

MY LITTLE PONY 6

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"The Cart Before the Ponies"

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SC. 2 - INT. PONYVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE - CONTINUOUS

STUDENT PONIES

Good morning, Miss Cheerilee!

MISS CHEERILEE

Good morning everypony. I hope you brought your thinking caps because today we're going to learn about physics!

SCOOTALOO

Physics?

MISS CHEERILEE

Mm-hmm. Specifically, the use of force in...
...energy conversions.

MISS CHEERILEE

In this case, using mechanical work to covert potential energy into kinetic energy.

APPLE BLOOM

The what, now?

SWEETIE BELLE

Um... Mrs. Cheerilee, that sounds a bit over our heads.

SCOOTALOO

Yeah. Why would we even need to know that stuff?

MISS CHEERILEE

Oh, it's very important. In fact, you'll most likely end up using it tomorrow.

APPLE BLOOM

Tomorrow? What for?

MISS CHEERILEE

Why, for participating in the APPLEWOOD DERBY!

STUDENT PONIES

<CHEERS>!

SNAILS

Oh, WHEW! For a second I thought we were gonna have to - y'know... learn stuff.

SC. 3 - INT. SCHOOLHOUSE - RESUME

SCOOTALOO

We get to race in the Applewood Derby tomorrow? That's so cool!

APPLE BLOOM

My family's talked about it for years and now I'm finally old enough to race!

MISS CHEERILEE

Now hold onto your horseshoes, everypony. You've got a lot of work to do before you're ready to race.

SNIPS

Yeah, but not school work, right?

MISS CHEERILEE

There'll be a block of applewood just like this one waiting for you at Sweet Apple Acres tomorrow and you've got one day to turn it into a race ready cart.

STUDENT PONIES

Awwwww!/Oh man!

SCOOTALOO

Oh, yeah. That is a lot of work.

MISS CHEERILEE

Mm-hmm. Luckily, you'll each get to pick an older pony to help you. But chose wisely because they'll also have to ride in the cart with you during the race.

SCOOTALOO

Hmm, I think I know just the pony to ask!

SWEETIE BELLE

Me too!

APPLE BLOOM

Me three!

MISS CHEERILEE

Just remember everypony, your cart has to be able to finish the race if you want to win one of the awards.

MISS CHEERILEE (CONT'D)

Fastest, for winning the race, naturally. Most Traditional, for the best working replica of an original Applewood cart. And Most Creative, for the cart with the best overall design.

APPLE BLOOM

Hoo-eee! Those ribbons are the bee's knees.

STUDENT PONIES

Uh-huh!

MISS CHEERILEE

All right then, class. You've got a lot to learn if you want to build a racecart.

STUDENT PONIES

Ohhhh...

SNIPS

Ohhhhhh. I knew there was gonna be a catch.

SC. 4 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

SWEETIE BELLE

Wow, have you seen what the carts used to look like in the olden days?

APPLE BLOOM

Yeah. I know all about them. When Ponyville started the derby, they decided to use the wood from our apple

trees for the carts. The race's been a part of Sweet Apple Acres ever since.

SWEETIE BELLE

I just think these old carts look so cool. But I guess you and Applejack will probably win the award for most traditional, huh?

APPLE BLOOM

The Apples usually do, but honestly, I'd rather build the fastest cart there is and win the race!

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)

But I'm pretty sure Scoot and Rainbow Dash will take that award.

SCOOTALOO

You know, I race around so much on my scooter, being the fastest isn't such a big deal. Maybe I'll try to make the wildest looking cart I can think of.

APPLE BLOOM

Really?

SCOOTALOO

Sure. If I win Most Creative, you can totally win the award for Fastest.

SWEETIE BELLE

And I can win the award for Most Traditional!

APPLE BLOOM

Sounds like we're all going to try something different. I can't wait to tell Applejack!

SCOOTALOO

Let's get to it!

CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS

GOOOOO CRUSADERS!!!

