's flank.

36 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Well, no wonder you were so worked
up.

37 APPLE BLOOM
What? What is it?

Applejack pulls out a hand mirror and holds it up to Apple
Bloom's flank.

38 APPLEJACK
Looks like somepony got her cutie
mark!

Apple Bloom looks down at the reflection of her hind quarters
and sees... a cutie mark of an old-fashioned spray can with a
pump.

39 APPLE BLOOM
I can't believe it. I got my cutie
mark.

Apple Bloom runs in a circle then stops in front of the
mirror again.

40 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
I got my cutie mark!

With that she gallops out of the kitchen and out the front
door.

SC 6 - EST. OVERHEAD SHOT OF THE FARM - CONTINUOUS

In a cloud of dust, Apple Bloom runs circles around the farm
house.

41 APPLE BLOOM
I GOT MY CUTIE MARK!!!

SC 7 - INT. FARM HOUSE - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Apple Bloom runs back in and checks herself in the mirror one more time.

42 APPLE BLOOM
Wait till I tell the others that my
cutie mark is a, a...
 (beat)
What is it?

Applejack takes a closer look then scratches her head, perplexed.

43 APPLEJACK
I have no idea what it means.

44 PEST CONTROL PONY (O.S.)
I know what it means.

Apple Bloom turns to see a PEST CONTROL PONY in an alien-looking gas mask is now standing in the open doorway.

Apple Bloom GASPS. The pony wearing the mask takes it off and steps inside revealing his similar spray can cutie mark.

45 PEST CONTROL PETE
It means I can retire.

SC 8 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER

Outside, the Pest Control Pony leads Apple Bloom to a wagon.

46 APPLE BLOOM
Infestations? You mean, like,
Parasprites?

47 PEST CONTROL PONY
Please. Any pony with a trombone
can get rid of Parasprites. I'm
talking about the serious stuff.

The Pest Control Pony reaches into his wagon and pulls out a glass canister.

48 PEST CONTROL PONY (CONT'D)
You ever hear of Twittermites?

49 APPLE BLOOM
Twittermites?

ANGLE ON - Pest Control Pony's canister, filled with tiny dots of light. Occasionally, an electric current arcs between them like a PLASMA GLOBE.

50 PEST CONTROL PONY
Pest Ponies like you and me are the only things keeping these live wires from destroying half of Equestria.

51 APPLE BLOOM
Pest Ponies?

52 PEST CONTROL PONY
It's no easy trade. Even the best of us yearns for the day they can move on to greener pastures. And now that you're here to take over, my day has finally come.

53 APPLE BLOOM
Take over?

The Pest Control Pony stares at her.

54 PETE
You're gonna have to stop repeating everything I say and pay attention if you want to learn anything.

55 APPLE BLOOM
I'm sorry. I guess this just wasn't what I was expecting.

56 PEST CONTROL PONY
Don't worry, with a cutie mark like that, I'm sure you've got the touch.

57 APPLE BLOOM
The touch?

The Pest Control Pony just stares at her.

58 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Sorry.

59 PEST CONTROL PONY
Now you're gonna need to be quick. Once these things get out, it can get pretty shocking.

With that, the Pest Control Pony unscrews the lid on his Twittermite canister and the glowing dots fly out.

60 APPLE BLOOM
Wait. What do you mean?

The instant the Twittermites hit the air an ELECTRICAL CURRENT arcs between them, then discharges a small bolt right into Apple Bloom's flank.

61 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
OUCH!

62 PEST CONTROL PONY
Told ya. And the farther apart they spread, the more powerful those jolts'll get.

He points to the small cloud which starts to spread, showing just how many Twittermites were actually in the can--a lot.

Another ELECTRICAL BOLT arcs between them, ricocheting through a dozen Twittermites, growing larger each time until it finally shoots down at Apple Bloom, who rolls out of the way just in time.

63 APPLE BLOOM
What do I do!?

64 PEST CONTROL PONY
Call them back, of course.

Apple Bloom points the open end of the canister at the cloud and WHISTLES, calling the Twittermites like a pig.

65 APPLE BLOOM
TWIIIIITTERMITES! Heeeere, bug,
bug, bug, bug, bug!

At the sound of her call, the entire cloud flies right for the canister and squeezes inside. Apple Bloom quickly screws on the lid.

66 PETE
See? Easy-peasy.

ANGLE ON - Apple Bloom, rubbing the small scorch mark on her flank.

