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**TEASER****SC. 1 - EXT. SCOOTALOO'S HOUSE - FRIDAY - MORNING**

SKEEDADDLE races by, overjoyed and yelling as he searches--

1                   SKEEDADDLE  
Cutie Mark Crusaders! Cutie Mark  
Crusaders!

Scotaloo pokes her head out the window of the house, waves.

2                   SCOOTALOO  
We're at my house!

Skeedaddle, breathless and excited, changes course to her.

**SC. 2 - INT. SCOOTALOO'S HOUSE - CONT.**

The CMCs - SCOOTALOO, SWEETIE BELLE, and APPLE BLOOM are eating breakfast as an overjoyed Skeedaddle bursts in.

3                   SKEEDADDLE  
I got my cutie mark!

The CMCs beam at the excited colt.

4                   SWEETIE BELLE  
You did?!

5                   APPLE BLOOM  
That's great, Skeedaddle!

6                   SCOOTALOO  
Yeah! What's it for?

Skeedaddle turns in a circle to look at his new mark, proud.

7                   SKEEDADDLE  
Knot tying! And I never would've  
gotten it without all of you!

8                   APPLE BLOOM  
(aside to Sweetie Belle)  
Did we suggest knot tying?

Sweetie Belle shakes her head.

9                   SKEEDADDLE  
(to Scotaloo)  
First I tried sailing, like you  
said.  
(to Apple Bloom)  
(MORE)

SKEEDADDLE (CONT'D)

Next I tried fishing, like YOU said.

(Sweetie Belle)

THEN I tried rowing, like you said-- but my oar broke. So I used my fishing line to tie it back together...AND I GOT MY CUTIE MARK!

(happy buck)

I can't wait to tell EVERYPONY!

And Skeedaddle happily races out.

WIDEN to include SCOOTALOO'S AUNTS, beaming proudly after seeing the exchange. AUNT HOLIDAY, Scootaloo's EARTH PONY paternal aunt, is kind and warm, with a backbone of steel. AUNTIE LOFTY is a sturdy pegasus, gruff on the outside, but a marshmallow in the middle. She's currently sitting at a sewing machine, working on a half-made QUILT.

10 AUNT HOLIDAY  
Oh, how exciting! You three truly have a gift for helping ponies.

Scootaloo smiles but looks to the other bemused CMCs.

11 SCOOTALOO  
Thanks, Aunt Holiday. But I'm not sure we can take credit for this one.

12 AUNT HOLIDAY  
Of course you can! You encouraged that colt to try new things. And because you all believed in him - he succeeded.

Lofty frowns at her quilt.

13 AUNTIE LOFTY  
I could use that kind of help.

14 SCOOTALOO  
<laugh> C'mon, Auntie Lofty. You already HAVE your cutie mark.

Auntie glares at her sewing cutie mark and gestures to her quilt - with no decorative patches yet.

15 AUNTIE LOFTY  
Lot of good it does me. I can't decide what theme to give this quilt. I've run out of inspiration.

The CMCs happily chime in.

16           APPLE BLOOM  
How about apples? Puppies? Kites!

17           SWEETIE BELLE  
Or cotton candy? Or ballet!

18           SCOOTALOO  
What about a Wonderbolt quilt?

19           AUNTIE LOFTY  
          (chuckles)  
See? Leave it to you three to come  
up with more ideas than I've had in  
a year. Now that's talent.

The CMCs smile. A clock <CHIMES> and Holiday looks up.

20           AUNT HOLIDAY  
Goodness, we'd better get going or  
we'll miss our train home.  
          (to Scootaloo)  
I left you plenty of healthy food  
for the weekend...

21           AUNTIE LOFTY  
And I left you cookies.

Aunt Holiday puts a loving hoof on Scootaloo's shoulder.

22           AUNT HOLIDAY  
The Cakes will stay with you  
tonight, then Rarity, and Rainbow  
Dash after that. Remember, we're  
just a few stops from Ponyville if  
you need us.

The aunts head for the door. Lofty ruffles Scootaloo's mane.

23           AUNTIE LOFTY  
She knows, Holiday! See you next  
week, slugger.

Scootaloo and her friends wave as the Aunts leave.

24           SCOOTALOO / APPLE BLOOM / SWEETIE  
          BELLE  
Bye Auntie Lofty! Bye Aunt Holiday!  
/ See ya! / Thanks for the cookies!

The door closes and Sweetie Belle smiles.

