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Friendship Lesson: With courage, strength and beauty on your side, nothing is impossible.

TEASER**SC. 1 - EXT. FOREST - DAY**

ANGLE ON APPLE BLOOM and APPLEJACK setting up the last of three tents. (NOTE: SAME LOCATION AS THE LAST CAMPING EPISODE) Applejack has a piece of rope in her mouth, struggling to pull up the last tent. Applejack makes an <INCOHERENT MUFFLED SOUND> at Apple Bloom, who jumps to grab the rope too. Their combined strength pulls up the tent.

1 APPLEJACK

Tents are lookin' good. And we made good time today. At this rate we'll be at Winsome Falls by tomorrow!

2 APPLE BLOOM

We should do the annual big sister little sister camping trip every weekend!

3 APPLEJACK

(smiles) Then it wouldn't be annual. And if we did it every weekend, it probably wouldn't be as special.

4 APPLE BLOOM

But the more we do it, the better we get at camping! Remember the first time we came here and Rarity had that gi-normous tent?

REVEAL RARITY and SWEETIE BELLE trotting towards them.

5 RARITY

(playful) I heard that! And I've gotten much better at roughing it, haven't I?

6 SWEETIE BELLE

Yup. This time you only packed three suitcases!

7 RARITY

(off Applejack's look) I know what you're thinking, but I promise darling - I only brought the essentials.

8 APPLEJACK

Like those light thingies?

Applejack points. REVEAL the neighboring trees are strewn with colorful paper lanterns.

9 RARITY
Of course! What is life if you can't make it beautiful?

The ponies take it all in. The lanterns really do make the forest look nicer than it already is.

10 APPLEJACK
Well, they sure are pretty. Thanks Rarity.

11 RARITY
("No big deal.") It's what I do.

ANGLE ON RAINBOW DASH and SCOOTALOO as they forage for food. Rainbow Dash has a satchel of berries on her back while Scootaloo holds a book. As Rainbow Dash comes across a bush filled with berries...

12 RAINBOW DASH
Mmm. These berries look good enough to eat.

13 SCOOTALOO
DON'T! According to my book, they are extremely poisonous.

Rainbow Dash drops the berries hastily. Suddenly we hear a <LOW BUZZING SOUND>. Scootaloo <GASPS> and jumps back, snapping a twig, which makes her <WHIMPER>. Spooked, she whirls around and comes face to face with a dark and spooky cave. She <SCREAMS>!

14 RAINBOW DASH
What?

15 SCOOTALOO
I heard something, I stepped on something, and I saw that creepy cave.

Rainbow Dash looks from the creepy cave to Scootaloo's scared face, then bravely flies into the cave. Scootaloo <GASPS> but a beat later, Rainbow Dash comes back out.

16 RAINBOW DASH
It's all clear.

SCOOTALOO
I guess I still get a little bit scared out here, even after the last camping trip.

RAINBOW DASH
Don't worry, kid, you've got a big
sister this time!

Scootaloo looks a bit comforted as she and Dash join the rest of the girls at the campsite. They add their satchel of berries to a spread of food laid out on a picnic blanket.

17 APPLES BLOOM
Wow, this looks amazing!

18 SWEETIE BELLE
This is going to be the best big
sister/little sister camping trip
ever!

Suddenly, a thick SWARM OF FLY-DERS (a cross between a fly and a spider) descends on the camp. The ponies are inundated. Off of everyone looking scared we...

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 2 - EXT. FOREST - CONTINUOUS

Everyone is as we left them, swatting and backing away from the fly-ders. Scootaloo looks especially scared. A few land on them and bite.

19 SCOOTALOO
Ow! What are these things?!

20 APPLEJACK
Fly-ders! Everypony run for cover.
Don't get stuck in their--

Just then the fly-ders descend on the picnic and start shooting sticky webs at the food.

21 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
--web!

They all run for the tents as they swat bugs with their tails and dodge webs. But before they get there they realize the tents are already swarming with the bugs.

22 SWEETIE BELLE
Agh! Now what?

23 RAINBOW DASH
Follow me, everypony!

Rainbow Dash leads the way as they all gallop away from the swarm of bugs toward the cave from earlier. As she goes:

24 SCOOTALOO
Not the scary cave!

Rainbow Dash pulls her in.

