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As AppleJack races around the farm to get everything ready for dinner, she stops to wonder why she always has to be the responsible one in the family who makes sure everything happens on time. Apple Bloom replies that AJ's lucky. Everyone in the family treats AB like a kid. Everything's always decided for her – she never even gets to pick what they have for dinner! For her part, Granny Smith is tired of the family treating her like she's old or something. She can pull her own weight around here, you know! Even Big Mac feels put out that the other three only think of him as the tireless workhorse of the family, without appreciating all his other attributes.

Meanwhile, while helping Twilight out with a little genealogical Princess research, Pinkie Pie makes a shocking discovery: she's actually a long lost Apple Cousin – on her grandmare's side, twice removed. Pinkie couldn't be more excited about it. She blows into the farm like a whirlwind eager to make up for lost time. Pinkie dives right into being an Apple, but since she's new at it, she doesn't get it quite right. For example, when its time for dinner, Pinkie turns to Apple Bloom to decide what they should have. AB starts to explain that AppleJack's the one who always figures out dinner for the family – before catching herself and saying, "You know what? I should be making those kinds of decisions around here!" When Pinkie asks Granny to do some manual labor – the kind of thing the family would normally turn to Big Mac for – Granny is thrilled at not being treated like an old geezer and jumps (slowly) at the chance. And when Pinkie assumes that AppleJack would want to blow off her chores to spend a sunny afternoon with her new cousin, AJ is psyched that there's someone in her family who doesn't always expect her to be the responsible one. Pinkie even asks Big Mac for some homespun wisdom (usually Granny Smith's job), and he's more than happy to oblige (answering every question with a "Yup").

Pinkie is totally psyched about being a new part of the Apple family. The others seem just as happy with their new roles – but only for a while. AppleJack quickly finds that she doesn't like laying about and being idle – she's spending so much time worrying if someone else is getting everything done, it'd be more relaxing to just do it herself! And overwhelmed by her new role making the decisions for the family, Apple Bloom makes a whole bunch of really bad ones. Even worse, AB finds that having to act like a responsible adult and make decisions isn't as fun as just being a kid. And we haven't even mentioned all the trouble that Granny trying to do physical labor causes. Or the weirdness that results from Big Mac dispensing his version of homespun wisdom by answering "Yup" to every question.

But after all the complaining they did about their *old* roles, the Apples are too embarrassed to admit they don't like their new ones. So things just get crazier and crazier (which, not surprisingly, Pinkie seems totally fine with). Until finally Apple Jack,

Apple Bloom, Granny and Big Mac just can't take it any more, which they all admit at once. The four Apples set everything back to normal – including their roles in the family. But with some new understandings: Apple Bloom, for example, gets to go back to being the kid again – but also gets to help make some of the family decisions too.

Everyone thanks Pinkie. If she hadn't suddenly become a member of their family, they'd still be bickering about their roles instead of having learned to appreciate them. To which Pinkie replies, "What'd you say? I was too busy reading this document I just found, which tells me I'm not really an Apple after all. Oh well, see ya. Bye!"