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TEASER

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

APPLEJACK and APPLE BLOOM stand in front of the barn while
BIG MAC loads crates into a wagon for FILTHY RICH.

1 APPLEJACK
Well, I sure do appreciate you
doing all the packing this morning,
Apple Bloom.

2 APPLE BLOOM
It was easy-peasie, Applejack. I
just took the jars of Zap Apple Jam
and put 'em in boxes...

3 APPLEJACK
Still, it was--

4 APPLE BLOOM
(continuing)
...then I took the apples, and put
'em in boxes...

5 APPLEJACK
I know, but--

6 APPLE BLOOM
(still going)
...jugs of cider? Boxes.

Applejack looks at her sister.

7 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
I'm just saying, it wasn't hard.

8 APPLEJACK
Even so, it's good to see you
taking on more responsibility
around the farm.

9 APPLE BLOOM
Oh, I'm ready for all kinds of
responsibility.

Big Mac loads the last crate onto the wagon. Applejack looks
over to Filthy.

10 APPLEJACK
That's the last of it.

Filthy climbs into the wagon.

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

12 APPLEJACK
A pleasure as always. See ya next
time!

With that, Filthy rides off. Applejack, Big Mac, and Apple
Bloom turn and head into...

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

Applejack stops in the doorway looking inside at a stack of
crates that look exactly like the ones Filthy just rode off
with. None of them are marked.

13 APPLEJACK
Um... Apple Bloom, you packed up
the apples, the cider, and the Zap
Apple Jam into these here crates?

14 APPLE BLOOM
Sure did!

15 APPLEJACK
But none of them are marked and
they all look the same. Are you
sure we gave Filthy Rich the right
ones?

Doubt washes over Apple Bloom's face for half a second, but
she quickly covers it.

16 APPLE BLOOM
Pffshht! Of course! I am one
hundred and ten percent certain we
gave Filthy Rich the boxes of Zap
Apple Jam.

17 APPLEJACK
All right. Just checking.

Suddenly a voice calls from outside.

18 FILTHY RICH (O.S.)
Ah... Applejack?!

Applejack and Big Mac rush back out to see...

SC. 3 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN - CONTINUOUS

Filthy Rich stands at the back of his wagon with one of the crates open to reveal it's full of... cider!

19 FILTHY RICH
I know how Granny feels about Cider
Season, so when I heard the
rattling of these jugs, I knew
there must've been some mistake.

Applejack and Big Mac both turn to look at Apple Bloom,
peeking out from behind the barn door, embarrassed.

20 APPLEJACK
Mistake is one word for it.

21 BIG MAC
Eeyup!

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 4 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN - DAY

Big Mac and Applejack watch as Filthy rides off once more.
Apple Bloom looks out from the barn and trots over when
Applejack beckons to her. The three of them head to the
house.

22 APPLEJACK
Now, what in tarnation made you
wanna lie about something as simple
as given Filthy Rich the wrong
boxes?

23 APPLE BLOOM
I don't know, Applejack. I guess I
just didn't want you to know I made
a mistake.

24 APPLEJACK
Everypony makes mistakes, but
telling lies is no way to fix 'em.
Trust me, I know.

The three of them climb the steps to the porch where GRANNY
SMITH sits her rocker.

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

Granny and Big Mac start laughing - hard. Now it's *
Applejack's turn to look embarrassed. *

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

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

28 APPLE BLOOM *
WHAT?! *

29 BIG MAC *
Eeyup. *

Applejack shakes her head. She looks at Apple Bloom's *
stupefied face, then turns to Granny Smith. *

30 APPLEJACK *
(resigned) *
You may as well tell her the whole *
story. It might even do some good. *

Apple Bloom excitedly turns her attention to Granny. *

31 GRANNY SMITH *
When Applejack and Big Mac were *
just a wee bit older than you are *
now, they just couldn't wait to see *
which of them would end up run the *
farm... *

As Granny narrates, everything GOES WAVY and we...