Sc. 3 - INT. CAVE - DAY

The ponies are all covered in bug bites. They look at each other, disappointed. Scootaloo looks a bit spooked.

25 APPLE BLOOM
Well, camping was going to be fun. But now it's starting to "bug" me. Get it?

26 SCOOTALOO
Yeah, where did those terrible bugs come from? And why did they destroy our camp?

27 APPLEJACK
Fly-ders are from the Luna Bay Area. Never seen 'em this far East. They're probably attracted to the food. Best to wait here until they're gone.

28 APPLE BLOOM
Oh, apple rot! What are we supposed to do now? We had games to play and marshmallows to roast at camp! In here we got nothin'.

29 RARITY
That's not entirely true. We have each other.

30 APPLEJACK
That's right. And if you girls want to, maybe we could tell some stories to pass the time?

31 RAINBOW DASH
You want stories? I've got a ton of stories. Spoiler Alert: they're all about me and how awesome I am.

32 APPLEJACK
I was thinking more like campfire stories.

33 RARITY
That's sounds like a lovely idea.

34 APPLE BLOOM
But we don't even have a campfire.

35 RAINBOW DASH
I got it.

Rainbow Dash dashes out of the cave, through the fly-ders and then dashes back in. She's got a few twigs and a few new bites.

36 APPLEJACK
Wow. That was brave.

37 RAINBOW DASH
(scratching) Eh, it was no biggie.

Applejack uses a heavy larger rock to chip some smaller rocks off the side of the cave. She uses the flint rocks to spark a small fire. Rarity magics some rocks around it to contain it.

38 RARITY
Wonderful! Now we have a cozy warm campfire.

Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle settle around it. But Scootaloo looks unsure.

39 SCOOTALOO
We aren't gonna tell scary stories like our last camping trip, are we? It's bad enough just being in here.

40 APPLEJACK
Don't worry, Scootaloo. I was gonna tell you mine and Apple Bloom's favorite legend!

Apple Bloom perks up.

41 APPLE BLOOM
You mean Rockhoof? Ooh! I love that one! He was so strong and when he...

42 SWEETIE BELLE
Apple Bloom! Shhh. We haven't heard it yet.

43 APPLE BLOOM
(barely containing excitement) Okay. But it's sooo good!

44 APPLEJACK
(chuckles) Well, it's true. Rockhoof
was known far and wide for his
incredible strength but he didn't
start out that way...

TRUCK IN ON APPLEJACK as she begins the tale.

45 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
You see, Rockhoof was a tiny little
fella, the son of a farmer.

Apple Bloom's head pops into frame.

46 APPLE BLOOM
Just like us!

Off of Applejack's look, she slowly and sheepishly pops out of frame.

47 APPLEJACK
They lived in a village that sat at
the foot of a gigantic volcano...

FLASHBACK TO:

SC. 4 - EXT. ROCKHOOF'S VILLAGE - DAY

WE SEE a quaint Viking-esque village nestled just below a magnificently intimidating volcano. To the side is the sea.

48 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
And the village was protected by an
elite group of Guard Ponies called the
Mighty Helm.

WE SEE the large, mighty GUARD PONIES. They wear spiked helmets and carry spears. They stand guard around the village.

49 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
Young Rockhoof wanted nothing more
than to be a part of the Mighty Helm,
but he was told that he was too
scrawny and weak to protect the
village.

WE SEE several of the Guard Ponies standing in front of the smaller ROCKHOOF, with an enormous SHOVEL slung over his shoulder. It makes him look even smaller. The Mighty Helm just shake their head "no." Some even laugh at his diminutive size. Rockhoof walks away, sad but determined.

50 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
But Rockhoof wouldn't take "no" for an answer.

ON Rockhoof doing pushups (plank ups?), pullups, and using his shovel to dig a hole. At first he can barely move any dirt with it, but slowly the amount of earth he can move increases.

51 ROCKHOOF
I will be a Mighty Helm!

52 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
Then one fateful day...

All of a sudden, the ground rumbles and shakes violently. Rockhoof looks up to see black smoke billowing out of the volcano. Then, HOT LAVA starts bubbling and flowing out of the top of it.

53 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
The volcano erupted!

Rockhoof sees the lava and lets out a <GIRLY SQUEAL>. CUT TO:

SC. 5 - INT. CAVE - CONTINUOUS

REVEAL the <GIRLY SQUEAL> was coming from Apple Bloom.

