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Logline: Granny Smith and her elderly friends are headed on a "Spring Break" type vacation and Rainbow Dash is asked by Apple Jack to look out for them. Soon she's doing less caretaking than frazzled reining in, as these elderly ponies are reliving their youth – and are ready to party!

TEASER**1.) EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES- DAY**

It's cider season! Practically the entire town of Ponyville is standing in line to get a mug of the best stuff around (as usual). APPLEJACK and BIG MAC stand at the booth, pouring glass after glass. Shockingly, the biggest cider fan around, RAINBOW DASH, has been absent. She arrives to the cider stand just under the wire. She's one of the last ponies of the day! Dash is wearing her WONDERBOLTS UNIFORM and looks panicked. She explains that she's late because she was at a big Wonderbolts performance. Applejack pours her a mug of cider and it drips out like it's the very last of it! Rainbow's face falls—she promised the Wonderbolts she'd bring them some after bragging about the best cider in Equestria! AJ tells Rainbow to follow her...

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

Inside the barn, AJ reveals that she had anticipated this situation. She worked overtime hours just to ensure that there would be an extra batch of cider for her to enjoy. Rainbow Dash is so grateful. "I really owe you, AJ! I promise, anything you want!" Applejack cocks her head to the side, "Well...I can think of ONE thing."

3.) INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES- LIVING ROOM- CONTINUOUS

"You can supervise Granny Smith's 'Mares Trip' to Las Pegasus!" AJ gestures and we widen to reveal GRANNY SMITH, APPLE ROSE, APPLESAUCE, and GOLDIE DELICIOUS. We zoom in on Granny snoring in a rocking chair. Applesauce and Apple Rose eating a snack together (chewing/moving very slowly). Goldie Delicious "chasing" after one of her cats... at a snail's pace.

Rainbow Dash's jaw drops.

END TEASER.

ACT ONE**4.) EXT. PONYVILLE TRAIN STATION- DAY**

Applejack and Rainbow Dash stand on the platform, talking in hushed tones. Rainbow has a SUITCASE with her. She is anxious and tries to plead with AJ to go instead. Rainbow Dash will do ANYTHING else. "Don't you think I'm totally the wrong pony for this? I'm all about speed and thrills... and these grannies take forever to do anything!" Behind them, the GRANNIES slowly make their way over wearing matching VISORS and dragging LUGGAGE.

Goldie’s bag has cats leaking out of it. (Note: it takes them almost the whole scene to board the train in the BG.)

But Applejack assures RD that she’ll be just fine—she might even have a little fun! “Okay...” Rainbow caves. “But only cause I promised!” It’s obvious that she thinks the “fun” part is a stretch. Satisfied, Applejack gives Rainbow Dash a list of all the things she’s got to remember to remind the grannies to do. Rainbow hides her dread and promises to take good care of the grannies.

“Come on, slowpoke!” The grannies shout to Rainbow. They are finally aboard the train! Rainbow jumps on and they all wave to Applejack from the windows as it chugs away. “Have fun! Don’t get too wild!” AJ calls out after them. “Go easy on Rainbow Dash!”

5.) INT. FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS TRAIN- LATER

The train speeds through the countryside as grannies giggle and chat about all the things they want to see in Las Pegasus. They reminisce and Goldie tells the same story a few times in a row, as cats crawl all over her: “That reminds me of the time I climbed a tree...”

We PAN OVER to Rainbow reading AJ’s list of granny reminders aloud to herself—they need to eat a soft lunch, get their rest/naps, do their stretching exercises, and take their vitamins. After each line, there’s a little reminder from AJ about the delicious cider she worked so hard to make for Rainbow. Rainbow sighs—this is going to be so boring!

The grannies tell Rainbow they are so excited she’s come along—they think she’s “a hoot”! Rainbow plays along. “Uh huh, yeah, I can eat soft food with the best of ‘em.” Rainbow is ready for the worst trip of her life.

6.) EXT. LAS PEGASUS STRIP- DAY

The old mares and Rainbow take in the glory of “the strip”. They marvel at the lights! The tall buildings! The spectacle of it all! Rainbow’s jaw drops as she finally realizes how cool it is to be here, even *with* a bunch of grannies.

She instantly spots several things she wants to see/try, but she hears AJ’s voice in her head, reminding her of all the things on the old ponies’ checklist. Rainbow Dash makes the group go check into their hotel first, per Applejack’s caretaking suggestions. The grannies groan. “This reminds me of the story of when I climbed a tree...” Goldie starts to prattle. “Oh, I don’t think I know that one!” Applesauce replies. The grannies head off.

Off Rainbow’s excited face as she takes one more look around, then follows them...

7.) INT. FLIM & FLAM’S FABULOUS RESORT HOTEL – ROOM- CONTINUOUS

The ladies burst into the room, buzzing with excitement. It’s a beautiful suite overlooking the main lobby (possible re-use from “Int. Gladmane’s Office” Set). Immediately, they all want to party and cut loose! But... Rainbow Dash insists that the grannies need a nap after their long journey. “Relax! Sleep!” They protest and grumble but eventually agree. Rainbow gets the grannies all snuggled in their beds and leaves the room to get a quick ride on the

rollercoaster in before they wake up!

