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FADE IN:

SC.1 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

APPLE BLOOM stands next to a tall apple tree.

1 APPLE BLOOM
<effortful grunt>

She jumps and registers frustration.

With deeper resolve, she steps away a few paces to get a running start and jumps again.

2 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
<effortful grunt>

Still more frustration. She starts springing up and down, getting more and more frustrated as she goes.

3 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Grr! Aw... what's the use?

APPLEJACK happens along.

4 APPLEJACK
What's the matter, hayflower? You look like a jumping bean crossed with a pogo stick and they're both in a fight with each other.

5 APPLE BLOOM
I lost my new kite.

WIDEN TO REVEAL a kite stuck in the tree high above.

6 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
I don't suppose you could buck it down for me, could you?

7 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Well, if I did all those apples'll come down right along with it, and they ain't ripe yet.

Apple Bloom glances up at all the green apples on the tree.

8 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Yeah, that's be a waste, so... nevermind...

Apple Bloom sinks into a funk.

9 APPLEJACK
Aw, don't be so glum, little'un.
We might be able figure somethin'
out. Just give me a minute.

Applejack sizes up the tree, examining it from every angle. She's like an EXPERT POOL PLAYER sizing up AN IMPOSSIBLE SHOT, eventually ZEROING IN on one particular precise spot on the trunk. She presses on it a few times, as if to test it.

ANGLE ON Apple Bloom looking on quizzically.

BACK ON Applejack as she marks the spot with a small X. Then she takes a step back and faces it with her hindquarters.

10 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
One, two... hiyah!

She bucks... hitting the trunk PRECISELY ON THE X with her rear hooves.

A TREMOR VIBRATES UP THE TREE, shaking the apples and dislodging the kite.

Apple Bloom looks on in suspense, and then reacts in amazement as the kite comes floating down to the ground WITHOUT ONE SINGLE APPLE FALLING LOOSE.

11 APPLE BLOOM
 (reunited with kite)
Wow, Applejack. That was
incredible!

12 APPLEJACK
Not much to it, really. When
you've bucked as much as I have.

13 APPLE BLOOM
You are the best sister ever!

14 APPLEJACK
Aw, your sweet sugar pie.
 (then, turning to go)
Well, happy kitin'.

15 APPLE BLOOM
No, I'm absolutely serious. You
are objectively and beyond a shadow
of a doubt THE best sister ever.

16 APPLEJACK
Hmm. I dunno 'bout that.

17 APPLE BLOOM
Think about it. You've saved
Equestria from doom like a
gazillion times.

18 APPLEJACK
I can think of a few pony friends
of mine who could claim the same,
and some of them are sisters, too.

19 APPLE BLOOM
You're smart. Funny. Pretty.

20 APPLEJACK
And so are lots of other sisters.

21 APPLE BLOOM
AND you just got me down my kite
without a single apple coming down!

22 APPLEJACK
Any pegasus coulda done the same.

23 APPLE BLOOM
I'm telling you you're the BEST
SISTER OF ALL TIME!

24 APPLEJACK
 (taken aback)
Wow. Okay. If you say so,
munchkin...

25 APPLE BLOOM
 (storming off)
Gee whiz, for the Best Sister of
All Time you sure can be a pain the
neck.

Applejack looks on puzzled as Apple Bloom stomps off with her
kite.

FADE OUT.

END TEASER

FADE IN:

ACT 1

SC. 2 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - ELSEWHERE - LATER

BIG MAC turns the crank on the cider press. Apple Bloom approaches.

26 APPLE BLOOM
Hey Big Mac. Busy?

27 BIG MAC
Yup.

Apple Bloom looks sad and holds up her TORN KITE.

28 APPLE BLOOM
Too busy to help me out a little?

29 BIG MAC
 (with a smile)
Nope.

He takes the kite and examines the hole, through...

30 APPLE BLOOM
It got stuck in a tree again but
this time I didn't lose hold of the
string... so I tugged and tugged,
and well... you get the picture.
You think you can fix it?

31 BIG MAC
Yup.

Apple Bloom throws her arms around Big Mac.

32 APPLE BLOOM
Thanks big brother. I can always
depend on you. I should probably
have just gone to get Applejack to
help me get it down again.
 (then)
Hey big bro, lemme ask you
something: don't you agree it's
obvious Applejack's like the best
sister ever in all of Equestria and
beyond?

33 BIG MAC
Nope.

Big Mac smiles warmly and pats Apple Bloom on the head, but Apple Bloom ain't buyin' it.

34 APPLE BLOOM
Aw, you're just saying that about
me because I'm your sister and
because I'm standing right here.
Let's face it, Applejack's way
cooler than either of us. Them's
the facts, jack.

Meanwhile, the other CMCs - SWEETIE BELLE and SCOOTALOO -
arrive.