SC. 5 - EXT. DASH'S CLOUD HOUSE - EST.

RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)
Are you kidding! Of course I'll help
with the Applewood Derby!

SC. 6 - INT. DASH'S CLOUD HOUSE - DAY

RAINBOW DASH
I want you to have as much fun as I
did when I was a filly.

SCOOTALOO
Wait, Cloudsdale has a derby too?

RAINBOW DASH
Sure! Practically every town in
Equestria has one. I still remember
racing my cloud cart.

SC. 7 - EXT. FIELD - CLOUDSDALE IN THE PAST - DAY

RAINBOW DASH
THIS. IS. SO. AWESOME! WHOOHOOOOO!

SC. 8 - INT. DASH'S CLOUD HOUSE - DAY

SCOOTALOO
Annnnd, lemme guess... You won
Fastest Cart.

RAINBOW DASH
<PFFFT> Obviously!

SCOOTALOO
So what do you say - will you help me
make my racecart?

RAINBOW DASH
Help you? I'm ALL OVER IT. I've got
tons of ideas.

SCOOTALOO
Don't worry, I've got a lot of ideas
of my own. Um, what are you looking
for?

RAINBOW DASH

The blueprint for my Derby cart, of course. I'll have to change it a little cuz this race is on roads, not on clouds... but trust me, your cart is gonna be AMAZING!

SCOOTALOO

Um, okay, Rainbow Dash, thanks!
How awesome is THIS? With Dash on my team, how could anything go wrong?

SC. 9 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

APPLEJACK

Heh, well I'm mighty flattered you wanna work with your big sis on your cart. I mean, the "Applewood Derby" did...

APPLE BLOOM

...start on our farm. I know.

APPLEJACK

Well, I couldn't be more proud to help my little sister take the prize for "Most Traditional!"

APPLE BLOOM

Actually I was kinda thinkin' of somethin' else... Like fastest?

APPLEJACK

"Fastest?" Apple Bloom, things aren't like they were in the old days. The fastest cart now has gotta be slick and modern and...

APPLE BLOOM

Exactly!

APPLEJACK

...not Apple at all. The Apples win Most Traditional. We have since the Derby started! Why would anypony want to win anything else?
Now, why don't you head off and get some chamomile vines, some hickory

sticks, and some apple barrels and
I'll show you what an Apple Family
cart should look like.

APPLE BLOOM

I guess I do have a family tradition
to uphold...

SC. 10 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - DAY

RARITY

<GASP>...THE APPLEWOOD DERBY?

<GLEEFUL NOISE> Of course I'll help!

SWEETIE BELLE

Wow, uh, Rarity, I didn't know you'd
be this excited!

RARITY

Me? Oh why, I'm just itching to right
an old wrong from long, long ago...

SC. 11 - EXT. FIELD - PONYVILLE IN THE PAST - DAY

RARITY (V.O.)

I designed my own cart when I was just
a filly, and I was positive I was
going to win the prize for "Most
Creative," hooves down. But I came in
second. Second!

SWEETIE BELLE (V.O.)

You? Second for Most Creative? To
whom?

SC. 12 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - DAY

RARITY

But I learned a valuable lesson! I
learned to know my audience, and the
racecart audience wants BIG! They
want BOLD!
Chop, chop, everypony out! We've got
work to do!

RARITY (CONT'D)

This will take all of my considerable skills, but I will fashion the biggest and boldest derby cart ever to win the prize for Most Creative!

SWEETIE BELLE

Actually, I was sort of thinking of something more... traditional?

RARITY

Oh, haha! Oh please, darling, leave tradition to the Apples. We're doing big and bold!
Soon the prize for Most Creative will finally be in my hooves!

SWEETIE BELLE

You mean MY hooves.

RARITY

Yes, that's what I said - "my hooves."
Darling, I hope you're ready to get an early start tomorrow.

SWEETIE BELLE

Uh, how early?

