

MY LITTLE PONY
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"Appleloosa's Most Wanted"

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TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. APPLEOOSA RODEO GROUNDS - DAY

APPLE BLOOM
Aren't you glad y'all came with me to
see Applejack compete in the
Appleoosa Rodeo?

SCOOTALOO
Totally! This place is a Cutie Mark
gold mine! There's barrel racing...

SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Roping contests...

SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Rodeo clownin'...

SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Steeplechase...

APPLE BLOOM
If we can get into some of these
events, we could all three walk off
the train back in Ponyville with brand
spankin' new Cutie Marks!

SCOOTALOO
(re: her own flank)
Wouldn't a barrel look good here?

APPLE BLOOM
I want a lasso!

SWEETIE BELLE
I dunno. All these events look a
little, well, dangerous.

APPLE BLOOM
No risk, no reward.

SHERIFF SILVERSTAR (O.S.)
Alright, everypony listen up!

SHERIFF SILVERSTAR (CONT'D)
We need a big presence at this here
rodeo, so make yerself plenty seen!
I want that low-down varmint to know
we mean business!

SWEETIE BELLE
I hope nothing bad is going on.

APPLE BLOOM

A Cutie-Mark-a-palooza and a low-down
varmint? This is shapin' up to be the
most exciting rodeo ever!

SCOOTALOO
Yeah! Come on!

SC. 2 - EXT. APPLEOOSA RODEO GROUNDS - ELSEWHERE - SAME TIME

BRAEBURN
Woohoo! Yeehaw! That's my cousin! Go
Applejack go!

APPLEJACK
It's been a dog's age since I got to
compete. All the rodeos 'round
Ponyville have closed down for some
reason.

BRAEBURN
Well, I guess having injured kinfolk
in Appleoosa sure paid off then, huh
cuz?

APPLEJACK
Just doin' my best to fill your
horseshoes, Braeburn.

BRAEBURN
Keep tossin' like that and I'll be out
of a job!

BRAEBURN (CONT'D)
Ow-ow.

APPLEJACK
Ooh. Sorry.
(then, concerned)
Say, where's my sister and her
friends?

BRAEBURN
(looking around)
Uh-oh, gee I, uh... I guess I got so
caught up watching you that I -

APPLEJACK
You said you'd keep an eye on those
fillies! How am I supposed to focus
on practicing if you're not gonna -

BRAEBURN
There they are!

BRAEBURN (CONT'D)
Right where I left 'em.

BRAEBURN (CONT'D)
Aw, don't be mad.
(then, obvious ploy)
Ouch. Mah foreleg. Hurts so much.

APPLEJACK
Y'all can't go running off like that,
y'hear? Backstage at a rodeo ain't
no kinda playground.

APPLE BLOOM
Sorry, Applejack, we won't wander off
again.

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
But, uh, speakin' of the rodeo, what
would you say about me and the
Crusaders maybe competin' in one
teensy weensy little event or three-

BRAEBURN
Look out!

APPLEJACK
What the hay just happened?

BRAEBURN
You fillies all right?

CMCS
Uh-huh/Yeah

SHERIFF SILVERSTAR
Sugar and Saltliks! Well I'll be...

APPLEJACK
What is it, Sheriff?

BRAEBURN
Is it him?

SHERIFF SILVERSTAR
Ain't no doubt.
(re: hoofprints, darkly)
It's Trouble Shoes.

SC. 3 - EXT. SHERIFF'S STATION - SHORT WHILE LATER

TOWNSPONY #1
Is it true? Is Trouble Shoes here?

TOWNSPONY #2
You ain't gonna shut down the rodeo,
are ya?

SHERIFF SILVERSTAR

All right, now, I called for a meetin', not a mob scene.

SHERIFF SILVERSTAR
Now as many of you know, the Equestria rodeo circuit has been plagued by the dirty dealings of a notorious outlaw.