35 SWEETIE BELLE
Hey Apple Bloom, guess what:
Scootaloo's got some news and it's
hee-uge.

36 SCOOTALOO
Rainbow Dash and me can compete!
They're finally letting us.
Woohoo!

37 APPLE BLOOM
That's awesome, Scootaloo. But...
I have no idea what you're talking
about.

38 SCOOTALOO
Just because we're not really
sisters they never let us, but me
and Rainbow Dash sent a letter to
the committee and now we get to
compete, too!

39 APPLE BLOOM
I'm... so... happy for you.

An awkward beat.

40 SWEETIE BELLE
You still have no idea what she's
talking about, do you?

41 APPLE BLOOM
Not a clue.

42 SWEETIE BELLE/SCOOTALOO
The Sisterhooves Social!

43 APPLE BLOOM
Omgiosh! It completely slipped my
mind!

44 SCOOTALOO
How could Ponyville's Number One
celebration of all things sisterly
slip. Your. Mind?

45 APPLE BLOOM
I can't believe it either. Gotta
go!

Apple Bloom runs off.

46 SWEETIE BELLE
Wait! There's more news...

Apple Bloom keeps on running.

**SC. 3 - INT. APPLE'S FARMHOUSE - APPLEJACK'S BEDROOM - A
LITTLE LATER**

Applejack's packing a bag while Apple Bloom rushes in through
the door behind her.

47 APPLE BLOOM
Applejack!

48 APPLEJACK
(startled)
Yaah!

Applejack's bag tips over and stuff goes flying everywhere.

49 APPLE BLOOM
I completely forgot about the next
Sisterhooves Social coming up.

50 APPLEJACK
So had I. And now, well, thing
is...

51 APPLE BLOOM
We've gotta celebrate our
sisterhood with all the other
sisters in Ponyville. Yada yada.
But, more importantly - come on,
say it with me - we gotta...

52 APPLEJACK
Apple Bloom, listen. I -

53 APPLE BLOOM
Threepeat!
(then)
You're supposed to say "threepeat"
with me. One, two, three -

54 APPLEJACK
But Apple Bloom -

55 APPLE BLOOM
Threepeat!
 (then)
Come on, you're not doing it. We
won the last two obstacle course
races together, and now is our
chance to -

56 APPLEJACK
Apple Bloom, I can't be there.

57 APPLE BLOOM
Threepeat- whatdidyoujustsay?

Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo enter the room, through...

58 APPLEJACK
I've been summoned on a map mission
to Manehattan and I don't know how
long I'll be gone.

59 SWEETIE BELLE
That's the other news I had to tell
you. Now I can't compete because
my sibling will be gone. Rarity's
been summoned, too.

60 APPLE BLOOM
Does that mean I can't compete
either?

61 APPLEJACK
It's okay. We'll do something fun
as sisters as soon as I get back.
Promise.

62 APPLE BLOOM
But if we can't be at this
Sisterhooves Social how will we win
the obstacle course a third time in
a row? How will we threepeat??

Apple Bloom throws herself to the ground.

63 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Bwahahahaha!

Sweetie Belle turns to Scootaloo.

64 SWEETIE BELLE
Wow. And Rarity says I'm dramatic.

SC. 4 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAWN - ESTABLISHING

The sun creeps into view over the horizon. A rooster CROWS.

SC. 5 - INT. BIG MAC'S WORKSHOP - LATER THAT MORNING

Big Mac examines the broken piece of wood on the kite.

He carefully looks for matching piece of wood in his workshop.

He finds one, and sees that the tip of the original broken piece of wood comes to a point.

65 BIG MAC
Nope.

He files down the new piece of wood.

He makes sure that the two points match.

66 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
Yup.

Satisfied with the replacement piece of wood, he turns his attention to the hole in the fabric of the kite.

He tries patching up the hole as best he can.

He looks at his handiwork.

67 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
Nope.

He tears off the fabric.

He cuts an entire new diamond shape piece of fabric.

He fits it to the kite.

He examines it. He has essentially remade the entire kite.

But he's still not sure.

SC. 6 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - MOMENTS LATER

The kite is flying high and beautifully. Big Mac smiles.

68 BIG MAC
Yup.

SC. 7 - INT. APPLE'S FARMHOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

Apple Bloom picks at her breakfast while GRANNY SMITH and Applejack look on.

69 APPLEJACK
Aw come on, Apple Bloom. Cheer up.
You're makin' me feel awful.

Apple Bloom puts the biggest smile on the saddest face you've ever seen.

Just then, Big Mac BURSTS INTO THE ROOM like a hero.

He STRUTS over to Apple Bloom and, with a flourish, presents her with her good-as-new kite. Ouila!

A beat. Apple Bloom looks up, still glum.

70 APPLE BLOOM
Thanks.

She goes back to picking at her food. Big Mac can't believe it. That's it?

71 GRANNY SMITH
Don't feel bad, Big Mac. She's
been like this all morning.

Applejack enters.

72 APPLEJACK
Hey lookit the job Big Mac did on
this kite. You'd never know it was
broken. You can always depend on
Big Mac.
 (then)
Well so long, peanut.

