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TEASER

Scootaloo is hosting a meeting of the Rainbow Dash fan club in the Crusader's club house. The walls are decorated with Rainbow Dash posters, flags and balloons. Other Rainbow Dash "items" are scattered about.

Scootaloo is gushing over Rainbow Dash's amazingness. She is by far Rainbow Dash's number one fan! Some of the other members chime in with other complimentary words. Snips says she's "Stupendous!" Snails calls her "Wonderiffic!" They continue to gush, but at a certain point they can't think of any more ways to say how great they think she is.

Then suddenly they hear an unseen voice suggest, "What about super-ultra-extre-awesomesomatude?" Scootaloo and the others completely agree with whoever said that. We reveal Rainbow Dash smiling from her hiding place. She has been listening in the entire time.

ACT I

We open on a montage of Rainbow Dash performing several amazing feats of courage and strength in quick succession. If anyone in Ponyville is in trouble, she's there on the double. And lately there seems to be a lot of trouble! We see Rainbow Dash find a little pony trapped at the bottom of a well. She flies down to the bottom and carries her out, unharmed! A small crowd including her friends forms to cheer and praise Rainbow Dash. She loves it.

Later a baby carriage is careening down a steep hill, heading for a cliff. The carriage shoots into the air and the baby screams, but luckily Rainbow Dash arrives just in time to save the baby, carriage and all. A larger crowd forms this time, cheering wildly. Rainbow Dash vamps for the crowd and encourages them to cheer even louder. Applejack shakes her head at RD's behavior but also gives her a begrudging smile.

Rainbow Dash hears muffled cries. She follows the sound and finds a group of senior citizen ponies stuck on a broken balcony. Just as the balcony gives way, Rainbow Dash gets underneath it and uses her wings to slow their descent so that they all land safely. All of Ponyville surrounds Rainbow Dash and lavishes her with praise and attention. Rainbow Dash eggs the cheering crowd on further by yelling to them, "I can't hear you!" The crowd goes even wilder. Except for her friends, who, though they are proud of her bravery, feel she is starting to take things too far. But Rainbow Dash pays them no attention. Not when there's an adoring crowd cheering.

Rainbow Dash enters the candy shop where all of her friends are hanging out. She is followed by a photographer and Spike, who is taking down every word the Pegasus utters. RD is in the middle of a dramatic retelling of her latest adventure. Rainbow Dash thinks she acted awesomely heroic. Applejack agrees but thinks that all of Rainbow's

'big talk' makes her 'big actions' seem a little smaller. Rather than respond, RD volunteers to 'immortalize' AJ as her friend by pulling her into a big hug while the photographer snaps a few photos.

Twilight asks Spike why he's taking notes. He proudly declares that he is writing Rainbow Dash's autobiography. Twilight points out that autobiographies are supposed to be written by the person they're about, but Rainbow Dash bulldozes through that technicality. She is far too busy saving lives and being a hero to write so she's hired Spike as her ghost writer.

Pinkie pops up out of nowhere to let out a blood curdling scream. "Aaaahhhh! Spike's a ghost!" She bolts from the shop. Rainbow Dash goes back to boasting and bragging as Spike continues taking dictation. Her annoyed friends leave without Rainbow noticing.

Later on Rainbow Dash is in town square autographing headshots of herself for an adoring line of younger ponies including Scootaloo and the newly expanded membership of the RD Fan Club. Up above town a hot air balloon suddenly pops and starts to plummet. This is a real crisis, but Rainbow Dash doesn't want to leave her adoring fans just yet. Judging the distance between the balloon and the ground, she figures she's got a good ten seconds to spare. Besides, the fastest Pegasus alive always gets there just in time! Even though she shouldn't, she signs "just a few more" autographs before speeding off to save the pony in the balloon.

We intercut shots of Rainbow Dash flying with a determined face toward the crisis with shots of the pony inside the falling balloon, screaming for her life. The tension mounts as the cuts get faster. Will Rainbow Dash make it on time?

At the last moment Rainbow Dash spots a Masked Pony leaping from rooftop to rooftop. The Masked Pony arrives at the top of the highest building in Ponyville, the Town Hall. From this great height, she makes a daring leap to catch the falling pony right out of the balloon – and just in the nick of time. Rainbow Dash arrives a second later and gets tangled up in the fabric of the balloon.

