

SCRIPT TITLE

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ACT I

TEASER:

1) EXT. MOUNT VEHOОВIUS - NIGHT

Rain pours and thunder booms, as a loud <CRACK> of lightning illuminates a large volcano, MOUNT VEHOОВIUS.

A cloaked, sinister figure, STALWART STALLION, shakes the rain off his face as he approaches the volcano. Another <CRACK> of lightning sounds as he removes a staff from his cloak and raises it high in the air.

STALWART STALLION
(cackles menacingly)
It is almost time... Once I have
all three relics, no one will be
able to stop me, and Marapore will
fall! For I am -
(coughs violently)

VOICE (O.S.)
CUT!

Abruptly, the rain stops, along with the sounds of thunder and lightning, as we PULL BACK TO REVEAL:

2) INT. PARAMARE STUDIOS - DARING DO SET - MOUNT VEHOОВIUS - DAY - CONTINUOUS

The volcano is on a movie set, surrounded by lighting and camera equipment. An eccentric-looking director, CANTER MOONEY, steps onto the set.

STALWART STALLION
(apologetic)
Sorry! Swallowed rain water-
(coughing)
Went down the wrong pipe!

Canter Mooney <PATs> a still coughing Stalwart on the back.

CANTER MOONEY
No problem. Let's take 5.

Stalwart goes off-screen, as Canter Mooney adjusts a light near Mount Vehoovius, turns around, and <BUMPS> into TWILIGHT SPARKLE, SPIKE, RAINBOW DASH, APPLEJACK, RARITY, FLUTTERSHY, PINKIE PIE, and SUNSET SHIMMER.

Canter Mooney looks confused as he takes in the eager expressions on their faces.

TWILIGHT
Excuse me, Mr. Mooney?

CANTER MOONEY
(wary)
Yes?

TWILIGHT
I'm Twilight Sparkle... I'm a student at Canterlot High and, um, I'm the president of our Modern Novel into Film club as well as the president of the Daring Do fan club-
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RAINBOW DASH
(clears throat)
Co-president!

Canter Mooney says nothing, giving both girls quizzical looks.

TWILIGHT
(sheepishly, to Rainbow Dash)
Yes, co-president.

Rainbow Dash nods approvingly and Twilight addresses Canter Mooney.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
(flustered)
And well, I wrote to you petitioning for our club to come visit the set of Daring Do and the Marked Thief of Marapore...

Awareness dawns on Canter Mooney and he smiles warmly at Twilight and the other Equestria Girls.

CANTER MOONEY
Ah, of course! Yes, welcome to the set. My niece, Livia, will be right with you to show you around-

A <CRASH> is heard off-screen. Canter Mooney looks over his shoulder and <SIGHS> before turning his attention back on Twilight.

CANTER MOONEY (CONT'D)
Oh dear, not again. Won't you
please excuse me for a moment?

He doesn't wait for a response as he turns around in the
direction of the crash.

Twilight <BEAMS> excitedly as she faces her friends.

SPIKE
(awestruck)
Wow... Canter Mooney just talked to
us.

Rainbow Dash's eyes are wide with excitement as she nods her
head.

TWILIGHT
I know!

RARITY
Did you see his outfit?! So
understated, yet so chic!

Pinkie Pie and Fluttershy, nod in agreement. Sunset Shimmer
<SCOFFS> and rolls her eyes.

APPLEJACK
Who put a bee in your bonnet?

SUNSET SHIMMER
I know that this is the biggest
thing to happen to any of you in,
well, ever, but can you all please
try to reign in your excitement
while we're here so that we don't
look like a bunch of star-struck
high school students?

Applejack shoots her an incredulous look and opens her mouth
to respond, but is interrupted by Pinkie Pie.

PINKIE PIE
(squeals)
It's her! Chestnut Magnifico!

Sunset Shimmer turns around, spots an elegant actress,
CHESTNUT MAGNIFICO, holding a script and accompanied by an
ENTOURAGE.

Sunset Shimmer's eyes go wide as she <FAINTS>.

END TEASER.

MAIN TITLE**ACT I****3) INT. PARAMARE STUDIOS - DARING DO SET - TRICORNER VILLAGES
- SHORT WHILE LATER**

Now on the TRICORNER VILLAGES set, which resembles a rural marketplace, Spike and the Equestria Girls follow Canter's niece, LIVIA MOONEY, as she leads them past a row of straw huts, mock fire pits, and a few fruit and vegetable stands.

Spike and the Equestria Girls share excited expressions as they walk around the set, peppering Livia with questions.

RAINBOW DASH

(to Livia)

No way! Your uncle even let you
help *build* the set pieces?!

Livia beams and nods.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

That is so cool!

TWILIGHT

Has A.K. Yearling ever been on set?

RAINBOW DASH

What's she like? Do you think she
goes on real adventures like Daring
Do?

