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SC. 1 - EXT. APPLEJACK'S FARM - DAY

APPLEJACK sorts barrels of apples in the background. RAINBOW DASH, PINKIE PIE, RARITY, FLUTTERSHY and STARLIGHT GLIMMER watch from under a tree. AJ wipes her brow with her hat.

1 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Do you ever wonder how Applejack
got that nick in her hat?

2 RAINBOW DASH
I bet I know!

A wavy dream filter flows across-screen (for each legend).

SC. 2 - INT. CAVE - LEGEND 1

Applejack dodges colorful <BLASTS> OF MAGIC from O.S.

3 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
Not long ago, in a cave not so far
away, Applejack was attacked by an
evil sorcerer!

Applejack ducks her head and full-out runs for the cave exit.
MAGIC BLASTS <SIZZLE> past her and she leaps over them...

4 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Applejack fought bravely and
escaped without a scratch...

But as AJ looks behind her, a BLAST <SIZZLES> toward her!
She ducks, and her hat takes the magic.

5 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.) (CONT'D)
But her hat wasn't so lucky.

REVEAL - it now has the familiar cut in it we know.

SC. 3 - EXT. APPLEJACK'S FARM - CONTINUOUS

Fluttershy gapes at Rainbow Dash in amazement.

6 FLUTTERSHY
Oh my. Is that really what
happened?

7 RAINBOW DASH
(shrugs)
You got a better explanation?

Pinkie jumps in place, excited.

8 PINKIE PIE
Oooh! I do! I do!

SC. 4 - EXT. APPLEJACK'S FARM - LEGEND 2

A BROWN (REUSE) PONY sneaks through the trees on Applejack's farm, picking an apple and taking a big bite.

9 PINKIE PIE (V.O.)
What happened was, a thief snuck onto Applejack's farm! He stole some of her apples!

Applejack sees the thief and runs over to stop him.

10 PINKIE PIE (V.O.) (CONT'D)
To protect her produce, she produced a peculiar potion...

Applejack tosses a potion into the air. AN OS <POOF> and we reveal... Only AJ's hat floating down to the ground.

11 PINKIE PIE (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Turning him into a hat. FOREVER!

SC. 5 - EXT. APPLEJACK'S FARM - CONTINUOUS

Starlight frowns, unconvinced.

12 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Potions aren't really Applejack's thing, Pinkie.

13 PINKIE PIE
Well, not ANYMORE.

14 RARITY
And that still doesn't explain the nick in her hat.

15 PINKIE PIE
Oh, that's EASY.

SC. 6 - EXT. APPLEJACK'S FARM - LEGEND 2 - CONTINUOUS

The hat, still on the ground, inches toward a shiny apple.
As it gets near, the nick COMICALLY EXAGGERATES into a MOUTH
and TAKES A BITE of the apple! <CHOMP!>

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16 PINKIE PIE (V.O.)
It's the thief pony's mouth! I bet
he talks to Applejack all the time!

SC. 7 - EXT. APPLEJACK'S FARM - CONTINUOUS

They turn to AJ who wipes her brow and gets back to work.

17 PINKIE PIE
Like right now, he's saying, ew,
you're really sweaty.

18 FLUTTERSHY
Or maybe...

SC. 8 - EXT. APPLEJACK'S FARM - LEGEND 3

Applejack climbs a ladder to reach a high-up apple.

19 FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)
It was a tragic accident on the job.

As AJ steps up, her hat is speared through by a branch.
Applejack grabs the hat in her teeth and pulls. It rips,
tearing the brim. AJ shrugs and tosses the hat back on.

SC. 9 - EXT. APPLEJACK'S FARM - CONTINUOUS

Rarity shakes her head.

20 RARITY
Darlings, I think we can all agree
that this is a simple case...

SC. 10 - INT. BEAUTY PARLOR - LEGEND 4

Applejack, wearing a whole hat, stands still as the top of a
PONY's head moves around her, scissors flying.

21 RARITY (V.O.)
...of a haircut gone terribly
wrong.

Clips of hair fly everywhere-- and a piece of AJ's hat!
Applejack holds up a mirror, shrugs and walks out.

SC. 11 - EXT. APPLEJACK'S FARM - CONTINUOUS

Applejack has joined the group, listening intently.

22 APPLEJACK
Is that what y'all really think?

23 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
What's the true story, Applejack?

24 APPLEJACK
Well... it's a bite mark.

She whips off the hat, the nick perfectly aligning her mouth.

25 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
 (mouth full)
From carrying my hat when I need my
hooves free and my mane in the sun.

Starlight nods, satisfied. But the ponies stare for a beat
and return to debating theories.

26 PINKIE PIE /FLUTTERSHY / RARITY /
 RAINBOW DASH
I wonder how we can turn the pony
back. / She needs to be more
careful... / The risks we take for
style... / I wonder where that
sorcerer is now...

END.