67 APPLE BLOOM
Yeah. Easy.

As Apple Bloom looks up, she's surprised to see the Pest Control Pony is now wearing a coat and holding a suitcase.

68 PETE
Well, it looks like you're all set.
Drop me a note sometime at the
Piney Shade retirement community.

69 APPLE BLOOM
Now hold on...

Apple Bloom turns, carefully setting down the canister.

70 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
I'm sure this job is real
important. But I don't think I
wanna call bugs for the rest of my
life.

She looks up, but the Pest Control Pony is somehow already gone.

71 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Hey, where'd he go?

72 VOICE (DIAMOND TIARA)
Well, well, well. Look at the new
Bug Pony.

Apple Bloom spins around to see DIAMOND TIARA and SILVER SPOON holding the canister.

73 APPLE BLOOM
 (correcting her)
It's Pest Pony.

74 SILVER SPOON
It sure is.

Sliver Spoon drops the canister to the ground like it's a dirty diaper.

75 DIAMOND TIARA
I might have known you'd end up
with the worst cutie mark ever.

Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon laugh even harder.

76 SILVER SPOON
But look at the bright side.
Whenever you need a friend you can
just go out and catch one.

77 APPLE BLOOM
That's not funny.

Diamond Tiara cuts Apple Bloom off, slapping her knees as she does an exaggerated BUG CALL:

78 DIAMOND TIARA
HEEEERE friend, friend, friend,
friend, friend...

79 APPLE BLOOM
Stop it.

80 SILVER SPOON
Here, bug! Here, bug! Will you be
my friend, bug? Because no pony
else will!

The mean ponies just laugh harder and harder.

81 APPLE BLOOM
You know what? My cutie mark isn't
the worst. You two are!

With that, Apple Bloom gallops off in a huff.

ANGLE ON - the GLOWING TWITTERMITES inside the glass canister on the ground where Silver Spoon dropped them. A CRACK forms along the side as we...

CUT TO:

SC 9 - EXT. EDGE OF EVERFREE FOREST - DAY

Apple Bloom finally stops at the edge of the forest and looks down at her cutie mark.

82 APPLE BLOOM
I hate to think that Diamond Tiara
is right, but this cutie mark sure
isn't what I was hoping for.

Suddenly, a gust of wind blows through the trees. The leaves all around Apple Bloom start to rustle as the shadows grow longer and the forest seems to close in.

A WHISPERED VOICE, almost like the wind itself, comes through the trees.

83 VOICE
Why should you have to keep it,
then?

Apple Bloom squints through the leaves at the darkness beyond. A dark, PONY SHAPE seems to move through the trees, obscured by leaves and shadow.

84 APPLE BLOOM
Who's there? What do you mean?

Apple Bloom tries to make out the pony form, but just when she thinks she's zeroed in on its location, the voice suddenly comes from somewhere else.

85 PONY IN THE LEAVES
If your cutie mark bothers you so much, get rid of it.

86 APPLE BLOOM
(flip)
Well, if you know how to wave a hoof and erase a terrible cutie mark, you go right ahead.

87 PONY IN THE LEAVES
As easily said as done.

With that, DARK smoke curls out through the trees and surrounds Apple Bloom. When the smoke clears her cutie mark is gone.

88 APPLE BLOOM
(pleased)
Now that is some serious magic.

SC 10 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

Apple Bloom walks into town where several ponies run by with suitcases and steamer trunks.

89 APPLE BLOOM
Hey, where's everypony going?

Apple Bloom spots MAYOR and grabs her as she runs by.

90 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Mayor, what's going on!

91 MAYOR
Apple Bloom! You've got to get your family out of town!

Mayor points to a small GLOWING cloud drifting toward a cottage at the edge of town. A FAMILY OF PONIES bolts out of the cottage and gallops away from the approaching twittermites.

Bolts of ELECTRICAL CURRENT crisscross through the cloud as it surrounds the cottage, then a FLASH OF LIGHTNING shoots down from the cloud, instantly incinerating the cottage into a pile of ash.

92 APPLE BLOOM
Twittermites!

With that, Apple Bloom runs off to where she left the canister.

ANGLE ON - the glass canister lying on the ground, shattered.

Apple Bloom quickly grabs a new canister, aims the open end at the Twittermite Cloud, and WHISTLES.