FLASHBACK TO:

SC. 5 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - FLASHBACK *

The same tableau, but now a younger Applejack (sans hat) and *
Big Mac stand with a (marginally younger) Granny Smith (Apple *
Bloom is not in the picture). *

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

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33 BIG MAC
(condescending)
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.

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34 APPLEJACK
Too many!

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35 GRANNY SMITH
You two horned toads better stop
arguing over which one of ya's
gonna run the farm and get back to
workin' it!
(off their abashed looks)
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.

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OFF Big Mac and AJ exchanging grumpy looks...

SC. 6 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

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Big Mac talks his sister's ear off as they walk through town.

36 BIG MAC
...and that's another reason why it
takes a big pony, like me, to work
every inch of an apple orchard,
whereas a slightly smaller pony,
like you, has a much harder time...

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37 APPLEJACK
(insulted)
Do you honestly think that there's
a single thing on the farm that you
can do and I can't?

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But Big Mac is so caught up in what he's saying he isn't
listening.

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38 BIG MAC
...It's like I was just telling our
cousin Braeburn last week-- now
there's a pony who knows a thing or
two about hard work...

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Applejack seethes, but before she can tear into Big Mac, a
voice calls out:

39 FILTHY RICH (O.S.)
Hey, Applejack!

Applejack and Big Mac turn to see a young FILTHY RICH
trotting toward them, with his future wife, SPOILED RICH (now
SPOILED MILK) trailing behind him, looking annoyed.

40 APPLEJACK
Hey there, Filthy Rich!

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

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42 SPOILED MILK
(supercilious)
You work on a farm? How... quaint.

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

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

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45 FILTHY RICH
(reddening)
Don't mind Spoiled Milk. She's just
proud of me.
(aside to Applejack)
Though sometimes I think she just
wants to change her last name.
(winks, aloud)
BUT, she brings up a good point.

46 APPLEJACK
How do ya mean?

47 FILTHY RICH
Well, cider season's around the
corner - why not let me sell it for
you? No more crowds out at the
farm, but all of the profit. Well,
most of the profit. Whaddaya say?

48 APPLEJACK
That is a interesting idea...

Big Mac takes a breath and starts in again. He puffs up as he
talks, growing more and more self-important with every word,
closing his eyes to better hear his own melodious words.

49 BIG MAC
Well, it might very well be an
interesting idea. And maybe it's a
good idea and maybe it's a bad idea
but let me tell you a little bit
about what I think of ideas,
because in my experience ideas are
nice, but you can't plow a field
with them. It's like I was just
saying the other day...

Applejack pulls Filthy Rich aside as Big Mac drones on,
leaving Spoiled Milk to stare up at him.

50 APPLEJACK
The thing is, selling cider at the
farm is sort of a tradition and
Granny's kinda big on tradition.

51 FILTHY RICH
So, start a new tradition! Maybe
it'll even show Granny you're ready
to run things the same way I am.
(with a look to BM)
Of course, there are two of you, so
I guess you still don't know who'll
end up taking over.

Applejack looks over at her brother, still talking a blue
streak, still with his eyes closed, not even realizing no one
is listening. Finally, she turns back to Filthy.

52 APPLEJACK
You know what? This is a good idea.
And I think we should try it out.
(MORE)

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

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

She holds out her hoof and Filthy gives it a hardy shake. He
turns back to Big Mac and his fiancée who's just filing her
hooves while Big Mac drones on.

53 BIG MAC

(still going)

...and that's when I knew the most
important thing a pony can do is
say exactly--

Filthy takes Spoiled Milk by the hooves, interrupting Big Mac
mid-drone.

54 FILTHY RICH

Come on, honey. I've got to get
Rich's Barnyard Bargains ready for
it's first ever shipment of Sweat
Apple Acres Cider!

Big Mac's eyes pop open as Filthy and his fiancée rush off.

55 BIG MAC

--wait. What?

