

MY LITTLE PONY  
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"Somepony to Watch Over Me"  
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**INT. THE APPLE HOUSE/HALLWAY - DAY**

SCOOTALOO  
Whatever they decide, Apple Bloom,  
we'll be here for you.

SWEETIE BELLE  
Totally. (then, super dramatic) Even  
though it could change everything for  
you! For ever! And ever!

GRANNY SMITH  
So. We here have decided...

GRANNY SMITH (CONT'D)  
That you're old enough to stay home  
alone and take care of the chores  
yourself for the afternoon.

APPLE BLOOM  
(calmly and maturely)  
I accept your decision.

AB/SWEETIE BELLE/SCOOTALOO (O.S.)  
I'm staying home alone!/You really  
are! /We're so proud of you!!  
Ahhhh!!!!

CUT TO:

TRANSITION TO:

**EXT. THE APPLE FARM - ESTABLISHING - MORNING**

**EXT. IN FRONT OF THE FARM HOUSE - CONTINUOUS**

APPLE BLOOM  
Staying home alone. By my self! On my  
own! I can't believe I'm really doin'  
it!

APPLEJACK  
Now, hey there, filly. I know you're  
excited. But bein' the only pony here  
to take care of the day's chores is a  
big responsibility.

APPLE BLOOM  
I know it! An' it means everything to  
me that ya'll think I'm grown up  
enough to handle it! I won't let you  
down!

GRANNY SMITH  
Well, if'n I'm gonna make my train, I  
best to be off. When great-aunt Pine

Apple says a pony's got to arrive by a certain time, you best be there!

GRANNY SMITH (CONT'D)  
You be sure to take care now, Apple Bloom.

GRANNY SMITH  
Y'all take care as well.

GRANNY SMITH (CONT'D)  
I don't know which of your delivery routes is tougher. You're each headed to a mighty hard-to-reach town.

BIG MAC  
Yup.

APPLEJACK  
We know, Granny. That's the only reason I agreed to let Apple Bloom stay behind alone.

APPLE BLOOM  
It is?

APPLEJACK  
Oh, I didn't mean it like that, sugar cube. It's just - I take my job as your big sister real serious.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
Which is why I spent all night making this.

APPLE BLOOM  
(excited) What is it?

APPLEJACK  
Just a little list of helpful reminders.

APPLE BLOOM  
(reading) "There's some soup for you in the fridgerator. Be sure not to heat it up too much. If its hot, blow on it to cool it off. And take little sips - if ya gulp, ya could get hiccups."

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
You don't have to worry about me. I can take of myself - and the chores. I'm ready for this!

APPLEJACK  
I guess you are. I'm just not so sure I am.

APPLE BLOOM  
But you trust me and believe I'm grown  
up enough to handle this, right?

APPLEJACK  
Right. Ok, then. Good luck, little  
sis.

APPLE BLOOM  
(superfast) Okgreatseeyousoonbye!

GRANNY SMITH/APPLE BLOOM/APPLEJACK  
Goodbye/So long/See ya!/ Adios!/ Bye!/ See you soon!

BIG MAC  
E-yup.

APPLE BLOOM  
Woo-hoo! I'm alone! At home! I'm home  
alone! This is going to be so AWESOME!

**EXT. ON THE ROAD - LATER THAT DAY**

APPLEJACK  
Sorry, Big Mac. I was just frettin' a  
bit about Apple Bloom. You think she's  
gonna be okay on her own?

BIG MAC  
Yup.

APPLEJACK  
I just keepon thinking of things I  
forgot to put on her list. Like, I  
didn't write down that if she wants to  
get a spoon out of the drawer, she  
needs to open the drawer first.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
I know I'm probably just being silly  
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BIG MAC  
Yup.

APPLEJACK  
But I know I'd feel a heap better if  
I could just check on Apple Bloom one  
last time.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
You go on ahead and make your  
delivery. I'm just gonna take quick  
peek and then I'll make mine.

**INT. APPLE HOUSE/KITCHEN - LATER THAT DAY**

APPLE BLOOM  
Ok, number 172 - "Make sure to pump the bellows to keep the stove warm."

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
Check! (reading off list) "Make sure the Hats and Bows closet is fully stocked."

