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LEAP OF FAITH

GRANNY SMITH's hip is acting up and APPLEJACK tries to convince her to take a senior pony aqua-aerobics class. They stand by the river where several elderly ponies enjoy themselves, but Granny Smith is terrified of the water. She's never been swimming and she's never gonna go swimming. Applejack tries to convince her that the water is perfectly safe, "Granny, would I ever lie to you?" but Granny is having none of it. Besides, she's heard there's a new cider making outfit in the next town and she wants the whole family to go check out the competition.

In the next town they come across what looks like a tent revival. Inside the WORLD FAMOUS FLIM FLAM BROTHERS sell their cider like a snake oil curative. Pony after pony testifies to it's powerful affects—it makes you taller, it makes you shorter, it makes you stronger, it cures ring worm, etc. The tent overflows with ponies lining up for a chance to purchase this magical cure-all.

The Apple Family trudge back to Ponyville aghast. Flim & Flam are obvious charlatans and their show must be a scam, but when they get back to town they discover Flim Flam flyers everywhere and everyone raving about the brothers' new magical cider.

Determined to expose them, Applejack does some digging and discovers Flim & Flam's "magic" cider is actually Sweet Apple Acres' cider with a different label. She returns, evidence in hand, but before she can blow the whistle, Applejack discovers Granny Smith swimming in the river like an Olympian. Unfortunately, Granny attributes her newfound aqua-prowess to Flim & Flam's cider.

Applejack is torn, she wants to tell Granny Smith the truth about the cider, but she fears that being honest would take away Granny's newfound confidence. Applejack ultimately decides to destroy her evidence. Unfortunately, Granny's confidence takes a turn toward foolhardy as she resolves to break the Ponyville High-Diving record: fifty feet into a paper cup.

Applejack tries to convince Granny that the cider has no magical properties, but it's too late. Granny thinks she's trying to cramp her style and because she's tossed the evidence that could prove she's telling the truth, Applejack is forced to hunt down Flim & Flam and convince them to admit that it's all fake.

She finds them in Pony Island, a sketchy, seashore amusement park. In a rundown warehouse nestled between the midway and the boardwalk, she catches them red-handed taking the labels off of Sweet Apple Acres' cider and slapping on their own.

Even so, the brothers aren't keen on revealing their secret. They agree to tell Granny Smith the truth, if Applejack agrees to provide them with Apple Family cider at a deep discount. Applejack reluctantly agrees.

Back in Ponyville, the brothers half-heartedly try to convince Granny that they're a couple of con men, but she's having none of it. She jumps anyway and is saved at the last minute by Rainbow Dash. The terrifying ordeal reaffirms Applejack's commitment to always telling the truth and shows Flim & Flam the error of their ways. They agree to tread the straight and narrow, swearing to be honest in all their business dealings from now on. As they head out of town they offer Applejack a token of their appreciation (her key) for being an honest role model.