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TEASER**SC. 1 - EXT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - DAY**

The school gleams in the sunlight. PUSH IN as a wobbly stack of ponies step out from behind a shrub. The CMCs, on each others' shoulders, awkwardly sway toward a school window.

1 SCOOTALOO
Almost...There...

ON THE BOTTOM, APPLE BLOOM is awkwardly up on her hind legs and using her front hooves to hold SWEETIE BELLE's back hooves on her shoulders. She staggers a bit, but is excited.

2 APPLE BLOOM
I can't wait! Twilight's School is sposta be amazing inside!

PAN UP to SWEETIE BELLE, who balances on Apple Bloom, holding Scootaloo's hooves on her own shoulders.

3 SWEETIE BELLE
Rarity says there's never been a school like it.

And finish the PAN UP to SCOOTALOO, who sways at the top of their stack, fluttering her wings to balance as she tries to reach a window sill to peek in.

4 SCOOTALOO
I heard the students get to do tons of awesome stuff!

Scootaloo swings back, then forward, grabbing onto the sill.

5 APPLE BLOOM
Do ya see anything yet?

Scootaloo peers in, amped--

6 SCOOTALOO
Yeah! It looks like...A BROOM! And a dustpan...And some buckets...

7 SWEETIE BELLE
That sounds like a closet.

8 APPLE BLOOM
Try another window!

The stack of ponies sway over to the next window, and Scootaloo grabs on to peek in. She beams at what she sees:

9 SCOOTALOO
Whoaaaaa.

THEIR POV: INT. FRIENDSHIP CLASSROOM - PINKIE PIE faces a few PONY STUDENTS, along with YONA, GALLUS, and OCELLUS.

10 PINKIE PIE
Whoooo's ready for cupcakes?

Pinkie bounces around the room with a TRAY OF CUPCAKES. Each student takes one. Gallus is about to bite his, but Pinkie POPS back into FRAME to block his bite.

11 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
They're not for you, silly!
They're for sharing! First, say something nice. Like this.

Pinkie balances a cupcake on her hoof and faces Ocellus.

12 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Ocellus, you're a great listener!

Pinkie tosses the cupcake to Ocellus. Surprised, Ocellus catches it, and smiles shyly.

13 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Now you get to keep one cupcake,
and share one with another
creature!

Ocellus nods and turns to Yona-

14 OCELLUS
Yona, you're really strong!

Ocellus tosses a cupcake to Yona. Yona is SO EXCITED to catch it, she leaps high in the air... And when she comes down, the <GROUND SHAKES>, CATAPULTING the remaining cupcake tray OUT THE WINDOW--

BACK ON SCOOTALOO - she dodges the cupcake barrage and falls back, windmilling her arms as the tower of CMCs collapses...

15 SCOOTALOO / SWEETIE BELLE / APPLE
BLOOM
Whoaaaa! <impact>

...To land safely in a shrub.

Looking up, the CMCs see - a HEART made of BUTTERFLIES hovering in the sky.

ON A SCHOOL BALCONY, FLUTTERSHY calls--

16 FLUTTERSHY
Alright students, it's time to meet
some new friends!

Fluttershy smiles as the butterflies swirl around her
FRIENDSHIP STUDENTS (including SANDBAR and SILVERSTREAM), who
look on in awe.

THE CMCs are equally wowed. They turn their heads at--

17 APPLEJACK
Incoming!

IN THE SCHOOL FIELD - Applejack kicks a BUCKBALL toward some
pony students (and SMOLDER). The students <LAUGH> as they
bounce the ball back to each other, and Smolder flies up to
catch it and slam it in a bucket.

18 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
That's friendship in action, y'all.

BACK ON THE CMCs - eyes shining, beaming.

19 SWEETIE BELLE
Wow! And I thought our school was
fun!

20 SCOOTALOO
Yeah, Miss Cheerilee never lets us
play buckball in class. I know.
I've tried.

21 APPLE BLOOM
Hey! Why don't we go here instead?
It's still school, right?

The CMCs love this idea and do a three-way HIGH HOOF!

22 SCOOTALOO / SWEETIE BELLE / APPLE
BLOOM
Yeah! / Great idea! / Woo hoo!

23 APPLE BLOOM
What could be better than learning
friendship with your best friends?

Pinkie POPS out of the bushes next to the CMCs, having just
retrieved the cupcakes that flew out the window.

