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SET UP

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

STUDENTS watch the CANTERLOT HIGH MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS. ON SCREEN UP FRONT: FLASH SENTRY wraps up the weather forecast while playing a smooth <GUITAR ACCOMPANIMENT>. (See: Bruce Springsteen in *High Fidelity*)

1 FLASH SENTRY
Cloudy mornings will clear up in a flash-
(<COOL GUITAR RIFF>)
Giving us clear skies all week to jam out to this tune. And that's your weather-- "in a Flash."
(proud wink to camera)

INT. LIBRARY - CONTINUOUS

The library is a makeshift studio for the morning announcements. RAINBOW DASH swivels the camera to RARITY, sitting at a table with her TOTE BAG. Next to RD, TWILIGHT SPARKLE and PINKIE PIE watch encouragingly.

2 RARITY
Thank you Flash, that certainly was... fanciful. Now for this week's most essential forecast: trends. Featuring me, Rarity, your on-trend friend! As always, I look to Prim Hemline's Style Guide for inspiration...

She looks in her tote: EMPTY besides a few loose jewels.

3 RARITY
Which I... have memorized, so, um... the latest trend simply has to be...
(sotto to herself)
Don't panic, Rarity. You once made a skirt out of slap-bracelets. You can find inspiration anywhere...

Three options appear: Pinkie Pie, Rainbow Dash, and Twilight Sparkle.

ENDING A: PINKIE PIE

INT. LIBRARY - CONTINUOUS

PUSH IN on Pinkie Pie, then Rarity, as she gets an idea...

4 RARITY
...Confetti, of course!

ON PINKIE PIE, hyperventilating. She whispers to Twilight.

5 PINKIE PIE
Confetti?! I love confetti! And parties and cupcakes and surprises but most of all--

Pinkie Pie grabs RD's camera and swivels it to her face. ON SCREEN: Pinkie's face filling the frame.

6 PINKIE PIE
--CONFETTI!!!!!

INT. HALLWAY - THE NEXT DAY

Rarity opens her locker and <POOF!> CONFETTI explodes in her face. Twilight Sparkle and Applejack walk up, also covered in confetti. Applejack dumps some out of her hat.

7 APPLEJACK
Can the next trend be a lil' less... messy, Rarity? If Principal Celestia sees this...

Twilight SNEEZES and confetti comes out.

8 RARITY
(justifying)
Oh, this place needed a little color anyway. ...Don't you think...?

Rarity shuts her locker. A CHAIN REACTION: the lockers <POOF> open with confetti, all the way down the hallway.

9 APPLEJACK
Nothin' a lil' elbow grease 'n the power of friendship can't handle.

GEM TIME! Rarity creates a SHIELD, which TS LEVITATES the confetti onto. AJ carries it to the waste bin and DUMPS it just as Pinkie Pie ENTERS.

10 APPLEJACK
Party's over, Pinkie Pie.

11 PINKIE PIE
A party? And I missed it?! Shoot, I was busy spreading the joy of confetti to the whole entire school!

12 RARITY/AJ/TS
We know!

13 RARITY
You can have too much of a good thing, darling.

Principal Celestia ENTERS, noticing the spic-and-span hall.

14 PRINCIPAL CELESTIA
Nothing I love more than a clean hallway...

Feeling great, Principal Celestia opens the door to her OFFICE. A CONFETTI TSUNAMI explodes out, *The Shining*-style, and sweeps them all down the hallway. Rarity surfaces and spits out confetti. She catches Celestia's glare. With a friendly resigned smile:

15 RARITY
This afternoon's trend forecast... detention.

IRIS OUT.

ENDING B: RAINBOW DASH

INT. LIBRARY - CONTINUOUS

PUSH IN on Rainbow Dash, then Rarity, as she gets an idea...

16 RARITY
The latest trend has to be... Rainbows! Sherbet, sprinkles, or rainbow hair. It's all in!

17 RAINBOW DASH
Well duh!

INT. HALLWAY - THE NEXT DAY

The next day, the bell RINGS. Rarity walks up to Rainbow Dash (seen from behind) as RD goes through her locker.

18 RARITY
So glad I found you, Rainbow Dash! I'm tailoring a particularly tricky pinafore, and was wondering if you could model it for me later-

"Rainbow Dash" turns around, REVEALING that she's actually TRIXIE with RAINBOW HAIR! Rarity GASPS!

19 TRIXIE
The great and powerful--

20 RARITY
Thank you but I'm late for-- being over there!

Rarity sees Rainbow Dash (from behind) nearby and walks over to her, laughing.

21 RARITY
I just had the most embarrassing mix-up. I thought I was talking to you but it turned out to be-

"RD" turns around, REVEALING: DERPY, RAINBOWED-OUT!

22 RARITY
No... it can't be...

Rarity runs up to THREE RAINBOW-HAIRED PEOPLE and flips them around to REVEAL: SNIPS!

