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When the Map calls Rarity and Applejack to Manehattan, Rarity writes to Coco Pommel telling her about their upcoming trip and asking if she and Applejack can stay with her. Coco is overjoyed at the prospect of seeing Rarity again and more than happy to host the ponies.

Eager to see what the Map has in store for them, Rarity and Applejack arrive in Manehattan and are greeted by a very welcoming Coco, who has been busy with a special project of her own. Inspired by their last meeting and Rarity's generosity, Coco has decided to restore an old, run-down theater in her neighborhood. Wanting to live up to the example set by Rarity and believing that the only way to make a difference is to do something big and important, Coco has elaborate plans to renovate the theater and only one week to complete the project. Coco has commissioned a local theater troupe to perform the opening night of their play at the newly renovated theater!

Although she doesn't want to burden Rarity and Applejack with her project, Coco could really use the ponies' help. Though they want to lend a hoof, Rarity and Applejack know that, despite her good intentions, Coco's vision is too complicated, and that they have neither the time nor the resources to bring it to life. Rarity applauds Coco's beautiful plans for the theater, but encourages her friend to simplify her designs, while Applejack tries to reason with Coco, telling her to be honest with herself about what she can realistically accomplish.

Rather than heeding the advice of her friends, Coco's vision for the theater becomes increasingly more extravagant and over the top, creating more work for the ponies and hindering the restoration process. When Coco's latest design backfires and destroys the progress they've made, Coco feels defeated. Rarity and Applejack tell Coco that even if they can't make the theater as grand as she envisioned, they can still fix it up enough for opening night, but Coco believes that such a small change won't make a difference, so why bother restoring it at all?

Refusing to give up, Rarity and Applejack set to work to complete Coco's project. They simplify her plans, doing their best to incorporate Coco's vision. Rarity and Applejack renovate the theater just enough so that the show can go up on opening night, and convince Coco to come see what they've accomplished. Though she appreciates their help, she still wishes she could have done more.

But when the neighborhood ponies gather at the theater for the play, they are impressed by the small changes Rarity and Applejack have made to the theater. They tell Coco how much she has inspired them. They never thought they could do something big or important enough to make a difference in their neighborhood, but after seeing how Coco and her friends have brought everyone together through the simple act of making the theater a place where ponies could gather again, they are determined to follow in her hoofsteps and help improve their neighborhood in any way possible.

After hearing this, Coco finally understands what Rarity and Applejack have been trying to teach her -- that even small acts of generosity can make a big difference in the place you call home. As ponies in Coco's neighborhood gather to discuss the little ways they can contribute make their neighborhood an even more welcoming place, a Tree of Harmony sapling grows, signaling that Applejack and Rarity have done what they needed to do help bring a little more Harmony to Manehattan.