93 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
TWIIIIIIITTERMITES! Heeeere, bug,
bug, bug, bug, bug!

But nothing happens. She tries again, but this time she can't even manage a whistle.

94 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Here, bug! Here, bug! Bug, bug,
HERE!

Still the cloud of Twittermites ignores her.

95 VOICE (APPLEJACK)
Apple Bloom, what in tarnation are
you doing?

Apple Bloom looks over to see the whole Apple Family standing by the side of the road, packed and ready to go.

96 APPLE BLOOM
I'm trying to stop the infestation,
of course!

97 APPLEJACK
Only a Pest Pony can do that.

ANGLE ON - Apple Bloom's blank flank. Apple Bloom's eyes widen with realization.

98 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Now come on. We've gotta skedaddle
right now!

99 APPLE BLOOM
But, I've got to do something!

With that, Apple Bloom runs toward the cloud but Applejack catches her.

100 APPLEJACK
Are you crazy?

As the rest of the Apples hold her back, Apple Bloom looks up to see the cloud of Twittermites arriving at Sweet Apple Acres.

Electrical current arcs through the cloud as it gets closer and closer and we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC 11 - EXT. PONYVILLE - RESUME

Held back by her family, Apple Bloom watches as the glowing cloud of Twittermites descends on her home.

Electrical current crisscrosses through the cloud, then with a single MASSIVE FLASH OF LIGHTNING, the entire farm is instantly reduced to ash.

Devastated, Apple Bloom looks to the sky and shouts...

101 APPLE BLOOM
Nooooooooo!

Apple Bloom continues screaming as we...

CUT TO:

SC 12 - INT. APPLE BLOOM'S BEDROOM - MORNING

A ROOSTER crows. Apple Bloom's eyes blink open and she sits up in bed, sweating and breathing hard. She looks around to see that she's back in her room.

She looks out the window to see Sweet Apple Acres is still standing. In fact, the sun shines down on a beautiful day.

102 APPLE BLOOM
Hooee! Now that's what I call a
nightmare! It seemed so real.

The sound of Applejack cooking drifts up from downstairs.

103 APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Breakfast!

Brightening at the sound of her sister's voice, Apple Bloom runs down the stairs.

SC 13 - INT. FARMHOUSE - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Applejack stands at the stove flipping pancakes as Apple Bloom rushes into the room.

104 APPLE BLOOM
Applejack, you are not gonna believe the dream I just had. I guess I needed sleep more than I thought.

105 APPLEJACK
See? Now, what did I tell you? A good night's sleep will fix just abou--

Applejack turns and stops mid-word. She looks down at Apple Bloom's flank.

106 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Well, no wonder you were so worked up.

107 APPLE BLOOM
What?

Applejack pulls out a hand mirror and holds it up to Apple Bloom's flank.

108 APPLEJACK
Looks like somepony got her cutie mark!

109 APPLE BLOOM
Again? I mean, I did?

Her dream forgotten, Apple Bloom looks down at the reflection of her hind quarters and sees... a cutie mark of a MORTAR and PESTLE.

110 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Woohoo! Potion making! Now that's more like it!

Excited, Apple Bloom gallops around in a circle.

111 APPLEJACK
More like what?

Apple Bloom pulls up short.

112 APPLE BLOOM
Nevermind. I'm just glad Princess
Twilight's lessons finally paid
off.

113 APPLEJACK
I expect you want to run off to the
clubhouse and tell your friends all
about your new cutie mark.

114 APPLE BLOOM
Hey, yeah!

115 APPLEJACK
But before you go, make sure you do
all your--

Applejack looks around to see that Apple Bloom has already
rushed out.

116 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
--chores?

SC 14 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY

Excited, Apple Bloom bursts in to find Sweetie Belle and
Scootaloo already there.

117 SCOOTALOO
Hey, Apple Bloom. Why all the
excitement?

118 SWEETIE BELLE
Yeah. What's going on?

119 APPLE BLOOM
 (coy)
Oh, nothin'.

See quickly spins around, showing off her new cutie mark.

120 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Except this brand new cutie mark!

121 SWEETIE BELLE
Wow!

122 SCOOTALOO
That's amazing!

The three ponies jump around excited. Suddenly, Apple Bloom stops.

