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TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

Out in the arena area of Sweet Apple Acres, APPLEJACK is galloping purposely, heading right for a low fence. She does this first jump with ease. She then does a turn and begins galloping a little harder as she heads towards the second, higher fence. With an extra push, she leaps over this fence as well, still clearing it with some wiggle room. She does another turn and begins galloping full force. We see that the last fence is quite a bit higher than the previous two. With an intense look in her eye, AJ digs deep and jumps.

In a SLO-MO shot, AJ dramatically just clears the fence and lands with a flourish.

APPLE BLOOM watches from the outside of the fenced rodeo ring standing under a wooden shelter/awning. She stomps her hooves excitedly.

1 APPLE BLOOM
Jumping Jehosaphat, Applejack!
That...was...AWESOME!!!

2 APPLEJACK
Thankee kindly, little sis. But
that was just my warm up. You
haven't seen anything yet!

Cut to a sack of apples with eyes and a smiley face painted on it. Suddenly, it begins moving up and down, getting severely shaken. Pull out to reveal AJ bucking like a bronco with the sack of apples on her back. AJ bucks harder and harder until the sack flies off her back. It lands, crushing the apples.

GRANNY SMITH spryly zips in and grabs the bag of apples.

3 GRANNY SMITH
Hot diggity! We're having apple
crumble tonight!

4 APPLEJACK
Glad to help, Granny!

AJ turns to Apple Bloom.

5 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Now, you better hold onto your hat
for this last one!

6 APPLE BLOOM
But I don't wear a hat.

7 APPLEJACK
Well, then, you better hold onto mine!

AJ puts her hat on Apple Bloom's head.

Close on AJ's face. She furrows her brow and grabs a rope with her teeth.

8 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
<Grunting>

Pull out to reveal that the rope is tied around a big bale of hay. AJ begins to spin around with the bale of hay, like a discus thrower. Once she has enough momentum, AJ heaves it into the air with all her strength, sending it flying.

9 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
HAAAA!

The hay bale lands far from her. We see that there are two other hay bales that AJ has already thrown, each one further from the next. This last one surpasses them both, landing right at the fence in front of Apple Bloom.

As it lands, the hay bale kicks up so much wind it knocks AJ's hat off Apple Bloom's head.

10 APPLE BLOOM
Woohoo! Applejack, you're sure to knock everypony's hat off at the National Rodeo Competition!

AJ walks up to Apple Bloom, modestly bowing her head a bit.

11 APPLEJACK
Aw, shucks, Apple Bloom. I sure hope so.

12 APPLE BLOOM
Hope so? I know so! After all, you're the ten-time Rodeo Champeen of Ponyville!

Apple Bloom gestures to the back wall of the shelter. There, AJ's wall of victory, is covered in blue ribbons.

13 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Why, you've got more blue ribbons than anypony in Ponyville EVER!
(MORE)

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
And I can't wait for my big sis to
win every blue ribbon in
Equestria...

On AJ as she beams proudly and confidently at her sister's words.

14 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
and bring home the title of
National Rodeo Champion!

MY LITTLE PONY TITLE SEQUENCE

ACT I

SC. 2 EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN HALL - DAY

A big, winking image of Applejack with her hoof "pointing" at herself fills the screen. Pull out to reveal this is on a huge banner, which also has images of blue ribbons and horseshoes. RAINBOW and DITZY DOO grab either end of the banner and fly it up to hang on Town Hall, which is a shambles. The roof is caving in and beams are hanging down. Rainbow very carefully hangs her side of the banner.

15 RAINBOW DASH
Now, careful, Ditzzy Doo! You don't
want to do any more damage than
you've already done.

Ditzzy hangs her side gently and then gives Rainbow a dippy look.

16 DITZY DOO
Jeepers! I just don't know what
went wrong that day!

FLASH TO:

SC. 3 EXT. PONYVILLE - NIGHT

A fierce rainstorm is pouring down. It is LOUD. Up on the clouds, Rainbow is bucking lightening bolts from them so they land far from the buildings, off into the distance. But Ditzzy is doing a little "Bucking Bronco" dance as she bucks the lightening. Her bolts have no control, getting close to town.

17 DITZY DOO
Bucking the bolts! Bucking the
bolts! I give the clouds a jolt
when I'm bucking the bolts!

18 RAINBOW DASH
DITZY! KEEP YOUR BOLTS AWAY FROM
TOWN.

Ditzy looks over at Dash and nods her head.

19 DITZY DOO
NO PROBLEM!

Ditzy bucks another bolt, which almost hits a building.

20 RAINBOW DASH
DITZY! YOUR LIGHTNING IS GETTING
TOO CLOSE!

21 DITZY DOO
I KNOW, RIGHT? I think this cloud
must be defective!

Ditzy pounds on the top of the cloud three times like it's a defective TV set. Three bolts shoots out. One bolt hits PINKIE PIE'S umbrella hat, turning it into dust. Another just singes her tail as she dashes into the Sweet Shop. The last bolt hits Town Hall, sending the roof caving in.