54 APPLE BLOOM
Oooh this is my favorite part!

Rainbow Dash, Sweetie Belle, and Scootaloo ignore her and urge Applejack on.

55 SWEETIE BELLE/
SCOOTALOO/RAINBOW DASH
What happened next?!

Applejack and Rarity share a look, the girls are distracted. Applejack smiles.

56 APPLEJACK
The molten lava poured down the side
of the volcano...

FLASHBACK TO:

SC. 6 - ROCKHOOF'S VILLAGE - DAY

WE SEE the Mighty Helm are huddled together discussing what to do animatedly. Some gesture to the volcano, others to the town.

57 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
...and try as they might, the Mighty Helm couldn't figure out a way to save the village. They had to evacuate.

A couple of VILLAGERS talk to the Mighty Helm, shaking their heads no.

58 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
But the village ponies didn't want to leave their homes! They spent their entire lives there and had nowhere else to go!

ANGLE ON Rockhoof overhearing the arguing. He looks at the volcano, at the villagers, and the Mighty Helm.

59 APPLEJACK
So Rockhoof decided to do something crazy.

Rockhoof takes off towards the volcano with his trusted shovel. He starts to dig a trench at the base of the volcano. As he digs the lava bubbles down toward him.

60 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
He thought if he could divert the flow of lava he might be able to save his village! He started digging a trench.

SC. 7 - INT. CAVE - CONTINUOUS

61 SWEETIE BELLE
Wait a minute. All by himself?

62 RAINBOW DASH
It'd be impossible for one pony to dig a trench big enough and fast enough to stop the lava!

ANGLE ON Apple Bloom, literally covering her own mouth to stop herself from saying something.

63 APPLEJACK
Well, good thing Rockhoof didn't believe in the word "impossible".

SC. 8 - ROCKHOOF'S VILLAGE - DAY

Rockhoof is working at an incredible pace but the lava is catching up to him, he's in a race for his life. ANGLE ON the villagers and the Mighty Helm as they are starting to evacuate. Once they spot Rockhoof they drop everything and watch in amazement as he works.

64 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
He continued to work, knowing the odds
were against him but determined to
push through. And then... something
magical happened.

As Rockhoof continues to digs, ferociously and with an
unshakable determination, he magically grows in size. His
muscles bulge.

65 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
Rockhoof got visibly stronger! But the
lava was getting closer and closer...

Rockhoof doesn't stop to notice, but continues to dig the trench
down the side of the volcano and around the village. Just as the
lava is about to singe his hooves, his trench reaches the sea.
He leaps out of the way just in time and the lava flows into the
water, sizzling and cooling. The villagers cheer! Rockhoof
looks over at them, smiles... and then passes out from
exhaustion.

66 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
Through his extraordinary
determination and sheer force of will,
Rockhoof more than earned his place in
the Mighty Helm.

TIME DISSOLVE:

REVEAL Rockhoof, now in official Mighty Helm attire, holding his
rusty shovel instead of a spear. The Mighty Helm cheer for
Rockhoof and struggle to lift him on their shoulders, now that
he's so big.

SC. 9 - INT. CAVE - CONTINUOUS

Sweetie Belle, Apple Bloom, and Scootaloo let out a <CHEER> for
Rockhoof as well.

67 RAINBOW DASH
Good story, Applejack! Even if it
wasn't about me.

68 APPLE BLOOM
I love that story no matter how many
times I hear it.

69 RARITY
Why don't we see if it's safe to head
back to camp?

70 SWEETIE BELLE (O.S.)
Uh, girls?

REVEAL Sweetie Belle has already made her way over to the edge of the cave.

71 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
There is no camp to go back to....

Sweetie Belle points at their campsite. WE SEE that the relentless fly-ders keep up their assault on the campsite. The food is half-eaten, the tents are all over turned and the lanterns are covered in webs. Everypony joins her at the mouth of the cave. Off their devastated looks, we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 10 - INT. CAVE - DAY

All of the ponies stand at the edge of the cave, looking down at their campsite. Sweetie Belle dejectedly lowers her shoulders and retreats into the cave.

72 SWEETIE BELLE
All our hard work is ruined.

73 RARITY
There, there. Sweetie Belle. It will be okay.

74 SWEETIE BELLE
How? Our camp was so pretty and this cave is sooo....not.

75 RARITY
Not true! There is beauty in everything...

Rarity looks around for something pretty and examines some rocks.

