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TEASER

EXT. GRASSY FIELD IN PONYVILLE - DAY

Twilight Sparkle is returning from the marketplace with a satchel of groceries. As she strolls along the path, she sees Pinkie Pie and Rarity looking up at the sky. She approaches them with curiosity.

1 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (LOOKING UP)
Hey Rarity. Hey Pinkie Pie. What
are you looking at?

Pinkie pie points up a hoof.

2 PINKIE PIE
Rainbow Dash!

Twilight's head starts to follow along with Pinkie Pie and Rarity as they track their swiftly moving friend. (** Please Note: We never see RD in the teaser. We stay on her friends as they watch her off screen.**)

3 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Isn't she the most daring devil...I
mean the most devilish darer? I
mean...

4 RARITY
She's...DAZZLING!

5 PINKIE PIE
Oooh--yeah that's a good word.
She's...DAZZLING!

Rainbow Dash does incredible loops, spins, and leaps, and the other ponies' eyes and heads follow in the same pattern. Their remarks are in unison.

6 PINKIE PIE, RARITY, TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Ooohhh. Aaaaaahh.

Their eyes continue to look up and down, side to side, the heads move right, then left.

Then, all of a sudden, their smiles turn to frowns.

7 RARITY
Uh oh!...

8 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh no, oh no,...

9 PINKIE PIE
Ay yay yay yay yay!...

The viewer watches all three ponies eyes and head travel from the sky... to the ground. Then there's a giant offscreen:

10 SFX (RAINBOW DASH O.S.)
<<<CRASH!!!>>>

The ponies wince. They slowly open their eyes.

11 PINKIE PIE
So much for dazzling.

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

INT. PONYVILLE HOSPITAL - DAY

As the camera fades in, so do the ponies' voices. The ponies are huddled around a bed.

12 APPLEJACK
So she's going to be okay?

13 FLUTTERSHY
I'm so worried!

14 PINKIE PIE
Is her face going to stay that way?

As the camera trucks in, the ponies divide, revealing a Rainbow Dash, dressed in a hospital gown, sitting grumpily in a hospital bed, her wing and shoulder bandaged, and a bandaid on her head.

15 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
How is she Dr. Hoarse?

DR. HOARSE enters.

16 DR. HOARSE
(speaks in a hoarse voice)
She's going to be FINE. Luckily she has friends like you who got her over here in a jiffy.

17 PINKIE PIE

Oh it was no jiffy! She's A LOT
heffier-uh-heavier than she looks.

18 RAINBOW DASH (GRUMPY)

How long do I need to lie here?
I've got things I need to do.

19 DR. HOARSE

Well, that all depends on your
recovery. But I'd say a few days
minimum.

Rainbow Dash can't believe her ears.

20 RAINBOW DASH

A few days!! I thought we were
talking another hour or two, tops.
Are you joshin' me?! I feel FINE!

21 DR. HOARSE

Now, Rainbow Dash, your injuries
are serious.

22 RAINBOW DASH

They are not serious!

On "serious" she throws out her arms. Then quickly she winces
and bends one in close to her chest.

23 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

..except for that one...
(earnestly) You guys have to get me
outta here. I'm gonna climb the
walls!

24 PINKIE PIE

Oh! Just like a spider! Did the
crash give her spider-like powers
somehow, Doc?

The Doctor walks away as he responds.

25 DR. HOARSE

No, nor did it give her amazing
healing powers. She needs to stay
in bed for a few days.

26 RAINBOW DASH

(under her breath)

A few days... Might as well be a
few months! Or a few years!

27 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Now Rainbow, if Dr. Hoarse says you
need to stay here, then that's
what's best!

28 FLUTTERSHY
It's not so bad, Rainbow Dash.

29 APPLEJACK
I bet the chow here is hoof lickin'
good!

30 RARITY
And the hospital gowns ...they
...they match the curtains!

31 PINKIE PIE
And look! You have a roommate!

Pinkie Pie pulls away the curtain divider, revealing a pony
in a full body cast. Hold for a long beat as the roommate
stays still and says nothing.

Rainbow Dash pouts and looks away from her friends, outside
the window.

32 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I guess her face IS going to stay
that way.

The ponies look at each other, worried. Twilight spots a
rolling book cart nearby. She recognizes a book and excitedly
pulls it out, tossing it onto Rainbow Dash's bed.

33 RAINBOW DASH (UNINTERESTED)
What's THIS.

34 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Rainbow Dash, meet Daring Do, the
Heroine from Corral Cove.

Rainbow Dash's POV of the book. The cover is heavily
illustrated in a dramatic fashion akin to a romance novel.

35 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
(reading)
"Daring Do and the Quest for the
Sapphire Stone"

36 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This is the first story in the
series. I own all of them!

Rainbow Dash scoffs and crosses her hooves.

37 RAINBOW DASH
NO THANKS. I SO don't read. I'm a
world class athlete. Readings for
Eggheads like you, Twilight. No
offense. But I am not reading.
Nooooo way. It's UNdeniably,
UNquestionably, UNcool.

Rainbow Dash is taken aback by the chuckles from the others.

