

Dear Cutie Mark Crusaders
By James Michaels

To: Applebloom
From: Scootaloo

Dear Applebloom,

Sweetie Bell is forcing me to write this letter because you are too busy bucking apples and can't come to the hospital... which is soooo uncool... The hospital I mean, not you bucking apples! Don't think I'm saying that bucking apples is uncool. It is very cool... kinda...

Sooo... I am now in the hospital because I broke my wing trying out a new super awesome trick that I know would impress Rainbow Dash. Bad news is, well... I kinda landed wrong...

Good news is I succeeded in the trick! It was absolutely undoubtable awesome! I did a full 1080 degree turn and skidded on the clouds perfectly so they released rain to look like I was scooting on waves! Rainbow was like "Oh wow! That is soo cool!" and I was all like "I know!" Then Rainbow gasped and asked what was on my flank, and I looked and MY CUTIE MARK WAS THERE!!!

I finally got it Applebloom! Not like I had any doubt that I wouldn't be the first of the Cutie Mark Crusaders to get it, but it is sooo awesome! I can't wait until I can show you!

Well... I was so focused at my new totally awesome cutie mark that I didn't see Ditzzy Doo flying by, and I kinda ran into her... I fell off my scooter and crashed kinda hard on the ground, and Miss Doo landed on top of me...

The doctor says I should be fine in a week or so, but it's going to be such a killer waiting to get out! I wonder how Rainbow Dash survived when she broke her wing. I am going to ask her when she comes to visit!

Well now that I am done with this lame letter maybe Sweetie Bell will leave me alone.

See ya when I get out Applebloom!

-Scootaloo

To: Applebloom & Scootaloo
From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Applebloom and Scootaloo,

It is my first night here in Canterlot and the butterflies in my stomach are getting worse... Big sis says that I am going to do just fine with auditions, but I am not sure if I am ready to try out for Canterlot's School of Music... We are going to go to the Opera house in a few days; that is where the auditions are taking place.

Big sis has been scrambling for the right outfit ever since she learned that many of the high class ponies will be there to watch the auditions... You should have seen how wide her eyes got when she heard Hoity Toity, Photo finish, Sapphire Shores and Fancy Pants are all going to be in attending the auditions as judges!

Big sis says I am going to be fabulous, but I am not sure if I am going to do any good. I don't even have my cutie mark yet! What if I sing badly? What if they kick me out of Canterlot? What if I sound so bad that they don't just kick me out, but they kick big sis out too for bringing such a bad singer to the Opera House!

I don't know what to do... should I just quit and go home before I embarrass myself.

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

From: Applebloom
To: Sweetie Bell

Dear Sweetie Bell,

Did ya hit your head or somethin'? Yur about to get into the best school of music in all of Equestria! Ya can' quit now!

And ah doubt ya will need to worry about being run out of Canterlot. Ah mean, your sister is one of the bearers of the Elements of Harmony, not to mention the best friend of the Princesses

personal student.

Now stop all this doubtin' and go out and blow them judges away with your amazing voice! Scootaloo and ah are rootin' for ya! Good luck... Oh wait, Twilight told me saying that was bad luck... um... Break a leg!

-Applebloom

To: Applebloom & Scootaloo
From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Applebloom and Scootaloo,

I did it! I am in the School!

I did the song big sis told me I should sing, from some opera she said Fancy Pants took her too her last trip to Canterlot, and when I finished singing the judges were on their feet applauding with tears flowing out of their eyes! When they said I was in there was a bright flash and... you won't believe it... I GOT MY CUTIE MARK!!!

I can't believe it! Everypony said I was good at singing, but I never thought it was my special talent! Fancypants came up to me later and told me it was the best rendition of Vissi d'arte he had ever heard. Big sis was running all over the chamber laughing and yelling how her sister was going to become the best opera singer in all Equestria. I think she was exaggerating a little, but it felt good to see her so happy.

I am starting school later on this week so I am not going to be able to show you my cutie mark until solstice break. I'm going to be pretty busy up here for a while, so write me lots of letters to keep me up on what happens in Ponyville.

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Sweetie Bell

From: Scootaloo

Dear Sweetie Bell

Rainbow Dash finally got an invitation to audition for the Wonderbolts. She asked me to be there to be part of her cheer squad! This is going to be soooo exciting!!!!

-Scootaloo

To: Sweetie Bell

From: Applebloom

Dear Sweetie Bell,

As ya have probably already read from Scootaloo's letter, she has been invited to Rainbow Dash's auditions. She's so excited that she really has not been a lotta help 'round here.

Applejack has not been very happy though. Seems like she got in a fight with Twilight a bit ago and she is being too stubborn ta go to her and apologize. I heard her mumbling about how she wants to go see the auditions too but can't because, um... what were her words... "Why should that bookworm waste her magic on her friends when her projects are [b]sooo[/b] important." Ah asked Rarity what happened, but she told me they were havin' a small spat an' ah shouldn' worry 'bout it.

Ah don' know what to do. Twilight won' come out the library an' ah c an' find Spike anywhere. I hate seein' my sister like this, but ah can' seem to convince her to go make up with Twilight.

If ya can please write a letter to your sis so this whole thing can get fixed up, ah would be mighty grateful.

-Applebloom

To: Rarity

From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Big Sis,

I have heard of a fight between Twilight and Applejack. Can you please go talk to them? Applebloom told me that Applejack really wants to see Rainbow Dash's Wonderbolt audition, and she won't be able to without a certain spell Twilight knows.

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

P.S. I'm so sorry, but I have never properly thanked you for introducing me to Octavia. She has been an amazing teacher, and I am learning so much about music from her. Thank you thank you THANK YOU! I love you so much!

P.S.S. Fancypants has asked me to tell you he has missed your unique style here in Canterlot and would love you to visit soon.

To: Sweetie Bell

From: Rarity

Dear Sweetie,

Of course I will talk to Applejack and Twilight. This is all just a big misunderstanding anyway, I am sure.

And tell Fancypants that... that I... I AM GOING TO CANTERLOT ON THE NEXT TRAIN!!!! I can't believe it! Fancypants wants to see me! He asked about me specifically!!! He thinks I'm unique!!!

I will be seeing you shortly Sweetie!

-Rarity

To: Sweetie Belle

From: Sweetie Belle

Dear Diary,

Big Sis came to Canterlot today. But she has been too busy with Fancy Pants to come and visit me yet... Not that I have a lot of time to talk to her. Octavia has been

To: Applebloom
From: Scootaloo

Applebloom,

We really need your help. The auditions did not go very well, and Rainbow Dash didn't make it. She was not taking it very well and now we can't find her. Fluttershy is out looking for her right now, but I think we need to get her other friends up here in Cloudsdale to search. It is too much for us.

Please hurry, I'm getting a bad feeling about this...

-Scootaloo

To: Applebloom
From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Applebloom,

Do you know what is going on? Princess Celestia rushed out of the city not too long ago. Everypony is near panicking, and rumors are flying everywhere. I have been hearing everything from Princess Luna leading another rebellion (which is totally wrong, I had supper with her just last night) to Discord returning with a vengeance.

Unfortunately, I cannot find out anything specific though, since finals are just around the bend. Octavia says once I graduate, she can guarantee me a job in the Opera House. Can you believe it! I will be performing in front of all the nobility, and I might be able to meet Prince Blueblood himself! I know big sis has said some pretty mean things about him, but I am sure she is exaggerating about how bad he was. She probably just had a bad night, and you know how dramatic she can be sometimes.

I also got a letter from someone named Vinyl Scratch about a proposal she wants to give me. I am supposed to meet her at the Diamondbridle (a fancy 5-hoof restaurant) this Friday. I am

really curious what she has to say.

How is the farm doing? Did you get your cutie mark yet? Has Applejack and Twilight made up?

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Scootaloo

From: Applebloom

Dear Scootsloo,

Call off the search, we finally found her. She was hiding inside the cider cellar, and, well... it was not pretty...

She is goin' to be stayin' with us for a while though, and she has been insistin' that she doesn' want to see anypony. Applejack is lookin' after her right now, and is bein' downright mean whenever everypony asks about her.

-Applebloom

To: Sweetie Bell

From: Applebloom

Dear Sweetie Bell,

Ah'm sorry ah have not been keepin' ya informed recently. It seems that Rainbow Dash didn' make it into the Wonderbolts and she disappeared fur a few days. Applejack found her this morning in the cider cellar, and she was not lookin' good. We lost a good bit of the cider too, and we are not sure if we can make ends meet this year durin' cider season. Big Mac and Granny Smith are discussing what we will need to do to fix this problem.