76 RARITY (CONT'D)
Look, even these drab rocks aren't really drab! If you look closely you can see glittering flecks of gold in them.

The CMC's look at the rocks, which indeed have flecks of gold. Then Rarity points to the shadow of the fire on the wall.

77 RARITY (CONT'D)
And the way the fire dances in shadow on the cave wall... the melding tones of shadow and warm light - it's simply gorgeous!

Everypony else looks at the cave wall. It is kinda pretty, but Sweetie Belle still looks a little bummed, catching another glance at their ruined camp. Rarity notices.

78 RARITY (CONT'D)
Sweetie Belle, dear, have I ever told you about *my* favorite legend?

Sweetie Belle perks up.

79 SWEETIE BELLE
No. I didn't know you had one.

80 RARITY
I do! (dramatically) Her name was Mistmane.

81 RAINBOW DASH
Mistmane? Isn't she the old wrinkly sorceress with the flower?

82 RARITY
Yes. But did you know she used to be the most beautiful unicorn in all the land?

83 RAINBOW DASH
No.

As Rarity takes her place by the campfire, the three little ones scooch up to her.

84 SWEETIE BELLE/APPLE BLOOM/SCOOTALOO
So what happened to her?

85 RARITY
Well, Mistmane was a very promising young sorceress.

FLASHBACK TO:

SC. 11 - EXT. MISTMANE'S VILLAGE - DAY

Mistmane, a gorgeous young unicorn, is outside her home in a quaint adorable little village (Think where Mulan was from.) She waves goodbye to her family, then gives her best friend, Sable Spirit (also a unicorn), a hug as she leaves.

86 RARITY (V.O.)
She was as talented as she was beautiful and kind. Everypony loved her and missed her when she was sent to the finest magic school...

As Mistmane leaves, her family and friends wave fondly. Sable Spirit looks at the adoring crowd, a little bit jealous.

SC. 12 - INT. CLASSROOM - LATER

Mistmane is studying amid herbs when she gets a letter.

87 RARITY (V.O.)
While she was gone she was delighted to find out her best friend, Sable Spirit, was crowned Empress. She couldn't wait to return home once she finished her studies.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 13 - EXT. MISTMANE'S VILLAGE - LATER

The same adorable little village is now gutted. The villagers look haggard and worn and the streets are in shambles. Mistmane looks shocked.

88 RARITY (V.O.)
But once she arrived she was devastated by what she saw.

She walks through the streets in disbelief and approaches a VILLAGER.

89 MISTMANE
What happened here?

90 VILLAGER
The Empress happened. She makes everypony work day and night on her palace. We don't have time to take care of anything else.

91 MISTMANE
That can't be. I know her. She would never do this.

92 RARITY (V.O.)
But there was no denying what was in front of her.

We see an ornate carriage roll through the street, carrying the EMPRESS who we don't see behind a veil. As she passes a small child holding an orchid, her carriage stops. Then the flower is magically pulled from the child and sucked into the carriage. Mistmane looks horrified.

93 RARITY (V.O.)
Sable Spirit took everything that was beautiful away from anypony else. But Mistmane was sure there had to be some explanation.

SC. 14 - INT. CAVE - BACK TO PRESENT

Sweetie Belle looks to Apple Bloom and Scootaloo.

94 SWEETIE BELLE
I'd assume there was too, if somepony told me either one of you two'd gone evil.

95 SCOOTALOO
Yeah, I'd never believe it.

96 APPLE BLOOM
I dunno. I've seen the way you two get when you miss breakfast. (off their looks) Just kidding! But I'd want answers, too.

97 RARITY
So did Mistmane. She went to confront her friend.

SC. 15 - INT. EMPRESS'S PALACE - LATER

Mistmane enters the throne room of an Asian-influenced palace. Sable Spirit sits at the throne, wearing her veil. The throne is flanked by vases of orchids (including the one the Empress stole from the child).

98 MISTMANE
Sable? Is that you?

99 SABLE SPIRIT
Don't tell me you don't recognize your old friend.

100 MISTMANE
I don't. My friend would never work our families and friends to the bone for something as silly as a palace.