CROSS DISSOLVE:

SC. 4 EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN HALL - DAY

Town Hall looks even worse than that night, falling apart.

Zip up to Ditzy and Rainbow.

22 DITZY DOO
I just don't know what went
wrong...

23 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah. It's a mystery.

Ditzy sizes up their "handy" work with the banner.

24 DITZY DOO
Nice work, Rainbow Dash!

Ditzy gives her side of the banner a smack with her hoof. A large cross beam that was hanging by a thread breaks off and falls.

25 DITZY DOO (CONT'D)
Whoops! My bad!

26 RAINBOW DASH
Head's up, everypony!

Rainbow quickly flies down and gets past the beam. She waits for a beat, and catches it. But it's too heavy. We pan with her as the beam pulls her down and punches a hole in the second floor of Town Hall and then the first. Hold on the first floor hole as Rainbow and the beam <CRASH> land off screen in the basement.

Ditzy flies down into the scene.

27 DITZY
(calling out)
You okay, Rainbow Dash? Anything I
can do to help?

Rainbow pops up out of the hole, looking a mess.

28 RAINBOW DASH
NO! NOTHING! In the name of
Celestia, just sit there and do
nothing.

Ditzy slowly lowers her bottom onto the floor.

29 DITZY
Okay...

When her butt hits the floorboards, some come loose, widening the hole, falling on top of Rainbow and sending her falling into the basement again.

30 RAINBOW DASH
Ahhhhh!

PONIES (including the MAIN PONIES) begin to fill the square in front of Town Hall. AJ walks through the crowd and Ponies begin to chant.

31 PONIES
Applejack! Applejack! Applejack!
Applejack!

The MAYOR is at the podium. Applejack gets up on stage beside her.

32 MAYOR
Everypony, can I get your
attention! Attention please!

The Ponies all quiet down.

33 MAYOR (CONT'D)
Thank you.

But then PINKIE PIE pops into the foreground of the screen, filling it with her face (like the shot at the beginning of Singing in the Rain when the guy yells, "Zelda! Oh, Zelda!")

34 PINKIE PIE
APPLEJACK! OH, APPLEJACK!!!

More of Town Hall falls down behind the Mayor.

35 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Ooh! Sorry!
(whispers)
Applejack.

36 MAYOR
Yes, we are all here to send
Applejack off to compete in this
year's National Rodeo Competition
in Canterlot!

Everypony stomps their hooves and throws their focus to AJ. She smiles proudly.

37 MAYOR (CONT'D)
We know she'll make Ponyville proud
coming home as the National Rodeo
Champion of All Equestria!

The Ponies STOMP their hooves.

38 PONIES
<CHEER!>

39 MAYOR
And I want to thank Applejack in
advance for generously offering up
her prize money to fix Town Hall.

Ditzy is standing near the front, near the building.

40 DITZY DOO
Yeah! Applejack! Woo!

Ditzy does a "hoof pump" in the air, punching the building. Another piece comes crashing down behind the Mayor, whose shoulders tense up at the sound. The Mayor gives Ditzy an annoyed side glance.

41 MAYOR
(gritting her teeth)
We just don't know what we'd do
without talented, skilled ponies
like you!

The entire town CHEERS and stomps their hooves. AJ blushes a bit at all this attention, but she's loving every minute of it.

42 PINKIE PIE
Speech! Speech!

AJ smiles and moves to the podium.

43 APPLEJACK
Now, I'm not much for speeches...

44 PINKIE PIE
Alright then, No Speech! Pack it up
everypony.

45 APPLEJACK
BUT... this here is the nicest send-
off anypony could ever ask for.
Y'all have been cheering me on in
every rodeo since I was a *little*,
little pony. So it seems only
fitting to use my winnings to fix
up Town Hall. I promise to make
Ponyville proud!

The crowd goes wild, stomping and CHEERING louder than ever.

SC. 5 EXT. PONYVILLE TRAIN STATION - DAY

On the train platform, AJ is standing in front of the train with Apple Bloom, BIG MCINTOSH, GRANNY SMITH, the Mayor, TWILIGHT, FLUTTERSHY, Pinkie, and Rainbow surrounding her.

46 GRANNY SMITH
I want you to go show all them
highfalutin' rodeo ponies what a
REAL rodeo pony is like!

47 APPLEJACK
You betcha, Granny Smith.

The Mayor is about to burst with excitement.

48 MAYOR
And bring back all that money!

49 APPLEJACK
You betcha, Mayor!

50 PINKIE PIE
And have fun! And don't be nervous! Or if you are, use that nervous energy to do even better than you already would. And eat peanuts. And popcorn. And taffy. Taffy gives you *lots* of nervous energy!

51 TWILIGHT
Just do your best, Applejack.

52 APPLEJACK
Will do!

Rarity comes running up.

53 RARITY
Sorry I'm late. I just had to finish Applejack's going-away present for her debut at the *ro-deo* (pronounce like Rodeo Drive).

54 APPLEJACK
That's rodeo, Rarity.

Rarity doesn't hear her (or chooses not to).

