

MY LITTLE PONY
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"The Mane Attraction"

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SC. 1 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

TWILIGHT

Wow, Applejack! Are you sure you've never managed a concert before?

APPLEJACK

Well, it turns out doin' up a concert's the same as settin' up a rodeo.

TWILIGHT

And thanks to Pinkie's connections organizing the Ponypalooza Rock Concert, we've got quite a line-up for the Helping Hooves Music Festival.

PINKIE PIE

Twilight! Applejack! Rainbow Dash! Rarity! Fluttershy! Spike! Pinkie Pie! Oh wait, that's me! EVERYPONY!

TWILIGHT

What is it, Pinkie?

PINKIE PIE

I have the most amazing news ever! It is totally going to freak your frizz!

RAINBOW DASH

Well spill it, Pinkie!

PINKIE PIE

It wasn't easy. In fact, it was terribly difficult. But I have managed to book the biggest Pony Pop Star in all of Equestria as the main attraction of the Helping Hooves Music Festival!

APPLEJACK

Sapphire Shores?!

PINKIE PIE

Sapphire Shores? Please! Sapphire Shores is merely the *SECOND* biggest Pony Pop Star in Equestria! I have booked: The One. The Only. *Countess Coloratura!*

EVERYPONY

OOOOOOOOOO!!!! AAAAAAAHHHHHHH!!!

APPLEJACK

Who the hay is Countess Coloratura?

EVERYPONY

<GASP!>

PINKIE PIE

My frizz has been freaked.

SC. 2 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - CONTINUOUS

APPLEJACK

Pinkie Pie, who is this Countess Coloratura pony?

PINKIE PIE

Uh! I just told you that she is the biggest Pony Pop Star in Equestria! How, how, how, how, *how* have you not heard of her?

APPLEJACK

Don' know. Though I did know a gal named Coloratura when I was just a filly. <snort> Wouldn't it just be the funniest thing if that Coloratura and this Coloratura were the same Coloratura?

PINKIE PIE

Do you mean to tell me that you actually *know* Countess Coloratura?

APPLEJACK

Well, I don't think it's the same pony since my friend wasn't any sort of highfalutin' Countess.

PINKIE PIE

Do you remember her Cutie Mark?

APPLEJACK

Sure do! It had this super colorful bunch of musical notes that just shimmered in the light.

PINKIE PIE

You mean, like *this*?

APPLEJACK

Well, fancy that! That there's the very same Cutie Mark!

PINKIE PIE

Do you have any idea the number of the hoops I had to jump through to get her to perform at the Festival? A whole

lot of hoops! That pony is very demanding!

APPLEJACK

Naw!

PINKIE PIE

Yaaaaw!

RARITY

I completely understand. We *artistes* require certain necessities in order to do our best work.

APPLEJACK

This was clearly some sort of misunderstandin', cause Rara was just as down home as me!

EVERYPONY

Rara?

APPLEJACK

Even that big name was too fancy for her. So I shortened ColoRAtuRA to Rara.

SC. 3 - EXT. CAMP FRIENDSHIP - FLASHBACK - DAY

APPLEJACK (V.O.)

We had the best time at Camp Friendship. Rara was just so easy goin'. We were like two apples from the same branch.

APPLEJACK (V.O.)

Rara and I prepared this song for the Camp Talent Show. When we performed, she belted it out, singin' in the most colorful, clear voice I'd ever heard.

RARA

(singing)

*Equestria, the land I love/
A land of harmony/
Our flag does wave from high above/
For ponykind to see/*

*Equestria, a land of friends/
Where ponykind do roam/
They say true friendships never ends/
Equestria, my home.*

APPLEJACK (V.O.)

After camp, we wrote to each other for a bit, but then we lost touch. But

Rara always did want to go to
Manhattan to try and make it big.

APPLEJACK
But a demandin' diva?

SC. 4 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - PRESENT DAY

APPLEJACK
Just you wait, Pinkie. Once Rara
gets here, you'll see she's just a
plain ol' pony like you and me.

PINKIE PIE
I don't have to wait! She's here!

APPLEJACK
Really?!

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Rara?

SC. 5 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - CONTINUOUS

PINKIE PIE
AAAAAAH! COUNTESS COLORATURA!!!!

SVENGALLOP
Clear the way. Step back. Keep your
hooves and tails to yourselves.

APPLEJACK
No. That can't be her.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Um...Hi. Remember me? We met at
Camp Friendship? I gave you the
nickname Rara?

COUNTESS COLORATURA
AJ?

APPLEJACK
Yeah! Howdy, Rara!

COUNTESS COLORATURA
Hoovsies!