SC. 13 - EXT. FIELDS AROUND SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAWN

SWEETIE BELLE

<Yawn> Rarity, the sun's not even up yet!

APPLEJACK

Oh, apples - quit complaining. In my day, we were up even earlier!

RAINBOW DASH

Hey, I'd get up in the middle of the night - if it means my cart crosses that finish line first and wins Fastest!

RARITY

And my cart wins Most Creative!

APPLEJACK

And my cart wins Most Traditional!
Hoo-eee!, it's gonna be a good day!

SCOOTALOO
You mean "our" carts, right?

RARITY
Yes, that what we said, darling!

APPLEJACK
Yep!

RAINBOW DASH
Our carts!

SC. 14 - EXT. FIELDS AROUND SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAWN

APPLE BLOOM
"Their" carts? It almost sounds like
they're planning on building them
without us.

SWEETIE BELLE
I'm sure they meant "our" carts, like
the team cart. Right?

SCOOTALOO
Of course! I mean they're all our
older sisters... practically. Plus
they've all done this before. I'm
sure they know best. Let's just
buckle down and get to work.

SC. 16 - EXT. FIELDS - SCOOTALOO'S PIT STOP - SAME

RAINBOW DASH
Scootaloo, where have you been? I've
only got till noon to make the fastest
cart ever.

SCOOTALOO
Uh...about that. I was really thinking
of going for the Most Creative prize.
I mean, I know all about speed
already, so...

RAINBOW DASH

Exactly! It's all about speed. We've gotta get across the finish line to win a prize, so we might as well get there first, right? Hey, I left a bunch of paint cans by the road. Bring them up here, would ya? Nothing as fun as painting racing stripes on the winning cart!

SCOOTALOO

<Sigh> Right. Fun.

SC. 17 - EXT. FIELDS - APPLE BLOOM'S PIT STOP - SAME

APPLE BLOOM

Spendin' time building a cart with my big sister, why this is just tee-riffic! Um... how can I help?

APPLEJACK

You can feast your eyes on... *this!*

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

I mean, it ain't quite finished yet...

APPLE BLOOM

Oh, good -

APPLEJACK

But don't it have the makings of the best cart you ever did see?
Uh, is somethin' wrong, Apple Bloom?

APPLE BLOOM

Actually, I was kinda thinking of something a little more modern. And less rickety. With maybe a chance of winning.

APPLEJACK

Bless my hooves, I thought we covered this! Tradition is all that counts and who knows tradition better than Apples? No pony! That's who! So are you an Apple - or are you an Apple?

APPLE BLOOM
I'm an Apple. But, what if I just take
off this fringe...

APPLEJACK
NO - NOT THE FRINGE!

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Why, shoot, now I've gotta start all
over from scratch! And it's almost
race time.

APPLE BLOOM
Oh! So, maybe we can redesign it
then... just a little?

APPLEJACK
No time! And who'd want to redesign
something that's already perfect?

APPLE BLOOM
Right. Perfect.

SC. 18 - EXT. FIELDS - SWEETIE BELLE'S PIT STOP - SAME

SWEETIE BELLE
Okay, so I sketched out some of my
ideas. How about a nice yellow fringe
on top?

RARITY
Oh-ho, darling, the fringe is not
exactly big. And that yellow is the
least bold color I can imagine.

SWEETIE BELLE
Well, it doesn't have to be yellow.
But I really do love the old-timey
style. Like this!

RARITY
Sweetie Belle, precious face.
"Old-Timey" is just another word for
passé! Remember, BIG and BOLD! I do
have a reputation to uphold! It was
one thing to lose as a filly, but can
you imagine if I didn't win the Most

Creative now? Ponies might stop
buying my couture!

SWEETIE BELLE
But we're supposed to be doing this
together!

RARITY
Yes, of course we are, darling. In
fact, we just finished! *Voila!*

RARITY (CONT'D)
I know. You're speechless.

RARITY (CONT'D)
But if that isn't big and bold, I
don't know what is. Isn't it
wonderful?