55 RARITY
Yes! A proper *ro-deo* pony needs a special saddle.

With a quick whip, Rarity puts a saddle on AJ. It is decorated to the nines, covered in ribbons and bows. AJ looks at it with wide-eyes.

56 APPLEJACK
Well, that sure is...special.

57 RARITY
Don't you just LOVE it?

Rainbow leans in to AJ with a sly smile.

58 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah. *Don't* you?

The CONDUCTOR PONY sticks his head out of the train.

59 CONDUCTOR PONY
The train to Canterlot is about to leave. All aboard that's coming aboard!

60 APPLEJACK
Guess that means me!

AJ slings her saddlebags onto her back, up over her saddle.

61 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
I'll see y'all in a week!

62 APPLE BLOOM
With lots of new blue ribbons!

63 MAYOR
And lots of MONEY!

64 APPLEJACK
Darn tootin'!

AJ steps on the train. It begins to chug off. AJ sticks her head out the window.

65 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
See you later, everypony!

66 FRIENDS/FAMILY
Bye!/Have fun!/You'll be great!/
You're the best!/Go Applejack!/Show
'em what Ponyville's made of!

67 PINKIE PIE
And drink Sarsaparilla!

Everypony looks at Pinkie.

68 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
What? It gives you extra sass!

They shake their heads as the train chugs off.

SC. 6 INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES BARN - NIGHT

Inside the barn, the Apple family and all the pony friends are decorating and setting up a welcome home party for AJ. Fluttershy and Rainbow hang up the banner of AJ's face again.

69 FLUTTERSHY
I hope Applejack is surprised by
this surprise party.

70 RAINBOW DASH
Well, that is the point.

71 FLUTTERSHY
I know, but I hope she isn't so
surprised she's startled, because
while being surprised can be nice,
being startled can be very
startling.

Fluttershy and Rainbow land just as Pinkie pops up next to Fluttershy.

72 PINKIE PIE
SURPRISE!

Fluttershy jumps a bit.

73 FLUTTERSHY
<GASP!> Oh, Pinkie, you startled
me.

74 PINKIE PIE
Sorry, I was just practicing my
surprise for when we surprise
Applejack with this super cool
party for becoming Rodeo Champeen
of Equestria! SURPRISE!

Fluttershy startles again.

On Twilight, peeking out the door.

75 TWILIGHT
Quiet, Pinkie! I think Applejack's
coming!

76 PINKIE PIE
Don't worry Twilight. Got my lips
all limbered up!

Pinkie starts doing weird lip calisthenics. They turn off the lights and hide. The door opens and a PONY'S SHADOW is seen. They flip on the lights and yell...

77 FRIENDS/FAMILY
SURPRISE!!!

78 PINKIE PIE
(a half second late)
SURPRISE!
(to herself)
Shoot!

But instead of AJ, it's the POSTPONY who is wearing a hat with a telegram sticking out of it. And he has a huge grin on his face.

79 POSTPONY
Wow! This is the best surprise
ever! How did you know it was my
birthday?

Pinkie grabs the telegram from his hat and slams the door in the Postpony's face. The Postpony's face falls in sadness. Suddenly the door opens again. Pinkie has a plate with cake on it. She shoves it in the Postpony's mouth and slams the door again.

Inside the barn, Twilight has levitated the telegram with her horn. Everypony surrounds her.

80 APPLE BLOOM
Who's it from, Twilight? What's it
say?

Twilight opens the telegram.

81 TWILIGHT
It's from Applejack. She's NOT
coming back!

On all the ponies looking shocked.

END ACT I

ACT II

SC. 7 INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES BARN - CONTINUOUS

On the ponies, still in shock.

82 RAINBOW DASH
Whatta ya mean Applejack's not
coming back? She loves Ponyville.

83 GRANNY SMITH
And she loves Sweet Apple Acres.

84 APPLE BLOOM
And she loves her family!

85 RARITY
Something just dreadful must have
happened to Applejack to make her
not return.

86 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe she's hurt or sad or scared.

87 RAINBOW DASH
So what're we waiting for? Let's
go find her!

Twilight turns to the Apples.

88 TWILIGHT
Don't worry. We'll search all of
Equestria if we have to!

Pan across the family, going from Apple Bloom to Granny.

89 APPLE BLOOM
Y'all are the best!

90 GRANNY SMITH
Thank you girls.

Landing on Big Mac, who's eyes are welled up with tears. He
so choked up, he just nods. The ponies all leave, leaving
the Apples behind.

91 GRANNY SMITH (CONT'D)
Our little bushel just lost one
Apple!

Big Mac chokes back the tears.

92 BIG MCINTOSH
<CHOKING BACK TEARS SOUNDS>

SC. 8 TRAIN MONTAGE

With a MAP OF EQUESTRIA background, dashes make their way across the map following the route of the train. Shot of the train chugging through Equestria headed towards Canterlot.

Overlay of the ponies are all sticking their heads out the windows as they ride on the train through Equestria.

The dashes stop at an "X" at each depot where they stop.