38 PONIES
Ha ha! Uncool? Hee hee!

39 APPLEJACK
Is she serious? Who doesn't like to
read a bang-up tale from time to
time?

40 RARITY
Why a good book is almost as
magnificent as silk pajamas on a
Sunday morning!

41 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Reading is for everypony, Rainbow
Dash!

42 PINKIE PIE
Yeah, I love reading, and my head
isn't even close to the shape of an
egg. It's more the shape of an
apple, or maybe a orange. But a big
orange! More like a grapefr---

PONY NURSE #1 comes in and cuts Pinkie Pie off.

43 PONY NURSE #1
Alright, my little ponies. Rainbow
Dash needs her rest. You'll have to
come back tomorrow!

The ponies are ushered out.

44 APPLEJACK
Don't fret, Rainbow Dash. You'll be
in apple pie order in no time!

Twilight leans into Rainbow Dash.

45 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I think you'd like Daring. She's a
lot like you --- adventurous,
fierce, and "UNdeniably,
UNquestionably" UNSTOPPABLE.

Twilight exits, leaving Rainbow Dash alone with the book on her night stand. She willfully looks away from it and out her window. We see what she sees - The hospital is next to a park, where various ponies are enjoying themselves, having picnics, flying kites, throwing frisbees. Cut around to see Rainbow's face plastered up against the glass, longing to be outside.

She turns away from the window and looks at the wall clock, which reads 1:00. The second hand moves slowly, and the clock tick tocks slowly and loudly.

In a MONTAGE, Rainbow Dash tries to speed time along. The tick tock of the clock continues in the background.

1) Rainbow Dash pushes the nurse's button. Pony Nurse #1 walks in.

46 RAINBOW DASH
Um, my pillow needs fluffing.

2) Rainbow Dash draws out flying maneuvers (like a football play chart) on a small blackboard with her chalk. Frustrated, she erases the play.

3) Rainbow Dash tries to pick up a conversation with her roommate, the pony in the full body cast.

47 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
"To get to the other side." (pause)
Get it? Get it?

The pony does not move.

48 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
See, ... the chicken.. get it?
...he crossed the road?...

Still nothing.

49 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Oh forget it.

4) Rainbow Dash tries to balance a carrot on her nose.

5) Rainbow Dash pushes the nurse's button again. Nurse #1 walks in.

50 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Um, my pillow needs fluffing...
again.

6) Rainbow Dash plays a game of Tic-Tac-Toe with herself on the blackboard. She fills in the final square. Somehow neither 'X' nor 'O' has managed to win. She erases the board angrily.

7) Rainbow Dash talks to the pony in the cast.

51 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
*"You can tune a piano but you can't
tune a fish?"* Get it? Tun-a fish?

The pony does not move.

52 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Never heard that one, either, huh?

8) Rainbow Dash tries to balance a carrot, apple, celery stalk and head of lettuce on her nose.

9) Rainbow Dash calls the nurse in again.

53 NURSE #1 (UNAMUSED)
Your pillow needs fluffing?

54 RAINBOW DASH
No. My back is itchy.

10) Rainbow Dash plays a game of Hangman (or Hangpony?) with herself on the blackboard. She's managed to guess only one letter and the hangman is complete. She tosses the board across the room.

55 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
AAAAAAHHHHHH!!!!!!

She looks over at the wall clock which reads 1:15.

Her jaw drops and holds for a beat. Slowly, reluctantly, she moves her eyes towards the book on the night stand, almost as if she doesn't want it to see her looking at it.

56 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
<SIGH>

She opens it up to the first page, and begins reading contemptuously and with an uninterested tone.

57 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

As Daring Do trekked through the tropical jungle, she could feel the wet heat on the back of her neck. The mosquitoes buzzed loudly; the macaws cried from the high trees canopies.

The viewer is swept into the book (shown in italics throughout the script).

EXT. TROPICAL JUNGLE - DAY

Daring Do moves through the jungle. She looks exactly like Rainbow Dash but her coloring is different. Her body is a golden brown and her 'rainbow' mane is all shades of yellow and brown. She is dressed in khaki button-up shirt and shorts. The mosquitoes buzz loudly and the macaws cry from the canopies.

58 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)

*(a little more interested tone)
Yet all of these distracting noises
were not enough to cover the sound
of the predators following her
every step.*

She stops in her tracks as a tiger leaps out of the bush, blocking her path! Daring turns to go in a different direction but a panther leaps out! She turns again and a cheetah appears! Then a bobcat!

Daring Do leaps over fallen trees, dives under thick vines, and darts back and forth over the tall grasses, narrowly escaping the slashing claws of the pursuing jungle cats.

Coming to a clearing, she gallops through a rapid stream, the cats close behind. Water sprays everywhere as she gains a little distance. She continues back into the jungle.

Again she is darting through thick brush, over branches, under leaves, gaining a little distance from her enemies.

All of a sudden, she stops dead in her tracks, as the dirt at her hooves crumbles and tumbles over a 200 ft. cliff! She looks behind her and the cats are swiftly approaching. She looks everywhere for a way out.

Then she sees a vine. Just as the cats leap to attack, she grabs the vine in her teeth and sails over a giant gulch. She lands safely on the other side.

Rainbow Dash narrates the last passage.

59 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Safely landing on the other side,
Daring finally allowed herself a
moment to breath. She turned around
and found herself face to face --

INT. PONYVILLE HOSPITAL

Rainbow Dash continues the sentence in her hospital room.
--with the long lost temple that
she had sought tirelessly for over
60 days and nights!

