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TEASER

A delighted RARITY has just arrived in Canterlot with her cat OPAL for a weekend-long shopping trip. As a friend of Twilight Sparkle's, she has the good fortune of being invited to stay in a suite in CANTERLOT CASTLE. Rarity is humbled by the fact that PRINCESS CELESTIA herself has escorted her to the room where she'll be staying. She delays the amused Princess' departure with her many, many, many "thank yous".

A moment after the Princess finally makes her exit, a VALET enters the room, laden down with half-a-dozen enormous suitcases. (Rarity's idea of "packing light".) Struggling under the weight of the luggage, the valet wants to know where Rarity would like him to put her bags. She considers putting them by the window, but then realizes that that would ruin her gorgeous view. She thinks a spot near the desk might work, but that would make it difficult to get to the complimentary Canterlot Castle stationary, and she will certainly be writing home to tell everyone about her amazing accommodations. Another option would block the door to the powder room and she wants to take a bath in the suite's magnificent whirlpool bath before heading out. No longer able to support the heavy load, the valet's legs buckle and he collapses in a heap at the foot of the bed. Rarity's suitcases slide off his back. "Perfect!" Rarity decides.

ACT I

With Opal riding in a sequined purse-style pet carrier, Rarity heads out into Canterlot to do some shopping. She plans on picking up some new fabrics for her shop and, more importantly, the materials she'll need to make a dress for Twilight to wear to her upcoming birthday party. It's the least she can do to thank her friend for the opportunity to stay at Canterlot Castle.

As Rarity takes in the sights, she comments to Opal that Canterlot is her kind of town, filled with fabulous ponies doing fabulous things and dressed, well, fabulously. She may be a small town pony by birth, but she is a big city pony at heart. Stopping at a café for a beverage, she gets a table next to JET SET and UPPER CRUST, a very well-dressed, well-mannered couple who are the epitome of Canterlot sophistication and style. Rarity is more than a little pleased when they approach and ask her where she acquired her delightful chapeau.

Just as she is about to answer, the far less sophisticated and by no means well-dressed HAYSEED TURNIPTRUCK approaches to say "Howdy!" He asks Rarity if she recognizes him from the Ponyville Hoe-Down that AppleJack, his second cousin three-times removed, hosted last fall. "You're from Ponyville?" Upper Crust asks Rarity, with a hint of disdain. Hayseed proudly informs Jet Set and Upper Crust that she sure is and that Rarity is Ponyville's big time, fancypants dressmaker. "Probably made that real purty thing she's wearing on her head too," he adds.

Hearing that Rarity is from Ponyville, Jet Set and Upper Crust suddenly change their

opinion about her hat. They should have known it wasn't something one could buy in Canterlot, what with its questionable taste level and so-last-season styling. They turn up their snouts and depart. Rarity is clearly devastated by their dismissive assessment of her work. Maybe she isn't a big city pony after all.

That evening, a despondent Rarity returns to her suite in Canterlot Castle and gets to work on Twilight's dress. She begins draping a mannequin with the fabric she bought, but is distracted by her thoughts about the way the Canterlot ponies treated her. Fueled by a desire to prove she's more than just some po-dunk from Ponyville, she decides to scrap her original design for Twilight's dress and come up with something far more ambitious. A reveal of her finished sketch shows that Rarity indeed plans to go all out on Twilight's outfit. A fashion-forward, avant-garde ensemble with sequined headdress, embroidered cape, and feathered leggings! Yes, feathered leggings!

The next day, Rarity picks up the materials she'll need for what is sure to be a Canterlot-worthy fashion masterpiece. Returning to Canterlot Castle carrying so many shopping bags she can barely see where she is going, she quite literally runs into FANCY PANTS, Canterlot's resident tastemaker. Rarity is mortified to have crashed into the most important member of Canterlot's high society. But instead of turning up his nose at her, Fancy Pants invites her to join him in his box at the WonderBolt Derby that afternoon. Spotting her designer shopping bags and seeing that she is a guest of the Princess at Canterlot Castles, he is convinced that Rarity is obviously "somepony important".

Rarity returns to her room, with a decision to make. She really should get started on Twilight's dress right away. Then again, turning down Fancy Pants' invitation would be a major social faux pas. Rarity is torn but finally decides that joining Fancy Pants at the Derby is a once in a lifetime opportunity that she simply can't pass up. He is the most influential pony in all of Ponyville after all. She'll just have to work a little harder and a little longer on Twilight's dress tomorrow. She pushes the bags containing the supplies for Twilight's dress aside and disappears into her closet to pick out something to wear to the big event. She peeks out a moment later. "I'm going to the Wonderbolts Derby as a guest of Fancy Pants!" Rarity exclaims. She suddenly lets out an ear-splitting squeal of delight. Opal covers her ears with her paws as we END ACT I.

ACT II

The WonderBolts Derby is about to begin as Rarity, dressed to the nines, nervously makes her way through the crowd of upper-crust Canterlot ponies. No easy task as everypony seems to be wearing an extremely elaborate and enormous hat. Jet Set and Upper Crust are in attendance and make a big show of ignoring Rarity as she passes them by. Their contempt turns to curiosity however when Rarity finally makes her way over to Fancy Pants and joins him and a few other HIGH SOCIETY PONIES in the best seats in the house.

Fancy Pants introduces Rarity to his guests who don't seem all that interested in making

her acquaintance. That is until he informs them that she is staying at Canterlot Castle. The ponies share impressed looks, then turn their attention to the sky as an announcer informs them that the race will begin in just moments. Fancy Pants comments that he will be rooting for Rapid Fire as everypony who is anypony has predicted he'll be the winner. "Oh he doesn't have a chance against Fleet Foot," Rarity casually replies. All eyes are suddenly upon her. Has she really dared to question Fancy Pants's choice?