25           SWEETIE BELLE  
Your aunts are so nice!

26           APPLE BLOOM  
Yeah! It's really cool they watch  
you while your parents are gone.

27           SCOOTALOO  
I know! I just wish they lived  
closer. Nopony bakes like Auntie  
Lofty!

There's a <KNOCK> at the door. Scootaloo opens it to see two  
letters on the doorstep. ABOVE, MUFFINS waves, flying off.

Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle gather around as Scootaloo  
reads one letter, and GAPES in shock and joy--

28           SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)  
They're coming home today!!!

29           SWEETIE BELLE  
Who?

30           SCOOTALOO  
MY PARENTS!

#### **END TEASER**

#### **MAIN TITLES**

#### **ACT ONE**

#### **SC. 3 - INT. MISS CHEERILEE'S SCHOOL - FRIDAY - DAY**

MISS CHEERILEE faces her classroom-- of foals (including the  
usual faces - SNIPS, SNAILS, DIAMOND TIARA, SILVER SPOON,  
TWIST, Apple Bloom, and Sweetie Belle), who pay attention,  
except for Scootaloo, practically vibrating with impatience.

31           MISS CHEERILEE  
Today we're going to learn about  
the Pegasus Weather Factory.  
          (then)  
Once everypony is in their seats.

REVEAL: Scootaloo has left her seat to peek out the door.  
She sheepishly heads back to her chair.

32           MISS CHEERILEE (CONT'D)  
The factory specializes in snow,  
rain, sunshine, and--  
          (archly, to OS)  
Scootaloo. May I help you?

REVEAL - Scootaloo has edged over to peer out the window near the chalkboard. She covers by grabbing an eraser from the chalkboard and begins slamming it against the floor.

33           SCOOTALOO  
I...Just noticed your erasers need  
dusting!

The cloud of chalk dust causes Scootaloo and all the nearest students to <COUGH>, including Miss Cheerilee. She waves a hoof in front of her face, then, resigned:

34           MISS CHEERILEE  
Why don't we hold off on the lesson  
until after lunch. How about show  
and tell? Does anypony have any--

Scootaloo ZIPS to the front of the class, amped.

35           SCOOTALOO  
My parents are coming home to  
Ponyville today!

Snips frowns.

36           SNIPS  
Wait. They don't live here?

As Scootaloo spins her tale, the class leans in, enraptured.

37           SCOOTALOO  
Nope. Their jobs are way too  
important for that. They travel to  
the farthest, most dangerous places  
in the world to study unknown  
plants and fierce creatures. And  
what they learn helps pony science  
and medicine! I'd go with them,  
but it's too dangerous. Once, my  
mom had to wing-wrestle a wyvern!  
And my dad got trapped in a  
chimera's cave for three moons! He  
still has the scars to prove it.

But Snips isn't buying it.

38           SNIPS  
You're making that up. No pony has  
THAT kind of job.

Suddenly, the classroom door BURSTS OPEN, and a SNARLING CRAGADILE barges in, jaws wide.

The class reacts in <GASPS> of fear and a few <SCREAMS>!

39                   MISS CHEERILEE  
It's a CRAGADILE!

Suddenly, Scootaloo's dad, Snap Shutter, an EARTH PONY ala Steve Irwin, leaps in between the class and the cragadile. He has an Australian accent and wears an Aussie hat; rugged with a roguish charm.

40                   SNAP SHUTTER  
Easy there, Marshmallow. Time you were in your crate for your nap!

Snap picks up a chair in his mouth and using it to steer the cragadile toward the door, like a lion tamer. Scootaloo's pegasus mom - MANE ALLGOOD - enters. She's a very cool, athletic mom. She points a no-nonsense hoof to the door.

41                   MANE ALLGOOD  
And that means now, mister!

Marshmallow hangs his head and trudges out, cowed. Scootaloo, overjoyed to see her parents, races to hug them both.

42                   SCOOTALOO  
Mom! Dad!

They hug back. Apple Bloom asks a gaping Snips--

43                   APPLE BLOOM  
Still think she's makin' it all up?

Snips shakes his head fast. Scootaloo presents her parents to the class.

44                   SCOOTALOO  
Everypony, meet my parents: Snap Shutter and Mane Allgood.

Snap doffs his hat.

45                   SNAP SHUTTER  
Sorry to make such an entrance. Just brought back a few friends from our last adventure.

46                   MANE ALLGOOD  
We couldn't wait another moment to see Scootaloo!  
                  (to Miss Cheerilee)  
I hope we didn't interrupt anything...

Miss Cheerilee looks stunned and shakes her head.

47                   MISS CHEERILEE  
No, I...Think class is dismissed.

The students head out, except for Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle, who join Scootaloo and her parents.

48                   SNAP SHUTTER  
Crikey! You're nearly as tall as me now, Scoot!

Teasing, he squats to be shorter. Scootaloo loves it.

