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TEASER

SC. 1 - HOUSE IN PONYVILLE - DAY

Outside a lovely house, SCOOTALOO digs in a sandbox with a pony (PETUNIA PALEO), whose cutie mark we don't yet see.

SC. 2 - INT. HOUSE IN PONYVILLE - DAY

Carrying a teacup, SWEETIE BELLE turns away from the window through which she was watching Scoot and the other pony. Sweetie Belle and APPLE BLOOM are having tea with a very nervous pair of PARENT PONIES.

1 SWEETIE BELLE
So, Scootaloo's keeping Petunia busy like you asked. What did you two want to talk about?

2 MOTHER PONY
I'm sure you get these questions all the time...
(look to Father Pony)
Oh, this is so awkward.

3 FATHER PONY
You're the experts, so we thought you'd have some insight into our daughter's new... cutie mark.

Mother and Father Pony share a significant look.

4 APPLE BLOOM
What's wrong? You can tell us.

5 MOTHER PONY
Obviously we're both very proud of her and her cutie mark...

6 FATHER PONY
Despite its, um, unsettling nature.

7 SWEETIE BELLE
Unsettling?

They follow Mother Pony to the window. She points outside. CLOSE ON the Petunia's mark: a skull and bones!

8 APPLE BLOOM
I don't get what you mean.

9 MOTHER PONY
Her mark doesn't bother you at all?

Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle exchange confused looks.
Suddenly Scootaloo calls from O.S.

10 SCOOTALOO (O.S.)
Hey! Check out what we found!

The parents and the other two Crusaders rush out the door.

SC. 3 - EXT. - GARDEN OF THE HOUSE - DAY

Scootaloo watches as they approach Petunia, in a hole,
digging like a happy puppy. Dirt flies. Mother Pony swoons.

11 FATHER PONY
Stay strong, Brittle Pearls!

They all reach the hole and look down to see Petunia's
uncovered fossilized dinosaur bones [Pony Dinosaur, obvs].

12 CROSSED BONES
Look! A spiny-backed Pon-asaurus -
in our own backyard! And I found
'em on my very own. How cool is
that?!?!

Petunia goes back to digging, her skull and bones cutie mark
(which vaguely resembles the Jolly Roger) plainly visible.
Her parents share a perplexed look. A BEAT - then, very
relieved:

13 MOTHER AND FATHER PONY
Oooooh. She's an archaeologist!

14 SCOOTALOO
Of course! What did you think she
was gonna be - a pirate?

SMASH CUT TO: Mother and FATHER PONY holding a full PIRATE
COSTUME - which they quickly whip behind their backs.

15 MOTHER PONY
Pirate!? Pfft! Why would we think
that?

The parents <LAUGH NERVOUSLY> as Petunia pops out of the hole
with a dinosaur skull. The Mother Pony swoons again as we...

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 4 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

The CMCs trot (or scoot, in Scootaloo's case) towards their clubhouse, happy and satisfied. (*NOTE: Scootaloo wears a helmet each time she rides her scooter.)

16 SCOOTALOO
Whoo-hoo! Another successful cutie intervention. You know Crusaders, I don't want to toot our own horn...

They pass by a young JAZZ UNICORN who blows <JAZZ> on a sax. The sax hangs from his neck on a loop, or on a harmonica holder (as when a guitarist in a band also plays harmonica).

17 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
...but we've helped a lot of ponies figure out their purpose in life. Like Blue Note, here - nice sax, Blue Note!

The Jazz Unicorn, BLUE NOTE, gives a <FLOURISH ON THE SAX>.

18 APPLE BLOOM
(satisfied)
Yep. Why, everywhere you look, there's a pony we've helped find a purpose.

They look around Ponyville. A series of quick cuts.

ON: BULK BICEPS grandly lifting heavy things and coaching smaller ponies to lift smaller objects.

ON: TENDER TAPS, putting on a dance show in Town Square - showing off real razzmatazz (with jazz hooves).

ON: DIAMOND TIARA, who leads a team of ponies in re-painting Town Hall. Up just a few rungs on a ladder, she peers into a paint bucket, perplexed - then turns it over. It's empty! On the street below, FILTHY RICH pulls out a sack of bits.

He gives bits to a CONSTRUCTION WORKER PONY, who gives him cans of paint. Construction Pony trots past pony versions of THE VILLAGE PEOPLE. They disco away. Back ON the Crusaders:

21 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
You've gotta admit, we've had a good effect on everypony since we discovered our destiny...

22 SCOOTALOO
And started helping other ponies discover theirs! Could this get any better or what? Wait, I'll answer that. (BEAT.) No. No, it COULD NOT get any better.

23 SWEETIE BELLE
Now, Scootaloo, you do know there will always be challenges. Why, someday somepony might even come to us with a problem that even we can't handle. Like, say...

