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SC. 1 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN - DAY

APPLEJACK
Well that's the last of it, Filthy Rich.

FILTHY RICH
Just Rich, please. And on behalf of Rich's Barnyard Bargains, thanks for another season's shipment of Zap Apple Jam.

APPLEJACK
Our pleasure. See ya next time!

SC. 2 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN - CONTINUOUS

APPLEJACK
Um... Apple Bloom, did you pack up the cider into the same crates as the Zap Apple Jam?

APPLE BLOOM
Sure did! Now that I'm getting older, I wanted to prove I can handle more responsibility on the farm.

APPLEJACK
But the crates aren't marked. You kept track of what when into which crate, right?

APPLE BLOOM
Oh. Um... Yep. I totally kept track of everything.

APPLEJACK
Good. Because we wouldn't want Filthy Rich to get a shipment of cider when he's supposed to get Zap Apple Jam. You know how Granny feels about selling cider anywhere but on the farm. Are you sure he got the right crates?

APPLE BLOOM
Sure I'm sure! Now why don't you and Big Mac head on out to the house and let me finish up here!

APPLEJACK
If you gave Rich the Zap Apple Jam, then what's this here?

APPLE BLOOM
Um... Extra?

BIG MAC
Nope!

SC. 3 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

FILTHY RICH
Granny knows I wasn't trying to make off with a shipment of cider, right? Because I would never do that.

APPLEJACK
Don't worry. We know exactly whose fault it was.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Now, why in tarnation would you lie to me, Apple Bloom?

APPLE BLOOM
I was kinda hoping I could fix it before anypony found out.

APPLEJACK
Telling lies won't fix anything. Trust me, I know.

APPLE BLOOM
What could you possibly know about it? You've never told a lie in your whole life.

BIG MAC/GRANNY SMITH
<Laughing>

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
What's so funny?

GRANNY SMITH
Oh, sugar cube, your big sister lied so much when she was a filly the whole family ended up in the hospital.

APPLE BLOOM
WHAT?!

BIG MAC
Eeyup.

APPLEJACK
<Sigh>. You may as well tell her the whole story. It might even do her some good.

GRANNY SMITH
When Applejack and Big Mac were just a wee bit older than you are now, they

both kept squabblin' over who would run the farm better...

SC. 4 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - FARMHOUSE - FLASHBACK

APPLEJACK
All I'm sayin' is that you may have plenty of brawn, but I'm the one with the ideas on how to run things better around here.

BIG MAC
Applejack, Applejack, Applejack, ideas are all well and good, but you can't plow a field with them. I don't know how many times I've told you that.

APPLEJACK
Too many!

GRANNY SMITH
You two horned toads better stop jabberin' and get to workin'! Yeah they'd better! I need you to go into town - the apple blight's been awful and if we don't get more spray, cider season'll be shorter than a dwarf crab-apple tree.

SC. 5 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

BIG MAC (CONT'D)
It's like I was just telling cousin Braeburn last week-- now there's a pony who knows how to put his back into a problem...

APPLEJACK
Oh hey there, Filthy Rich!

FILTHY RICH
Just Rich, please. And I'd like you to meet my fiancée, Spoiled Milk. Honey, this is Applejack and Big Mac, the two hardest-working ponies at Sweet Apple Acres.

SPOILED MILK
You work on a farm? How... quaint.

FILTHY RICH
Oh now, dear, be nice. Sweet Apple Acres makes Zap Apple Jam - it's one of dad's best-sellers.

SPOILED MILK
You mean one of your best-sellers. My amazing husband-to-be is running the Rich family business now. Did you know that? Well, now you do.

FILTHY RICH
Don't mind Spoiled Milk. She's just proud of me. But she's right, I'm in charge of the store now and I'm just bursting with ideas I wanna try.

APPLEJACK
Like what?

FILTHY RICH
Well... How about this? Cider season's around the corner - why not let me sell it for you?

APPLEJACK
That is an interesting idea...

