

MY LITTLE PONY 6

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"Buckball Season"

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SC. 1 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

RAINBOW DASH
Hey, Applejack. Whatchya doin'?

APPLEJACK
WHAOOOO--OOOF!

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Well, I was practicin' my distance buckin'.

RAINBOW DASH
Distance bucking? What for?

APPLEJACK
Because Cousin Braeburn and the rest of the Apple Family in Appleoosa seem to think that their team can beat Ponyville at Buckball.

RAINBOW DASH
WHAT!? Ha! That's ridiculous! No pony beats Ponyville! I mean, I could beat the whole town of Appleoosa at Buckball with one wing tied behind my back.

APPLEJACK
So I can count on you to join the Ponyville Buckball team?

RAINBOW DASH
Oh, yeah! I am so there. I've just got one question.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Uh, what's Buckball?

APPLEJACK
<Sigh>

SC. 2 - EXT. PONYVILLE - ROAD - DAY

RAINBOW DASH
So basically, Buckball is the coolest game ever.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Offence! Defence! Teamwork. Non-stop action. It's got it all!

FLUTTERSHY

Wow, Rainbow Dash. You sure seem to know a lot about this game. I've never even heard of Buckball.

RAINBOW DASH

Yeah. I'm kind of an expert.

APPLEJACK

Hah, an expert who hadn't heard of the game either until I told you.

RAINBOW DASH

Well, it's a new game. I probably know more than most ponies so that makes me an expert.

PINKIE PIE

I don't know anything about it at all. But it sounds like there's a ball and bucking, so I'm betting it's super-duper fun.

APPLEJACK

The point is my cousin Braeburn somehow convinced a pegasus and a unicorn to come play with him on the Appleoosa team and he can't stop bragging about how his team is gonna beat ours.

FLUTTERSHY

But, um we don't have a team.

RAINBOW DASH

Well, between Applejack and me we've got two thirds of a team. All we need is a unicorn. That's where you two come in.

PINKIE PIE

Uh, they know we're not unicorns, right?

RAINBOW DASH

Uh, obviously. You're gonna be on my team and Fluttershy is gonna be on Applejack's team.

APPLEJACK

We'll play against each other, along with whatever unicorns wanna try out until we find the best one.

PINKIE PIE

Oooohhhhhh. Phew, that's a relief because I left my unicorn costume at home.

SC. 3 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - FIELD - DAY

APPLEJACK

I know a lot of you are here because
I told you what an amazing game
Buckball is...

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

...and even though it's already an
Apple Family favorite, most of you
probably don't know anything about
it, so I thought we'd give you a quick
demonstration.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

The two earth ponies are on offense.
They meet in the middle of the field
for the buck off.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

They both try to be the first one to
kick it.

RAINBOW DASH

And the pegasus is on defense. She
tries to keep the ball from going in
the goal and passes it back to the
earth pony on her team. Just give it
a little kick Pinkie.

PINKIE PIE

Oooh! I get it!

APPLEJACK

And all the unicorns have to do is
float these here baskets around the
outside of the field and catch as many
balls as possible for their team.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

You two get the idea?

PINKIE PIE

Absolutely!

FLUTTERSHY

Oh I don't know. That ball moves
pretty fast.

RAINBOW DASH

All right. Now let's see which of you
has what it takes.

BUCKBALL UNICORN 1

Um... What do I do?

RAINBOW DASH

When the ball comes toward you...
catch it.

APPLEJACK
Okay, just try your best Pinkie. I
have been doing this a lot longer than
you.

PINKIE PIE
HA-uhh.

APPLEJACK
Nice kick.

FLUTTERSHY
Whoa, whoa, whoa, whee! Haha!

APPLEJACK
Great save, Fluttershy!

RAINBOW DASH
Coming your way, Pinkie!

PINKIE PIE
Somersault, kick!

PINKIE PIE
Hey, this game is easy!

FLUTTERSHY
Oh, it actually is kind of fun.

APPLEJACK
Where did Pinkie Pie learn to buck
like that?

RAINBOW DASH
And Fluttershy's spinning tail catch
is pretty amazing!

APPLEJACK
Um... Okay, well let's see what the
rest of you can do.

SC. 4 - EXT. FIELD - LATER

APPLEJACK
Now don't expect to be able to beat me
twice in a row.

FLUTTERSHY
Well hello there Mr. Ball. Whee!

FLUTTERSHY
Hurry along butterflies, before that
ball comes and hits you.