RARITY
Ooh! You got Hoovsies from Countess
Coloratura! Look! Ooh! She clearly
thinks you're very special!

COUNTESS COLORATURA
Hoovsies! Hoovsies! Hoovsies!

APPLEJACK
Yeah, real special.

SVENGALLOP
Now *that's* how you make an entrance!
Big! Bold! Absolutely stunning!

SVENGALLOP
Though it was muddied a bit with your
interaction with that dusty farm
pony. Do you actually know her?

COUNTESS COLORATURA
Oh yeah. That's my childhood filly
friend AJ! She was the one that
started calling me Rara.

SVENGALLOP
Oh, yes. How cute and, common.
Of course, I was the one that started
calling you *Countess*! And just look
at how you've *moved up* in Equestria
since then! Why, you've gotten
everything you've ever wanted!
Speaking of which...

SVENGALLOP (CONT'D)
Where is the pony Pinkie Pie?

PINKIE PIE
Ooh! I'm the pony Pinkie Pie, Mr.
Manager, sir!

SVENGALLOP
Do you have the water imported from
Rainbow Falls that I requested for
Countess Coloratura?

PINKIE PIE
I have twenty glass containers full
right here!

SVENGALLOP
Did I not tell you to provide straws
in all of Countess Coloratura's
beverages?

PINKIE PIE
Uh I don't think so. But lucky for
you, I have the biggest straw
collection in Equestria!

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I call this straw Fernando.

SVENGALLOP
Hmm. Let us confirm that you acquired
the rest of the items that Countess

Coloratura requested before she
performs her run through, shall we?

PINKIE PIE
Oh, we shall!

SVENGALLOP
Floral arrangements from the Royal
Canterlot Gardens. Chocolate éclairs
made by Gustave le Grande. A selection
of crystals from the Crystal Empire.
Freshly picked cherries from Cherry
Jubilee's farm separated red from
yellow?

PINKIE PIE
Absotutely!

SVENGALLOP
Well, by some *miracle* your requests
have been *reasonably* met. So let us
move on...to rehearsal!

PINKIE PIE
See, Applejack? Demanding!

APPLEJACK
Pinkie's right, Rarity! The Rara I
knew didn't hide behind a veil givin'
out fake stamp kisses, sippin' up
imported water, and needin' her
cherries separated.

RARITY
Oh, I do understand. Sometimes it's
hard to see our friends change.

APPLEJACK
She's become a whole other pony!

RARITY
Trust me, once you see Countess
Coloratura perform, you simply won't
believe it!

SC. 6 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - AUDIENCE/STAGE - CONTINUOUS

COUNTESS COLORATURA
*Time for the Spectacle!/Time for the
Show!/
The lights are bright/And the colors
glow/
I'm not just any pony/I think you
know/
The time is now/It's about to blow!*
Razzle Dazzle! Glitz and Glam/

*Turn it all up/It's a spectacle/
Razzle Dazzle! Glitz and Glam/
Turn it all up/It's a spectacle!*

*Give me more/ Razzle Dazzle!/
Glitter eyes/ Big surprise/
Lights! Cameras!/ Ah, Ah, Ah, Ah,
Ahah!/*

*Razzle Dazzle! Glitz and Glam/
Turn it all up/It's a spectacle/
Hear the applause/ Here to impress/
Not just a pony/ I am the Countess!*

EVERYPONY

<CHEERS>

APPLEJACK

Rarity was right. I don't believe it.

SVENGALLOP

Oh my shining star! Thanks to the sparkling costumes, dazzling choreography, and brilliant vocal effects that I designed, your performance was SPECTACULAR, Countess Coloratura!!!!

COUNTESS COLORATURA

Oh, thank you, Svengallop!

APPLEJACK

Correct me if I'm wrong here, but that feller isn't actually complimentin' Rara. He's complimentin' all the bells and whistles he's piled on to make her Countess Coloratura.

RARITY

Oh no, no, no, no! You don't understand, Applejack. Creating all those elements is a lot of work and Countess Coloratura's performance wouldn't exist without them.

APPLEJACK

If you ask me, that wouldn't necessarily be a bad thing.

COUNTESS COLORATURA

Oh if we're all done here, I'd love to go back to my trailer and rest, Svengallop.

PINKIE PIE

Actually, right now you're scheduled for your Meet and Greet with the school ponies!

SVENGALLOP
I can totally get you out of meeting
with the school ponies, Countess.

COUNTESS COLORATURA
Absolutely not! My favorite part of
any event is meeting with the school
ponies!

APPLEJACK
The school ponies'll be so happy to
hear that, Rara.

