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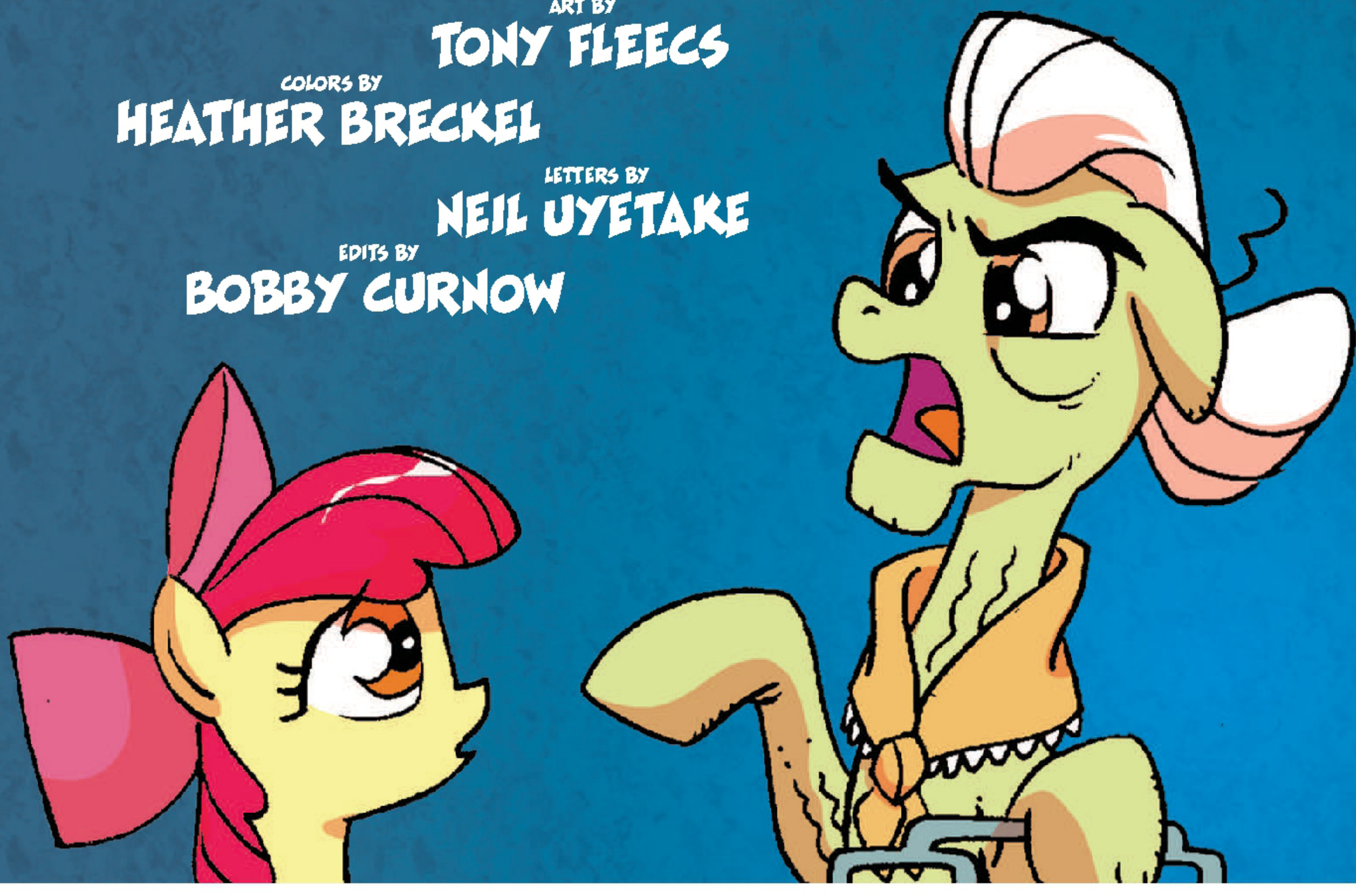
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ARE WE ALMOST THERE, SIS? MY HOOVES ARE KILLING ME.

JUST A FEW MORE PACES, LITTLE FILLY, AND WE'LL BE MAKIN' THAT FINAL TURN TOWARDS ***APPLE CON!***

EYUP!

I DON'T KNOW WHY YER IN SUCH A HURRY!

BACK IN MY DAY, APPLE CON WAS A GREAT WAY TO GET TOGETHER AN' GOSSIP WITH THE OTHER APPLE GROWERS.