123 APPLE BLOOM
I don't suppose either of you got yours?

124 SCOOTALOO
Nope.

125 SWEETIE BELLE
Me neither.

126 APPLE BLOOM
(disappointed)
I know it's silly, but I always hoped we'd all get our cutie marks together.

127 SCOOTALOO
Me too.

128 SWEETIE BELLE
But I'm still super excited for you!

129 SCOOTALOO
Absolutely!

Apple Bloom thinks for a moment, then something occurs to her.

130 APPLE BLOOM
I know!

She walks to the podium and grabs the gavel.

131 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Let's call this meeting to order.
I'm sure the three of us can figure out how to get two more cutie marks!

Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle exchange looks, then stare at Apple Bloom awkwardly.

132 SWEETIE BELLE
Um... Yeah. The thing is...

133 APPLE BLOOM
What?

134 SCOOTALOO
Well, you can't be a Cutie Mark
Crusader if you've already got your
cutie mark.

Scotaloo walks up and takes Apple Bloom's gavel away.

135 APPLE BLOOM
Oh. Yeah. Just like Babs Seed.
 (beat)
Well, I can just sit quietly in the
corner while you two figure out
what you're gonna to do.

The others exchange another awkward look.

136 SWEETIE BELLE
Well, technically, the clubhouse is
for Crusaders only.

Scotaloo walks over and opens the door for Apple Bloom.

137 APPLE BLOOM
Oh. Right.

Apple Bloom heads through the door and steps outside.

138 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
I guess I should just come back
later, then?

139 SWEETIE BELLE
Why? I mean, you can't come in then
either. Rules are rules.

140 APPLE BLOOM
Oh.

Apple Bloom turns away, dejected.

141 SCOOTALOO
I don't even think we're still
supposed to be friends.

142 APPLE BLOOM
What!?

With that, Scootaloo slams the door shut. The door slam takes
on a surreal ECHO and Apple Bloom looks back to see the
clubhouse is suddenly all boarded up.

She rushes back and peers through the boards, but it's empty
inside.

143 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Scootaloo? Sweetie Belle?

Apple Bloom turns around again to find she is somehow standing at the edge of the Everfree Forest.

SC 15 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - DAY

Confused, Apple Bloom continues to call out to her friends.

144 APPLE BLOOM
Sweetie Belle? Scootaloo? Come on
fillies this isn't funny.

Suddenly, a wind blows through the leaves. The tops of the trees seem to stretch over as the forest closes in and Apple Bloom hears a familiar WHISPER through the trees.

145 PONY IN THE LEAVES
More trouble with cutie marks?

Apple Bloom tries to squint through the leaves but only sees blackness beyond. Suddenly two EYES pop open in the darkness.

146 APPLE BLOOM
No. I mean, yeah. I mean... Well, I
got mine, but my friends didn't get
theirs and now there's all kinds of
trouble.

147 PONY IN THE LEAVES
Sounds to me like cutie marks and
trouble are two peas in the same
pod.

148 APPLE BLOOM
I guess so. I mean, if I was a
blank flank again, there wouldn't
be a problem.

149 PONY IN THE LEAVES
Your wish is my command...

With that, the mystery Pony's magic smoke rises from under the trees again, filling the frame, as we...

SMOKE DISSOLVE TO:

SC 16 - EXT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY

Apple Bloom stands outside the clubhouse, pulling boards off one by one. Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo walk up.

150 SCOOTALOO
Hey, Apple Bloom. Why'd you want to meet here?

151 APPLE BLOOM
Well, us blankflanks have to meet somewhere!

With that, Apple Bloom shows off her newly naked flank. Again, Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle share an awkward look.

152 SCOOTALOO
Um... actually, Apple Bloom, we both sort of got our cutie marks.

Apple Bloom's expression drops.

153 APPLE BLOOM
You did? What are they?

Apple Bloom tries to lean over to see her friends' flanks, but they both maneuver so that she can't.

154 SCOOTALOO
Oh, we don't have time to go into all that.

155 SWEETIE BELLE
And we certainly don't have time to hang out in an old clubhouse.

156 SCOOTALOO
Yeah. We've got responsibilities now.

157 SWEETIE BELLE
But, maybe we'll see you later.

158 SCOOTALOO
Much later.

Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo back away oddly, still keeping Apple Bloom from seeing their flanks.

159 APPLE BLOOM
Wait!

Apple Bloom tries to chase after them but her tail gets stuck on one of the boards.

160 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Hold on! I can get my cutie mark back. I think. I mean, I got it once, right? Just wait a second!

