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Logline: Granny Smith and her elderly friends are headed on a “Spring Break” type vacation and Apple Jack volunteers to go with – 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!

GOLDIE DELICIOUS shows up at Sweet Apple Acres with a smile, a suitcase, and a few cats. APPLEJACK greets her aged cousin solicitously: Can she get her a mug of cider? A chair? Goldie bats away all of Applejack’s hovering – she’s not there to stay, she’s there for a Mares Trip! (Yelled like “Road Trip!”) She is taking her best friends (GRANNY SMITH, APPLE ROSE, and APPLESAUCE) on an impromptu vacation to Las Pegasus! Applejack gapes, shocked, until Goldie closes her mouth for her. “That’s just askin’ for cat hair to get in.”

Granny Smith is on board right away. She grabs her poker visor and her fanny pack and is practically out the door before Applejack can protest, quickly followed by Apple Rose and Applesauce. But after Applejack’s experience at Gladmane’s (#620), she is not thrilled with the idea of the Grannies heading to the glitzy town. What if something terrible were to happen in Las Pegasus? What if they can’t take the crowds, the lights, the games, the *everything*?! That place is dangerous for uh... Ponies of a certain age. “Are you callin’ me old?” Goldie asks. Applejack hems and haws – of course she is, but she doesn’t want to admit it. Unable to repress Goldie, Applejack realizes she’ll just have to go along on the trip, to keep an eye on the oldsters and make sure they’re all right. The Grannies vote and decide Applejack can come along. “Just don’t cramp our style,” Apple Rose warns.

On the train there, Applejack tries to review safety protocol for Las Pegasus and passes out lists of pre-approved activities – like naptime, soft-food buffets, and the resort Senior Sock Hop dance). But when the group arrives for the “Resort Getaway Package”, Applejack has her hooves full. The four oldsters run in opposite directions – to the fancy hotel suite, the pool (Granny Smith’s slow-mo tail bun being shaken out), the Las Pegasus strip (“I don’t know why they keep throwing me these beads!”), the shows.

It’s basically the Golden Girls title sequence until Apple Jack interrupts to announce that it’s naptime. As she lectures the Grannies about pacing themselves, they zip off to play a (non-gambling) carnival game run by Flim and Flam. Applejack is appalled when she sees this - those things are clearly impossible to win (think a rigged midway game)! So she’s shocked when the Grannies manage to each come away with HUGE PRIZES: “We know what those young fellahs were up to. It’s not our first rodeo.”

Applejack is forced to re-evaluate the Grannies – turns out, they’ve taken plenty of Mares Trips before. As they reminisce about their adventures (“nobody can tandem Pear-A-Chute jump like you, Goldie!”) Applejack realizes – these grannies may be old, but they still know how to party. “We invented havin’ a good time, didn’t we, girls?” Applejack gets caught up in the fun as the Grannies gorge themselves at all-you-can eat buffets, see amazing shows (pone fantastique!), and

take part in a karaoke singing competition. And they keep running into an old stallion they know, Orange Pippin, who also happens to be one of Goldie's old flames.

Applejack is having such a good time, she starts planning MORE activities for the Grannies. Things come to a head when, taking inspiration from their stories, she signs them up for a surprise Pear-A-Chute jump from the highest point in Las Pegasus!

Atop the jump tower, the Grannies suit up with Applejack, who suddenly is less excited about the whole endeavor. That ground is REALLY far away. It's hard to admit, but... Honestly, she's not even sure she can do this. Granny Smith smiles and says, "Then we won't." Applejack is surprised – but...isn't adventure what a Mares Trip is all about? The Grannies set her straight – the trip is about having fun with your friends. And if one person isn't having fun, then it's not an activity they're going to do together. "Besides, the waterslide off this platform is waaaay better," Applesauce winks.

Applejack realizes that she went about this all wrong – turns out the Grannies had to watch out for HER, after all. "You'll figure it out when you're our age," Apple Rose says. As they leave the Pear-A-Chute jump, Goldie admits there is one last thing on Applejack's list she'd like to do before they go home. CUT TO: The ladies boogie the night away with Orange Pippin and his geriatric pals on the Senior Sock Hop dance floor... And even Applejack joins in. ("The Chimichanga? The Kick Your Foot? The Seesaw? Do ALL these dances have names?")