Of Mare and Moon (5)

[Outside Cheerilee’s Schoolhouse(shown in the “Call of the Cutie”)…]

“Can you believe those blank flanks STILL don’t have their cutie marks?” questioned Diamond Tiara.

“I know and calling themselves the Cutie Mark Crusaders is beyond ridiculous,” agreed Silver Spoon.

“I heard they went all over town without once getting their cutie marks,” said Diamond Tiara.

“They couldn’t even get their marks at the talent show!” laughed Silver Spoon.

“Yet somehow they managed to beat us. I can’t even think of HOW they won with that disastrous performance,” scowled Diamond Tiara.

“We’ll just have to think of something to totally humiliate them,” said Silver Spoon.

“Perhaps we need to try and make them fail at everything they try to obtain their cutie marks for,” suggested Diamond Tiara.

“How will we do that, DT?” asked Silver Spoon.

“We’ll go after them one at a time, by tricking them into following us,” answered Diamond Tiara.

“Aren’t they going to know who we are right away?” asked Silver Spoon.

“Not if we come in disguise,” replied Diamond Tiara.

“Diamond Tiara, you always have good ideas,” remarked Silver Spoon.

“I know, it’s a gift,” stated Diamond Tiara. [Back with the CMCs…]

“What can we try to be next?” asked Apple Bloom.

“Cutie Mark Crusader Firefighters?” suggested (Sweetie-Belle).

“That sounds dangerous,” protested Apple Bloom.

“Crime Fighters?” asked (Sweetie-Belle).

“Yeah, we could fly over the town and find ponies who are up to no good,” agreed (Scootaloo).

“Sweetie-Belle and I can’t fly,” remarked Apple Bloom.

“Oh, right,” remembered (Scootaloo).

“What about a monster?” asked a voice.

“We can’t get a cutie mark doin’ that,” said (Sweetie-Belle).

“I think we’d better high tail it out of here,” said Apple Bloom.

“Monster, run!” wailed (Sweetie-Belle).

“I won’t harm you if you do something for me,” said the voice.

“W…we......we’ll do anything,” stuttered (Sweetie-Belle).

“Stop your foolish attempts to obtain your cutie marks!” ordered the voice.

“We can’t, we have to find out what our talent is,” protested Apple Bloom.

“You have no talent,” said the voice.

“Oh yeah? We won the talent show last year for comedy,” protested Apple Bloom.

“You would never win a cutie mark competition because you three HAVE none. You’re all a bunch of Blank Flanks!” replied the voice.

“Blank Flanks? Haven’t we heard somepony say that?” asked (Scootaloo).

“Well those two in our class did,” answered Apple Bloom.

“You don’t think that under that cloak are those two, do you Apple Bloom?” asked (Sweetie-Belle).

“Only one way to find out. Let’s uncover this being!” proclaimed Apple Bloom. \*They rush over and unmask the figure\*

“It *is* them!” said (Scootaloo).

“We would’ve gotten away with it too if it weren’t for you meddling Blank Flanks,” remarked Silver Spoon.

“Just because you found out who we are doesn’t mean a thing. You still don’t have your cutie marks,” protested Diamond Tiara.

“Yeah but we found out who you both were,” replied (Scootaloo).

“You’ll never be as good as we are,” said Silver Spoon.

“To us, you’ll always be…,” began Diamond Tiara.

“BLANK FLANKS!” said Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon together. \*The two of them laugh\*

“We’ll show you when we get our cutie marks and our special talent,” said Apple Bloom.

“Oh right, *not* getting your cutie marks?” questioned Diamond Tiara. \*They walk away\*

“We may not have our cutie marks just yet but I figure it’s only a matter of time until we do. What we do know is that we won’t be like those two ponies,” said Apple Bloom.

“That’s right, Cutie Mark Crusaders until the end!” proclaimed (Scootaloo). \*They hi-five each other\*