She tugs at her tail, trying to get free. Finally she gives one last pull and the whole front wall of the clubhouse pulls away, falling toward her.

161 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Noooooooooooo!

Just as she's about to be struck by the crumbling structure we...

CUT TO:

SC 17 - INT. APPLE BLOOM'S BEDROOM - MORNING

A ROOSTER crows. Apple Bloom's eyes blink open and she bolts up in bed, panting, a little less comforted to be back in her room-- again.

Sunlight streams in through the window and she jumps up and looks out. In the distance, the clubhouse sits just like it always has-- no boards, no falling walls.

162 APPLE BLOOM
What in Equestria is going on?

The sound of Applejack cooking drifts up from downstairs.

163 APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Breakfast!

Confused, Apple Bloom heads toward the stairs.

164 APPLE BLOOM
I'm not so sure sleep is the
cureall Applejack thinks it is.

SC 18 - INT. FARMHOUSE - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Applejack stands at the stove-- again, flipping pancakes-- again, as Apple Bloom walks tentatively into the room.

165 APPLE BLOOM
Ah... Applejack? I know you said
sleep is supposed to make me feel
better, but I'm pretty sure it's
making me feel worse.

Applejack responds as before-- like she hasn't heard a thing Apple Bloom just said.

166 APPLEJACK
See? Now, what did I tell you? A
good night's sleep will fi--

Applejack turns and stops mid-word. She looks down at Apple Bloom's flank.

167 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Well, no wonder you were so worked
up.

168 APPLE BLOOM
Didn't you hear what I said? I--

Apple Bloom is suddenly interrupted as GRANNY SMITH pops up, scrutinizing her flank.

169 GRANNY SMITH
Well, what do we have here?

170 APPLE BLOOM
What is it, Granny? What's wrong?

171 GRANNY SMITH
(sarcastic)
Ooooh, nothin'. Right, Applejack?

Applejack stares at Apple Bloom.

172 APPLEJACK
(matching Granny)
Right. Nothin' at all. Right, Big
Mac?

We pan left to reveal Big Mac standing on the other side of Granny, also staring oddly at Apple Bloom.

173 BIG MAC
(matching Applejack)
Not a single thing, nosiree.

174 APPLE BLOOM
Then why are y'all staring at me
like that?

As the other Apples move forward, almost threateningly. Apple Bloom takes a few steps back.

175 BIG MAC
Truth is, Apple Bloom... it's your
cutie mark.

176 APPLEJACK
Eyup.

177 APPLE BLOOM
Oh, no. What is it now?

Apple Bloom turns, trying to get a look at her flank, but for some reason she can't seem to see it. Granny steps forward, practically forcing Apple Bloom out of the kitchen

178 BIG MAC
Well, I'll tell you what it ain't.
It ain't no apple!

179 GRANNY SMITH
Nope!

180 APPLE BLOOM
What!?

Apple Bloom runs in circles, trying to see what her non-Apple cutie mark is, the distorted faces of her family spinning by.

181 BIG MAC
And we don't have room for non-
Apples!

182 APPLEJACK
Nope!

Apple Bloom stops spinning and looks at her family-- her POV CANTED. Granny shoves Apple Bloom's things into a SUITCASE while Big Mac cuts her image out of FAMILY PHOTOS.

183 BIG MAC
Time for you to mosey on. You can't
stay here.

184 GRANNY SMITH
Nope!

185 APPLE BLOOM
But this is my home.

186 APPLEJACK
Nope.

187 BIG MAC
Oh, and you're gonna have to change
your name.

188 APPLE BLOOM
My name?

189 GRANNY SMITH
Eyup!

190 BIG MAC
I think just "Bloom" has a nice
ring to it, don't you, Applejack?

191 APPLEJACK
Eyup!

With that, Big Mac opens a door. Granny throws the suitcase into Apple Bloom's arms with such force, it sends her out the door and into a BLACK HOLE.

192 APPLE BLOOM
Noooooooooooo!

As Apple Bloom falls through the abyss we...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC 19 - EST. ABYSS - RESUME

Apple Bloom continues to scream as she falls through blackness.

193 APPLE BLOOM
Noooooooooooo!

CUT TO:

SC 20 - INT. APPLE BLOOM'S BEDROOM - MORNING

A ROOSTER crows. Apple Bloom's eyes blink open as she falls out of bed and into a pool of sunshine on the floor.