APPLEJACK
Nope. Um...Okay, let's see what the rest
of you can do.

RAINBOW DASH
Nope.

APPLEJACK
Definitely, not.

RAINBOW DASH
Noooo.

APPLEJACK
Not a chance.

RAINBOW DASH
No.

APPLEJACK
Nope.

RAINBOW DASH
Annnnnd...no. Uh this didn't go how I
thought it would.

PINKIE PIE/FLUTTERSHY
WHEEEEEEE!/Oooohhhhh!

APPLEJACK
It sure didn't.

FLUTTERSHY
This game is a lot more fun than I
thought it would be.

PINKIE PIE
It's exactly as much fun as I thought
it would be-- A WHOLE BUNCH!

SNAILS
Carrying my water, my water, my water.
Carrying my water on my shoulder
pole...

PINKIE PIE
SNAILS LOOK OUT!!!

APPLEJACK
Amazing.

SNAILS
You should be more careful with these.
You could lose them.

RAINBOW DASH
Hey, Snails can you float one of those
baskets over here?

SNAILS

Sure.

SNAILS (CONT'D)

What do you want me to do with it?

APPLEJACK

CATCH!

SNAILS

Anything else?

SC. 5 - EXT. ROAD - MOMENTS LATER

FLUTTERSHY

Wow, Snails, you're a natural at Buckball.

PINKIE PIE

It's a good thing too. We were running out of unicorns.

FLUTTERSHY

Do you think you'll be ready to play with Applejack and Rainbow Dash against the Appleoosa team?

SNAILS

I guess I'll find out. Plus, after I deliver this water, I don't really have anything else to do.

RAINBOW DASH

Well, Snails, with you on the team, Ponyville is one step closer to crushing Appleoosa.

APPLEJACK

And after today it's pretty clear who the other two players should be.

FLUTTERSHY

What do you mean? I thought you and Dash were going to play.

PINKIE PIE

Yeah. If you're not crushing Appleoosa, who is?

RAINBOW DASH

(laughs)

Uh you two, obviously.

SC. 6 - EXT. ROAD - RESUME

FLUTTERSHY

Um, you want us to play Buckball
against Appleoosa instead of you?

RAINBOW DASH

Mhm.

PINKIE PIE

That's un-credible.
Unbelievable and incredible? Come on.

APPLEJACK

I can't explain it, but you two are
really good at this game and if it
means beating Appleoosa, I'll give
either one of you my spot on the team
quicker than Granny Smith can core an
apple.

RAINBOW DASH

Me too. I'd normally be so pumped all
of Ponyville was counting on me to
win, I'd run right over the
competition, but you still flew rings
around me.

FLUTTERSHY

Oh, I'm sorry. I was just having fun.

APPLEJACK

Well you can have all the fun you want
as long as it's while you're beatin'
the hide off of Braeburn's team.

PINKIE PIE

I do like fun...

FLUTTERSHY

Honestly, the game was a little scary
at first, but once I got the hang of
it I had a pretty good time.

PINKIE PIE

Let's get this party started!

APPLEJACK

All right, but if we really wanna beat
Appleoosa, we're gonna have to get
serious.

FLUTTERSHY

Serious?

PINKIE PIE

Serious how?

SC. 7 - EXT. FIELD - DAY

APPLEJACK
With serious practice!

FLUTTERSHY
Wow. This looks pretty intense.

RAINBOW DASH
Well, duh. You two are gonna be representing all of Ponyville, and more importantly...Us!

APPLEJACK
That's why before we leave for Appleoosa tomorrow, you two are gonna practice just as hard as we would.

RAINBOW DASH
So, let's hop to it. Snails already has a head start on you!

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Okay. If you wanna win, you've totally gotta get this drill down.

FLUTTERSHY
I-I-I do?

RAINBOW DASH
It's all about ball control.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Ready? GO!

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Come on! Faster! You don't want Ponyville to lose because you can't get into high gear, do you?

FLUTTERSHY
Whoaaa.

APPLEJACK
All right, being able to buck a ball into a goal from any direction is the most important thing in the game.

PINKIE PIE
If you say so.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
WHEEE! WOOO!

APPLEJACK
Keep it up! Just one miss'll ruin the Apple Family's Buckball reputation forever.

PINKIE PIE

WHOA--What?

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Whoops.

RAINBOW DASH
Come on! Push. Push! PUSH!