24 PINKIE PIE
Learning friendship with your best
friends and CAKE! <CHOMP!>

Pinkie NOMS the entire cupcakes in one bite.

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT ONE****SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - THE NEXT DAY**

TWILIGHT SPARKLE addresses her STUDENTS. SPIKE stands nearby.
NOTE: THERE ARE THREE EMPTY SEATS NEAR THE FRONT OF THE CLASS.

25 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Good morning, class! Today, we're going to learn about friendship through the ages. Spike? Slide one, please.

Spike nods and flicks a button on a SLIDE PROJECTOR (REUSE Episode 525). It shows an image of CHANCELLOR PUDDINGHEAD.

26 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Back in the days of Chancellor--

Suddenly a HUGE WING SHADOW blocks the slide. Twilight startles, then wryly smiles--

27 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Uh...Spike? Your wing is in my Puddinghead.

Spike notices that one of his wings is in front of the projector's beam, casting a large shadow. He blushes.

28 SPIKE
Sorry, Twilight. Still getting used to my new wings.
(can't contain his joy)
They're pretty great, huh?!

29 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yes, Spike. As I was saying...

Twilight looks back to her class. The empty seats are now filled with Apple Bloom, Scootaloo, and Sweetie Belle!

Twilight does a double take at the beaming CMCs.

30 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
What are you three doing here?

31 APPLE BLOOM
We wanna go to your school!

32 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But...Why?

33 SWEETIE BELLE
We want to learn friendship!

34 SCOOTALOO
And play Buckball!

35 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(amused)
I see. Why don't you three come
with me? Spike? You're in charge.

Spike nods, then when Twilight turns away, he does a fist pump and turns excitedly to the class...

**SC. 3 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - HALLWAY OUTSIDE CLASSROOM
- CONT.**

Twilight leads the CMCs into the hallway as STARLIGHT GLIMMER trots past, interested and hopeful.

36 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Hi, Twilight! Looks like you could
use a Guidance Counsellor's help!
(re: the CMCs)
Hint. Hint.

37 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No thanks, Starlight. I got this.

38 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Great. Well. I'll just... Go dust
my office for the seventieth time.

Starlight sighs and walks off. Twilight turns to face the CMCs, breaking it to them gently...

39 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm sorry to have to tell you this,
but... You can't be my students.

The CMCs gape in dismay.

40 SWEETIE BELLE
Why not?

41 APPLE BLOOM
We'll study extra hard!

42 SCOOTALOO
Isn't this place for EVERY
creature?

43 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yes... But we teach friendship
lessons here. You already know all
about helping ponies in need, and
being there for each other.

44 SWEETIE BELLE
Can't you just give us a chance?

The CMCs fix Twilight with their cutest, biggest-eyed plea:

45 SCOOTALOO / SWEETIE BELLE / APPLE
BLOOM
Pleeeeeeeeeaaaaase?

Twilight smiles apologetically, shakes her head.

46 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You need Cheerilee's classes, not
mine. Hurry up! You don't want late
marks on your permanent record!

Twilight turns back to her classroom and opens the door --

HER POV: INT. CLASSROOM - several students are standing on
their desks reciting as Spike beams--

47 STUDENTS
O dragon, my dragon!

48 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Spiiiiiike? What did you do...

Spike looks sheepish and the door closes.

BACK ON THE downcast CMCs in the hallway. Suddenly they
rally, defiant.

49 SCOOTALOO
Well, I'm not giving up. I know we
can prove we belong in this school!

50 SWEETIE BELLE
Yeah! Um, how?

51 APPLE BLOOM
By showin' Twilight we've still got
lots to learn about friendship.
And I know just where to start...

Apple Bloom looks crafty and the others smile.

SC. 4 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - AFTERNOON

Applejack trots across the farm happily, until her hoof hits something OS with a <CRUNCH>.

52 APPLEJACK
What in tarnation?

Applejack looks down to see she's stepped on and SMASHED an overturned apple basket.

Applejack frowns and looks around to see -- the farm is haphazardly scattered with FARM EQUIPMENT - baskets, tools, etc.

Applejack spots Apple Bloom relaxing under a tree, sipping a cool drink and lazily reading a book. AJ trots over, annoyed.

53 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Apple Bloom! You know better than to leave our good tools out like that. And aren't you supposed to be on harvest duty right now?

54 APPLE BLOOM
(shrug)
It's not like the apples are going anywhere.

Applejack takes in disbelief.

