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MY LITTLE PONY 6

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TEASER**SC. 1 - EXT. PONYVILLE – SKY – DAY**

Open on RAINBOW DASH testing the limits of her skills as she blazes through the air. She is dipping - dodging - and dashing... slaloming in and out of clouds. It is quite a super cool performance and Dash is eating up all the attention from everypony observing her awesome aerial display from the ground. It is definitely cool, but also quite possibly a little reckless as she makes some risky maneuvers barely avoiding colliding with trees, rocks, other Pegasi, etc.

As she zips through the air, a nearby PEGASUS offers a high-hoof of approval. Dash swoops in for the high-hoof and zips away without noticing the Pegasus cut loose with a super-snotty sneeze. The sniffly Pegasus shouts a very stuffy “thanks” at Dash then sneezes again as all her feathers immediately fall off and she drops out of the sky and lands in a soft bush.

Meanwhile on the ground, the remaining MANE 6 watch Dash’s daredevil display. APPLEJACK is impressed too, of course, but can’t help thinking Dash really should pay at least as much attention to where she’s going as she does to her fancy tricks.

Dash scoffs at the idea of being cautious. She has such a natural sixth sense in the air and doesn’t need to watch where she’s going - she can just feel it. At that second, Dash looks up and smacks directly into a tree. As she slides down the tree and falls to the ground in a heap, Applejack meets her with a snide comment - “well, I see that you felt that tree pretty good.” Rainbow Dash groans in response.

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT ONE****SC. 2 - EXT. PONYVILLE – DAY**

The Mane 6 walk the streets of Ponyville, which seem peculiarly empty. FLUTTERSHY points out that there are a lot less ponies around than normal. Why is Ponyville such a ghost town? A tumbleweed tumbles past just to add an exclamation point to this astute observation. It is definitely curious, but the girls chalk it up to everypony getting a late start on their day. Maybe they’re all just sleeping in?

However, as they stroll further MAYOR MARE approaches and tells them there has been a recent outbreak of PONITITIS (basically the flu in Equestria) and that all the citizens of Ponyville are staying indoors to avoid becoming infected. The Mane 6 immediately become concerned... except for Rainbow Dash who scoffs at the idea of getting sick. Applejack rolls her eyes, she can’t believe how ridiculous Dash is acting - Ponititis is not to be taken lightly. But Rainbow Dash doesn’t buy into their panic - she doesn’t get sick. She’s the model of perfect health and fitness. Dash is a firm believer in “awesome being the best medicine.” Before Dash and AJ can really lock horns, PINKIE PIE interrupts in pure Pinkie fashion, turning lemons into lemonade by pointing out that having an empty Ponyville means more room for her to skip.

However, while she happily bounces along - she suddenly crumbles to the ground in excruciating pain. All the ponies rush over to see her clutching her hooves. TWILIGHT SPARKLE pokes at Pinkie’s throbbing right-front hoof (it pulsates with a heartbeat) and Pinkie responds with a shriek that echoes throughout all of Equestria (cut to several different locations echoing Pinkie’s scream). Unfortunately sore hooves for Earth Ponies can only mean one thing... Twilight breaks the bad news to her, “Pinkie, you’ve got the Ponititis.” All the Mane 6 look to each other in stunned silence as Pinkie continues to “ouch” and “yowch” at her throbbing hooves.

SC. 3 - INT. PINKIE PIE'S HOUSE – LATER

The Mane 6 are gathered around Pinkie Pie's bed as Twilight Sparkle attends to her. Pinkie looks terrible. She has lost her color and her voice is scratchy like an old lunch lady. Still trying to stay upbeat, she tries to convince the others to throw her a Ponititis Party. She tries to grab a balloon, but her hooves throb with their own heartbeat - it's kind of a freakshow as they pulsate. The ponies are a little grossed out.

Twilight describes Ponititis to the other Mane 6. She outlines how the illness's symptoms differ depending upon the type of pony affected. Sore hooves for Earth Ponies, loss of wing-feathers for Pegasi and swollen horns for Unicorns. Off screen, RARITY bemoans the very thought of a swollen horn... she doesn't know what she would do if that ever happened to her ("what an eyesore"). Pan over to see Rarity's unicorn horn is huge and swollen. She looks back at the other ponies not sure what they are staring at ("What - do I have something on my face?"). She sneezes. Another pony bites the dust.

