



**MY LITTLE PONY
EQUESTRIA GIRLS
BATCH 5: Holiday Shorts**

"The Cider Louse Fools"
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INT. JUG STORE - DAY

Applejack and Sci Twi peruse the shelves of JUGS.

1 SCI TWI
Is the Apple Family Annual Holiday
Apple Harvest and Cider-Making
Party more of a mulling event or a
chilling event?

2 APPLEJACK
Depends on how sassy Granny Smith
is feeling. Either way, we keep it
simple.

Picking up hi-tech looking jug --

3 SCI TWI
So this one with the vacuum-sealed
walls for temperature control is
probably a little too fancy?

4 APPLEJACK
A lot too fancy.
(off a simple glass jug)
This one looks like it doesn't
leak. I'm getting it.

She looks THROUGH the jug's glass and OUT THE STORE'S
WINDOW...

APPLEJACK'S POV, the FLIM FLAM BROTHERS stroll down MAIN
STREET, appearing as smarmy as usual.

BACK IN THE JUG STORE

<WHIP CRACK>. Applejack GLARES at the brothers from afar.
Pull back to include Sci Twi, not glaring.

5 SCI TWI
Uh, Applejack...? You okay?

<WHIP-CRACK>. Applejack glares at Sci-Twi.

6 APPLEJACK
(then, not glaring)
Sorry... I get extra-glary this
time'a year when the Flim Flam
brothers come around.

7 SCI TWI
Maybe they turned a new leaf. Only
respectable people wear bow ties.

8 APPLEJACK
That's how they trick ya. They make
it a tradition to swindle my family
at harvest time. One year they took
all our ladders in the middle of
the night...

Applejack looks into the middle distance as we CUT TO A
SERIES OF FLASHBACKS.

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - ORCHARD - FLASHBACK

The Apple Family picks apples by sitting on each other's
shoulders. Atop Big Mac's shoulders, Granny scowls.

9 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
We had to improvise.

INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - MAIN HOUSE - FLASHBACK

CLOSE ON the Apple Family's shoes, lined up by the front
door. PULL WIDE to REVEAL the Flim Flam Brothers pouring
powder into the footwear.

10 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
Another year they gave us the
Breitweiser Valley Foot Rash.

INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - MAIN HOUSE - FLASHBACK

The Apple Family sits in their PJs, scratching their feet and
staring out the windows at their unharvested trees.

11 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
You can't harvest the apples if
you're too itchy to walk. The worst
trick that Flim and Flam ever
pulled was giving Apple Bloom a pet
worm.

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - APPLE ORCHARD - DAY - FLASHBACK

A YOUNG APPLE BLOOM plays with her pet worm until it jumps
off her finger and climbs up into an apple tree...

12 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
That sneaky worm invited his
friends over and they ate up every
apples before the harvest.

SUDDENLY, thousands of little worms poke their heads out of every visible apple in the tree.

BACK TO PRESENT

As Applejack watches the brothers with narrowed, hawk eyes...

13 APPLEJACK
If Flim and Flam are in town,
someone's getting swindled.

14 SCI TWI
In that case...

<WHA-PISH>! Sci Twi and Applejack glare together at them...

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER

Applejack and Sci Twi arrive, carrying boxes of the new jugs.

15 SCI TWI
Oh no. It looks like Flim, Flam,
and their bow ties beat us here.

She directs Applejack's eyes to ANGLE ON Granny Smith shooing away Flim and Flam with her broom.

16 GRANNY SMITH
You think I'm not wise to your low-
life shenanigans? I may have been
on the shelf a while but my brain's
ain't rotten yet!

17 FLIM
Dearest Granny Smith, we agree
whole-heartedly! We're sorry!

18 FLAM
Heartedly whole, you have our
sincerest apologies!

19 FLIM
For all that we've done to you and
yours for years and years--

20 FLAM
We are here to make amends--

21 FLAM (CONT'D)
And beg your forgiveness.

Granny Smith narrows her eyes...