LIVIA MOONEY

(chuckles)

Yes, she's been on set lots of
times. She's great. She even signed
my copy of Daring Do and the Marked
Thief of Marapore.

Both Twilight and Rainbow Dash's jaws drop.

RAINBOW DASH

She what?!

LIVIA MOONEY

I love Daring Do, and was thrilled
when my uncle told me he'd be
directing the first movie.

Livia smoothly leads Spike and the Equestria Girls past a maze, props, ladders, lights, and camera equipment to another part of the Tricorner Village set.

PINKIE PIE
You sure do know your way around!

LIVIA MOONEY
(shrugs)
I spend so much time on set, I
guess it's like second nature.

APPLEJACK
Do ya want to be a director like
your uncle?

LIVIA MOONEY
I'd actually like to be an actress
someday, but Canter wants me to
gain experience on set, working
behind the scenes first. That's how
he started.

Livia leads the group over to a locked glass display case.
Inside, are the three FLANKARA RELICS: the STAFF OF PONYPEII,
THE SWORD OF LUSTIANO, and the ARROW OF MARAPORE.

LIVIA MOONEY (CONT'D)
Over here we have-

Rainbow Dash points at the sword.

RAINBOW DASH
The Sword of Lustiano!

Twilight points at the Staff.

TWILIGHT
The Staff of Ponypeii!

Livia nods approvingly and gestures to the Arrow.

LIVIA MOONEY
And the Arrow of Marapore. The
three Flankara Relics.

Rarity carefully examines all three props.

RARITY
The details are simply
extraordinary!

LIVIA MOONEY
Aren't they amazing? A.K. Yearling
designed the props herself.

RAINBOW DASH
(awestruck)
Can I touch them?!

Livia shakes her head.

LIVIA MOONEY
I'm afraid not. Canter used to let me take them out from time to time... in fact, just last week, he lent me his keys and let me take them out to clean them... but now my uncle insists that we keep them locked up until it's time to shoot.

APPLEJACK
How come?

LIVIA MOONEY
He says he's taking extra precautions with these props because they're specially made, but I think it has more to do with how many things have gone wrong on set.

The Equestria Girls give Livia startled expressions.

TWILIGHT
What do you mean?

LIVIA MOONEY
Well, Canter doesn't want to make a big deal out of it, but lots of things have either broken or disappeared since we started shooting.

APPLEJACK
Like what?

LIVIA MOONEY
Well, first, Stalwart's staff went missing, so we had to get another one made. Then one of the sets collapsed during filming. Thankfully no one got hurt, but it still set us back. Then all the Daring Do costumes disappeared, so we had to replace those... We've also lost some make up and camera equipment.

The Equestria Girls share horrified expressions.

LIVIA MOONEY (CONT'D)

All the disappearances have put my uncle on edge, and along with the problems he's had with Chestnut Magnifico, he just doesn't want to chance anything happening to the relics, since we really can't afford another set back.

TWILIGHT

Problems with Chestnut?

RARITY

But she's-

SUNSET SHIMMER

Amazing!

PINKIE PIE

Can we meet her?

FLUTTERSHY

I heard she's ever so nice, and does so many wonderful things for animals.

Livia frowns for a beat, and Twilight gives her a thoughtful look.

LIVIA MOONEY

Chestnut is very talented, but she and Canter have had a few "creative differences." Plus, hiring her has put my uncle on a time crunch, because she could only agree to film for a limited amount of time.

RARITY

What kind of creative differences?

LIVIA MOONEY

Chestnut is a "method actor."

Twilight, Spike, Rainbow Dash, Applejack, Fluttershy, and Pinkie Pie share confused looks. Sunset Shimmer and Rarity nod in understanding.

LIVIA MOONEY (CONT'D)

(irritated)

She's insisting that the movie be filmed on location, rather than in the studio, claiming that it's the only way for her to truly get "into character."

TWILIGHT
(thoughtful)
That must be hard on Canter.

Livia sighs.

LIVIA MOONEY
I'm sure she'll make a great Daring
Do, I'm just worried about my uncle
and don't like seeing him so
stressed out.

Livia glances at her watch and ushers Spike and the Equestria Girls away from the display case.

LIVIA MOONEY (CONT'D)
Uh, oh! They're going to start
filming any minute now. We better
hurry back or we're going to miss
the first scene!

CUT TO:

**4) INT. PARAMARE STUDIOS - DARING DO SET - MOUNT VEHOOVIVUS -
LATER**

The lights dim on the set of Mount Vehoovivus.

Spike and the Equestria Girls sit behind Canter Mooney, wide-eyed with anticipation.

(Note: the following scene cuts back and forth between Mount Vehoovivus and the Equestria Girls watching from the audience.)

Rainbow Dash bounces around in her seat trying to get a closer look.