FIND OUT ABOUT NEW APPLE TRENDS AND PAD THE RAINY DAY FUND.

BUT EVER SINCE THEM FANCY, SNOOTY ORANGE AND BERRY GROWERS JOINED IN...

IT'S GOTTEN CROWDED, AND MISERABLE, AND RIDICULOUS!

NOW GRANNY, YOU KNOW THE MONEY WE MAKE HERE IS ALMOST AS IMPORTANT AS WHAT WE PULL IN THE OPENING DAY OF CIDER SEASON.

EYUP!

I SEE IT!

HERE WE ARE, LITTLE SIS!

ORANGE PAI

BLUTH'S

ENTER

JUST CRABS!

JUST APPLES!

CRAB APPLES!

RAINBOWE'S

BERRY BERRY MUNCH!

BERRY BERRY MUNCH!

APPLE PIE!

DR. JELLY & MR. JAM

ORANGE GLAD

I DIDN'T SAY BANA

APPLE CON

MAYBE OUR MOST CROWDED YEAR YET!

IT'S AMAZING!

BAH! SMELLS LIKE TROUBLE (AND ORANGES) TO ME!


EXIT
EVERYTHING APPLE
APPLE
GOOPS
FOR STUFF
ALL PRUNES ALL THE TIME!
CANDY APPLES
CANDY APPLES
GRAPE DRINK
EVERYBODY LOVES Rhubarb!
TUTTI FRUTTI
BANANA-RAMA! Cool Summer Splits
FRUITS ON FRUITS ON FRUITS!

Welcome to SWEET APPLE Acres

PLACE YOUR APPLE ORDERS FOR NEXT YEAR NOW!

WELL, APPLES, I GUESS THAT'S IT. NOW WE JUST NEED TO GET 'EM OVER TO THE BOOTH AND ORDERIN'.

EYUP!

SIS, CAN I GO PICK UP ONE OF THEM LIMITED EDITION ENGRAVED APPLE CON 45 MANUAL APPLE PEELERS?

SURE THING, LITTLE FILLY. I THINK THE LINE'S OVER THERE.

EXCLUSIVE! APPLE CON 45 APPLE PEELERS LINE FORMS HERE

WELL, MAYBE I CAN GET MY CUTIE MARK FOR WAITING IN LINE.

WANNA COME AND WAIT WITH ME, GRANNY?

BAH! I'D GROW OLD WAITING IN THAT LINE.

I'M GONNA WALK AROUND AND SEE WHAT FIBS THOSE ORANGE AND BERRY GROWERS ARE CHURNING OUT THIS YEAR.


OUTTA MY WAY, YA LOUSY BARBARIANS!
IS THE NEW APPLE
YOU'
WORMS


ROTTEN ORANGE GROWERS AND THEIR STINKIN' PROPAGANDA.
ORANGE
HE NEW APPLE
Sun-Pecked Citrus
YOU'LL NEVER FIND WORMS IN AN ORANGE

Sun-Pecked Citrus
YOU'LL NEVER FIND WORMS IN AN ORANGE
AIN'T YA GOT NO DIGNITY?!
APEELING ORANGES!


GET YOUR HANDY, DANDY, SUPER-SPEEDY, NO MESS APPLE PEELCORE 8000 HERE!
WHAT THE? I KNOW THAT VOICE.

I REPEAT! GET YOUR HANDY, DANDY, SUPER-SPEEDY, NO MESS APPLE PEELCORE 8000 HERE!

DO I HAVE ANY TAKERS FOR THE HANDY, DANDY, SUPER-SPEEDY, NO MESS APPLE PEELCORE 8000?

ANYPONY?

APPLE PEELCORE 8000

WHAT THE? THESE ORANGE FUMES MUST BE GETTING TO MY HEAD AND PLAYING TRICKS.

IT CAN'T BE ONE OF THEM LOUSY FLIM FLAM BROTHERS.

YOU!

OH, HELLO GRANNY.

YOU GOT A LOT OF NERVE SHOWING YOUR FACE IN THESE PARTS! AFTER TRYING TO STEAL MY FARM FROM UNDER ME!

AND SELLING ME YOUR FAKE YOUTH SERUM!

WELL, I—

AND WHERE'S THAT LOUSY BROTHER OF YOURS?

FLAM? OH WELL, HE'S... WELL, I—YOU WON'T BE SEEING HIM AROUND THIS BOOTH.