Overlay of the friends asking PONIES from each town if they've seen AJ. They hold up a picture of her. But everypony just shakes their head.

Failing at each stop, the train finally makes it to Canterlot. The friends are at the RODEO ARENA asking even more ponies for help. But once again, they only get heads shaking "No." The friends all shrug in defeat.

END MONTAGE**SC. 9 INT. TRAIN - DAY**

The ponies are all aboard a train returning to Ponyville. They look very sad and discouraged. Pan across starting with Rainbow, looking concerned.

93 RAINBOW DASH

I can't believe we're going home
empty hooved. I don't know how
we'll break it to the Mayor about
the roof.

To Twilight, also looking concerned.

94 TWILIGHT

I don't know how we'll break it to
the Apple Family.

To Pinkie, who looks like she's going to burst.

95 PINKIE PIE

I don't how I'll make it to the
next stop!

The ponies all look at Pinkie and roll their eyes.

96 TWILIGHT
<SIGH> You don't have to hold it
any longer, Pinkie. We're pulling
up right now.

SC. 10 EXT. DODGE JUNCTION TRAIN DEPOT - DAY - CONTINUOUS

As the train stops at a very Western-style depot, Pinkie runs out. She quickly finds a Pony Potty Stall. But when she pushes to go in, it's locked.

97 PINKIE PIE
Oh pickles!

Pinkie waits, doing a little anxious "Pee Pee Dance."

98 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(sotto)
Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

Finally, she can't take it anymore and pounds on the door.

99 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Hurry it up in there!

100 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
Hold yer horses!

The door finally opens and AJ comes out. But Pinkie is in such a rush, she dashes right in without seeing her. It's so fast, that AJ doesn't see her either. Pinkie shuts and locks the door.

101 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Some ponies! Sheesh!

AJ begins to walk off when she hears from inside the potty...

102 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
APPLEJACK!!!

Pinkie rushes out of the Pony Potty and starts bouncing in front of Applejack, who looks shocked to see her.

103 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I found her! I found her! I found
her!

Over in the train, the rest of the friends see AJ.

104 PONIES
APPLEJACK!

They all rush off the train to see her.

105 RARITY
Applejack! Thank heavens!

106 FLUTTERSHY
We're so glad you're safe!

Pinkie is still bouncing.

107 PINKIE PIE
I found her! I found her! I found
her! I found her!

She stops bouncing in mid-air with eyes wide.

108 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I'll be right back

She zips into the stall. We pan over to the others.

109 APPLEJACK
Hey everypony. What's up?

110 RAINBOW DASH
What's up? What *gives*? Why didn't
you come back to Ponyville?

Rarity looks around at the Western town very disparagingly.

111 RARITY
Yes, why are you *here*?

112 FLUTTERSHY
Are you okay?

Pinkie rejoins the group.

113 PINKIE PIE
Do you have any snacks?

114 TWILIGHT
Tell us what happened, Applejack.

AJ shrugs nonchalantly.

115 APPLEJACK
It's no big deal, guys. I heard all
these ponies talking about Dodge
Junction.
(MORE)

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

Turns out they have a great cherry orchard and I thought cherries would be a nice change from apples. So I came here and got a job. That's it. End of story.

116 PINKIE PIE

That's it? Well, that's a terrible story.

117 APPLEJACK

Sorry, but's that's all there is to tell. Thanks for checking on me, but y'all can go on home. Tell my family "Hi" and that I'm a-okay.

118 RAINBOW DASH

Excuse me AJ, but we didn't travel all over Equestria searching for you to come home *without* you!

AJ's demeanor turns from casual to annoyed.

119 APPLEJACK

Well, I didn't ask you to come looking for me, so why don't y'all mind your own business. There is nothing to tell and I am NOT going back to Ponyville!

AJ storms off leaving her friends stunned.

120 RAINBOW DASH

I have never heard a pony more full of baloney.

121 PINKIE PIE

What?! She had baloney?! I told her I was snacky!

122 TWILIGHT

Rainbow's right. Applejack's not telling us something.

SC. 11 INT. CHERRY-O ORCHARD - LATER

Inside a sorting room, on the left of the room, there is a cut-out opening with a flap hanging down. A conveyor belt comes through this opening (if we were to see the other side of the wall, it would lead to the outside where the cherries are placed on the belt.) The belt reaches across the room to a contraption where a pony is hooked up to run the belt. AJ is currently hooked up to this.

On the foreground side of the conveyor belt, there are two bins for the cherries to go into, one with a red cherry on it and one with a yellow cherry on it. The other side is where the ponies stand to sort the cherries into the bins.

CHERRY JUBILEE, the boss of Cherry-O, comes in.

123 CHERRY JUBILEE
You all ready to go, Applejack?

124 APPLEJACK
Sure am, Miss Jubilee!

125 CHERRY JUBILEE
Terrific. Come on in, girls.
We're all set.

The friends all file in, completely decked out in Cherry-O uniforms with saddlebags and hats. AJ squints her eyes at them, annoyed.