BIG MAC
Well, maybe it's interesting and maybe it ain't, but it's definitely not a new idea. Granny Smith told us your grandpa, Stinkin' Rich, used to ask her every year if he could sell our cider in your store, and Granny told him every year about the tradition of everypony in Ponyville lining up out at Sweet Apple Acres.

FILTHY RICH
So, start a new tradition! Some day one of you'll take over the farm just like I've taken over the store. I'm guessing it'll be the one with the best ideas.

BIG MAC
Well, now, as I've said many a time before, ideas are all well and good, but you can't plow a field--

APPLEJACK
You know what? How about we give you three barrels of cider early, and if it sells well, we'll make a deal for the rest.

FILTHY RICH
Oh, hey now! Perfect! Come on, honey. I've got to get everything ready.

APPLEJACK

Hoo-wee, I tell ya, if the future means me running Sweet Apple Acres and you being quiet, I can't wait!

SC. 6 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN - LATER

BIG MAC
I just can't believe you'd make a deal with Filthy Rich without even talking to Granny.

APPLEJACK
Aw, Granny will love the idea and then she'll decide that I'm the one who should take over the farm. You'll see.

GRANNY SMITH (O.S.)
See what?

BIG MAC
Applejack here had another one of her "big ideas," and I think we all know my position on ideas, you...

GRANNY SMITH/APPLEJACK
...can't plow a field with them.

BIG MAC
Right.

GRANNY SMITH
Big idea, huh?

APPLEJACK
Actually, more of an opportunity. You see, we ran into Filthy Rich in town. Did you know he's running the family store now?

GRANNY SMITH
And what does this here "opportunity" mean for Sweet Apple Acres?

APPLEJACK
Well, since cider season is almost here he or, I mean, I thought it'd be a good idea to give him a few barrels of cider to sell at the store before the season starts.

GRANNY SMITH
Oh, is that all?

GRANNY SMITH (CONT'D)
Absolutely not!

SC. 7 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES, BARN - RESUMING

APPLEJACK
But Granny, why can't we sell a few barrels of cider early to Filthy Rich? How's it any different then when you gave Zap Apple Jam to Filthy's grandpappy to sell?

GRANNY SMITH
Your cider and your jam 'aint the same thing! Zap Apple Jam jars preserve the flavor for moons, but cider starts to spoil the second it comes out of the press. That is why every cider season all of Ponyville lines up at Sweet Apple Acres and first come is first served. Hmm!

APPLEJACK
I get what you're saying, Granny, but couldn't you make an exception just this once? I sorta promised.

GRANNY SMITH
Meh-eh. Besides, cider-makin' is iffy business. And we're probably not gonna have a lot this year anyway, what with all the blight. I'm sorry, Applejack, but you'll have to un-promise.

SC. 8 - EXT. PONYVILLE - THE NEXT DAY

BIG MAC
I hate to say I told you so, Applejack, but--

APPLEJACK
You and I both know you don't hate to say anything.

BIG MAC
Well, I've always thought that the most important thing a pony can do is say exactly what's on his mind to anypony who'll listen so everypony everywhere always knows everything you're thinking and...

APPLEJACK
And you don't ever have to listen to anypony else.

BIG MAC
What?

APPLEJACK
Exactly.

SC. 9 - INT. RICH'S BARNYARD BARGAINS - MOMENTS LATER

FILTHY RICH
Well, if it ain’t my new business partner!

APPLEJACK
Um, about the cider, Rich...

FILTHY RICH
Take a look at what I did last night after we made our deal.

FILTHY RICH (CONT'D)
Woo! Pretty great, huh?

APPLEJACK
The thing is, I don't think I can get you any.

FILTHY RICH
What?! But I did all this work on your say so. We shook hooves and everything.

BIG MAC
Well you see, at Sweet Apple Acres we've always been about quality and while your basic jam jar'll-

APPLEJACK
Plus it's been a tough harvest this year, what with all the blight.

FILTHY RICH
Sounds to me like you're trying to make excuses. Whenever granddad dealt with Granny Smith, she kept her word. If you can't do that then maybe our families should stop doing business together altogether.

BIG MAC
Now, now, the thing is, it ain't really up to us. You see, Granny's--

APPLEJACK
--sick!