RAINBOW DASH
(whispers)
This is so cool! It looks exactly
like Mount Vehoovivus does in the
book! It's almost like we're
actually at Mount Vehoovivus!

Twilight puts a finger to her lips, reminding Rainbow Dash to keep quiet.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
(whispers)
Do you think they'll let us climb
up it?

Spike and the other Equestria Girls share exasperated looks.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Once they're done filming, I mean!

Rarity gently nudges Rainbow Dash.

RARITY
Shush, dear! They're about to
start!

CANTER MOONEY
And action!

Picking up where the first scene left off, thunder <BOOMS>
and lightning <CRACKS> as Stalwart Stallion approaches the
volcano.

RAINBOW DASH
(whispering)
This is the scene where Stalwart
puts a hex on Mount Vehoovius!

Spike and Sunset Shimmer both glare at Rainbow Dash.

SUNSET SHIMMER
Shush!!

Abruptly, Mount Vehoovius starts to shake.

RAINBOW DASH
This isn't right... the volcano is
supposed to be still until after
Stalwart performs his magic...

This time, Applejack and Rarity give Rainbow Dash exasperated
looks.

APPLEJACK
Shush!!

TWILIGHT
Actually, she's right. The volcano
doesn't erupt until the end of the
book when-

Sunset Shimmer and Spike both glare at Twilight, when
suddenly, the volcano starts collapsing. Lights and equipment
crash alongside the volcano.

CANTER MOONEY
Ahh! Cut, cut, cut!!

The set goes dark.

DISSOLVE TO:

**5) INT. PARAMARE STUDIOS - DARING DO SET - MOUNT VEHOOVIVUS -
CONTINUOUS**

Mount Vehoovivus is in shambles.

Spike and the Equestria Girls sit with a frazzled Canter Mooney.

CANTER MOONEY
I just don't understand how this
keeps happening...

Twilight gives Canter a sympathetic look.

CANTER MOONEY (CONT'D)
(exhausted)
Have any of you seen Livia? She
went to prepare some things for the
next scene and promised to fetch me
a cup of tea...my nerves are-

Chestnut storms over to Canter Mooney and <SLAMS> her script
on the floor at his feet. Her entourage stands close behind
her.

CHESTNUT MAGNIFICO
(furious)
This is an outrage!

Canter Mooney stands and sighs.

CANTER MOONEY
I assure you, I'm doing everything
I can to ensure that we finish
shooting on schedule.

CHESTNUT MAGNIFICO
How can you still insist we film
here, after what just happened?

CANTER MOONEY
We don't have another choice. We
have neither the time nor the
resources to film the entire movie
on location.

CHESTNUT MAGNIFICO

I've said from the beginning that it was a mistake to film in the studio. We should be shooting at an actual volcano, not a dilapidated set with a striking resemblance to an elementary school science project!

CANTER MOONEY

Chestnut, you know as well as I that problems occur during filming, whether you're in a studio or on location.

CHESTNUT MAGNIFICO

This is not a problem, it's a disaster! This isn't even the first set to fall apart! I thought for sure you would be willing to explore other options, now that our most critical set is ruined! Clearly I was wrong!

Outraged, Chestnut storms off-screen, her Entourage following a few steps behind her. Canter shakes his head in exhaustion before settling back into his chair.

Spike and the Equestria Girls all stare open-mouthed at Chestnut's retreating form. Canter gives them an apologetic look.

RAINBOW DASH

Whoa.

APPLEJACK

I'll say.

CANTER MOONEY

(dejected)

I'm sure my niece has mentioned all the problems we've been having on set. It's putting everyone on edge, especially the actors... They're rather sensitive, you know... I'm terribly sorry your visit is proving to be so full of upsets. I'm not sure what more can go wrong.

Suddenly, and out of breath Livia races towards the group from off-screen.

LIVIA MOONEY
(panicked)
They're gone! They're all gone!

CANTER MOONEY
(confused)
What, dear? What's gone?

LIVIA MOONEY
The relics!

Canter Mooney and the Equestria Girls share horrified looks as we...

END ACT I

ACT II

**6) INT. PARAMARE STUDIOS - DARING DO SET - TRICORNER VILLAGES
- MOMENTS LATER**

Canter Mooney, Livia, Spike, and the Equestria Girls stand near the now empty glass display case where the three Flankara Relics used to be.

The display case is not broken, just unlocked.

Twilight looks at Livia.

TWILIGHT
I thought Canter was the only one
with keys to the display case.

Canter Mooney nods his head and feels around in his pocket as Livia holds back tears.

CANTER MOONEY
I am, and they've been in my pocket
all-

Canter pulls out a set of keys, flipping through them anxiously.

CANTER MOONEY (CONT'D)
It's not here! My key to the
display case is missing! Someone
stole the key off my key ring!

RARITY
Do you remember the last time you
opened the display case?

Canter considers this for a moment.

CANTER MOONEY
Not since last week.