TOWNSPONY #3
He knocked barrels every which way at the Hoof City Rodeo! Nearly crushed my Aunt Bay Mare!

TOWNSPONY #4
That's nothin'! He sabotaged the steer pen at Pinto Creek Rodeo, settin' off such a stampede they cancelled the whole dadgum thing!

SHERIFF SILVERSTAR
Now, Now. It's true, we had an incident this mornin' at our own Appleoosa rodeo. Hay bale stack came down pret' near on top of three little fillies. I examined them hoofprints myself, and...
(pin-drop pause)
It was Trouble Shoes, all right.

SHERIFF SILVERSTAR (CONT'D)
I reckon I oughta cancel this rodeo like all the others done...

SHERIFF SILVERSTAR (CONT'D)
But daghoofit, this has gone far enough! We'll double the patrols! This rodeo will go on! Appleoosa ain't gonna be intimidated!

APPLE BLOOM
Glad that's settled. So, uh, Applejack, about me and my pals competin' in the rodeo -

SC. 4 - INT. BRAEBURN'S HOUSE - LATER

APPLE BLOOM
Don't send us home! It's not fair!

APPLEJACK
Now quit your belly-aching. I can't have y'all around here with some outlaw on the loose.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Aw, maybe I oughta call it quits and go home too.

BRAEBURN
No, you can't! This rodeo is
important to Appleoosa and with you in
there we got a real shot at winnin'.
(escorting AJ to door)
Come on, now, you head on back to
practice and don't worry none about
these three. I won't let 'em outta my
sight.

BRAEBURN (CONT'D)
Ya hear? Y'all ain't leavin' my
sight.

SC. 5 - EXT. BRAEBURN'S HOUSE - NIGHT

SWEETIE BELLE
I thought we weren't going to wander
off again.

APPLE BLOOM
This ain't wandering. We know
exactly where we're headed - to find
Trouble Shoes.

SWEETIE BELLE
But isn't he a dangerous criminal?

APPLE BLOOM
We only need to find him, we don't need
to capture him. The Sheriff can
handle that.

SCOOTALOO
And once he's in jail, we'll be
competing, and then it's...

APPLE BLOOM/SCOOTALOO
(high hoofs)
...Cutie Mark city!

SWEETIE BELLE
Worst idea ever.

SC. 6 - EXT. WOODS - A LITTLE LATER

APPLE BLOOM
It's another giant hoofprint!

SWEETIE BELLE
Do either of you have any idea where
we are--?

SCOOTALOO
Uhh...maybe we should head back and
try again later.

APPLE BLOOM
Come on, before we lose the trail!

SWEETIE BELLE
Eep.

SC. 7 - EXT. WOODS - A LITTLE LATER

SWEETIE BELLE
Come on, we've gone far enough! It's
time to go back!

SCOOTALOO
The rain is only getting worse, Apple
Bloom. Let's come back tomorrow.

APPLE BLOOM
Maybe y'all are right. So how do we
get back?

SWEETIE BELLE
You mean you don't know?

SC. 8 - EXT. APPLEOOSA RODEO GROUNDS - SAME TIME

APPLEJACK
Good job, y'all.
(looking up at the clouds)
I know they need lots of mud for the
rodeo tomorrow, but I wish they woulda
warned us about this rainstorm.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Braeburn?? Where are the girls?

SC. 9 - EXT. THE TOWN OF APPLEOOSA - WIDE SHOT

APPLEJACK
(echoes through valley)
WHAAAAAAT?!?!?!?

THUNDERCLAP.

SC. 10 - INT. SHERIFF'S STATION - MOMENTS LATER

DEPUTY #1
Fished. My. Wish.

APPLEJACK

Sheriff Silverstar - You gotta help!
My sister's gone! And her friends
too!

BRAEBURN
I've searched and searched but no sign
of 'em anywhere.

APPLEJACK
It must've been Trouble Shoes!