101 SABLE SPIRIT
Silly? My palace is a beacon of beauty. Anypony who passes will be in awe of its majesty.

102 MISTMANE
What good is a pretty palace if it
just hides the misery of its ponies?

103 SABLE SPIRIT
Beauty is everything. You taught me
that.

Mistmane looks taken aback.

104 MISTMANE
What?

105 SABLE SPIRIT
You were always the pretty one. You
got to go to the best magic school.
Everypony missed you. Everypony loved
you. I admit, I was jealous. So I
tried to perform a spell that would
make me beautiful...

She takes off her veil. Clearly the spell didn't work. She looks
like somepony who's had too much "work" done. Mistmane <GASPS>.

106 SABLE SPIRIT (CONT'D)
You can see how that went. I vowed
that if I couldn't have beauty, I
would take it. I wasn't chosen to be
Empress, you know. I took it.

Sable Spirit looks out at her "kingdom" with a sinister smile.

107 SABLE SPIRIT (CONT'D)
Just like I'm going to take everything
else.

108 MISTMANE
I can't let you do that.

109 SABLE SPIRIT
Let me? <EVIL LAUGH>

Sable Spirit sends a magical blast to Mistmane. It encircles her
with hedge of thorns. Mistmane looks shocked that her "friend"
would attack her, but quickly recovers and blasts the thorns
away.

Sable tries to hit her again with a dragon made of fire.
Mistmane summons a water blast to put the dragon out. Then
Mistmane aims a blast at Sable, but it hits her vase of flowers
instead.

Sable looks smug, thinking Mistmane missed, her horn glowing for another attack. But then vines grow from the flowers from the vase and wrap around Sable, trapping her. The guards <CHEER>.

110 RARITY (V.O.)
Everypony thought Sable Spirit was defeated and that was that. But Mistmane knew there was more she could do to help.

Mistmane looks back and forth between the cheering ponies, the desolate town, and Sable, trapped. She makes a decision. She picks up a flower from the broken vase (the one the Sable took from the child) and heads to...

SC. 16 - EXT. MISTMANE'S VILLAGE - MOMENTS LATER

Mistmane walks out to her decrepit village and places the flower on the ground. She takes a deep breath, closes her eyes, and an essence leaves her and transfers to the flower. As it goes, we see Mistmane's beauty fade as she prematurely ages.

111 RARITY (V.O.)
Mistmane knew that beauty wasn't everything, but it did have the power to make ponies smile. She made a huge sacrifice to bring a smile back to her friends' and families' faces.
Including Sable Spirit's.

As Mistmane sacrifices her beauty, the flower grows and grows, blooming into an orchid. When its petals open, a burst of magic floods over the town, restoring it to it's former splendor. CUT TO:

SC. 17 - INT. EMPRESS'S PALACE - SAME

The burst of magic washes over Sable Spirit and turns her back to normal.

SC. 18 - EXT. MISTMANE'S VILLAGE - MOMENTS LATER

Mistmane is as she was. A few ponies look at their restored village in awe. Sable Spirit comes running out to Mistmane.

SABLE SPIRIT
You did this for me? Even after I was so cruel.

Mistmane smiles at her friend. Sable Spirit looks beyond touched.

114 RARITY (V.O.)
Sable Spirit was so touched by
Mistmane's gesture that she vowed to
be more like her friend in the ways
that mattered. From then on, she ruled
with kindness and compassion.

SC. 19 - EXT. MISTMANE'S VILLAGE - LATER

We see the village is back as it was and everypony looks happy as Sable Spirit visits and gives out beautiful flowers to the villagers and to the child she took one from in the beginning.

115 SWEETIE BELLE (V.O.)
And what happened to Mistmane?

116 RARITY (V.O.)
Even though she gave away her physical
beauty, she dedicated her life to
spreading beauty all over Equestria in
whatever way she could.

SC. 20 - EXT. PATH - SOMEWHERE IN EQUESTRIA

CLOSE ON hooves trotting down a path. A couple of flowers grow in their wake. PAN to REVEAL Mistmane, now in her cloak with an orchid pin. Her hair flows in the wind. She passes by some ponies by a dying apple tree. Mistmane touches it and it comes back to life. The ponies smile at Mistmane and she magics over some flowers to them.

RARITY (V.O.)
Anytime you go out of your way to
brighten somepony's day by doing
something nice like giving them
flowers, you're following in the
hoofsteps of Mistmane.