8.) INT. FLIM & FLAM'S FABULOUS RESORT HOTEL -SKY SWINGS- SOON

Rainbow Dash rushes out to the lobby, looks around, and spots the giant SKY SWINGS overhead. That's perfect for a quick thrill!! She heads over to the line and gets in it. She is super pumped. We CROSS FADE as she waits. Finally, Rainbow gets on and buckles herself in! "Woooooo!"

After the ride, Rainbow realizes she has been gone for a while. "The grannies!" She darts back to the room and opens the door to...

9.) INT. FLIM & FLAM'S FABULOUS RESORT HOTEL - ROOM- CONTINUOUS

Rainbow sees the Grannies still in the beds and breathes a sigh of relief. Everything's totally fine—they are sleeping soundly. "Hey, everypony I'm back! Rise and shine for some nice, soft lunch at the buffet... and then maybe some... uh... stretches!"

When none of the grannies even stir, Rainbow gets confused. They must have been *really* tired! She touches the "form" of Granny Smith under the blankets and realizes it's not her. Rainbow pulls back the blankets to reveal A TOWEL PONY! Rainbow panics as she pulls the covers from each bed to reveal two more towel ponies and a PONY MADE OF CATS (where Goldie had been sleeping). They meow and disperse around Rainbow Dash. "Oh no! I *lost* the grannies!"

Off Rainbow's flustered face as we...

ACT TWO

10.) INT. FLIM & FLAM'S FABULOUS RESORT HOTEL- ARCADE ROOM- MONTAGE

Rainbow Dash is a wreck—she trots through the hotel, searching everywhere for the old mares in a panic. "What am I going to tell Applejack?!" Finally, she hears granny whooping and hollering turns to--

The arcade! Applesauce is playing a dancing game like Dance Dance Revolution (see Int. Gladmane Arcade Room set for existing game) against a much younger pony. She is more than just keeping up—she is winning! A few onlookers stomp their hooves on the ground in time to the beat. Rainbow is shocked. Rainbow rushes over to the old mare and pulls her from the game, worried. She brings her along to...

11.) INT. FLIM & FLAM'S FABULOUS RESORT HOTEL- BUFFET- MONTAGE

The buffet restaurant, where a teetering tower of food on a tray reveals... APPLE ROSE! Rainbow Dash gasps to realize it's a plate full of CRUNCHY FOOD!! She's got CARROTS, TORTILLA CHIPS, etc. So not on Applejack's soft foods list! Rainbow zooms over just in time to block the bite Apple Rose was going to take. Phew!

Rainbow looks triumphant until she realizes Applesauce is gone now, too! When Rainbow isn't watching, Apple Rose eats a huge mouthful of the crunchy food.

12.) EXT. FLIM & FLAM’S FABULOUS RESORT HOTEL- POOL DECK- MONTAGE

Rainbow searches the pool area with Apple Rose in tow. A few Ponies lounge on chairs with their hooves up, sipping juice drinks, and swimming. Finally, they spot GOLDIE DELICIOUS and GRANNY SMITH lounging on some chairs wearing SUNGLASSES. A few of Goldie’s cats are present, sleeping on the chair. An OLD STALLION stands alongside them—the grannies seem to be flirting with him!

Rainbow runs over to them just as a pony dives in the pool, splashing all of them. The cats howl. Dash winces, dripping with water. The three grannies giggle at Rainbow Dash then their eyes go wide as they point up to...

13.) EXT. FLIM & FLAM’S HOTEL RESORT HOTEL- BUNGEE PLATFORM- MONTAGE

APPLESAUCE is strapped into a BUNGEE HARNESS (and all other appropriate safety gear)!! A BUNGEE INSTRUCTOR PONY is next to her. Applesauce excitedly waves to the group down below. Rainbow looks horrified—she can’t let this happen! She flies up to the platform and “rescues” her. Applesauce looks annoyed.

14.) INT. FLIM & FLAM’S- HOTEL ROOM- SHORTLY AFTER

Rainbow Dash collapses into a chair. These grannies are full of energy! Rainbow can hardly believe how it’s going—it’s nothing like the boring, slow trip she’d imagined. Rainbow is exhausted from trying to keep up. “Are you alright dear?” asks Granny. “You look a bit peaky...” Rainbow insists she is fine. “This reminds me of the time I climbed a tree,” says Goldie. She starts to tell her story again and Rainbow soon falls fast asleep until...

Rainbow awakens with a jolt. “Granny Smith? Apple Rose?” She gets up to look around and finds a note: “Gone dancin’!” it reads. What?!

15.) INT. DANCE CLUB – CONTINUOUS

The grannies “rave” to the lights and music of the club (possible re-use of Club set from S6E9), kicking up their hooves. Granny Smith spots the old stallion from across the dance floor. She winks at him and shakes out her mane bun and her tail bun in what seems to be slow motion (until we ZOOM out and realize that everything else is moving at normal speed, it’s just Granny Smith that’s slow). The grannies giggle and exit the club just as...