NOT AT THE BOOTH, EH?! SO, YOU'RE CONNING PONIES FROM SEPARATE LOCATIONS THIS TIME, EH? PRETTY CLEVER.

WE'RE NOT UP TO ANYTHING. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE FLAM IS.

A LIKELY STORY! JUST REMEMBER, I'VE GOT MY EYE ON YOU.

IMAGINE THE NERVE OF THOSE TWO, SHOWING UP HERE! WHY I OUGHTA—

LIME TIME

GET YOUR HANDY, DANDY, SUPER-SPEEDY, NO MESS APPLE PEELCORE 8000 HERE!

I KNEW IT! WHERE'S THAT NO GOOD, ROTTEN—

DO I HAVE ANY TAKERS FOR THE HANDY, DANDY, SUPER-SPEEDY, NO MESS APPLE PEELCORE 8000?

WHY YOU, YOU, YOU— *SCOUNDREL!*

GRANNY? OH, HELLO.

I DEMAND TO KNOW WHAT YOU AND THAT BROTHER OF YOURS ARE UP TO WITH THESE SEPARATE BOOTHS!

APPLE PEEL-CORE 8000

FLIM? HAVE YOU SEEN HIM? IS HE HERE?

I HAVEN'T SPOKEN WITH HIM IN WEEKS.

HAVEN'T SPOKEN WITH HIM IN WEEKS? YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE YOUR FIBBIN'?

A LIKELY STORY! JUST REMEMBER, I'VE GOT MY EYE ON YOU.

SWEET APPLE Acres

LACE YOUR
PLE ORDERS
R NEXT YEAR
NOW!

YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE WHO I RAN INTO. THEM THIEVIN' FLIM FLAM BROTHERS!

THEY SAY THEY AIN'T SPEAKIN' TO EACH OTHER, BUT I AIN'T BUYIN' IT! AND I'M GONNA FIGURE OUT WHAT THEY'RE UP TO.

NOW GRANNY, THOSE PONIES ARE BAD NEWS AND YOU SHOULD JUST STAY AWAY FROM THEM.

STAY AWAY?! BUT I GOTTA STOP 'EM FROM TAKIN' ADVANTAGE OF PONIES LIKE THEY DONE BEFORE!

YOU MEAN PONIES LIKE *YOU?* I MEAN IT, GRANNY, THOSE BROTHERS ARE NO GOOD AND THE FURTHER YOU ARE AWAY FROM THEM, THE BETTER.

EYUP!

WELL, I SUPPOSE YOU HAVE A POINT THERE.

AHA, I KNEW IT! HE'S UP TO SOMETHING AND I'M GONNA FIND OUT WHAT IT IS.

LACE YOUR
PPLE ORDERS
OR NEXT YEAR
NOW!
THE APPLE BOBBIN' CONTEST IS STARTING IN FIVE. GOTTA RUN!
DON'T BE GONE TOO LONG!
BERRY BERRY MUNCH
BERRY BERRY MUNCH
MAKE WAY, YOU SLOW POKES! I GOT AN OILY SNAKE TO CATCH!
EXIT
Welcome to SWEET APPLE ACRES
EVERYTH
EUREKA!
GOTCHA! WAITING FOR YOUR BROTHER TO START SCHEMIN' EH?

NO SCHEMING, GRANNY. I HAVEN'T SEEN OR SPOKEN WITH FLAM IN OVER THREE WEEKS.

NOT SPEAKIN'! YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE ANYTHING THAT COMES OUTTA YOUR LYIN' MOUTH?

I SUPPOSE NOT, GRANNY, BUT IT'S THE TRUTH.

WHY, YOU TWO ARE AS THICK AS THIEVES. WHY AIN'T YA ON SPEAKIN' TERMS?

IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF A MARE, GRANNY. A MARE NAMED MARIAN.

A MARE DID YOU SAY? WELL, WHAT DID SHE DO?

"IT WAS A LITTLE OVER THREE WEEKS AGO IN DODGE JUNCTION.

"SEEMED TO BE BUSINESS AS USUAL AND THERE WAS NO REASON TO THINK IT'D BE DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER TOWN.

"BUT THEN WE MET MARIAN. WE'D BEEN TO COUNTLESS TOWNS, FLAM AND ME, BUT HAD NEVER ENCOUNTERED ANOTHER PONY LIKE HER.

"BEAUTIFUL AND INNOCENT, BUT NO DUMMY THAT MARIAN. SHE SAW RIGHT THROUGH US.