SHERIFF SILVERSTAR
Now hold on there. Trouble Shoes
done a lot of bad things in his day,
but nothin' like that.

APPLEJACK
You really want to take that chance?

SHERIFF SILVERSTAR
Come on, y'all!

SHERIFF SILVERSTAR (CONT'D)
Let's ride!

SC. 11 - EXT. WOODS - NIGHT

SWEETIE BELLE
You sure about this, Scootaloo?

SCOOTALOO
I thought I was, but now I'm not.

APPLE BLOOM
So I pretty much got us completely and
totally lost...

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
How could this get any worse--

APPLE BLOOM (O.S.) (CONT'D)
AAAAAAHHHHHH!!!!!!

SC. 12 - EXT. WOODS - A SMALL CLEARING - NIGHT

APPLE BLOOM
We gotta get out of this rain.
There's no tellin' how long this storm
could last.

SCOOTALOO
Look!

APPLE BLOOM
It looks abandoned. Let's go see if we
can find some blankets or somethin'.

SC. 13 - INT. - DILAPIDATED SHACK - NIGHT - MOMENTS LATER

CRUSADERS
(BLOOD CURDLING SCREAMS)

TROUBLE SHOES
(BLOOD CURDLING SCREAM)

TROUBLE SHOES (CONT'D)
(COMICALLY YOWLING IN PAIN)

APPLE BLOOM
Hello? You all right?

TROUBLE SHOES
(muffled)
Surely.

APPLE BLOOM
We didn't mean no harm. We just came
in to get out of the rain.

TROUBLE SHOES
Had some hot cider cooking in the
kitchen. Doubt it survived.

TROUBLE SHOES (CONT'D)
I ain't gonna rise to greet y'all.
Awfully rude I reckon, but as you can
see I'm the fresh casualty of an
unusually unfortunate circumstance.
My lot in life, I s'pose.

APPLE BLOOM
Are you... T-T-T-Trouble Shoes.

TROUBLE SHOES
That's me.

SCOOTALOO
Wh-what are you doing?

APPLE BLOOM
I'm gonna unwrap him.

SWEETIE BELLE
You can't do that. That's Trouble
Shoes!!

APPLE BLOOM
Aw, he don't seem so bad.

TROUBLE SHOES

A'course guests would arrive while I
ain't got no pie to offer. Score
s'more misfortune points for ol'
Trouble Shoes.

TROUBLE SHOES (CONT'D)

Typical. Bad luck never rests.

APPLE BLOOM

You sure that's bad luck? Seems like
maybe you're just a little, um...

SWEETIE BELLE

Klutzy?

TROUBLE SHOES

Tell that to the flank!

TROUBLE SHOES (CONT'D)

Upside down horseshoe. Bad luck.
Follows me wherever I go like sour on
old milk.

TROUBLE SHOES (CONT'D)

Y'all best vamoose a'fore my bad luck
rubs off and sticks to y'all. Get
along. Skedaddle. Amskray.

SCOOTALOO

Um...we don't really know the way back
to Appleoosa.

TROUBLE SHOES

(heavy sigh)

But a'course I do. Wouldn't ya know
it, mah lucky day.

SC. 14 - EXT. WOODS - NIGHT

SWEETIE BELLE

It's actually kinda sweet of him to
help us out like this.

SCOOTALOO

I know. What do we do if he takes us
back to Appleoosa and the Sheriff
arrests him? If I get a Cutie Mark
for that I'll feel guilty every time
I see it.

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)

Say there, Trouble Shoes, you might
not want to take us all the way back
to Appleoosa. The Sheriff sorta has
it in his mind that you're a no good
outlaw lookin' to shut down the rodeo.

TROUBLE SHOES
My kinda luck he'd think that.

APPLE BLOOM
But... is it true?

TROUBLE SHOES (CONT'D)
Y'all like stories?

