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TEASER

Inside Carousel Boutique, ponies are sure to find exclusive fashions with style and flair. This is all thanks to the shop's talented designer, RARITY. Rarity knows what looks good on a pony and will personally guide a client to the perfect outfit. However today, her client SAPPHIRE SHORES is proving difficult to please. Rarity's shown her garments with sparkles and ribbons and bows, but none of these designs are bold enough for this fussy diva. Realizing she has to pull out all the stops, Rarity decides to reveal the pièce de résistance de la haute couture.

Pulling a cloth off a pony-dress form, Rarity unveils the most amazing, bejeweled, bedazzled ensemble ever. Rarity boasts that she used every last jewel for this one piece. In fact, so many gems glisten off this outfit, it's blinding. It's just what Sapphire was hoping for! She'll take it! Rarity smiles in triumph.

And Sapphire wants FIVE more just like it! Rarity's jaw drops in disbelief.

ACT I

Out in the woods, Rarity and SPIKE are hunting for gems. Rarity simply cannot believe the amount of gems she has to find to fill this order and is ever so thankful that Spike agreed to assist her. After all, she loves to find the jewels, but unearthing them can be so horribly messy and she just had her hooves polished! Moony-eyed over the lovely Rarity, Spike says he's only too happy to help.

As they walk, Rarity moves her head this way and that, using her Unicorn horn as a divining rod. Suddenly it begins to glow where Rarity is pointing. Treating Spike like her little dog, she encouragingly tells him to "go fetch" the jewel. Spike eagerly digs up two dazzling rubies. Spike's mouth begins to water. These gems look so delicious, he bets they taste even better! Rarity asks Spike to show her what he found. But Spike can't handle giving away the larger ruby, so he quickly pockets it to enjoy later. He brings the smaller ruby to Rarity, who promises that Spike will get a gem treat once they've collected more. Spike feels guilty for taking the gem, but keeps it hidden.

Rarity and Spike continue through the forest, finding more and more gems. But the two gem hunters are not alone. Lurking behind the trees, peering through the branches, the eyes of hidden mysterious creatures watch Spike as he pulls a wagon full of jewels. Impressed by this haul, the spies believe Spike is the best gem collector ever. They MUST have him! He will be able to find all the precious, precious jewels for their collection! They are about to grab Spike when Rarity's horn glows and guides her right to a big pocket of jewels. The creatures realize that it's not the dragon that they want. It's the pony!

Rarity's horn begins to glow and she is led right to a beautiful diamond. But this diamond is attached to the collar of a rather unusual half prairie-dog/half troll creature. She then sees many of these dog-things. Startled, but never short on manners, Rarity politely introduces herself. The creatures follow suit, stating that they are the DIAMOND DOGS. Rarity is intrigued by their name. After all, diamonds are this girl's best friend. But Rarity realizes that these Dogs are less than friendly as they descend upon her. They try to grab her, but Spike gets in their way in an attempt to protect Rarity. The Dogs quickly push the tiny Spike aside. Rarity runs to escape, but at every turn, the Dogs pop up out of holes trying to snatch her. Rarity does her best to dodge them while Spike tries to fight them off only to get shoved down over and over again. Finally a pack of the Dogs jump Rarity and drag her

towards the holes. As they try to carry her, a panicking Rarity struggles and shrieks trying to escape from the Diamond Dogs. Meanwhile, Spike chases after them trying to save her, but suddenly, she's gone. All Spike sees is a huge field of holes!

ACT II

TWILIGHT (with Spike on her back), RAINBOW DASH, APPLEJACK, PINKIE PIE, and FLUTTERSHY gallop through the forest off to Rarity's rescue. But when they arrive at the prairie field, the ponies are met by the Diamond Dog-Guards. Twilight demands that they return Rarity to them—NOW! The Diamond Dogs merely laugh at these pretty ponies, not threatened by them at all. This only makes the ponies more riled up. They charge in to confront the Dogs who quickly jump into various holes. The ponies each try to follow one down, but each is met with a face full of dirt as the Dogs kick back while digging down. The holes are now all sealed up!

Shaking off the dirt, farm girl Applejack fears how horrified the fussy and tidy Rarity must be. After all, that pony will only wear a mud mask if the mud is imported! Ripple dissolve into the ponies' collective—and exaggerated—imagination. In this melodramatic vision, they see a weak and defenseless Rarity forced to dig in the disgusting dirt. She gets grimmer and greasier as she hunts for more and more gems. Each fleck of dirt that falls upon her previously fleckless coat breaks her spirit even more. Between the work and the filth, their poor pony friend is completely overwhelmed!

Imagining the distressed Rarity spurs the ponies on. They have to find their friend! Seeing plenty of open holes to choose from, the ponies start running towards them, desperate for a way into the mines. But as each runs towards one hole, a Dog pops out of another. The ponies turn their focus, but then the Dog disappears just as the pony tries to hoof the hole. The Dogs then pop out of different holes, drawing the ponies this way and that, trying to stomp them. On and on goes the giant "Whack-a-Mole" game. But the Diamond Dogs are playing their own game, popping out of other holes to trip the ponies and pull their tails.