SC. 7 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - SIGNING TABLE - LATER

COUNTESS COLORATURA
Ponyville School Ponies! As part of
the Helping Hooves Music Festival,
I'm holding a contest where some of
you will get a chance to sing with me
on stage at the concert tomorrow!
Sound fun?

STUDENTS
<CHEERING>

COUNTESS COLORATURA
Alright! Now who wants more
Hoovsies?

STUDENTS
<CHEERING>

APPLEJACK
Now, that's more like the Rara I
remember.

PINKIE PIE
But I got everything you requested.

SVENGALLOP
That was for Countess Coloratura.
This is for me. And what I want is
premium oats.

PINKIE PIE
Oh, well, we have lots of tasty oats
right here in Ponyville.

SVENGALLOP
I would not feed those to a chicken!
I want top-of-the-line, Appaloosan
Oats. Next. It appears that we are
surrounded by apple trees. Bring me
500 pre-peeled, pre-cored apples.
And I want those things in 24 hours!

PINKIE PIE
But that's impossible!

SVENGALLOP
Do you want me to pull Countess
Coloratura from your little podunk
charity show? Because I will.

PINKIE PIE
Applejack! Svengallop just made all
of these new demands and he said th-

APPLEJACK
I heard, Pinkie. But don't you fret.
I'll talk to Rara and fix things right
up.

APPLE BLOOM
Did you see, sis? Did you see?

COUNTESS COLORATURA
Is this the little sister you wrote to
me about, AJ?

APPLE BLOOM
Hold on, Applejack! You wrote to
Countess Coloratura...about *me*?

COUNTESS COLORATURA
AJ said you were the best little
sister ever, Apple Bloom.

APPLEJACK
Alright now, you best git along little
ponies.

APPLEJACK
Hey, Rara, you mind if I talk to you
about your manager?

COUNTESS COLORATURA
Sure, what about him?

APPLEJACK
Well, while you were meetin' with the
school ponies, he was demandin'
all sorts of stuff from Pinkie Pie.

COUNTESS COLORATURA
Svengallop works very hard as my
manager, AJ. So if he needs some
things when we're on the road, I don't
see anything wrong with that.

APPLEJACK
Well, do you see something wrong with
him telling Pinkie that if she doesn't

get those things by tomorrow, he'd pull you from our charity festival?

COUNTESS COLORATURA
What? But...he knows how important charity is to me and leaving the festival would completely ruin my image!

APPLEJACK
I'm afraid Svengallop doesn't give a pickled Pippin about your charity work.

COUNTESS COLORATURA
That's not true! Svengallop has always supported me in all my interests. You're just saying those things because you're jealous.

APPLEJACK
Jealous of what? A pony who hides behind a veil so thick she can't see when somepony's using her? No, I'm not jealous of that, Rara.

COUNTESS COLORATURA
I am not Rara! I am Countess Coloratura! And while we may have been friends when we were young, we have clearly gone in different directions!

SC. 8 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN AREA - LATER

APPLEJACK
It just ain't right! He's manipulin' her and she's just not seein' it.

PINKIE PIE
Enough stewin'! More peelin'!

APPLEJACK
Sorry, Pinkie, but there is no way I'm lettin' that lousy Svengallop use my friend like that!

PINKIE PIE
Ohhhh.

SC. 9 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - AUDIENCE/STAGE - LATER

APPLEJACK
Countess Coloratura!

COUNTESS COLORATURA
Wow, AJ! You said my real name.

APPLEJACK
I said your new name, but I saw the real you hangin' out with those school ponies yesterday. And I know somepony that'd prefer if you stopped doin' those little events.

COUNTESS COLORATURA
Oh not this again.

APPLEJACK
C'mon, now. You just gotta give me a chance to prove what I'm sayin' is true!

COUNTESS COLORATURA
And just how are you going to do that?

APPLEJACK
Do exactly what I say, we'll see if that Svengallop truly has your interests heart.

SC. 10 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - AUDIENCE/STAGE - NEXT DAY

COUNTESS COLORATURA
Svengallop? Svengallop?!
Where are you Svengallop?!

SVENGALLOP
Here I am. Did you need something?

COUNTESS COLORATURA
Yes, I was...considering... maybe canceling the contest with the school ponies?

SVENGALLOP
Countess, this is wonderful!
Wonderful! I have been waiting forever for you to cancel that pointless school pony contest!

COUNTESS COLORATURA
You...have?

SVENGALLOP
You do it at every charity event and it does absolutely nothing to promote the Countess Coloratura image that I built! Consider it CANCELED!
Pinkie Pie!

PINKIE PIE
Yes, Svengallop, sir?

SVENGALLOP
We're making some adjustments to the show. Follow me!