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
Check! That's everything on Applejack's list!

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
And now that my chores are done, since there's no one else here, I get to make all the decisions!  
If I want to listen to music, I can!  
If I want to read a book, I can! If I wanna just stand here in the kitchen talking to myself I can-

APPLEJACK  
Apple Bloom!

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
Gah!

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
Whoaaaaa!!

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
Ahhhhhhh --- Ommmph!

APPLE BLOOM  
<groans> Applejack?

APPLEJACK  
I came back to check on you. And I am so glad I did!

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
I never thought about how dangerous things are around here.

APPLE BLOOM  
Thanks. But I'm really going to be okay.

APPLEJACK  
You are now. Because I'm here, and I'm staying!

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
No way am I leaving my little baby  
sister home alone all by herself!

APPLE BLOOM  
I'm not a baby! I can take care of  
myself. And what about those pies  
you're supposed to deliver?

APPLEJACK  
Pies? Family's way more important  
than pies.

APPLE BLOOM  
But I'm fine.  
(re: the mess)  
And actually, this was kind of your  
fault.

APPLEJACK  
I know. I should never have left you  
alone.

APPLE BLOOM  
But I don't need you looking after me!  
I'm perfectly capable of stayin' home  
alone! Really! Just look!

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
(reading) "There's some soup for you  
in the fridgerator."

APPLEJACK (O.S.) (FROM NEXT ROOM)  
What was that?

APPLE BLOOM  
(annoyed) watch me-!

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
Whoaa - <IMPACT GRUNT>

APPLEJACK  
Oh, no! This's worse 'n I thought!  
Well, don't worry Apple Bloom. I'm  
here now and I'm not leaving you home  
alone ever again. I'm sticking right  
by your side, always!

**EXT. APPLE FARM/ORCHARD - A LITTLE LATER THAT DAY**

APPLEJACK  
Apple Bloom? Apple Bloom?

APPLE BLOOM  
(to self) Applejack's just over  
reactin' a bit. I'm sure she'll snap  
out of it. Whoa!

APPLEJACK  
You need something? I'm right here!

APPLE BLOOM  
I know you mean well, but I don't need you watching over me. I can take care of things myself. Look.

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
Huh?

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
Hey! Who put pillows on this rake?

APPLEJACK  
(big smile) Oh, I don't know. Maybe some one who really loves her little sister and doesn't want her to get an owie?

APPLE BLOOM  
<annoyed GRUNT>

**EXT. UNDERNEATH A BIG APPLE TREE -A LITTLE LATER**

APPLE BLOOM  
(calling off screen) Hey, Applejack, watch me buck these apples on my own without anything bad happening to me.

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
Huh?

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
Grrrr.

**MONTAGE - AROUND THE ORCHARD**

**END MONTAGE ON**

APPLE BLOOM  
Oh for the love of - you've gone and baby-proofed everything!

APPLEJACK  
Yup! Your big sister let you down once. But I promise it won't ever happen again!

APPLE BLOOM  
But really - I'm fine. I can take care of myself. I don't need you watching over me.

APPLEJACK  
Aw, that's sweet. I appreciate you trying to make me feel better. But don't worry - I'll ALWAYS be here for you! Always!

APPLE BLOOM  
Grrrrrr!!!

**INT. APPLE BLOOM'S BEDROOM - DUSK**

APPLE BLOOM  
And that's the reason I asked y'all to come over quick--

APPLEJACK  
Hey, Apple Bloom, you need anything? A snack? A hoof massage? Maybe a snack while havin' a hoof massage?

SWEETIE  
Why that sounds delightful!

APPLE BLOOM  
No thank you!

APPLEJACK  
Ok, well, you can count on me being close by if'n you need anythin--

APPLE BLOOM  
Whew! You see what I mean? If this keeps up, I'm never going to be able to do anythin' without Applejack hoverin' over me!

SCOOTALOO  
So what can we do?

SCOOTALOO/SWEETIE  
Hmmm...Well... Uh...

APPLE BLOOM  
Hang on a sec!

APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE/SCOOTALOO  
<Straining to think of an idea>

APPLE BLOOM  
I got it!

SWEETIE  
What?