SC. 21 - INT. CAVE - CONTINUOUS

Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle, and Scootaloo are transfixed.

117 RARITY
Mistmane even had a hoof in creating
some of Equestria's most beautiful
landmarks, including Canterlot!

The girls smile.

118 SWEETIE BELLE
I think she's my favorite legend, too.

The moment is broken when a web flies into the cave and sticks to the wall inches away from Scootaloo's head. She <SCREAMS>.

Everyone looks to see the food from their camp is gone and the swarm of flyders is headed their way.

119 RAINBOW DASH
Ugh! These Fly-ders won't quit! What do they want from us now?

120 APPLEJACK
Well, like it or not, we're food too.

SWEETIE BELLE
Yeah. I got the bites to prove it!

121 SCOOTALOO
What are we going to do? They're almost here!

Without hesitating, Rainbow Dash pulls out a large rock from above the cave's entrance causing a ROCK SLIDE. The cave opening is now sealed shut. And the wind from the falling rocks blows the fire out. Everypony looks at Rainbow Dash incredulously.

122 RAINBOW DASH
What? Now those bugs can't come in.

123 SCOOTALOO
And we can't get out! I don't know what's worse!

Everypony stares at the enclosed cave opening. Scootaloo starts hyperventilating.

124 APPLEJACK
Let's all just stay calm. Lemme just re-light this fire...

Applejack finds the flint rock and re-lights the fire. Rarity pulls Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo into a hug.

125 RARITY
(super calm) All we have to do is wait until the swarm moves on. Then we can figure out a way to get out of here.

126 SCOOTALOO
How long will that be? Don't bears live in caves?

Rainbow Dash flies over to comfort her.

127 RAINBOW DASH
Whoa, Scootaloo, you're focusing on the wrong things. Don't worry--

128 SCOOTALOO
You have a plan?

129 RAINBOW DASH
Close. I have a story!

130 APPLEJACK
Let me guess, it's about you?

131 RAINBOW DASH
Practically. It's about *my* favorite legend, Flash Magnus...

132 APPLE BLOOM
Wasn't he the pony who took on the Dragons?...

133 SCOOTALOO
(scared) Dragons? Big, scary mean ones or like Spike?

134 RAINBOW DASH
Oh these were definitely the big scary mean kind... (Off of Scootaloo's face)
But not too scary. (then) You can sit closer to me if you want.

Scootaloo scoots riiight up next to Rainbow Dash.

135 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
A long time ago, before the Wonderbolts were even founded, Flash Magnus was a lowly cadet in the Royal Legion...

SC. 22 - EXT. DRAGON LANDS - BORDER - SKY - DAY

WE SEE FLASH MAGNUS flying in formation with the Royal Legion (5 members, all pegasi and their armor is Greco-Roman).

136 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
...And the Legion needed to fly over the Dragon Lands to get to their comrades on the other side. But as they got closer to the Dragons...

As the legion flies over the Dragon Lands, a two DRAGONS fly up to them.

137 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
...The Dragons atta--AAAUGH!

CUT TO:

SC. 23 - INT. CAVE - PRESENT

Scootaloo is hugging Rainbow's face.

138 SCOOTALOO
You said this wasn't too scary!!

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE**SC. 24 - INT. CAVE - SAME**

Scootaloo is still on Rainbow's face.

139 RAINBOW DASH
(muffled)
Scootaloo, if you just hang in there--

140 SCOOTALOO
What?

Rainbow Dash pries Scootaloo off her face.

141 RAINBOW DASH
I said, if you just hang in there, I
promise you'll like the ending.

Scootaloo takes her place by the fire, still a little wary.

142 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
So, like I was saying, Flash Magnus
and the Royal Legion tried to get past
the dragons...

FLASHBACK TO:

SC. 25 - EXT. DRAGON LANDS - DAY

The ponies try to form ranks but they're besieged on both sides by the dragons.

143 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
...but the Dragons wouldn't let them.

Pony Army COMMANDER IRONHEAD yells to his troops:

144 COMMANDER IRONHEAD
Everypony, RETREAT!!

ANGLE ON Flash Magnus with two army mates. They get separated from the battalion when one of the dragons goes after them. Flash Magnus manages to outfly him but the dragon grabs the other two and heads back down to their lair.