73 APPLE BLOOM
Yeah, go be awesome and save
Equestria again or whatever.

74 APPLEJACK
Look, I wish I could go to the
Sisterhooves Social, I really do.
Next time, okay?

Apple Bloom rises and hugs Applejack goodbye.

75 APPLE BLOOM
Too bad Big Mac can't fix this
situation like he did my kite.

ANGLE ON Big Mac giving this some thought...

SC. 8 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

The big day has arrived. The Sisterhooves Social is about to get underway. Scootaloo and RAINBOW DASH arrive together amidst all the hubbub and commotion as sisters gather at the entrance to the event, waiting to go inside.

76 SCOOTALOO
Wow, it's almost time for my first Sisterhooves Social with my almost-sister. I've almost never been this excited!

77 RAINBOW DASH
Me too.

Sweetie Belle joins them.

78 SCOOTALOO
Thanks for coming down to show us the ropes, Sweetie Belle, even though, well...

79 SWEETIE BELLE
Even though I can't be in it? Rub it in, why dontcha.

80 RAINBOW DASH
So is there gonna be some real live competition at this thing, or will it all be mostly girl stuff?

81 SWEETIE BELLE
The big competition's over there.

ANGLE ON the obstacle course.

82 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
The obstacle course. The belly of the Sisterhooves Social beast. That's the thing Apple Bloom and Applejack won the last two years, but with them out of the picture it's up for grabs.

83 RAINBOW DASH
Mmm, I can taste sweet victory now.
 (smacking her lips)
Dee-licious.

84 SWEETIE BELLE
Up till that starts there's just
lots of fun booths where sisters
can have good times together.
You'll have fun, I promise.

85 SCOOTALOO
Squeeeee!

Apple Bloom approaches.

86 SWEETIE BELLE
Hey Apple Bloom, you made it!

87 APPLE BLOOM
Yeah. I let Big Mac talk me into
coming down here. Figured I should
be here to cheer you on, Scoot.
Wanna sit in the stands with us,
Sweetie Belle?

88 SWEETIE BELLE
Actually, I already had big plans
to go home and feel sorry for
myself.

89 APPLE BLOOM
How about staying here with me and
we can feel sorry for each other?

90 SWEETIE BELLE
 (high hoof)
Deal.

Then...

91 APPLE BLOOM
 (looking O.S.)
What's Big Mac up to?

ANGLE ON Big Mac speaking with a BLUE-HAIRED PONY IN CHARGE.

92 BLUE-HAIRED PONY IN CHARGE
Mr. Mac, when I read your letter to
the Sisterhooves Social Committee,
I was so deeply moved by your
eloquent plea. You do certainly
have a way with words.

93 BIG MAC
Yup.

Apple Bloom arrives.

94 APPLE BLOOM
Big Mac, come on. I found a place
we can sit with Sweetie Belle.

95 BLUE-HAIRED PONY IN CHARGE
And I take it this is your sister,
Apple Bloom.

96 BIG MAC
Yup.

97 BLUE-HAIRED PONY IN CHARGE
Apple Bloom, congratulations. The
Sisterhooves Social Committee has
ruled to grant your brother's
request.

98 APPLE BLOOM
What request?

99 BLUE-HAIRED PONY IN CHARGE
That you be permitted to
participate in the Sisterhooves
Social today.

100 APPLE BLOOM
But my sister's out of town.

101 BLUE-HAIRED PONY IN CHARGE
True, but Big Mac isn't.

102 APPLE BLOOM
Wait. So you're saying I'm being
allowed to join in on Ponyville's
celebration of sisterhood... with
my brother?

103 BIG MAC
Yup.

A beat.

104 APPLE BLOOM
 (unconvincing)
Wow Big Mac. You've fixed
everything.

Off of Big Mac's proud smile and Apple Bloom's anxiety, we:

FADE OUT.

END ACT 1

FADE IN:

ACT 2**SC. 9 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - SISTERHOOVES SOCIAL - SAME TIME**

Big Mac enters the event as it steadily fills up with other SISTER-PAIRS. He's followed by Apple Bloom.

105 APPLE BLOOM
Big Mac, thanks for going to all
the trouble of getting us into the
Sisterhooves Social. It means a
lot... but do you really think this
is such a good idea?

106 BIG MAC
Yup.

107 APPLE BLOOM
I mean, we've never had a brother
at the Sisterhooves Social before.
I'm not sure how everypony else
will feel about it.

Some PAIRS OF SISTER PONIES approach.

108 RANDOM SISTER PONY #1
Ooh, Apple Bloom, you're here with
your big brother? How adorable.

109 RANDOM SISTER PONY #2
Brothers at the Sisterhooves
Social. Why didn't anypony ever
think of it before.

110 RANDOM SISTER PONY #3
I doubt my big brother would ever
come anyway.

111 RANDOM SISTER PONY #4
Apple Bloom, you're so lucky to
have a big brother like Big Mac.

112 RANDOM SISTER PONIES
<AGREEMENT WALLA>

113 RANDOM SISTER PONY #1
Can I get a picture taken with you?

114 BIG MAC
Yup.

PHOTO FLASH.