Rainbow Dash quickly looks up from her book, breathless.

60 RAINBOW DASH
O. M. G.
I'M AN EGGHEAD!!!

END OF ACT I

ACT II

Act two opens up already in the book.

EXT. TEMPLE IN TROPICAL JUNGLE - DAY

61 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
The smell of decay and danger hit
Daring Do as she peered into the
dimly lit entrance of the ancient
temple.

*Daring Do carefully and quietly enters the dark, musty
temple.*

INT. TEMPLE IN TROPICAL JUNGLE - DAY

*It is dimly lit by flaming torches on the walls. She begins
to travel down a hall. Suddenly she hears a <CLICK> and ducks
off screen. A battle axe flies in and plants itslef in the
wall right where Draing's head was. She comes back on screen.*

62 DARING DO
Whew!

She continues to walk down the hall. Again she senses something and quickly jumps up, with all four hooves planted against the walls in the narrow corridor. A section of floor collapses beneath her. She looks down and sees dark waters below with alligators chomping their jaws! She leaps to over the hole and continues her journey.

She enters a wider hallway, and notices a room at the end that is brighter. She smiles and begins to speed up. She inadvertently steps on a tile, triggering a series of boobytraps. Arrows, swords, and darts fly out of the walls as she leaps, jumps, and dives around them. Then spikes begin to pop out of the floor, one at a time, and she swiftly maneuvers around them. As hatches swing out from the ceiling on a pendulum, she rolls away from them. She finally rolls into the open room, and quickly gets to her feet. And there, in the middle of the open room, Daring Do sees the sapphire statue, glowing in an almost mystical light!

INT. PONYVILLE HOSPITAL - DAY - CONTINUOUS

<KNOCK KNOCK!>

Rainbow Dash quickly looks up just in time to see the door opening. She shoves the book under her covers and pats down her blanket. She throws a quirky smile on her face.

Twilight Sparkle and Fluttershy come in.

63 TWILIGHT SPARKLE AND FLUTTERSHY
Hi Rainbow Dash!

64 RAINBOW DASH
Uh, hey.. guys!

65 FLUTTERSHY
We thought we'd come and cheer you up.

Twilight places a board game box "Sky High" on the bed.

66 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We brought your favorite board game-
"Sky High"!

67 FLUTTERSHY
We know how much you like to win.

Rainbow Dash looks at the bump under her covers where the book is hiding as Twilight sets up the game. The gameboard looks like a Battleship Game, where there is a wall in between the two sides.

Rainbow Dash is on one side and Twilight and Fluttershy are on the other. Instead of the battleships, the pieces are clouds, ponies, & birds.

In this scene, Rainbow Dash is faking her emotions so they are exaggerated and change quickly. She is trying to push the game along so she can get back to her book.

68 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You go first, Rainbow Dash.

69 RAINBOW DASH
(smiling)
No, no, ladies first!

Twilight Sparkle raises an eyebrow then shrugs.

70 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Alright, um, A3.

Rainbow Dash fakes disappointment.

71 RAINBOW DASH
Oh shucks! You rained on my
cumulus! (smiling) Go again!

72 FLUTTERSHY
Um, G5?

73 RAINBOW DASH
Whoah, you got me again! You found
my seagull!

74 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
B2?

75 RAINBOW DASH
Oh no! You zapped my weather pony!

76 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Ooh, you stung my bumblebee!

77 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
My Thunderbolt!

78 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
And that's my last cloud. You found
it! I guess you guys win! I lose!

Twilight Sparkle and Fluttershy just sit there, dumbfounded.

79 FLUTTERSHY
But Rainbow Dash, you..you..didn't
even get a turn.

Rainbow Dash smiles.

80 RAINBOW DASH
You win some, you lose some!

81 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But you don't 'lose some.' I don't
think you've ever lost a game of
"Sky High!"

Rainbow Dash looks up at the clock.

82 RAINBOW DASH
Oh lookie that! It's already time
for my nap!

Rainbow Dash fakes a big <YAWN>.

She shoves the badly put away game into Twilight's arms.

83 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Thanks for coming!

84 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Is everything..ok?

85 RAINBOW DASH
Uh, sure! I'm just zonked.

Rainbow Dash lets out another big <YAWN> and points to her mouth while looking at Twilight.

Twilight is a little confused but begins to walk out the door.

86 FLUTTERSHY
Glad we could cheer you up.

87 RAINBOW DASH
And that you did. Look at me! All
cheered up!

Rainbow Dash holds her hooves to her cheeks and makes a wide grin. The ponies walk out the door, and Rainbow Dash removes the fake grin and lets out a huge <SIGH> of relief. Rainbow Dash pulls the book from under her covers and eagerly opens it up.

88 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Daring Do stood at the entrance to
the central temple chamber. At last
she was face to face with the
legendary Sapphire Statue.

INT. MAIN TEMPLE CHAMBER - DAY

Daring Do sees the statue in the middle of the chamber. It's a good 25 feet from her. She looks at her surroundings, knowing it isn't as easy as walking across and grabbing the statue.

She inspects the walls of the chamber. They are filled with intricate patterns. She also notices small holes in the walls.