SVENGALLOP (CONT'D)
Cancel the contest for the fillies and schedule me a spa treatment. Now that I don't have to oversee a rehearsal with those brats I have time for the works. You know the drill: deliver, or the diva ditches your dippy charity.

SVENGALLOP (CONT'D)
Okay Countess Coloratura! All taken care of!

SVENGALLOP (CONT'D)
(REPEATING/REMIX)
You know the drill: deliver, or the diva ditches your dippy charity.

COUNTESS COLORATURA
So that's how you've been managing things?

SVENGALLOP
Yeah, so? What's the problem?

COUNTESS COLORATURA
The problem is that you've been using my name to intimidate ponies to get what you want.

SVENGALLOP
But I work incredibly hard for you! I deserve everything I get!

COUNTESS COLORATURA
But not because you scare ponies into thinking I won't perform for their charities otherwise! I would never do that to my fans. Which is why you should have known that I would never cancel the School Ponies Contest!

SVENGALLOP
Hmm. All this *charity* and *school pony contest* nonsense is just remnants of that boring little Rara I met back in Manehattan.

COUNTESS COLORATURA
You clearly don't understand the real me.

SVENGALLOP
That's a joke! I made you *somepony*.
What can you even do without me?

SVENGALLOP (CONT'D)
Good luck, *Countess Coloratura*!
Good luck!

APPLEJACK
Oh, Rara! I'm so sorry. Are you
gonna be okay for the concert tonight?

COUNTESS COLORATURA
Of course. After all, the show must
go on!

SC. 11 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BACKSTAGE - NIGHT

COUNTESS COLORATURA
Oh my gosh, Rarity! Svengallop's
right! This is going to be a disaster!
I'm gonna to be terrible!

APPLEJACK
Can you give us a minute, Rarity?

RARITY
Certainly.

APPLEJACK
Now, why's it gonna be so terrible?

COUNTESS COLORATURA
Because Svengallop was in charge of
everything! The lights! The
visuals! The sound! Without
Svengallop, I have nothing!

APPLEJACK
Now, now don't go gettin' yourself
into a tizzy there, Rara. Svengallop
turned you into Countess Coloratura
and acted like your friend so he could
enjoy the perks that came with bein'
a star. But the real perk of
friendship is gettin' to see your
friend bein' true to theeself. And,
Rara, when you're simply yourself,
you're the brightest star I've ever
seen shine!

SC. 12 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - AUDIENCE/STAGE - NIGHT

CROWD
<CHEERS>

TWILIGHT

Good evening everypony! Welcome to
opening night of The Helping Hooves
Music Festival! Now it is my great
honor to introduce to you our
headlining act, Countess Coloratura!

CROWD

<CHEERS>

RARA

This song may be familiar, but yet
it's totally different. Kind of like
me: Rara.

CROWD

<CONFUSED WALLA>

RARA

*I'm here to show you who I am/
Throw off the veil. It's fin'ly
time/
There's more to me than the Glitz and
Glam/
And now I feel my stars align!//*

*For I had be-lieved what I was sold/
I did all the things that I was told/
But all that has changed and now I'm
bold 'cus I know/*

*That I am just a pony/
I make mistakes from time to time/
But now I know the real me/
And put my heart out on the line!//*

*And let the magic in my heart stay
true/ oh oh oh oh
And let the magic in my heart stay
true/ oh oh oh oh/*

*Just like the magic inside of you/
And now I see those colours right
before my eyes/
I hear my voice so clearly and I know
that it is right/*

[VERSE]

*I thought I was weak, but I am strong/
They sold me the world but they were
wrong/
And now that I'm back I still belong,
cause I know/*

*That I am just a pony/
I make mistakes from time to time/
But now I know the real me/*

*And put my heart out on the line!/
And let the magic in my heart stay
true/ oh oh oh oh
And let the magic in my heart stay
true/ oh oh oh oh/*

*Just like the magic inside of you/
Just like the magic inside of you.*

CROWD

<CHEERS>

RARA

Thank you, everypony! When I arrived
at the Helping Hooves Music Festival,
I had forgotten who I really was.

RARA (CONT'D)

But then an old friend reminded me
what real friendship is about and she
told me that if I was true to myself,
I couldn't go wrong.

RARA (CONT'D)

So, I have a very special surprise for
her. Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle,
Scootaloo? Come on up!

RARA AND THE CMCS

(singing)

*Equestria, the land I love/
A land of harmony/
Our flag does wave from high above/
For ponykind to see/*

*Equestria, a land of friends/
Where ponykind do roam/
They say true friendships never ends/
Equestria, my home/*

THE END.