He turns to see Applejack with her hooves crossed, staring at
him with smug satisfaction.

SC. 7 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN - LATER

Applejack stops to open the barn doors, as Big Mac walks up
behind her, laden with spray canisters.

56 BIG MAC

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

AJ begins unloading the canisters off Big Mac's back.

57 APPLEJACK

You were too busy talking to
yourself. Besides, Granny will love
this idea and then she'll decide
that I'm the one who should take
over the farm. You'll see.

58 GRANNY SMITH (O.S.)

See what?

They turn, startled to see Granny approaching from around the side of the barn. Big Mac puffs up again.

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

60 GRANNY SMITH/APPLEJACK
(monotonous drone)
...can't plow a field with them.

61 BIG MAC
(deflated)
Right.

Granny looks over at Applejack.

62 GRANNY SMITH
Big idea, huh?

63 APPLEJACK
(quickly)
Actually, more of an opportunity. You see, we just ran into Filthy Rich in town, and he and I got to talking and... Did you know he's running the family store now?

64 GRANNY SMITH
And what does this "opportunity" that you and Filthy Rich came up with mean for Sweet Apple Acres?

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

66 GRANNY SMITH
Oh, is that all?

AJ smirks at Big Mac, feeling confident, until:

67 GRANNY SMITH (CONT'D)
Absolutely not!

OFF Applejack, swapping her smile for Big Mac's frown, and vice versa...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO**SC. 8 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES, BARN - RESUMING**

Applejack looks aghast as Granny explains.

68 GRANNY SMITH
Sorry, but Sweet Apple Acres ain't
gonna give out any cider before
cider season starts.

69 APPLEJACK
Why not?! How's it any different
then when you gave Zap Apple Jam to
Filthy's grandpappy to sell?

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70 GRANNY SMITH
The Rich family and the Apple
family go way back, it's true, but
tradition is tradition. The Zap
Apple Jam tradition is to let the
Riches' sell it in their store. But
the tradition with cider is for
everypony to line up at the orchard
and first come is first served.

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

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72 GRANNY SMITH
Cider-makin' is iffy business, you
know that. If the apples aren't
picked at just the right time,
it'll be too tart or too sweet. And
we're probably not gonna have a lot
this year anyway, what with all the
blight. If we give a few barrels to
Filthy Rich, that means somepony
else'll miss out. Sorry, Applejack,
but you'll have to un-promise.

OFF Applejack, crestfallen...

SC. 9 - EXT. PONYVILLE - THE NEXT DAY

Applejack heads toward Filthy Rich's store as Big Mac gloats.

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

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

75 BIG MAC
 (pompous)
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...

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

77 BIG MAC
What?

78 APPLEJACK
Exactly.

79 BIG MAC
Well, I'd rather talk too much than
get caught up in some new idea that
wasn't any good.

80 APPLEJACK
 (annoyed)
It was a good idea, and now I'm
gonna look like a darned fool
telling Rich I can't do it!

81 BIG MAC
 (puffing up again)
If there's one thing I know about
looking like a fool it's that you
can always tell--

Off Applejack rolling her eyes as Big Mac drones on again...

SC. 10 - INT. RICH'S BARNYARD BARGAINS - DAY

Filthy Rich looks over from talking to a customer to see Applejack with Big Mac standing behind her. Filthy's face splits into a smile.

82 FILTHY RICH
Well, if it isn't my new business
partner!

83 BIG MAC
 (sotto)
Oh, it isn't.

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Applejack elbows Big Mac as Rich trots over.

84 FILTHY RICH
Don't tell me you brought the cider
already.

85 BIG MAC
Oh, **she definitely** won't tell you
that.

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86 APPLEJACK
 (elbows him again)
What **my brother** means is, uh...
See...

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87 FILTHY RICH
 (not really listening)
Well, I'll be ready when the cider
is. Look what I did last night
after we made our deal.