89 *DARING DO*
Booby traps...

Looking around she sees slits in the walls and the floors.

90 *DARING DO (CONT'D)*
More booby traps...

There is a painted border continuing around all the walls. As she looks closer, she notices that it is a repeating pattern of animals: Lions, Wolves, Cats, Eagles.

91 *DARING DO (CONT'D)*
There must be a pattern here....
What do all these animals have in
common?

Daring Do looks around the floor, and sees a dark square border about a foot in front of her, wrapping around the entire floor. Inside the border is a series of tiles, and in each tile, she sees each animal. Then she notices that in addition to the lions, wolves, cats, and eagles, there are rats. She figures it out.

92 *DARING DO (CONT'D)*
Aha! Those animals are all
predators. Except...

Camera zooms in on a rat tile as her hoof comes down on it.

93 *DARING DO (CONT'D)*
...rats!

Pause. Nothing happens. So Daring Do carefully places another hoof on a rat tile. Safe again. She grins confidently.

Daring finally reaches the Sapphire Statue, picks it up and drops it in her satchel. She sighs in relief and relaxes for a moment.

94 *DARING DO (CONT'D)*
<sigh>

But in her relaxation, she accidentally steps backwards, and her hoof lands on a wrong tile. It begins to sink down. The chamber begins to shake. Part of the ceiling begin to fall in.

She quickly leaps away to avoid some celing debris, only to land on another non-rat tile. Desperately trying to reach the border of the floor (where the tiles stop), she jumps from sinking tile to sinking tile. She leaps for the border, but falls short. She scrambles with her front legs to hold on to the edge, as a giant cavernous pit which was once the floor, opens up into blackness.

Suddenly her satchel buckle slips and the statue rolls out. Thinking quickly, she kicks the statue with her hind leg. The statue sails over and lands directly into her mouth. She scrambles up onto the border of the floor that remains and dashes off screen.

EXT. TROPICAL JUNGLE - DAY

Out of breath, she gallops out of the temple just as the roof caves in. She collapses outside in a heap. But before she can celebrate, she sees a pair of monstrous boots in front of her!

INT. PONYVILLE HOSPITAL - DAY - CONTINUOUS

<KNOCK KNOCK!>

Breathless, Rainbow Dash once again shoves the book under her covers, just as Pinkie Pie, Apple Jack, and Rarity come in.

95 *PINKIE PIE*
Helloooo Rainbow Dash!

96 *RARITY*
How's our patient doing today?

Apple Jack pushes open the window.

97 *APPLEJACK*
We need to get some fresh air in
'ere! You're lookin' sweatier than
a pig wrangler on a summer's day!

Rainbow Dash quickly wipes her brow.

98 RAINBOW DASH
Well, guys, thanks for visiting,
but--

Pinkie Pie screams, making the other ponies flinch.

99 PINKIE PIE
CHARADES!!!

100 APPLEJACK
Huh?

101 RARITY
I think she said --

102 PINKIE PIE
CHARADES!!!!

Pinkie Pie hops over to the other end of the room.

103 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I act something out without talking
and you guess who I am! Ok, here we
go!

Pinkie Pie begins to make a scooping motion with her hooves.

104 APPLEJACK
Uh, yer pulling up veggies--you're
a crop picker!

Rainbow Dash is trying to be a good sport but eyes the book
bulging under her cover.

105 RAINBOW DASH
Um, you're separating the clouds;
you're a...a... weather pony!

106 RARITY
You're selecting exquisite gems for
your next smashing fashion line.
...You're ...me!

Pinkie Pie shakes her head "no" then tries a different
maneuver, making a diving motion with her front hooves.

107 APPLEJACK
Uh..uh... yer uh..shoveling dirt!
You're a troweler!

108 RAINBOW DASH
Uh...you're diving through clouds--
you're a... a Wonder Bolt!

109 RARITY
You're sending fabulous fabrics and
shiny zippers through the sewing
machine..... You're me!

Pinkie Pie shakes her head feverishly "no." She tries one more motion, and does a disco motion like "stayin' alive," taking hoof, pointing it downwards and then up into the sky.

110 APPLEJACK
Oh gosh, you're uh... throwin'
fertilizer plant food into the
crops. You're... you're a farmer!

111 RAINBOW DASH
You're uh... giving directions to a
lost pegasus?

112 RARITY
I know! You're unraveling bolts of
fabric and taking measurements.
...You're me!!

Pinkie Pie rolls her eyes and stops dead in her tracks.

113 PINKIE PIE
Gee whiz ponies! I mean, what does
it take? I'm practically screaming
it out to you!

114 APPLEJACK
Well, obviously we haven't got a
clue Pinkie Pie.

115 RARITY
So why don't you enlighten us?

Pinkie Pie stops for a beat. Then begins to giggle.

116 PINKIE PIE
Hee hee hee!

Rainbow Dash raises a brow.

117 RAINBOW DASH
What the heck is so funny Pinkie
Pie?

Pinkie Pie blushes.

118 PINKIE PIE
I forgot what I was pretending to
be! Hee he hee!

The other three ponies groan and roll their eyes.

119 RAINBOW DASH, RARITY, PINKIE PIE
UGH!!!!

Just then, PONY NURSE #2 walks in with a food tray. Tonight's food is pretty yucky looking.