Princess Celestia is currently upstairs talking ta both Rainbow Dash and mah sis. She was not

lookin' very happy either. Ya can tell your friends that the situation is under control and not to worry 'bout Discord or anythin' like that. Just please keep the details of Rainbow quiet... ah don' think she would like it if she became the top story in Canterlot.

Hate to say it, but whatever Rarity did ta smooth things out with mah sis and Twilight, ah think it made them madder with each other than help anythin'. All ah know is your sis ran into both of them in the middle of the market yellin' 'bout some fancy pair of pants an' they should stop bein' stubborn an' be friends again. Ah think Twilight and big sis are mad at Rarity too now...

Things got real bad today. Twilight came over to comfort Rainbow Dash... an' when Applejack kept her away, Twilight near burned down the house with her temper. And ah mean it literally, she burst into flame an' caught the rafters on fire! If Big Mac was not fast enough with the water, the whole house would have burned down. Applejack was so mad, she yelled that she didn' want to see Twilight near the farm ever again or she would buck her... well, ah don' feel comfortable writing down what she said, ya can be sure she will be washin' her mouth out with soap until Granny Smith is happy again.

As for mah cutie mark, ah still have not earned it. Ah'm now watching some of the younger fillies earn theirs too... but their teasing is not bothering me as much now... nope, not at all...

Oh, who am ah kiddin', ah'm a hopeless cause! No matter what ah do, ah just can' seem to find out what ah am supposed to do... ah'm goin' ta be a blank flank forever! Ah just know it!

But enough 'bout my problems... ya can' be interested in hearin' me rant 'bout that... ah am so excited that ya are goin' ta be in the Opera! It would be perfect fur ya! And that Octavia... ah think I heard Pinkie Pie say somethin' about her sister bein' named Octavia.

Got to go, the Princess is coming down the stairs.

-Applebloom

To: Applebloom
From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Applebloom,

I am so sorry to hear about the auditions. I do know that Rainbow Dash is in good hands with your sister watching over her, but how is Scootaloo taking it? You know she practically worshiped Rainbow Dash; I am worried that she is taking this really hard too. I also have not

received any letters from her since I started school. Did I do something to get her mad at me?

Twilight literally burst into flame? I know I have heard rumors of her fiery temper from Pinkie Pie and Applejack, but I didn't believe she actually [b]burst[/b] into flames. I hope nobody was hurt in the fire... Thank goodness for Big Mac's quick thinking. A lot of people think he is pretty dumb, but I know he is a real smart pony.

Now don't you worry about your cutie mark. I know you will get it! Maybe if you sat down and just meditated on it a little it will come to you (Big sis advised me to do that once, but I was a little shy at saying it because of Scootaloo would call me a wimp or something). Try and find someplace quiet to do it, like the clubhouse. I doubt anyone has been there in a while.

And Octavia [b]is[/b] Pinkie's sister! She was shocked to hear I knew her. It was sooo funny to see her face, and learn that they were raised on a rock farm, of all things. I mean, I can see Octavia raised there (trying to make her laugh is trying to make a rock laugh), but Pinkie? Wow!

I also met with Vinyl Scratch today. She says she can get me a gig in a recording studio doing some sort of techno music. I told her I was planning on going to the opera house after I graduated, but she insisted that opera was a dying art and I needed to keep up with the times or be left behind. She left me her number to call her if I changed my mind.

Tell everyone hi for me!

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Applebloom
From: Scootaloo

Hey Applebloom...

I hate to write this, but I don't think I am going to go back to Ponyville for a while... Seeing Rainbow Dash just... I don't know if I ever will go back honestly... I mean... she was the bravest, strongest, coolest Pony I have ever known, and when she didn't make the Wonderbolts, disappearing like that for DAYS without a word to anyone!

I'm sorry, but I will be staying in Cloudsdale for a while. Spitfire says she can give me a room to stay as long as I stay here. Yeah, the captain of the Wonderbolts is letting me stay with her...

She noticed me looking for Rainbow Dash, and helped us in the search. And when we learned where Rainbow actually was the past few days, I just can't go back to Ponyville... I asked if I could stay with her for a while. She said it was not a problem and gave me a room.

Please don't mail me any letters for a while; I need some time to get over this...

Always your friend,

-Scootaloo

To: Octavia
From: Pinkie Pie

HIIIIII SIS!!!!

Oh my goodness! I can't believe that you are actually teaching at that big fancy musical school in Canterlot! Why didn't you ever write and tell me! I would of thrown you such a huge party and we could have had [b]sooooo[/b] much fun! Did you know I am now living [b]inside[/b] Ponyville now! I mean, you left before I moved away from the farm, so you probably didn't know I lived in Ponyville now I am living with Mr. and Mrs. Cake! They are soooo sweet to let me and Gummy (you remember gummy right? He is that alligator I found by the swamp that one time, and I brought him home, and he chewed on Dad's pet rock and broke all his teeth! He is so sweet and smart! He is one of my bestest friends here!) We are staying on the top floor of Sugarcube Corner. That is the store the Cakes own! It is a bakery that sells lots and lots of cakes, and cupcakes, and fudge, and sugary sweet stuff!

I also have lots of new friends here! There is Applejack, she works at Sweet Apple Acers. The apples there are soooo good too! When you come down to visit, you just [b]have[/b] to go down there and try some.

I also have a friend named Fluttershy, and she is so shy and sweet. She is also very good with taking care of animals. Whenever Gummy gets sick, she is the first person I take him to. She has a pet bunny named Angel... but I don't think Angel likes Gummy very much. Everytime I take Gummy over, Angel starts throwing carrots at him and looks kinda mad. Maybe if Gummy gives Angel a hug they can become the bestest of friends, like Me and Fluttershy are!

But Fluttershy is not my only bestest friend! I am also friends with a rainbow colored Pegasus named...

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To: Princess Celestia

From: Octavia

Your Royal Highness,

I wish to request a transfer to teach in another school. I would prefer not to go into detail, but I can summarize the situations like this: A nightmare from my foulhood has found me again.

Please don't make me beg...

-Octavia

To: Rarity

From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Big Sis,

I do not know if you have heard the news, but Octavia is trying to leave the school! I was looking forward to learning from her because of all the great things you have told me about her... but she sent a letter to Princess Celestia yesterday asking to be transferred to a new school.

I know you are her friend... can you please ask her to stay, at least for the first year? I know this is a selfish request, but I am really, really want to learn from her.

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Princess Celestia

From: Twilight

Dear Princess Celestia,

I am sorry to say, but this is not a letter telling you about a lesson I have learned on friendship. Instead, this is a request from my good friend, Rarity. Her sister has just been accepted into Canterlot's School of Music, and her teacher, Octavia, is requesting a transfer to teach in another school.

I know that this might sound a little strange, but can you talk to Octavia and see if she can postpone her transfer for at least a year? This means a lot to Sweetie Bell, and she is a good filly.

Your ever faithful student,

Twilight Sparkle

To: Octavia

From: Princess Celestia

Dear Octavia,

Your request to transfer has been accepted. I have recently learned that there is an opening for a music teacher in the small town of Ponyville. My personal student is currently residing down there, and she has informed me that it would be a lovely place full of friendly people. I am sure whatever "nightmare" that is bothering you will not follow you there.

Please respond quickly if truly wish to transfer. I cannot guarantee this position will be open for much longer.

-Princess Celestia

To: Rarity

From: Sweetie Bell

Dear big sis,

Octavia has withdrawn her transfer request! I am so happy!

But I think she might be getting sick though... only she says she is fine. I doubt it and think she is just trying to be tough, because when I asked her why she changed her mind on leaving, she turned all pale and began to shake. I asked the nurse what I can do to help her, but the nurse just laughed and said there was nothing I could do.

Do you think she would feel better if I asked Pinkie Pie to through her a party? I know that has always made me feel better when did not feel good.

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Applebloom

Dear Sweetie Bell,

Sorry about not writin' for a couple weeks, but ah got a letter from Scootaloo, an' ah didn' know how to tell ya what it says... ah don' think she wants to hear from either of us. Ya was right... she is taking Rainbow Dash's runaway really hard, an' is staying in Cloudsdale with Spitfire until she feels ready to come home. She never said how long that would be, but from what ah was readin', it sounds like it will be a long time...