22 GRANNY SMITH
Dirty hogwash. You're up to something.

Applejack and Sci Twi join her Granny.

23 APPLEJACK
Or maybe they're redeeming themselves Granny. Let's give them a chance.

Sci Twi looks at Applejack, shocked. So do Flim and Flam.

24 GRANNY SMITH
Have you lost your marbles?

25 APPLEJACK
Let's turn over a new leaf.
(to the brothers)
Would you like to stay the night at the farm and attend the Cider Party tomorrow.

26 SCI TWI
But Applejack? You said they always-

27 APPLEJACK
Sci Twi, I know what I said.
(to the brothers)
Gentleman, will you be our guests?

28 FLAM
We'd be absolutely delighted.

29 FLIM
Beyond thrilled.

30 APPLEJACK
Me too.

As Applejack smiles mysteriously...

INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - MAIN HOUSE - NIGHT

Applejack, Flim, and Flam help clear the dinner table. The Apple Family and Sci Twi watch the brothers, suspicious.

31 FLIM
A fine meal with a fine family.
Now, it's straight to bed for us.
Don't worry about checking on us.

32 FLAM
We'll be deeply slumbering and
doing nothing else. Zzz's, zzz's,
zzz's, all night long!

Big Mac and Sci Twi exchange a doubtful glance. Sci Twi pulls Applejack over.

33 SCI TWI
Applejack, don't you think they're
acting weird? Like they're
conniving.

34 APPLEJACK
Definitely.

Sci Twi wrinkles her brow, extra confused now.

35 FLAM
(fake yawning)
Good night, sweet Applejack.

36 FLIM
(fake yawning)
A magnitude of gratitude for your
hospitality.

37 APPLEJACK
Of course! And sweet dreams!

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN - NIGHT

In dim light, Flim and Flam push wheelbarrows full of apples from the barn to their truck, stealing the Apple Family's fruit.

38 FLIM
"Sweet dreams" indeedy! Why pick
the apples when you can let others
pick them and then you just steal
them?

39 FLAM
It's downright genius and we have
that darling Applejack to thank for
the opportunity.

Smiling, the brothers get into their truck and speeds away. A stray apple bounces out of the back of the truck onto the dirt road... and rolls...

EXT. APPLE ACRES - GATES - MOMENTS LATER

The Flim Flam Brothers truck kicks up DUST as it CHARGES out of the farm, victorious. The brothers WHOOP and CHEER as they pass through the gates...

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN - NIGHT

Applejack, in her PJs, picks up the apple that fell out of the truck. She smiles.

40 APPLEJACK
 (to herself)
It worked...

She turns around to face her whole family, also in their PJs.

41 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
They fell for it! Big Mac, make
sure!

Big Mac WHIPS a tarp off an inconspicuous open-bed trailer, REVEALING its full of APPLES. Big Mac grabs one, takes a bite. The family CHEERS.

Sci Twi wanders out from the house, sleepy and in her PJs.

42 SCI TWI
What's going on?

43 APPLEJACK
We're teaching Flim and Flam a
lesson. They just stole all our
apples.

44 SCI TWI
WHAT! OH NO! WHAT DO WE DO?

45 APPLEJACK
...our *fake* apples.

Applejack tosses Sci Twi the apple in her hand. Sci Twi squeezes it, smells it, throws it on the ground. IT BOUNCES.

46 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Tennis balls. We painted them red
and left them in the barn as bait.

47 GRANNY SMITH
And it worked! Those trickster
frauds got *frauded*!

The Apple family CHEERS!

EXT. GAS STATION - SAME

Flim hops out of the truck and starts filling up the vehicle's gas tank. He grabs one of the stolen apples from the back and takes a big BITE --

HIS TEETH SINK INTO THE APPLE/BALL'S RUBBER --

HIS EYES GO WIDE WITH TOTAL SHOCK --

HE YANKS THE BALL FROM HIS MOUTH --

48 FLIM
FLAM! WE GOT BAMBOOZLED!

IRIS OUT.