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ACT ONE**SC. 1 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES, FARMHOUSE – DAY**

- Goldie Delicious is there for a visit. Applejack is glad for the help – it's the Confluence, the once-in-a-hundred-moons harvest when the whole orchard comes ripe at the same time. She and Big Mac have been losing sleep planning. Goldie is happy to help and asks if Apple Bloom is off setting traps for the Great Seedling. AJ laughs. She knows it's a fun harvest myth, but she's pretty sure AB outgrew the GS when she was a foal. Off Apple Bloom appearing at the top of the stairs with goggles, net and rope, raring to catch the Great Seedling ... **END TEASER**

SC. 2 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES, FARMHOUSE – RESUME

- AJ is surprised. They haven't hunted for the Great Seedling since AB was small. She thought she'd be too old for it now, but AB is excited. Goldie reminded her how if you catch the magical creature, you'll get bountiful harvests for a hundred moons. She can't wait and leaves to go lay her traps.
- AJ is concerned. She's worried about Goldie encouraging this foal's tale. They have a lot of work to do, but more importantly AB will end up disappointed. Wacky, old Goldie doesn't think it's a folklore. AJ rolls her eyes, but Granny Smith tell her it's fine. AB is having fun and it's not harming anypony.

SC. 3 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – DAY

- As AJ and BM head into the orchard AJ tells BM about her concerns. She doesn't want to rain on AB's parade, but they do need her help. They're both exhausted from planning for the Confluence, there's a lot of work still to do, and Goldie is less helpful than she'd like—cut to Goldie doing some ridiculous stuff with cats.
- Ultimately she convinces herself that as long as she and BM work hard and as long as AB's Great Seedling hunt doesn't get in the way, everything will be fine. PAN OVER to see BM asleep on his feet. As AJ wakes him, he takes a step back, right into one of AB's Seedling traps which hoists him into the air, hanging him from his hind legs by a rope snare. Off AJ's SIGH...

SC. 4 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES, FARMHOUSE – NEXT MORNING

- AJ is ready to get to work. BM is somehow even more exhausted than the day before. AB is super excited and rushes outside to check her traps. AJ confides in the rest that she hopes AB's disappointment doesn't keep her from helping out the rest of the day. From outside AB shrieks and they all run out to find...

SC. 5 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – MORNING

- AB standing in front of lines of different colored apples on the ground that cross and swirl in an intricate pattern. Goldie proclaims these are the tracks of the Great Seedling! It was here!! AB is more excited than ever. Off AJ, confused...

ACT TWO**SC. 6 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – RESUME**

- AB is beside herself – the Seedling really exists! And it came! She wonders if she still has a chance to capture it. Goldie reassures her—if she covers the farm in traps tonight, she's sure to catch it.
- Excited, AB heads out, intent on leaving even more traps tonight.

- AJ doesn't understand. She asks Goldie if she made the "tracks," but Goldie categorically denies it, as do Granny and BM. Off AJ, stumped...

SC. 7 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES, BARN – LATER

- AJ finds AB, gathering up more equipment for traps. In as delicate a way as possible, AJ expresses her skepticism about the GS. It's just all so fantastical, which is fine when you're young, but they have so much work to do. AB says if she catches the Seedling, they won't have to worry about work for a hundred moons! AJ makes a deal – if AB helps with the harvest today, AJ will help her set the traps tonight. Excited, AB agrees. Off this...

SC. 8 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – VARIOUS (MONTAGE)

- Shots of AB and AJ harvesting side by side all day as AJ plays Scully to AB's Mulder, advancing different possible explanations for the Seedling tracks. AB explains them all away and even AJ has to admit—there's no good explanation.
- Day turns to evening and now the sisters are setting traps together. AJ is still skeptical, but the two are obviously enjoying themselves. AB is super confident. They've done everything Goldie said. If the GS shows up, they'll catch him.

SC. 9 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – NEXT MORNING

- AJ and AB come outside to see the entire orchard is covered in intricate, spiraling Seedling tracks! AB checks her traps and they've all been sprung, but they're empty. She doesn't understand. They had every angle covered, if the Great Seedling came, they should have caught it. AJ agrees, which can only mean one thing—the magical creature is real!

ACT THREE**SC. 10 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – RESUME**

- AJ confers with Goldie. She now wants to know everything about the Great Seedling, but AB is disillusioned. She did everything right, but they still didn't capture it. She's starting to think the Great Seedling is just a story for foals after all. She trudges off to go help BM with the harvest, disconsolate. Off AJ, turning to Goldie and Granny in surprise...

SC. 11 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES, ORCHARD – DAY

- AJ catches up with AB and a groggy BM, bucking apples in the east orchard. AJ wants her sister's help thinking up new ways to catch the GS, but AB isn't feeling it any more. She suspects they are both too old for the Great Seedling. AJ takes this in, but reminds AB that she helped her yesterday. Now it's AB's turn. AB reluctantly agrees; AJ: "Good, because this is gonna take all day!" She wants to set trip wires on every row in the orchard – even the carrots! AB agrees it sort of sounds like fun and as they race off, excited. PAN TO Big Mac, who's fallen asleep again ...

SC. 12 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES, BARNYARD – EVENING/NIGHT

- PAN ACROSS the barnyard – every inch covered in trip wires, snares, pits and traps of all sorts – to find AB and AJ on the roof of one of the sheds, snuggled under sleeping bags, their faces streaked with camo paint. They reminisce about hunting the GS when they were small and AJ tells AB how today has brought back all those great memories. She looks over at AB to find her little sister asleep. Off AJ, covering her up, DISSOLVE TO...

- The sound of a trap being sprung wakes them up. Excited, and a bit scared, they climb down and follow the sound...
- They sneak through the orchard, nervous at a shadowing figure moving between the rows until it emerges and reveals it's—Big Mac, harvesting in his sleep. He's got a bushel of apples on his back that's overflowing, the apples falling to the ground in the intricate design of the "Seedling tracks." He trips wire after wire, either barely missing the traps or just dragging the ropes and nets behind him as he plods on, until he finally falls face-first into a camouflaged pit. Off the girls' giggles as he wakes up, confused...

SC. 13 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES, FARMHOUSE – NEXT MORNING

- AJ, AB and BM finish explaining what happened to Goldie and Granny, who find the whole story a hoot. Goldie heads for the door, anxious to get back to her cats. AB and AJ agree that even though the Great Seedling turned out to be Big Mac, trying to catch it made the hard work of the harvest a lot more fun and there's no age limit on that.

SC. 14 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – CONTINUOUS

- As they say goodbye to Goldie, they all notice a sprung trap by the carrots, which have been uprooted and placed in an intricate "Seedling Track" design. They all look at each other. Big Mac wasn't sleep farming carrots. Looks like they'll be trying to catch the Great Seedling again next year! Off AJ and AB already making plans we...

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