APPLE BLOOM  
The pies! I'll sneak out and deliver them! Granny said they were going to

some incredibly hard to reach town. If  
I can do it alone, that'll show  
Applejack I don't need somepony  
watchin' over me!

SCOOTALOO  
Just one problem: your sister's gonna  
come back and check on you any minute!

SWEETIE BELLE  
Which means you need an escape plan!

SCOOTALOO  
Oooh! And I got an idea for one.

**INT. APPLE HOUSE/ KITCHEN - SECONDS LATER**

**INT. APPLE BLOOM'S BEDROOM - SECONDS LATER**

SCOOTALOO  
See? It'll look just like you're  
sleeping in bed. Sweetie and I can  
take turns. That way, when one of us  
gets tired, the other can take over.

SCOOTALOO  
Brilliant, huh?

APPLE BLOOM  
You know what? It is! I got a feelin'  
this just might work!

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
(SPOKEN preamble to a song)  
We're gonna make my sister see/I  
don't need her watchin' over me!

SCOOTALOO  
Stop! There's no time for a song!  
Applejack's coming!

SWEETIE  
(to AB) If you're going to go, we've  
got to get you out of here now!

APPLE BLOOM  
Cutie Mark Crusaders - let's do it!

CUT TO:

**EXT. OUTSIDE APPLE BLOOM'S WINDOW - MOMENTS LATER**

SWEETIE BELLE  
Whoa!

SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)  
Oof.  
SCOOTALO  
Urgh.  
APPLE BLOOM  
<IMPACT GRUNT>

**INT. APPLE BLOOM'S BEDROOM - MOMENTS LATER**

APPLEJACK (THRU DOOR)  
Everything all right in there, sugar  
cube?

SCOOTALOO  
(whisper)  
Quick - get in while I hide!

SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)  
(whisper)  
Sweetie, No! You gotta sleep like  
Apple Bloom!

SWEETIE  
(whisper) How does she sleep?

SCOOTALOO  
(whisper)  
Like she does everything - with sass!

APPLEJACK  
Huh. I guess you must've been so  
tuckered out you sent your friends  
home and went to bed. Then again, you  
are a delicate flower.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
Sleep tight, Apple Bloom. I'll check  
on you again in a bit.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
Just checking in on you again. Need  
anything now?

**QUICK SERIES OF CUTS**

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
How about now?

CUT TO:

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
Need another blanket?

CUT TO:

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
Did I hear a cough?

CUT TO:

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
Want a glass of water?

**CROSS DISSOLVE**

**BACK ON THE DOOR TO APPLE BLOOM'S ROOM.**

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
<YAWN> Just checkin' on you again-

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
Look at you, dozin' so peaceful-like.  
Here I am, checkin' up on ya every five  
seconds - and you're totally fine.  
Maybe you don't need me frettin' over  
you all the time.

SCOOTALOO (FROM INSIDE THE WARDROBE)  
(can't contain her excitement)  
Wow! Apple Bloom will be so glad to  
hear that!

APPLEJACK  
Huh? Scootaloo?

SCOOTALOO (FROM INSIDE THE WARDROBE)  
(covering)  
Uh, no.

APPLEJACK  
Sweetie Belle? But where's Apple  
Bloom?

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
She's not here! She could be anywhere!  
She could be lost, cold, hungry,  
itchy, stuffed up, needin' to go to  
the bathroom--

SWEETIE  
Don't worry. We know exactly where she  
is.

SCOOTALOO  
Yeah. She's making your pie delivery.

APPLEJACK  
What? No! Didn't she hear how  
difficult 'n dangerous it was?

APPLEJACK  
(GASP)(then - big realization)  
I may never see my sister again!

**EXT. THE APPLE HOUSE/ KITCHEN - NIGHT**

APPLEJACK

Ok, Rarity's on her way to look after you two. Now tell me, did Apple Bloom at least bring flame-proof boots? A lion tamer's chair? A snake-charming flute? A hunk of ricotta?

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

OK. Maybe there's still time to catch her before she gets there. When did she leave?

SWEETIE

It must have been hours ago.

APPLEJACK

Oh no!

**EXT. THE FLAME GEYSER SWAMP - NIGHT**

APPLE BLOOM

Can't see a darn thing in this swamp--

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)

YOW! Well now at least I can see.

