



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

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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. I
thought only respectable people
wear bow ties. *

8 APPLEJACK
That's how they trick ya. They make
it a tradition to swindle my family
right before the Harvest and Cider-
Making Party. 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.
(then)
Another year they de-bottomed our
baskets. *

INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - ORCHARD - FLASHBACK *

Granny Smith and Applejack pick apples from a tree, toss them
in a basket. The apples falls right through to the ground.
ANGLE ON Granny and Applejack through the cut-out bottom of
the basket. They scowl. *

10 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
Last year, they gave Apple Bloom a
pet worm. We shoulda known. *

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

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

11 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
Wiggles the Worm invited his
friends over, and they ate up every
apple 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...

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

13 SCI TWI
In that case...

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

INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - MAIN HOUSE - LATER

Granny Smith examines the new cider jug while Applejack and
Sci Twi watch, hoping she approves.

14 APPLEJACK
Seem alright by you, Granny Smith?

15 GRANNY SMITH
Doesn't have the looks of a leaker.
I love it.

Applejack and Sci Twi smile just as the doorbell <DINGS>.

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - MAIN HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

The front door swings open, REVEALING Flim and Flam. They
hold a giant holiday wreath and wear huge, genuine smiles.

<WHIP-CRACK>. Applejack, Sci Twi, and Granny Smith GLARE at
them.

16 FLIM
Happy holidays and good harvest to
you, Granny Smith!

Granny Smith SHUTS THE DOOR IN THEIR FACES.

17 FLAM (O.S., THROUGH DOOR)
We come in the spirit of peace,
harmony, and holiday cheer!

18 GRANNY SMITH
More like the spirit of swindle,
hogwash, and holiday bamboozling.

19 FLIM (O.S., THROUGH DOOR) *

We're here to make our amends for *

all that! After a tough year of our *

own, we've realized our wrongs. *

20 FLAM (O.S., THROUGH DOOR) *

You have our sincerest apologies *

and wishes of a happy new year and *

the start to a new friendship! *

Granny Smith FLINGS open the door. *

21 GRANNY SMITH *

Friendship! The oldest scheme in *

the book! Go away! *

22 FLAM *

Please, Granny Smith, accept this *

holiday wreath as our olive branch. *

Granny Smith grabs the wreath and tosses it in a MUD PUDDLE *

then SHUTS the door. She looks to Applejack and Sci Twi. *

23 GRANNY SMITH *

It wasn't even made of olives. *

They're up to something shady. *

24 APPLEJACK *

Definitely. But let's figure out *

what it is before we're totally in *

the dark like every other year. *

Applejack opens the door. The brothers GRIN. *

25 APPLEJACK (CONT'D) *

Flim. Flam. In the spirit of the *

holidays, will join us for our pre- *

Harvest dinner? *

As the brothers break into surprised grins... *

INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - MAIN HOUSE - NIGHT

Nervous, Flim and Flam sit at the set dinner table surrounded *

by the Apple Family who GLARE at them. Granny Smith enters *

with a turkey on a platter. *

26 FLIM *

Oh my! That looks delicious! *

27 FLAM *

Absolutely scrumptious! *

<WHIP-CRACK>. Everyone GLARES at them. Big Mac narrows his eyes at them, dubious.

28 BIG MAC
Uh. Huh. *Scrumptious.*

Flim and Flam GULP - *this isn't going well.* Applejack enters with a bowl of mashed potatoes.

29 FLIM
Applejack! Let me help you with that!

He takes the bowl from her, and Applebloom immediately SNATCHES it from him. <WHIP-CRACK>. She GLARES at him.

30 APPLEBLOOM
I'll help with that, thank you very much.

The brothers muster smiles as they sit down, empty-handed. The family continues to silently GLOWER at them. Applejack leans in to them.

31 APPLEJACK
(whisper to the brothers)
Probably going to take a bit more than being courteous and giving compliments to make up for ladder-stealing, bottomless baskets, and a worm infestation. Just sayin' words are cheap on a farm.
(to all)
Who's ready for grub!

The Apple Family breaks into SMILES and ENTHUSIASM, reaching for food and filling their plates.

32 APPLE FAMILY
Me!/Yes, please!/Pass the taters!

The brothers glance at each other, uneasy, as <WHIP-CRACK>. Granny Smith GLOWERS with narrowed eyes. MATCH CUT TO:

INT. APPLE ACRES - ORCHARD - NIGHT

Granny Smith narrowing her eyes as she PAINTS tennis balls RED. Applejack is up a ladder, hanging the painted tennis balls in the tree.

33 GRANNY SMITH *
You hear 'em offer to do the *
dishes? They are definitely up to *
something, which means we have to *
be up to something first, before *
they steal all our apples. *

34 APPLEJACK *
Not very holiday-y of us but makes *
sense. *

A twig <SNAPS> in the darkness. Granny and Applejack jump *
into the nearby bushes to hide as... *

FLIM AND FLAM approach the orchard, carrying harvest baskets, *
ladders, and a BIRD in a cage -- what? *

<WHIP-CRACK>. Granny and Applejack GLARE from the bushes. *

35 FLIM *
You think they suspect anything? *

36 FLAM *
No, they'll never see this coming. *

Granny and Applejack LEAP out of the bushes, confronting the *
brothers... AS THEY ATTACH A BOW TO THE LADDERS AND BASKETS? *

37 APPLEJACK *
Gotch-- what's with the bow? *

38 FLAM *
You're not suppose to be here! *

39 FLIM *
The surprise is ruined! *

40 GRANNY SMITH *
The "surprise" of swindling us *
again. Not this time, boys. *

41 FLAM *
The surprise of our gifts, tokens *
of reconciliation. *
(to Applejack) *
They mean more than words. *

42 FLIM *
Ladders and baskets to replace the *
ones that we... *

43 FLAM *
Compromised a few years ago... *

44 FLIM *
And a hungry, feathered friend to *
keep the worm population down. *

45 FLAM *
Last but not least... *
(hands her a wreath) *
A new wreath made of actual olive *
branches to replace the one you *
threw in the mud. *

46 APPLEJACK *
You're not swindling us? *

47 FLAM *
Not a swindle in sight. *

An "apple" falls off the tree, BOUNCING off Applejack's head *
and off the ground... clearly it's not your typical apple. *

48 FLAM (CONT'D) *
(off the fake apple) *
I stand corrected. *

49 APPLEJACK *
We swindled ourselves, Granny. *

50 FLIM *
Let's un-swindle you! Another gift! *
Come on, Flim, grab a ladder. *

51 FLAM *
Painted tennis balls? Good swindle. *

52 GRANNY SMITH *
(flattered) *
Thank you. *
(then) *
Don't get any ideas. *

As the four of them work together to remove the fake *
apples... *

IRIS OUT.