Seeing something ahead, Apple Bloom stops short.

24 APPLE BLOOM
...a griffon?

25 SWEETIE BELLE
(trotting on, oblivious:)
Ha! Exactly. Like a griffon. But that's just crazy talk.

Scootaloo stops short, and points O.S.

26 SCOOTALOO
OR NOT!

<STING OF MUSIC>. ON: a YOUNG GRIFFON (GABBY) perched in a tree by the Clubhouse. She wears a mailbag on a belt that circles her waist. The Crusaders leap into a bush and pop their heads out to peer at the stranger.

27 SWEETIE BELLE
Is that really a griffon?

<STING OF MUSIC.>

28 APPLE BLOOM
You're durn tootin' it is!

<STING OF MUSIC.> Blue Note, the Jazz Unicorn, trots by, playing the stings of music on his sax.

29 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
(re Blue Note)
UGH, I wish he wouldn't do that. Whaddya think that griffon wants?

30 SWEETIE BELLE
I guess we've gotta ask her but...
(hesitant)
(MORE)

SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
Aren't Griffons supposed to be
kinda mean and cranky?

31 SCOOTALOO
Crusaders, looks like we've gotta
step carefully!

The Crusaders creep out of the bushes and go to the Griffon
with knees nervously knocking.

32 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
Um, hello, Oh, Mighty Griffon? / H-
h-howdy there, pardner! / There,
there - please don't pounce, please
don't pounce...

GABBY THE GRIFFON spots them and stops short.

33 GABBY
The Cutie Mark Crusaders? I can't
believe it's really really you!
(a happy fangirl shriek:)
EEEEEEEE!

With a burst of exuberance, Gabby swoops down and scoops them
up in a griffon hug so hard the CMCs' eyes bug out.

34 SCOOTALOO
(strangled)
This-- griffon-- not-- cranky!

35 APPLE BLOOM
How in the blooming apples did you
know who we are?

36 GABBY
(in a rush of words)
Know who you are? KNOW WHO YOU ARE?
Why, I've heard about you from
everypony in Ponyville! I'm so
excited to meet you, I could just
EXPLODE! I'm Gabriella, but you can
call me Gabby, since we're friends
now. Pleased to meetcha!

She shakes their hoofs so vigorously their teeth rattle.

37 APPLE BLOOM
Well howdy, um... Gabby. Mighty
firm hoofshake you got there.

38 GABBY
OOOOOHH! I'm just about the most
excited any griffon has ever been
about anything. Maybe EVER!

39 SWEETIE BELLE
Excited? But whatever for?

Gabby flies in loop-de-loops.

40 GABBY
What for? WHAT FOR? Everypony in
town tells me of your amaaaaazing
assistance. How you help ponies
find their place in the world.

41 SCOOTALOO
It's a calling. But...

42 GABBY
And that's why I'm here. I need
help, too. (BEAT) I want you to
give me a cutie mark!

<STING OF MUSIC>. Blue Note pops out of a bush with his sax.

43 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
Cut that out!

44 APPLE BLOOM
(sotto to the other CMCs:)
Um, can a griffon even GET a Cutie
Mark?

45 SCOOTALOO
(still sotto)
I dunno - but I think we should
probably find out.

They all smile nervously at Gabby. She gives a wide smile
back.

SC. 5 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY

Inside, the CMCs give Gabby a lemonade.

46 SCOOTALOO
So, Gabriella -

47 GABBY
(correcting)
Gabby, 'kay?

48 SCOOTALOO
'Gabby.' Why do you even want a cutie mark? It doesn't seem like a very griffon-y thing to want.

49 GABBY
Right? Right? RIIIIIGHT? You're telling me! I don't know if you've heard, but griffons can be a little bit... unfriendly.

50 APPLE BLOOM
Oh, we've heard, all right.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 6 - EXT. - FLASHBACK - GRIFFONSTONE VILLAGE SQUARE - DAY

We see GRIFFONS pushing past each other with their noses in the air, knocking into each other without apologizing and shoving their way to the front of lines. (Think NYC subways at rush hour.)

51 GABBY (V.O.)
Most griffons don't pay much attention to each other. And if they do, it's not, y'know... the good kind of attention.

Gabby appears in the crowd, smiling and upbeat, wearing her mailbag. She leaps to evade the smashing feet of griffons who nearly stomp on her as they go along their haughty way.

52 GABBY (V.O.)
As for me, I'm just a little mail-delivery griffon who likes to spread a little bit of griffon-y sunshine on my rounds! Which always made me feel different from the other griffons.

Gabby darts forward and goes to hold a door open for a grown up griffon who's carrying boxes. The griffon pushes right past her - and then accidentally slips and falls, dropping the packages.