49                   SCOOTALOO  
Aw, c'mon, dad.

Mane wraps a wing around her daughter, warm.

50                   MANE ALLGOOD  
Oh, Scootaloo. We missed you!

51                   SCOOTALOO  
Me too, mom! Did you get all my letters?

52                   MANE ALLGOOD  
And read them twenty times! But they're never as good as the real thing. It's so good to see you.

53                   SNAP SHUTTER  
I say we celebrate with ice cream sundaes! They don't have THOSE in the jungle, that's for sure.

54                   MANE ALLGOOD  
Why don't you all come? Our treat!

The CMCs grin at the invitation.

**SC. 4 - EXT. PONYVILLE OUTDOOR CAFE - DAY**

The CMCs sit at a table with Scootaloo's parents, sundaes almost finished.

55                   SCOOTALOO  
...And Princess Twilight said we're such good friendship tutors, she might even let us teach a class!

Scootaloo's parents beam, proud.

56                   SNAP SHUTTER  
Good on ya, Scoot!

57           MANE ALLGOOD  
What an honor!

58           SCOOTALOO  
I can give you a tour of the school  
if you want! I mean, if you're  
staying for awhile this time...

Her eyes brim with hope. Snap smiles broadly.

59           SNAP SHUTTER  
Oh, you'll be seeing plenty of us.

60           SCOOTALOO  
Really?!

Mane and Snap share a warm look, and Mane nods.

61           MANE ALLGOOD  
Mm hm. Because we've taken a new  
job assignment that will let ALL of  
us live together.

Scootaloo leaps up, shocked and thrilled.

62           SCOOTALOO  
I can't believe it! That's awesome!

63           APPLE BLOOM / SWEETIE BELLE  
Alright, Scootaloo! / Woo hoo!

The CMCs bounce happily, sharing Scootaloo's joy.

64           SNAP SHUTTER  
We never planned to be away for so  
long in the first place. We just  
kept discovering things that could  
help Equestria, and nopony else had  
the experience to finish our job.

65           MANE ALLGOOD  
But with all that's happened lately  
--Sombra's return, the destruction  
of the Tree of Harmony--we decided  
our family should be together.

66           SCOOTALOO  
This is the best day of my life.

Scootaloo hugs her parents. They smile warmly.

67           SNAP SHUTTER  
We'll stay in town for the weekend,  
so you can pack your things.

The other CMCs stop bouncing and gape. Scootaloo pulls back -- surely they heard that wrong.

68                   SCOOTALOO  
Wait...WHAT?!

69                   MANE ALLGOOD  
We're all moving to Shirelanka.  
(then) That's where our new job is.

Even more shock from the CMCs.

70                   SCOOTALOO  
But...My friends are in Ponyville!

Snap tries to soothe Scootaloo with "good news."

71                   SNAP SHUTTER  
You can come back and visit 'em.  
Or they can take the train to us.  
There's one every month.

This is not reassuring. Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle each put a hoof around a gaping Scootaloo.

72                   APPLE BLOOM  
But Scootaloo can't leave!

73                   SWEETIE BELLE  
We've been together our whole  
lives!

Snap and Mane share a look. This is not the reaction they were expecting.

74                   MANE ALLGOOD  
It'll be a big change for  
everypony. But it'll be a good  
change! Give it time, you'll see.

The CMCs' eyes well with tears - this is the worst possible thing they could ever have imagined.

75                   SCOOTALOO  
The only thing I see...Is the end  
of the Cutie Mark Crusaders!

**END ACT ONE**

**ACT TWO**

**SC. 5 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - FRIDAY - LATER**

It's the saddest CMC meeting ever. Sweetie Belle sniffles, Scootaloo's lip quivers, and Apple Bloom half-heartedly taps her gavel. Heartbroken:

76           APPLE BLOOM  
I now call our last ever Cutie Mark  
Crusader meeting to order. First  
item of business - cry!

The CMCS all burst into <OVER THE TOP TEARS>. Then, wiping her nose, Scootaloo tries to be brave for her friends:

77           SCOOTALOO  
You can't let the blank flanks down  
just cause I'm gone. You gotta keep  
being CMCs without me!

78           SWEETIE BELLE  
How? There's only two of us.

79           SCOOTALOO  
Maybe...You can find a replacement  
for me.

80           SWEETIE BELLE  
No we can't! YOU'RE the only...YOU!

81           APPLE BLOOM  
Nothin's gonna be the same. Who's  
gonna ride their scooter ahead of  
us everywhere we go?

82           SWEETIE BELLE  
Or put on plays with us? Or go  
camping with us? Or just...hang  
out with us?

Scootaloo can't keep a stiff upperlip any longer.