TROUBLE SHOES (CONT'D)
Just my luck. Was hopin' you'd say no.

SC. 15 - EXT. RODEO GROUNDS OF THE PAST - FLASHBACK

TROUBLE SHOES (V.O.)
When I was a colt I wanted to be a rodeo
star somethin' fierce, but I just
didn't seem to have a knack for it...

TROUBLE SHOES (V.O.)
I practiced and practiced, and
finally I wrangled up the guts to
audition for rodeo school.

TROUBLE SHOES (V.O.)
Right in middle of that tryout, I knew
I was doin' what I was meant to. And
wouldn't ya know it... in a flash
comes this here Cutie Mark.

TROUBLE SHOES (V.O.)
I can still remember them judges
laughin'. I didn't even finish my
routine 'cause right then I knew bad
luck was my fate.

TROUBLE SHOES (V.O.)
That fire for rodeo'in never did leave
me, though. I couldn't keep away
from 'em. So I'd sneak down and have
a look and wouldn't ya know it, bad
luck'd strike again.

TROUBLE SHOES (V.O.)
Just my lot in life, I reckon.

SC. 16 - EXT. WOODS - BACK TO PRESENT

SWEETIE BELLE
Poor Trouble Shoes. I can't believe
those mean judges would laugh at him
like that.

APPLE BLOOM

Don't ya see? They weren't laughing at him... they were just enjoyin' the show!

SCOOTALOO
What are you saying?

APPLE BLOOM
Think about it. If we saw a rodeo CLOWN doin' what he did back in that shack, we'd think he was the greatest!

SWEETIE BELLE
You're right! He could still be in rodeos, just not the way he thought.

SCOOTALOO
So he's been looking at his Cutie Mark wrong the whole time! It's not bad luck, it's--

SHERIFF SILVERSTAR (O.S.)
Gotcha!

TROUBLE SHOES
Just my luck.

SHERIFF SILVERSTAR
Trouble Shoes, you're under arrest for vandalizin' the property and peace of mind of the good, rodeo-lovin' ponies of Equestria, not to mention fillynappin' and generalized mayhem.

APPLE BLOOM
Wait!

APPLEJACK
Braeburn, get these fillies someplace safe.

APPLE BLOOM
Wait! No! Listen, Applejack--

CRUSADERS
No!

SC. 17 - INT. BRAEBURN'S HOUSE - DAY

APPLE BLOOM
But Trouble Shoes isn't the menace everypony thinks!

APPLEJACK
Sakes alive, what's with you? Why in tarnation would you want me to help

get him out of jail when he's the one
who ran off with y'all to begin with?

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Now if y'all excuse me, I'm off to win
the Appleoosa Rodeo Hay Bale Monster
Stack!

APPLE BLOOM
Um... Applejack?

SC. 18 - INT. SHERIFF'S STATION - A LITTLE LATER

TROUBLE SHOES
Well at least I get me a view of one
small corner of the rodeo--

TROUBLE SHOES (CONT'D)
(flat on his back)
Figures.

SHERIFF SILVERSTAR
Aw, come on now, Trouble Shoes, I'm
runnin' out of mattresses!

APPLE BLOOM
Come on, Sheriff, you're about to miss
the Hay Bale Monster Stack!

SHERIFF SILVERSTAR
(glancing at the clock)
Jiminy! That startin' already?

APPLE BLOOM
Let's go, Trouble Shoes, this here's
a jailbreak!

TROUBLE SHOES
Ain't no need. Can hear the rodeo
just fine from this vantage.

SCOOTALOO
But we've got a plan to help you live
your dream!

TROUBLE SHOES
Listen, y'all, I'm a known criminal.
How you proposin' on gettin' me into
a rodeo?

SC. 19 - EXT. APPLELOOSA RODEO GROUNDS - DAY

CRUSADERS
Go Applejack! / Woohoo! / You can do
it!

TROUBLE SHOES
Well? How do I look?