115 RANDOM SISTER PONIES
Ooh, me too. / I want one. / Let me
squeeze in.

Apple Bloom rolls her eyes. Lots of PHOTO FLASHES. Then, as the crowd of sister ponies walk off...

116 APPLE BLOOM
On second thought I guess everypony
seems pretty okay with it, huh?

117 BIG MAC
Yup.

118 APPLE BLOOM
It's just that... well... this was
always me and Applejack's thing.
Without her it's just not the same.

119 BIG MAC
Nope.

120 APPLE BLOOM
Whaddaya mean "nope?" You think me
being here with you will be just as
fun as being here with Applejack?

121 BIG MAC
Yup.

122 APPLE BLOOM
You DO realize it's all sister
stuff going on here, right?

123 BIG MAC
Yup.

A beat. Apple Bloom warms to the idea.

124 APPLE BLOOM
Okay then, let's give it a shot.
 (then, looking O.S.)
Hey look - a Mareoke booth? They
never had one of those here before.

SC. 10 - INT. TENT - LATER

Inside one of the many small tents, a BOOTH BARKER TURNS A CRANK on a music machine as TWO SISTER PONIES finish singing a dippy song for a small crowd.

125 TWO SISTER PONIES
(high note)
*... dream a little pretty pony
dream.*

The Booth Barker stops cranking. The crowd offers polite applause.

126 BOOTH BARKER
Bravo. Weren't those two sisters
great? Now whose next to step
right up for some Mareoke.

127 APPLE BLOOM
We'll go!

Apple Bloom and Big Mac approach the front of the crowd while the TWO SISTER PONIES return to their seats.

Then, when they see Big Mac...

128 FIRST SISTER PONY
Um, is this allowed?

129 SECOND SISTER PONY
I thought this event was for
sisters.

130 APPLE BLOOM
I'm his sister. What of it?

131 FIRST SISTER PONY
And whose sister is he?

132 APPLE BLOOM
He's sister mind your own business.

Apple Bloom holds up her hoof and gets a hoof bump from Big Mac.

ANGLE ON the one sister ponies whispering to the other as they take their seats.

133 SECOND SISTER PONY
That's a weird name.

ANGLE ON the Booth Barker with Apple Bloom and Big Mac.

134 BOOTH BARKER
You can sing any of these songs on
my Mareoke machine.

135 APPLE BLOOM
Cool. "Serves Her Right" by
Sapphire Shores, please. Woohoo,
let's get this party started.

136 BOOTH BARKER
Um, we don't have that. We have
"Dream a Little Pretty Pony Dream",
which they just sang... and...
well... that's about it.
 (then, apologetic)
These machines are pretty new.

137 APPLE BLOOM
Oh. Well.. I don't really know
that one...
 (then, glancing out at the
 crowd staring at them)
... but okay.

He begins turning the MAREOKE CRANK and the dippy tune begins
to play, like a music box.

138 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Bring the beat in!

Big Mac starts to keep a beat with his DEEP VOICE.

139 BIG MAC
Bop bop bada. Bop bop bada. Bop
bop bada. Bop bop bada...

Apple Bloom throws in a few sweet dance moves while Big Mac
LAYS DOWN THE BEAT throughout.

140 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
Bop bop bada. Bop bop bada. Bop
bop bada. Bop bop bada...

Apple Bloom lifts her hooves overhead and starts clapping
along.

141 APPLE BLOOM
Put your hooves together!

The audience starts clapping along in time to Big Mac's beat,
but then the Booth Barker stops cranking.

142 BOOTH BARKER
 (still apologetic)
Again, so sorry... but this is all
entirely too funky.

SC. 11 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - SISTERHOOVES SOCIAL - LATER

Apple Bloom and Big Mac leave the Mareoke booth behind.

143 APPLE BLOOM
I admit maybe that wasn't the best
idea, but whenever I'm here with
Applejack she insists we try the
new booths first and it always
works out great. Like last time
they added at bow-tying booth and
me and Applejack had the best time
ever.

Big Mac seems to spots something O.S. and races off.

144 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Hey wait up.

Apple Bloom tries to keep up.

SC. 12 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - SISTERHOOVES SOCIAL - LATER

They stand together in a new tent watching sisters tying bows
in each others' hair.

145 APPLE BLOOM
Big Mac, you sure you wanna do
this?

146 BIG MAC
Yup.

147 APPLE BLOOM
But you've never tied my bow
before. Do you even know how?

Big Mac picks up a ribbon and ties a PERFECT BOW TIE on
himself.

148 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
I stand corrected.

Apple Bloom takes a seat and pulls out her usual red ribbon.

Big Mac looks at the selection of ribbons and picks one.

149 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Applejack says that's not a good
color for me.

Big Mac puts that ribbon back and goes to select another one.

150 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
<disapproving noise>

Big Mac reaches for different one.

151 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
<disapproving sound>

Big Mac reaches for a different one.

152 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
<disapproving grunt>

Big Mac reaches for the last remaining ribbon: a red one.

