MY LITTLE PONY
EQUESTRIA GIRLS
BATCH 5: Holiday Shorts

Dashing Through The Mall
(f.k.a The Holiday Hire)
#416-252

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EXT. MALL - DAY

A snowy, wintery day at the mall. <JINGLE BELLS>.

INT. MALL - FOOD COURT - DAY

Find the MANE 7 at a table, as RAINBOW DASH walks in late...

1 RAINBOW DASH
Sorry I'm late everybody-- hard to park at the mall this time of year.

2 FLUTTERSHY
That's why we carpooled.

3 RAINBOW DASH
(checking her phone)
Really gotta start checking my texts.

4 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Now that we're all here, who wants to go first...?

5 RAINBOW DASH
For what-- what are we doing...?

6 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
The secret present switcheroo!

Simultaneously, everyone but Rainbow Dash reveals a WRAPPED PRESENT. Rainbow Dash's eyes dart from friend to friend...

7 FLUTTERSHY
Remember? We pulled names from Applejack's boot when she forgot her hat.

8 APPLEJACK
You mean my "lucky" boot.

9 RAINBOW DASH
That's today...?

10 SUNSET SHIMMER
Didn't get that text either, huh?

11 RAINBOW DASH
Oh yeah, no, yeah-- I did! Um... I have to go to the bathroom.

ZOOM! She's off in a blur.

INT. THE MALL - MOMENTS LATER

Rainbow Dash runs through the mall...

13 RAINBOW DASH
I FORGOT! I can't believe I forgot to get Fluttershy a present! How am I supposed to find a present in the next five minutes?!

WIDE SHOT: of the mall. <ANGELIC CHOIR>

14 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Oh yeah, I'm at the mall. This is where presents are born...!
(then)
I won't let you down, Fluttershy!

SHE ZIPS OFF IN A BLUR!

CUT TO:

INT. THE MALL - MOMENTS LATER

Rainbow Dash ZIPS to *Wet-Cetera, Bathing Suits and More*-- stopping at the back of A LONG LINE TO THE CASHIER.

15 RAINBOW DASH
...A line?!

She ZIPS OFF.

INT. THE MALL - MOMENTS LATER

Rainbow Dash ZIPS to *Cats-in-the-Bag Pet Carriers*. But again... A LONGER LINE!

16 RAINBOW DASH
Even longer? Really?! Come on...!

INT. THE MALL - MOMENTS LATER

Rainbow Dash ZIPS to *Trend of the Line*, a store of *as-seen-on-tv*-esque gizmos. She skids past and then doubles back.

17 RAINBOW DASH
(sotto)
Please no line, please no line...

She enters and sees THE LONGEST LINE OF ALL.

18 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
What is WITH the mall being so crowded at the holidays?!
(yelling at everyone)
Some of us have last minute shopping to do!

Rainbow Dash slumps down against the wall.

19 LAID-BACK VOICE (O.S.)
Need to cut the line...?

20 RAINBOW DASH
Yes, I would do anything--

She looks up, hope in her eyes. REVEAL... ZEPHYR BREEZE, adjusting on his employee name tag and smiling at her.

21 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Undo. It's been less than three seconds. Doesn't count, what I said.

22 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Rainbow Dash, it's all good, Miss Awesome. "Come on in to Trend Of The Line: your home for everything from wifi shoelaces to..." uh-- "regular shoes and..." um-- how's it go again...?
(ALT without store name)
Come on in to your home for everything from wifi shoelaces to... uh-- regular shoes and... um-- how's it go again...?

23 RAINBOW DASH
You work here?

24 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Not for long if I can't remember our slogan... But yeah. I can help you shop if you need someone to hold your hand?

Zephyr holds out his hand. Rainbow SMACKS IT AWAY. **Caution this slap is not too harsh.*

25 RAINBOW DASH
Nuh-uh. No hand holding.
(then, to self)
You gotta do it. But only because you love Fluttershy.

26 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Fluttershy? Follow me, m'lady.

Zephyr pulls O.S. and we CUT TO:

INT. TREND OF THE LINE - LATER

Rainbow sits on a floating bean bag as Zephyr walks out.