126 APPLEJACK
What are you all doing here?

127 TWILIGHT
We're your cherry sorters.
(very matter-of-factly)
Now, Miss Jubilee, how does this
sorting work?

128 CHERRY JUBILEE
Can you show them, Applejack?

Still annoyed, AJ begins walking.

129 APPLEJACK
Fine.

The conveyor belt starts moving and from the other side of the opening, red and yellow cherries start coming out slowly and spaced far apart.

130 CHERRY JUBILEE
Now all you girls have to do is pop
the red cherries in one bin and the
yellow cherries in the other.

Cherry demonstrates, knocking cherries into the bins with her nose.

131 CHERRY JUBILEE (CONT'D)
See, simple as cherry pie! Just one
teensy thing to remember...

Cherry suddenly becomes very intense.

132 CHERRY JUBILEE (CONT'D)
ALL the cherries that come through
MUST be separated into the correct
bins. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES
should any cherries fall, get past
the bins, or be sorted incorrectly.
UNDERSTOOD?

The girls are wide eyed but nod 'yes'.

Cherry pops back to being cheery.

133 CHERRY JUBILEE (CONT'D)
Have fun!

Cherry leaves. AJ has stopped walking and looks back at her friends, still annoyed.

134 APPLEJACK
What are you five up to?

135 RARITY
(not very convincing)
Well, you made working on a cherry
orchard sound absolutely
delightful.

But AJ's not falling for it.

136 APPLEJACK
Uh huh... Well, just remember- no
talking about Ponyville!

137 RAINBOW DASH
Fine. Why don't you quit talking
and get walking.

AJ furrows her brow and starts walking. The belt starts moving, and cherries start coming out. The five ponies start pushing cherries into the bin with their noses. They come out at a good pace and with five ponies, they easily sort them. All is quiet. The ponies start shifting their glance at each other. Rainbow nudges Twilight to talk.

138 TWILIGHT
So, AJ, how was Canterlot?

AJ gives her the evil eye.

139 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
(defensively)
Not talking about Ponyville.
Talking about Canterlot. Totally
different town.

AJ looks straight ahead.

140 APPLEJACK
Canterlot was fine.

141 TWILIGHT
Was the rodeo fun?

142 APPLEJACK
Yes.

143 TWILIGHT
Did you meet some nice ponies
there?

144 APPLEJACK
Some.

Twilight walks away from the sorting.

145 TWILIGHT
Really? Did you see Wild Bull
Hickok? What about Calamity Mane?

146 APPLEJACK
Yes. Saw them both.

147 TWILIGHT
They were always my *favorites* when
I was a little filly.

148 APPLEJACK
That's nice.

Rainbow leaves the conveyor belt and joins Twilight.

149 RAINBOW DASH
So...who was the pony that told you
about Dodge Junction?

At this question, AJ starts walking a little faster. The
three ponies still sorting start going faster as a result.

150 APPLEJACK
Um, it was...uh...old Broncin'
Buck. He's from these parts.

Now Rarity steps away and joins the conversation.

151 RARITY
Really, that's so fascinating. And
who was it that told you about
Cherry-O Orchards?

AJ starts walking faster as she nervously blabbers. Between the activity and the grilling, she's beginning to sweat.

152 APPLEJACK
Um, well, Miss Jubilee had a cherry
stand at the rodeo. Real good
treats. Cherry Winks, Cherry
Cheesecake, Cherry Tarts. We
struck up a conversation, being
orchard-folk and all.

Fluttershy and Pinkie are now the only ones working the conveyor belt. With AJ walking so fast, the cherries are coming out at a fast rate.

Pinkie and Fluttershy push the cherries from bin to bin as fast as they can. But there are now more on the belt than when they started. (FOR REFERENCE WATCH THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY BIT FROM "I LOVE LUCY" ON YOUTUBE.)

Pinkie starts using her hooves, batting cherries into the bins. Fluttershy uses a hoof and her nose to sort hers. She is quickly overwhelmed and tries to get her friends attention in a whisper.

153 FLUTTERSHY
Um, excuse me...

But her friends don't hear her.

154 TWILIGHT
So you told her about Sweet Apple
Acres?

155 APPLEJACK
Yes.

156 RAINBOW DASH
Did you tell *her* why you weren't
going back?

157 APPLEJACK
No, cause it was none of *her*
business!

AJ goes faster. Pinkie accidentally knocks a red cherry into the yellow bin. Her eyes grow wide. Pinkie and Fluttershy give each other a nervous look.

158 FLUTTERSHY
Can you slow down?

159 RAINBOW DASH
Is it because I made it rain on you
that ONE time?

160 APPLEJACK
No.

Now AJ is jogging, trying to 'get away' from them. The cherries are flying in fast. Pinkie starts putting piles of cherries in her mouth and then spitting them into the bins.

161 TWILIGHT
Is it because you were insulted
when I gave you that book on
Organized Orchards?

162 APPLEJACK
No.

Pinkie scoops cherries into her saddlebags and then into Fluttershy's saddlebags.