83           SCOOTALOO  
Well, it's worse for me! I have to  
say goodbye to BOTH of you!

RAINBOW DASH picks that moment to burst into the clubhouse. Proud of herself, she flashes three matching tickets.

84           RAINBOW DASH  
Guess who just got three front row  
tickets to the Wonderbolts show  
next week?

The CMCs all <BURST INTO TEARS>. Rainbow Dash is flummoxed.

85           RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
That is NOT the reaction I was  
expecting.

86           SCOOTALOO  
          (sniffles)  
Thanks for the tickets, Rainbow  
Dash. But I can't go.

87           APPLE BLOOM  
Her parents are making her move  
super far away from Ponyville!

Rainbow Dash is shocked/upset by the news.

88           RAINBOW DASH  
What? No way. Scootaloo belongs  
HERE!

89           SWEETIE BELLE  
And now we'll probably never see  
her again! It's HOPELESS!

The CMCs bawl. Rainbow Dash holds up her hooves to stop them.

90           RAINBOW DASH  
Whoa whoa whoa. I can't believe  
you're giving up so easily! You're  
the Cutie Mark Crusaders! Solving  
tough problems is what you do!

The CMCs consider this, perking up. Maybe Dash is right.

91           SCOOTALOO  
We are pretty good at coming up  
with ideas...

92           SWEETIE BELLE  
That's right! When we work  
together, we're unstoppable!

93           APPLE BLOOM  
I can't believe we didn't think of  
it before! It's list time, y'all!

And with that, Apple Bloom moves to a chart on the wall. The  
others gather around her, excited, in planning mode.

94           APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
First question - why do Scootaloo's  
parents want to move to Shirelanka?

95           SCOOTALOO  
That's where their new job is.

96 SWEETIE BELLE  
<gasp> What if we get them a job  
HERE instead?!

97 APPLE BLOOM  
Yeah! They like dangerous creatures,  
right? We gotta have some of those  
around here. Like... Timberwolves!

Apple Bloom grabs a book of CREATURES and holds it up - a snarling timberwolf on the page. Scootaloo shakes her head and leafs through the book, dismissing every creature in it.

98 SCOOTALOO  
Dad knows all about those. And  
cockatrices, and bugbears... They  
only study super-rare animals.

Sweetie Belle looks thoughtful.

99 SWEETIE BELLE  
Then maybe we need to give them an  
animal NOPONY's ever heard of!

100 APPLE BLOOM  
Then how would we hear about it?

101 SWEETIE BELLE  
Because we're making it up! C'mon!

Sweetie Belle leads the CMCs out, past a bemused Dash.

102 RAINBOW DASH  
Sooo... You want these tickets, or?

#### **SC. 6 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - LATER**

Scootaloo leads her parents through the forest, to a trail of broken branches, large claw marks on some trees, and oddly shaped, enormous footprints on the ground.

103 SCOOTALOO  
This is what I wanted to show you!  
The tracks of the mysterious  
Everfree Banshee Beast.

Mane studies the prints and claw marks.

104 MANE ALLGOOD  
They're like nothing I've seen.

105           SCOOTALOO  
Legend says it has five claws and  
three wings, and it's super-  
dangerous if you get close. If only  
somepony could prove it exists!

Scotaloo's parents share a look - interested, but skeptical.

106           SNAP SHUTTER  
Easy enough. We'll follow the  
spoor.

And Snap and Mane hurry into the forest. Scootaloo panics -  
this wasn't what she expected. She hurries to catch up.

Scootaloo runs to block her parents' path and steers them to  
an obviously-pre-selected clearing with OBFUSCATING BUSHES  
that only allow partial view of what's beyond.

107           SCOOTALOO  
I think I heard something this way!

Suddenly, a NESSIE-LIKE head appears over the bushes, and  
FIVE CLAWED FEET <TROMP> past (note, the body isn't seen,  
just head and feet visible through the bushes).

Snap raises his camera and starts <TAKING PHOTOS>. Mane  
begins writing notes in a FIELD JOURNAL.

Mane nods and leaps into the air to fly after the creature,  
while Snap pushes through the bushes. Scootaloo panics, and  
she holds out a hoof to stop them, calling:

108           SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)  
Come back! Did I mention it was  
SUPER DANGEROUS?!

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BUSHES - we get a better view of the  
creature - which is clearly a HOOF-MADE COSTUME, hastily  
stitched together in the middle.