27 ZEPHYR BREEZE (O.S.)
This is so Fluttershy.

Zephyr struts out with a basketball/net combo.

28 RAINBOW DASH
Hmm... I want that... but... No, I don't think Fluttershy would.

29 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Cool! I knew you'd love it!

30 RAINBOW DASH
No, no, I'm not here for me. I need a gift for Fluttershy.

Zephyr nods.

31 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Got it.

Zephyr zips back into the aisles. A beat and then he runs back out, wearing a helmet with goggles.

32 ZEPHYR BREEZE (CONT'D)
How 'bout these?

33 RAINBOW DASH
Ooh. They look expensive.

34 ZEPHYR BREEZE
They are. And when you wear them, it takes everything you see and turns it into an urban landscape.

35 RAINBOW DASH
Even forests with cute animals?

36 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Absolutely non-existent when you're wearing these bad boys.

37 RAINBOW DASH
Um... Nah. I don't think Fluttershy would like that.

Zephyr takes the goggles off.

38 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Right. Right. My bad. One sec.

Zephyr dives back into an aisle. A BEAT. Zephyr SLIDES out with a LONG SELFIE-STICK with an OPEN PALM on the end.

39 RAINBOW DASH
What's that?

40 ZEPHYR BREEZE
It's for high fiving when you're really far away, or when you're really short.

Zephyr demonstrates. Rainbow facepalms.

41 RAINBOW DASH
What?! That's not a gift! That's not for anybody! Who'd want this?!

Just then, SNIPS walks by with the high-five stick.

42 SNIPS
This thing rules. Snails is gonna love it!

43 RAINBOW DASH
(to Zephyr)
These are your suggestions? Do you even <u>know</u> Fluttershy?

44 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Who?

45 RAINBOW DASH
YOUR SISTER!

46 ZEPHYR BREEZE
I know I was jokin.
(then, off her glare)
Sorry. Look. I know a gift that will make Fluttershy super happy. I'll grab it for you now.

Rainbow Dash <SIGHS> annoyed. Then, Zephyr runs back.

47 ZEPHYR BREEZE (CONT'D)
Here it is. She loves it.
(pulling out a camera)
Instant camera. Around this time last year, Fluttershy's favorite instant camera broke. She really wanted another one.
(dramatic)
Get someone something they'd never get themselves. Trust me.

48 RAINBOW DASH
That's actually... a GREAT IDEA! Zephyr, you're amazing!

RD gives him a big hug.

49 ZEPHYR BREEZE
Right on.

INT. THE MALL - FOOD COURT - LATER

The Mane 7 (minus RD) are around a table, doing their gift exchange. The swap is almost over.

50 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
And who got Fluttershy...?

ZIP! RD appears in a dustcloud of speed.

51 RAINBOW DASH
Standing here the whole time. Here you go... Fluttershy!

Fluttershy <GASPS>, excited. Rainbow BREATHES DEEP and puts her box in front of Fluttershy.

HOLD ON RD, closing her eyes, nervous. <UNWRAPPING SOUNDS>.

52 FLUTTERSHY
An instant camera?! I love it!

Rainbow opens her eyes, elated.

53 RAINBOW DASH
You do?

54 FLUTTERSHY
It's perfect for fun candid photos. Zephyr got one for me last year after my first one broke.

55 RAINBOW DASH
He did? I should've known. I'm sorry, I--

56 FLUTTERSHY
(holding up other camera)
Now that I have two, I can finally do "two angle instant photo bear cub candids." Thank you, Rainbow Dash!

Rainbow Dash nods, happy Fluttershy is happy. <ENDING MUSIC> and we PULL BACK signaling the end of the short...

REVEALING nearby, the same setup with SNIPS and SNAILS doing <u>their</u> gift exchange. They both pull out gifts for the other...The both got each other the same "palms on sticks" that Zephyr showed earlier.

57 SNAILS
You got me the same thing what I got you?

They both lift their high-five sticks and HIGH-HI-FIVE!

58 SNIPS
It is true what they say, "those who do the highest of fives truly are the best of friends."
(then)
You crying, Snails? Say something.

59 SNAILS
No. Friendship means never having to say "high five."

IRIS OUT.