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TEASER**SC. 1 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – EARLY MORNING**

It’s still dark out and the farm’s rooster is fast asleep. Applejack tries to gently wake him, but the rooster refuses to stir. She sighs and then starts her morning pre-chores. She runs over to the farm’s irrigation system, turns a valve and jumps on some bellows, forcing water through the pipes. Having done this a thousand times, AJ counts to five and then plugs her hooves (in sequence) into leaky holes in the pipes, just before water shoots out. She’s forced to stretch in crazy directions, using three hooves and carefully balancing on one while the crops get watered.

She then runs over to the wallow, opens the gate and motions for the pigs to enter. They refuse to move. Knowing this was coming, AJ sighs, grabs hoof-fuls of apples and makes paths for each pig, leading them into the wallow.

Applejack hurries to the farm’s giant apple juicing machine and flips a switch. It chugs to life and conveyer belt of apples leading into the machine starts moving. Suddenly, a grinding sound is heard. The machine is clogged and the conveyer belt comes to a jerking halt. Applejack, who’s clearly used to this, sighs again. In a flash, she pounds the machine in different areas - even poking one area with a stick - until the jam is cleared and the machine chugs back to life.

Finally, as the sun starts to peek over the horizon, Applejack runs back over to the sleeping rooster, who still refuses to wake. Applejack sighs one last time, then shouts “Cock-A-Doodle-Do!” at the top of her lungs. The rooster opens his eyes and begins stretching, then turns to Applejack and shrugs. Applejack, dripping in mud, sweat and mashed bits of apple is already exhausted and the day’s just beginning. Applejack: “I need a break.”

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT ONE****SC. 2 - EXT. ROAD – MORNING**

Rarity, Pinkie Pie, Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash are excited Applejack has agreed to join them for a relaxing day at the Tranquility Stables spa. Fluttershy’s surprised. She didn’t think this was AJ’s kind of thing. Applejack knows she needs a break, so maybe this is exactly what she needs. Rarity promises that soon she’ll be completely relaxed. AJ’s not sure she can *completely* relax – since she’s worried about leaving the farm with work to be done. Rainbow Dash assures her it’s just one day, and the rest of the Apple family (Granny Apple, Apple Bloom and Big Mac) are there with Twilight Sparkle – the most responsible pony there is. What could go wrong?

SC. 3 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - MORNING

Twilight and Spike are with Apple Bloom. Twilight’s excited about helping out on the farm today, and is raring to start. All she needs is the farm’s “To Do List” and she’ll jump right in. Apple Bloom tells her there is no “To Do List.” Twilight: “No To Do List?!” Spike knows this is going to be a problem for Twilight. Apple Bloom tells her not to worry. It’s a farm. You just look around and know what needs to be done. Seeing her already beginning to panic, Apple Bloom offers to walk her through the farm and talk her through all of the chores.

SC. 4 - INT. TRANQUILITY STABLES – RECEPTION AREA - MORNING

Fluttershy, Rainbow Dash, Rarity and Pinkie Pie are all excited to be there, while Applejack is clearly out of her element. Rarity can’t wait for the steam room. That’s her absolutely favorite thing. She can’t wait to feel the tension and stress flow out of each and every pore. Pinkie Pie agrees that’s her favorite part, too. Fluttershy hands AJ a glass of “relaxation water.” AJ takes a sip and immediately spits it out. She thinks the water might have gone bad, since it has the unmistakable taste of cucumber.

Fluttershy can’t wait for the mud bath. Soaking in the mud feels like a big warm hug all over your body. Applejack notices a pot of potpourri in the corner of the room and takes long deep sniff. She immediately starts coughing as Pinkie Pie agrees that the mud bath is her favorite part, too. Rainbow Dash can’t wait for the massage. She knows after all the flying she’s been doing, she can’t wait to just lie on the table and have the masseuse work out all of the knots in her muscles. Pinkie Pie agrees with Rainbow Dash. The massage is her favorite part, too.

When Rainbow Dash points out that everything there seems to be Pinkie Pie’s favorite, Pinkie Pie agrees with her - just sitting in the steam room, soaking in the mud, and lying on the massage table are all her “favorite.” Applejack is confused. She thinks all that stuff sounds like they’re just sitting around doing a whole lot of nothing. All: “Exactly!” Applejack admits it doesn’t sound great to her, but since she does need to relax, she’ll give it a try.