Ever helpful, Gabby goes to help the griffon pick them up - but the griffon snatches them away, turns, and marches off in a huff.

53 GABBY (V.O.)
I'd do anything for any ol' griffon in need.

(MORE)

GABBY (V.O.) (CONT'D)
But it just always seemed like the
harder I tried, the less I fit in!

Gabby looks disappointed momentarily - until she spots an older male griffon trying to cross the street with a cane.

She rushes over and tries to help him across the street - but he bats her off with his tail, knocking Gabby into a puddle!

LATER: Gabby slinks past rude griffons, dejected. The griffons don't pay the slightest bit of attention to her.

Then Gabby turns a corner - and walks right into SC. 20 of *The Lost Treasure of Griffonstone*: PINKIE PIE and GILDA mix up a batch of scones at Gilda's stand. We see the scene from Gabby's POV. She shyly hides and watches with wide eyes as Pinkie Pie helps Gilda in the village square.

54 GABBY
It wasn't until your friends came to Griffonstone that I realized some creatures actually like helping each other. And I saw something so awesomely awesome - how helping spreads from pony to pony and griffon to griffon...

SC. 7 - EXT. - GRIFFONSTONE VILLAGE SQ. - DAY

As in Sc. 27 from *The Lost Treasure of Griffonstone*: Dash and Pinkie head out of town, but look back to see Greta and Gilda push the statue of King Grover upright. Unbeknownst to them, little Gabby is watching, too. She spots Pinkie's cutie mark, and her eyes get very wide. She focuses on Pinkie and Dash's cutie marks as they trot away.

55 GABBY (V.O.)
I knew then that I had find out why I was so different from the other griffons. And I knew the answer just HAD to have something to do with those wonderful, amaaaaazing marks on the ponies' flanks!

DISSOLVE TO:

LATER: At dawn, as Gilda gives Gabby a letter which she puts into her mailbag. Gabby smartly salutes and flies away.

56 GABBY (V.O.)
And I admit, I became, maybe, just a little obsessed.
(MORE)

GABBY (V.O.) (CONT'D)
So first chance I had to deliver a letter from Gilda, I took it - so I could find the perfect ponies to help me understand what those marks are.

SC. 8 - EXT. - PONYVILLE TOWN SQ. - DAY

Under Gabby's voiceover, we see shots of Gabby conversing with ponies, pointing to their cutie marks and admiring them. In turn, the ponies point to the Crusaders' clubhouse. The last ponies are Crossed Bones's parents from the teaser.

57 GABBY (V.O.)
Everypony here told me one thing: I just HAD to see the cutie mark crusaders. They've helped everypony here get there cutie marks. And I knew, I just *knew*, that someday I'll have one, too: a cutie mark of my very own!

Push in on her excited expression:

DISSOLVE BACK:

SC. 9 - INT. - CMC CLUBHOUSE - RESUME

Pull back on her glowing face. The Crusaders are aghast:

58 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
A WHAT?

59 GABBY
EXACTLY! That's why I flew all the way here. I want to find my own place in the world, and I know you can help me-- by giving me a cutie mark!

Gabby looks down at them. The CMCs look back at her awkwardly. Gabby claps her claws together.

60 GABBY (CONT'D)
So... Let's make with the cutie!
(closes her eyes)
Whenever you're ready!
(peeks)
Did it happen yet?

The CMCs stare up at her, speechless.

61 SWEETIE BELLE
Uh... Not exactly.

62 GABBY
How 'bout now? How 'bout now? How
'bout now? How 'bout now?

The Crusaders share a look.

63 APPLE BLOOM
Um, Gabby, I hate to break it to
you, but it sounds like you mighta
heard some tall tales about what
Crusaders can do.

64 SCOOTALOO
I mean, we are kinda awesome and
all, but nopony can just *give* you a
cutie mark. It just sort of...
happens.

65 SWEETIE BELLE
Though I'm pretty sure it doesn't
happen to Griffons. Or if it does -
we've never ever heard of it.

Gabby looks crestfallen.

66 GABBY
Oh. I hadn't thought of that.
(brightens up, undaunted:)
Sounds like a challenge. And who
could be up to it but the world-
famous Cutie Mark Crusaders? Cutie
marks: it's in your name and
everything, right? Right? RIGHT?

The CMCs share an uncertain look. Gabby whips out a letter
from her mailbag.

67 GABBY (CONT'D)
Now I have to deliver Gilda's
letter to Rainbow Dash. I bet by
the time I get back you'll have it
one-hundred percent figured out!

She gathers them in one more big strangling hug.

68 GABBY (CONT'D)
You ponies are the best. THE. BEST.
Toodles for now. OFF I GOOOOOOOO...

She <FLAPS> into the sky, leaving the CMCs <GASPING FOR AIR>.