55 APPLEJACK
What's gotten into you? Those chores are your responsibility! Farm work is family work!

Apple Bloom acts penitent, and way oversells it:

56 APPLE BLOOM
Sorry, Applejack. MAYBE, if I went to Twilight's School, I'd learn to be better at helpin' the family!

Applejack catches wise to her sister. Smirks:

57 APPLEJACK
So that's what this is all about. Well, if it's learnin' you want, I'd be happy to give you a private lesson right now. Starting with cleanin' up all this equipment.

Applejack nods to the mess. Apple Bloom sulks, resigned.

SC. 5 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - SAME TIME

RARITY concentrates on magic-ing a pin into just the right spot on a dress mannequin... When Sweetie Belle LEANS into FRAME, startling Rarity and making her stab the mannequin in the head.

58 SWEETIE BELLE
Please can I go to Twilight's
school?

Rarity rolls her eyes and trots across the shop to get more pins. She jerks to a stop and looks down-- Sweetie Belle is now stretched out on her belly, holding Rarity's back hoof.

59 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
Please?

Rarity shakes free and moves to a pile of fabric - which Sweetie Belle POPS out of.

60 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
PLEASE?

61 RARITY
Honestly, Sweetie Belle! We've
been through this. Do be a dear and
give me a moment to concentrate!

Sweetie Belle remains quiet for A FEW BEATS as Rarity gathers some fabric supplies... Then startles her sister into dropping it all again with--

62 SWEETIE BELLE
How about now? PLEAAAAAASE?!

SC. 6 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - RAINBOW DASH'S CLASSROOM - SAME TIME

RAINBOW DASH is animatedly ACTING OUT a thrilling Wonderbolt tale to her classroom of FRIENDSHIP STUDENTS - including Scootaloo in the front row, wearing a disguise (REUSE 708).

63 RAINBOW DASH
So there I was, leading the
Wonderbolt formation into a super-
dangerous sundog spiral... When
suddenly <THUNDER NOISE> there was
a huge stormcloud in our way!

Scotaloo has her hooves on the desk as she watches in awe.

64 STUDENT 1
What happened?

65 RAINBOW DASH
My genius happened! I changed the routine on the fly. And because my crew are such tight friends, they followed me!

Scotaloo leans forward, barely able to contain herself.

66 STUDENT 2
What did you do?

Dash strikes a Superman pose, ready to tell the best part--

67 RAINBOW DASH
Only the coolest thing ever. I--

Scotaloo is in full fan-girl mode now, and she acts out her words as she blurts out--

68 SCOOTALOO
Did a super-amazing half twist into a backflip sonic rainboom?!

Rainbow Dash gapes in shock, then peers at her, suspicious.

69 RAINBOW DASH
Hey... I never told that story to my students before... SCOOTALOO.

70 SCOOTALOO
<nervous laughter> Never met her.

Rainbow Dash flies over to pull off Scotaloo's costume and points to the door. Scotaloo trudges out.

SC. 7 - EXT. STREETS OF PONYVILLE - NEXT DAY

The CMCs hide behind a building, in a strategy huddle.

71 APPLE BLOOM
Remember, for the plan to work, we gotta act like we really don't get along.

Scotaloo and Sweetie Belle nod.

72 SCOOTALOO
If this doesn't convince everypony
we need friendship lessons, I don't
know what will.

Sweetie Belle looks up to see Fluttershy and Pinkie Pie
approaching in the distance.

73 SWEETIE BELLE
They're coming! Get ready!

The CMCs scramble into position - Apple Bloom on one side of
the street, Scootaloo on the other. Sweetie Belle hides
behind a building, still on the lookout.

As Fluttershy and Pinkie Pie approach, Sweetie Belle signals
Scootaloo. She hops on her scooter (helmeted) and zips out
in the street in front of the ponies.

Sweetie Belle signals Apple Bloom, who moves into the street
from the opposite side, a bucket of apples balanced on her
head, walking straight toward Scootaloo.

74 SCOOTALOO / APPLE BLOOM
Look out! / <yell!>

Scootaloo swerves and Apple Bloom jumps, dropping her apples
in front of a surprised Fluttershy and Pinkie.

75 SCOOTALOO
Hey! Watch where you're going!

76 APPLE BLOOM
I was watchin' - watchin' you drive
like a crazy pony!

Scootaloo drops her scooter and they go nose-to-nose--

77 SCOOTALOO
Well maybe if you didn't drop
apples all over the street, I
wouldn't have to!

ON FLUTTERSHY and PINKIE PIE - shocked at the sight.