"WE BOTH ADORED HER INSTANTLY."

"AND SHE SEEMED TO TAKE A FANCY TO ME AND FLAM.

"BUT THERE WAS ONLY ONE OF HER AND TWO OF US.

POST OFFICE

"SOON, WE WERE BOTH VYING FOR THE ATTENTIONS OF THE FAIR MARIAN.

"EACH OF US TRYING TO OUTDO THE OTHER IN OUR ATTEMPTS TO WIN HER HOOF.

REFERENCE DESK

READING IS COOL!

READ A

DODGE JUNCTION LIBRARY

EXIT

"IT GOT UGLY BETWEEN MY BROTHER AND ME. OUR LOVE OF MARIAN MADE US SAY THINGS TO EACH OTHER I CAN'T REPEAT AND DON'T CARE TO REMEMBER.

"BUT IT DIDN'T MATTER. IN THE END, MARIAN DIDN'T WANT TO BE WITH EITHER ONE OF US."

I DON'T KNOW IF SHE ACTUALLY EVER CARED ABOUT EITHER ONE OF US.

WE WERE SO BUSY FIGHTING OVER MARIAN THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO CON—I MEAN SELL—OUR LIFE-ALTERING PRODUCTS TO THE TOWN.

MAYBE THAT WAS HER PLAN ALL ALONG.

SHE SOUNDS SHIFTY!

NO, SHE WAS... WONDERFUL.

THEN WHAT HAPPENED?

WE LEFT DODGE JUNCTION BUT WENT OUR SEPARATE WAYS. THE WAY FLAM TREATED ME, I VOWED NEVER TO SPEAK TO HIM AGAIN.

THAT SOUNDS A WEE BIT OVER THE TOP!

HE'S YER FLESH AND BLOOD! YOU'RE REALLY GONNA LET SOME MARE COME BETWEEN YA?

WE ALREADY HAVE. IT'S OVER AND DONE, GRANNY. END OF STORY.

SOON...

SORRY, GRANNY, BUT THE THINGS HE SAID TO ME...

THE FABULOUS FLIM FLAM BROTHERS ARE NO MORE.

APPLE PEEL-CORE 800

THERE MUST BE SOME WAY TO FIX THIS!

JEEPERS, BIG MAC. I AIN'T HARDLY SEEN GRANNY ALL WEEKEND. I SURE HOPE SHE'S STAYIN' AWAY FROM THEM NO-GOOD FLIM FLAM BROTHERS.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! WILL FLIM PLEASE REPORT TO THE ORANGE PAVILLION IMMEDIATELY.

EYUP.

COME TO THINK OF IT, I AIN'T SEEN APPLE BLOOM EITHER. IS SHE STILL STANDIN' IN LINE FOR THAT APPLE PEELER?

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! WILL FLAM PLEASE REPORT TO THE ORANGE PAVILLION IMMEDIATELY.

EYUP!

ORANGE PAVILION

CRASH!

PARDON ME, DEAR SIR—

NOT AT ALL, MY GOOD MA—

FLIM!

FLAM!

YOU'VE GOTTA LOT OF NERVE SHOWING YOUR FACE HERE—

YOU'RE TELLING ME?

BREAK IT UP!

GRANNY? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

ARE YOU THE ONE WHO HAD US CALLED OVER HERE?

YES, I DID, BOYS.

BUT WHY?

WE HAVEN'T EXACTLY BEEN—

—STRAIGHT WITH YOU.

I'LL TELL YA, BOYS. IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE KIN TO EACH OTHER. AN' KIN SHOULDN'T BE FIGHTING LIKE YOU TWO HAVE.

PLUS, I FIGURED IF YOU WERE GONNA START WRESTLIN', THE DAMAGE SHOULD BE DONE TO THE ORANGES AND NOT THE APPLES.

SORRY, GRANNY, BUT WE'RE OVER AND DONE. NO BROTHER OF MINE WOULD ACT THE WAY HE DID.

YES INDEED! WE'RE THROUGH!

BOYS, YOU NEED TO LISTEN TO ME. I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YER GOIN' THROUGH 'CUZ I SEEN IT BEFORE.

"IT WAS BACK, OH, MORE YEARS THAN I CARE TO REMEMBER.

"YOU MIGHT FIND THIS HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT I WAS QUITE A LOOKER BACK IN THE DAY. HAD MORE BEAUS THAN I COULD COUNT ON BOTH HOOVES.