194 APPLE BLOOM
Alright. This is getting
ridiculous.

She jumps out of bed, opens the closet, and stares at her blank flank in the full length mirror mounted on the door.

195 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Hooee! I never thought I'd be so
happy to not get a cutie mark.

With that, she closes the door to find there is now a mirror on the other side of it.

196 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
What the--?

She looks down to see that in this new reflection she HAS a cutie mark-- an ICE CREAM CONE.

Confused, she re-opens the door to check her other reflection, which now has a different cutie mark-- an ANVIL.

She opens and closes the door again and again, her anxiety mounting as THE CUTIE MARK IN HER REFLECTION CHANGES EACH TIME: a life preserver, a crab cracker, a tooth, etc.

197 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
ARGH! I don't want to see another cutie mark as long as I live!!!

With that, Apple Bloom charges straight for the mirror, blooping through it like it's made of goo...

SC 21 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - DAY

Apple Bloom comes to a stop, finding herself once more at the edge of the forest.

The long shadows of the trees stretch out along the ground. Apple Bloom peers into the forest, trying to see into the darkness as the familiar WHISPER comes again.

198 PONY IN THE LEAVES
Back so soon?

199 APPLE BLOOM
Alright, whoever you are, I don't know what spell you went and cast on me but I want it to stop right now!

Apple Bloom charges at where she thinks the Pony is, but there's just leaves. The mysterious Pony's voice now comes from behind her.

200 PONY IN THE LEAVES
I didn't cast a spell. On you or anypony else. I only did what you wanted.

Apple Bloom doubles back, trying to catch her nemesis, but only finds herself alone and deeper in the dark woods.

201 APPLE BLOOM
Why would I want you to torment me with nightmares?

Shadows surround Apple Bloom, as the whispering Pony talks.

202 PONY IN THE LEAVES
You didn't want to catch bugs and I helped. You didn't want to lose friends and I helped. If there's a problem with your family, why, I'm sure I can help with that too.

Apple Bloom looks down at a PONY-SHAPED SHADOW stretching toward her as two eyes pop open and look up at her.

203 APPLE BLOOM
I don't want your help. Just get away from me!

Suddenly, a SHAFT OF MOONLIGHT fills the clearing as PRINCESS LUNA appears.

204 LUNA
Oh, Apple Bloom, you can't get away from your own shadow.

205 APPLE BLOOM
Princess Luna! My shadow? What do you mean?

Luna gestures toward the ground. Apple Bloom looks down at the mysterious PONY SHADOW.

ANGLE ON - the PONY SHADOW as we spin 360 degrees around to find the Shadow stretches not from the dark forest at all, but from Apple Bloom's own hooves.

206 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
It's just me?

Apple Bloom waves a hoof to see her shadow move with her.

207 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
You mean I've been doing all this to myself?

208 LUNA
Of course, Apple Bloom. It's your dream.

209 APPLE BLOOM
If I've been dreaming this whole time, why don't I just wake up?

210 LUNA
Sometimes we can worry about a
thing so much the fear can make us
feel like we're trapped in a
nightmare.

Luna's horn glows as the dark forest magically dissolves
away. She looks down at Apple Bloom and smiles.

211 LUNA (CONT'D)
I don't suppose there's anything
you're particularly afraid of, is
there?

212 APPLE BLOOM
(confessing)
Yeah. I guess I'm pretty worried
about getting my cutie mark.

213 LUNA
Well, that's the same as worrying
about who you are. That's all a
cutie mark is. If you can't accept
who you are, your life might seem
like a bad dream.

214 APPLE BLOOM
But, if I like who I am, do you
think other ponies will too?

215 LUNA
Of course.

216 APPLE BLOOM
(realizing)
Then it doesn't matter what my
cutie mark is!

217 LUNA
Indeed.

218 APPLE BLOOM
But that's so simple. I must be the
only pony in the universe this
worried about her cutie mark.

219 LUNA
Oh, I wouldn't say that.

Again, Luna's horn glows and two holes in the dreamscape open
on either side of her. Apple Bloom peers through and sees...

SWEETIE BELLE - Holding a giant, padded baton and standing
next to a huge WHACK-A-MOLE game.

Instead of moles, pony hindquarters pop up through the holes. Each pony bottom has a different cutie mark and every time one pops up, Sweetie Belle give it a whack.

Unfortunately, each time she does the baton appears behind her and thumps her own rear end.