He directs them to a corner of the store cordoned off by black curtains.

88 FILTHY RICH (CONT'D)
Tada!

He pulls a cord and the curtains part to reveal three empty barrel stands with a stand-up picture of a delicious glass of cider next to them. Applejack is stunned.

89 FILTHY RICH (CONT'D)
 (misreading her look)
I'll keep it covered until the
cider's actually here. Don't want
to whip everypony into a frenzy.

He smiles at AJ, who grimaces back.

90 APPLEJACK
Um, about the cider, Rich... **The**
thing is, I don't think **I** can get
you any.

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91 FILTHY RICH
(upset)
What do you mean? We had a deal.

92 APPLEJACK
Well, I know, but...

93 FILTHY RICH

(gesturing to the display)

I did all this work on your say so.
We shook hooves and everything.

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Applejack doesn't know what to say. Big Mac quickly steps in
to fill the silence.

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94 BIG MAC

You see, at Sweet Apple Acres we
have our traditions. The tradition
with cider is that everypony stands
in line and it's first come is
first served so--

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95 APPLEJACK

(joining in)

And cider-making is iffy business.
It's been a tough harvest this
year, what with all the blight. And
you have to pick the apples at just
the right time or--

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96 FILTHY RICH

So, there's no cider this year?

97 APPLEJACK

Now, I didn't say that. I'm just
trying to explain--

98 FILTHY RICH

Sounds like you're trying to make
excuses. Look, whenever granddad
dealt with Granny Smith, she kept
her word. If you can't do that then
maybe my family should stop doing
business with Sweet Apple Acres all
together.

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A beat as AJ and Big Mac absorb the import of this statement.
Big Mac starts to panic, losing all of his puffed up
pretense.

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99 BIG MAC

The thing is, it ain't really up to
us 'cause neither Applejack or I
are really running--

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100 APPLEJACK

(struck by inspiration)

--things the way we normally would.
You see, Granny Smith's been sick.

Applejack suddenly does her telltale "lying eyes" thing.

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101 FILTHY RICH
(shocked)
She has?! I had no idea!

Big Mac looks at Applejack, surprised.

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102 BIG MAC
Yeah, nopony did.

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103 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-handed at the moment.

104 FILTHY RICH
Of course, of course. I'm so sorry.
(escorts them to the door)
Please let me know if there's anything I can do.

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

Filthy Rich nods. OFF Big Mac, giving Applejack a look...

CUT TO:

SC. 11 - INT. FARMHOUSE, FRONT ROOM - LATER

...where they sit at the dinner table, Applejack withering under Big Mac's stare.

106 APPLEJACK
Don't give me that look!

107 BIG MAC
You were supposed to tell Rich the simple truth that Granny won't let you sell him cider, but instead you made things worse with a giant lie!! I oughta tell Granny.

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Before AJ can respond, Granny enters the room with a pot of food, and they both straighten up and put on smiles.

108 APPLEJACK
Hey Granny, need any help?

109 GRANNY SMITH
No, no, I'm fine. Just gotta check
on dessert.

Granny sets the pot down on the table and heads back into the kitchen. As soon as the door swings shut behind her, Big Mac and AJ lean in and scowl at each other again.

110 APPLEJACK
You **can't tell Granny. You** heard
Rich - if I told him the truth, he
was gonna stop doing business with
us altogether.

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

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Granny comes back again, and Applejack STOMPS on Big Mac's hoof under the table to shut him up.

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

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Granny stops in the middle of sitting down.

113 GRANNY SMITH
(huffy)
I'll go have a look.

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She pops back into the kitchen, whereupon Big Mac **immediately**
turns back to Applejack.

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114 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 making up some
story about Granny being sick!

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115 APPLEJACK
(shrugs)
Well, it worked, didn't it?

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Just then, there's a KNOCK at the door. Big Mac walks over and opens it to find Filthy Rich holding a bouquet of flowers, while Spoiled Milk stands behind him looking like she'd rather be anywhere else.