APPLEJACK
Come on now! Every shot is for Sweet
Apple Acres. And me! And Dash! And ALL
OF PONYVILLE!

PINKIE PIE
Whoa. Ow.

RAINBOW DASH
Faster!

FLUTTERSHY
Whoa.

APPLEJACK
C'mon, now!

PINKIE PIE
Whooaaa!

RAINBOW DASH
C'mon!

APPLEJACK
Keep it up!

PINKIE PIE
Whooaaa!

RAINBOW DASH
C'MON!

APPLEJACK
What in the apple happened to those
two?

RAINBOW DASH
I don't know! They mopped the field
with us before.

APPLEJACK
All right! That's it for today, y'all!

PINKIE PIE
I thought practice was supposed to
make us better.

FLUTTERSHY
Maybe we just need a little rest.

RAINBOW DASH
Or a whole lot of it.

APPLEJACK
Just be sure to get your heads in the
game before tomorrow. All of
Ponyville is counting on a win.

SC. 8 - EXT. ROAD - DAY

FLUTTERSHY
I really don't want to let Applejack
and Rainbow Dash down, or anypony
else, but after that practice, I'm not
feeling very confident.

PINKIE PIE
Maybe we weren't that bad.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I guess I was hoping you saw something
I didn't.

FLUTTERSHY
I know our friends want us to win, but
how can the whole town be counting on
us if most ponies have never even
heard of Buckball?

PINKIE PIE
I know! How can we disappoint a pony
who doesn't even know we have a team?

FLUTTERSHY
Or that we're going to play Appleoosa.

PINKIE PIE
Yeah, I don't think we need to worry.
I'd be surprised if anypony in town
cares about this game at all.

SC. 9 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TRAIN PLATFORM - THE NEXT MORNING

TOWNSFOLK
Go Ponyville! Go Ponyville! WIN! WIN!
WIN! Ponyville, Ponyville! Way to go!
You can do it!

SNAILS
Wow. The whole town really seems to
care about this game a lot.

SC. 10 - INT. FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS - DAY

TOWNSFOLK

<Cheering> Woo-hoo, go Ponyville!

RAINBOW DASH
We kinda went around town and talked
up the team a little.

APPLEJACK
Yep. We wanted to make sure you two
knew that all of Ponyville was behind
you.

PINKIE PIE
Greaaaaat...

APPLEJACK
I hear the whole town's already
planning a parade for when you get
back after whoopin' Appleoosa. That
should feel pretty good.

FLUTTERSHY
It should?

RAINBOW DASH
Totally! Just spend the whole ride to
Appleoosa thinking about everypony
cheering for the victorious Ponyville
Buckball Team. I bet Princess
Celestia even comes to congratulate
you. If that doesn't get you in the
zone, I don't know what will.

FLUTTERSHY
I don't know what zone Rainbow Dash is
talking about, but I'm pretty sure I
don't want to be in it. Do you?

SC. 11 - INT. FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS - BACK OF THE CAR - MOMENTS LATER

RAINBOW DASH
Hey, you two are supposed to be in the
zone.

PINKIE PIE
You see... The thing is... Thinking
about everpony... thinking about
us... there's just no way...

FLUTTERSHY
THERE'S NO WAY THAT WE CAN GET IN THE
ZONE BECAUSE THE ZONE SOUNDS LIKE A
HORRIBLE PLACE SINCE WE ARE TERRIBLE
AT BUCKBALL AND ARE GOING TO LOSE AND
LET EVERYPONY DOWN AND WE DON'T WANT
TO PLAY ANYMORE!!!

SNAILS

I'm still okay with playing, in case you were worried.

SC. 12 - INT. FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS - DAY

RAINBOW DASH
I don't get it. They're naturals. Why wouldn't they want to play anymore?

APPLEJACK
Maybe us telling them how much we and everypony was counting on them messed them up somehow.

RAINBOW DASH
What? That's crazy talk. Having ponies depend on you is exactly what you need to focus and...

APPLEJACK
Get serious and play hard and...

RAINBOW DASH
Get ready to totally smash the competition and...

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
And none of that sounds like Pinkie or Fluttershy, does it?

APPLEJACK
<Sigh> Guess not. We got so wrapped up in what's important to us, we went and ruined what was fun about the game for them.

RAINBOW DASH
What do we do now?

SC. 13 - INT. FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS - BAGGAGE CAR - DAY

RAINBOW DASH
Pinkie? Fluttershy?