153 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Love it!

Big Mac starts to tie the ribbon in Apple Bloom's hair... but soon finds himself getting confused.

154 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
What's wrong? Oh... I guess tying
a bow on somepony else is like a
whole different thing, huh?

155 BIG MAC
Yup.

Big Mac's making a real mess of it.

156 APPLE BLOOM
Want some help?

157 BIG MAC
Nope.

Big Mac keeps trying.

158 APPLE BLOOM
When Applejack does it it's left
over right, then -
 (off his glare)
Nevermind.

Big Mac keeps working. Meanwhile, Apple Bloom becomes increasingly aware of all the ponies in the tent staring at them. Finally, Big Mac completes a hopeless hideous knot.

159 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
I love it like that! Perfect!

SC. 13 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - SISTERHOOVES SOCIAL - LATER

Apple Bloom and Big Mac walk along with Apple Bloom still SPORTING HER DISASTROUS BOW.

160 APPLE BLOOM
Oh my gosh, this has been fun, but -
 (huuuuge yawn)
- I'm beat. Maybe we should call
it a -

Big Mac spots something O.S. and darts off again.

161 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Come back!

ANGLE ON Big Mac checking out a CARNIVAL RING TOSS BOOTH. As Apple Bloom arrives Big Mac gestures toward the ENORMOUS STUFFED ANIMAL PRIZES.

162 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Sure, I'd like it if you won me one
of those, but it's impossible.
Nopony ever wins here. Even
Applejack can't do it.

Filling with resolve, Big Mac accepts THREE RINGS from the UNICORN CARNIVAL WORKER and starts tossing.

He hits the ring right on post, but it bounces off.

Same with his second try. How can he be missing?

Same with his third try.

But this time, out of the corner of his eye, he catches sight of the Carnival Worker TRYING TO BE SNEAKY about CASTING MAGIC to cause the misses.

Scowling, Big Mac STEPS TOWARD the worker and simply gets in his face.

163 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Big Mac, we lost. It's okay. We
don't have to be bad sports about
it.

The worker TREMBLES, intimidated by Big Mac's hulking mass.

164 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Wait - was he cheating?

165 BIG MAC
Yup.

CUT TO:

SC. 14 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - SISTERHOOVES SOCIAL - LATER

Apple Bloom happily exits the fairgrounds ENORMOUS STUFFED ANIMAL PRIZE she just won. Big Mac walks alongside.

166 APPLE BLOOM
Well that's one way to win a stuffed animal. Thanks, Big Mac. I can't wait to display this in my room. It'll be my own special memory of the two of us here together. Big Mac comes through again.

Big Mac smiles.

167 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
I mean, it's no trophy or anything. But who needs a third obstacle course trophy anyway? This'll mix up the look in my room a little. Variety's cool.

Just then, an announcement from the Blue-Haired Pony is faintly heard from the fairgrounds in the b.g.

168 BLUE-HAIRED PONY IN CHARGE (V.O.)
Attention, attention. Our main event - the Sisterhooves Social obstacle course - commences in five minutes. Contestants, please congregate at the starting line.

Big Mac turns and sees the crowd still within responding to the news, then runs back into the fairgrounds.

169 APPLE BLOOM
But I thought we were all done.
Big Mac!

SC. 15- EXT. PONYVILLE - SISTERHOOVES SOCIAL FAIRGROUND - LATER

Apple Bloom and Big Mac stand near the starting line along with a crowd of sister ponies pairs which includes Scootaloo and Rainbow Dash.

170 APPLE BLOOM
We don't have to do this, you know.

Big Mac's warms up enthusiastically for the big race while Apple Bloom looks on.

171 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Sure, it would be awesome to
threepeat. But let's be realistic -
this is a team event and you and I
haven't practiced or anything.

Big Mac's does some serious calisthenics, through...

172 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Plus I love my big stuffed bear.
And if I'm racing who's going to
watch him?

Then, just as Big Mac pauses to consider this...

173 GRANNY SMITH (O.S.)
I will!

Granny Smith arrives and swoops the stuffed bear up in her arms.

174 APPLE BLOOM
(insincere)
Yay. Granny Smith to the rescue.

175 GRANNY SMITH
I'll be up in the stands cheering
you two on and would sure
appreciate the company. I can tell
him all about my knee.
(walking off with bear)
Right before the rain comes it
swells up like a cantaloupe.

Apple Bloom sighs.

176 APPLE BLOOM
Look, I just don't want this to be
embarrassing.

Big Mac gives her a reassuring smile and hug.

177 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
You really think you can come
through for us here, too?

178 BIG MAC
Eeeeeeyup.

Apple Bloom smiles.

179 APPLE BLOOM
That would be... amazing.

Apple Bloom joins in on Big Mac's calisthenics.

180 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
 (jumping jack rhythm)
Three-peat. Three-peat. Three-
peat.

Rainbow Dash and Scootaloo happen by.