69 SWEETIE BELLE
Whew! What she wants - it's not
possible, right?

Scotaloo watches as Gabby flies away excited, right past
Twilight's Castle.

70 GABBY (O.S.)
(far away)
Wheweee! Gonna get my Cutie Mark!

71 SCOOTALOO
I don't know. But I know someone
who just might!

Push in on the turrets of the castle.

SC. 10 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

With the CMCs by her side, TWILIGHT trots down a hallway.
She levitates her magic book to her and flips through pages.

72 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I've read every book on the
subject. And I've never read a
thing about any creature other than
a pony getting a cutie mark!

73 SCOOTALOO
But Twilight, Gabby flew all the
way here so we could help her.
There's gotta be something we can
do.

74 SWEETIE BELLE
Say... is there some kind of spell
you can whip up to make her mark
appear?

Twilight shakes her head.

75 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Um, I don't know if any of you
remember... but using magic to get
a cutie mark never really works out
all that well.

76 ALL 3 CRUSADERS
(sigh of realization:)
Ohhhhhh... riiiiight.

77 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Crusaders, I'm sorry. While I can't say for certain that it's utterly impossible, the chances of Gabby getting an actual mark are... pretty slim. Everything I've ever learned tells me... it's just not gonna happen.

78 APPLE BLOOM
Oh NO! Poor Gabby! What the apples are we ever gonna tell her?

Once again, Blue Note pops up with his sax. The ponies gives him the stinkeye.

79 SWEETIE BELLE
(very tight:)
Do not even think about it.

Nervous, Blue Note backs away without playing his sting. Off the Crusaders looking very upset, we... GO OUT.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 11 - EXT. - PONYVILLE - DAY

The CMCs head back towards the clubhouse.

80 SWEETIE BELLE
Crusaders, this is terrible! Gabby really believed in us, and now we're going to let her down.

81 APPLE BLOOM
But what else can we do? Accordin' to Twilight, gettin' a Griffon cutie mark is pretty much a lost cause.

Scotaloo stops, struck with an idea. She maneuvers her scooter up onto a little ridge and swings it around to face them to give a pep talk.

82 SCOOTALOO
You know what, Crusaders? So what. Maybe we can't help Gabby get a cutie mark, but we can still do what we're best at. We can help her find her purpose!

83 APPLE BLOOM
(brightening)
And I reckon doin' that is the same
for Griffons as it is for ponies...
or any other creature in Equestria!

84 CMCS
Yeah!/Right!/Woo-hoo!

85 SCOOTALOO
All we have to do is be extra
special clear with her. Like,
Crystal Kingdom clear. So there's
absolutely no confusion.

They reach the Clubhouse as Gabby barrels out of the sky.

86 GABBY
INCOMING!

She lands right on top of them, squashing them with hugs.

87 GABBY (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Hiya, you wonderful, wonderful
Crusaders. I just know you figured
out how to help me because you're
all so incredible! Right? Right!?
RIGHT!!!?

88 SCOOTALOO
Well, Gabby, we've talked it over
and we think we may just be able to
help you out - But not exactly in
the way you think. See, here's the
thing about you getting a cutie
mark...

89 GABBY
I'M GETTING A CUTIE MARK! WOOO-
WHOOOOO!

Gabby sails into a loop-de-loop of joy, circling in the air,
over and over again.

90 SCOOTALOO
Wait, you didn't let me finish!

Gabby just continues her celebratory loops, not listening.

91 GABBY
WHEEEEE!

Sweetie Belle leans in to Scootaloo.

92 SWEETIE BELLE
Um, I think maybe that could have
been clearer.

The CMCs exchange nervous looks.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 12 - INT. - CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY

It's a bit later in the day. Through the window, we see Gabby still rejoicing in the sky at full-tilt.

93 GABBY
(chanting:)
*Cutie mark, cutie mark, gonna get
my cutie mark - YEAH!*

REVEAL: the Crusaders watching Gabby through the window.

94 SWEETIE BELLE
She's still going! Whew, anypony
know if Griffons ever get tired?

Gabby comes in for a landing.

95 GABBY
What do you think my mark will be?
A lightning bolt? An erupting
volcano?! I don't care if it's a
jar of marmalade. I know I'll love
it, whatever it is!

96 APPLE BLOOM
Hold on just a hoofstep, Gabby,
there's something we need to clear
up. We can definitely help you find
your purpose - but that mark's
probably not gonna happen.

She stops short, thunderstruck.

97 GABBY
Wait - WHAT?!?!

98 SCOOTALOO
It's true. Twilight's never heard
of a creature other than a pony
getting a cutie mark.

99 GABBY
(unfazed)
Oh, pfft, is that all?
(MORE)

GABBY (CONT'D)

You had me worried for a second. I mean, there's a first time for everything, right?