Four of the "CLAWS" are just big claw-feet slippers on Apple  
Bloom's hooves (the body/rump of the creature), and one of  
them is one of Sweetie Belle's back hoof (she's bouncing on  
one hoof). She wears a tall, giraffe like neck/creature head  
on her shoulders, and struggles to control it with her MAGIC.

109           APPLE BLOOM  
So the plan is, we let 'em get a  
picture, then hide again, right?

Mane and Snap burst through the bushes.

110            SWEETIE BELLE  
Now the plan is RUN!

The "Banshee Beast" runs through the forest. Unfortunately, Sweetie Belle goes one direction, and Apple Bloom goes another, bending the beast around a tree...

And <RIPPING> the costume, sending both ponies somersaulting to a stop.

Mane and Snap look down, eyebrows raised at the sheepish fillies as Scootaloo catches up.

111            SCOOTALOO  
Heh. Guess you solved the mystery.

112            MANE ALLGOOD  
We'd better get back. There's a lot to get ready before the house goes up for sale tomorrow.

Scootaloo slumps.

**SC. 7 - INT. SCOOTALOO'S ROOM - SATURDAY - MORNING**

Scootaloo's ROOM is mostly packed in boxes. She miserably puts an "X" on a calendar page - now TWO DAYS (Saturday and Sunday, but no text) remain before a big, red circled day. She <SIGHS>. Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom reassure her--

113            SWEETIE BELLE  
Don't worry, Scootaloo. We have a NEW plan to keep you in Ponyville.

Apple Bloom nods and holds up Snap's camera.

114            APPLE BLOOM  
We just gotta show your parents we're a set of three! Then they'll have to let you stay here with us!

**SC. 8 - INT. SCOOTALOO'S HOUSE - DARKROOM - DAY**

Snap Shutter is packing up his darkroom/photo equipment into boxes. He notices some PHOTOS sitting in DEVELOPING BATH. Frowning, he takes them out and hangs them up.

The photos develop into SUPER-CLOSE snapshots of the CMCs' cutie marks. Snap looks thoughtful...

**SC. 9 - INT. SCOOTALOO'S ROOM - CONT.**

Snap enters, looking amused, carrying the photos.

115           SNAP SHUTTER  
Scoot? Are these yours?

Snap puts the photos down. The CMCs crowd around them.

116           SCOOTALOO  
Yeah, thanks, Dad. We're sending  
them to Pony Book of Records.

117           SWEETIE BELLE  
We're the only three ponies in  
Equestria with the SAME cutie mark!

118           APPLE BLOOM  
The chances of that are so rare, it  
means we belong together, forever!

The CMCs pose, marks matching the photos.

119           SNAP SHUTTER  
But you don't have the same cutie  
mark.

The CMCs frown - say whaaaat?

120           SWEETIE BELLE  
Sure we do! Look!

Snap points to the photos, explaining--

121           SNAP SHUTTER  
This part is the same, but the  
picture inside each of these is  
different. I think it means you'll  
stay best friends, no matter where  
you go. And that's really special.

The CMCs are stymied while Snap exits.

122           SCOOTALOO  
But...We... (then) How do you argue  
with that?!

**SC. 10 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - THAT AFTERNOON**

Apple Bloom hurries in, toward Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle.

123           APPLE BLOOM  
Alright, y'all. Time to take  
things up a notch.

Apple Bloom pulls a PURPLE POTION out of her saddle bag.

124           SCOOTALOO  
With prune juice?

125           APPLE BLOOM  
It's a potion I mixed up from  
Zecora's book! Prune is only ONE  
of the ingredients.

126           SWEETIE BELLE  
What's it do?

Apple Bloom pulls out the book and reads--

127           APPLE BLOOM  
Makes sure no pony can split us up.  
    (reads)  
On this potion, please depend. Any  
separation, mend. Friends together  
'til the end!  
    (then)  
We just gotta dab a little on our  
hooves. Sounds perfect, right?

128           SCOOTALOO  
Better than perfect!

Sweetie Belle uses her magic to uncork the bottle, and she  
tips it on each of their front hooves. A beat, then...

129           SWEETIE BELLE  
Is something supposed to happen?

The CMCs' hooves shake and suddenly zip toward each other...  
Sticking the CMCs together like three legged racers - Sweetie  
Belle's right hoof to Scootaloo's left hoof, Scootaloo's  
right hoof to Apple Bloom's left hoof.

The CMCs TAKE in surprise/concern.

130           SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)  
Is THAT the something that's  
supposed to happen?!

131           APPLE BLOOM  
The book didn't really say.

Apple Bloom tries to move toward the book, but as she does,  
she pulls Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle with her. They stumble  
around awkwardly, then trip and FALL in a heap.