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

117 BIG MAC
 (to Applejack)
Look, sis, it's our good friend Mr.
Rich and his fiancée. Here. At our
house.

118 SPOILED MILK
 (looking around)
This is a house?

119 FILTHY RICH
 (ignore her)
These are for Granny.

Rich holds out the flowers. Big Mac turns his back to them and gives Applejack a death stare they can't see.

120 BIG MAC
They brought Granny flowers. Ain't
that sweet?

Applejack is about to respond when she sees the door to the kitchen start to swing open.

121 APPLEJACK
Uh, excuse me one second!

She ZIPS over and pushes the door, forcing Granny back to...

SC. 12 - INT. FARMHOUSE, KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

122 GRANNY SMITH
(catching her balance)
What in tarnation?!

123 APPLEJACK
Oh, I'm sorry, Granny. I, uh,
didn't see you there.
(lying eyes)

124 GRANNY SMITH
Well, of course not! You came
blasting in so fast, t'weren't
possible to see nothin'!

Granny starts back into the front room, but AJ grabs her.

125 APPLEJACK
I think we might have left a blight
spray canister in the orchard.
 (lying eyes)
Can you go count the ones in the
barn for me?

126 GRANNY SMITH
 (indignant)
Are you outta your apple-pickin'
mind? It's suppertime!

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

She slams the door on Granny, then ZIPS back into...

SC. 13 - INT. FARMHOUSE, FRONT ROOM - CONTINUOUS

...where Big Mac rambles on to Filthy Rich and Spoiled Milk.

128 BIG MAC
--and that's when Goldie Delicious
said to me, "you may as well just
wear that thing all the time. You
never know when you're gonna need
it!" So from that moment on, I took
to--

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Filthy looks over, relieved to see Applejack return.

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129 FILTHY RICH
 (sees AJ, relieved)
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why he always wear his yoke.

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130 SPOILED MILK
 (confused, annoyed)
Even though we asked him how your
grandmare is doing.

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Big Mac gives Applejack a nervous grin and "help me" eyes. AJ
steps forward, leading Filthy back toward the front door.

131 APPLEJACK
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.

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She leads them out to...

SC. 14 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - CONTINUOUS

...where she escorts them to the fence.

132 FILTHY RICH
Is she doing that bad?

133 APPLEJACK
Well, *one thing's for sure. She*
can't be seeing *any visitors.*

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AJ sees Granny exiting the barn behind them and panics.

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

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Applejack DASHES past them and pulls Granny back into...

SC. 15 - INT. BARN - CONTINUOUS

...where Granny has to compose herself again.

135 GRANNY SMITH
Leapin' lemmings, what's gotten
into you?!

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

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

138 APPLEJACK
Oh good.
(trying to hold her back)
Say, Granny, when did you first
fight the apple blight again?

139 GRANNY SMITH
(remembering)
Well, it was my second year here in
Ponyville...

Everything starts to GO WAVY again as Granny starts her story, but Applejack jumps out the door, narrowly avoiding getting caught in the flashback, instead finding herself...

SC. 16 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - CONTINUOUS

...where Big Mac is once again talking non-stop.

140 BIG MAC
--and some folks say that's how the
apples on our farm got to tasting
so sweet, 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.

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141 SPOILED MILK
(what the hell?)
But we asked when we could come
back to see Granny!

142 APPLEJACK
Big Mac didn't want to be rude, but
you really shouldn't come back.

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143 FILTHY RICH
What? Why not?!

144 APPLEJACK
Well, because Granny's...

She looks around, spotting a sprayer beside the barn.

145 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
...got apple blight!
(lying eyes)

146 FILTHY RICH
(surprised)
I thought only trees got blight.

147 APPLEJACK
Yeah, that's usually the case.
(thinking, then)
The doctors think it's from working
in the orchard for so many years.