181 RAINBOW DASH
Okay Scoot, remember the parts
where teamwork really comes into
play.

182 SCOOTALOO
How could I forget? We've been
training all week.

183 RAINBOW DASH
Okay, hot stuff: pop quiz. What's
our move on the grape squish?

184 SCOOTALOO
The alley oop.

185 RAINBOW DASH
Apple Toss?

186 SCOOTALOO
Flip flop.

187 RAINBOW DASH
Egg carry.

188 SCOOTALOO
Flutter bomb.

189 RAINBOW DASH
Oh yeah!

They do an elaborate, excessively complicated yet perfectly
executed hoof-leg-rump-bump thing, and walk off together to
the starting line.

ANGLE ON Apple Bloom looking on, slackjawed.

190 APPLE BLOOM
Uh oh.

191 BLUE-HAIRED PONY IN CHARGE
Competisisters, take your
positions.

The sister pairs all assume starting positions.

192 BLUE-HAIRED PONY IN CHARGE (CONT'D)
Ready. Set. Go!

The race is on! Rainbow Dash and Scootaloo burst out to an early lead out of the gate.

Apple Bloom's eyes narrow as she and Big Mac try to keep up, but find themselves starting out in the middle of the pack.

As the contestants take on the first obstacle - LEAPING A MUD-FILLED TRENCH - Rainbow Dash and Scootaloo are able to hang on to their lead.

193 RAINBOW DASH
Nice jump, Scoot!

Scootaloo smiles and gets more fired up than ever.

ANGLE ON Apple Bloom's resolve intensifying as she clears the trench and fights to close the gap.

Rainbow Dash steps through the next obstacle - THE STAGGERED ROW OF BASKETS - and Scootaloo does the same.

Apple Bloom follows suit.. as does Big Mac, who demonstrates remarkable agility for a horse his size, clearing the obstacle with ease.

Arriving at the next obstacle - THE STACK OF THREE CRATES - Apple Bloom clears it with a single bounce at the top... while Big Mac clears it with a single bound and now runs shoulder to shoulder with Apple Bloom.

194 APPLE BLOOM
Woohoo!

Big Mac grins. Then, all business, they bear down on the next obstacle - EACH EATING A SINGLE PIE. Big Mac SCARFS his pie down and runs off. Apple Bloom does the same. They're gaining on Rainbow Dash and Scootaloo.

The next obstacle - PUSHING A HAY BALE - is a no brainer. Apple Bloom doesn't have to do a thing while Big Mac explodes the hay bale past the line. They take the lead!

Rounding a turn to the next challenge, Big Mac HEAVES grape clusters into a vat while Apple Bloom climbs in to stomp them... but not fast enough...

because Rainbow Dash arrives and ALLEY OOPS Scootaloo into a nearby vat, then flies in to join her in the squishing.

Seeing this, Big Mac LEAPS INTO THE VAT like a wrestler into the ring, filling the outside jar with grape juice UPON IMPACT with a SINGLE SQUISH.

195 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Yikes! You almost squished ME!

First to place their jar of grape juice on the table, Big Mac THUNDERS off to the next obstacle: THE APPLE TOSS. With Apple Bloom trailing behind. Rainbow Dash and Scootaloo pass Apple Bloom on the way.

Big Mac got the EGG CARRY first, but must wait impatiently as Rainbow Dash and Scootaloo get there before Apple Bloom does.

196 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
I'm hurrying!

Rainbow Dash expertly nudges two eggs into the crook of each of Scootaloo's wings and helps her balance them so they're deposited safely and they can move on.

Meanwhile, Apple Bloom and Big Mac hurry to get their eggs across but bobble them dangerously. Big Mac looks harried and frustrated.

197 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Easy now...

Other sister pairs are passing them now. When Big Mac and Apple Bloom finally finish, Big Mac picks her up like a football and runs off down the final stretch.

198 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Hey!

Big Mac BARRELS down the last stretch of hurdles LIKE A MADHORSE. He's gaining ground, but knocking over competitors and hurdles and little children along the way.

199 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
 (freaked)
Yaaaaaaaaaaaaaah!

They're almost to the finish line with only Rainbow Dash and Scootaloo ahead of them, running side-by-side.

BIG MAC RUNS
RIGHT BETWEEN
THEM WITH SUCH

MOMENTUM THAT HE
BUMPS DASH IN ON
DIRECTION AND
SCOOTALOO IN THE
OTHER.

Big Mac crosses the finish line first and does AN END ZONE DANCE, with Apple Bloom the "football" he stops just short of spiking.

ANGLE ON Granny Smith in the stands.

200 GRANNY SMITH
(asking the stuffed bear)
Did they win?

201 BLUE-HAIRED PONY IN CHARGE (V.O.)
Big Mac and Apple Bloom are
disqualified.

ANGLE ON Rainbow Dash and Scootaloo who somehow dragged themselves across the finish line.

202 RAINBOW DASH
Looks like we win, squirt.

ANGLE ON Apple Bloom standing with a dejected Big Mac, who - looking back over the devastation he just wreaked - buries his face in his hooves.