132           CMCS  
<whoaaaa...Impact>

133           SCOOTALOO  
Thanks for trying, Apple Bloom. But  
I might as well face it. I'm gonna  
have to leave Ponyville.

Scotaloo tries to stand up, but as she does, she tugs  
Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom in awkward positions (as their  
hooves are still stuck to hers).

134           APPLE BLOOM  
Don't give up, Scotaloo. (re their  
hooves) This just gave me an even  
BETTER idea how to keep you here.  
C'mon!

Apple Bloom heads for the door, tugging the others with her.  
Trying to go through at once, they get comically stuck.

135           SWEETIE BELLE  
Maybe we'd better see Zecora about  
fixing this first.

**SC. 11 - EXT. SCOTALOO'S HOUSE - SUNDAY - DAY**

Apple Bloom fixes a hoofcuff to her back hoof, attaching it  
to the "For Sale" sign. The other CMCs are similarly chained  
to it, doing a "sit in" - like chaining yourself to a tree so  
it's not cut down.

Scotaloo pulls out a calendar and puts another "X" on it -  
the next day (Monday) is the red circle day.

136           SCOTALOO  
We're running out of time. This HAS  
to work!

Mane and Snap walk out of the house, carrying MOVING BOXES.

137           MANE ALLGOOD  
Scotaloo? I know you're having fun  
with your friends, but we need to  
get all our things to the station.

138           SNAP SHUTTER  
We can't miss tomorrow's train.  
It's the only one for a month.

Scotaloo crosses her arms.

139           SCOTALOO  
Then you'll just have to go without  
me! I'm staying with the CMCs!

140 SWEETIE BELLE  
We're chained to this post!

141 APPLE BLOOM  
And nuthin' and no pony is gonna  
move us, no matter--

Behind Apple Bloom, the SALES PONY has come to take the sign. He uses his magic to lift it from the ground and the hoofcuffs fall off it.

142 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
What.

The CMCs look to Scootaloo's parents sheepishly. Her parents are empathetic and caring as they explain:

143 SNAP SHUTTER  
We just sold the house, Scoot. I  
know this is hard to accept, but--

144 SCOOTALOO  
It's more than hard! It's not fair!  
You're making me pick between my  
family and my friends.

Mane hugs her daughter.

145 MANE ALLGOOD  
Oh, Scootaloo. Moving away won't  
stop you three from caring about  
each other. Why don't you sleep  
over with Sweetie Belle and Apple  
Bloom tonight. It'll give you a  
chance to say a real goodbye.

146 SCOOTALOO  
But I don't WANT to say goodbye!  
You're changing my whole life  
without even asking how I feel!

Bursting into tears, Scootaloo runs off. The CMCs follow her. Mane and Snap watch, sharing a sad look.

**END ACT TWO**

**ACT THREE**

**SC. 12 - EXT. NEAR TRAIN STATION - SOON**

The CMCs run after Scootaloo.

147 APPLE BLOOM  
Scootaloo, wait!

148 SWEETIE BELLE  
Where are you going?

Scootaloo slows and stops so her friends can catch up.

149 SCOOTALOO  
To stay with my aunts. You heard my  
parents! There isn't another train  
to Shirelanka for a month. If I'm  
not on it, they'll have to go  
without me.

150 APPLE BLOOM  
Then we're comin' with ya!

151 SCOOTALOO  
Are you sure? I don't want you to  
get in trouble...

152 SWEETIE BELLE  
Rarity won't be mad.

153 APPLE BLOOM  
Applejack neither! I bet she'd do  
the same thing for her friends.

Scootaloo hugs them both. They hug back.

154 SCOOTALOO  
You're the best, you know that?

155 APPLE BLOOM  
WE'RE the best.

156 SWEETIE BELLE  
Together!

The train <BLOWS> its whistle, and the CMCs hurry to get on.

**SC. 13 - EXT. SCOOTALOO'S AUNTS' HOUSE - DUSK**

The CMCs stand on the Aunts' doorstep as Aunt Holiday opens  
the door - and looks surprised.

157 AUNT HOLIDAY  
Scootaloo! What a nice surprise!

Lofty joins her, smiling to the CMCs.

158 AUNTIE LOFTY  
And I've got a surprise for you!

She reaches OS to hold up her now-finished quilt. All the  
squares on it are images of PONIES THAT THE CMCS HAVE HELPED.

159           AUNTIE LOFTY (CONT'D)  
You three inspired me to finish my  
quilt. See? It's Cutie Mark  
Crusader themed!

160           AUNT HOLIDAY  
We love hearing stories about all  
the ponies you've helped. So Lofty  
decided to celebrate the special  
job you three do!