As for Rainbow Dash herself, she is doin' better. At least better in she is comin' down to the kitchen to eat with us. She is still a wreck, but at least she is gettin' a little better. Yesterday, she said she would like to see her friends an' talk about what happened. Well, all of them showed up and listened to the whole story. When she finished, she said she wanted to be alone and went upstairs again.

Unfortunately, mah sister and Twilight had another spat soon after... an' your sister tried to smooth things out again but made the whole thing worse... again. Ah couldn' stay and watch them all fight, so I left and ran ta the clubhouse...

Like ya said... nobody has been there in a while. Scoots and ah didn' feel right goin' there without ya, so it was a little run down. Well, ah needed somethin' ta take mah mind off all the

mess at home, so ah went on and began fixin' it up. Ya will never guess what happened when I finished it too. That's right, ah got my cutie mark. Ah can' wait to show ya it when ya come to visit durin' your break.

Ah guess the Cutie Mark Crusaders are no more, huh? We all got our cutie marks and have moved away...

But ah don' want to end this letter with a sad note... let's see... somethin' happy...

Oh! Big Mac is goin' steady with a mare now! Ah bet ya will never guess who! Ah will give ya some hints. She is sweet an' kind, the best kinda mare he could hope for. She is good with little ones, and we hooked them up once already!

Can ya guess?

-Applebloom

To: Applebloom
From: Sweetiebell

Dear Applebloom,

You're not saying Big Mac is going out with Cheerilee are you? Oh my goodness! That is adorable! You are going to have to give me all the details in a future letter!

Also, Congratulations on getting your cutie mark! I knew you would! And don't worry; we are the Cutie Mark Crusaders, now and forever. We are just a little separated at the moment.

I am sorry to hear about Scootaloo... I hope she starts writing to us soon. I really miss her... Even if she is a little rough around the edges, she is still one of my best friends. Make sure to tell me next time she writes to you.

It is nice to hear how Rainbow Dash is getting better, but I still don't understand why Twilight and Applejack are so mad with each other? What exactly happened with the two? I swear, last time I saw the two, I swear they could almost be marefriends (make sure Applejack does not see this, she would kill me). They were the best of friends, what happened between them?

I won't be writing any letters for a month or so since mid-terms are just around the corner, and Octavia says I need to focus more on my studies. I am not sure, but I am getting a feeling she

did not like the party Pinkie Pie and I planned for her. Pinkie said a surprise party would be the best, but when we jumped out and shouted "SURPRISE" she stopped, started screaming and ran out of the room... I guess she just does not like surprises very much... next time we will use normal invitations.

I promise to invite you and Scootaloo to the next party!

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Applebloom

From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Applebloom,

I passed all my exams. In fact, I did more than pass them, I aced every single one! Because of how good my grades were, I was asked by Princess Celestia herself to sing at this year's Grand Galloping Gala! She gave me two tickets for you and Scootaloo to join as well! I'm writing a letter to my sister so she can start getting your dress started.

Do you need me to lend you some money to help you pay for the farm? I have been getting a few side jobs singing with Octavia's help. She is a great teacher, and I can see how Pinkie and she are related. They are both so kind and giving, except Pinkie is a little more outgoing than Octavia. And Octavia does not laugh as often, or throws random parties.

Tell me when you are coming up to Canterlot! I will try and get some rooms nearby for you to stay in. Can't wait to see you!

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Rarity

From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Big Sister,

Princess Celestia asked me to sing at this year's Grand Galloping Gala. I was given two extra tickets so I would be able to invite Applebloom and Scootaloo to come and watch. Will you please make them a beautiful dress like you made your friends the first time they went? I do not want them to feel bad with all these noble ponies around... and you make the best dresses in all of Equestria.

Which reminds me, last time I had talked Hoity Toity, he asked me if you had any new designs he could place in his next showcase. His theme this year is Midnight Eclipse, and the best dresses will have their pictures taken by Photo Finish and displayed in Canterlot's Fashion Show Extravaganza.

I have attached his address with this letter, and he asks you to respond ASAP... I do not know what that means, but I would contact him as soon as you can.

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

P.S. Make Scootaloo's really big and poofy!

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Applebloom

Dear Sweetie Bell,

Thank ya for the ticket! Ah wouldn' miss ya singing at the Gala for anythin' in the world! I heard Rarity screaming after ah saw Ditzzy Doo drop off the mail and ran to see if she was in trouble.

Ah got ta say ya made mah mornin' interesting. Everypony was watchin' when Rarity grabbed me an' dragged me into the Carousel Boutique and started measuring me for a dress (this was before ah got your letter, so ah didn' know what was goin' on). It was after she let me go that Ditzzy found me and gave me mah letter.

We also have figured out how to pay fur the farm this year. It seems that Granny Smith wrote a letter to the rest of the family, an' they all scrounged enough money to keep us afloat for the rest of the year. Pinkie Pie threw us a big party when she heard the news. It was a whole bunch of fun, but for some reason, Twilight an' Fluttershy didn' show up. When ah asked, Pinkie said they

were on a "grand adventure" or somethin' like that. Ah swear, ya can never get a strait answer out of that pony.

Oh, and it looks like Big Mac an' Cheerilee are gettin' married soon! They have been datin' a lot longer than anypony thought. Can ya believe they got together shortly after we gave them the love potion? Ah couldn' believe it! The weddin' is goin' to happen next spring. Ya have to come down an' sing fur them. Ah have heard Cheerilee talkin' about how much she misses your great voice, and even though she punished ya for singin' in class, she always enjoyed listenin' to your songs. That is why she always let ya finish singin' before she gave ya detention... ah always wondered why she didn' stop ya earliar... We gotta keep this a secret though. Pinkie Pie says surprises are always the best gift for a party.

Ah also forwarded your letter and ticket to Scootaloo. Ah make sure ya are the first to know when ah get her letter.

-Applebloom

P.S. Rainbow has finally moved out of our house an' is now staying in her place again. She was askin' about Scootaloo earlier, but ah couldn' tell her. Not yet at least... She is near back to her old self too. Ya know, takin' naps whenever she isn' workin' on the weather, but I don' know if she will be able to take it if she knew Scootaloo left because of her...

To: Applebloom
From: Spitfire

Dear Miss Applebloom,

I hate to be the one to tell you this, but your friend Scootaloo left here over a month ago. I wish I could tell you where, but she did not tell me anything. Life very interesting during her stay here, especially when I took her to the Wonderbolt's headquarters. That little bundle of energy caused quite a ruckus when she opened the lightning cloud storage unit... and it took us a couple of weeks to clean up all the rainbow puddles when she redirected the rainbow waterfall... Things have just become too quiet since she left. Soarin has been asking about her as her, I think the big lug grew to think of her as an adopted daughter or something. If you ever do find out where that little filly went, please contact me.

Tell your friend Sweetie Bell congratulations, and that I look forward to hearing her sing at the Gala.

Sincerely,

Spitfire

To: Applebloom
From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Applebloom,

I hoped you enjoyed the Gala just as much as I did. I know I said it a hundred times there, but I have to say it again. Thank you for showing up! I missed you so much, and don't worry, I will be at Big Mac and Cheerilee's wedding. You can bet I will sing something that will make all Ponyville remember it as the greatest wedding ever!

I could not help but see Rainbow Dash and Applejack didn't show up this year. Do you know where they were? Did Rainbow learn about Scootaloo? When I asked Twilight about Applejack and Rainbow, she just huffed up and stomped off... I am starting to get really concerned with all this fighting. I even heard Princess Celestia comment on it.

I know what we can do! The Cutie Mark Crusaders will find a way to make them best friends again! We need an idea planning session to figure out what to do. Do you have any ideas?

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Luna

Dear Subject Sweetie Bell,

We found thy music during the Great Galloping Gala pleasing to our ears, and request thee to meet us tonight for dinner.

We look forward to seeing thee,

Princess Luna
Royal Raiser of the Moon
Second to the Throne
Second Chair Council of Magic

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Applebloom

Dear Sweetie Bell,

Rainbow didn't go to the Gala because she said she couldn't see the Wonderbolts quite yet. An' Applejack didn't want to go if Rainbow was going to stay home. We need got to get all those ponies to stop fighting and become friends again. Ah swear the entire town is gettin' all riled up... A big fight broke out in the market last week because some pony said Twilight purposely withheld the ticket from Applejack and Rainbow Dash because they were country bumpkins and didn't deserve to be around them noble ponies... things are pretty tense at the moment...