All the Dogs disappear in their holes and the ponies collapse in exhaustion. If the Dogs got the better of all of them, how is ladylike Rarity surviving? A flustered Fluttershy fears that all these terrible Dogs will overwhelm delicate Rarity. They'll be popping out here and there telling her to do this and that. The ponies have another over-the-top vision of Rarity as the damsel-in-distress overworked and overwrought. Everywhere she turns, another Dog appears, demanding she find the jewels. Rarity's eyes light up at each jewel, only to be snatched away by one of the Dogs. The Dogs make her pull a heavy cart five times bigger than her. And when the thirsty Rarity needs a refreshment, they lead this pony to water, but they will not let her drink. Finally, in a dramatic fall, Rarity faints from fatigue.

The ponies are aghast at what they've imagined, but at a loss as to what to do. The Diamond Dogs have the home court advantage and won't give it up for anything. But then Spike realizes that the Dogs will respond to one thing. Gems! And while that's a good point, the ponies point out that they don't have any gems and only Rarity knows how to find them! Spike then pulls out the beautiful, spectacular ruby he pocketed earlier for himself. But now, he will sacrifice it—for Rarity!

With the jewel attached to a string on a pole, Spike sits by one of the holes dangling it in as bait. Laying back like he's fishing on a Sunday afternoon, Spike imagines his dramatic and heroic rescue of Rarity. In Spike's fantasy, he is transformed into a knight in shining armor valiantly arriving to save his weakened and weary princess. In his knight/dragon combo,

the huge, muscular Spike storms unto the breach, breathing fire to stop the Diamond Dogs from attacking. He then frees Rarity and they ride off, side by side, into the sunset.

Spike is reveling in his reverie when he suddenly gets a bite! The jewel starts getting dragged down into the hole—and Spike right along with it! Twilight grabs onto Spike, only to get dragged down as well. One by one, each of the ponies take hold of each other, all getting pulled into the lair of the Diamond Dogs!

Emerging on the other side, Spike and the ponies feel triumphant at their success. Now they can finally save Rarity! But then they look up to see that they are in a mining cavern with many, many tunnels leading various directions. Which way do they go? Which way leads to Rarity?

ACT III

Twilight, Spike, and the ponies feel defeated having finally reached the interior of the Diamond Dogs' lair only to realize that it's a maze of mining tunnels. They can't search them all and they can't possibly figure out which one leads to Rarity. Or can they? Twilight can replicate Rarity's gem spell. Surely the mineshaft with the most gems will be the one they've taken Rarity through! With a plan of action, the ponies set forth to save their helpless friend Rarity from the horrible Diamond Dogs.

Little do they know Rarity is less than helpless against the Diamond Dogs. And this is because she is less than helpful, which is driving the Diamond Dogs crazy. As the Diamond Dogs attempt to harness Rarity and force her to find jewels, Rarity can do nothing but complain. She starts with the Dogs themselves and how horrible they smell. Do they ever bathe? What did they eat today? Garlic? And the harness they've put her in is just awful. It's binding and chafing. When she does locate a gem, Rarity absolutely refuses to dig it up. The Dogs demand that she does, so she weakly scratches her hoof against the dirt. But this hard labor makes her terribly thirsty. Hoping to appease her (and get her to be quiet), they bring her water in a gold goblet. But Rarity knows solid gold when she sees it and this is simply plated gold, which just will not do!

The Diamond Dogs are getting frustrated and ask her to stop whining. Rarity points out that she is not whining she's complaining. If they want to hear whining, she's only too happy to demonstrate. Which she does, much to their horror, leaving them begging for the complaining.

Finally Rarity has located a huge number of jewels for the Dogs. They've even compromised on a method where Rarity finds them and they do all the work digging them up. But then one of the Dogs makes the horrible mistake of yelling, "Hiya mule!" which Rarity immediately takes as an insult to her beauty. Her eyes well up with tears at the thought of being as ugly as a mule. Realizing that he's made a horrible mistake, the Dog tells Rarity that he didn't mean it. She's nothing like a mule. She's pretty and nice. But Rarity doesn't believe him and breaks down in tears. "You don't like me!"

Meanwhile, the ponies and Spike have finally found the entrance leading to Rarity. But just as they are about to bust through, the guardian Diamond Dogs attack. The Dogs jump on the ponies' backs, trying to harness them as well. The Dogs are in for the ride of their lives as the ponies buck and kick like wild horses. Finally, the ponies toss the guardian Dogs off their backs, clearing their way to Rarity.

Spike jumps onto Twilight's back and rides in to rescue his lady Rarity. As they come bursting through the door, they hear, "Help! Help!" But once they're through, they see that it's the Diamond Dogs who are begging to be saved from Rarity! She's so high-maintenance, it's just not worth it! Take her away!

Rarity is only too happy to leave, but not without all the gems. After all, SHE found them! The Diamond Dogs eagerly agree just to get rid of her. As Rarity proudly trots off with a cart full of jewels to embellish her five new outfits, her friends follow in amazement. They were sure Rarity could never survive in such dreadful conditions and would need them to save her from the Diamond Dogs. Rarity smiles confidently. Once she saw all the gems in the mine, she played those Dogs like a fiddle. They were wrapped around her little hoof the entire time.

Twilight is especially impressed with her friend realizing that just because somepony is ladylike doesn't make them weak. In fact, by using her wits, this seemingly defenseless pony outsmarted and outshined them all!

The End.