LION HEAD

I'd stay where you are. This is the only safe spot around here.

APPLE BLOOM

It don't look so safe to me.

LION HEAD

Oh, we just mean from the flames.

GOAT HEAD

Yeah, not from us.

SNAKE HEAD

What wasssss that? Can you guysssss sssspeak up?

LION HEAD

I was about to tell our guest how we haven't eaten in days.

GOAT HEAD

(annoyed) My sisters and I can never agree on what to eat!

SNAKE HEAD

Excssssept pie.

APPLE BLOOM  
(nervous) You don't say...

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
Well, unfortunately, I got to get these pies to a town on the other side of the swamp.

LION HEAD  
Oh, you don't have to worry about that.

GOAT HEAD  
Yeah, you don't have to worry about anything anymore.

SNAKE HEAD  
Because we're gonna have our apple pie with a sssside of filly filet! (then)

APPLE BLOOM  
You don't say...

LION HEAD (CONT'D)  
Now sisters, on three. One.

GOAT HEAD  
Two!

SNAKE HEAD  
...Three!

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
No!

LION HEAD  
Where do you think you're going?

APPLE BLOOM  
Oomph!

LION HEAD  
Where are the pies?!?

SNAKE HEAD  
They're not back here!

GOAT HEAD  
(to Lion Head) This is your fault! you think you always got to be in charge. And this is what happens!

LION  
<sigh> You're lucky, you know. You've got no idea what its like to have a sister constantly looking over your shoulder.

APPLE BLOOM  
Uh, actually...

GOAT HEAD  
Let's try listening to me for a change. And I say: if there are no pies, let's settle for the filly filet.

SNAKE HEAD  
Any lasssssssst wordssssss?

APPLE BLOOM  
I really wish my sister were here!

APPLEJACK  
Hang on, Apple Bloom! I'm a'comin'!

LION HEAD/GOAT HEAD  
Get her!

GOAT HEAD  
Hey, I thought I was in charge now!

SNAKE HEAD  
<hisss!>

SNAKE HEAD (CONT'D)  
<snores>

LION HEAD  
<ROAR!>

APPLEJACK  
Howdy!

LION HEAD  
<ROARS in frustration>

GOAT HEAD  
Mmmm. Ricotta!

APPLEJACK  
Let's go!

**EXT. OUTSIDE THE FIRE SWAMP - A LITTLE LATER**

APPLE BLOOM/APPLEJACK  
<BREATHING HARD>

APPLEJACK  
Let's go! You okay?

APPLE BLOOM  
Thanks to you.

APPLEJACK

I told ya ya need your big sister looking after you! I'm just glad this wasn't a whole lot worse! I mean, sure, we lost the cart and all the pies, but at least you're--

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

The cart! And all the pies!

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

You actually got them all the up way here, in the dark, through the Flame Geyser Swamp, past that monster. By yourself?

APPLE BLOOM

Well... yeah.

APPLEJACK

Wow. That's mighty impressive. Anypony who can do that on her own...well, she don't need somepony like me babying her.

**EXT. REMOTE SWAMP TOWN - SOME TIME LATER**

MALE CAJUN SWAMP PONY

Andouille! Dis pie's even tastier den ma mama's swamp-water casserole!

MALE CAJUN SWAMP PONY (CONT'D)

Aw, now, Mama, don be like dat!

APPLEJACK

Just remember, you fellers wouldn't be enjoyin' these pies if it weren't for my sister!

APPLE BLOOM

And MY sister!

APPLEJACK

This don't change the fact that trying to make this delivery on your own was a plumb crazy thing to do.

APPLE BLOOM

I know.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

I bet Granny Smith grounds you for a month for sneakin' out! And if Big Mac, Granny Smith and I ever have to be away for the day again...

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

I would totally trust you to stay home and take care of things on your own. I guess I did get a bit carried away watchin' over ya, and if ya hadn't snuck out like ya did maybe I wouldn't have figured that out.

APPLE BLOOM

Yes! (then) Now that is the kind of looking out for me I can definitely appreciate! So we're good?

APPLEJACK

Little sister, we're always good.

THE END!