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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--

Scotaloo 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.

Scotaloo 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 Skeedaddle.

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 than 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                   KETTLE CORN  
(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!*  
That's it Blank Flanks! Be proud of  
who you are. You don't need some phony  
pony telling you you're just ONE  
thing! Blank Flanks ... FOREVER!

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 Belle 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.

Scotaloo 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**