78 FLUTTERSHY
I've never seen Apple Bloom and
Scootaloo argue like this.

79 PINKIE PIE
Yeah, they usually go together like
candy canes and stripes...

Just then, Sweetie Belle walks up to "trip" on the scooter, knocking apples everywhere in an over-the-top pratfall.

80 SWEETIE BELLE
Whoaaaaa! <oof>

81 APPLE BLOOM
My apples! This is all your fault,
Scootaloo!

82 SCOOTALOO
Hey! Sweetie Belle's the clumsy
one.

83 SWEETIE BELLE
I'm not talking to either one of
you ever again!

Fluttershy and Pinkie can't believe what they're hearing.

84 FLUTTERSHY
Goodness! They seem really upset!

85 PINKIE PIE
It's almost like they forgot
they're friends!

Overhearing this, the CMCs pause in their argument. Scootaloo gives a tiny smile and whispers--

86 SCOOTALOO
I think it's working...

The others smile too, getting progressively louder as they forget what they're supposed to be doing.

87 SWEETIE BELLE
Good plan, Apple Bloom!

88 APPLE BLOOM
And great actin', Sweetie Belle.

89 SCOOTALOO
We're an awesome team!

The CMCs high hoof each other... Then pause, realizing -- Fluttershy and Pinkie Pie are still watching them.

90 APPLE BLOOM
Oops.

Pinkie happily bounces around the trio.

91 PINKIE PIE
Yaaaay! You're friends again! I
knew you would be! Candy cane
stripes forever!!!!

The CMCs sigh and sag.

92 SCOOTALOO
Now they'll never let us into
Twilight's school.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 8 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - THAT AFTERNOON

Sweetie Belle uses her magic to finish checking off a visual checklist of all the strategies Apple Bloom names--

93 APPLE BLOOM
Okay, we've tried shirkin' chores,
pesterin', disguises, fightin'...

ON SWEETIE BELLE as she thinks--

94 SWEETIE BELLE
We need to do something new.
Something unexpected.

APPLE BLOOM perks up at the sound of O.S. <CRYING>.

95 APPLE BLOOM
Great idea, Scootaloo! We haven't
tried cryin' yet!

96 SWEETIE BELLE
Yeah! It always works for Rarity!

REVEAL Scootaloo, who shakes her head, dry eyed.

97 SCOOTALOO
I wasn't crying. I think it's
coming from outside!

The CMCs rush to the window and look out to see--

OUTSIDE NEARBY - a young, small ADORABLE PEGASUS PONY (COZY GLOW), sits under a tree, sniffing and looking miserable. Her cutie mark is a CHESS PIECE - perhaps a rook or queen.

98 COZY GLOW
<sniffing and crying>

ON THE CMCs - their hearts melt at the sight.

99 SWEETIE BELLE
Aww, she looks so sad! We better
go see what's wrong.

SC. 9 - EXT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - CONTINUOUS

The CMCs approach Cozy Glow, who keeps crying softly until--

100 APPLE BLOOM
Hey, are you okay?

Surprised, Cozy looks up at them with huge eyes and
<sniffles> out in a SHIRLEY-TEMPLE-ESQUE SWEET WAY--

101 COZY GLOW
Oh, thank you for asking... But no.
I'm having real trouble with
<sniffs> the School of Friendship.

The CMCs share a knowing look.

102 SCOOTALOO
Twilight won't let you go either,
huh?

103 COZY GLOW
Oh no, that's not it. I'm in her
class but... <sob> it's too HARD!

104 SWEETIE BELLE
Really?

Cozy Glow nods emphatically.

105 COZY GLOW
I just moved here to go to school,
but everything's so new and
different. I don't know anypony!

106 APPLE BLOOM
Well, now you do! I'm Apple Bloom.
This is Sweetie Belle and
Scootaloo. We're the Cutie Mark
Crusaders!

The other CMCs nod and smile at their names. Cozy brightens
and stands to greet them.

107 COZY GLOW
I'm Cozy Glow. It's very nice to meet you. But... I don't know if I'll stay long. I'll probably fail out, I'm having so much trouble with my friendship lessons.

The CMCs smile at each other, getting the same idea at once!

108 SWEETIE BELLE
We can help with those!

109 SCOOTALOO
We know all about friendship!

110 APPLE BLOOM
And studyin' with you would be almost as good as bein' in class!

Cozy Glow looks startled.