Rainbow Dash struggles to untangle herself from the popped balloon. When she finally does, she sees all the citizens of Ponyville surrounding this new masked hero. They are praising her like crazy. The Mayor of Ponyville dubs this new masked hero... "Mare-Do-Well." The crowd cheers. On the sidelines Rainbow Dash is completely put off. This Mare-Do-Well has seriously stolen her thunder. For the first time ever, Rainbow Dash has some competition. She vows to herself that she won't let this Mare-Do-Well outshine her again.

ACT II

But in the following days Mare-Do-Well repeatedly DOES outshine Rainbow Dash. There is a runaway school bus-carriage that's been un-hitched from the bus driver-puller. It is

careening dangerously down a steep hill. Rainbow Dash braces herself against the carriage and tries as hard as she can to stop it, but the most she can do is slow it down. And not for very long because eventually it just ploughs over her – barreling ever downward. At the last moment, Mare-Do-Well arrives on the scene. She jumps in front of the school bus/carriage and uses all her strength and muscles to stop it.

When a building accidentally catches fire Rainbow Dash bravely enters the chaos. There are burning embers falling everywhere and it is extremely difficult to navigate them. Mare-Do-Well also enters the burning building, but unlike Rainbow Dash, she has no trouble dodging the burning and falling embers. It's as if she knows exactly where they are going to fall and easily dodges them. Mare-Do-Well runs in and out of the building countless times while Rainbow Dash struggles to make it out of the burning building just once. By the final count, Mare-Do-Well has saved 20 ponies and a litter of kittens while Rainbow Dash managed to save just one.

Another horrible accident has occurred! The town dam has sprung a leak. This time Rainbow Dash is first to arrive on the scene. She finds the leak and puts her hoof in the hole, plugging the leak...but only temporarily. A few moments later, the entire dam explodes and bursts apart. Rainbow Dash is swept away on a rough wave of water. She is helpless to do anything when suddenly Mare-Do-Well arrives on the scene and uses magic powers to repair the dam (she makes the rocks fly through the air and put themselves back together, like puzzle pieces.)

Rainbow Dash is angrier than ever! Who is this Mare-Do-Well? She can do everything! She's strong, she's agile and she can do magic?! But then Rainbow Dash remembers something that she has that Mare-Do-Well doesn't. She has wings! She starts to fly and feels better for a brief moment, but then suddenly she sees Mare-Do-Well magically sprouting big dragonfly wings. Mare-Do-Well flies away to the applause and cheers of the entire grateful town of Ponyville. No one even notices Rainbow Dash at all.

Back at the Candy Shop all of Rainbow Dash's friends can't stop talking about Mare-Do-Well! They think she's just amazing. Rainbow Dash tries hard to mask her jealousy, but in the end she blurts out that she doesn't think Mare-Do-Well is all that great. Her friends accuse her of being jealous. Rainbow Dash completely denies it. Spike the ghostwriter jots down "Rainbow Dash is very jealous." Rainbow Dash yells, "Don't write that!" When everyone laughs at her outburst Rainbow Dash resolves to prove she's just as good...no, she's a BETTER hero than Mare-Do-Well!

But at the moment there are no freak accidents occurring in Ponyville. Rainbow Dash is desperate to prove herself and seeks out any sort of 'trouble' that will let her show her stuff.

The first opportunity she seizes is to help an old lady, Granny Smith, to cross the street. A few citizens give her a smattering of unenthusiastic applause while Rainbow Dash congratulates herself for being such a heroic citizen. Granny herself is not particularly

grateful. She didn't want to cross the street in the first place!

Next Rainbow Dash spots a mother having trouble opening a jar of peanut butter. Rainbow Dash dramatically arrives on the scene and unscrews the top to the peanut butter jar. The mom politely says, "Thanks", but Rainbow Dash fishes for even more praise by saying..."How would you describe what I just did? Wouldn't you say I was amazing?" The mom replies, "Yeah, I guess so."