220 SWEETIE BELLE
Ow!

Apple Bloom shifts to the other hole in the dreaming to see...

SCOOTALOO - Poised at the top of a huge Evel Knievel-style ramp. She adjusts her helmet, gives her scooter a couple of revs and takes off.

She careens down the ramp at top speed, just as she gets her cutie mark-- a whisk and bowl.

The scooter suddenly turns into a giant egg beater, as she hits the jump and flies out over a huge chasm-- filled with whipped cream.

Scotaloo lands in the whipped cream, furiously peddling her egg beater like a unicycle to stay afloat.

Apple Bloom looks away from the images of her friends and up at Luna.

221 APPLE BLOOM
Scotaloo and Sweetie Belle are
having nightmares too?

222 LUNA
It's been a busy night for us all,
but I think it's time to bring it
to a close.

With that, Luna's horn glows and the scene shifts too...

SC 22 - INT. DREAM WORLD CLUBHOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Luna stands at the podium in front of the CMCs.

223 SCOOTALOO/SWEETIE BELL
Princess Luna!

224 LUNA
I know you've all had a lot on your
minds tonight, but I think Apple
Bloom has something she'd like to
share before you wake.

225 SWEETIE BELLE
We're still asleep?

Luna nods. Scootaloo runs up the wall and stands upsidedown on the ceiling.

226 SCOOTALOO
Cool!

As Scootaloo runs back down, Apple Bloom walks up to the podium. Luna hands her the gavel.

227 APPLE BLOOM
Well, I guess I should call this dream meeting of the Cutie Mark Crusaders to order.

Apple Bloom smacks the gavel, but it sounds like a clown horn. Luna smiles.

228 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
I know we all got pretty anxious when we found out Babs got her cutie mark. But I, for one, don't wanna have nightmares every night from now until we get ours.

The others nod.

229 SCOOTALOO
Me neither.

230 APPLE BLOOM
And even though we're all a little scared, a cutie mark won't change who we are or how everypony feels about us.

The others agree.

231 SWEETIE BELLE
It's lucky we're all scared of the same things. That way we can help each other and remind each other to just be who we are.

232 LUNA
And when the day comes that you all finally get your cutie marks, you can be sure they'll fit you to a tee.

233 APPLE BLOOM
Exactly.

234 SCOOTALOO
Do you fillies think that Babs is
worried or scared about some of
this stuff?

235 APPLE BLOOM
(with sudden inspiration)
I know! Let's put together a care
package for her!

236 SWEETIE BELLE
That way she'll know she isn't
alone!

237 APPLE BLOOM
We wouldn't want her to think that
just because she isn't a Crusader,
we can't still be friends.

They start to gather stuff together for the care package, but Apple Bloom's basket turns into a FLAMINGO, Scootaloo's FLOWERS fly off their stems and pop like bubbles, and Sweetie Belle's wrapping paper folds itself into a paper boat and sails through the window.

238 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
But... maybe we should wait until
we wake up.

239 LUNA
Good idea.

Luna smiles as again her horn glows and the walls of the clubhouse swirl and swim.

SC 23 - INT. APPLE BLOOM AND APPLEJACK'S BEDROOM - MORNING

Apple Bloom wakes up. She quickly pulls back the covers and checks her hindquarters. It's still blank.

The sound of Applejack cooking drifts up from downstairs.

240 APPLEJACK
Breakfast!

Apple Blooms eyes light up and she heads downstairs...

SC 24 - INT. KITCHEN - SOON AFTER

Applejack stands at the stove, flipping pancakes and singing softly to herself.

241 APPLEJACK
*There ain't no call to worry,
so don't you cry or fret...*

Apple Bloom steps up beside her sister and joins in.

242 APPLE BLOOM
*A cutie mark won't change me,
no matter what I get!*

Applejack looks down at her sister.

243 APPLEJACK
Well, it sure looks like somepony
is feeling better.

244 APPLE BLOOM
You have no idea.

245 APPLEJACK
See? Now, what did I tell ya? A
good night's sleep cures just about
everything.

Suddenly worried at Applejack's familiar words, Apple Bloom quickly checks her flank-- it's still blank.

246 APPLE BLOOM
(relieved)
I guess so...

Apple Bloom smiles as Applejack sets down a huge plate of pancakes.

247 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
I just wish it hadn't been so
exhausting.

Off of Applejack's curious expression we...

FADE OUT.

END.