

MY LITTLE PONY
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TEASER

EXT. TOWN HALL - AFTERNOON

RAINBOW DASH

Wow. I can't believe how many ponies showed up.

PINKIE PIE

(excited)

I can. I mean, finding out who the Ponyville Days Pony of Ceremonies is, is a pretty big deal.

TWILIGHT

I didn't know Granny Smith was on the Selection Committee.

APPLEJACK

Of course she is. Ponyville Days celebrates the founding of Ponyville and she was right there.

PINKIE PIE

(in one breath)

I'm glad the Committee didn't automatically pick me so everypony gets a chance to see how great being me actually is, even though the Festival is basically a party and the Pony of Ceremonies gets to organize the whole thing so it would totally make sense if they did pick me.

THE OTHERS

Shhhhhh!

MAYOR

Citizens of Ponyville, this year's applicants were all exceptional, but there can only be one Ponyville Days Pony of Ceremonies. And that pony is...

MAYOR (CONT'D)

Rarity!

TWILIGHT

Congratulations, Rarity. Do you know what you're going to do?

RARITY

(coy)

Oh, I might have a few ideas.

FADE OUT.

INT. RARITY'S BOUTIQUE - LATER

PINKIE PIE
I'm so excited for the Festival I can hardly stand up straight.

TWILIGHT
Me too. I'm glad Rarity was picked. I know she'll add a touch of elegance to the whole thing.

APPLEJACK
Probably more than a touch.

SPIKE
Ahem.

SPIKE (CONT'D)
(stiffly)
This year's Ponyville Days Festival designed by Rarity, will feature high class events, such as...

SPIKE (CONT'D)
A silent cider auction and tasting...

SPIKE (CONT'D)
A Ponyville gala in Town Square...

SPIKE (CONT'D)
And, of course, a Ponyville fashion show. This years Ponyville Days Festival pony of ceremonies, creates shimmering couture of her own design.

RARITY
And the theme is, Small Town Chic!

TWILIGHT
Wow. Rarity, you have really put a lot of effort into this.

APPLEJACK
I'll say.

FLUTTERSHY
I think it's going to be magical.

RARITY
Do you really think so?

PINKIE PIE
Are you kidding? I can't wait!

RARITY
Oh, that's such a relief. But, of course, I couldn't possibly do it all

on my own. The festival is in three days!

RAINBOW DASH

Pinkie Pie and I can hang lights and decorations in the Town Square.

APPLEJACK

And I can get Sweet Apple Acres all ready for the cider tasting.

RARITY

That's just perfect. And now Twilight, if you and Fluttershy wouldn't mind helping with the fashion show...

TWILIGHT

Of course.

FLUTTERSHY

I'd be honored.

RARITY

...I can focus on the one thing I am absolutely worried about the most of all.

THE OTHERS

What!?

RARITY

Creating a Ponyville Days Festival fantastic enough to impress... TRENDERHOOF.

APPLEJACK

Who's Trenderhoof?

RARITY

WHAT?! How can you not know who Trenderhoof is?

RARITY (CONT'D)

(breathless)

Trenderhoof is only the most amazing, handsomest travel writer to have ever traveled or written. Before Las Pegasus became an Equestria travel destination, he wrote about it. Before the culinary revolution in Trottingham, he discovered it. He knows what's going to be hot even before it's even tepid.

TWILIGHT

Sounds like somepony has a little bit of a crush.

RARITY
Oh, Twilight. "Crush" doesn't even
begin to describe it! He's
practically divine. I CAN'T BELIEVE
HE'S COMING!

EXT. PONYVILLE STATION - DAY

RARITY
Thank you ever so much for joining me,
Twilight. I don't think I could have
met Trenderhoof on my own.

TWILIGHT
It's no problem, but you shouldn't be
nervous about meeting him.

RARITY (CONT'D)
Is that him? Do you see him. Twilight,
is he there?

TWILIGHT
Ah... I'm not sure.

RARITY
You don't suppose he decided not to
come?

RARITY (CONT'D)
(panic)
Twilight, I don't see him! What if he
doesn't arrive? The whole festival
will be a disaster! TWILIGHT, WHERE IS
HE?!!

RARITY (CONT'D)
Ahem. Sorry.

TWILIGHT
Rarity, you have to get a hold of
yourself. I mean, you haven't even met
him yet...

RARITY
(cutting her off)
<PROLONGED GASP>

TWILIGHT
what's wrong?

RARITY
Shhhhhhh.
(breathless)
It's him, it's him, it's him, he's
here, it's him.

TWILIGHT

Well, go up and talk to him.

RARITY

I can't.