LIVIA MOONEY
The relics were all here this morning, just before Mount Vehoovius collapsed.... I even brought the girls over to see them.

CANTER MOONEY
(shakes head)
I just don't know what we're going to do now..

RAINBOW DASH
I know they were designed by A.K. Yearling, but can't you just get new props? Maybe she'll even design the new ones for you?

CANTER MOONEY
I doubt it. She made those as a special favor to me, and I'm sure she'll be heartbroken when I tell her what's happened. I suppose we can have new relics made, but that will take time and resources we really can't spare.

RAINBOW DASH
But it will be okay, right?

CANTER MOONEY
(defeated)
With the Mount Venhoovius set collapsing, Chestnut's limited availability, and this, along with all the other props and equipment we've lost... I fear we'll have to stop production altogether...

Spike and the Equestria Girls stare in disbelief.

RAINBOW DASH
(shocked)
What?!

Canter nods sadly.

CANTER MOONEY
Probably not permanently, but for now at least.
(MORE)

CANTER MOONEY (CONT'D)
(to Livia)
I'll take that cup of tea, dear,
when you have a moment.

Livia nods at her uncle, before heading off-screen.

RAINBOW DASH
Are you sure there's nothing you
can do to-

Another <CRASH> is heard off-screen and Canter looks over his
shoulder, and sighs.

CANTER MOONEY
I'm so sorry, please excuse me.

Canter exits in the direction of the crash off-screen.

Rainbow Dash faces her friends with a determined look.

RAINBOW DASH
This isn't right! We have to find
the relics!

TWILIGHT
I'm as disappointed as you are, but
we can't just go wandering around
the set.

RAINBOW DASH
Why not?

Fluttershy gives Rainbow Dash a worried look.

FLUTTERSHY
It could be dangerous...

RAINBOW DASH
Psh! Daring Do wouldn't care about
the danger! She would go after the
missing relics and find the one
responsible!

APPLEJACK
Darin' Do is brave, not foolish.
She would think things through,
rather than rushin' off into the
unknown like the wheel that rolled
away from the wagon!

RAINBOW DASH
(incredulous)
So it doesn't matter to any of you,
that someone is sabotaging the
Daring Do movie, stealing props and
destroying Mount Vehoovius?

TWILIGHT
We don't know that the person
stealing the props is also damaging
the sets. It could just be a
coincidence.

RAINBOW DASH
Who else would it be?!

Twilight sighs in exasperation.

SUNSET SHIMMER
Even if we were to go looking for
the missing props, how would we
know where to start?

APPLEJACK
It's not like there's some
mysterious, thievin' cloaked figure
we can chase after.

Pinkie Pie <POINTS> to something behind Applejack.

PINKIE PIE
You mean like that one?

PAN TO: CLOAKED FIGURE SNEAKING AROUND BEHIND ONE OF THE
STRAW HUTS ON THE SET.

RAINBOW DASH
Hey! Stop right there!

Startled, the Cloaked Figure turns and dashes off-screen.
Rainbow Dash spares a quick glance between her friends and
the mysterious figure.

TWILIGHT
Wait, we can't just-

Rainbow Dash ignores Twilight's warning and gives chase.

Left with no other choice, Spike and the other Equestria
Girls follow Rainbow Dash off-screen.

DISSOLVE TO:

**7) INT. PARAMARE STUDIOS - DARING DO SET - MOUNT VEHOOVIVUS -
MOMENTS LATER**

An out of breath Rainbow Dash stumbles onto the now broken set of Mount Vehoovivus. The cloaked figure is nowhere in sight.

Rainbow Dash cautiously looks around the set.

RAINBOW DASH
(panting)
He couldn't have gone far...

Spike and the other Equestria Girls catch up to her, all out of breath, and give Rainbow Dash pointed looks.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
What?

TWILIGHT
How could you just take off by
yourself like that?

Rainbow Dash shrugs, brushing off their concern.

RAINBOW DASH
Nothing happened... besides, Daring
Do takes off by herself all the
time!

APPLEJACK
I know bein' on the set is like
bein' in your own Darin' Do
adventure, but you gotta be more
careful. Something could've
happened to you.

RAINBOW DASH
I'm sorry for running off without
you guys, but what if the person we
chased over here is responsible for
all the things going wrong on the
set?

RARITY
All the more reason to be careful.

RAINBOW DASH
Okay, okay, I'll be careful. But
can we at least look around? I was
right behind him, but somehow he
got away from me. He's got to be
close by.

TWILIGHT

I still think we should go find
Canter, and try talking to one of
them first. I mean, we're guests
here, and I'm sure that-

Something on the set catches Twilight's eye, interrupting her
train of thought.

She steps closer to the broken volcano and spots a large pile
of loose screws, away from the collapsed volcano and
untouched by dust and debris.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

(speculatively)

That's strange... it almost looks
like someone deliberately removed
these screws *before* the volcano
collapsed...