SC. 5 - SWEET APPLE ACRES – MORNING

Apple Bloom has just finished giving Twilight the tour of the farm. We see that Twilight’s taken a copious amount of notes—Spike is buried under the stacks of paper he’s carrying. Twilight’s excited to begin. But just to be safe, she’d like to go over every chore one more time. As she starts reading from her list, “Irrigate the crops, slop the hogs, run the apple juicer—” Apple Bloom cuts her off. She’s got it. Twilight looks up from the list and sees Apple Bloom and Granny Apple in a huge cart of apples, pulled by Big Mac. They’re off to the market for their weekly delivery.

Spike is surprised Twilight is so calm being left alone on the farm. Twilight’s not the least bit worried—now that she has a “To Do List.” She consults the list. First is slopping the pigs. Twilight: “Hmmm. I probably should have asked what slop is.” As she frantically looks through the stack of papers, Spike reminds her, it’s just a “To Do List,” not a “How To Do List.”

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 6 - INT. TRANQUILITY STABLES – STEAM ROOM - LATER

Rarity, Fluttershy, Rainbow Dash all sigh in complete relaxation and contentment. We’re close on each of them as they extoll the calming and soothing virtues of the steam room. As an unseen Applejack agrees with each, a clanging sound can be heard. Rarity wonders what that sound could be. She waves her fan, clearing the steam in the corner and revealing Applejack, who’s working on the steam pipe. Pinkie Pie, who’s completely covered by her flattened mane (looking like a pony version of Cousin Itt) gasps at the reveal. Applejack points out that the pipes are leaking and they’re not getting the maximum amount of steam. Rainbow Dash admonishes Applejack as Applejack makes a final adjustment, steps back and turns the valve. The room instantly fills with steam. The rest of the ponies agree that Applejack did an amazing job, but she should be relaxing and not fixing pipes. Applejack agrees.

SC. 7 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – MORNING

Twilight and Spike are looking at the list. Next up, is getting the pigs into the wallow so they can keep cool in the mud. Spike thinks this should be easy. What pig doesn’t want to wallow in mud? Twilight opens the gate to the pen and invites the pigs to head on into the mud pit. They don’t budge. Spike tries to push one, but just gets sat on. Twilight decides she’ll just have to use her magic to get them in there. As soon as she lifts all the pigs into the air, they immediately start squealing and panicking. When she puts them back down, still spooked, the pigs scatter all across the farm, knocking over barrels, bursting through haystacks, breaking fences and generally causing havoc. Spike suggests they go get Applejack to fix this, but Twilight doesn’t want to ruin her day of relaxation. They can handle this. Twilight tries to call the pigs back over, but Spike points out that you can’t use logic and reason on farm animals. He’s pretty sure they don’t understand what she’s saying. This gives Twilight an idea.

SC. 8 - INT. TRANQUILITY STABLES – MUD BATH - LATER

Fluttershy, Rarity, Rainbow Dash and Pinkie Pie are luxuriating in tubs of mud, with cucumbers over their eyes. Fluttershy is surprised that Rarity’s okay being covered in mud. Rarity explains this isn’t just regular run of the mill

mud. It’s spa mud. There’s a big difference. Mud doesn’t get any better than this. From across the room, Applejack corrects her. If she likes this mud, just wait a second. The ponies remove the cucumbers off of their eyes and look over to Applejack’s tub. She’s standing behind it, adding and mixing together precise amounts of dirt and water. As she stirs them together, she tells them she noticed the dirt to mud ratio was way off. As she starts to offer one of them to try it, Pinkie Pie immediately does a cannon ball into the tub. Mud flies everywhere. Pinkie Pie, now in an empty tub, tells Applejack that maybe she should add more mud to the mud.

Unseen by all, an upside-down bucket pops up, revealing Spike’s legs. The bucket slowly moves next to Fluttershy’s tub. Spike lifts the bucket and quietly calls for her attention. Fluttershy is surprised to see him, until he explains that Twilight needs her help.