145 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
Flash Magnus and a few other cadets
were separated from the battalion. He
managed to get away but the dragons
captured his friends and took them
back to their lair.

Flash Magnus looks down, conflicted, but has no choice but to
follow the rest of the Legion.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 26 - EXT. DRAGON LANDS - BORDER - SKY - LATER

The troops are hiding in the clouds. Flash Magnus joins them.

146 FLASH MAGNUS
Captain, we need to save our captured
brothers.

147 COMMANDER IRONHEAD
I appreciate your loyalty, Flash
Magnus, but getting past those dragons
is going to be impossible! Nothing
will work.

148 FLASH MAGNUS
No disrespect, Sir, but why don't we
try and focus on a way that could
work.

149 COMMANDER IRONHEAD
Like what?

Flash Magnus doesn't have an answer. With the others watching,
he thinks and thinks...

SC. 27 - INT. CAVE - CONTINUOUS

150 APPLE BLOOM
The Commander was right. You can't out-
fight Dragons.

151 RAINBOW DASH
But you can out think them...

152 APPLE BLOOM / SWEETIE BELLE
/ SCOOTALOO
Ohhhhh...

SC. 28 - EXT. DRAGONLANDS - BORDER - SKY - DAY

Flash Magnus is still thinking of a solution...then it occurs to
him!

153 **FLASH MAGNUS**
You can't out-fight dragons. But you
can out think them.

154 **ARMY PONIES**
Ohhh...

155 **FLASH MAGNUS**
Commander Ironhead, I'm pretty sure I
can out-fly the Dragons. If I can lure
them into chasing me, you can all
sneak into the lair and retrieve our
friends before they get back.

156 **COMMANDER IRONHEAD**
Are you really willing to take that
chance, Soldier?

157 **FLASH MAGNUS**
I am, Sir.

Commander Ironhead nods grimly.

SC. 29 - EXT. DRAGON LANDS - LATER

Commander Ironhead and his cadets are gathered behind a rock.
Flash Magnus peeks around and sees the dragon lair.

158 **COMMANDER IRONHEAD**
It's a very brave thing you're doing.
You'll need all the help you can get.

Commander Ironhead puts a shield on Flash Magnus' back.

159 **FLASH MAGNUS**
Is this... Netitus? The fireproof
shield?

Ironhead nods.

160 **COMMANDER IRONHEAD**
It is. It has protected legion heroes
for generations and today I can't
think of a worthier flank for Netitus
to protect! Good luck, soldier.

SC. 30 - EXT. DRAGON LANDS - LAIR

The dragons are guarding the pony prisoners. Suddenly Flash
Magnus darts out from behind the rock.

161 **FLASH MAGNUS**
Hey! Come and get me, fire breath! If
you can!

Flash Magnus takes to the sky. The dragons give chase, breathing fire, but Netitus protects Flash Magnus' back.

162 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
While Flash Magnus bravely flew for his life, Commander Ironhoof was able to get his soldiers back.

We see Commander Ironhead sneak into the lair. Meanwhile...

SC. 31 - EXT. SKY - SAME

The dragons are flying after Flash Magnus. They breathe fire at him but his shield protects him.

163 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
Flash Magnus flew like the wind.
Faster than the dragons! But he knew he couldn't do this forever. Luckily, he had a plan.

Flash Magnus narrowly dodges fire blasts and makes a b-line for a big STORM CLOUD ahead that the pegasi from the legion are forming. When they spot him coming they clear the area as he leads the dragons under it.

164 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
He led the dragons straight into a storm that the Legion planted.

Lightning fires all around them and eventually hits the two dragons, who yelp and retreat.

165 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
One taste of the lightning and the dragons retreated! Flash Magnus' plan worked.

On Flash Magnus still in the cloud, narrowly dodging lightning.

SC. 32 - EXT. DRAGONLANDS - BORDER - SKY - DAY

Commander Ironhead, the newly recovered cadets, and the rest of the Legion nervously watch the storm cloud and wait. Suddenly, Flash Magnus flies out of the cloud. The Army CHEERS! MATCH CUT WITH:

SC. 33 - INT. CAVE - CONTINUOUS

Sweetie Belle, Apple Bloom, and Scootaloo let out the same CHEER.

166 SCOOTALOO
Wow. I did like that ending.

167 RAINBOW DASH
Tolja! He always inspired me to be my
brave and awesome self.

She looks at everypony expectantly.