100 SWEETIE BELLE
I guess...

101 GABBY
And she didn't say it was impossible, right?

The CMCs share a look.

102 APPLE BLOOM
Well, not exactly...

103 GABBY
Well, then if anypony can make it happen, it's you three! I mean, you haven't failed yet!

Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle share an uncertain look, but Scoot gets a gleam in her eye and steps up to Gabby determined.

104 SCOOTALOO
You know what, Gabby? I promise, we're gonna do everything we can to help you get your mark!

105 GABBY
OH! It's gonna happen! I can feel it!

Gabby flies into the air again. The Crusaders follow out on the clubhouse porch to watch her.

106 SWEETIE BELLE
Aaaaand, she's off again.

107 APPLE BLOOM
(to Scoot)
Why in tarnation would you promise something that just can't be done!

Scotaloo regards her scooter, then looks at her wings.

108 SCOOTALOO
I know what it's like to want something that's out of reach. And just because it hasn't happened yet doesn't mean it can't. Maybe trying for the impossible isn't so bad.

The other ponies share a look, then circle around Scoot.

109 SWEETIE BELLE
I guess we'll never know for sure
unless we give it a try.

110 APPLE BLOOM
All right. But where do we even
start?

111 SCOOTALOO
Where we always do - with a good
ol' fashioned Crusaders CHART!

With a gleam in her eye, Scootaloo pulls down a classic CMC chart on the clubhouse wall. Off the three of them excited...

SC. 13 - INT. - CMC CLUBHOUSE - LATER

Gabby scrutinizes the chart with the Crusaders. Apple Bloom stands at the front with a pointer.

112 APPLE BLOOM
The first thing we gotta do is find
your purpose.

Scoot looks to Gabby, reassuringly.

113 SCOOTALOO
No pony gets a mark without one.

Gabby claps her claws together with anticipation

114 GABBY
All right! Let's do this!

Scootaloo takes the pointer and points to all the great things Gabby can do.

115 SCOOTALOO
What are you good at? Do you play
any sports?

116 APPLE BLOOM
Or like to dance?

117 SWEETIE BELLE
Or how about singing? I just love
to sing. LA LA LA LAAAAAAA!

Gabby looks thoughtfully at the chart.

118 GABBY
Wow. I kinda wanna just try
everything. I mean, I don't even
know what to pick!

119 SCOOTALOO
Don't worry - that's what we're
here for!

SONG BEGINS: "HELP YOU FIND THE PURPOSE IN YOUR LIFE"

MUSIC UP: a marching tune. Starts slowly but builds.

120 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
*Like a racer at the starting gate,
you're chomping at the bit.*

121 SWEETIE BELLE
*You're here to find your purpose
and the place you really fit.*

122 APPLE BLOOM
*And until you find your place in
life you're never gonna quit -*

123 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
*We can help you find the purpose in
your life!*

Gabby takes the chart down from the wall, and together with the Crusaders she marches around the clubhouse. They head off into the world to find Gabby's purpose.

124 GABBY
*A griffon mixes lion's strength
with winged eagle's might -
When I finally find my purpose then
my cutie mark's in sight.
Crusaders, I won't let you down -
I've just begun to fight
You're gonna help me find the
purpose in my life!*

Music segues into a syncopated, peppy, fast-paced part of the song as Gabby tries a bunch of things to find her purpose.
(MUSICAL REFERENCES: *I Don't Know But I've Been Told* (aka *The Children's Cadence*, *Jody Calls*, *Sound Off*, *The Duckworth Chant*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Vtq8B64MLM> - or http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_cadence

SC. 14 - INT. - ZECORA'S HUT - DAY

ZECORA struggles to stir a thick mixture in her cauldron. Gabby grabs a giant spoon and stirs the mixture easily.

125 GABBY
*Got a job that's just no fun?
Call on me - I'll get it done.
Need a potion and you want to mix
it up?
I'm the griffon who can help you
fix it up!*

SC. 15 - INT. - SCHOOL - DAY

Gabby scribbles calculations on a chalkboard next to a grateful MISS CHEERILEE.

126 GABBY
Help you teach pre-calculus -

SC. 16 - INT. - RARITY'S BOUTIQUE - DAY

Gabby scrubs the floor as RARITY watches approvingly.

127 GABBY
Scrub your floors, no muss no fuss.

SC. 17 - MONTAGE:

In a series of quick cuts, Gabby whips through activities, helping other ponies wherever she can.

She pets animals, helps lift boxes for Bulk Biceps, helps GRANNY SMITH across a busy road - and even takes the wheel of a ship (wearing a lifejacket, of course).

She tries foalsitting for an EXHAUSTED MOTHER PONY, samples various sports, tries instruments, helps in a dentist's office, and cooks and bakes (safely, wearing oven mitts).