163 FLUTTERSHY
Help!

164 RARITY
Is it because you were insulted
when I insulted your hair?

Pinkie's and Fluttershy's bags and hats are stuffed with cherries. Pinkie's cheeks are bulging and she looks green.

165 FLUTTERSHY
Please!

AJ is now running as fast as she can.

166 APPLEJACK
No! No! No! I'm not telling you
why so just...

Stop!

FLUTTERSHY

STOP!

APPLEJACK

AJ stops running. This stops the conveyor belt and the momentum sends the cherries on the belt flying at her, splattering AJ and the wall behind her making a huge mess. The ponies react in horror.

SC. 12 INT. CHERRY-O ORCHARDS - LATER

The ponies (except AJ) are finishing cleaning up the mess, scrubbing and washing the walls and floors.

167 TWILIGHT
Well, girls, we seem to be striking out.

168 RAINBOW DASH
That's cuz we're playing too nice.

169 RARITY
Yes, desperate times do call for desperate measures.

170 RAINBOW DASH
It's time to call in the big guns.

171 FLUTTERSHY
No! Not that!

172 TWILIGHT
Big guns?

Close on Rainbow.

173 RAINBOW DASH
Pinkie's Mouth!

SC. 13 EXT. CHERRY-O ORCHARDS - LATER

AJ is out bucking cherries when Pinkie comes bouncing up.

174 PINKIE PIE
Hey, Applejack, need some help?

AJ shrugs in defeat.

175 APPLEJACK
You promise not to ask me any questions?

176 PINKIE PIE
I promise.

The two start bucking cherries into baskets under the trees.

177 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

Have you ever had a Cherrychanga?
Ooh, sorry, that was a question.
Can I not ask you any questions?

178 APPLEJACK

That kind of question is fine,
Pinkie. No, I've never had a
Cherrychanga.

179 PINKIE PIE

Well, no wonder, because I made it
up myself! A Cherrychanga is mashed
up cherries in a tortilla that's
deep-fried. Cherrychanga! Great
name, huh? Oh, but maybe I should
call it a Chimicherry! Ooh, that's
good too. Which do you think
sounds better, Cherrychanga or
Chimicherry. Or, what if I combine
them? Chimicherrychanga! What
sounds the funniest?

AJ continues to work, but Pinkie's babbling is beginning to
bother her.

180 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

I like funny words. One of my
favorite funny words is kumquat. I
didn't make that one up. I would
work in a Kumquat Orchard just so I
could say kumquat all day.
Kumquat, kumquat, kumquat.

AJ's shoulders begin to rise.

181 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

And pickle barrel. Isn't that just
the funnest thing to say? Pickle
barrel, pickle barrel, pickle
barrel. Say it with me! Pickle
barrel, kumquat, pickle barrel,
kumquat, pickle barrel, kumquat,
chimicherrychanga!

182 APPLEJACK

Aaah! Make it stop! Make it stop!

Rainbow pops out from behind a cherry tree.

183 RAINBOW DASH

The only way to make it stop is
for you to spill the beans.

184 APPLEJACK

Never!

185 RAINBOW DASH

Pinkie...

186 PINKIE PIE

Speaking of beans, did you ever
realize how many words rhyme with
beans? Lean, mean, spleen, unclean
keen, tureen, sardine, queen,
green, tambourine...

187 APPLEJACK

Alright, alright! I'll tell
everypony what's going on tomorrow
at breakfast, just please stop
talking!

188 PINKIE PIE

Pinkie Promise?

Pinkie holds out her hoof. AJ holds out her hoof to
Pinkie's.

189 APPLEJACK

<SIGH> I will tell you the whole
truth at breakfast. Pinkie
Promise.

Pinkie smiles.

SC. 14 INT. CHERRY-O ORCHARDS - THE NEXT DAY

The ponies walk down the hall to AJ's room.

190 TWILIGHT

I'm glad we're finally going to get
some answers from Applejack.

191 RAINBOW DASH

Yeah, good job, Pinkie! That
pony's gotta fess up after making a
Pinkie Promise.

Pinkie smiles proudly as they come to AJ's door.

192 PINKIE PIE
Good morning, Applejack! You ready
for breakfast?

She pushes the door open and all the ponies see that the room
is bare. AJ is gone!

In a slow burn, Pinkie goes from pink to RED.

193 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Nopony breaks a Pinkie Promise!

Furious, Pinkie runs off with her friends in her wake.

SC. 15 EXT. DODGE JUNCTION TRAIN DEPOT - DAY

Pinkie runs full speed to the train depot with her friends
following behind. She stops, seeing AJ standing on the
platform with her saddlebags packed.

194 PINKIE PIE
(to herself)
That really chaps my hide!
(calling out)
APPLEJACK!

AJ turns, caught red-hooved, and sees that Pinkie is furious.

195 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
YOU PINKIE PROMISED!

AJ freezes in horror.

END ACT II

ACT III

SC. 16 EXT. DODGE JUNCTION TRAIN DEPOT - DAY - CONTINUOUS

Back on AJ frozen as Pinkie begins to slowly close in on her,
filled with fury.