Rainbow Dash stands in the middle of the dance floor, searching. “Has anypony seen a group of wild grannies?!” she calls out, but the music is too loud. Everyone ignores her until Rainbow finds the light switches and flips them on. Everyone boos, but she yells over them to ask again. The stallion points to the back exit. “Just missed ‘em!”

16.) INT. FLIM & FLAM’S RESORT- ARCADE- CONTINUOUS

Rainbow finds all four of the grannies are playing a carnival-style game of throwing APPLES at stacked (and weighted) CIDER BOTTLES. FLIM & FLAM are running it. As Rainbow approaches, Granny Smith is about to throw her last apple. Flim & Flam start to offer their condolences for losing the game when Granny wins the whole shebang! Flim & Flam are gobsmacked! They’ve never had someone win before (because it’s rigged). They

quickly invent a prize (their hats?) and the grannies are thrilled. Dash can’t believe it! These gals are unstoppable!

Rainbow Dash is super impressed and wants to let them celebrate, but she is worried that they have been running themselves ragged. “I think it’s time for a nice, slow activity...”

“How about a relaxing float down the lazy river?” Granny suggests. Rainbow agrees to it—that sounds very calm.

17.) EXT. FLIM & FLAM’S RESORT—POOL AREA- LAZY RIVER – LATER

Rainbow Dash and the grannies all float along in INNER TUBES. Rainbow takes a deep breath and relaxes—she’s finally got the grannies under control and doesn’t have to worry about failing Applejack. The grannies paddle and float ahead of her/turn a corner. Suddenly Rainbow hears shrieks! She speeds up to catch up to the group and sees choppy waters ahead (the path splits off). Assuming the grannies have gone the dangerous route, Rainbow thrusts her raft forward. “I’ll save you!” As she gets closer, she realizes the grannies went down the other (more calm) way after all! They call out to RD. “What are you doing going down that way, dearie?!”

“Ahhhh!” Off Rainbow’s face as she gets thrust down the rapid course...

ACT THREE

18.) EXT. FLIM & FLAM’S RESORT—POOL AREA- LAZY RIVER- CONTINUOUS

We return as Rainbow Dash barrels down the rapids, still completely out of control! Meanwhile, behind her, the grannies have changed course and followed her. They bump around, determined to look after Rainbow. “We have to stay with our caretaker!”

Up front, Rainbow sees a drop approaching. She grips her inner tube as she topples down the “waterfall” feature, screaming. She splashes to the bottom dramatically. A moment passes before she bobs to the surface. It’s just in time to see each granny artfully twirling and jumping through the air on her turn going down the jump. They love it!

At the bottom, they swim over to Rainbow Dash to make she’s okay. “You have to be more careful, dear,” Apple Rose says as she pats the waterlogged Dash on the back. “That part at the end will sneak up on ya your first time. But it gets much easier after the third or fourth.” Rainbow is shocked. “Wait—you’ve done this before?” They tell her that of course they have—a pony’s gotta have her kicks! The grannies are extreme, just like RD. They explain they kept ditching her this whole time because they didn’t want to insult her, but she was being too boring. That “list” was just for Applejack’s benefit—a loose guideline.

Rainbow Dash realizes that she shouldn’t have judged the grannies by their ages. “And I should have actually listened to you,” Rainbow Dash admits. “I was just worried.” But now—she is thrilled. They can do awesome things together! “Finally!” The grannies all reply.

19.) INT. FLIM & FLAM'S RESORT - "RAINBOWROLLER" COASTER - DAY

Rainbow Dash and the four grannies all board the rollercoaster together. Rainbow Dash now wears a matching visor/t-shirt to be a part of the group. They all hoot and holler as they zip through the course.

A flash goes off and we freeze frame on the souvenir ride picture of the five ponies together. The four grannies are all in varying states of excitement, but Rainbow is looking a little freaked out. We zoom out of the picture to...

20.) INT. FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS TRAIN-

Rainbow holds the picture in her hooves, smiling. The old mares all tell her that they've decided to make her an honorary granny! "Las Pegasus-- same time again next year?" Rainbow is delighted. "You bet!"

21.) EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES- CONTINUOUS

Applejack stands out front to greet the group. "Welcome back, y'all! How was the trip?!" The grannies trudge back inside the house. "It was delightful, just lovely."

AJ leans in and asks Rainbow in a whisper. "Okay you can tell me—how were they?" Rainbow shrugs. "Oh, they mostly just slept the whole time..." AJ sees right through it. "They ran you ragged, didn't they?" Rainbow is in disbelief. "You knew?" AJ laughs and says that's why she didn't want to go. "I can hardly keep up with 'em!" Rainbow is stunned. "You know, this reminds me of the time Goldie Delicious climbed a tree..." she winks at the grannies and everyone laughs as we...

END SHOW.