Fluttershy <GASPS> and Applejack's eyes go wide. Sunset
Shimmer gives a disbelieving <SNORT>.

SUNSET SHIMMER

You don't actually think-

Rainbow Dash smiles broadly.

RAINBOW DASH

See?! I told you something was up!

FLUTTERSHY

Whoever do you think would do such
a thing?

TWILIGHT

(thoughtful)

It's hard to say... Chestnut
doesn't seem too happy with the way
Canter's directing the movie...

APPLEJACK

And she did seem awful determined
to point out than none o' this
would've happened if he'd listened
to her...

Sunset Shimmer shakes her head adamantly.

SUNSET SHIMMER

No way! There's no way she would
sabotage the movie just to get back
at Canter Mooney!

RARITY

I agree... Creative differences are one thing, but thwarting production just to prove a point?

TWILIGHT

Unless she thought that creating enough problems on the set would make him change his mind...

Sunset Shimmer opens her mouth to respond when the cloaked figure emerges from behind a pile of rubble.

Rainbow Dash spots him.

RAINBOW DASH

There he is!

Rainbow Dash <RUNS> after the cloaked figure and Spike and the other Equestria Girls chase after her.

DISSOLVE TO:

8) INT. PARAMARE STUDIOS - "MANE-IAC'S REVENGE" MOVIE SET - MARETROPOLIS - CONTINUOUS

Spike and the Equestria Girls find themselves off of the Daring Do set and on the set of the new superhero movie, "Mane-iac's Revenge."

Rainbow Dash spots the cloaked figure, easily slipping past lights and camera equipment and off-screen.

RAINBOW DASH

Come on! He went that way!

Rainbow Dash tries to lead her friends in the direction of the cloaked figure, but accidentally knock over all the lights and equipment in their paths.

A DIRECTOR with a sour expression spots them.

DIRECTOR

Hey! What are you doing out here?

TWILIGHT

Oh, um, I'm sorry, we were just-

DIRECTOR

Where are your costumes? We're going to start filming in three minutes-

APPLEJACK

This is a misunderstandin', you see
we were-

The director ignores her, turns over his shoulder, and calls to someone off-screen.

DIRECTOR

Jeremy! Get these girls into hair
and makeup!

A nervous-looking young man, JEREMY, appears from off-screen, ignoring the Equestria Girls' protests as he escorts them off screen to hair and makeup.

CUT TO:

**9) INT. PARAMARE STUDIOS - "MANE-IAC'S REVENGE" MOVIE SET -
MARETROPOLIS - SHORT WHILE LATER**

The Equestria Girls are rushed back onto the Maretropolis set. Sunset Shimmer is dressed as the Mane-iac, and the other Equestria Girls are dressed like the Power Ponies.

The Equestria Girls look around at each other helplessly as the lights dim on the set.

RAINBOW DASH

(mumbles to her friends)
We have to get out of here!

The Equestria Girls look around the Maretropolis set for a beat, just as the cloaked figure appears from behind a cardboard cutout of a building.

Applejack spots the cloaked figure.

DIRECTOR

And action!

APPLEJACK

There he is!

The cloaked figure runs off, and the Equestria Girls leap off the set after him.

CUT TO:

10) INT. PARAMARE STUDIOS - SERIES OF SHOTS - CONTINUOUS

Spike and the Equestria Girls chase the cloaked figure through the studio, past lights and camera equipment.

(Note: Although they appear in different costumes, the background remains the same)

Spike and the Equestria Girls run after the cloaked figure dressed like farmers, in overalls, plaid shirts, and straw hats.

Rainbow Dash leads Spike and the Equestria as they continue to chase after the cloaked figure, this time dressed in scrubs and surgeon caps, with stethoscopes around their necks.

Huffing and puffing, Spike and the Equestria Girls continue to chase after the cloaked figure, dressed like detectives (i.e. Sherlock Holmes).

CUT TO:

**11) INT. PARAMARE STUDIOS - "STORMY WITH A SIDE OF PUDDING"
MOVIE SET - STREET CORNER - MUCH LATER**

Exhausted and covered with bits and pieces of various costumes, Spike and the Equestria Girls collapse onto the floor of an empty set.

On the set, is a backdrop of an unremarkable street corner, and several large buckets filled with chocolate pudding.

Applejack looks around in confusion.

APPLEJACK

Where in the sam hill are we?

Rainbow Dash looks around hastily.

RAINBOW DASH

And where did he go?

PINKIE PIE

And what's a "sam hill"?

TWILIGHT

He must be around here somewhere...

(confused)

Wherever "here" is...

PINKIE PIE

(shocked)

Are you kidding?! This is the set
of "Stormy with a Side of Pudding!"

APPLEJACK

Stormy with a side of what now?