SC. 9 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – LATER

As Fluttershy approaches the farm with Spike, she tells him that she’s sure things can’t be THAT bad. She then sees the pigs running around everywhere. One is even on the roof of the barn! Fluttershy: “Sorry I ever doubted you, Spike.” She sees a frazzled Twilight, carefully placing a piglet into the wallow. Twilight: “Okay, that’s one.” The piglet immediately runs back out. Twilight drops her head in defeat. Spike tells her everything is going to be okay now that Fluttershy is here. Twilight is overjoyed to see her. She asks Fluttershy to talk to the pigs and convince them to get into their wallow. Fluttershy says that’s not a problem. She’s glad to help.

A relieved Twilight is happy to move onto the next chore on the list. This one should be easy. All she has to do is turn on the irrigation system to water the crops. She walks over to the valve, turns it on, and then jumps on the bellows. But without Applejack’s knowledge of covering the leaks, water shoots out everywhere. A stream of water hits Twilight in the face. She fights through the stream and sticks a hoof in the hole. This causes the other two streams get even stronger. One blasts Spike straight through the wall of the chicken coop. Feathers fly as chickens escape, running everywhere.

As Fluttershy follows an orderly line of the pigs to their mud pit, out of nowhere, a stream of water hits her. It knocks her through the pigs, like a bowling ball through pins – and right into the mud pit. As the pigs scatter again, Fluttershy, now covered in mud, comments that Rarity may have a point. Spa mud is better.

SC. 10 - INT. TRANQUILITY STABLES – MASSAGE ROOM - LATER

We’re tight on Rainbow Dash, who’s getting a massage. Rainbow Dash tells the unseen masseuse that this is by far and away the best massage she’s ever gotten at Tranquility Stables. In fact, this might be the best massage she’s ever gotten anywhere. Rainbow Dash: “What do you think, Applejack?” We reveal that Applejack is her masseuse. The rest of the masseuses take notes as Applejack offers them tips and pointers. It’s all about finding the key pressure point. Applejack: “You hit that puppy and everything gets a flowin’.” As Rainbow Dash begins to admonish Applejack for working and not relaxing, AJ digs into one key spot on her back. Rainbow Dash’s muscles are suddenly so loose - she melts right into the table.

Rarity, who’s wrapped head-to-hoof in seaweed, reminds Applejack that she’s there to relax – and not to lead a massage class. Applejack agrees and quickly gets on the massage table.

We’re close on Rainbow Dash’s face through the massage table. She’s relaxed and happily snoozing – until she hears someone whispering her name. Rainbow Dash groggily opens her eyes to see Spike standing inches away from her face. Spike tells her Twilight needs her help. Rainbow Dash: “How bad is it?” Spike: “Let’s just say we should hurry back to the farm while there’s still a farm to hurry back to.”

SC. 11 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – LATER

Rainbow Dash stands next to Spike, staring at the chaos, with her mouth hanging open. Twilight tries in vain to chase after and catch the chickens as a pig rides by on the tractor. Rainbow Dash wonders—where’s Fluttershy? She hears someone clearing their throat and turns to see Fluttershy, covered in mud, feathers and straw.

Twilight spots Rainbow Dash and runs over. She's glad Rainbow Dash is there and could really use her help. Rainbow Dash is more than happy to lend a hoof, but she thinks it might be time to go get Applejack. Twilight is adamant. She's not getting Applejack because she doesn't want to ruin her day of relaxation. Besides, she knows they can handle this. Twilight immediately takes charge. She tells Fluttershy to talk to the pigs again, while Dash should use her speed to catch all the chickens. She asks Spike to start on the repairs, while she goes on to the next chore on the list. She's sure they'll be back on track in no time.

Twilight consults the list and sees the next chore is to fire up the apple juicer. Twilight walks over to the switch and flips it hesitantly, expecting immediate disaster. She's relieved when the machine chugs to life and conveyer belt starts moving. Suddenly, a grinding sound is heard and the conveyer belt comes to a jerking halt. Since Twilight doesn't know Applejack's method of hitting the machine so it won't jam, she doesn't know what to do. The pressure in the machine keeps building until it explodes mashed apples everywhere.

Fluttershy, Rainbow Dash and Spike run over to Twilight, who's completely covered in mashed apple bits. As Twilight wipes apple chunks off of her face, she thinks things couldn't get any worse until she turns to see a pig eating her "To Do List."