"BUT THERE WERE TWO IN PARTICULAR THAT I TOOK A SPECIAL FANCY TO. THEM JONAGOLD BROTHERS WERE SWEET AS APPLE PIE AND THEY BOTH FAWNED OVER ME LIKE YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE.

"TROUBLE WAS, I LIKED THEM BOTH SO MUCH THAT I JUST COULDN'T CHOOSE BETWEEN 'EM. THEY STARTED TO FIGHT SO FIERCE TO WIN MY AFFECTION THAT IT TURNED MY BLOOD COLD SEEING TWO BROTHERS TREAT EACH OTHER LIKE THAT.

"THE WAY THEY ACTED MADE ME SO SAD THAT I DECIDED TO LEAVE THEM BOTH RATHER THAN LET THEM FIGHT LIKE THAT.

"BUT I'M SORRY TO SAY THAT TO THIS DAY THEM BROTHERS STILL AIN'T ON SPEAKIN' TERMS."

I ALWAYS FELT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM JONAGOLD BROTHERS NEVER TALKING AGAIN.

YOU TWO REALLY WANT TO SPEND THE REST OF YOUR DAYS APART FROM EACH OTHER BECAUSE OF SOME MARE?

THE REST OF OUR DAYS? I GUESS I REALLY DIDN'T THINK ABOUT HOW LONG THAT IS.

GEE, GRANNY, I SUPPOSE YOU MAY HAVE A POINT.

BROTHER OF MINE, I THINK IT MAY BE TIME TO BURY THAT HATCHET. I EXTEND MY SINCERE APOLOGIES FOR MY BEHAVIOR AS OF LATE.

I AGREE, OH BROTHER OF MINE! LET'S PUT DODGE JUNCTION BEHIND US AND MOVE ON TO THE NEXT TOWN.

BESIDES, HOW COULD WE EXPECT MARIAN TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE—

♫ THE WORLD FAMOUS FLIM FLAM BROTHERS!! ♫

YOU'RE MAGNIFICENT, GRANNY!

HOW CAN WE EVER REPAY YOU?

FOR STARTERS YOU CAN LET ME GO!

AND THEN GO KNOCK OVER ONE OF THEM ORANGE STATUES.

Welcome to SWEET APPLE Acres

THERE YOU TWO ARE! WHERE YOU BEEN ALL WEEKEND WHILE ME AND BIG MAC WERE BUSTIN' OUR HIDES?

I WAS WAITIN' IN LINE ALL THIS TIME AND WHEN I GOT TO THE FRONT, THEY RAN OUT OF THOSE STUPID APPLE PEELERS!

I'M WITH GRANNY, APPLE CON IS THE PITS!

OH I DON'T KNOW. I GUESS IT WASN'T TOO BAD.

WELL, APPLES, I THINK IT'S TIME TO CALL IT A WEEKEND. WE 'BOUT READY TO HEAD OUT?

EYUP!

WHAT'S THAT BIG CROWD DOING OVER THERE?

AWESOME! I WANT ONE! OOH! GIMME! HOORAY!

OH YES, YOUR APPLES MUST BE PEELED. BY GEORGE, AND WE HAVE GOT A DEAL. YOU KNOW IT'S REALLY QUITE A STEAL. THE PEELCORE 8000!

The 7 FLIM FLAM PolePE

YOU MUST REMOVE THAT NASTY CORE. BUT THE TIME IT TAKES IS SUCH A CHORE. NOW YOUR TEARS AND TOIL THEY ARE NO MORE. THE PEELCORE 8000!

JUST STEP RIGHT UP AND TEST IT OUT. YOU'LL BE SATISFIED WE HAVE NO DOUBT. CAN WE HEAR EVERYONE NOW SHOUT IT OUT? THE *PEELCORE 8000!*

WELL, KNOCK ME OVER WITH A FEATHER! GRANNY, DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THEM FLIM FLAM BROTHERS MAKING UP?

The Fabulous FLIM FLAM BROTHERS' PEE

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YER TALKING ABOUT.

WELL, MAYBE JUST A LITTLE.

BUT WHY, GRANNY, AFTER THEY WERE SO MEAN TO US?

WELL, APPLE BLOOM—I RECKON THAT FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN OUR LIVES.

SOMETIMES FOLKS NEED HELP BEIN' REMINDED OF THAT.

EVEN ONES AS SHADY AS THEM FLIM FLAM BROTHERS.

AND THE ORANGE GROWERS TOO?

LET'S NOT GET RIDICULOUS!

THE END.