PINKIE PIE

It's only the sequel to my all-time favorite movie, "Raining Cats and Cupcakes," where food falls out of the sky!

Spike and the other Equestria Girls share blank stares.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

(exasperated)

I've tried to get you all to watch it, like a ga-billion times!

Pinkie Pie notices a large bucket of pudding near her feet and sticks her finger in it.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

(speculative)

I've heard they use real pudding...

Pinkie Pie tastes the pudding and smiles broadly.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

(excitedly)

They do!

Frustrated, Rainbow Dash gets up and accidentally <KNOCKS> over the bucket Pinkie Pie just tasted.

Rainbow Dash wanders away from her friends who sit together on the floor.

RAINBOW DASH

Ugh! We're running out of time!
We're supposed to be hunting down the missing relics and catching the bad guy, not eating pudding!

Suddenly, the cloaked figure emerges from his hiding spot behind the set.

Rainbow Dash and the other Equestria Girls are facing the opposite direction and do not notice him moving closer to them.

TWILIGHT

We're trying, but maybe we should make our way back to the Daring Do set. We've been gone a long time, and there could be some clues we've overlooked.

The cloaked figure creeps up behind Spike and the Equestria Girls, and <TOSSES> a large fishing net onto the group.

SUNSET SHIMMER

Ahh!

Rainbow Dash turns around as Sunset Shimmer <SCREAMS>, in time to see the cloaked figure running off-screen, while Spike and the other Equestria Girls struggle to untangle themselves from the net.

Rainbow Dash looks back and forth between the cloaked figure and her friends for a beat, before chasing after the cloaked figure.

TWILIGHT

Wait, Rainbow Dash!

As she runs after the cloaked figure, Rainbow Dash calls over her shoulder to her friends.

RAINBOW DASH

Don't worry! I've got this!

DISSOLVE TO:

12) INT. PARAMARE STUDIOS - ABANDONED SET- CONTINUOUS

Huffing and puffing, Rainbow Dash approaches an abandoned set that looks more like a construction site.

She looks around cautiously for the cloaked figure.

RAINBOW DASH

(to herself)

Where are you?

A <CREAK> at the far end of the set gets her attention and she moves in the direction that it came from.

She continues to look around and notices a small closet, with the door slightly ajar.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

(gulps)

Daring Do wouldn't be afraid...

Cautiously, Rainbow Dash opens the closet door and we follow as she goes inside.

**13) INT. PARAMARE STUDIOS - ABANDONED SET - CLOSET -
CONTINUOUS**

The inside of the closet is cluttered with random objects. She notices a wooden staff in the corner, and stares at it for a beat.

RAINBOW DASH

Hey! That's Stalwart's staff! It
must be the original one that Livia
said was stolen!

Excited, Rainbow Dash continues to look around, and the glint of metal peaking out from under a pile of clothes, catches her eye.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

Wait a minute... that looks like...

She picks it up and recognizes it as the Sword of Lustiano. She rummages through the rest of the clothing, finding the Staff of Ponypeii and the Arrow of Marapore, along with the missing Daring Do costumes.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

Yes! Yes! I did it! I found the-

So caught up in what she's uncovered, Rainbow Dash doesn't notice the closet door closing until it is too late.

She rushes over to the door to keep it from completely closing, reaching the door moments after it closes, just in time to hear the audible <CLICK> of a lock being turned into place.

Rainbow Dash tries to jiggle the handle.

The door won't budge.

Off Rainbow Dash's panicked expression we...

END ACT II

ACT III

**14) INT. PARAMARE STUDIOS - ABANDONED SET - CLOSET -
CONTINUOUS**

Rainbow Dash <YANKS> on the doorknob, trying to break free.

RAINBOW DASH
Hello?! Anybody out there?

Rainbow Dash <POUNDS> her fists against the door.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Help! I'm locked in here!

Rainbow Dash <POUNDS> her fists again in frustration, before she <SLUMPS> down to the floor.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
(dejected)
I never should've left the
others... it doesn't matter that
I've found the all the missing
props, because I'm stuck in here
and no one will be able to find me.

Rainbow Dash <SIGHS> and looks around hopelessly.

DISSOLVE TO:

**15) INT. PARAMARE STUDIOS - "STORMY WITH A SIDE OF PUDDING"
MOVIE SET - STREET CORNER - SHORT WHILE LATER**

Finally untangled from the net, Twilight, Spike, Applejack, Rarity, Fluttershy, Pinkie Pie, and Sunset Shimmer brush themselves off as they look around for any sign of Rainbow Dash.

TWILIGHT
(worried)
She could be anywhere... What if
something happened to her?

Rarity and Fluttershy share nervous looks.

APPLEJACK
We'll find her...

SUNSET SHIMMER
How? Twilight's right, she could be
anywhere!

Pinkie Pie looks thoughtful for a moment.

PINKIE PIE
We could just follow the pudding.