111 COZY GLOW
But... Why would you help me?
(her eyes narrow)
What's in it for you?

Sweetie Belle smiles - wow, Cozy has a lot to learn.

112 SWEETIE BELLE
That's how friendship works. When you give from your heart, you don't expect anything back.

Cozy's shocked, but she slowly smiles, looking at the earnest faces of the CMCs.

113 COZY GLOW
Well, if you really mean it...

The CMCs nod happily. Cozy Glow pulls three pictures out of a bag nearby and puts them down to show the CMCs.

114 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
I could use some help with my homework. I have to do something nice for each of these ponies.

ON THE PICTURES -- BON BON, MRS. CAKE, and BIG MAC.

115 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
But I don't know anything about them. And it's so hard to talk to ponies you've never met.

Cozy looks adorably distraught. But the CMCs smile - this is gonna be super-easy!

116 APPLE BLOOM
Well you're in luck. 'Cause we
know all those ponies!

117 SCOOTALOO
Get ready for a friendship A plus!

Cozy Glow beams at her new friends.

SC. 10 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

BON BON is shopping at a PLANT STAND.

NEARBY, Scootaloo holds Bon Bon's photo, standing covertly with Cozy Glow, observing the scene.

118 SCOOTALOO
That's Bon Bon. If you wanna do
something nice for her, first you
gotta figure out what she needs.

119 COZY GLOW
How am I supposed to do that?

120 SCOOTALOO
Just pay attention. Friendship is
about listening to others.

They watch as Bon Bon pays for a nice-looking CACTUS, and the UNICORN SELLER magics the cactus into Bon Bon's shopping bag. But it sticks out, poking Bon Bon as she tries to walk. She winces in pain.

121 BON BON
Ooh. Ow. Ouch!

Scootaloo "leads" Cozy Glow into deductive reasoning.

122 SCOOTALOO
Uh oh. That cactus keeps pricking
her every step she takes! If only
there was something to protect her
from those spines...

Cozy looks around, thinking wildly...

FOLLOW Bon Bon, wincing with each step. Cozy Glow flutters up and puts Scootaloo's helmet on the cactus.

123 COZY GLOW
(in a nervous rush)
It looks like you need help
carrying your cactus so here's a
safe way to take it home.

Cozy Glow shyly scampers away. Bon Bon smiles, grateful.

124 BON BON
Thank you! That's so thoughtful!

Cozy Glow runs back to Scootaloo, proud.

125 COZY GLOW
I did it!

126 SCOOTALOO
Good job! But, uh, next time?
Maybe don't give away my helmet.

Cozy Glow gives an apologetic grin.

SC. 11 - INT. MRS. CAKE'S SHOP - SOON

Sweetie Belle uses her magic to levitate COLORED SPRINKLES one at a time from a bucket of RAINBOW SPRINKLES, towards Cozy Glow, who lifts up different colored SHAKERS to catch them.

127 SWEETIE BELLE
Green. Purple. Yellow. And...One
more purple. Whew. Sorting all
those took longer than I thought!

128 COZY GLOW
You really think Mrs. Cake will
like these new sprinkle shakers?

129 SWEETIE BELLE
Mmm hm! Now she won't have to use
rainbow sprinkles all the time. She
can pick just the color she wants!

The store door chime <RINGS> as MRS. CAKE walks in.

130 MRS. CAKE
I'm sorry, I was out to lunch. Were
you fillies waiting for me long?

Sweetie Belle nudges Cozy Glow forward, encouragingly.

131 COZY GLOW
No. Um. These are for you.

Mrs. Cake beams as Cozy presents her with the shakers.

132 MRS. CAKE
Well, what a lovely surprise! I
can't wait to try them out!

Mrs. Cake turns toward a white-iced cake and begins to use her shakers (the action can happen OS). She steps aside to reveal her cake to Cozy -- covered in RAINBOW SPRINKLES.

133 MRS. CAKE (CONT'D)
Look! I made rainbow sprinkles!
Aren't they wonderful?

Cozy Glow gapes in disbelief/horror. Sweetie Belle edges in to talk Cozy down as Mrs. Cake turns back to work.

134 COZY GLOW
But...She...I...<frustration!>

135 SWEETIE BELLE
At least she likes her present...

Sweetie shrugs. Cozy nods weakly.

SC. 12 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY - LATER

BIG MAC kicks an apple tree and waits for apples to fall into an empty bucket. Nothing happens.