120 PONY NURSE # 2
Ok, now, dinner time for Rainbow
Dash.

Rainbow Dash is so thankful.

121 RAINBOW DASH (FEIGNING SINCERITY)
Oh just in time! I am SO HUNGRY!

122 RARITY
Well, don't mind us, Rainbow Dash.

123 APPLEJACK
Yeah, go ahead and eat up!

Rarity, Apple Jack, and Pinkie Pie stand there, smiling. The last thing that Rainbow Dash wants to do is eat the purple colored food slop, but there's no looking back. She takes a big scoop of it and shoves it in her mouth. Her eyes bulge out and some of it dribbles out of her mouth. It's a pretty ghastly sight.

124 RARITY
Uh, on second thought--

Rarity, Apple Jack, and Pinkie Pie look at each other, grossed out, and quickly leave.

125 PINKIE PIE
We'll see you tomorrow, Rainbow
Dash!

As soon as the ponies leave, Rainbow Dash spits out the food into a nearby potted flower which instantly sags.

126 RAINBOW DASH
<YECH!!>

Rainbow Dash pushes the dinner away and grabs her book. She begins reading out loud, in a dramatic and serious tone.

127 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
You thought you could evade me and
capture the relic for yourself! But
you were sadly mistaken, Miss Do!

INT. TEMPLE DUNGEON - DAY

128 AHUIZOTL
And now you shall meet your doom!

*An unseen figure holds the relic that Daring Do had just
acquired. "Ha ha ha ha ha!" he laughs maniacally.*

INT. PONYVILLE HOSPITAL - EVENING

Rainbow Dash stops and looks up from her book.

129 RAINBOW DASH
Whoah! Who's this dude?

INT. TEMPLE DUNGEON - DAY

*There stands, Ahuizotl, Daring's nemesis. This supernatural,
Aztec-esque villain is a doglike creature, with small monkey
hands. A hand is also connected to its tail, and it boasts
very pointy ears. (Character can be found in mythology
literature).*

*Daring Do has been tied up, and lays struggling on an altar-
like table in a cold stone dungeon in the temple.*

130 DARING DO
*You won't get away with this,
Ahuizotl!*

131 AHUIZOTL
But I already have!

*Ahuizotl waves the relic at Daring Do and makes a quick exit
from the dungeon.*

*Daring Do observes her surroundings. Again, that ominous
rumbling noise occurs.*

132 DARING DO
Not again!

*Daring quickly looks to the side walls as they start moving
towards her! Spikes poke out of the walls.*

Cobras squeeze out of other holes and cracks in one of the walls and slither towards her. Spiders crawl out of the cracks on the opposite wall.

Daring Do feels the altar shake. It begins to sink! She tries her best to look below her.

133 DARING DO (CONT'D)
Quicksand!

She struggles with all her might to loosen the ropes, but they will not budge. The altar sinks slowly but steadily into the quicksand.

134 DR. HOARSE (V.O.)
Rainbow Dash? Rainbow Dash?

INT. PONYVILLE HOSPITAL - DAY

Sitting up under her covers, next to a firefly lamp, Rainbow Dash realizes somepony is calling for her.

135 DR. HOARSE (V.O.)
(sing songy)
Rainbow Dash...

Rainbow Dash quickly appears from under the covers, her mane tussled, darkish circles under her eyes.

136 RAINBOW DASH
Oh, good even---

137 DR. HOARSE
--morni--

138 RAINBOW DASH
--morning, Dr. Hoarse!

Rainbow Dash looks out the window and realizes the sun is shining. Dr. Hoarse notices the lamp still glowing under the covers.

139 DR. HOARSE
Have you been up all night?

140 RAINBOW DASH
Uh --- Of course not!

Rainbow Dash taps the lamp and it goes out.

141 DR. HOARSE
Well, I'll be quick.

Rainbow Dash smiles, looking at the book lump under the covers.

142 RAINBOW DASH
Yes. Quick would be best.

143 DR. HOARSE
Congratulations, Rainbow Dash!
We're checking you out of the hospital!

144 RAINBOW DASH
(worried)
What? Checking me out? Later today?

145 DR. HOARSE
No.

Rainbow Dash is relieved.

146 RAINBOW DASH
<sigh>

147 DR. HOARSE
Right now!

148 RAINBOW DASH
Right now?! What? Right now, right now?

149 DR. HOARSE
Right now, right now!

A group of nurses come in, and swarm Rainbow Dash. A nightgown comes off, a comb and brush come in. The audience's view is obscured by the nurses.

150 RAINBOW DASH (OBSCURED)
Oof! Hey! Wait! Ow! Oh! I'm not ready!

Before she knows it, she's being escorted out, the book still under the sheets!

151 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
But-- but...

She is shoved out the front door. The doctor and nurses wave to her.

152 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
But I don't feel better!

153 DR. HOARSE
Now take it easy, Rainbow Dash!
Remember to stay off that wing for
a week!

The hospital door closes between her and the staff.

154 RAINBOW DASH (TO HERSELF)
How am I supposed to take it easy?!
HOW WILL I EVER FIND OUT WHAT
HAPPENS TO DARING DO????

END OF ACT II

ACT III

EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

Rainbow Dash is pacing back and forth in front of the
hospital, upset.