But instead of being happy, it makes the CMCs even sadder.  
Lofty pulls back her quilt. Holiday looks concerned.

161           AUNTIE LOFTY  
It's still a work in progress...

162           SCOOTALOO  
It's not your quilt we're sad  
about, Auntie Lofty. Mom and Dad  
are back. And they're making me  
move to Shirelanka with them!

163           AUNT HOLIDAY  
Snap and Mane are back? They didn't  
tell me that!

164           SCOOTALOO  
Oh. I think the mailpony delivered  
your letter to my house.

Scotaloo gives Aunt Holiday the OTHER letter from the  
teaser. She reads it quickly.

165           SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)  
I love my family! But I love being  
with my friends, too.  
          (torn, sad)  
I don't want to have to choose.

166           AUNTIE LOFTY  
          (to Scootaloo)  
Then why don't your parents just  
stay in Ponyville?

Scotaloo shakes her head.

167           SCOOTALOO  
Their job is too important.

168           APPLE BLOOM  
That's it!

Sweetie Belle looks skeptical.

169 SWEETIE BELLE  
Is this another potion idea?

170 APPLE BLOOM  
No! Scootaloo's parents are the only ponies in Equestria that can do what they do, right?

171 SCOOTALOO  
Right...

172 APPLE BLOOM  
Well, so are we! Our cutie marks prove it!

173 SWEETIE BELLE  
(getting it)  
Yeah! Our job is to help other ponies find their purpose!

174 SCOOTALOO  
And nopony else can do that! So if my parents split us up...It'd be just as bad as them quitting their jobs!

It's a victory moment and the CMCs are pumped... Until reality sets in.

175 APPLE BLOOM  
Now how do we explain that to 'em?

176 AUNT HOLIDAY  
Oh, YOU don't have to explain it.

Aunt Holiday lifts Lofty's quilt. Lofty points to the embroidered ponies on it and smiles.

177 AUNTIE LOFTY  
THEY will.

And on their thoughtful look...

DISSOLVE TO:

**SC. 14 - INT. SCOOTALOO'S HOUSE - MONDAY - DAY**

Scootaloo enters the house, to find Mane and Snap stacking the last suitcases and boxes. Marshmallow is in his crate. Mane looks at her daughter, concerned. Gently:

178 MANE ALLGOOD  
Feeling better, Scootaloo?

179           SCOOTALOO  
          (nods)  
A little. I just wanna show you  
something before we go.

Snap looks at the clock and nods.

180           SNAP SHUTTER  
Alright, but let's make it fast.  
That train won't wait.

Scotaloo nods and leads them out the door to--

**SC. 15 - EXT. STREETS OF PONYVILLE - SOON**

Scotaloo and her parents round a corner to see:

The town center has been transformed - CMC banners with the three cutie marks and pictures of the trio hang everywhere. EVERYPONY and CREATURE the CMCs have helped are there- GABBY, TENDER TAPS, Silver Spoon, Diamond Tiara, PIPSQUEAK, TROUBLESHOES, TERRAMAR, BABS SEED, FEATHER BANGS, BIG MAC, etc., along with STARLIGHT, SPIKE, the MANE SIX, Scotaloo's aunts and our TOWN REGULARS. (After this wide reveal, we'll work to keep things closer with fewer characters in frame.)

Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle are on a stage with MAYOR MARE.

Scotaloo's parents look surprised.

181           SNAP SHUTTER (CONT'D)  
Sweet Celestia's slippers!

182           MANE ALLGOOD  
What is all this?

Rainbow Dash swoops down to grab Scotaloo.

183           RAINBOW DASH  
It's Cutie Mark Crusader  
Appreciation Day! But we couldn't  
start without all of them here!

Dash flies Scotaloo over to the stage to join the other CMCs. As she travels, the assembled crowd CHANTS:

184           CROWD  
CMCS! CMCS! CMCS!

As Scotaloo joins her friends, the crowd <CHEERS>! Mayor Mare faces the crowd and announces--

185           MAYOR MARE  
These three ponies share a rare  
ability to help others find their  
true purpose. It's a job only they  
can do - and only together.

FAVOR Mane and Snap, who are surprised to realize this.

186           MANE ALLGOOD  
That sounds familiar.

Mayor Mare holds out a key - three handled for each of the  
CMCs to hold at one time.

187           MAYOR MARE  
In honor of all they have done and  
continue to do for the ponies of  
this town, I would like to present  
the Cutie Mark Crusaders with a  
three-handled key to the city!

There's <APPLAUSE> and everypony looks up as the WONDERBOLTS  
fly overhead. The crowd is awed... Especially Snap and Mane.