RARITY (CONT'D)

Um... Hi. Ahem. Hello. Mr. Trenderhoof. I am Rarity and I have been chosen as Pony of Ceremonies for the Ponyville Days Festival.

TREND

Please. Call me Trend.

EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

RARITY

And over here, will be the climax of the Festival, The Ponyville Days Gala. Music. Dancing. And of course a locally sourced menu of delicious treats.

TREND

Reminds me of the Spring Fling meets Manehattan Wedding I wrote about in Gallop & Prance.

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER

RARITY

And finally, Sweet Apple Acres. Ponyville's core, so to speak, where our quaint little hamlet began.

TREND

Breathtaking. I've heard about it, of course, but to see it in verite, to stand on the soil of a working farm... You can really feel the authenticity.

RARITY

Yes. Um... They really do grow apples here.

TREND

Thank you, Rarity. Thank you for bringing me here. This farm is truly something special.

RARITY

I had planned to transform it into an elegant country inn for the Festival, but now I see just how special it is *au natural*.

TREND
Au natural, indeed.

TREND (CONT'D)
Who. Is. That?

RARITY
Who? Applejack?

RARITY (CONT'D)
Um... Why are you staring at her like that?

TREND
I've seen a lot in my travels, but I've never beheld such beauty. Applejack. The pony of my dreams.

EXT. BOUTIQUE - ESTABLISHING - SUNRISE

INT. BOUTIQUE - SAME

SPIKE
Rarity? Rarity?

SPIKE (CONT'D)
Hello?

SPIKE (CONT'D)
I brought my cider tasting cup. Are you ready to go try the samples?

RARITY
(dramatic sobbing)
Oh! What's the point?

SPIKE
Rarity, what's wrong?

RARITY
(fighting back tears)
Nothing.

SPIKE
Is it something I said?

RARITY
(barely audible)
He doesn't like me.

SPIKE
What?

RARITY
(no louder)
He doesn't like me.

SPIKE
Rarity, I can't hear--

RARITY
(loudly cutting him off)
HE DOESN'T LIKE ME BECAUSE HE HAS A
CRUSH ON APPLEJACK EVEN THOUGH I'VE
HAD A CRUSH ON HIM SINCE THE BEGINNING
OF TIME AND IT'S NOT FAIR!

SPIKE
Trenderhoof doesn't like you? That's
ridiculous.

RARITY
Oh, Spike, how could you ever know
what it's like to be totally obsessed
with a pony only to find they're
obsessed with somepony else?

RARITY
I mean, what could Applejack possibly
have that I don't?

EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

TREND
You know, I have such respect for the
work ethic of Earth Ponies.

APPLEJACK
Gee, thanks. Granny Smith always
said, "Pick an apple a day and keep
trouble away."

TREND
How many varieties of apples do you
think there are?

APPLEJACK
On the farm or in all of Equestria?
Because--

TREND
I once had an apple so rare, they
thought it was extinct.
(beat)
I ate four of them.

APPLEJACK
Is that a fact?

TREND
That's my thing.

APPLEJACK

A window?

TREND

I take the mundane, the simple, the...
unappreciated, and I make it
relatable.

APPLEJACK

(flatly)

Well, I hope you can relate to
Ponyville.

TREND

(oblivious)

Me too.

TREND (CONT'D)

But enough about me. I want to know
about you. What do apples mean to
Applejack?

APPLEJACK

Look, I'm glad you're interested in
Ponyville and all, but I'm kinda busy
with my chores and if I can't get 'em
done, there won't be a Ponyville
Days Festival for you to write about.

RARITY (O.S.)

Well, that will never do!

APPLEJACK

Rarity, what are you wearing?

RARITY

(coy)

What, this old thing?

APPLEJACK

Aren't you too busy planning the
Festival to keep making new outfits
for it?

RARITY

I am, but the thought of hauling
apples inspired me and I just couldn't
stop myself.

APPLEJACK

(suspicious)

Really?

RARITY (CONT'D)

(to Trend)

If there's one thing I love, it's
hauling apples.

TREND
(to Applejack)
I'm growing fond of it, myself.

APPLEJACK
(under her breath)
Maybe you two should try it sometime.

TREND
I feel a tad inspired. Do you mind if
I write something?

TREND
*Without farm life there'd be such
disparity.
These thoughts I think with great
clarity.
Apples high to the sky,
She's the one of my eye.
That fruit hauling pony named...*

TREND (CONT'D)
...Applejack.

EXT. FIELD - LATER

SPIKE
Rarity, why do you want to plow
a field?

RARITY
Is it me or could this ensemble use a
splash of color, and maybe a wash?