203 APPLE BLOOM
Well that wasn't embarrassing.

FADE OUT.

END ACT 2

FADE IN:

ACT 3

SC. 16 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - SISTERHOOVES SOCIAL - LATER

The social must have ended some time ago, because hardly any ponies are around except the ones cleaning up and taking thing down.

Meanwhile, Big Mac sits under the bleachers alone. Apple Bloom climbs under and makes a tentative approach.

204 APPLE BLOOM
Will you come out now? Pretty much
everypony's gone.

Big Mac doesn't respond. He keeps sulking where he is.

Apple Bloom sighs, and then sidles up to sit next to him.

205 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
So what came over you out there,
Big Mac? Do you have any idea?

206 BIG MAC
Nope.

207 APPLE BLOOM
That was so not like you. I've
never seen you like that. Do you
want to talk about it?

208 BIG MAC
Nope.

A beat.

209 APPLE BLOOM
Listen, I'm not mad, okay.
Everypony goes a little cuckoo
sometimes. I just wish I
understood.

Big Mac sulks some more in silence.

210 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
It's getting late. I should
probably go home now. You coming?

211 BIG MAC
Nope.

212 APPLE BLOOM
Later tonight though... right?

213 BIG MAC
Yup.

214 APPLE BLOOM
Okay.
 (she hugs his neck)
See you then.

She begins to leave and then, after a couple of backward glances, she goes.

SC. 17 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAWN - ESTABLISHING

The sun creeps into view over the horizon. A rooster CROWS.

SC. 18 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER THAT MORNING

Apple Bloom sits outside the farmhouse looking off into the distance. Granny Smith sticks her head out the window.

215 GRANNY SMITH
How things lookin'? Any better?

216 APPLE BLOOM
(a la Big Mac)
Nope.

ANGLE ON Big Mac visible in the distance, sitting on a hilltop and staring at the horizon. He takes a DEEP SIGH.

BACK ON Apple Bloom.

217 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Look at him just sitting up there.
There's gotta be something we can do.

218 GRANNY SMITH
Nopony's harder on Big Mac than Big Mac, but in time he'll bounce back good as new, don't you fret.

Granny Smith disappears back inside. Meanwhile, Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo arrive and join Apple Bloom.

219 APPLE BLOOM
Thanks for coming by, guys. He's still up there. Been there all morning.

220 SWEETIE BELLE
We're worried about him.

221 SCOOTALOO
I'm not. He knocked me over.

222 SWEETIE BELLE
By accident, I'm pretty sure.

223 SCOOTALOO
He's like twelve times my size.

224 SWEETIE BELLE
And he obviously feels rotten about it. Can we just show a little CMC spirit and support Apple Bloom and her family during this difficult time.

225 SCOOTALOO
I'm here aren't I.
 (then, under her breath)
Knocked me over.

226 SWEETIE BELLE
What?

227 SCOOTALOO
Nothing.

ANGLE ON Big Mac on a hilltop looking off in the distance.

228 APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Hey there, Puddin' Pie.

ANGLE ON Applejack and RARITY approaching.

229 SWEETIE BELLE
They're back!

Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle rush off to welcome their respective sisters. Hugs all around.

230 APPLE BLOOM
How was Manehattan? Tell us all about it!

231 RARITY
First things first: how was the Sisterhooves Social?

Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle exchange looks.

232 APPLE BLOOM
Oh. That.

SC. 19 - INT. APPLE'S FARMHOUSE - LATER

The CMCs, Applejack and Rarity sit around the kitchen table snacking and talking while Granny Smith keeps the plates full.

233 RARITY
That does sound like a mess.

234 APPLEJACK
Anypony have any idea what got into him?

235 APPLE BLOOM
Guess he thought I wanted to win
real bad, so Big Mac being Big Mac
wanted to come through for me no
matter what... and he got a little
carried away.

236 SCOOTALOO
A lot carried away.

237 SWEETIE BELLE
Scootaloo, we get it.

238 APPLE BLOOM
We've got to do something.

239 APPLEJACK
 (thinking)
Hmm. Seems to me all he can think
of right now is how he let you
down, so we gotta remind him of all
the ways he hasn't.

240 APPLE BLOOM
You're right! We gotta do that!

241 APPLEJACK
And I think I know just the way.

SC. 20 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - HILLTOP - LATER

Big Mac still looks at the horizon. Another HEAVY SIGH.

Then an upbeat Apple Bloom and Applejack appear.

242 APPLE BLOOM
Hey there, Big Mac. Guess what:
Applejack's back. Aren't you
excited to see her!

243 BIG MAC
 (still glum)
Yup.

244 APPLE BLOOM
Okay, I can see you're still not
feeling one-hundred percent. But
don't worry. I betcha we know just
what you need.
 (then)
Hit it gang!

REVEAL Rarity, Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo, who all play makeshift instruments (i.e., washboards, etc.) while Applejack and Apple Bloom break out into a fast-paced and irrepressibly upbeat MUSICAL NUMBER.