SC. 4 - EXT. PONYVILLE – LATER

All the able-bodied ponies walk down the street trying to figure out what to do now that two of their Mane 6 have come down with Ponititis. Fluttershy immediately volunteers to take care of the sickies - she has a surgical mask she has been wanting to try out for some time now.

Clearly Applejack and Rainbow Dash have diverging opinions on what should be done with the sick ponies. AJ thinks everyone should go to her family farm in Sweet Apple Acres. Her grandma, GRANNY SMITH, has a time-tested, homemade Cure-All for Ponititis (like chicken soup - but made with rotten apples and served in a bucket). Twilight and Fluttershy agree... but Dash is not on board. She doesn't think she needs to do anything. Like she said before, she never gets sick. Must be because of all that awesome coursing through her veins. Applejack tells her that's all well and good, but she should still probably get some of Granny Smith's Cure-All just in case. Dash and Applejack are at an impasse... neither budging on their opinions.

Twilight breaks the stand-off by suggesting that they get everypony else to the farm at Sweet Apple Acres to get inoculated with Granny's cure. They won't be able to do that without Dash's help. Dash agrees to lend a hoof, admitting that not every pony is lucky enough to be inoculated with awesome like her. As the other ponies leave to get started, Dash remains behind basking in her healthiness. Then she notices a single feather fall from her wing, but quickly dismisses it as nothing. She snuffles slightly.

SC. 5 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – MORNING

At the farm, there's a line of sniffly ponies as GRANNY SMITH doles out her Cure-All remedy of apple mash. Applejack works the mash-line with the other girls helping, as well. Even Dash is helping, all the while refusing to take the Cure-All herself... as if taking it will confirm that she isn't awesome enough to fight off a cold on her own. Applejack tries to impart to her that being so bullheaded is ridiculous, but Dash won't hear it. She's Rainbow Dash - she's never been sick a day in her life. Applejack is growing more frustrated with her by the second... she can barely form words.

Meanwhile, Fluttershy is about to help another sniffly pony when she sneezes and drops a bunch of feathers. Uh-oh, Fluttershy's got the Ponititis, too!

SC. 6 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – BARN – LATER

Twilight Sparkle sets up an infirmary in the barn for all the infected ponies in town and the place starts to get crowded (in a production friendly way). Pinkie Pie (weird throbbing hooves), Rarity (enormous swollen horn), and Fluttershy (featherless chicken-looking wings) suffer along with the rest. They look and sound terrible - like three old raspy-voiced lunch ladies. Twilight has a bunch of duties for Rainbow Dash and Applejack to perform to help her with the sick ponies. She leaves the duo with the sickies while she goes to refill some buckets with Cure-All.

However, it quickly becomes clear that Dash and AJ can't work together as they immediately start bickering. Applejack contends that Dash is too stubborn and cocky for her own good. And Dash contends that Applejack is a

pushy know-it-all who can't stand being wrong. They argue over the sick ponies' beds. The weakened ponies can only follow the argument with their eyes... it looks like they are watching a tennis match.

However, during the argument, Applejack notices Dash wiping her nose and sniffing... and maybe even a few feathers fall off of her. Applejack points this out to Dash but the Pegasus is not having it... she's Rainbow Dash - the very thought of her getting Ponititis is insane! Applejack accuses her of covering up, which only strengthens Dash's resolve. The confrontation eventually ends with Dash insulting the Apple Family remedy calling it "gross" and storming out. Twilight returns noticing Dash has flown the coop. She asks Applejack what happened but AJ won't admit to her part in the blowout. "He's also over there, over there and over there!" He points out multiple Caballerion cosplayers. Rainbow Dash takes off after Caballeron. Doubter follows, continuing his rant.

SC. 7 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - CONTINUOUS

Dash reiterates to herself that she doesn't need some silly old bucket of rotten apples. She's fine. She's better than fine - she's Rainbow Dash! She's not like everypony else. She smiles confidently but her smile is unexpectedly overcome by a powerful cough that makes her drop even more feathers than Fluttershy did. Oh no - could Applejack actually be right - could she actually be getting sick?!? Impossible! Rainbow Dash doesn't get sick... or does she? OFF Dash's concerned expression...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 8 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER

Twilight Sparkle and Applejack search the grounds looking for Rainbow Dash but she is nowhere to be found. AJ is suspicious of her sudden disappearance. She is convinced that Dash is hiding that she is sick and AJ can't bare being wrong.