The CMCs are present throughout, crossing off activities on their chart while watching in awe at Gabby's griffon strength and stamina.

128 GABBY
*I'm feelin' my oats and keepin' it
loose.
I'll do anything to be of use!
Give your long-lost friend a holla -
Or shampoo your pet koala -
(MORE)*

GABBY (CONT'D)

*Help you lift a heavy load -
Help your Granny cross the road -
Clearing kelp? Give a yelp!
I'm rarin' to go and ready to help.
Shear your sheep -
Rock your little ones to sleep!
Need a boost? Come on, just ask it!
I can help you make that basket.
I've got vigor, I've got verve -
Call on me, I live to serve.
I'm here to help you run your bases
Hide your traces -
Help your dentist tighten braces.
Compose sonatas for your quartet,
while filling in on clarinet!
Cheer you up when you're feeling
low -
Or help you cook your escargot -
Bake your cakes as fast as
lightning -*

129 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
*She's so good at things, it's
frightening!*

END MONTAGE.

SC. 18 - EXT. - PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - DAY

Back to the main theme. Everypony lifts Gabby in the air -
while the Crusaders watch, growing a bit worried.

130 GABBY
*On my quest to get my cutie mark
I'll try anything, it's true!*

131 SCOOTALOO
*How can we help her find her
purpose when there's nothing she
can't do?*

132 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
(sotto to each other:)
*It looks like everything we feared
is absolutely coming true -
We'll never help her find the
purpose in her life - no!*

133 GABBY
*You're gonna help me find my
purpose in my life!*

134 CROWD
*We can help you find the purpose in
your life!*

Big finish, with Gabby hoisted on the shoulders of the other ponies, graciously accepting their adulation!

END SONG

Off to the side, the Crusaders watch, totally stymied.

135 SWEETIE BELLE
Gabby's special purpose can't be
everything, right?

136 APPLE BLOOM
It may as well be. I don't know how
we find what she's supposed to do
when she can do it all.

Scotaloo sits down, dejected.

137 SCOOTALOO
And if finding her purpose seems
impossible, we can just forget
about the whole Griffon-getting-a-
cutie-mark thing which is actually
impossible.
(distraught)
I never should have gotten her
hopes up.

Gabby flies over to the Crusaders.

138 GABBY
Whew! Were you all watching? I
mean, I Did. It. All! So? Lay it on
me, Crusaders. What's my purpose?
And how do we get a mark on these
here haunches?

The Crusaders share a look. Scoot steps forward, clearly
upset.

139 SCOOTALOO
Gabby, we - we don't.

140 GABBY
Wait - what are you saying?

141 APPLE BLOOM
We're saying that since you can do
everything so amazin'ly well...

142 SWEETIE BELLE
We just can't figure out what one
thing you're supposed to do.

143 SCOOTALOO
(welling up)
Gabby... We can't help you.

144 GABBY
(desperate)
But you're the world-famous Cutie
Mark Crusaders! I can't believe it.
I - I WON'T believe it.

Looking upset herself, Gabby flies away. The Crusaders call
after her, but she disappears into the distance.

145 APPLE BLOOM
Gabby - wait!

146 SCOOTALOO
We're sorry! We're so, so sorry!
(to the other two CMCS:)
This is just awful! For the first
time ever, the Cutie Mark Crusaders
are cutie mark... failures!

The CMCS stand on the balcony of the clubhouse. Dejected,
they watch Gabby fly away as... we GO OUT.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 19 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY

A little bit later. A sad Scoot rolls up the activity chart.

147 SCOOTALOO
I'm sorry, Crusaders. I really
thought we could help Gabby.

148 SWEETIE BELLE
I thought we could help anypony.

149 APPLE BLOOM
Maybe that's just it. Maybe we can
only help ponies.

150 SCOOTALOO
Or maybe we just plain failed.

The door bursts open. Gabby bursts in, very excited!

151 GABBY
Failed? Then what do you call *THIS*?

She turns her flank to reveal - A CUTIE MARK! (A cauldron.)

152 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
A CUTIE MARK!??!

The Crusaders are shocked - and Gabby's beaming! Stunned, the CMCs admire her cutie mark.

153 SWEETIE BELLE
WHAT? You got your mark after all - even though we couldn't find your purpose? But - whaaaa? Huh? HOW?

154 APPLE BLOOM
An' what does it mean? A cauldron?

Apple Bloom gets right up close to Gabby's mark. Gabby backs away, quickly.

155 GABBY
Um, I don't know. Maybe it means my purpose is helping Zecora with potions. That's the first thing I tried. I guess it just took some time to appear - but here it is!

Scotaloo trots around her, thrilled!

156 SCOOTALOO
This. Is. AWESOME! We aren't failures. Whatever we did WORKED! You know, I had a feeling we could help you - and we did!