SWEETIE BELLE
Right. Wonderful.

SC. 19 - EXT. FIELD CENTER - CONTINUOUS

APPLE BLOOM
Hey, Crusader - how's it goin'?

SWEETIE BELLE
(sigh)
Rarity's definitely made the
biggest, boldest cart anypony's ever
seen.

APPLE BLOOM
Wow. Well, Applejack's built
something so traditional it's
practically an antique.

SCOOTALOO
No matter what I say, there's no
talking Rainbow Dash out of making
the fastest cart in Equestria.

SWEETIE BELLE
Doesn't look like any of us ended up
with what we wanted.

APPLE BLOOM

But I'm sure our older sisters know
what they're doing, right?

SCOOT/SWEETIE BELLE

Right.

APPLE BLOOM

And even if our carts aren't exactly
what we had in mind, it'll still be
fun to drive them to the finish line.

SWEETIE BELLE

Sure. The race is the best part!

APPLE BLOOM

Yeah. CMCs behind the wheels! Yeah!
<Cheers!>

MISS CHEERILEE (O.S.)

Derby Racers, to the starting line!
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RAINBOW DASH

The race is about to start,
Scootaloo. You better shake a leg if
you want a ride in the winning cart.

RARITY

You too, Sweetie Belle. There's only
one seat left aboard this Creative
masterpiece and it's just for you.
Woo-hoo!

APPLEJACK

Whoa, ponies! Wait for me! This
traditional cart handles at the exact
perfect pace. Slow!
And I got the passenger seat all
warmed up for you, Apple Bloom!

APPLE BLOOM

Passenger seat?

SC. 20 - EXT. FIELDS - STARTING LINE - DAY

SCOOTALOO

Ugh. They're the only older ponies
driving!

SWEETIE BELLE

First they built the carts - now
they're gonna drive them?

APPLE BLOOM

I know they were all excited to help,
but I don't think they're really
helping any more.

SCOOTALOO

We better hurry if we want to be part
of this race at all!

MISS CHEERILEE

Um... Aren't you all missing
somepony?

APPLEJACK

They'll be along.

MISS CHEERILEE

And, ah... usually the younger ponies
drive the carts.

RARITY

Darling, do these look like a "usual"
carts to you?

MISS CHEERILEE

*Racers, on your marks...
Get set... GO!*

SC. 21 - EXT. TRACK - DAY

SWEETIE BELLE

AAAAH!

SCOOTALOO

AAAAHHHH!

APPLE BLOOM

AAAAHH... can't we go any faster?

APPLEJACK

Faster? Don't be silly, this is
perfect!

APPLE BLOOM

Ugh.

SONG BEGINS: "GIDDY UP, DERBY RACERS!"

MISS CHEERILEE / CHEERLEADER PONIES
GO GO GO!

APPLEJACK
*Check me out: racin' the Derby!
Check out my old-fashioned cart!*

RARITY
*Check me out: racing the Derby
in my original work of art!*

RAINBOW DASH
*Check me out: faster than ever,
There's nopony can catch me now!*

SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
*Let me out! I'd do it over -
if only I knew how!*

MISS CHEERILEE / CHEERLEADER PONIES
*Giddy-up, Derby Racers!
Giddy-up, Derby Racers!
Giddy-up, Derby Racers - GO GO GO!*

RARITY
*My cart's the most original!
Designed with imagination.*

APPLEJACK
*My cart's the most traditional!
Just plain no complications.*

RAINBOW DASH
*Look at me I am the Ace!
Might as well give up the chase.*

SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
*Wish we could stop this race, start
again and do it our way.*

SCOOTALOO
Having any fun yet?

APPLEBLOOM

Nope! Maybe if we could go a little faster.

MISS CHEERILEE / CHEERLEADER PONIES
Giddy-up, Derby Racers!
Giddy-up, Derby Racers!
Giddy-up, Derby Racers - GO GO GO!