SPIKE
Don't you want to check on the gala
decorations?

RARITY
Yes, yes. Of course. But Trend
obviously has a thing for farm life.
If I can't convince him that I'm just
as much a farm hoof as Applejack, I'll
never get him interested in the
Festival.

SPIKE
The Festival. Right.

RARITY
And I do appreciate your help ever so
much. I couldn't do a thing without
you Spikey poo.

SPIKE
(flattered)
Well... That's what friends are for.

RARITY
Right...

RARITY (CONT'D)
(straining)
Come... On... Farm... Thing!

RARITY (CONT'D)
How does Applejack do it?!

APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Well, it helps if the harness is tied
on right.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
What are you doing?

RARITY
I'm simply lending a hoof with the
chores...
(to Trend)
...which I love doing ever so much.

APPLEJACK
Well, if you're still interested
after the Festival I can teach you all
about it. But right now, I need to get
the plowing done if you don't mind.

RARITY
Not at all.

SPIKE
She makes it look so easy.

TREND
(mooning)
I know. Isn't she fantastic?

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER

RARITY
I really don't see what all the fuss
is all about.

APPLEJACK
Now, Rarity, you be careful. If you
don't get the bucking just right, you
could sprain a hoof.

RARITY
I am perfectly familiar with the
applebucking process, thank you very
much, but while you seem to rely on raw
power, I believe a certain amount of
style is required.

RARITY (CONT'D)
It's really more of a dance, if you ask me.

RARITY (CONT'D)
Et voilà.

APPLEJACK
Well, your way is definitely long on style.

RARITY
Thank you.

APPLEJACK
Now if you all will excuse me, I have more chores to do...

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
...inside!

TREND
Rarity, can I ask you something?

RARITY
Why, Trend, you can ask me anything.

TREND
I've been meaning to ask for awhile and, frankly, I'm sort of embarrassed.

TREND
Rarity...

TREND
Do you think Applejack would be my date for the Festival?

RARITY
WHY DON'T YOU ASK HER YOURSELF?!!

EXT. FARM HOUSE - LATER

INT. BARN - SAME

APPLEJACK
That was close.

RARITY (O.S.)
If you've come to apologize, there's really no need.

APPLEJACK
What are you talking about?

RARITY

Let's dispense with the charade,
shall we?

APPLEJACK

Listen, I know you really want Trend
to like you.

RARITY

And he does. Despite somepony's best
efforts.

APPLEJACK

I swear, I don't know why he's paying
so much attention to me. And I don't
know anypony who's that interested in
farming. Not even me.

RARITY

Well, maybe it's time Trend met a real
country pony.

APPLEJACK

What the hay is that supposed to mean?

RARITY

Oh, you'll see.

APPLEJACK

Rarity, shouldn't you be working on
the Festival instead of coming up with
new ways to impress Trend?

RARITY

Oh, I'm sure you'd love that.

RARITY

Well, I have a new vision for the
Festival.

RARITY (CONT'D)

And it's gonna be more country than
the whole Apple Family put together.

EXT. PONYVILLE - MOMENTS LATER

EXT. RARITY'S BOUTIQUE - SAME

INT. BOUTIQUE - SAME

FLUTTERSHY

Um, Isn't it a little late to be
changing the theme?

TWILIGHT

Applejack, what's going on?

APPLEJACK

I'm too scared to guess.

RARITY (O.S.)

(with hillbilly accent)

Firstly, I just wanna thank you'all
for comin' and second I just know
y'all will adore my new Festival
theme...

RARITY (CONT'D)

(with hillbilly accent)

Simple Ways!

INT. BOUTIQUE - RESUME

RARITY

(with hillbilly accent)

Well, what's so funny?

APPLEJACK

Rarity, that is the silliest getup I
have ever seen.

FLUTTERSHY

It is a little funny.

RARITY

(with hillbilly accent)

Funny?

TWILIGHT

Rarity, you aren't serious are you?

RARITY

Well, of course I'm serious! Ahem...

(with accent again)

Why wouldn't I be?

APPLEJACK

Because you would never dress like
that. You like fashion and high
society and fancy things.

RARITY

(with hillbilly accent)

And I can like plowing fields and
hauling apples just as much.

APPLEJACK

But you don't!

RARITY

(with hillbilly accent)

How do you know what I like?

APPLEJACK
Because I know you.

RARITY
(with hillbilly accent)
Well, maybe you don't know me as well as you think.

APPLEJACK
And I suppose it's just a coincidence that Trenderhoof seems so interested in country life too?

RARITY
(with hillbilly accent)
I don't know what you're gettin' at.

APPLEJACK
Well, then I guess I'll just have to show you.