188           SNAP SHUTTER  
A full Wonderbolt salute?

Aunts Holiday and Lofty join Snap and Mane.

189           AUNT HOLIDAY  
I'm not sure you know just how  
important Scootaloo and her friends  
are, little brother!

190           AUNTIE LOFTY  
But you're about to find out.

Skeedaddle and CUTIE MARK CAMPERS step forward.

191           SKEEDADDLE  
The CMCs used their free time to  
set up a camp to help us blank  
flanks find our cutie marks.

Miss Cheerilee adds--

192           MISS CHEERILEE  
They're friendship tutors at  
Twilight's School!

Troubleshoes steps forward, comically knocking over a  
banner...Which the CMCs catch.

193           TROUBLESHOES  
The Cutie Mark Crusaders see the  
best in everypony. Even when that  
pony can't see it in themselves.

Snap observes to Mane:

194           SNAP SHUTTER  
Well, I'll be a three-tailed  
bandicoot. I had no idea how  
important Scoot's club was.

Rainbow Dash has overheard this.

195           RAINBOW DASH  
Oh, it's way more than just a club.  
The CMCs have made a difference for  
everypony here.

Hippogriff Terramar and Gabby are hovering nearby. They claw  
bump as Terramar announces:

196           TERRAMAR  
And not just ponies! They help  
everycreature.

The Aunts add their voices to the mix:

197           AUNT HOLIDAY  
Whether it's encouraging others to  
discover their special talent...

Tender Taps does a little <TAPDANCE> nearby.

198           AUNTIE LOFTY  
Or inspiring them to do what's in  
their heart...

Diamond Tiara smiles to the CMCs. Big Mac and SUGAR BELLE  
lean toward each other.

199           AUNT HOLIDAY  
These three fillies offer the town  
something no other pony can.

Mane and Snap take this in, looking thoughtful. There's a  
<TRAIN WHISTLE> in the distance.

Scootaloo looks to her friends, worried. They cling to her.

Mane and Snap step forward. Dash gapes.

200           RAINBOW DASH  
No way! After all that, you're  
still gonna make her leave?!

201           MANE ALLGOOD  
We just want what's best for  
Scootaloo. And until now...We  
thought we knew what that was.

Mane and Snap face their daughter.

202           SNAP SHUTTER  
Turns out, you're just like us,  
Scoot. You have an important job  
that only you can do. You love it,  
and it helps the world.

203           MANE ALLGOOD  
Sometimes that means missing out on  
other things you love...Like  
watching our daughter grow into a  
pony we're very proud of.

204           SNAP SHUTTER  
Which is a long way to say: Scoot,  
if you want to stay, we understand.

205           SCOOTALOO  
REALLY?! Thanks dad. Thanks mom!

Scootaloo leaps off the stage to hug her parents. They hug  
her back - an emotional, earned moment.

FAVOR Lofty and Holiday, leaning against each other sweetly,  
moved. Holiday tears up. Lofty offers her a hankie.

Mane pulls back to tell Scoot--

206           MANE ALLGOOD  
Oh sweetie. I'm just sorry we  
didn't realize it sooner.

207           SNAP SHUTTER  
Our work is our life's purpose. We  
could never quit it. So there's no  
way we could ask you to.

Auntie Lofty interrupts the earnest moment, wry.

208           AUNTIE LOFTY  
Maybe you should've thought of that  
BEFORE you sold the house.

Mane and Snap look chagrined. Holiday playfully bats at Lofty, who smiles.

209           AUNT HOLIDAY  
Lofty, don't tease my brother! We  
already have a solution worked out.

210           AUNTIE LOFTY  
Since the CMCs make Ponyville such  
a nice place, we've decided to move  
here.

Holiday turns to Scootaloo--

211           AUNT HOLIDAY  
You can live with us, Scootaloo. If  
you'd like.

212           SCOOTALOO  
That would be amazing!!!  
(hopeful to her parents)  
Will you... Still come and visit?

Mane nods, moved. Snap puts his hat on Scoot's head.

213           MANE ALLGOOD / SNAP SHUTTER  
Of course! / Rabid bugbears  
couldn't keep us away.

Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom leap off the stage and bounce around Scootaloo happily.

214           SWEETIE BELLE / APPLE BLOOM  
You get to stay here! You get to  
stay here!

They pause as a thought occurs to Apple Bloom.

215           APPLE BLOOM  
Uh...You ARE stayin' here, right?

216           SCOOTALOO  
You kidding? CMCs forever!

The CMCs high-hoof. And as the crowd <CHEERS> again...

**END EPISODE**