245 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
*We've tried a while / to make you
smile / and really wish you would*

246 APPLEJACK
*Even though / what saddens you / is
fully understood*

247 APPLE BLOOM
We wish you didn't feel so bad -

248 SCOOTALOO
Though I personally wish you would.

Music stops.

249 SWEETIE BELLE
Scoot. Let. It. Go.

Music resumes.

250 APPLE BLOOM
*So we took action / and compiled a
fraction / of the abundant good*

251 APPLEJACK
*You've done / throughout your
awesome run / of amazing
brotherhood*

252 APPLEJACK/APPLE BLOOM
(switching off solos line-
by-line, rapid-fire)
*You compliment my favorite dress /
You always fix the cider press /
You're calming when I'm tightly
wound / You're gentle when we horse
around / You chuckle when I tell I
joke / You cook an awesome
artichoke / Let's not forget he
fixed your kite / You let me win
our tickle fights / You're tougher
than a lumberjack / You flicked a
spider off my back / And when she
liked to play pretend / You hung
with my invisible friend
(then, together)
(MORE)*

APPLEJACK/APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
*So let us say in summary / there
could not ever possibly / be
anypony / as brotherly / as you
seem to be / so effortlessly /
to... she... and meeeeeeeeeee!*

Big finish, then...

253 APPLEJACK/APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
(quick)
On this the two of us agree.

Final note. Strike a pose... and done!

Big Mac stares blankly.

254 APPLE BLOOM
So... feel any better?

Big Mac BREAKS INTO A HUGE SMILE.

255 BIG MAC
Yup.

The whole gang breaks into CHEERS AND JUBILATION.

256 APPLE BLOOM
Oh, I'm so glad! This was all
Applejack's idea... isn't she the
greatest sister ever?

At this, Big Mac looks crushed, flopping his chin to the ground and putting his hooves over his snout like a sad dog.

257 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Wait, what happened? What did I
say?

258 APPLEJACK
(equally mystified)
Big Mac? What's wrong?

259 BIG MAC
I don't want to talk about it.

Big Mac slowly brings himself back of the ground... summons his courage... and speaks.

260 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
It's silly and really not worth
going into. I'd rather not waste
your time. I'm being a fool.

The others all share confused looks.

261 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
I'm sure you don't want to listen
to me keep jabbering on like this.

The others all just keep sitting there in awe, staring.

262 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
You're not going anywhere, are you.

They all shake their heads slowly. Big Mac SIGHS.

263 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
Fine.
 (then)
It's just that -
 (searching for the words)
Thank you for the song. I liked it
a lot. But -
 (again he hesitates)
And Applejack, I'm delighted your
back and can't wait to hear about
your latest adventure, only -
 (beat)
I'm afraid I'll feel bad. Like I
always do. I mean, it's confusing.
I always love to hear about the
amazing things you do all over
Equestria. And I'm so proud of
you, Applejack. So proud.
 (beat)
But then I think about myself.
Here on the farm. Day in. Day
out. It must seem so... boring.
And unimportant.

No one knows what to say.

264 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
Even in that song. It was nice
but... flicking spiders off your
back? A far cry from battling
villains and saving our kingdom
time and again, I dare say.

Deep breath.

265 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
So at the Sisterhooves Social I
thought, maybe I can replace
Applejack, just once. And then at
the race I thought I could maybe
win, you know? Maybe I could match
Applejack, just once. It was
stupid. And I'm ashamed. Please.
 (MORE)

BIG MAC (CONT'D)

(then)

I just want to be alone right now.

A long tense awkward beat. Then...

266 APPLEJACK
Yeah well, too bad, you big goof.

She hugs him.

267 APPLE BLOOM
I'm not going anywhere either.

She hugs him, too.

268 SWEETIE BELLE/RARITY
Me neither. / I want in on this.

They pile on. Scootaloo rolls her eyes.

269 SCOOTALOO
Oh all right.

She joins in on the hugfest, too.

270 BIG MAC
(muffled under the pile)
I guess this does make things a
little better. So I take it you're
saying I should just maybe be okay
with who I am?

271 ALL THE OTHERS
Eeeeeeyup!

SC. 21 - INT. APPLE'S FARMHOUSE - LATER

The whole gang sits around the table enjoying a feast together while Granny Smith keeps the food flowing.

272 GRANNY SMITH
Keep on eating, everypony. Got
plenty more where that came from.

273 APPLEJACK
I'm glad you came back down off the
hill, Big Mac. Having you here
with us matters.

274 APPLE BLOOM
It's important.

Big Mac smiles.

275 SCOOTALOO
Hey Rarity and Applejack - we still
haven't heard about your map
adventure. Come on you two, spill
the goods!

They all freeze. Sudden tension.

276 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Er... uh... but only if it's okay
with Big Mac, of course.

All eyes on Big Mac, who breaks into a big breezy easy smile.

277 BIG MAC
Eeeeeyup!

They all laugh, and as Applejack and Rarity start jockeying
for who will tell which parts of the tale, we...

FADE OUT.

END OF SHOW.