Sunset Shimmer looks at Pinkie Pie as if she's grown four heads.

Rarity opens her mouth to respond, when Pinkie Pie points at the trail of pudding left by Rainbow Dash when she kicked over the bucket.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

See?

The Equestria Girls all rush to hug Pinkie Pie.

TWILIGHT

You're a genius, Pinkie Pie!

Pinkie Pie smiles.

PINKIE PIE

I know!

Twilight beckons the group to follow Rainbow Dash's footprints.

TWILIGHT

Come on, this way!

Pinkie Pie stops, dips her finger in a bucket of pudding and takes one last lick. The others give her skeptical looks.

PINKIE PIE

For the road!

CUT TO:

16) INT. PARAMARE STUDIOS - ABANDONED SET- SHORT WHILE LATER

Twilight, Applejack, Rarity, Fluttershy, Pinkie Pie, Sunset Shimmer, and Spike arrive at the abandoned set.

Pinkie Pie points to the ground, where the pudding trail has abruptly stopped.

PINKIE PIE

There's no more pudding... which means she must be here somewhere.

Spike and the Equestria Girls begins looking around.

APPLEJACK

Rainbow Dash? Where are ya?

TWILIGHT

Hello? Is anyone here?

Fluttershy walks around the set, and hears <MUFFLED> sounds coming from behind a locked door. She presses her ear against the door.

FLUTTERSHY
Hello? Rainbow Dash? Are you in there?

A loud <BANG> comes from the other side of the door and the Equestria Girls huddle close to it.

RAINBOW DASH (V.O)
(muffled)
Yes! Help! I'm locked in!

Fluttershy unlocks the door and Rainbow Dash <RUNS> out. Spike and the Equestria Girls share a <SIGH> of relief as they and <EMBRACE> their friend.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Man, am I happy to see you!

TWILIGHT
We were all so worried about you!

Rainbow Dash looks at the concerned expressions on her friends' faces.

RAINBOW DASH
I know, and I'm so sorry for running off like that.
(sheepish)
I guess I just got carried away fantasizing about how great it would be to be Daring Do. She's so brave and adventurous, and I thought if I could find the missing props and catch the villain, it would be like *I* was Daring Do, ya know?

Spike and the Equestria Girls nod in understanding.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
And just because Daring Do works alone, doesn't mean I should have. I was wrong to think I didn't need you guys to help me, and if it wasn't for you, I'd still be locked in that closet.
(curious)
Wait, how did you find me?

PINKIE PIE
(solemnly)
Pudding never lies.

A beat.

RARITY
We're just happy you're safe.

Spike and the others nod in agreement.

Sunset Shimmer spares a glance at the inside of the closet where Rainbow Dash was trapped.

SUNSET SHIMMER
Are those all the missing props?

Rainbow Dash nods.

RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, I found everything that Livia said disappeared, but I didn't see the person who locked me in, and still have no idea who's behind this.

Twilight looks thoughtful for a moment. She gestures to the props.

TWILIGHT
Let's get these back to Canter Mooney, first. Then we can try and figure out who did this.

CUT TO:

17) INT. PARAMARE STUDIOS - DARING DO SET - TRICORNER VILLAGES - LATER

Spike and the Equestria Girls stand with Canter Mooney near the Tricorner Village set.

The missing props and costumes are spread out on the floor, and Canter's eyes dart back and forth between the Equestria Girls and the recovered items.

CANTER MOONEY
(to Rainbow Dash)
In a closet you say?

Rainbow Dash nods.

CANTER MOONEY (CONT'D)

(overjoyed)

Thank you so much! I still can't believe you've found them! I could've sworn Livia and I went through all the utility closets on the set...

RAINBOW DASH

What will happen with the movie? Will you be able to start shooting again?

CANTER MOONEY

Despite the fiasco with Mount Vehoovius, having the three relics returned will boost morale, and will certainly save us time and resources. I believe we should be able to keep our production schedule. Chestnut may even be persuaded to stay on a bit longer if necessary... once I apologize to her.

RAINBOW DASH

For what?

CANTER MOONEY

(sighs)

Well, I'm afraid she's been on my case for quite some time now, insisting there was a thief on the set. In fact, she spent the entire day following me around, demanding that I take her complaints seriously.

Twilight gives the other Equestria Girls a knowing look.

TWILIGHT

About that-

Suddenly, Livia approaches the group, looking frazzled and noticeably out of breath.

Her appearance startles Canter.

CANTER MOONEY

(to Livia)

Where on earth have you been? I haven't seen you since this morning.

(slightly reproachful)

(MORE)

CANTER MOONEY (CONT'D)
Not to mention, I still haven't
gotten that cup of tea.

Livia chews on her lip nervously.

LIVIA MOONEY
Well, I-

Livia notices all the recovered props.

LIVIA MOONEY (CONT'D)
(stutters)
Wh-what's all that?