But the Cutie Mark Crusaders can fix this right up! Ah have a few ideas myself:

Cutie Mark Crusaders Idea Checklist:

-An apology letter (seems the easiest thing)

-Lock them both in box until they make up (but we gotta find a way to keep Twilight from teleporting out)

-love potion (wait, scratch that!)

-Give spike tones and tones of gems because he is the

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Sorry 'bout the scribbles and wrinkles. Spike came over today an' saw me writin'. Ah got called away for a second an' caught him adding stuff to mah letter... Couldn't start over 'cause this is the last piece of paper we have.

So ah "enlisted" Spike into Operation: Applejack x Twilight Best Friends Get-Back-Together. It

seems he is tired of the fightin' too, and he's got a few got a few ideas too. We decided to start with the apology letter. He is gonna deliver it tonight.

-Applebloom

To: Princess Celestia (Please forward this to Sweetie Bell)
From: Spike

Dear Sweetie Bell,

Operation Apology was a failure. Twilight recognized the handwriting as Appleblooms. I am now grounded and locked in the basement. Twilight is saying she won't let me out until I can write a ten scroll apology for giving her the fake apology note. And she is refusing to feed me any gems while I'm down here! Please write to Rarity so she can save me!

-Spike

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Applebloom

Dear Applebloom,

Purple Scribe has been caught. Our cover has been blown. Hide!

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Applejack

Dear Sweetie Bell,

Letter's take a day to go between Canterlot an' Ponyville. Appleblossoms been grounded in her room for an entire day now.

Now Sugarcube... Ah'm flattered ya want to try and make Twilight an' ah friends again, I would like for ya to please lay off. This is none of your business, an' we can fix this on just fine on our own.

-Applejack

P.S. Appleblossom said only she and Spike was behind this, so thank ya fur givin' yourself away. Can't wait till your next visit, the farm needs some more hands ta work it fur a day.

To: Sweetie Bell

From: Twilight

Dear Sweetie Bell,

I appreciate your concerns, but to lie and make up an apology is not the way to do it. Applejack and I will fix this ourselves, so there is no need for your assistance.

I will be expecting you to help reorganize the library during your next visit as punishment.

-Twilight

To: Sweetie Bell

From: Princess Celestia

Dear Sweetie Bell,

I expect a letter from you on the lesson you learned about friendship today.

-Princess Celestia

P.S. Luna said she really enjoyed your company at dinner last week. If you wish, we can make these dinners a weekly routine when your studies allow you to join us. We are both looking forward to your next visit.

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Applebloom

Dear Sweetie Bell,

We are in sooo much trouble... Rainbow came by today an' found the letter Scootaloo wrote... I forgot to put my box of letters away when Applejack grounded me an' they were sittin' on the kitchen table when she came in. Ah forgot how curious Rainbow can be, because she started goin' through the letters and found Scoots. She is takin' it as bad as ah feared... let's just say it's a good thing Big Mac put strong locks on the cider cellar door...

Ah never realized how much she cared for Scoots. She was cryin' and cryin' about how she misses her number one fan an' how she had kept her from givin' up on her dream to be in the Wonderbolts. An' now that Scoots is gone, it is like a sign tha' she will never get into them, not to mention Scoots was hanging out with Soarin and Spitfire during her stay in Cloudsdale... ah think Rainbow is feelin' betrayed...

Ah need to get away for a while... is it alright if ah come an' stay with ya fur a little? At least until things cool off some here.

Please write soon.

Applebloom

To: Applebloom
From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Applebloom,

I am sorry, but I won't be able to stay[b] with[/b] me because of my studies. But during one of my lunches with Princess Luna, she said she can give you a room in the palace. I have already

bought a train ticket for you. You will find it in the package that came with this letter. Can you give the box that was in the package to Twilight? The Princess said it was for her, and it would be best if you gave to her in person. I don't know what it is though. She made me Pinkie Promise not to look.

I will be waiting for you at the station.

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Applebloom

Dear Sweetie Bell,

How come ya have not told ya and Princess Luna are good friends now? Ah know ya did say ya had lunches with her, but how come ya didn' tell me she was your best friend here in Canterlot? Ah felt downright silly when Princess Luna walked up to me and began asking me questions about how Sweet Apple Acers was doin'. I screamed mahself silly thinkin' Nightmare Moon was tryin' ta take the farm away, an ah ran away from her only ta crash into the audience chamber with Princess Celestia talkin' ta a bunch of them fancy pancy noble folks. Ah was downright embarrassed and turned redder than Big Mac with a sunburn.

We got things straightened out though, but now ah am supposed to meet Princess Luna [b]and[/b] Princess Celestia for supper tonight. Ah am so nervous... ah remember mah sister sayin' that there was a specific way we was supposed to eat when goin' ta fancy restaurants, but ah never paid any attention to what she said then... and now ah am eating with royalty... Ah don' want them to think us Apples are a bunch of country bums... what do ah do?

Ah also saw your teacher Octavia today in the halls (and ah think ya was bein' nice 'bout her sense of humor... ah am not sure if she even has one. Are ya sure her and Pinkie are related?). It seems she was in the audience chamber when ah ran in, and recognized mah name when Princess Celestia was talkin' to me. We had quite a discussion about ya. Ah got ta say, she is mighty proud of ya, so ya must be doin' something right in that school of yours. Ah even heard some of them noble folk talkin' about yur singin' at the Gala. You're practically famous here! Ah can't believe mah best friend's a celebrity.

Ah did ask her about Pinkie Pie too, and she got all pale like. Do ya think we should throw her

another party to make her feel better? Ah think you said the last one you did worked, right?

An' have ya seen the room Princess Luna gave me! Well... of course ya have not seen it yet, ah have only been here a day... Ya really need to come up here an' check it out next time your able though! Ah swear ya could fit mah entire room in it, with the kitchen, livin' room... oh, who am ah kiddin', ya could probably fit mah entire Apple Family house in this room alone!

-Applebloom

To: Applebloom
From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Applebloom,

You do not realize how relieved I am to hear how good things are going for you in the castle. I am so glad you and Luna are getting along. She was a lifesaver to me when I first started school. And there is no need to be nervous around her or Princess Celestia. I doubt you will get either of them angry as long as you use basic table manners. But if you're still worried, I heard that Spike is visiting. He grew up in the castle, so I am sure he can answer any questions you might have.

I also think you really impressed Octavia. She mentioned you in today's lesson. She said you were witty, funny and have a fantastic posture. "With proper training, that pony could be a wonderful violinist." That would be a site to see. You on stage in a pretty dress playing the violin, with Octavia accompanying you on the cello and me singing the vocals. We would become the most popular classical performers in Canterlot, and tour throughout Equestria. Funny thought, right?

She did seem a little shaky though... Maybe we can write a letter to Pinkie Pie and invite everyone up here for a big party again! I asked Luna at dinner last night and she said it was a wonderful idea. Maybe we can get Rainbow up here too and cheer her up as well! Not to mention we can get Twilight and Applejack to become best friends again!

Cutie Mark Crusaders Operation: Applejack x Twilight Best Friends Get-Back-Together part two: Surprise Party!

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

P.S. If you see Prince Blueblood at dinner, put in a good word for me.

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Appleboom

Dear Sweetie Bell,

Supper with the Princesses went very well. They asked a bunch of questions about Applejack an' her friends, an' were mighty concerned when ah told them 'bout Rainbow Dash findin' Scoot's letter. Ah told her about the party, Princess Celestia started laughin' sayin' it was a fantastic idea. She wrote a letter an' sent it away quickly... not sure how she is goin' ta get it ta Ponyville quickly since Spike is here, but then again, ah don' know anythin' 'bout magic.

We also talked about other stuff, how the farm was doin', the weddin' comin' up, just small talk really. At least 'til Princess Celestia got called away ta preform her "royal duties." After that, it was just Princess Luna and me. We chatted some, an' she was mighty curious about us when we were the Cutie Mark Crusaders. I told her about some of our adventures, like the talent show, the sleepover at Fluttershy's. She got strangely upset when I mentioned the love potion though... Ah was confused until she explained it was a potion created by Discord so he could get into power... Ah keep forgettin' how old the Princesses are... They are even older than the entire Apple family! An' we are an old, old [b]old[/b] family, ah mean, look at Granny Smith! Her Papa founded Ponyville! Ah don' see why somepony like them would want to listen to a no-pony like me, but ah promised to keep writin' them letters when ah go back to the farm.