196 PINKIE PIE
(seething)
Applejack! You Pinkie Promised!

AJ's eyes grow wide and then suddenly, she bolts, hightailing
it away from the station. The ponies all freeze for a second
and then take off after AJ.

MUSIC UNDERSCORES as a wacky Keystone Cops-style cartoon chase starts. The ponies try to catch Applejack, darting this way and that all through the streets.

AJ runs by a barrel. The ponies then run by the barrel, As soon as they're gone, AJ pops out of the barrel and heads the other way.

The ponies run by a shop window, where AJ is dressed in a frilly outfit. They look around and finally see her. AJ's eyes grow wide and she ZIPS out of the clothes, leaving them drifting to the ground.

They see AJ go through saloon doors. They follow AJ in, but don't see her once they get through the doors. There are just some ponies with moustaches playing cards wearing cowboy hats. There are also Saloon Girl Ponies performing on the stage. Thinking AJ is in disguise, the ponies tackle the performing ponies. The Saloon Girls are mortified and chase the ponies out. As soon as they're gone, card-playing AJ looks up from her tipped hat, quickly pulls off her moustache, smiles, and darts out.

But her friends are waiting out in the street. There's no place for her to hide. AJ goes back in and races up the stairs to the balcony. But when she gets out, Rainbow is there hovering in the sky to meet her. AJ turns to go back down, but Twilight is there. AJ is caught, so she runs and jumps off the balcony.

She hits the ground running and they see her go through another set of swinging doors. The friends run through again, but as the doors swing back, AJ is hanging on the other side and takes off.

The friends come out of the building, just as AJ steps into a stagecoach. Pinkie is still fuming.

197 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Applejack! You come back here!

AJ sticks her head out of the carriage.

198 APPLEJACK
Giddyup, fellas! I gotta get the
heck out of Dodge!

The STAGECOACH TEAM start running. The friends look defeated.

199 PINKIE PIE
She's gonna get away!

But then Twilight sees an old cart by the side of the road.

200 TWILIGHT

Oh no she won't! Look, girls!

The ponies scramble over to it. They hitch Rainbow and Fluttershy to the cart. Rarity, Pinkie, and Twilight jump in the cart.

201 PINKIE PIE

Follow that stagecoach!

Rainbow and Fluttershy take off, running as fast as they can. They use their wings to give them some extra speed but stay close to the ground. AJ looks out the back window and sees them on her tail.

In a high-speed, Ben Hur-style chariot race, the cart chases the stagecoach through town.

In a CART CAM POV, Rainbow and Fluttershy weave in and out around other coaches and carts. DODGE PONIES have to jump out of the way as they come barreling through. A LITTLE PONY is in the middle of the road. The MOM PONY sees her.

202 MOM PONY

(over-dramatic)

My little pony!

She dashes out and whooshes her pony away just in time.

The friends are almost caught up with the stagecoach. The stagecoach weaves back and forth in front of them. Pinkie is zeroing in on them with her eye on the prize.

203 PINKIE PIE

We have you now!

Suddenly a LITTLE RABBIT darts into their path. Fluttershy's eyes grow wide.

204 FLUTTERSHY

Oh no!

She weaves quickly, dodging the bunny and sending the cart through a pile of square hay bales by the side of the road. They emerge with hay sticking to everything. Rarity notices her messed up hair. She faints into Twilight's arms.

205 RARITY

<fainting noise>

The stagecoach starts heading out of town into the open plain. Rainbow and Fluttershy follow, running extra hard and come up fast on the stagecoach. They sidle their cart up. Rainbow gives them a hard shove to try and get them to stop.

206 RAINBOW DASH
Hya! Take that!

AJ looks out the side window.

207 APPLEJACK
What the hey?

The Team then shoves back. AJ is thrown in the cart.

208 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Woah!

Rainbow shoves again. AJ is thrown the other way.

209 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Hey!

The Team does one more shove and AJ is thrown again.

210 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Woah!

She sticks her head out the front window.

211 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Hey! Cut that out!
(to the Team)
I'll pay you double to outrun them!

The Team likes the sound of that and run a little faster.

212 TWILIGHT
We'll pay you triple to slow down!

The Team gives each other a look and slow down a bit.

213 APPLEJACK
I'll pay you quadruple to leave
them in the dust!

The Team smiles, digs deep, and leaves the cart in the dust. The ponies are left COUGHING and SPUTTERING, covered in dust.

214 RARITY
Well, that was rude!

Pinkie is wild with passion.

215 PINKIE PIE
Get them! Get them!

Rainbow is equally impassioned.

216 RAINBOW DASH
C'mon Fluttershy!

They kick in some extra "wing-power" and flash up to the stagecoach.

AJ sees this and jumps out to drive the Team. She begins whipping the reigns. The Team looks back annoyed.

217 APPLEJACK
Hya! C'mon y'all! Go! Go!

As the two race neck and neck, Pinkie leaps over to AJ's coach.