Becoming desperate now to re-gain the praise and attention she once had Rainbow Dash grabs a nearby lawnmower and mows the lawn. She pronounces grandly that she has "just saved this lawn!" A nearby pony asks, "From what?" Rainbow Dash explains that she has just saved this lawn from WEEDS! WEEDS that were attempting to eat the lawn! Everybody groans and walks away. A younger pony says "lame" under his breath before galloping off.

Rainbow Dash's plan has completely backfired. Her reputation has hit an all time low. Ponies now think she's an attention seeking pain – not a hero. She's nothing like the awesome Mare-Do-Well. Feeling low, Rainbow Dash feels like she could use a little ego boost. She gets an idea – she'll pay a visit to her fan club. That should cheer her up.

But when she arrives she discovers something horrible – the fan club is no longer for her. Inside the clubhouse, the posters, flags and balloons of her and the other signed paraphernalia have been replaced with posters of Mare-Do-Well! Mare-Do-Well's face and likeness are plastered all over everything. Adding insult to injury, Scootaloo (her old number one fan) is now the president of the "Mare-Do-Well" fan club.

ACT III

Rainbow Dash runs away to her cloud and wallows in comic self-pity. Her cloud literally turns into a dark dismal storm cloud as Rainbow Dash slumps there, feeling sorry for herself. Scootaloo spots Rainbow Dash upon her storm cloud and innocently asks her if she wants to join them – they're heading off for a Thank You parade in honor of Ponyville's greatest hero...Mare-Do-Well! At first Rainbow Dash just scowls and grunts to herself..."Yeah right. Like I'm going to thank her." But then Rainbow Dash's face brightens as if she's just had a great idea and she quickly does an about face. She jumps off her cloud and joins Scootaloo and the rest of the fan club.

At the "Thank You Mare-Do-Well" parade in town Rainbow Dash acts like she's now just another fan of the famous Mare-Do-Well. But when Mare-Do-Well actually arrives on the scene, Rainbow Dash suddenly leaps at her out of nowhere and a chase ensues. Rainbow Dash is determined to unmask this new hero and discover who she really is.

Rainbow Dash chases Mare-Do-Well through the back alleys of Ponyville, but she can never catch her. She grows more and more confused as Mare-Do-Well always seems to be in three places at once! The chase escalates in pace and ridiculousness. Rainbow

Dash is becoming more and more frustrated until finally, almost by luck, Rainbow Dash gets the drop on Mare-Do-Well.

Rainbow Dash tears off Mare-Do-Well's mask revealing...Pinkie Pie?!?? How could Pinkie Pie be Mare-Do-Well? Before Rainbow Dash can make heads or tails of the situation, TWO MORE MARE-DO-WELLS arrives on the scene. *Three* Mare-Do-Wells? Rainbow's head is spinning. The other two Mare-Do-Wells pull off their masks revealing Apple Jack and Twilight underneath them.

The daring trio explain the mysteries of Mare-Do-Well: it took Applejack's brute strength to stop that bus, Pinkie Pie's amazing "pinkie sense" to predict the falling beams in the fire, and Twilight's magic and a re-use of the wing spell she once used on Rarity to restore the dam. But they didn't want to be heroes. Applejack, Twilight and Pinkie Pie wanted to teach Rainbow Dash a lesson in humility. (Well, Pinkie mostly just thought it sounded like fun.) That's why they teamed up together to show Rainbow that while it feels good to be the best at something, you must act with grace and humility around those whom you outshine. On the flip side, it's important to act with grace and humility if somepony happens to outshine you. Rainbow Dash finally gets it. She was boasting too much and that's not how a true friend behaves. She hugs her friends in thanks. She knows that it was a lesson she really needed to learn.

TAG – Rainbow Dash sits down to write a letter to the Princess, but before she can get started, Spike interrupts. He announces that as her ghost writer, he has already penned a letter to the Princess. Rainbow Dash explains that she wants to write this letter herself, it's important to her. Spike wants to be heard and begins to read his letter. Rainbow Dash pretends to see something behind Spike and yells, "Look! It's a real ghost writer! Spike yelps, "Ahhh!" and runs out of the room. Rainbow Dash chuckles to herself before continuing with her own letter.