He frowns and moves to another tree. Kicks it. Nothing!

Starting to get worried, he runs to a third tree and kicks it. Still no apples! As Big Mac gapes, he hears an O.S. <WHISTLE>. He turns to see--

Apple Bloom and Cozy Glow standing next to stacks of full APPLE BASKETS. Big Mac's jaw drops, then he beams.

Cozy looks amazed and asks Apple Bloom--

136 COZY GLOW
Wow! How did you know that would
make him so happy?

137 APPLE BLOOM
Friendship means pitchin' in to
help others' chores go faster.
Specially when their special
somepony's waitin' for 'em.

PAN OVER to reveal SUGAR BELLE waiting outside the farm.

Big Mac blushes, then gallops toward her at top speed, a goofy smile on his face. Cozy and Apple Bloom share a laugh.

138 COZY GLOW / APPLE BLOOM
<laugh>

SC. 13 - EXT. CHEERILEE'S SCHOOL - NEXT DAY

The CMCs leave class, looking downcast.

139 SCOOTALOO
Ugh. That class was so boring!

140 SWEETIE BELLE
Not even Miss Cheerilee can make the history of radishes exciting.

141 APPLE BLOOM
I bet they don't hafta learn about that stuff at Twilight's school.

Cozy Glow rushes up to them, beyond excited.

142 COZY GLOW
Guess what! I got an A on my homework!

She prances happily, and the CMCs join in.

143 SCOOTALOO / SWEETIE BELLE / APPLE BLOOM
Alright! / Woo hoo! / Nice goin'!

144 COZY GLOW
And I never could have done it without your help.

145 SWEETIE BELLE
No problem!

146 SCOOTALOO
We just wish we could've done more.

147 COZY GLOW
Actually... You can. Professor Sparkle is giving us a big test at the end of the week. And I could really use your help studying.

Cozy looks up at them with adorable, pleading eyes. The CMCs share a look, then nod decisively--

148 APPLE BLOOM
We wanted to go to Twilight's
school more than anythin'...But
helpin' you has been even more fun.
You can count on us!

SC. 14 - EXT. VARIOUS PONYVILLE LOCATIONS -- STUDY MONTAGE

The CMCs help prep Cozy for her big test.

--The CMCs and Cozy sit on a PICNIC blanket. Each of them has a picnic basket. The CMCs each open theirs to reveal CARROTS... But when Cozy opens her basket, ANGEL BUNNY pops out and runs off with her carrots! There's nothing left!

Cozy looks sad, and then suddenly, three carrots drop into her basket - REVEAL the CMCs have shared their snack. Cozy smiles warmly at them.

--Sweetie Belle uses a magically-floating pointer to point to the symbol for "generosity" on an illustrated CHART OF THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY.

Cozy Glow eyes it, then guesses--

149 COZY GLOW
Um... Intelligence?

Sweetie Belle shakes her head. The CMCs share a worried look.

--Scootaloo and Cozy carry buckets of paint over to where Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle are painting the Apple Family barn. Cozy trips and splashes PAINT all over herself and Scootaloo. They make a comical sight.

Scootaloo laughs at herself, and the CMCs join in, but Cozy Glow looks horrified.

Shrugging, Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle splash themselves with paint. Looking at them, Cozy can't help but chuckle. Soon they're all laughing together!

--The CMCs and Cozy clean Fluttershy's COTTAGE, dusting and sweeping. While window-cleaning, Cozy knocks over a bag of birdseed.

She looks around anxiously and tries to hide it under a rug... Only to look up and see Apple Bloom looking at her, shaking her head.

Cozy looks apologetic and exposes the bird seed. A few BIRDS fly down from the rafters to happily eat it. Cozy smiles and Apple Bloom nods.

--Back to the Elements of Harmony Chart. Sweetie Belle points to the symbol for "laughter".

150 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
Laughter? (then) Yes!

Sweetie Belle nods happily, then points to "honesty".

151 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
Is it...Control?

Sweetie Belle deflates and shakes her head.

--The CMCs and Cozy trot past PIPSQUEAK, who is desperately jumping to try to get his KITE out of a tree. The CMCs motion "go ahead" to Cozy, and she flies up and gets the kite down.

Pipsqueak looks thrilled... But then a gust of wind sends the kite tumbling out of Cozy's teeth. Her eyes narrow, determined, and she chases after the kite, not giving up until she grabs it!