148 FILTHY RICH/BIG MAC
Doctors?

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149 APPLEJACK
You see... We had to take Granny to
Ponyville General.
(lying eyes)
We just got back right before you
showed up.
(lying eyes again)

150 FILTHY RICH
Oh no, that's terrible.

151 SPOILED MILK
(cringing from them)
It's not contagious, is it?

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

She starts escorting them to the road; they go willingly.

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

154 APPLEJACK
That's right.
(then, realizing)
Wait. Get where?

155 FILTHY RICH
Why, the hospital, of course.

156 APPLEJACK
You should probably skip it - I'm
sure Granny'll have a clean bill of
health by morning.

157 FILTHY RICH
Nonsense. What pony wouldn't want
to see a friendly face when they're
not feeling well?
(guiding Spoiled Milk off)
I'm sure we'll see you at Ponyville
General!

OFF Applejack, dumbfounded, as Big Mac shakes his head...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 17 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - RESUMING

Big Mac unleashes on Applejack:

158 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?

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Applejack isn't listening - her wheels are spinning, until...

159 APPLEJACK
I got it!

And she runs past Big Mac to...

SC. 18 - INT. BARN - CONTINUOUS

AJ rushes in (followed closely by Big Mac) to find Granny finishing her story. Big Mac stares at the wavy borders of the screen, interested and confused, until they dissipate.

160 GRANNY SMITH
-- and that was the worst case of
apple blight I've ever seen!

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

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

163 BIG MAC
You are, *apparently*.

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164 APPLEJACK
(shoots him a look)
What he means is, you're *needed* at
the hospital.

165 GRANNY SMITH
Whatever for?

Applejack sees the other sprayers and decides to double down.

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

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

OFF Big Mac, rolling his eyes...

SC. 19 - EXT. PONYVILLE GENERAL HOSPITAL - DAY

AJ, Big Mac and Granny approach Ponyville General.

168 BIG MAC
Well, here we are. What now?

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AJ spots Filthy Rich and Spoiled Milk approaching from the other direction.

169 APPLEJACK
You know, we're supposed to go in
the back. Uh, to avoid any ponies
in the waiting room with the
blight.
(lying eyes)

AJ hustles Granny around the back to...

SC. 20 - INT. HOSPITAL, HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

...where she spots Rich again coming from the other direction. She hustles Granny into a room.

170 APPLEJACK
Oops, I almost forgot!

Big Mac stands in the hall a beat, until Applejack YANKS him inside the room. OFF this...

TIMECUT TO:

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

Applejack leads Granny from the room, the latter dressed in scrubs and a surgical mask. Big Mac follows.

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

172 GRANNY SMITH
(muffled through mask)
If you say so, dearie.

173 APPLEJACK
 (scanning for Filthy Rich)
Now you wait right here while I...
check on your presentation.
 (lying eyes)

OFF Granny, MUMBLING through her mask as AJ runs off...

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

Applejack catches up to Filthy Rich and Spoiled Milk.

174 APPLEJACK
Fancy meeting you two here!

175 SPOILED MILK
Um... we told you we were coming. *

176 FILTHY RICH
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.

177 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 you're there.
Easy as Granny's apple pie!
 (lying eyes)

She starts off in the other direction.

178 FILTHY RICH
Aren't you coming with us?

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

She ZIPS away. OFF the two of them, looking confused...

SC. 23 - INT. HOSPITAL, HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

Applejack returns to Granny and Big Mac.

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

Applejack grabs Big Mac, but Granny stops her.

181 GRANNY SMITH
Where are you two going?

182 APPLEJACK
Big Mac **can't come**. He, um...
(grasping)
...might be contagious.
(lying eyes)

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183 GRANNY SMITH/**BIG MAC**
Contagious?

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184 APPLEJACK
Yep! The blight affects stallions
more than mares.

Granny mulls this over as AJ pulls Big Mac into...

SC. 24 - INT. HOSPITAL, ROOM - CONTINUOUS

...where she leads him to a gurney and pulls back the sheet.