CANTER MOONEY
Rainbow Dash found our missing
props! Isn't that wonderful!
Although unfortunately, it means
that they weren't misplaced by
accident...

Livia looks around guiltily, but Canter mistakes it for
nerves.

CANTER MOONEY (CONT'D)
Is everything alright, dear? You
don't look well.

Livia's eyes dart around the room.

TWILIGHT
(to Livia)
Maybe you should tell your uncle
what's been going on, and who is
really behind all the mishaps on
the set.

Livia cracks.

LIVIA MOONEY
I'm sorry! Okay? I'm sorry, I just,
I can't stand Chestnut and I was
mad at you for casting her as
Daring Do! I mean, I've told you
over and over again how badly I
wanted to play Daring Do, and you
just ignored me!

CANTER MOONEY
(bewildered)
But, Livia, you're too young! You
don't have any experience.

LIVIA MOONEY

I know! But I thought if enough things went wrong, Chestnut would back out of the movie and then maybe you'd give me a chance.

CANTER MOONEY

(furious)

Not only did you jeopardize production, endanger the safety of the actors and film crew, and waste company resources, but you also lied to me, and took advantage of my trust!

Livia hangs her head in shame.

LIVIA MOONEY

I know, and I'm sorry... I never meant to hurt anyone, and I was going to return all the props, just as soon as Chestnut quit. I hope you can forgive me...

Livia removes a small gold key from her pocket and hands it to her uncle.

CANTER MOONEY

(shocked)

My key!

Canter shakes his head in disappointment.

CANTER MOONEY (CONT'D)

You're my niece, Livia, so of course I can forgive you, but I'm sorry to say you are no longer welcome on the set, and it will be a long time before I consider allowing you back here.

Livia nods in understanding and walks off-screen.

Canter <SIGHS> before facing Rainbow Dash and the other Equestria Girls.

CANTER MOONEY (CONT'D)

(to Rainbow Dash)

Thank you, again, Rainbow Dash. Not many people would do what you did.

(MORE)

CANTER MOONEY (CONT'D)
 We're going to film one last scene today, and I'd like to offer you a walk on role to repay you for everything you've done for me. What do you say?

Rainbow Dash's eyes light up and she smiles broadly.

RAINBOW DASH
 (astonished)
 Wow! Thank you, I would love to-

She spares a glance at her friends, and shakes her head sadly.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
 But I just wouldn't feel right taking all the credit, when I couldn't have done it without my friends.

Canter Mooney nods in understanding and smiles proudly at the Equestria Girls.

CANTER MOONEY
 I see... well, lucky for you, I just might have room for everyone.

The Equestria Girls' eyes light up as we

CUT TO:

18) INT. PARAMARE STUDIOS - DARING DO SET - TRICORNER VILLAGES - SERIES OF SHOTS - CONTINUOUS

(Note: The following scene plays out much like the marketplace scene in Raiders of the Lost Ark, where Indiana Jones faces off against the Swordsman.)

Rarity is dressed as a clothing vendor, standing with Sunset Shimmer. Rarity offers multi-colored fabrics out to Sunset Shimmer, who holds them up to herself and <TWIRLS> around.

Suddenly, DARING DO appears on the set and <RUSHES> past them.

Daring Do nearly <BUMPS> into Applejack, who is dressed like a fruit vendor and is holding a bushel of apples.

Daring Do <DARTS> around Pinkie Pie, who is dressed like a street performer, juggling brightly colored pins.

Daring Do narrowly avoids running into Twilight, who is carrying a large stack of books.

Daring Do moves around Twilight, and has to catch herself before bumping into Fluttershy, who is dressed like a villager.

Daring Do <PUSHES> Fluttershy behind her protectively, just as Stalwart Stallion appears, dressed like an evil magician.

He steps directly in Daring Do's path.

STALWART STALLION
You will give me the Sword of
Lustiano!

DARING DO
(fiercely)
I don't think so, Stalwart!

Stalwart gives Daring Do a sinister smile as he retrieves a STAFF from his cloak.

STALWART STALLION
Have it your way!

Stalwart <RAISES> his staff above his head.

STALWART STALLION (CONT'D)
(chanting)
Hostium prohibere!

The ground begins to <RUMBLE> as Stalwart's magic <SWIRLS> above his head.

Daring Do looks around anxiously.

STALWART STALLION (CONT'D)
Det mihi quod volo!

Suddenly, Rainbow Dash appears at Daring Do's right, and hands her a WHIP.

STALWART STALLION (CONT'D)
Give up, Daring Do! You can't stop
me! The Sword shall be mine-

Daring Do <CRACKS> the whip at Stalwart, knocking the Staff out of his hands.

WIDE PAN TO REVEAL: ALL THE EQUESTRIA GIRLS TRYING TO HIDE
THEIR HUGE SMILES AS WE

FADE OUT.