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MY LITTLE PONY 5

Big Mac

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TEASER

Apple Bloom is so excited about the upcoming Sisterhood Social. It's been run several times since the time Rarity and Sweetie Belle won, and since that time it's been made longer with lots of brand new obstacles... and Applejack and Apple Bloom have won every time. Apple Bloom's so excited to extend their reign of domination that she fails to notice the tire swing Big Mac made her... and although Big Mac is his usual stoic self about this, we can see that he's disappointed.

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT 1**

Apple Bloom and Applejack are together enjoying one another's company, but when Apple Bloom brings up the upcoming Sisterhood Social it dawns on Applejack that she'll be out of town that day. (NOTE: We could have this be when AJ is called away by the map. Rarity and Sweetie Belle wouldn't be able to participate either and we could incorporate this into the Manehattan Map episode.) Oh no! They can't miss it! But Applejack has just the idea to fix everything, have Big Mac go with her. Although the event has traditionally been for sisters, perhaps in this situation an exception can be made.

Big Mac's excited to participate, and Apple Bloom's happy that Big Mac can fill in. They don't get nearly enough time to do fun stuff like this together, and they practice for the event together with enthusiasm. This will be so much fun! (Meanwhile Applejack leaves town, but not before giving some pointers and wishing them well.)

After a bunch of practicing and fun along the way, it's finally time to see how their times are stacking up. Granny Smith checks them with a stopwatch, and it soon becomes clear that with the times their getting they'll probably wind up in last place. Oh well, Apple Bloom's won enough times that just having fun with her big brother is good enough. So what if she and Applejack have won almost every single time? Unfortunately, despite Apple Bloom's efforts to dismiss the need to win, Big Mac isn't quite so okay with it.

END ACT 1**ACT 2**

Big Mac's determined to get their times up. Although Big Mac got into this to have fun, he also assumed that winning would come easily... the fact that winning's something they'll have to work hard for has caught him by surprise. Apple Bloom embraces the challenge to step up their game and they have fun in the process.

But their times don't seem to be getting much better. Apple Bloom begins to worry that Big Mac's taking it all too seriously.

Apple Bloom confides her concerns to Granny Smith. Granny Smith says not to worry, Big Mac just likes to give his best to whatever he does, but if they lose he won't care as long as he gives it his best shot.

Time passes and they keep practicing.

Finally, the Sisterhood Social gets underway. Big Mac fills his role as "sister" with grace.

Then it's game time. Big Mac and Apple Bloom are prepared to give it their best, and after all the practicing they've done their times are almost as good as the times Apple Bloom and Applejack got in the past... so they've got a genuine shot at winning. But they discover that the other sister-teams have been practicing hard as well. Tired of their repeated losses to the Apples, everypony's making a serious effort to win.

Finally the event ends, and Apple Bloom and Big Mac lose. Apple Bloom reassures Big Mac that they gave it their best shot...and they definitely did. But, to Apple Bloom's surprise, and despite what Granny Smith said, Big Mac's upset anyway.

END ACT 2

ACT 3

Back in town, Applejack returns to Sweet Apple Acres to discover a dejected Big Mac and a confused Apple Bloom and Granny Smith. Applejack's disappointed that what was meant to be a good time turned into just the opposite. But Applejack has just the fix: find something else for Big Mac and Apple Bloom to do together that has no competitive element... so their focus can exclusively be on having fun.

Apple Bloom proposes to Big Mac that they do something non-competitive together (TBD) and Big Mac accepts. It turns into a big success! Everything's all better, and Big Mac feels the same way... until Apple Bloom declares: "And it's all thanks to Applejack. This was her idea: the best idea from the best sister ever!" Crestfallen, Big Mac walks away.

Later that evening, Big Mac's been sitting alone on a hilltop all afternoon and won't come to dinner when called. Applejack thinks they should respect his need for space, but Apple Bloom's determined to figure out what's the matter and goes up to see him anyway.

Apple Bloom tries to get Big Mac to talk and finally, when Big Mac speaks, he does so at length, eloquently and movingly. It becomes clear that he fears that he's living in Applejack's shadow, especially in Apple Bloom's eyes. It's important to him that he be special to his littlest sister, and he's afraid he doesn't quite measure up to anything Applejack does.

Apple Bloom sees that maybe she's been taking all the wonderful things about Big Mac for granted, but no more: she goes into detail about all the things she admires and appreciates about him. And to top it all off, Big Mac learns that coming up to speak to him was all Apple Bloom's idea. Big Mac's pleased and comes down to dinner.

We end on Big Mac and Apple Bloom sharing some time together, enjoying the tire swing that Big Mac made.

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