When ah got back to my room, ah found a mountain of letters waitin' fur me... ah feel sorry for the poor mail mare that had to carry all of them, the pile looked heavy... One of the letters is from Prince Blueblood. He wants to meet me Saturday mornin' fur lunch. Ah will make sure ta put in a good word for you!

Got to go, ah have quite a few letters to go through before ah can go to bed.

-Applebloom

P.S. Spike says hi.

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Applebloom

Prince Blueblood is an absolute jerk. He was bein' fresh with me, so I bucked him where it hurt an' left. Ya deserve a lot better than that bag of rotten apples.

See ya tonight

-Applebloom

To: Princess Celestia
From: Twilight

Dear Princess Celestia,

We would be honored to your party. My friends and I will see you in one week.

Your ever faithful student,

Twilight Sparkle

To: Rarity, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Fluttershy, Pinkie Pie
From: Twilight

We have a problem...

Princess Celestia has just asked us to go to Canterlot for a big [b]big[/b] party she is throwing. I found a book about being a guest at a party, and it says we need to have a nice dress, presents for the host, stuff to talk about... We don't have any of that ready! The party is this Saturday, so only have six days to do all of this!

Rarity, if you can please get some dresses done, I will be over in a couple hours so you can get my measurements.

Pinkie, can you start making some sweets. The book says it is polite to bring a small dish to add to the table so the host does not have to do all the cooking.

The rest of you, we need gifts! All of us needs to really work hard to make the Princess the [b]perfect[/b] gift!

This is the first party I have ever heard the Princess throwing besides the Grand Gala. This must be some kind of test. Oh know... what if we fail? I don't want to be banished to the moon!

Rarity, I changed my mind, I am coming over now!

We have to hurry everyone! Our futures are all at stake!!!

-Twilight

To: Twilight
From: Applejack

Ah got the tickets Sugarcube.

We will be departin' at eight in the morn' Saturday. Ah got Applebloom workin' on some wood-carved gifts, ah think she is tryin' to make a sculpture of a unicorn. It's lookin' good so far, ah am sure the Princess will be pleased.

Have ya seen Rarity anywhere though? Last time ah saw her was yesterday when she went out lookin' for jewels for the dresses.

-Applejack

To: Spitfire
From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Spitfire,

I know you do not know me very well, but I am a friend of a filly named Scootaloo who stayed at

your house for a little while last year. I was curious if you have received any word from her since then...

I do not wish to be a bother, but she is one of my bestest friends, and I have not heard from her in almost a year and a half now. If you can please respond when it is convenient for you, I would really appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Fluttershy and Pinkie Pie

From: Twilight

The Diamond Dogs have captured Rarity again!

Applejack and I are going off to save her, but we need you two to continue working so we will be perfect guests for the Princesses!

We will be back soon.

-Twilight

To: Octavia

From: Luna

My Dear Subject Octavia,

We are pleased by thy work with our friend Sweetie Bell. As a reward, thou ist invited to a party we are holding this Saturday night. We request thy to respond in all haste to our invitation.

- Princess Luna
Royal Raiser of the Moon
Second to the Throne
Second Chair Council of Magic

To: Princess Celestia
From: Pinkie Pie

Dear Princess Celestia

We are so soooo excited for the party Saturday, but can I ask a teeny tiny itsy bitsy favor? Can you move it like... two or three days back? You don't have to! But if you do, Fluttershy and I will have plenty of time to save our friends from the Diamond Dogs. Those silly puppies are holding them hostage again and trying to make Twilight and Rarity find gems and stuff for them again! They are so silly!

Thanks a whole bunches!

Pinie Pie

To: Princess Luna
From: Octavia

Dear Princess Luna,

I would be thrilled to join you at a party. If it is not a problem, I would wish to bring my star student, Sweetie Bell, to the party as well. And if it pleases you, we can play a duet for your entertainment.

Your Faithful Subject,

Octavia

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Spitfire

Dear Sweetie Bell,

I am sorry, but I still have not heard anything from that filly. I will let you know if I get any information though.

-Spitfire

P.S. Your singing at the Gala last year was beautiful. I am looking forward to hearing you again.

To: Princess Celestia

From: Pinkie Pie

Dear Princess Celestia,

Never mind about my first letter! Got Twilight and everyone away safely! We will be at your super duper party tomorrow!

-Pinkie Pie

To: Princess Celestia and Princess Luna

From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Princess Luna,

The party last night was so much fun! Thank you so much for hosting it for us. I think it was a fantastic success at bringing everyone closer again.

It was nice to see everyone get together and have a laugh and relax. They all must have been working themselves so hard back in Ponyville to be as tired as they were. I barely got to say hi to Rainbow Dash before she collapsed onto the table and began snoring.

It was also fun to see Pinkie Pie and Octavia catch up with each other too... when Pinkie tackled her sister that is. I have never seen her run so fast...If I did not know any better, I would have thought Octavia was trying to run away from Pinkie. That is silly though, why would she be

afraid of her sister?

Thank you again for the party! It was a ton of fun and I cannot wait until our next dinner together.

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Applebloom

From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Applebloom,

Thank you so much for the carved unicorn! Did you actually make this yourself? It is amazing! I thought you bought this at that fancy store downtown. I promise I will treasure it always!

And Cutie Mark Crusaders Operation: Make Twilight x Applejack the Best-of-Friends again was a success! Did you see the way the two were leaning on each other when they fell asleep at the party. It was so sweet! I just wanted to give them both a hug... but I didn't do that because it would have woken them up...

I have to cut this letter short, Octavia is piling the schoolwork on me recently. I think I heard her mumble something about keeping me busy so I cannot throw any more parties...

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Applebloom

From: Applejack

Dear Applebloom,

The weddin' is comin' soon an' we miss ya at the farm. Ah know that ah have not been the best

sister recently, an' ah am sorry 'bout not writin' to ya... ya know how bad ah am with words... But we all do miss ya.

Granny Smith won't quit talkin' 'bout her little grandbaby becomin' friends with the Princess, an' how she is movin' up in life. Ya should have seen her yesterday in the market when Ditzzy Doo dropped off your letter. Ah swear ah have never seen her move so fast. Rainbow Dash would have been sweatin' to keep up with her. When we read 'bout how ya and Princess Luna pulled the prank on Princess Celestia, ah haven't laughed so hard in years. Ya do know that ah have to keep that letter away from both Rainbow Dash an' Pinkie Pie now, don' ya? I can see them tryin' ta pull this on Rarity...

And don' ya worry your little head. Rainbow is back to her old self. She is back to flyin' 'round the town bein' that loud obnoxious pegasus we all know an' love. She does have her bad spells though, but she comes over and us Apples are always here to help her. Just gotta keep her out of the cider...

Big Mac was also askin' if ya can make a blueprint for the weddin'. Ya know, like the platform they'll be married on, how the chairs will be placed. Your good at that stuff, an' it only seems right that his little sister plans it out.

Write back soon,

-Applejack

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Applebloom

Dear Sweetie Bell,

Ah'm headed back ta Ponyville at the end of the week. It has been fun stayin' in the big city, but ah'm a country pony through an' through. Not to mention that Big Mac's weddin' is comin' up! An' ah can' have them do all the work, what kinda sister would ah be if ah did that.

Please make sure ya write a lot of letters!

-Applebloom

To: Applebloom

From: Luna

Dear Luna,

Thou's presence in our castle has been most enjoyable. We are saddened that thy must leave, though we understand why. We would like thou to know that thou will always be welcome, and we will always have a room ready for thy to stay in.

Our sister, Princess Celestia, also wishes to tell you her goodbyes, and wishes a favor from thou. If thy can take a package to thy library friend in the Ponyville, whom is also our sister's prized pupil, we would be most grateful.

We wish thee safe travels, and ask thy write often.

Sincerely,

Princess Luna
Royal Raiser of the Moon
Second to the Throne
Second Chair Council of Magic

To: Sweetie Bell, Princess Celestia, Princess Luna

From: Big Mac & Cheerilee

Dear Friends,

You are invited to attend the wedding of Big Mac Apple and Cheerilee Punch. It will take place one week after the Spring Solstice Festival at Sweet Apple Acers. We ask that you please RSVP as soon as possible so we will know how many will be attending. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Big Macintosh and Cheerilee Punch

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Pinkie Pie

Hiya Sweetie!