155 RAINBOW DASH
Is Ahuizotl going to get away with
the statuette? What's going to
happen to Daring?

Rainbow thinks for a beat.

156 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Aha! Twilight has a copy of the
book! But I can't ask her after I
called her an EGGHEAD n' all!
....OH! All of this is making my
brain hurt!

And that gives Rainbow Dash an idea.

INT. PONYVILLE HOSPITAL - PATIENT ROOM - DAY

Rainbow Dash sits in a small room on a patient bed, very
casually waiting. This is not a hospital room but a room in
the clinic area.

As soon as Dr. Hoarse walks in, Rainbow Dash immediately
changes her attitude, pretending to be in severe pain.

157 RAINBOW DASH
<Over-the-top fake pain noises>

158 DR. HOARSE
Rainbow Dash, what are you doing
here? Anything wrong?

Rainbow Dash rubs her head.

159 RAINBOW DASH
Well, I think I need to come back
to the hospital pronto.

160 DR. HOARSE
Oh? Well let's take a lookie then,
shall we?

Dr. Hoarse examines the little scrape on Rainbow Dash's
forehead.

161 DR. HOARSE (CONT'D)
Doesn't look like there's anything
wrong there...

162 RAINBOW DASH
(thinking quickly)
Well, um, my wing! It's still
hurting, too!

Dr. Hoarse goes to examine her wing but touches the other one
first. Rainbow Dash fakes pain.

163 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Oh, ouch! Right there.

164 DR. HOARSE
I was touching your good wing.

Rainbow Dash tries to fix her mistake.

165 RAINBOW DASH
Well, uh, right, well, I think that
one's hurting now, too.

Dr. Hoarse raises an eyebrow at her, suspicious.

166 DR. HOARSE
I think I know what the trouble is-
A severe case of Lazy-itus.

167 RAINBOW DASH
Lazy-itus? Oh no, is that bad? Do
you need to admit me right away?
Can I have my old room?

Dr. Hoarse smiles.

168 DR. HOARSE

After spending some days off in the
hospital, it's normal to resist
returning to work.

EXT. PONYVILLE HOSPITAL - MOMENTS LATER

The door opens and Dr. Hoarse and the nurses push Rainbow Dash out.

169 RAINBOW DASH

But you got me all wrong, doc! I'm
not being lazy--

170 DR. HOARSE

You're fine Rainbow Dash. Give it
some time and you'll be right back
in the swing of things!

171 NURSE #1

Good day, Rainbow Dash.

172 NURSE #2

Take care!

Rainbow Dash is back to square one. She stands there,
frustrated.

Just then, a wagon from the local florist pulls up. He
saunters out and grabs a large bouquet of flowers. He walks
past Rainbow Dash but then stops.

173 FLORIST

Oh, I almost forgot!

He puts the bouquet down next to Rainbow Dash and turns back
to go to the wagon. He looks for another floral arrangement.
Rainbow Dash looks down at the bouquet.

INT. PONYVILLE HOSPITAL - FRONT DESK

Rainbow Dash comes down the hall hiding behind the giant
bouquet of flowers. Placing it on the counter, she clears her
throat. The audience should not know this is Rainbow Dash.

174 RAINBOW DASH

(low voice just like the florist)
Ahem.

The front desk pony doesn't look up.

175 FRONT DESK PONY
Yes?

176 RAINBOW DASH
Um, floral delivery for, uh, Room
12.

177 FRONT DESK PONY
Down that way.

The front desk pony points down the hallway.

178 RAINBOW DASH
Thanks.

Rainbow Dash turns, and still hiding from view, begins to walk down the corridor.

179 DR. HOARSE (O.S.)
Rainbow Dash?

Rainbow Dash keeps on walking, picking up the pace.

180 DR. HOARSE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Rainbow Dash!

Rainbow Dash picks up even more speed. She knows she's been caught!

181 DR. HOARSE (CONT'D)
Rainbow Dash!

Rainbow Dash runs towards room 12. Just as she approaches the room, Nurse #2 walks out and Rainbow Dash plows into her. Flowers fly everywhere, and the ponies are thrown onto their rears. When Rainbow Dash looks up, there stands a stern looking Dr. Hoarse and Nurse #1. Rainbow Dash smiles meekly.

182 RAINBOW DASH
Flowers anyone?

The Nurses boot her out again! She's left there in front of the hospital. The sun is going down.

183 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
This is bogus! What am I going to
do? I'll never get to sleep without
knowing what happens to Daring Do!

This gives Rainbow Dash an idea.

184 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
....which may not be such a bad
thing...

EXT. PONYVILLE HOSPITAL - NIGHT

It is midnight, and everything is quiet and dark outside of the hospital. Some window lights are turned off. Some nurses leave by the front entrance.

Watching 10 ft away behind bushes, is Rainbow Dash. When the nurses are safely gone, Rainbow Dash creeps out of the bushes. She is wearing all black, with a hoodie. She pulls the hoodie over her head and eyes and begins to look for an open window.

She quietly climbs through the hospital window, without making a peep. She sneaks behind beds, where patients are sleeping. She creeps down the hallway. When she gets to room 12, she smiles.