218 PINKIE PIE
Applejack! I want you to apologize
for breaking your Pinkie Promise!

219 APPLEJACK
Pinkie, I did not break my promise.

220 PINKIE PIE
Wha?

221 APPLEJACK
If you'll reckon back, I told you
that I would tell you everything
when I saw you at breakfast. But
since I didn't have breakfast and I
didn't see you, I did not break my
Pinkie Promise.

Pinkie is completely flummoxed by this.

222 PINKIE PIE
Well, I...I...

223 APPLEJACK
But now I'm REALLY sorry I skipped
breakfast!

Pinkie's face changes to a smile.

224 PINKIE PIE
Okay! You said "sorry!" Thanks,
Applejack!

Pinkie turns back to the cart and, without warning, jumps.

225 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Rarity! Catch me!

Rarity looks up to see a jumping Pinkie coming straight at her.

226 RARITY
Pinkie! NOOOOOOOO!

Pinkie lands on Rarity and the two tumble out of the cart. They pop up unscathed. Twilight looks back at her friends as they move away. She turns to Rainbow.

227 TWILIGHT
Rainbow! Go back!

Rainbow is running as hard as she can.

228 RAINBOW DASH
No time! They knew what they were getting into!

229 TWILIGHT
What does that even mean?!?

The stagecoach and the cart are now running parallel with the train tracks. AJ sees the train crossing guardrails coming and a train coming down the perpendicular tracks.

230 APPLEJACK
Yes! Hya!

AJ whips the reins once again. The Team runs faster than ever. The train is chugging down the tracks. The stagecoach is getting closer. The train. The stagecoach. The train. The stagecoach skates past the guardrails, zips across the tracks, just beating the train going by and then comes to a rapid stop. AJ jumps down from the stagecoach.

231 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Yee haw!

The Team is less thrilled.

232 STAGECOACH TEAM
Lady, you crazy!

They take off, leaving AJ to celebrate as the very long train goes by.

233 APPLEJACK
Hah! Try and catch me now...

But just as she says this, her voice trails off as she sees Rainbow and Fluttershy fly the cart over the train.

234 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Ah, nuts!

AJ takes off. Rainbow and Fluttershy land and Rainbow unhooks herself from the cart.

235 RAINBOW DASH
Not so fast!

Rainbow runs and quickly tackles AJ. As AJ falls, her saddlebag opens. All her rodeo ribbons fall out.

236 APPLEJACK
Fine! Now you know!

237 TWILIGHT
Know what?

238 APPLEJACK
Well, just look!

She gestures at the ribbons, which are every color but blue.

239 TWILIGHT
I am. You won an amazing number of ribbons, Applejack. Congratulations!

240 APPLEJACK
Don't you get it? There's every color of ribbon down there. Every color...but blue.

Twilight, Rainbow, and Fluttershy all look at each other, finally realizing.

241 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
I came in 4th, 3rd, even 2nd! But I didn't win one 1st prize. And I certainly didn't win any prize money. After that big 'ol send-off Ponyville gave me, I just didn't have the nerve to come home and tell everypony I failed. I just couldn't face the Mayor and tell her I didn't get the money to fix the broken roof.

242 FLUTTERSHY

Applejack, we can always find a way to fix that hole in the roof. But if you never came back, we would never be able to fix the hole in our hearts.

AJ is welled up. Twilight nods her head, also welled up. On Rainbow. Even SHE is close to tears. It becomes too much for Rainbow and she shakes it off, embarrassed.

243 RAINBOW DASH

Darn it! Now you got me actin' all sappy!

SC. 17 EXT. PONYVILLE TRAIN STATION - DAY

The train pulls up to the platform, where the entire Apple Family is waiting. AJ steps off and her family surrounds her.

244 APPLEJACK (V.O.)

Dear Princess Celestia, It's a tad easier to be proud when you come in first than it is when you finish towards the back of the pack. But you can't be embarrassed if you aren't the best at everything. And you should always be honest with your friends and family and not try to hide when you've made mistakes.

Upon seeing AJ, Big Mac finally breaks down in tears.

SC. 18 EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN HALL - DAY

Everypony is happy to see AJ and welcomes her back. The Mayor gives her the biggest welcome of all.

245 APPLEJACK (V.O.)

All that matters is that you've tried your best. You should be proud of yourself and everypony else will be too. Even if you come in last, you'll still be first in their hearts.

SC. 19 EXT. EQUESTRIA - DAY

Out in the middle of nowhere, Pinkie and Rarity are working a handcart, trying to get back to Ponyville.

246 PINKIE PIE
I mean, which do you think Rarity?
Chimicherry? Or Cherrychanga?
Chimicherry, Cherrychanga,
Chimicherry, Cherrychanga.

On Rarity, who's eyes are glazed over in pain.

247 RARITY
(sotto)
When I get back, you're going to
get it, Rainbow Dash!

They keep pumping the handcart as Pinkie Pie continues.

248 PINKIE PIE
Chimicherry, Cherrychanga.
Chimicherry, Cherrychanga,
Chimicherry, Cherrychanga.

THE END.