SC. 9 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – SHED – LATER

Of course Applejack isn't wrong - Rainbow Dash is hiding from Twilight and AJ who call her name. She's definitely sick with Ponititis but she won't admit it because she doesn't want to hear "I told you so" from Applejack. She tries gluing her fallen feathers back onto her wings... she tries to dry them quickly... but they keep falling off. Plus it's hard to do anything when she is so sniffly and snotty. Darn Ponititis!

SC. 10 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – LATER

Twilight Sparkle and Applejack gather more buckets of Granny Smith's Cure-All. They discuss Dash's mysterious disappearance. Applejack is acting all superior when Rainbow Dash arrives on the scene. Dash is desperately trying to cover her illness. Distracted as she cares for the infirm, Twilight is easily convinced, but Applejack sees through the ruse. Applejack notices some of Dash's feathers are on backwards, she asks to take a look at them but Dash laughs it off. Dash claims to be feeling great... suddenly her voice becomes a little lunch lady'ish. Applejack notices this and is about to bust her when Dash clears her throat and returns to her normal speaking voice. Unfortunately, Applejack is unsuccessful in exposing Dash's sham but she has one final card to play. If Dash is feeling fine then she wouldn't mind helping out around the farm. Dash pauses then scoffs - "of course... piece-o-cake!" Applejack and Dash eyeball each other. They both know what's going on. One of them is going to prove the other one wrong. Luckily Twilight is too busy to see what's happening.

SC. 11 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – CONTINUOUS

Knowing that Rainbow Dash is sick, Applejack puts her to work fully expecting to catch her in a lie. AJ is taking Dash to task!

MONTAGE - Applejack pushes the obviously sick Rainbow Dash with strenuous tasks around the farm (plowing, hauling, rustling, apple picking, etc). Dash labors through them all barely able to stay in the air or stay awake... but

when AJ shows up on the scene, she is zippy and peppy. Frustratingly performing every task with a smile. Applejack is desperate to catch her in a lie. But to this point, Dash has won the standoff.

SC. 12 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – BARN – SAME

As more and more of the townsfolk turn up sick, Twilight tries her best to care for them. Granny notes that it looks like most of the town didn't get to the cure in time. Pinkie is still intent on throwing a Sickies Party, but can't even touch the draw string on her party cannon without her hooves throbbing. Meanwhile Rarity and Fluttershy go back and forth trying to determine which of them is the sickest. Granny is glad Twilight is there to help out, when a sneeze draws her attention and we reveal that Twilight is the sickest of all. She was so busy helping she forget to take the cure herself and as an alicorn she is struck with all three symptoms. Granny puts her to bed immediately.

SC. 13 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – LATER

Rainbow Dash is pleased - now if Applejack could just get off her back. She told her that she couldn't get sick and she isn't sick. But Applejack won't give it up, she needs to be right so she offers Dash one more challenge. The apple orchards need watering, if she's fine then she should have no problem bringing in some rain clouds—since all the other Pegasi in Ponyville are sick. Dash doesn't answer immediately and Applejack thinks she finally has her. But to her chagrin, Dash takes the challenge. Dash arrogantly asks if she only wants one cloud - Applejack sees this and calls her bluff... NO THREE! Dash exhales then jumps into the air. Applejack watches her closely - her flying seems erratic and less zippy than usual. Maybe this will be the thing that finally gets her to admit that she's sick.

SC. 14 - EXT. SKIES – CONTINUOUS

Rainbow Dash labors through the air... she is clearly getting sicker. Sneezing, coughing and wheezing all the way—dropping more feathers as she goes. But she pushes herself. She can do this. Three little rain clouds - even with Ponititis she can do that. When she reaches the clouds she struggles to get them under control... this is harder than she thought considering her current condition. Why did she bluff. But despite the difficulty, she still manages to get the three clouds under control and wrangle them toward the apple orchard.