FILTHY RICH
Wait. Granny's sick?! I had no idea!

BIG MAC
Yeah, nopony did.

APPLEJACK
What Big Mac means is, we've been trying to keep it quiet. We don't want people to make rash decisions about doing business with Sweet Apple Acres just because we're a little short-hooved at the moment.

FILTHY RICH
Oh my! Of course, of course. I am so sorry. Please let me know if there's anything I can do.

APPLEJACK
Much appreciated. But right now, we only ask for your understanding during this difficult time.

SC. 10 - INT. FARMHOUSE, FRONT ROOM - LATER

BIG MAC
You were supposed to tell Rich the simple truth, but instead you made things worse with a giant lie!!

APPLEJACK
Well what was I supposed to do? You heard Rich - if I told him the truth, he was gonna stop doing business with us altogether.

BIG MAC
Yeah, but that's only because--

BIG MAC (CONT'D)
I forgot to ask if we had any oat crumbles for this delicious-looking salad, Granny!

GRANNY SMITH
I'll go take a look.

BIG MAC
--that was only because you made promises you couldn't keep, but there's gotta be a better way out of this mess than by making up some story about Granny being sick!

APPLEJACK
Well, it worked, didn't it?

FILTHY RICH
Sorry to drop by unannounced. We just wanted to come by to wish Granny a speedy recovery.

BIG MAC
Look, sis, our good friend Mr. Rich and his fiancée are here. Oh, and they brought flowers. For Granny. On account of she's sick, like you said. Ain't that sweet?

APPLEJACK
Uh, excuse me one second!

SC. 11 - INT. FARMHOUSE, KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

GRANNY SMITH
What in tarnation?!

APPLEJACK
Oh, I'm sorry, Granny. I didn't see you there.

GRANNY SMITH
You came blasting in so fast, t'weren't possible to see nothin'!

APPLEJACK
Can you go out to the barn? I, uh, I think we might have left a blight sprayer in the orchard.

GRANNY SMITH
Are you outta your apple-pickin' mind? It's suppertime girl!

APPLEJACK
I know, but if we forgot a sprayer, I'd wanna get it before dark. You go start counting and I'll tell Big Mac we'll be right back, okay?

SC. 12 - INT. FARMHOUSE, FRONT ROOM - CONTINUOUS

BIG MAC
-- So from that moment on, I took to referring to myself as Big or Large or--

FILTHY RICH
Oh Applejack, your brother was just explaining why he always wears his yoke.

SPOILED MILK
Even though we asked him how your grandmare is doing.

APPLEJACK

Oh, you know how Big Mac can get to talking-- especially when he's upset. And right now, he's just as worried about Granny Smith as I am.

SC. 13 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - CONTINUOUS

FILTHY RICH
Oh dear. Is she doing that bad?

APPLEJACK
Well, one thing's for sure, she shouldn't be seeing anypony right now.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
In fact, I'm getting more upset just thinking about it. Excuse me!

SC. 14 - INT. BARN - CONTINUOUS

GRANNY SMITH
Oh what in the frilly fumidila has gotten into you?!

APPLEJACK
Sorry, Granny! I just decided if I helped you, it would go faster.

GRANNY SMITH
Well, you're too late. All the sprayers are here.

APPLEJACK
Oh good. Uh say, Granny, when did you first fight the apple blight again?

GRANNY SMITH
It was my second year here in Ponyville and that was before I had the rick on the one knee.

SC. 15 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - CONTINUOUS

BIG MAC
--and others say that's how the trees got to growing so tall, but to me, it's just how I got my cutie mark.

SPOILED MILK
But we asked when we could come back to see Granny!

APPLEJACK

Big Mac didn't want to be rude, but you just can't see Granny right now because she's...

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
...got apple blight!

FILTHY RICH
<Gasp>. I thought only trees got the blight.

APPLEJACK
Yeah, that's usually the case. The doctors think it's from working in the orchard for so many years. You see... We had to take Granny to Ponyville General. We just got back right before you showed up.

FILTHY RICH
Oh my, that is terrible.