It's me! Pinkie! Though I guess you already know that because of the return address on the letter. Aren't you so excited for Big Mac's wedding! I know I am!

Listen, I had the bestest most super duper great idea, like, twenty minutes ago! You should come down here and sing for Big Mac and Miss Cheerilee for their wedding! That would be the like the [b]coolest[/b] thing ever! I have already gone down and told Rarity and Twilight and Futtershy about it and they think it is a fantastic idea! I think Twilight is writing a letter to the Princess to try and give you a break from your classes so you can come down... though I guess you are already did that because you have already accepted the invitation and told everyone you were coming.

Oh! And if you have not heard yet, Twilight and Applejack have not had a fight since we had to fight those meanie Diamond Dogs! Isn't that great! Now we can all be the bestest of friends again without all that meanie drama fighting stuff. I mean, drama is fun! Going onto a stage and pretending to be another pony is one of the funnest things [b]EVER!!![/b]. Especially if you get to be a pirate! It is like Nightmare night, only it is every night! And you don't have to be scared! Unless you are supposed to be a scary person. Like Rainbow Dash was a scary person during the Hearts Warming Eve play... or was she just mean... I don't remember...

Oh! And ask Octavia to come down here too! I know she didn't get an invitation because Big Mac and Cheerilee don't know her, but if you're going to sing, then she [b]has[/b] to play her cello too! And then I can get a trombone or something and play with you! Or the harmonica! OH! I KNOW! I will play the tuba!

And you won't believe what I found in Applejacks house! It's a letter that Applebloom wrote to her when she was staying in Canterlot! And it gave me the greatest of fantastic ideas I can do at the party! I can't tell you though, it is a surprise! And if you tell somepony what the surprise is, it won't be surprising anymore!

-Pinkie Pie

P.S. Gummy says hi and he misses you!

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Big Mac & Mrs. Cheerilee

Dear Sweetie Bell

We cannot begin to express how grateful we are that you and your friends worked so hard to surprise us. The song you sang was beautiful, and to think that you wrote it yourself. You have come a very long way from the little filly getting into trouble trying to figure out her cutie mark. You make both of us so proud.

Eeyup.

Make sure to look us up the next time you visit! I would love to sit down and talk to you about what you again about your adventures in Canterlot.

Eeyup.

Sincerely,

Big Macintosh and Cheerilee Apple.

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Vinyl Scratch

Dear Sweetie Bell,

I heard about the song you sang down in that town Ponyville. Listen, I know you didn't like my previous offer, but I think I have a better one for you now.

All I need you to do is come down to the recording studio so we can record one of their songs. You can sing it however you want. In fact, you can sing it in that "classical" way you seem to prefer. I can take your voice and fix it up to fit to the techno beats.

Now don't you worry. I will be selling you in two sets, the "Classical Version" and the "Retro Version." I know there's a huge market in both, so we can cater to both audiences. If this goes

how I think it should, we are both going to become rich ponies!

-DJ Pon-3

To: Vinyl Scratch

From: Octavia

Dear Miss Scratch,

Leave my student alone. Go find your own protégé.

-Octavia

P.S. Don't bother sending any more letters. They all go through me.

To: Sweetie Bell

From: Applebloom

Dear Sweetie Bell,

Something horrible happened last night. The library caught fire an' Twilight is now in the hospital. She ain't waken up... and the doctors are saying they ain't sure if she will. Ah heard a huge branch broke off the ceiling and wacked her on the head real hard, an' if it wasn't for Spike and Rainbow Dash, she wouldn't have gotten out at all...

She is layin' in the hospital now, an' mah sis is with her. She is refusing' ta leave Twilight's side. The doctor was almost bucked out a window when he insisted she leave because visitin' hours were over. Luckily Big Mac was able to convince him to let her stay...

Spike wrote a letter to the Princess tellin' her what happened, but ah think she is wantin' to keep this entire incident all quiet like... Ah think Spike is stayin' with Futtershy right now... the poor little guy...

Ah am sorry for sending such a sad letter so close to your graduation, but ah feel ya would rather be told sooner rather than later. Watchin' all of Twilight's friends worry 'bout her is makin'

me miss Scoots... Ah wonder what she is doin' right now?

Ah have been spendin' a lot of time in the clubhouse recently, just sittin' and rememberin' how much fun we all had. Can ya believe it has been almost four years since Scoots disappeared... an' not a single letter from her...

Ah am so glad ah have a friend like you Sweetie. Please promise me we will be friends forever...

-Applebloom

To: Octavia
From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Octavia,

I am sorry I left without telling you, but I have to go to Ponyville. Something happened and my friends need me more than I need to be in class. I will be back for finals! Pinkie Promise!

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Applebloom

Dear Sweetie Bell,

Ah never got to properly thank ya fur comin' down. Ah was just feelin' so down and depressed... an' then ya just appeared at the clubhouse. Ah never felt so happy before... Thank ya... A million times, Thank ya...

Ah am pretty sure ah don' need to say it... but can ya keep what happened in there just between us... Ah know this might sound kinda of a strange, but ah would rather not have everypony know... especially not Applejack... Ah'm sorry if it seems like ah am babbling, but ya mean a whole lot to me Sweetie... Ya seem to be writin' me a letter and workin' hard to be a good friend,

even though ah know you are so busy with your school stuff.

You're also pretty famous all over Canterlot. Ah am just a small town country pony... but when ya showed up when ah was feelin' down and cryin' everywhere, ya didn' even have to think... ya came in and gave me a big hug and told me everything will be all right...

You're mah the bestest friend ah have ever had! Ah don' know what ah would do if ya were not around to help me get through these horrible days... And ya sayin' that we are Cutie Mark Crusaders... It is one of the sweetest things ah think ya have ever said to me...

We are all grown up, got our cutie marks, and one of the group abandoned us... but ya still are sayin' we are crusaders to the end... Do ya truly mean it?

-Applebloom

To: Applebloom
From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Applebloom,

Yes, I meant every word of it... We are Cutie Mark Crusaders, best friends until the end of time.

And do not worry, I will graduate in a month and be back down in Ponyville in no time. I will not have to come back to Canterlot for any more school, so we can start doing stuff again. It will be just like old times again.

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Applebloom

Dear Sweetie Bell,

That sounds mighty fine... thank ya again... Ah am the luckiest pony in all of Equestria to have a friend like you.

-Applebloom

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Pinkie Pie

Dear Sweetie Bell,

I have had to use a contact of mine to get this letter through. It seems your teacher does not like me having contact with you.

I have to make this quick. You will be graduating soon, and I wish to make a deal with you.

Meet me at Joe's Donut shop this Friday at 5 PM sharp. I promise you won't regret it.

-DJ Pon-3

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Rarity

Dear Sweetie Bell,

I am so proud of you right now! Not only because you are one of the best singers Canterlot has ever seen, but because of what you did for Applebloom. The poor dear was devastated when she heard what happened to Twilight. But since you came, she is back to her normal helpful self.

I just wish we could do the same for Applejack and Spike. Applejack has not left Twilight's side for a month now. I have tried to convince her to go to the spa with me (she really needs a bath at least), but I cannot get her to listen to me...

Can you be a dear and write a letter to your friend Applebloom. She is the only one that Applejack will listen to now, and we need to convince Applejack that she is not helping Twilight

one bit by wasting away waiting for her to wake up...

Oh, and please remind Fancypants to get my order in. I decided to get something very special for Spike to cheer him up, have you ever hear of Firestone?

Nevermind, just make sure Fancypants remembers, he tends to be a little absent minded when it comes to paperwork.

Sincerely,

Rarity

To: Sweetie Bell

From: Rainbow Dash

Um... Hey Sweetie Bell,

Listen... I'm not really good with letter and all, but Applebloom insists I be the one to tell you what we found when we were cleaning through the rubble of the library...

We found a box. Actually, we found a [b]lot[/b] of boxes. But that is not all... we found... Well...

Here, I am just going to send you the first letter in it and you will know.

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To: Twilight Sparkle

From: Scootaloo

Dear Twilight,

I am not sure if you remember me, but I used to live in Ponyville when you first moved there. I was part of a small club called the Cutie Mark Crusaders, and we caused some trouble trying to get our cutie marks.

I am not writing this letter to talk about old memories though. Shortly after Rainbow Dash's audition, I started to live with Spitfire. After a few months, I left and just wandered around Equestria. I have been meeting the many different races that inhabit the surrounding lands and am currently residing in the land of the Zebra. I remember there was a Zebra named Zecora living near Ponyville, and I promised the chief I would give her the amulet you will find in the

box.