185 APPLEJACK
All right. Climb up here and I'll
cover you up. Then I'll bring
Filthy in, tell him you're Granny,
but you're not allowed to take the
sheet off. You moan a few times, he
leaves, and this is all over.

186 **BIG MAC**
(puffing up)
**All right, Applejack, this is just
spinnin' way out of control. Now I
know you'll feel foolish if Filthy
Rich finds out you lied about
Granny getting sick, and again
about her needed to go to the
hospital, or to Granny about them
wanting her to come here and talk
about apple blight, or about how--**

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187 APPLEJACK
(cutting him off)
**BIG MCINTOSH, PLEASE JUST LISTEN TO
ME FOR ONCE!**
(off him staring)
**This ain't about me feeling
foolish!**

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APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

I've told so many lies at this point, if Rich finds out about them all he will definitely cut ties with us and the farm will go under. Now do you wanna be the cause of that or do you wanna help keep it from happening?

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Big Mac looks at the gurney, then...

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188 BIG MAC

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Why can't you be Granny! You're her size, and this is all your fault in the first place!

189 APPLEJACK

I would, but if I left it to you to talk, you'd just ramble on and on until we all got caught.

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Big Mac's face says AJ has a point. He shrugs and climbs under the sheet.

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190 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

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

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OFF Big Mac, frowning as Applejack pulls the sheet up over his head, then RUNS out the door to...

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SC. 25 - INT. HOSPITAL, HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Applejack spots Granny up the hall a bit, looking around.

191 APPLEJACK

(yelling)

Granny!

Just then, Filthy Rich and Spoiled Milk turn the corner at the end of the hall, looking more confused than ever.

192 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

(whispering)

Granny!

Granny turns toward Applejack, her back toward Rich. AJ trots toward her, but Rich spots her and heads their way.

193 GRANNY SMITH

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

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

She shoves Granny unceremoniously through the nearest door,
then turns around to come face to face with Rich.

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

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

She leads the two of them back to...

SC. 26 - INT. HOSPITAL, ROOM/HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

...only to find that "Granny" (aka Big Mac) is not there.

197 APPLEJACK
What the dadgum--

198 SPOILED MILK
What now?!

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

AJ double-checks the door number, then looks down the hall.
An orderly wheels a gurney with one of Big Mac's unmistakable
red legs poking out from beneath the sheet.

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

Applejack double-times Rich and Spoiled Milk after the
gurney.

201 SPOILED MILK
Is that Granny Smith?

202 FILTHY RICH
Where are they taking her?

AJ sees the real Granny exit the room she put her in.

203 APPLEJACK
You two, don't lose that gurney!
(runs up to Granny, sotto)
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APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

Granny, what're you doin'? You were supposed to stay there.

204 GRANNY SMITH

It was a supply closet!

205 APPLEJACK

Oh! Ah...

(thinking fast)

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

Applejack turns back and scans the hall, but there's no sign of Filthy Rich or Big Mac. She pokes her head in door after door, until she reaches double doors that lead to...

SC. 27 - INT. HOSPITAL, OPERATING THEATER - CONTINUOUS

AJ and Granny find themselves in an old-fashioned operating theater in the round. Masked and gowned ponies stand around an operating table. Scanning the seats above, AJ sees Rich and Spoiled Milk in the gallery. A MASKED NURSE approaches.

206 MASKED NURSE

Oh good, you're here. We can begin.

The nurse leads Granny forward. Applejack looks down and realizes that the patient on the table is Big Mac!

207 APPLEJACK

(rushing forward)

Uh, I think there's been a mistake!

Another MASKED PONY steps in front of Applejack.

208 MASKED PONY

I'm sorry, but you can't go out there without a gown and mask.

209 APPLEJACK

But-- but--

(pointing to table)

That's my brother on there!