SC. 15 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – APPLE ORCHARD - MOMENTS LATER

Applejack starts to smile. A healthy Dash would have had those clouds here in seconds. But her mouth drops open when she spots Dash entering the orchard with the three rain clouds as promised. Dash has won!

After the rain clouds have dumped enough water, Applejack finally concedes defeat and tells Dash to clear the clouds out of the orchard – if they keep going they'll flood the whole place. Dash looks at the situation and starts to get nervous. She's totally wiped out. Those clouds were tough enough to get the apple orchard - now they will be even harder to get out. Applejack asks Dash what's the matter and she finally admits that she can't clear those clouds because... she's too sick. Applejack thought this moment would feel better but looks out at the farm starting to flood and realizes she's also to blame. She shouldn't have been so eager to gloat. Now what do they do?

End on both of them at fault and faced with a disaster they created out of their own stubbornness and need to be right. Dash sneezes and more of her feathers fall off.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 16 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – APPLE ORCHARD – DAY

Rainbow Dash races around trying to bust up the storm clouds but is way too weak to make a dent. The weakened Pegasus battles the cloud but it is like she is running into a brick wall. In her current condition, she is clearly no match for these stubborn clouds that dump gallon after gallon of rain on Sweet Apple Acres. The water level starts to rise to massive flood proportions - they have a real problem on their hooves. To make matters worse, Dash sneezes and all her remaining feathers fall off - now she can't fly at all. Suddenly, Dash and AJ are swept away by

the raging waters. They argue with each other as they are swept downstream... they each blame each other for this mess.

SC. 17 – INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – BARN – SAME

Back with the sickies, Twilight tries her best to help, but she can't even get enough magic out of her swollen horn to lift her own blanket. Fluttershy and Rarity both now take turns bemoaning their state to the annoyance of nearby ponies, while Pinkie still doggedly tries to blow up a single balloon, now holding it between her knees. If she can just get the Ponitis Party started all will be well. Granny hears something roaring toward the barn and glances outside at the oncoming flood and tells them it's gonna take more than a party.

SC. 18 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – CONTINUOUS

BIG MAC and APPLE BLOOM struggle to save their apple harvest and get to high ground as the rushing water advances on the Pony-firmary. Meanwhile, Rainbow and Applejack continue to bicker. However, they stop when they realize where the flood is heading - for their friends in the barn. They both realize they need to put this argument aside and work together to save all the sickies from getting washed away. There's no time to waste... but what's the solve?

SC. 19 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – BARN – SAME

Pinkie, Rarity, and Fluttershy join Granny looking out at the swelling flood waters. Rarity and Fluttershy agree they're equally too sick to help with this and Pinkie despairs that she doesn't know what a Flash Flood Party would look like. Twilight can't even lift her head as her friends gather around her and wait for the wave to hit.

SC. 20 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – CONTINUOUS

The rushing water is rapidly winding around the hills of Sweet Apple Acres toward the Pony-firmary. This is the moment of truth... and that's when it hits both Applejack and Rainbow Dash – the apple harvest! They call out to Big Mac and Apple Bloom to help. Big Mac plows a big trench and the rest stack bushels of apples to direct the flood waters toward it. But it's still not enough. That's when Rainbow Dash reaches down deep and musters the remainder of whatever strength she has left to drag crates in front of the their make-shift levy. Applejack pulls the apple cart over and adds to their dam. The water smacks into the apples and splashes over the side but the Pony-firmary is safe from danger. AJ and Dash smile at each other - they did it!

SC. 21 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – CONTINUOUS

Twilight and the other sick ponies brace for impact but get nothing more than a little puddle of water. They're safe. Pinkie Pie fumbles at her party canon. Finally Granny helps out and pulls the string. Confetti explodes and the others manage a chorus of weak "Hurrahs."

SC. 22 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – NEXT DAY

Twilight, Pinkie Pie, Fluttershy, and Rarity are better but not everyone is over Ponitis... Rainbow Dash and Applejack are side by side in bed, now both sick because not even Granny's remedy could stand up to AJ being in all that rain with Dash who was super sick. Finally Pinkie is able to throw the Ponitis Party she's been wanting, only now it's a Rainbow Dash and Applejack Get Well Party!!! The others agree, there's no better way to get rid of a cold than to party it out.

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