I am also not a bookworm, or even care for books, but I have recently received a letter from Princess Celestia that I should to take notes of my journeys. I wanted to ask and see if you could please store these notes someplace safe until I come home. I tend to get busy out here and only have time to write down basic notes, and a lot of the stuff I do is kinda dangerous... so any notes I take can easily get damaged. I really want to record my journeys... and not because the Princess asked me, but because I want to be a hero to somepony somewhere. My hero failed me... and I don't want that to happen to any other pony... Locked inside this box is all the notes from the first portion of my journey.

Sorry to cut this note short, but I have to go. The chieftain's son wants to try and beat me in a race again. I've already beat him like six times today, but he just keeps challenging me again... talk about a lost cause...

-Scootaloo

P.S. Please be careful with the Jaded Unicorn, the ruin I found that in kinda collapsed before I could grab anything else in it, so it is of the last of its kind. I am still trying to get my mind why those old ponies put so many booby traps in those old places...

P.S.s. Please don't tell Applebloom or Sweetie Bell about this letter... they probably don't remember me anyway...

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As you can see... Scootaloo is going out and doing something with herself...

That little pegasus, the one who was always following me and trying to be just like me, is out being a hero like Daring Doo... She is trying to be someone's hero... maybe I can do something to help her.

-RD

To: Applebloom
From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Applebloom

Can you believe it? Scootaloo has been out on adventures for all these years and we never

knew! I wrote a letter to Luna asking her if she can get any more information. I am still waiting for her to respond, but I am so excited I can't focus on my work right now!

And talking about work, I am doing a recording with DJ Pon-3. She is going to start selling my songs all over Equestria. Octavia is not very happy with me right now, but I know she will come around. I start recording a week after I graduate!

I have to go, the mail just came in. Luna's response might be in this pile.

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Spitfire

From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Spitfire,

I have found something about Scootaloo! Please read the attached letter.

I will keep you informed on what else I can find out.

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Sweetie Bell

From: Applebloom

Dear Sweetie Bell,

That's... great... ah am so happy to hear of your recording with DJ Pon-3.

And Scoots bein' Darin' Doo? That is a funny thought... ha... ha...

Sorry... we are busy buckin' apples now... ah can' write no more than this...

-Applebloom

To: Applebloom
From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Applebloom,

You're so silly! You don't buck apples except in the fall, and it is spring now. I will be down to visit near the beginning of autumn! Maybe we can do the running of the leaves together! Please be a little more patient...

-Sweetie Bell

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Spitfire

Dear Sweetie Bell

Thank you... I knew that little orange Pegasus was going to be something special someday. I thought she was going to show up someday and try out for the Wonderbolts, but after reading this, I am happy she decided not to. She is now doing something so much more inspirational than I have ever dreamed of doing.

Both Soarin and I are in your debt now... Thank you again.

-Spitfire

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Mayor Mare

Our Dear and Sweet Sweetie Bell,

This letter and plaque is a gift from all of Ponyville as a congratulations for graduating from Equestria's School of Music. You one of our Ponyville's Finest Fillies, so never be afraid to come back and visit!

-Mayor Mare

To: Sweetie Bell

From: Rarity

Sweetie Bell!

I knew it, I knew it, [b]I knew it!!!![/b] I knew you were going to become the star of Canterlot! I have already received a letter from Fancypants that you are going to make a recording with the famous DJ Pon-3! You have to give me one of the first records to come out on sale! And you have to autograph it too!

Oh my goodness! What am I thinking? You are going to be selling a record... that means you will need pictures for the cover! Don't worry Sweetie! I will make you the most beautiful dress you have ever seen!

Oh this is going to be your first record... everything must be PERFECT!

Sorry I can't write you more Sweetie, but your big sis has a lot of work ahead of her.

Sincerely,

Rarity

To: Applebloom

From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Applebloom,

Did you get the record I sent you? I still cannot believe it reached the top of the charts after two days of it being released! I do not even know what to think! Princess Celestia says it is one of the best pieces of music she has ever heard (the classical record at least), and knowing how long she has been around, that is saying something!

Princess Luna has also found some information on Scootaloo. The last sighting of her was in the Rhino lands. Rumors say she was looking into a legend of a Crystal Unicorn.

And did you know Rainbow Dash wrote a book on Scootaloo? I am in complete shock! Who would of ever guessed that wild Pegasus would calm down and become a writer. I wonder how much she exaggerated Scootaloo's accomplishments and how much is real. I swear, Scootaloo is becoming a living legend around here. Ponies are shocked to hear that I grew up with her! I sent a copy of the book to Spitfire, I know she would like to read it.

How is the farm? You have not mentioned anything about it in a while, I am curious. It is getting close to apple bucking season, so I understand if you do not write back right away.

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Rainbow Dash

Dear Sweetie Bell,

I have some wonderful news! Twilight has finally woken up! You should have seen Applejacks face when she heard Twilight the news. It was priceless!

You do know that Applejack has not cut her mane for close to a year, right? That's right! She has not cut it since the accident. It was flowing everywhere, not to mention Rarity braided up is some fancy knot. If it was not for your sister, I don't think Applejack would of ever of gotten that thing under control!

But I think the thing that shocked everyone the most is once Applejack realized that Twilight was awake, she ran from the farm all the way to the hospital. She didn't even ask if she was allowed in, but she charged past all the startled doctors and burst into the room. When she saw Twilight, just sitting there, her eyes wide in shock, she jumped onto the bed and gave Twilight the biggest

hug you have ever seen! Poor Twi, I almost thought Applejack was going to snap her in two by how hard she was squeezing her.

You have to get down here and watch these two now! They are the closest of friends again. I never see one without the other.

And would you have ever guessed I would receive a letter from Spitfire asking me if I have time to visit Cloudsdale to autograph Scoot's book... I am not sure how I feel about it, but you know the Great Rainbow Dash would never want to disappoint a fan!

-RD

To: Applebloom
From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Applebloom,

Things just keep getting better and better! Rainbow Dash told me that Twilight finally woke up! I am so happy now! I was worrying about her constantly this past year. Princess Luna was almost in tears whenever Spike sent a letter and it was not from Twilight. We are going to throw a huge party here once Twilight is well enough for traveling again! You need to come down and join us!

I have finally released my second record as well. I think it is almost as good a seller as the first one. I will send you a copy once I get my hooves on one!

I will be down to visit sometime this winter... sorry I can't make it for the running of the leaves, but his job is taking up a lot of time, especially when we fall behind schedule. You don't know how much extra work we all have to do when that happens

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Octavia

My Sweetie Bell,

My sister has just written to me to tell me your little friend Applebloom is upset. I feel you should take a break from all the recording and go down and visit her.

-Octavia

To: Octavia

From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Octavia,

I wish I had the time to go down to Ponyville, but I just cannot find time for a vacation right now. We are in the middle of recording and Vinyl says that we cannot waste too much time. We have a lot of money running on this, and I do not want to let anypony down in the studio.

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Sweetie Bell

From: Octavia

Dear Sweetie Bell,

Some things are more important than money.

-Octavia

To: Vinyl Scratch

From: Sweetie Bell

Dear DJ,

I am taking a quick vacation. I will be back in one week.

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Applebloom

From: Sweetie Bell

Dear Applebloom,

I came down to Ponyville to visit, but you were away in Appleloosa,

I waited for the entire week hoping you would come home, but unfortunately I ran out of vacation time and had to go back.

I did get to say hi to Twilight again, and see Rainbow Dash. I have to say, that Rainbow is turning into as big a bookworm as Twilight is. She even let me read the most recent notes from Scootaloo. I am still amazed at hearing how she is fighting hoards of pirates and fighting an evil unicorn wizard for some kind of magic ring. Did you know she has found a dragon assistant? Her name is Smokestack, and she looks so much like Spike... if Spike was blue with white spikes growing down his back that is.

Pinkie Pie even through a huge party! I think she called it a "famous-celebrity-friend-coming-home" party. It was so fun seeing everyone together again...

But it still was not the same without you... Please write back once you get home?

Sincerely,

Sweetie Pie

To: Applebloom

From: Sweetie Pie

Dear Applebloom,

It has been two months since missed you in Ponyville. I am sorry about all of those missed visits, but I am getting ready to go down and visit again this weekend. So we will be able to see each other in two days after you get this letter!