She lands, dishevelled, but smiling, and gives the kite to Pipsqueak. He hugs it. The CMCs grin and nod.

--Sweetie Belle points at the Element Chart, and Cozy Glow names the elements rapid fire:

152 COZY GLOW (CONT'D)
Kindness, loyalty, honesty,
generosity, laughter, magic!

The CMCs jump for joy! Cozy Glow beams.

END MONTAGE.

SC. 15 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - NEXT DAY

The CMCs wait at the front gates of the school with flowers. As Cozy Glow exits the school, the CMCs excitedly mob her.

153 APPLE BLOOM / SWEETIE BELLE /
SCOOTALOO
How'd the test go? / Were there
essay questions? / Did you remember
what we taught you?

Cozy shakes her head...And BURSTS INTO TEARS!

154 COZY GLOW
I FAILED! <sobs>

Cozy turns and runs back into the school, leaving the CMCs to gape in shock and dismay!

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 16 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - RESUME

The CMCs can't believe it! Apple Bloom shakes her head.

155 APPLE BLOOM
But how could Cozy Glow fail her
friendship test?!

Before the others can think of an answer, Twilight Sparkle walks out of the school toward the CMCs, stern.

156 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'd like to see you three in my
office.

Twilight turns and stomps off. The CMCs share a gulp.

157 SCOOTALOO
I know we wanted to be invited
inside...But it kinda went
different in my head.

SC. 17 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - TWILIGHT'S OFFICE - SOON

The CMCs stand in a line and make themselves small as Twilight Sparkle paces in front of them, shocked.

158 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I can't believe you'd do something
like this.

159 APPLE BLOOM
Like what?

That stops Twilight. She looks surprised.

160 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You ARE Cozy Glow's tutors, aren't
you?

The CMCs all nod.

161 SCOOTALOO
We've been working with her for
days!

162 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's what she told me. So you've
been setting her up to fail?

163 SCOOTALOO / SWEETIE BELLE / APPLE
BLOOM
What?! / Huh? / How?

164 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I know you're upset that I won't
let you come to my school. But to
teach Cozy all the wrong things out
of spite...That's just cruel.

165 SWEETIE BELLE
(indignant squeak)
But we taught her all the right
things!

166 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Then how do you explain these
friendship test answers?

Twilight uses her magic to float Cozy's test paper (no text,
but lots of red marks) over to her to read--

167 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
(reads)
What are the six elements of
harmony? Five turtlenecks and a
cheese grater?! Who is the Princess
of Friendship. Your mom?! <<ALT.
Muffins?>>

The CMCs share a look of confusion.

168 APPLE BLOOM
I don't understand...

169 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(suddenly tired)
Me either. I never thought you
three would pull such a mean prank.
I'm afraid I'm going to have to ask
you to stay away from my school...
And my students.

The CMCs are crushed. They shuffle out of Twilight's office.

ANGLE ON THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE -- Cozy Glow has been eavesdropping outside the office. When she sees the CMCs go by, she looks worried.

170 COZY GLOW
(sotto)
Oh no!

Cozy trots off in the other direction.

SC. 18 - INT. GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OFFICE - SOON

STARLIGHT GLIMMER uses her horn to stack and restack papers. She talks to herself, wryly--

171 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Yay. Now I'll alphabetize them in reverse order. <sigh> Not much need for a guidance counselor at a School of Friendship...

Cozy, standing behind her in the doorway, <CLEARS> her throat. Starlight JUMPS and turns--

172 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Ah! How much of that did you hear? Nevermind.
(switches gears, babbles)
Welcome! Can I get you a comfort pillow? Security blanket? Empathy cocoa?

Starlight levitates a PILLOW, BLANKET, and MUG OF COCOA (with marshmallows) toward Cozy. Cozy shakes her head.

173 COZY GLOW
I just need some advice.

174 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Well, I have plenty of that! Anecdotes, insight, midnight confessions...
(catches herself)
I'm babbling. Ahem.
(then, professional)
Go ahead. I'm listening.

175 COZY GLOW
I think I got my friends in trouble. They helped me study for my friendship test... And I failed it. On purpose.

Starlight gapes, blurts--

176 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Why would you do that?!
(then, professional)
Sorry, listening.

Starlight noisily <SIPS> the cocoa, enthralled.

177 COZY GLOW
The Cutie Mark Crusaders want to go
to this school more than anything.
So I thought if I showed Professor
Sparkle they're bad at friendship,
she'd let them come here with me!