APPLEJACK
We know you're in here. We've looked in every other car on the train.

FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)
Maybe you need to look again.

PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
Yeah. Because we are totally not in here.

FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)

And we're definitely not in here if
you're going to try to make us play
against Appleoosa.

PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
Or anypony else!

FLUTTERSHY
Oh we're sorry to let you down, but
it's better to do it now than during
the game against Appleoosa.

RAINBOW DASH
You don't have to play against
Appleoosa.

FLUTTERSHY
We don't?

APPLEJACK
Nope. We're gonna take your place, so
you don't have to worry about that at
all.

PINKIE PIE
Why didn't you say so?

RAINBOW DASH
Buuut.... We can't take on Braeburn
and his team without any practice so
we need you to play just one more
time...

APPLEJACK
Against us.

SC. 14 - EXT. APPLEOOSA - PRACTICE FIELD - DAY

APPLEJACK
Now I know we mixed up the teams,
before, but since Dash and I really
need the practice, we'll play against
the two of you.

FLUTTERSHY
Oh I don't know how much practice
you'll get against us, we've been
playing just awful.

RAINBOW DASH
Don't worry about it. Applejack and I
just need a little work out.

APPLEJACK
Yep. You two just do your best.

PINKIE PIE

I can do that.

PINKIE PIE
Ooooooh!

FLUTTERSHY
Looks like you two really do need
practice.

SC. 15 - EXT. APPLEOOSA - PRACTICE FIELD - MOMENTS LATER

FLUTTERSHY
If you need more practice we can keep
going.

PINKIE PIE
Yeah. I could do this aaaalllll day.

RAINBOW DASH
Uh no thanks. Playing against you two
is just as humiliating now as it was
when we weren't trying to show you how
awesome you are.

PINKIE PIE
Wait. What?

SNAILS
Finally!

APPLEJACK
You must have noticed how you aren't
bad anymore.

PINKIE PIE
Oooh yeah. Weird.

FLUTTERSHY
But um, why were we so terrible
before?

RAINBOW DASH
I guess some ponies thrive on pressure
and some ponies don't. And even though
we weren't playing, we were treating
you like us which totally stressed you
out.

APPLEJACK
And that just sucked the fun right out
of the game for you.

RAINBOW DASH
And having fun is what makes you
really, really, really good.

FLUTTERSHY

But being good doesn't matter if we're too afraid of letting ponies down.

PINKIE PIE
Yeah. What about all those ponies back in Ponyville counting on us to win.

APPLEJACK
I'm sure folks want you to win, but not if worrying about it makes you miserable. Winning's never worth that.

FLUTTERSHY
But how do we keep from worrying about it?

SNAILS
You could do what I do and not think about it. Seriously, I don't think about anything. Ever.

PINKIE PIE
Hmm, works for me!

SC. 16 - EXT. APPLEOOSA - RODEO STADIUM - DAY

ANNOUNCER
And with another bouncing goal from Pinkie Pie the score is tied!

RAINBOW DASH
You guys are amazing!

PINKIE PIE
Braeburn is really good!

FLUTTERSHY
So is that pegasus. Oh I don't know if we can win.

SNAILS
You know what I would do...

PINKIE PIE
Not think about it?

SNAILS
...not think-- Oh. Yeah. That.

APPLEJACK
And as long as you're having fun it doesn't matter if you win or not.

PINKIE PIE
Hee-hee I think it's more fun this way.

ANNOUNCER

And Pinkie wins the buckoff. But her shot's rejected! Back to Braeburn, who's kick's stopped by another Fluttershy save. Next point wins. Lots of tense back and forth here. Fluttershy unleashes her patented spin move. But Braeburn's there to- NO it's Pinkie with a somersault kick. What a move! And that's the game! Ponyville wins!

FOALS

PONY-VILLE! PONY-VILLE! PONY-VILLE!
PONY-VILLE! PONY-VILLE! PONY-VILLE!

APPLEJACK

Looks like you three made quite an impression.

BRAEBURN

Well, cousin, I have to admit, your Ponyville team played a pretty good game.

RAINBOW DASH

Ha! Good game!? We bucked the hooves right off of you.

BRAEBURN

Yep. You sure shootin' did. I'm gonna have to get real serious about a strategy for our rematch.

FLUTTERSHY

Oh I wouldn't get too serious.

PINKIE PIE

Yeah. Everypony knows the secret to good Buckball is just having fun!

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