

MY LITTLE PONY: EQUESTRIA GIRLS

Batch 5: 6x7 Minute Shorts

#416-250 - OUTLINE

"The Cider Louse Fools"

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INT. CIDER JUG STORE - DAY

Applejack and Sci Twi peruse the shelves for the perfect pour vessels for the Apple Family's Annual Holiday Apple Harvest and Cider-Making Party. As Applejack examines a particularly beautiful jug, her eye catches something through the its glass and the store's window --

APPLEJACK'S POV, the Flim Flam Brothers stroll down main street, looking as swarmy as usual.

BACK IN THE JUG STORE, Sci Twi grimaces, saying if the Flim Flam brothers are back in town then there's a 100% probability someone's going to get swindled. Mysteriously, Applejack says that she couldn't agree more.

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - NEAR THE PIG PEN - DAY

The Flim Flam brothers cower as Granny Smith rips them apart (verbally) for their years of bamboozling the Apple family (which we could even see in a few flashback pops if we want!). Applejack and Sci Twi arrive with the new cider jugs just in time to hear the brothers SHOCK Granny Smith by saying that she is right and they deserve every tongue-whip of the word lashing she's giving. They've come to repent, apologize, make amends, beg her forgiveness, and volunteer manual labor. They offer to make up for their history of skullduggery by helping the Apple Family with the holiday harvest -- free of charge as long as they get a bed to sleep in that night. Granny isn't sure she trusts these legendary frauds and their fancy words. She's about to kick them off the property when Applejack jumps in and makes a case for the brothers. To the brothers and Sci Twi's surprise, Applejack convinces Granny Smith to give the brothers a chance to redeem themselves.

INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - MAIN HOUSE - LATER

As Sci Twi and Applejack unpack the new cider jugs, Sci Twi pleads with Applejack to make sense of her actions. Sci Twi says, "It doesn't compute! Isn't the tradition that the Flim Flam Brothers come into town every holiday season and foil your family with some kind of trick? Like an upside-down, snowy April Fool's day?" Applejack grins, "Bullseye." Now, Sci Twi's even more confused, "Then why'd you invite them to stay on the farm and help out?" Applejack glances out the window where the Flim Flams unload their luggage and says, "Keep your friends close,

your enemies closer, and con artist twin brothers, right under your nose." Sci Twi hasn't heard that last part before but is in full support.

INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - MAIN HOUSE - NIGHT

Applejack, Flim and Flam help clear the table after dinner. It seems like Granny Apple is warming up to the brothers, but Applejack watches them, suspiciously. The Brothers announce that they're going to "put their spins to the feathers and get loads of wink eye. Counting sheep and nothing more from now to sunrise. Zzzzs and zzzzs, if you please! Up to nothing but snoozing our snoozes." They are laying it on thick about how much they are going to sleep. Hmmm, Applejack narrows her eyes...

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - APPLE ORCHARD - NIGHT

<THUD> <THUD> <THUD> as apples drop into a burlap bag! The Flim Flam brothers are STEALING APPLES right off the trees under the cover of darkness!!! Suddenly, a SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON BOTH OF THEM. Applejack and Sci Twi aim heavy duty flashlights on the brothers. Applejack shames them for trying to pull another con on her family. She gloats, saying that the real trick is on the brothers -- those aren't even apples they are stealing! They're tennis balls painted red!

And, guess what else?

She's not even Applejack! Sci Twi pulls off her elaborate Applejack costume, revealing herself to be Sci Twi. The Brothers are SHOCKED to say the least. What about the other "Sci Twi"? That's not even a person -- that's made of cardboard and kicks "Sci Twi" over. Sci Twi says this was all Applejack's plan. Whoa. The Brothers are impressed and truly touched that Applejack would pull such a complicated con on them. They admit that they shouldn't have tried to rip off the Apples. They lean into the apologizing and start trying to charm Sci Twi into forgiving them and letting them stay the night on the farm. She almost gives in when... Applejack and Granny Smith DROP DOWN OUT FROM A NEARBY TREE, wearing all black like stealth spies, and tell them to "save it" and kick them off their family's property for good.

END OF SHOW