RARITY
Gotta get some attention if I want that ribbon!

RAINBOW DASH
Gotta push the limits further, blow away the competition!

APPLEJACK
Gotta coast on through, just relax we're gonna cruise it.

APPLE BLOOM
Guess I don't really care since we're clearly gonna lose it.

RARITY
See everypony's watching, presentation is our glory.

RAINBOW DASH
Just passed you even faster, speed is king end of story!

RARITY
Bigger, Bolder down the track

APPLEJACK
Love the view from the back of the pack.

RAINBOW DASH
Won't stop, we're on the attack!

SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
Too late to take it all back!

MISS CHEERILEE / CHEERLEADER PONIES
Giddy-up, Derby Racers!
Giddy-up, Derby Racers!
Giddy-up, Derby Racers - GO GO GO!

RARITY / RAINBOW DASH / APPLEJACK/CMCS
LOOK OUT!!!

RARITY
Oh! My beautiful swan cart is an ugly
duckling!

APPLEJACK
And my old time cart is a
rootin'-tootin' wreck!

RAINBOW DASH
It still counts as a win if I push my
cart across, right?

SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM/SWEETIE BELLE
THEY'RE NOT YOUR CARTS!

RARITY / RAINBOW DASH / APPLEJACK
HUH?!?!

APPLE BLOOM
We were supposed to design them.

SCOOTALOO
And we were supposed to drive them.

SWEETIE BELLE
The Derby was supposed to be for us,
not the three of you! Now you've
ruined it for everypony!

RARITY
Yes. Well, I suppose we might have
gotten a teensy bit carried away.

APPLEJACK
But I thought you all wanted our help.

APPLE BLOOM
We did. We wanted your help to build
our carts, but we all ended up with
carts that are what each of you
wanted.

SWEETIE BELLE/SCOOTALOO
Umm-hmm.

RAINBOW DASH

Well, why didn't you say anything?

SCOOTALOO

You've all done the race before. I just figured you knew best.

SWEETIE BELLE

Plus it's hard to speak up to older ponies.

RARITY

Oh I certainly understand that, but you mustn't think older ponies automatically know best.

RAINBOW DASH

And we probably could have done a better job of listening to you.

APPLEJACK

I guess we owe all three of you an apology.

APPLE BLOOM

Maybe not just us.

RAINBOW DASH

Um... How do you feel about a do over?

MISS CHEERILEE

I think that's a wonderful idea.

MISS CHEERILEE (CONT'D)

But, maybe the older ponies should sit this one out.

SC. 22 - EXT. FIELDS AROUND SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

SCOOTALOO

Thanks for helping us fix up our carts. Pretty creative, right?

APPLE BLOOM

I know it's not traditional, but it sure looks fast, don't it?

RARITY

You know, darling, I can't believe
I'm saying this - but that yellow
fringe is rather bold after all!

SWEETIE BELLE

Thanks, everypony! We couldn't have
done it without you.

APPLEJACK

Yup, I sure am glad Ms. Cheerilee
agreed to run the race over again.

MISS CHEERILEE

Well, it isn't every year I get to say
this twice, but... *Derby Racers, to
the starting line! Derby Racers, to
the starting line!*

RAINBOW DASH

Racers, on your marks, get set, go!

STUDENT PONIES

<Cheers!> Whoo-hoo!

RAINBOW DASH

And it's probably best keeping all
the grownups on the sidelines, but
what are we supposed to do now?

RARITY

I think I have an idea...

SC. 23- EXT. PONYVILLE - FINISH LINE - DAY

RARITY

Much better. Honestly, I'm not sure
why we ever wanted to race those carts
in the first place.

RAINBOW DASH

Seriously! This is the most relaxed
I've been all day...

CHEERLEADERS (O.S)

<CHEERS!>

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

GO SCOOTALOO!!! GO!!!

WHOO-WHOO-WHOO-WHOO!

Er, I mean... This is the life -
right, ponies?

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