157 APPLE BLOOM
Ooh, we've gotta go see Twilight right away! She'll want to know about this.

158 SWEETIE BELLE
Correction - she NEEDS to know about this. I bet she'll want to write a whole book about the very first Griffon to get a cutie mark of her own!

Gabby backs away, looking a little tentative.

159 GABBY
Oh. Right. But there's no rush, I'll have my Mark for life.
(MORE)

GABBY (CONT'D)

And I just remembered - Rainbow Dash asked me to pick up her answer to Gilda's letter. I better take care of that before I forget. You know how forgetful I am, right? Right?

160 APPLE BLOOM

No. You never mentioned that. Golly, isn't gettin' to know each other fun?

161 GABBY

Why yes! There's probably many things I, uh, forgot to tell you. Okay, gotta go!

She starts to flap her wings.

162 SCOOTALOO

Wait! Don't you want to show Twilight right this minute? She'll be so surprised!

163 GABBY

Oh. Totally. But you know - duty calls! Here's an idea: you head to the castle, I'll meet you there, cutie mark and all. Um.... toodles!

<WHOOSH!> Gabby zips off. The Crusaders watch, elated.

164 SCOOTALOO

Wow, can you believe it? We were able to help her get her mark after all! Come on, Crusaders - let's tell Twilight!

They start out quickly, beyond excited.

CUT TO:

SC. 20 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

The delighted Crusaders prance around Twilight, who's levitating a big stack of books and leafing through them, looking for a particular page.

165 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

(effort grunts)

Gabby? You just missed her!
(MORE)

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

She was in such a hurry she didn't even come in. Just dropped this letter for you all and zoomed off.

Twilight levitates a letter over to the Crusaders. It unfurls and Scoot reads.

166 SCOOTALOO

(reading)

Dear Crusaders - I'll never forget you! You really are every bit as awesome as I'd heard. I'm heading home to tell all the griffons how you did the impossible by getting me my cutie mark. Toodles!

Twilight is so shocked she drops the whole stack of books with a <CRASH>.

167 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Waitasecond - CUTIE MARK? You actually got a griffon a cutie mark for the first time in recorded history? You know what this calls for? A full-scale research project!

She starts levitating over piles of parchment and pens - as the Crusaders exchange confused looks.

168 SWEETIE BELLE

This makes no sense. Gabby didn't come in and show you her mark?

169 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Are you kidding? If a griffon came in here with a cutie mark, WOW, I'd've been so excited no way would I let her fly off like that! You have GOT to get Gabby back here right away. I have soooooo many questions! OOOOO I hope I have enough ink and parchment to document EVERYTHING!

(calling out)

SPIKE! Guess what just happened!

Twilight rushes out of room, super excited, as the paper and pens levitate after her in a rush.

170 APPLE BLOOM

Weird - Gabby didn't show Twilight her mark, like she said she was gonna do? Something in this here applesauce smells kinda fishy.

171 SCOOTALOO
And maybe Gabby's not as okay as she seemed. We better find her and find out what's going on! Come on, Crusaders.

She leads them out at a high speed.

SC. 21 - EXT. ROAD - DAY

The Crusaders race along the road, scouring the sky.

172 SCOOTALOO
Keep your eyes on the skies, ponies. Gabby can't have gone far.

ON: Gabby on the road, with a pony who's trying to pull a cart that's stuck in the mud.

173 APPLE BLOOM
She's not in the air, she's right THERE! Gabby! Hold up, we're a-comin'!

174 GABBY
(shocked to see them)
Um - Sorry, can't stop to chat - I just stopped to help this pony get out of the muck and then I really gotta fly! Okay, HEAVE-HOHHHH!

She gives a shove and the cart moves forward - but Gabby is knocked off-balance and tumbles into the mud with a big SPLOOOSH! The Crusaders rush over.

175 GABBY (CONT'D)
I'm okay! Just a little glopped up.

176 SWEETIE BELLE
Gabby, we're your friends! Why in Equestria you running away from us?

177 GABBY
Running away? Oh, I'm not running away. I'm just, um, excited to show my lovely new cutie mark to everyone in Griffonstone.

178 APPLE BLOOM
(pointing at her flank:)
You mean the cutie mark that's runnin' right off your flank?

They all look down. On Gabby's flank, the mark is partially washed off in the wet goo she's sitting in.

179 GABBY

(sighs)

Yup. That's the one. I guess the one thing I'm really not that good at... is faking things.

She rubs off the rest of the mark sadly.

180 SCOOTALOO

Wow, Gabby, painting on a fake cutie mark to make yourself feel better? You must have been REALLY upset.

181 GABBY

Sure I was disappointed - but I didn't do it to make myself feel better. I wanted to make you feel better! I couldn't bear you three thinking you failed after you tried so hard to help.