RARITY
(with hillbilly accent)
Be my guest. Now, if y'all will excuse me, I have a hootenanny of a Festival to put on.

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - ESTABLISHING - SUNRISE

INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN - SAME

RARITY
(with hillbilly accent)
Now, to be a model in the Simple Ways fashion show, you might think simple means less is more. Well, that just ain't so. If you want to be real simple, more is more.

RARITY (CONT'D)
(with hillbilly accent)
Now y'all go off and make yourselves look just like that.

RARITY (CONT'D)
(with hillbilly accent)
Who's our next Model for the fashion show?

SPIKE
Um...
(reading)
Apple Jewel?

RARITY
(with hillbilly accent)
Who the hay is that?

RARITY (CONT'D)
(with hillbilly accent)
Is this some kinda joke?

APPLEJACK
(overly proper accent)
Why, Rarity, what ever would make you
think I was joking?

RARITY
Because you would never wear an
ensemble like that! You like plowing
fields and hauling apples...

APPLEJACK
(overly proper accent)
And I can like fashion just as much.

RARITY
But you don't!

APPLEJACK
(overly proper accent)
Well, maybe you do not know me as well
as you think.

RARITY (CONT'D)
(with hillbilly accent)
Fine. But I got a whole Festival to
plan, so if you're gonna start
modelin', just get on with it.

APPLEJACK
Life is a festival, and you should
celebrate it by looking just like me,
because I'm a trend-setting
Fashionista!

RARITY
(her normal voice)
You're a trend-setting Fashionista?!
Why that's the most ridiculous thing
I've ever--
(catching herself)
I mean--
(hillbilly accent)
Good for you. I on the other hoof
couldn't care less how I look long as
the chores get done.

APPLEJACK
Oh? Is that so?

RARITY
(then, hillbilly accent)
--yes indeedy doodle.

APPLEJACK
Not me. My mane must be perfectly
coiffed at all times.

RARITY
(hillbilly accent)
Well my mane is full of dust and split
ends.

APPLEJACK
My hooves are so polished you can see
your reflection in them.

RARITY (CONT'D)
My hooves are cracked and dry from
working in the fields!

APPLEJACK
I'm so fashion forward.

RARITY (CONT'D)
I wear droopy drawers.

APPLEJACK
I smell like rosebuds.

RARITY (CONT'D)
I LOVE BEING COVERED IN MUD!

RARITY (CONT'D)
(dropping her accent)
Goooodness! You're couture!

RARITY (CONT'D)
Oh, it's bad.

RARITY (CONT'D)
And will somepony bring me a towel to
wipe this repulsive filth from my
hooves!

APPLEJACK
(dropping her accent)
There's the Rarity I know!

RARITY
Oh, Applejack, I'm sorry I said all
those things. You are a true friend
who probably knows me better than I
know myself. I don't know what I was
thinking wearing this ridiculous
outfit.

APPLEJACK

I kinda know how you feel.

RARITY

But you were just trying to help me see how silly I was being. And you were right. Besides, that gown looks gorgeous on you. I just wish I hadn't ruined it.

APPLEJACK

Thanks. It's nice ain't it?

RARITY

It's magnificent! Where ever did you get it?

APPLEJACK

Oh. It's ah... one of yours.

RARITY

I'll need 3 gallons of boiling water and one ounce of detergent stat.

TREND

I'm moving to Ponyville!

APPLEJACK/RARITY

What!?

TREND

Being the most interesting Pony in Equestria is exhausting. I want to leave my exotic, exciting life behind and live on a farm.

APPLEJACK

What?! Well, that's real nice, but I sure hope you weren't thinking of Sweet Apple Acres.

TREND

Oh.

APPLEJACK

Look, you're a fine pony, but I'm... Well, um...

RARITY

I think what Applejack is trying to say, is that there's something unappealing about a pony who'd change themselves so much just to impress somepony else. If somepony doesn't like you for who you are, it's their loss.

TREND

Well, this is awkward.

RARITY

Not at all. In fact...

RARITY (CONT'D)

I think I know just how you feel.

APPLEJACK

What do you think, Rarity? Is it too late to go back to Small Town Chic?

RARITY

Not if I can help it!

PONYVILLE DAYS FESTIVAL MONTAGE:

INT. BOUTIQUE - DAY

RARITY (V.O.)

Organizing the Ponyville Days Celebration was one of the hardest things I've ever done, but I learned an important lesson.

RARITY (V.O.)

Real friends will like you for who you are and changing yourself to impress them is no way to make new ones.

RARITY (V.O.)

And when you are as fabulous as I am... it's practically a crime.

END.