She quietly opens the door, and moves away the curtains, where a new (older senile) pony patient is sleeping. But she doesn't see the book anywhere. She looks on the nightstand, carefully under the pillow, and finally under the bed. Aha! There's the book, resting right under the bed!

Just as she pulls out the book, the patient awakens. Upon seeing Rainbow Dash, the patient freaks out.

185 PONY PATIENT
Help! Burglar! Burglar! Someone is
trying to steal my slippers!

186 RAINBOW DASH
I'm not trying to steal your
slippers! I'm TRYING to steal this
book!

Suddenly, Nurse #1 and Nurse #2 burst into the patient's room.

187 NURSE #1
STOP THIEF!

The nurse's booming voice, startles Rainbow Dash, and she drops the book. She quickly leaps out the window. She attempts to fly away, but realizes that her wing is still injured.

188 RAINBOW DASH
Ow!

She is grounded!

Rainbow Dash gallops through town, being chased by the nurses and security from the hospital, all shining flashlights at her. All of the ruckus wakes up ponies.

As Rainbow Dash gallops by, Pinkie Pie sticks her head out of the window, wearing a pink sleeping cap.

189 PINKIE PIE
Hey! No one invited me!

Rainbow Dash gallops past Rarity's house, waking her up. Rarity comes out clutching her silk kimono.

190 RARITY
Hasn't anyone heard of beauty
sleep?

Every time Rainbow Dash turns a corner, she seems to have more flashlights shined on her, and she must go the other way.

Finally, near the Library, Rainbow Dash comes to a screeching halt as Twilight opens the door in front of her. All of the hospital staff surround her. Dr. Hoarse shines a flashlight in her face.

191 DR. HOARSE
Rainbow Dash? What in the world is
going on? Why are you stealing
slippers?

Pinkie Pie joins the group.

192 PINKIE PIE
Yeah, if you put on slippers you
won't be able to climb the walls
with your sticky spider feet!

Rarity, Fluttershy and Applejack show up.

193 APPLEJACK
What's all the ruckus?

194 RARITY
Hmm, I'd say it's more of a fracas
than a ruckus.

195 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What's going on, Rainbow Dash?

Slow truck in on Rainbow Dash as she squirms.. She takes a deep breath. She knows she must come clean.

196 RAINBOW DASH
<sigh> I snuck into the
hospital...because...well, I'm an
egghead!

197 RARITY
Pardon?

198 FLUTTERSHY
What?

199 PINKIE PIE
Whatchoo talkin' about Rainbow
Dash?!

200 RAINBOW DASH
There, I said it. I'm an egghead.
See, I was trying to get back into
the hospital to finish the last
chapter of--

Twilight interrupts.

201 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Daring Do and the Quest for the
Sapphire Statue!

Rainbow Dash nods.

202 RAINBOW DASH
Yup. That's the one.

203 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Wow. I knew the book was good but I
didn't know it could drive a pony
to petty theft!

Rainbow Dash explains.

204 RAINBOW DASH
Good? Try awesomely amazing! Daring
Do, she's just so adventurous, and
the story, it just kept building,
and building, and then I was sent
home before I could finish it, and--
well, now we're here. I'm sorry.

Everyone nods, understanding.

205 NURSE #1 (TO DR. HOARSE)
It is a pretty good book.

206 DR. HOARSE (TO NURSE #1)
I couldn't put it down!

Her ponies friends comfort her.

207 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, I'm glad that's all this IS
about!

208 PINKIE PIE
I agree! There's no reason to go
around causin' a ruckus and a
fracas and a'stealing other pony's
slippers just because you like to
read!

INT. LIBRARY - NIGHT

Twilight Sparkle levitates the book from its bookcase down to
the her, Rainbow Dash, and Spike.

209 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Like I said, I have every book in
the series, and you can borrow them
all!

210 RAINBOW DASH
Thanks Twilight. Never in a million
years did I think I would dig
reading so much! And I'm sorry for
calling you an egghead. I just
thought reading was for smart
ponies like you, not jocks like me.

211 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Rainbow Dash! Just because you're
athletic doesn't mean you're not
also smart!

Spike strikes a muscley pose.

212 SPIKE
Yeah. Just look at me.

The ponies ignore him.

213 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
And whether you're an 'egghead' or
a jock or somewhere in between.
(MORE)

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

Reading is something everypony can enjoy! If they just give it a try.

214 RAINBOW DASH

Yeah, I get it. I shouldn't knock something until I've tried it.

215 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

That's a great lesson. And it would make a great letter to the princess.

Rainbow Dash looks over at Spike.

216 RAINBOW DASH

Did you get all that?

217 SPIKE

Yeah?

218 RAINBOW DASH

Great! You write the letter. I gotta finish this book!!

Rainbow Dash grabs the levitating book in her mouth and hightails it out of there.

219 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

<Laughing> Wait 'til she starts the second one!

CUT TO:

INT. TEMPLE DUNGEON - DAY

Daring Do, tightly wound in ropes, struggles unsuccessfully, all the while continually sinking towards the quicksand. The walls, snakes and spiders are all closing in. No matter how hard she tries, she cannot free herself from the rope.

220 DARING DO

It feels like the harder I struggle, the tighter the ropes get!

Daring Do struggles more as she is only inches away from the quicksand. Then she hears a voice.