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 12 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – LATER

Now that her "To Do" list is gone, Twilight doesn't know what to do. Spike, Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash all gently suggest that maybe, just maybe it might be time to go get Applejack. Twilight feels bad. Applejack never takes days off—and she told them all how much she needed one. They can handle this. Besides, the Apple family is due back from the market soon—and she sure they'll be able to fix all of this. Big Mac (OS): "Ah, nope." The ponies turn and see that the Apple family is there, surveying the scene. Granny Apple tells them there's no way they can fix all of this without Applejack's help. Twilight Sparkle finally relents. She just feels bad about pulling Applejack away from the spa. Twilight: "I mean she must be so relaxed right now."

SC. 13 - INT. TRANQUILITY STABLES – RECEPTION AREA – LATER

Twilight, Rainbow Dash, Fluttershy and Spike enter the reception area and are shocked to find Applejack behind the front desk. She's ordering the employees around and the place is running like a well-oiled machine. Before Twilight can even open her mouth, she realizes they're all suddenly dressed in robes and slippers. Rarity runs over and tells them that now that Applejack is running the place, the spa is better than ever. Rarity never wants to leave. Rarity: "I mean, look at Pinkie Pie." They all look across the room and see a very calm and relaxed Pinkie Pie. Pinkie Pie greets them in a slow and soothing, low-pitched, laid back voice. Twilight asks Applejack if she could have a word with her. There's something she needs to tell her. Applejack consults the clipboard in front of her. As luck would have it, there was a last minute cancelation and she can fit Twilight in. Right this way, please.

SC. 14 - INT. TRANQUILITY STABLES – MANI PEDI ROOM – A FEW SECONDS LATER

As Twilight soaks two of her hooves in bowls, Applejack files the other two. Twilight is hesitant at first but then blurts out how awful she feels about the chaos she caused on the farm. First, she couldn't get the pigs into the wallow. Applejack knows the pigs can put up quite the fuss. She has to make a trail of apples for them to follow every time she wants to get them in the wallow. It sure is exhausting. When Twilight mentions the trouble she had with the farm's irrigation system, Applejack explains she has it jerry-rigged. She has to get in to an extremely uncomfortable position and cover all of the leaks with her hooves in order to water the crops – which she has to do multiple times a day.

Applejack notices apple bits in Twilight's mane, and immediately knows the juicer must have jammed. The juicer seems to jam every time she tries to run it these days. In fact, there are days her hooves are sore just from whacking the juicer, trying to unjam it.

Between making apple trails for pigs, plugging leaky pipes with hooves, and unjamming the juicer, Twilight marvels at how much work Applejack has to do before she can even do her work. Twilight’s right! Applejack can’t help but realize how much extra work she has been doing. No wonder she feels like she needs a day off. Rarity points out that she didn’t actually take a day off. Look at all the changes she made to the spa. It’s running so much more efficiently now. She’s amazed at Applejack’s know how. Applejack tells her it’s no big deal. All it took was a couple of little fixes to get this place running so well. Suddenly, Applejack has an idea.

SC. 15 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – LATER

Every pony sits and watches in amazement at Applejack who’s a whirlwind of activity. Applejack uses her spa knowledge to fix all the inefficiencies that were causing her to be overloaded. She fixes leaky irrigation system the same way she fixed the steam room pipes. She jumps on the bellows and turns a valve – and the pipes are now leak free.

Applejack grabs scoops of mud from the wallow in a test tube and holds it up to the light, studying it. She realizes why it was always a struggle to get the pigs in the wallow. Much like the mud bath in the spa, the dirt to water ratio is way off. Applejack mixes a new batch of mud and the moment she finishes, the pigs can’t throw themselves into the wallow fast enough.

At the juicer, she tells the ponies that the machine is just like a tense muscle. It’s all about finding the key pressure point. Applejack: “You hit that puppy and everything gets a flowin’.” She turns on the machine and as soon as there’s a grinding sound, she thinks for a second and then lightly taps one small spot on the machine. The grinding sound stops and the machine continues functioning normally.

SC. 16 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – BARN – LATER

Fluttershy, Rarity, Rainbow Dash, Twilight along with Spike and the Apple family are gathered around a picnic table as Granny Apple serves them dinner. Applejack walks out carrying a freshly baked apple pie. With all the extra time she’s freed up now, she was able to help Granny Apple prepared dinner for everyone. She thanks Twilight and the rest of the gang for their help today. She really did need that day at the spa, but not for the relaxation. Turns out she needed to step out of her daily routine in order to gain a new perspective.

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