SPOILED MILK
Eww, it's not contagious, is it?

APPLEJACK
I'm sure you'll be fine, but you should leave, <cough> just in case.

FILTHY RICH
You're right. We're gonna have to hurry if we want to get there before visiting hours are over.

APPLEJACK
That's right. Wait. Get where?

FILTHY RICH
Why, the hospital, of course. I'm sure we'll see you there!

SC. 16 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - RESUMING

BIG MAC
Telling Filthy Rich that Granny's in the hospital just made everything a hundred times worse! What are we supposed to do now?

APPLEJACK
I got it!

SC. 17 - INT. BARN - CONTINUOUS

GRANNY SMITH

-- dropped my second best teeth right in the pig pen and that was the worst case of apple blight I've ever seen!

APPLEJACK
I'd love to hear more Granny, but we gotta get to the hospital right away!

GRANNY SMITH
The hospital? Why, who's sick?

BIG MAC
You are, apparently.

APPLEJACK
What he means is, you're *needed* at the hospital.

GRANNY SMITH
Whatever for?

APPLEJACK
It's the apple blight! It's starting to infect ponies now! The doctors need an expert opinion, and nopony knows more about fighting blight than Granny Smith!

GRANNY SMITH
Well, what in tarnation are we waiting for? Let's go!

SC. 18 - EXT. PONYVILLE GENERAL HOSPITAL - DAY

APPLEJACK
You know, we're supposed to go in the back. Uh, to avoid anypony in the waiting room with the blight.

SC. 19 - INT. HOSPITAL, HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

APPLEJACK
Oops, I almost forgot!

SC. 20 - INT. HOSPITAL, HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

APPLEJACK
This is perfect. Now you don't have to worry about catching the blight.

GRANNY SMITH
If you say so, dearie.

APPLEJACK

Now you wait right here while I...
check on your presentation.

GRANNY SMITH
What in the rotten rhubarb is going on here?

SC. 21 - INT. HOSPITAL, LOBBY - MOMENTS LATER

APPLEJACK
Fancy meeting you two here!

SPOILED MILK
Well we told you we were coming.

FILTHY RICH
Oh I'm glad we found you because I can't seem to find Granny's room, or any nurses who've even heard about a pony with apple blight.

APPLEJACK
Granny's room. Sure. Just go down here, take a left, then a right, go down some stairs, up a bunch more stairs, through the cafeteria, left three more times and then you're there. Easy as Granny's apple pie!

FILTHY RICH
Aren't you coming with us?

APPLEJACK
I'll catch up! I gotta find Big Mac.

SC. 22 - INT. HOSPITAL, HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

APPLEJACK
Okay, Granny, just wait here one second and we can go.

GRANNY SMITH
Where are you two going?

APPLEJACK
Big Mac can't come. He, um...
...might be contagious.

GRANNY SMITH/BIG MAC
Contagious?

SC. 23 - INT. HOSPITAL, ROOM - CONTINUOUS

APPLEJACK

All right. Climb up here and I'll cover you up. Then I'll bring Rich in, tell him you're Granny, but you're not allowed to take the sheets off. You moan a few times, he leaves, and this whole thing over.

BIG MAC
This is spinnin' way out of control, Applejack! Now I know you thought selling cider in Filthy's store was a good idea, but it ain't worth lying to him about Granny being sick and needin' to go to the hospital, or fibbin' to Granny about them wanting her to come here to talk about the blight, or--

APPLEJACK
BIG MCINTOSH, PLEASE JUST LISTEN TO ME FOR ONCE! This ain't about my ideas! If Rich finds out about all the lies, he'll cut ties with us and the farm will go under. Now do you want that to happen or do you wanna help?

BIG MAC
Why can't <u>you</u> be Granny?! You're her size, and this is all your fault in the first place!

APPLEJACK
I would, but if I let you do the talkin', you'd just ramble on and on until we all got caught.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Just lay down, keep still and promise me you *won't say anything* for once in your life.

BIG MAC
Eeyup.

SC. 24 - INT. HOSPITAL, HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

APPLEJACK
Granny! Granny.