23 RARITY
Oh!

SNAILS!

24 RARITY
Excuse me!

GRANNY SMITH!

25 RARITY
Ahhhhh!

Rarity slumps to the floor, freaking out. A HAND reaches out to help her up: it's BULK BICEPS with flowing RAINBOW HAIR. The HALLWAY SOUND fades into an EERIE MELODY. Rarity rises and walks slowly down the hallway, narrating aloud to herself, like Rod Serling in *The Twilight Zone*.

26 RARITY
Submitted for your approval: A portrait of a school...

A RAINBOW HAIRED GROUP turns around: the ECO-KIDS.

27 RARITY
...taken over by a trend. Namely, a hairstyle: rainbow in nature. The calling card for one Roy G. Biv, currently being dialed by the entire student body.

SILVER SPOON and DIAMOND TIARA sport Rainbow hairdos and chat happily. They side-eye Rarity as she walks by. ZEPHYR BREEZE unfurls a beautiful Rainbow bun.

28 RARITY
So if you choose to enroll in this class-wide craze, hurry up and catch the bus headed for-- The Rainbow Zone.

Rarity's reverie is interrupted as she backs up and BUMPS INTO: Rainbow Dash! (...Who was backing up as well, so they should kinda mirror each other like she's Rarity's reflection.) <THUNDER CRASHES>.

29 RARITY
AHHHHH!!!

All horror movie aesthetics instantly vanish as:

30 RAINBOW DASH
Oh hey Rarity! I don't know what it is, but everyone looks awesome today!

Rarity, still in shock, watches Rainbow Dash strut off down the rainbow-haired hall, having the best day of her life.

IRIS OUT.

<u>ENDING C: TWILIGHT SPARKLE</u>

INT. LIBRARY - CONTINUOUS

PUSH IN on Twilight Sparkle, then Rarity, getting an idea...

31 RARITY
The latest trend? Smart is chic!

Everyone stares at Twilight, engrossed in a BOOK.

32 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What?

INT. CAFETERIA - DAY

Twilight carries her lunch tray, reading as she walks. TRIXIE catches up, matching pace with her.

33 TRIXIE
Twilight! The great and powerful and smart Trixie has a question for you and you alone: how do I get to that cool place filled with those little bound stacks of paper?

34 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Books? Do you mean... the library?

35 TRIXIE
The library!
(aside, to Snails/Snips)
Told you it wasn't a booknasium.

36 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Down the hallway, to the right.

37 TRIXIE
Booknasium, here we come!

TS shakes her head and moves along but DIAMOND TIARA and SILVER SPOON walk in front of her, reading a dictionary.

38 DIAMOND TIARA
I'm a total "onomatopoeia."

39 SILVER SPOON
Twilight, which word is cooler: "boronic" or "onomatopoeia?"

40 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well... they're both kinda bombastic.

41 DIAMOND TIARA
Bomb-tastic?! I love that, it's like "da bomb" plus fantastic.

42 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No, bombastic means overly florid in an attempt to sound impressive.

43 DIAMOND TIARA
Wow. Bombastic much?

44 SILVER SPOON
Ooh, burn! You just got incinerated!

Twilight looks around, confused: THE CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS do equations on a window, a la *A Beautiful Mind (But it's just scribbles).* BULK BICEPS shakes an abacus. LYRA and BON-BON drag giant TELESCOPES behind them, which are BREAKING, leaving a trail of pieces and parts.

45 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What's gotten into everyone?!

A CROWD walks by, tossing a gleeful MICRO CHIPS up and down.

46 CROWD
(pronouncing science with a hard c)
Sky-ence! Sky-ence! Sky-ence!
(alt)
Cal-cu-lus! Cal-cu-lus! Cal-cu-lus!

THE MANE 6'S TABLE - LATER

Twilight sets her tray down at the table with Rarity, Fluttershy, and the rest.

47 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
There's a month-long wait list to check out the sequel to the book I just finished!

48 RAINBOW DASH
Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About Arthropods?

49 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Psh, not "Everything," obviously. Why is everyone suddenly into all the stuff I'm into... and taking my books?

50 RARITY
I may have taken the teensiest, tinesiest bit of inspiration from... you.
(seeing TS's sad face)
I'm sorry, Twilight.

51 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Ohhh.
(relieved)
That's okay Rarity. I'm flattered. Besides, trends come and go, but friendship is <u>always</u> in fashion.

They hug.

52 RARITY
And don’t worry-- dramatic capes are about to pop!

Rarity REVEALS her CAPE and SWISHES it dramatically.

ANGLE ON: The kids holding Micro Chips on their shoulders turn to Rarity.

53 CROWD WALLA
Capes?! Capes!! Let’s go! Come on!!

Micro Chips points off-screen and they RUN OFF, carrying him.