168 APPLEJACK
Yeah I guess he kinda reminds me of
you.

169 RAINBOW DASH
You guess?? C'mon! I'm just like him.

170 RARITY
Well he is fast. And did you say the
shield was blue? That's something you
kind of have in common.

171 RAINBOW DASH
I didn't say it was blue. What about
his bravery? And his loyalty?

Everypony smiles, giving up the ruse.

172 RARITY
Rainbow Dash, we're just kidding you.

173 APPLEJACK
Hey, d'you hear that?

Everypony stops. Nothing.

174 APPLE BLOOM
I don't hear anything.

175 APPLEJACK
Exactly. Those gosh darn fly-ders are
gone! We can get out!

Applejack moves a boulder from the pile blocking the entrance.
But as soon as she does, more boulders fall in its place.

176 RARITY
Or not.

177 APPLEJACK
We're gonna have to see if we can get
out the other way.

178 SCOOTALOO
You mean go further into the dark,
spooky cave?

179 RAINBOW DASH
Scootaloo, just remember the story.
You gotta be brave like me and Flash
Magnus. Ok?

Scootaloo nods. Rarity uses her magic to produce light so they can see. As they bravely but nervously make their way through the dark...

As they move forward, Rainbow Dash hears something up ahead.

180 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I hear water!

Everypony freezes. They hear the sound of <RUNNING WATER>.

181 RARITY
And if there's flowing water, then...

182 APPLEJACK
It might lead to a way out!

Everypony gallops ahead until they get to the edge of a stream. It continues down a long tunnel but at the end of it we see a little sliver of BRIGHT LIGHT.

183 RAINBOW DASH
I say we ride the stream until we get out of the cave!

184 APPLEJACK
You guys ready to get out of here?

Everyone nods.

185 RARITY
Okay, on three. One, two...

186 APPLE BLOOM / SWEETIE BELLE
/ SCOOTALOO
Three!!!

All the ponies jump into the fast moving stream.

SC. 34 - INT. CAVE - STREAM/TUNNEL - CONTINUOUS

WE FOLLOW their adventure in the water. At one point, Apple Bloom has trouble keeping afloat but Apple Jack uses her strength to keep her above water. Then Scootaloo, who's at the back of the line, starts to drift behind everyone else. Rainbow Dash notices and bravely catches hold of a jutting rock to slow her momentum so she can stay behind with Scootaloo.

After a little while, the CMC's get the hang of it and start enjoying the ride.

As they have to go under water to pop out on the other side, they whoop it up and land in a pond in sun-filled Winsome Falls.

SC. 35 - EXT. WINSOME FALLS - CONTINUOUS

They happily climb out of the pond, wet and covered in algae and water lilies. They look around.

187 APPLEJACK

Well whaddaya know. We found ourselves a shortcut to Winsome Falls!

188 SCOOTALOO

It's never looked so beautiful!

189 RARITY

Well, almost...

Rarity uses her magic to get the algae off everyone, then magically twists the vines into pretty little flower crowns. Everyone smiles at her gratefully.

190 APPLEJACK

We really are sorry that our camping trip wasn't what we hoped it would be.

The CMC's look at each other and smile.

191 APPLE BLOOM

Are you kidding?! This trip is awesome!

192 RARITY

(surprised) It is?

The CMC's nod.

193 SWEETIE BELLE

Sure! We got to hear legendary stories, and go on an adventure...

194 SCOOTALOO

And with a little work, we can set up camp right here.

195 APPLEJACK

Wait, you three want to stay?

196 SWEETIE BELLE/APPLE

BLOOM/SCOOTALOO

Of course we do!

The girls look around. Sweetie Belle notices some trees that could form a shelter.

197 SWEETIE BELLE
We could turn those trees into a nice little shelter.

She looks at Rarity, who nods and smiles. Apple Bloom turns to Applejack.

198 APPLE BLOOM
We can get you some big logs and branches to help build it.

Scootaloo turns to Rainbow Dash.

199 SCOOTALOO
And I bet we can find some more berries. Come on!

Scootaloo heads towards the dark forest. Rainbow Dash smiles proudly and goes after her.

As everypony sets to work restoring their camp...

200 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
I can't wait to see what happens next year!!!

Off everypony <LAUGHING>, WE FADE OUT.

THE END