178 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(a little impressed)
That's devious!
(then, professional)
I mean...I see.

179 COZY GLOW
I guess I still have a lot to learn
about friendship.

180 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Actually, I think you're doing
alright.
(off Cozy's surprise)
Sure, that was a really, really bad
way to try to help your friends.
But what matters is, you wanted to.

Cozy Glow smiles shyly. Starlight continues--

181 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
The reason the Cutie Mark Crusaders
don't go to this school is that
they'd make better teachers than
students!

Cozy looks at Starlight, slyly earnest:

182 COZY GLOW
So you DO have a place for them
here?

Starlight looks thoughtful...

SC. 19 - INT. CHEERILEE'S CLASSROOM - NEXT DAY

The CMCs are cleaning the classroom with their fellow STUDENTS, with MISS CHEERILEE overseeing the work. Scootaloo drags a trashbag with her teeth, Apple Bloom uses a tool to scrape gum off the bottoms of the desks, and Sweetie Belle levitates a broom to dust cobwebs.

Apple Bloom gets gum on her hoof and tries in vain to scrape it off, making a bigger mess.

183 APPLE BLOOM
I bet there's no Wonderful World of
Cleaning lesson at Twilight's
school.

A cloud of cobwebs falls on Sweetie Belle. She coughs:

184 SWEETIE BELLE
<cough> We'll never find out now.

Scootaloo's trashbag rips open. She sighs and starts trying to gather it back up.

185 SCOOTALOO
I still don't get how Cozy failed
her test after all that studying!

186 SWEETIE BELLE
Or how Twilight could blame us for
it!

187 APPLE BLOOM
Or how gum can be so sticky!!!

The classroom door opens suddenly, and everyone startles to see Starlight.

188 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Sorry to interrupt, Miss Cheerilee.
But can I borrow Apple Bloom,
Sweetie Belle, and Scootaloo?

The CMCs share a look - what now?!

SC. 20 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - AUDITORIUM - SOON

Scootaloo, Apple Bloom, and Sweetie Belle anxiously follow Starlight into the big auditorium hall, looking around nervously.

At the front of the auditorium, Twilight waits with the Mane 5, Spike, and Cozy Glow.

<DRAMATIC MUSIC> as tension mounts. The CMCs look around, sweating, until they can't take it any longer.

189 SCOOTALOO
 (dramatic)
We didn't do anything wrong, we
promise!

A beat, and then...Twilight smiles.

190 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I know that...Now. Which is why I
wanted to talk to you.

191 SWEETIE BELLE
Wait...So we're not in trouble?

192 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Just the opposite. Cozy Glow, is
there something you'd like to say?

Cozy steps shyly, apologetically forward.

193 COZY GLOW
This is all my fault. I messed up
my test on purpose so we could all
go to school together! I'm sorry.

The CMCs are surprised.

194 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Thank you, Cozy Glow. Honesty is
one of the pillars of friendship.
 (smiles to CMCs)
But you already know that. Which
is why I'd like to give you these--

Twilight nods to Spike, and he walks forward with a velvet pillow holding diplomas with red seals on them.

Fluttershy nods to several BIRD FRIENDS nearby, who whistle a <FANFARE>.

Applejack, Rarity and Rainbow Dash each take one to present to Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle, and Scootaloo, respectively.

195 APPLEJACK
They're honorary diplomas, makin'
y'all official graduates of this
here school.

196 RARITY
You've more than earned them.

197 RAINBOW DASH
Without even having to study!

Pinkie Pie lets off a <CONFETTI CANNON>! The CMCs grin, then start prancing in a circle, singsonging proudly--

198 SCOOTALOO / SWEETIE BELLE / APPLE
 BLOOM
We are grad-u-ates! We are grad-u-ates!

199 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
And, if you're interested, I think Starlight has a place for you at my school after all.

The CMCs prance joyfully, and Cozy joins in.

200 SCOOTALOO / SWEETIE BELLE / APPLE
 BLOOM
Really? / We can stay? / Wooo hooo!

201 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
We could use some good friendship tutors on staff. And I hear you're the best out there.

The CMCs beam proudly.

202 APPLE BLOOM
Then what're we waitin' for? Let's get tutorin'! C'mon, Cozy!

The CMCs happily trot off with Cozy. Twilight smiles to Starlight.

203 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
And THAT's why this school needs you as our Guidance Counselor.

And on Starlight's proud smile...

THE END.