See you soon,

Sweetie Bell

To: Sweetie Pie

From: Applejack

Dear Sweetie Pie,

Ah hate to be the bearer of bad news, but ah am afraid that Applebloom is no longer with us... She got your letter ya left once we got home from Appleloosa, and ran out of the house... Well, as a good big sister, ah went out lookin' for her and found her in your old clubhouse. She was just sittin' here, listenin' ta some of your good old' classical music, holdin' a pen writing furiously. Ah heard her mumble about how sorry she was she missed ya an'... Well, I didn' want to bother her none, so ah left and went home...

Well... she was not home that night, an' a huge storm rolled out of the Everfree forest. Rainbow and the other pegasus tried their best to keep it under control, but it was no use... Rainbow flew all over town and warned everyone to stay indoors. As ah said before... Applebloom was not home yet. Ah ran out of the house as fast as ah could to go get her out of that storm.

Once the treehouse came into view though, a bolt of lightnin' struck the tree and it fell... takin' everythin' down with it...

Ah sorry... but... Applebloom is gone...

Please don' hate me for bein' the one to tell ya... but ah felt ya should know before ya came down an' learned it the hard way...

-Applejack

To: Applebloom
From: Sweetie Bell

Applebloom,

This is not a funny prank. I know you and Luna tend to play these jokes on each other all the time, but I do not find them funny.

Listen, I know I have been a little distant recently because of work, but I am coming down to visit soon!

I will see you soon.

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Applebloom
From: Sweetie Bell

Applebloom,

Please write back... You're mad, I understand, but enough is enough. This joke is [b]not funny![/b] I am coming down next week. We will have fun again, just like old times.

Sincerely,

Sweetie Bell

To: Applebloom
From: Sweetie Bell

Applebloom,

Why are you not writing back? I am sorry, ok! I am so soo soooo sorry for not visiting as often as I should of.

Please write back... [b]please![/b]

I am coming down to visit tomorrow,

-Sweetie Bell

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Vinyl Scratch

Hey Sweetie!

What's been wrong with you recently? We have not had one good recording for the past two weeks? Listen, if you can't keep up with in the fast lane here, it just might leave you behind. Words of warning from your best friend in the music business!

-DJ Pon-3

To: Sweetie Bell
From: Octavia

Dear Sweetie,

What happened? What do you mean you quit singing? You are the best singer in the history of the Opera house? What is wrong? Please, let me help you. Even if you do not want to keep singing, at least let me be your friend. We have known each other for seven years now, and I know something is not right here.

Please respond.

-Octavia

To: Octavia
From: Rarity

Dear Octavia,

Have you seen my recently? I have read in the Equestria Daily that she has gone missing. I know you are one of her closest friends in Canterlot, so will you please tell me what is going on?

Sincerely,

Rarity

To: Luna
From: Rarity

Dear Princess Luna,

You have to help me! My sister has gone missing! I don't know where to start looking. Whatever help you can give will be a huge help, but I just [b]have[/b] to find her... she is the only family I have left... I can't lose her...

-Rarity

To: Pinkie Pie
From: Octavia

Dear Sister,

I know we don't talk often, or see eye to eye... but I need your help. Sweetie Bell is missing, and even Princess Luna is having trouble finding her.

I know you have some kind of strange magic where you can find anybody you put your mind to

finding. So help us... please...

-Octavia

To: Princess Luna

From: Pinkie Pie

Dear Princess Luna,

The Wonderbolts have not found Sweetie Bell yet, but I think I have found someone who can help. We are coming to Canterlot so she can begin her search.

-Pinkie Pie

To: Sweetie Bell

From: Rarity

Dear Sweetie Bell,

Please answer me! You have not written a letter to me in over three months! Please say something...

I love you Sweetie... Please talk to your sister...

-Rarity

Sweetie Bell stared at the tear stained letter, rereading it again even though she knew it by heart.

"I am sorry big sis... but I can't." she whispered.

She carefully folded the letter and placed it back in the desk drawer. She turned and looked around her mostly empty room. Besides the desk, there was only a bed and a single wooden chair. Heavy black drapes covered the window, blocking out the sunlight and leaving the only a single candle to light the room.

Sweetie Bell fell into the bed doing her best to force the empty feeling in her stomach away.

"I should eat something today... when was the last time I ate?" she mumbled. Turning her head, she gazed at a wood-carved Unicorn. "What is on the menu today Applebloom,"

The statue didn't answer. Silently, it gazed back at the ruffled unicorn, its eyes mocking her, accusing her. [i]Why are ya asking me?[/i] it seemed to say, [i]didn' ya abandon me to become a famous singer?[/i]

"No!" Sweetie Bell cried, "I tried to come back! But Vinyl would not let me leave!"

[i]Why are ya still blamin' others for your mistakes?[/i]

Tears began flowing down Sweetie Bell's face and her breathing turned into sniffles again. She curled into a ball, clutching her tail in a desperate hug.

"I... I am not blaming anyone... it wa... was just so busy, I couldn't fi... find time to leave..."

[i]Ya couldn' find time to come and visit your best friend?[/i] The sound of hoove-steps echoed through the room [i]Ya left me alone! Ya abandoned me! You traitor!!![/i]

Sweetie cringed at the silent yell waiting for the unicorn to attack her. She waited letting the tears and sobs rush out of her, but nothing happened. After some time, she tried to look up at the unicorn again, but her head would not move. Exhaustion washed over her, and she started to let the darkness take over her until she felt the bed move.

"Sweetie?" a voice called.

With a monumental effort, she turned her head to gaze into at a... orange shape. She tried to ask who it was, but the only sound that came out was a weak cough.

"It's ok Sweetie, I am here to help." It said again. "Come on, let's get you out of here."

She felt herself get lifted up. Her gaze slowly drifted to the wooden unicorn again. She watched it get smaller and smaller as she was carried away. Desperately, she tried to reach for it... she couldn't leave it... she couldn't abandon Applebloom again.

“There is no need to struggle Sweetie. I am your friend, remember?”

The voice was trying to take her away from Applebloom! The voice was trying to make her abandon her friend again!

“Let... go...” Sweetie managed to breath.

“What? Why?” The evil voice asked.

Sweetie felt it turn around. The unicorn came into full view again, and Sweetie Bell used all her strength to reach for it. It got closer the harder she reached. Closer... closer... Soon, it rushed to her in an in an orange blur! Sweetie Bell clutched it tight against her chest.

Applebloom is still with me! I didn't abandon her! I promised you I would never abandon you. Cutie Mark Crusaders forever and ever.

“Sweetie! Wait! Don't fall asleep!” The voice called again. It sounded familiar somehow.
“Sweetie! Sweetie!!!”

She gazed up at the orange figure again...

“Who... are... you?” she asked.

“Don't you... ize me? I... me Scoo...” the voice said... It was getting quieter... Sweetie couldn't catch everything it was saying. “Swee... ell! Sw... Bell!!!!” It called.

Sweetie Bell smiled to herself. It does not matter who that voice was, as long as her and Applebloom were together, then everything will be perfect.

Darkness descended and overtook Sweetie Bell's mind.

Scootaloo clutched the thin, frail body of her friend. Tears flowed out of her eyes...

“Why couldn't I be faster...? I might have been able to save her.” She cried.

“You did the best you could Miss Loo,” a small blue dragon said, “I never would have guessed it would have been this hard to find her.”

“I still feel like I could have done something more...” Scootaloo whispered, “I should have never

of run away...”

“Don’t say that miss! If you never left, then you would have never of saved me from those hippo thugs.”

Scotaloo turned and looked at her assistant. Sighing, she placed Sweetie Bell’s body onto the rumpled bed and pulled the blanket over to cover the entire body. Wiping away her tears, Scotaloo saw the unicorn Sweetie was so desperate to get lying on the floor. She walked over and examined it. It was a beautiful work of art, and the bottom had some words carved into it.

[i][center]To My Bestest Friend Sweetie Bell
May we be friends forever!
Applebloom[/center][i]

She could feel tears flowing down here face again... but she didn’t care. Slowly, she placed the carved unicorn next to her lifeless friend.

“I hope you two can wait for me too.” Scotaloo whispered, “We are Cutie Mark Cursaders, remember. Now and Forever.”

“Did you say something miss?” The dragon asked.

“It is nothing,” Scotaloo said, “Write a letter to the Princess informing her we have found Sweetie, and then make preparations for departure.”

“Where are we off to now miss?”

“Somewhere I should have gone a long time ago. We are going home.”