TROUBLE SHOES
Come on, now, stack them bales!
Woohoo!

APPLE BLOOM
Okay now Trouble Shoes. You're on!

TROUBLE SHOES
Say what? I may be dressed like one,
but I ain't no rodeo clown.

APPLE BLOOM
You got your Cutie Mark all wrong,
Trouble Shoes. You were born to
entertain!

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
You got a gift for makin' folks laugh,
don't you?

TROUBLE SHOES
But my Cutie Mark's an upside down
horseshoe. And that means bad luck!

SWEETIE BELLE
That all depends how you look at it.

APPLE BLOOM
You always wanted to be a part of the
rodeo, right? Well now's your
chance.

SC. 20 - INT. APPLELOOSA RODEO GROUNDS - MOMENTS LATER

APPLE BLOOM
(waving him on)
Go on...

APPLEJACK
(proudly)
There y'all are. How 'bout your big
sis, huh?

APPLE BLOOM
(distracted)
Yeah, way to go.

APPLEJACK
Since when are y'all so into rodeo
clowns??

TROUBLE SHOES
Just leave me be, Cutie Mark.

TROUBLE SHOES (CONT'D)
I aim to clear that there hoop--

APPLEJACK
That's the best rodeo clown I ever
seen!

TOWNSPONIES
(gasp)
Trouble Shoes!

APPLEJACK
What the hay??

TOWNSPONY #1
He escaped from jail!

TOWNSPONY #2
Ruinin' another rodeo!

TOWNSPONY #3
Let's get him!

APPLE BLOOM
Wait, y'all! He ain't what you think
he is!

SHERIFF SILVERSTAR
Stand aside, youngins. This one's
goin' back to jail.

SWEETIE BELLE
But he never wanted to ruin any
rodeos! Those were just bad
accidents.

APPLEJACK
Sweetie Belle, what're you talkin'
about?

SCOOTALOO
Trouble Shoes has a gift for making
ponies laugh. He's maybe the best
rodeo clown I ever seen.

TOWNSPONY #1
That's true, he is awful funny.

APPLE BLOOM
He thought his Cutie Mark was tellin'
him to keep away from rodeos, but deep
inside he knew that's where he was
meant to be. He just didn't know how
to do it.

TROUBLE SHOES
What she says is true. This here,
entertainin' y'all with my klutzin',

that's what I'm s'posed to be doin'.
I know it now. I didn't mean no harm,
honest, I just ain't never loved
nothin' like I love the rodeo. So I
kept on sneakin' back and makin' a big
ol' mess a' things.

 TROUBLE SHOES (CONT'D)
Turns out I was just lookin' at my
Cutie Mark all wrong.

 SHERIFF SILVERSTAR
That may be so, Trouble Shoes, but you
still gotta face charges for the
problems you caused.

 TROUBLE SHOES
If I done wrong, I'll see to it that
I take my medicine and square my
accounts.

 SHERIFF SILVERSTAR
Truth be told, we could understand all
the trouble with the rodeos. But
why'd ya have to run off with these
here littluns last night?

 APPLE BLOOM
Uh... yeah, about that...

SC. 21 - EXT. APPLOOSA RODEO GROUNDS - LATER

 APPLE BLOOM
You really want us to clean up all this
mess Trouble Shoes made?

 APPLEJACK
Maybe it'll teach you not to go
wanderin' off after I say not to.

 APPLE BLOOM
Ain't it bad enough that you get to go
back to Ponyville with a shiny trophy
and all we're bringin' back is these
same old blank flanks?

 APPLEJACK
Y'all helped Trouble Shoes realize
what his Cutie Mark really means.
Ain't that a nice feeling you can take
back with ya?

 SWEETIE BELLE
I guess we did make things a little
better.

 SCOOTALOO

Does feel kinda nice.

APPLE BLOOM
So, we can stop now?

APPLEJACK
Nnnope.

END