210 MASKED PONY

(re: Granny)

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

Applejack facehoofs herself. Meanwhile, Granny looks up at the gallery and starts to give her presentation.

211 GRANNY SMITH
(muffled)
Apple blight is a serious disease,
especially once it takes hold--

212 MASKED PONY
Did she say "apple blight?"

213 MASKED NURSE
I think she said "gaskin mites."

214 MASKED PONY
Ooh, that doesn't sound good.

215 GRANNY SMITH
(muffled)
--it starts in the leaves and turns
the branches red as it works its
way toward the trunk.

Granny pulls one of Big Mac's legs out from under the sheet
to show the pale hoof and red foreleg.

216 GRANNY SMITH (CONT'D)
(muffled)
Once it's this far along, the only
thing to do is prune the branches.

ANGLE ON Filthy Rich and Spoiled Milk in the gallery,
convinced they're about to watch Granny undergo surgery.

217 FILTHY RICH
Oh no! Granny!

218 MASKED NURSE
(to Granny)
Did you say "prune the branches?"

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

APPLEJACK'S POV: PAN from Granny getting quizzical looks from *
the doctors to Rich, fretting in the balcony, to Big Mac,
shaking with fear on the table. This has gone on too long. AJ
dashes out and slides into the center of the room.

220 APPLEJACK
Everypony just **stop**! This is all a *
big misunderstanding.
(then, coming clean)
Actually, it's a big lie!

She pulls the sheet off Big Mac and he sheepishly raises his head. Granny sees this and pulls her mask off.

221 GRANNY SMITH
Big Mac?!

Filthy Rich sees this and stands up in the gallery.

222 FILTHY RICH
Granny Smith?! What's going on
here, Applejack?!

223 GRANNY SMITH
That's a darn good question.

Granny (and everypony else) looks to Applejack and Big Mac.
Big Mac gets off the gurney and starts to speak, but
Applejack steps in front of him.

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224 APPLEJACK
I'm not sure if I was worried that
no pony 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.

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225 FILTHY RICH
So Granny was never sick?

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226 GRANNY SMITH
And there ain't no Apple Blight in
ponies?

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Applejack just shakes her head.

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

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One of the Masked Ponies turns to another.

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228 MASKED PONY
(pointing to Granny)
So, she's not a doctor?

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Applejack looks up at Filthy, pleading.

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

230 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. Maybe
I just need to talk less and
listening more...
 (to AJ)
Especially to you.

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

They embrace.

232 GRANNY SMITH
I don't know what in blazes you two
are talking about. I'm not going
anywhere any time soon. Pfft!
Running the farm. Not after this
display. Not likely.

She looks up into the gallery at Filthy.

233 GRANNY SMITH (CONT'D)
And don't you go getting any ideas
about "cutting ties" with Sweet
Apple Acres, or I'll go right to
your Pappy and your Grand-Pappy,
get me?

Filthy casts a nervous glance at Spoiled Milk who glowers at
him. He clears his throat.

234 FILTHY RICH
<AHM> Um... Yes, ma'am.

235 GRANNY SMITH
Now, who here still wants to hear
about apple blight?

As the hospital staff all slowly raise their hooves,
Applejack can't help but smile. Everything GOES WAVY as we...

FLASHFORWARD TO:

SC. 28 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES, FARMHOUSE - PRESENT

...where grown Applejack casts a sheepish grin down at Apple Bloom who stares up at her, slack-jawed.

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

237 APPLEJACK
(nods glumly)
It's not a story I'm proud of, but
it taught me a lifelong lesson
about being honest.
(gives AB a serious look)
I hope you learned something too.

238 APPLE BLOOM
(excited)
I sure did! I learned not to get
caught up in a big mess of lies!
(turning to Big Mac)
And I learned that you used to talk
more than any pony in Equestria!

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

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They all turn to Granny Smith.

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241 ALL
Granny!

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242 GRANNY SMITH
Yer darn tootin'!

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OFF this smiling Apple Family tableau...

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