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When Apple Bloom gets caught in a lie, she protests that unlike Applejack she wasn't born honest. Granny Smith laughs. Fiddlesticks! Applejack was NOT born honest – in fact, Applejack used to lie so much it landed the whole Apple Family in the hospital. When Big Mac supports the story with a resounding “Eeyep!” Apple Bloom demands to be told what happened.

Flashback to Applejack (maybe with teased out 80s hair) back on the farm after returning from Manehattan. Granny Smith and Big Mac (who we discover was a bit of a motor-mouth in his youth) are glad to have her since it's cider season. In town, Applejack and her brother run into Filthy Rich. Filthy compliments AJ on her decision to return to the farm, confident that she'll be the Apple in charge at Sweet Apple Acres in no time. As such, he has a proposition. He'd like to bottle some of this year's cider and asks if he can get a few barrels early to sell at his store. Since Applejack will be running the farm pretty soon, he figures she's the one to ask. Big Mac lists a dozen reasons why Applejack won't be taking over the farm. Irked, Applejack agrees to Filthy Rich's proposal.

Unfortunately, when she brings it up to Granny, her answer is positively no. Filthy will have to wait in line like everypony else. Applejack goes to tell Filthy Rich the bad news, but is too embarrassed to admit that she's not as in charge at the farm as he thought. She lies that Granny has fallen sick and they won't be able to get him any early cider as a result. Filthy understands, but when he and the rest of the Riches show up at the farm to wish Granny a speedy recovery, Applejack has to add another lie on top of the first. She tells him that Granny's condition worsened and she went to Ponyville General. Of course, when the Riches set off to visit her at the hospital, Applejack realizes she's only made things worse.

Applejack convinces Big Mac to help and together they get Granny to the hospital. Once there, Applejack tells a series of escalating lies to keep up the charade. Big Mac does his best to help—coming up with reasons why Applejack's stories keep changing—until it all gets too convoluted for him to keep track of. Eventually Applejack comes clean and apologizes to everypony. Realizing that even telling a small lie can lead to bigger ones, she resolves to tell the truth from now on. Big Mac learns that liars need lots of words to explain themselves, but honest ponies barely have to talk at all.