GRANNY SMITH
It's about time. What is going on around here?

APPLEJACK
Granny, they need you to wait here. I'll come get you.

FILTHY RICH
There you are! We've been going in circles looking for Granny's room!

APPLEJACK
Well, you're in luck, 'cause it's…it’s right over here and this time I'll make sure you don't get lost.

SC. 25 - INT. HOSPITAL, ROOM/HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

APPLEJACK
What in the dadgum--

SPOILED MILK
What now?!

APPLEJACK
He-- I mean, "she" was right here!

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Oh no! We gotta go!

SPOILED MILK
Is that Granny Smith?

FILTHY RICH
Where are they taking her?

APPLEJACK
You two, don't lose that gurney! Granny, what're you doin'? You were supposed to stay there.

GRANNY SMITH
It was a supply closet!

APPLEJACK
Oh! Ah...Well, okay, come with me, but be quiet. You know, save your voice for the big presentation.

SC. 26 - INT. HOSPITAL, OPERATING THEATER - CONTINUOUS

MASKED PONY
I'm sorry, but you can't get any closer without a gown and mask.

APPLEJACK
But-- but—but that's my brother on there!

MASKED PONY

Don't worry. This is our best doctor. She'll have your brother back on his hooves in no time.

GRANNY SMITH
Now, apple blight is a serious disease--

MASKED PONY
Did she say "apple blight?"

MASKED NURSE
I think she said "gaskin mites."

GRANNY SMITH
And once the trunk turns red like this, the only thing to do is prune the branches.

FILTHY RICH
Oh no! Granny!

MASKED NURSE
Did you say "prune the branches?"

GRANNY SMITH
Well, sure. What else can you do once the blight gets this bad?

APPLEJACK
Everypony just stop! This is all a big misunderstanding. Actually, it's a big lie!

GRANNY SMITH
Big Mac?!

FILTHY RICH
Granny Smith?! What is going on here, Applejack?!

GRANNY SMITH
That is a darn good question.

APPLEJACK
I'm not sure if I was worried that nopony was listening to my ideas or just nervous that I wouldn't be the one to end up running the farm, but I promised something to Filthy Rich that I couldn't deliver and I was too embarrassed to admit it.

FILTHY RICH
So Granny was never sick?

GRANNY SMITH

And there ain't no apple blight in ponies?

BIG MAC
Nnope!

APPLEJACK
Those were all lies...
...and I thought if you found out you'd stop doing business with the farm, so I just kept telling more.

MASKED PONY
So, she's not a doctor?

APPLEJACK
Please don't make Granny and the farm suffer for what I did. This whole thing is my fault.

BIG MAC
That's not entirely true. Maybe if I paid more attention to what you had to say instead of talking all the time, none of this would have happened in the first place. I just need to talk less and listen more...Especially to you.

APPLEJACK
Thanks, big brother. And whether it's me running Sweet Apple Acres or you, I know it'll be in good hooves.

GRANNY SMITH
Well that’s nice, but I don't know what in blazes you two are talking about. I ain’t going anywhere any time soon. Pfft! Running the farm. Not after this display. Not likely.

GRANNY SMITH (CONT'D)
And don't you go getting any ideas about "cutting ties" with Sweet Apple Acres, or I'm goin right to your grandpappy, get me?

FILTHY RICH
<AHEM> Um... Yes, ma'am.

GRANNY SMITH
Now, who here still wants to hear about apple blight? Now when I was a filly…

SC. 27 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES, FARMHOUSE - PRESENT

APPLE BLOOM
I can't believe you told all those lies!

APPLEJACK
It's not a story I'm proud of, but it taught me a lifelong lesson about being honest. I hope you learned something too.

APPLE BLOOM
I sure did! I learned that no pony starts out perfect and sometimes you gotta make a few mistakes to figure out who you are.

BIG MAC
Eeyup!

APPLE BLOOM
But I think the most important thing I learned is who really runs Sweet Apple Acres...

ALL
Granny!

GRANNY SMITH
Yer darn tootin'! Now everypony quit yer lolly-gaggery and get back to work. Right after we have a glass of cider!

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