221 MASTER ICHI (V.O.)

Student, remember the teachings of your Sensei.

Master Ichi appears floating transparently in the room.

222 DARING DO
Master Ichi!

223 MASTER ICHI
*Tension is binding. Relax your
mind, relax your body.*

As quickly as Master Itchey appears, he is gone.

224 DARING DO
Relax my mind, relax my body.

Daring Do closes her eyes and goes into a special meditation, relaxing instead of struggling. She sinks under the sand until there is no movement. After a beat, she leaps out of the sand, freed from the ropes.

She is safe, but only for a moment! The spiked walls continue to close in. She looks up and notices that there is a small air hole. She looks around but there is no way to get up there. The snakes and spiders are all crawling towards her from opposite sides. As the walls come towards each other, Daring realizes she can use the spikes like rungs of a step ladder. Just as the snakes and spiders are about to reach her, she leaps up and out of the way onto a spike. The spiders and snakes go into battle with each other!

She leaps onto a higher spike on the opposite wall, and then to an even higher spike on the first wall. She does this swiftly all the way up to the ceiling, and just as the spikes close in on her, she wriggles through the air hole. She has escaped the dungeon!

EXT. TEMPLE ROOF - DAY - CONTINUOUS

Daring Do brushes herself off.

225 DARING DO
Another day, another dungeon!

She runs off looking for a way to climb down from the temple.

EXT. JUNGLE HIDEOUT - DAY - CONTINUOUS

Ahuizotl sits in his outdoor compound, surrounded by his resting jungle cats. He admires the sapphire statue in his hands. Its eyes glisten.

Behind him near the ground, an unknown pony dressed in worn out khakis, a button up shirt, and a leather hat, is hogtied and hanging from a horizontal pole.

226 AHUIZOTL
*With Daring Do out of the way, the
llama tribe will suffer mightily,
and there is nothing YOU, Nebraska
Ned, can do about it!*

Ahuizotl stands and raises the statue high in the air.

227 AHUIZOTL (CONT'D)
I AM VICTORIOUS!! Ha ha ha!

Just then Daring Do swings on a vine and snatches the statue out of his hands.

228 DARING DO
I'll take that!

She swings off screen, calling out for Nebraska Ned.

229 AHUIZOTL
What?!?!????

As she swings back in, she ducks her head under the pole and lifts Nebraska Ned. She hoists him up over her shoulder and swings off screen again.

230 AHUIZOTL (CONT'D)
NOOOOOO!!!!!!

From a far away hill, Daring Do calls out.

231 DARING DO
Better luck next time, Ahuizotl!

232 NEBRASKA NED
See ya, wouldn't wanna be ya!

Daring Do gallops off with Nebraska Ned still over her shoulder.

Ahuizotl turns around, to be face to face with the ancient sapphire spirits of the jungle.

233 SAPPHIRE SPIRIT #1
*We've been looking for you,
Ahuizotl.*

234 SAPPHIRE SPIRIT #2
You must pay for your evil deeds!

They pull Ahuizotl away into the darkness of the jungle.

235 AHUIZOTL

*Wait! I'm not the one you want!
There's some misunderstanding!
Daring Do has your statue! Wait!
Who's going to feed my cats?!*

EXT. LLAMA TRIBE AQUADUCT - DUSK - CONTINUOUS

At the roof of another temple, this one belonging to the llama tribe, Daring pulls out the relic from her satchel. Nebraska Ned is just finishing untying the ropes from his hind legs.

They are both standing in front of a large stone structure. The structure is holding 4 similar looking statues, positioned perfectly in it. In the adjacent empty spot, Daring places the relic. All of a sudden, the relic glows and the gems shine, as do the other 4.

A giant wall begins to lift and water rushes from behind it down a fall and into the reservoir belonging to the llamas. They all cheer.

236 LLAMA TRIBE

<walla> Yay! Hooray! Thank you!

237 NEBRASKA NED (TO DARING DO)

*So the statue was the missing key
to the aquaduct. That's why the
llama tribe had no water.*

Nebraska Ned approaches Daring.

238 NEBRASKA NED (CONT'D)

*You've saved the sapphire statue,
you've saved the llamas, and you've
saved me. Daring Do, I'd say you
saved the day.*

Daring stands proudly.

239 DARING DO

That's what I do. That's what I do.

INT. RAINBOW DASH'S ROOM - EVENING

Rainbow Dash takes a deep breath and looks away from the book.

240 RAINBOW DASH
AAAHHHHHHH! THAT WAS AMAZING!!!

She takes a deep sigh.

241 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
<sigh>

She looks down at the book.

EXT. LLAMA TRIBE AQUADUCT - DUSK

Daring Do and Nebraska Ned get closer.

INT. RAINBOW DASH'S ROOM - EVENING

She looks away.

242 RAINBOW DASH
Yech.

But she can't help but look again.

EXT. LLAMA TRIBE AQUADUCT - DUSK

Daring Do and Nebraska Ned get even closer. They are about to kiss.

INT. RAINBOW DASH'S ROOM - EVENING

Rainbow Dash looks up from the book again.

243 RAINBOW DASH
Double yech!

After a beat, she looks down at the book and quickly raises the book over her face.

244 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Hee hee hee hee!

END OF ACT III

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