(she sighs)

I'm sorry I wasn't honest with you. I'll just wing my way back to Griffonstone. Thanks for trying.

The ponies share a look.

182 APPLE BLOOM

You don't need to apologize for caring about how other ponies are feelin'!

183 SWEETIE BELLE

I'm just sorry we couldn't come through for you.

184 SCOOTALOO

(a glimmer of an idea:)

Hmmm... maybe we can. Gabby, clean up and meet us back at the Crusaders clubhouse!

Gabby stands, dripping with mud, and gives a halfhearted little salute.

185 GABBY

Aye aye. Whatever you say, but...

186 SCOOTALOO

Leave everything to us.

With that, Scoot leads the other Crusaders off.

SC. 22 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY

Gabby arrives and <KNOCKS> on the door. The Crusaders open up and usher her in, looking very excited. They've hidden something under a cloth.

Gabby just looks at the floor.

187 GABBY
I know you all tried your very best, but I guess griffons and cutie marks just don't mix. Maybe I don't even have a special purpose.

188 SCOOTALOO
Hang on a second! We were wracking our brains trying to figure out your destiny... Until we remembered how every time you did something new you tried to help everypony around you.

189 SWEETIE BELLE
Even us! How did it feel when you showed up with that fake mark - and the three of us thought we'd actually helped you?

Gabby thinks for a moment.

190 GABBY
Hmm, well... I was really glad I helped you feel happier! I just like helping. I guess I always have.

191 SCOOTALOO
So maybe helping is your thing-- you might even say it's your purpose...

192 APPLE BLOOM
And that would make you pretty special among griffons. No offense.

193 GABBY
None taken! But helping just feels good - it couldn't have anything to do with what I'm supposed to do with my life, right?

194 SCOOTALOO
Gabby, finding your special purpose doesn't have to be about being good at something, it's about *feeling* good about something-- inside.

195 APPLE BLOOM
And it looks like your destiny is a whole lot like ours: helping others. And you don't need a symbol on your flank to know that!

196 SWEETIE BELLE
But since we ARE the Cutie Mark Crusaders-- we made you one anyway! Behold...

She whips off the cloth over the object to reveal: *two homemade cutie marks, just like the Crusaders' marks!* It's carved out of wood and covered in glitter. It glimmers: <BLING!>

197 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
Your very own cutie mark! TA DA!

With great ceremony as at the end of *Star Wars, Episode IV* they hang the marks on the mailbag belt around Gabby's waist.

198 SCOOTALOO
We carved it to mark the moment we all figured out what you should do with your life!

199 GABBY
But they look just like yours? You can't mean...

200 SCOOTALOO
You bet we do! You're one of us now! Gabby, today we dub thee -

201 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
- *the very first Griffon member of the Cutie Mark Crusaders! YAY!*

The Crusaders adjust Gabby's mail bag and fuss with her marks until she looks just perfect.

202 SWEETIE BELLE
You may not be able to get a cutie mark..

203 APPLE BLOOM
...but you're selflessly dedicatin'
your life to helpin' others,
anyhow! I can't think of anything
more Crusadery than that!

204 GABBY
For once in my life I'm speechless!
All I can say is, this... is....

Close in on her expression: wide and happy eyes.

SC. 23 - EXT - PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - DAY

205 GABBY
...AWESOME! My very own cutecinera!

A <BLAST OF PARTY MUSIC>. PULL BACK TO REVEAL a party in full
swing: the Crusaders are throwing Gabby her own cutecinera!

Everypony Gabby helped in Ponyville is there to celebrate
with her, and they're partying as only ponies can.

206 APPLE BLOOM
Landsakes, you sure have earned it!

207 SWEETIE BELLE
And so have we. Scootaloo, you're
pretty amazing. Even though things
looked bleak you still found a way
to help Gabby in the end.

208 SCOOTALOO
'Course! Helping's what we do,
right?

Gabby swoops in and gathers all three ponies in another huge
griffon hug, nearly smothering them with happiness.

209 GABBY
Ooooo, I am SOOOOO grateful! I'm
gonna go home and do my very very
best to bring Cutie Mark Crusader
values to Griffonstone, I promise!

210 SCOOTALOO
Promise us one other thing, too?

211 SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
COME BACK SOON!

212 SCOOTALOO
After all, you're a Crusader now.
Crusaders forever?

213 GABBY
Crusaders forever!

<MUSIC UP: A CONGA VERSION OF THE MAIN THEME FROM EARLIER.>

214 CRUSADERS / CROWD
*We helped you find the purpose in
your life - oh yeah!
We helped you find the purpose in
your life!*

Gabby and her fellow pony Crusaders join a conga line of celebrating ponies. They all dance off as we...

FADE OUT.

END