The awkward moment passes as the race begins and everyone's focus turns to the competition. Instead of running around a track, the Wonderbolts race back and forth across the sky. The spectators turn their hat-wearing heads left-to-right and back again, as if they were watching a tennis match. The enormous feather in the cap of the pony in front of Rarity keeps hitting Rarity in the snout and tickling her. It takes everything in her power to suppress an enormous sneeze. Suddenly, the crowd lets out a polite gasp as the announcer declares that Fleet Foot has taken the lead and wins by a nose.

Fancy Pants asks Rarity how she knew Fleet Foot would win the race. Rarity looks around at the other ponies, not sure how to handle the situation. "My friend Rainbow Dash says Fleet Foot may be small, but she's much faster than the other WonderBolts," she answers nervously. "And who is this Rainbow Dash?" one of the High Society Ponies asks. About to answer, Rarity spots Jet Set and Upper Crust and is reminded of their treatment of her. "She's the WonderBolts Personal Trainer," she lies. Rarity forces a smile as she awaits the ponies' response. "Staying at Canterlot Castle *and* she knows the pony training the WonderBolts?!" Fancy Pants exclaims. "I told you she was somepony important," he adds. Rarity breathes a sigh of relief.

Just then, a WAITER approaches with a tray of post-race apple desserts. He offers them to Fancy Pants, informing him that he has the choice of the Ginger Gold Tart or the Honey Crisp Turnover. Just as Fancy Pants is about to retrieve a Honey Crisp Turnover, Rarity cautiously suggests he might like the Ginger Gold better. Once again, all eyes are on Rarity. "And why is that?" Fancy Pants asks. "My friend AppleJack says the Ginger Gold are much juicer this time of year," she replies. "Your friend *AppleJack*?" one of the Society Ponies responds. "Did I say, AppleJack? I meant AppleJacque," Rarity quickly responds. She goes on to say that "AppleJacque" is a renowned pastry chef and owner of a restaurant so exclusive it only has one table and is never in the same location for more than one night. Once again, Rarity breathes a sigh of relief as the High Society Ponies buy her story and seem all the more impressed by her. Fancy Pants takes a bite of his Ginger Gold Tart and proclaims Rarity his new favorite party guest.

Having been given Fancy Pants's official seal of approval, Rarity gets an invite from one of the other High Society Ponies to attend his art gallery opening later that evening. Another High Society Pony invites her to a charity auction. Still another extends an invitation to a dinner party. Rarity voices her concern that she has another commitment, but when the High Society Ponies insist that their events will be absolute failures if she doesn't at least make an appearance, she happily accepts their invitations.

Back at Canterlot Castle, Rarity informs Opal that she has decided to extend their stay, overjoyed that her social calendar has suddenly been filled with such important High Society events. Obviously, completing Twilight's dress in time for her birthday party is still her top priority, she informs her feline friend. "But I can't possibly disappoint the Canterlot elite by rejecting their invitations, can I?"

MUSIC UP as a MONTAGE begins and Rarity launches into a SONG about becoming the toast of the town. At an ART GALLERY, a trio of High Society Ponies looks on as Rarity gazes intently at an abstract painting of a pony. When she finally nods her head in approval, the Ponies follow her lead and nod as well. At the CANTERLOT OPERA HOUSE, a jealous Jet Set and Upper Crust use their opera glasses to look at Rarity in her box seat with Fancy Pants... At a DINNER PARTY, a crowd of ponies gathers around Rarity as she animatedly tells a story. The party guests laugh and laugh and laugh. At a BOAT SLIP, Rarity smashes a bottle against the side of a yacht that a moment later sets sail into the clouds... We INTERCUT these events with Rarity returning to her suite at Canterlot Castle and collapsing onto her bed in happy exhaustion, Twilight's dress still unfinished on the mannequin behind her.

What started off as a weekend-long shopping trip to Canterlot has turned into a week-long visit. But Rarity can't stay another day. Twilight's birthday party is the following afternoon and Rarity must leave in the morning to get there in time. The valet who helped Rarity with her bags upon her arrival helps her pack her bags and a half-dozen boxes that are overflowing with souvenirs from her adventures in Canterlot High Society. As he departs to get even more empty boxes, Rarity eyes the unfinished dress on the mannequin. She tells Opal she is determined to spend her last night in Canterlot completing it. As she looks over her ambitious design, she hears a knock at the door. She opens it and is surprised to find Jet Set and Upper Crust. She is even more surprised when they invite her to the 45th Annual Canterlot Garden Party. Next to the Grand Galloping Gala, it is *the* premiere event in Canterlot. Jet Set and Upper Crust depart, leaving Rarity to consider her options.

Rarity knows she should attend Twilight's party; she is such a good friend after all. Then again, she wouldn't be missing the event for something trivial. Making a good impression at the Canterlot Garden Party would cement her reputation as "somepony important" in Canterlot. The Valet returns with more boxes and starts to pack one, adding it to the huge stack of boxes he's already stuffed with Rarity's things. Just as he starts to pack another, Rarity tells him to stop.

The valet's shoulders slump as Rarity tells him that she actually needs help unpacking. She's been invited to the most important party of the season and she simply must stay another day. She also asks that he send a message to her friends in Ponyville that she won't be able to make it to Twilight's birthday party. The valet looks at Opal incredulously, as Rarity informs him that the poor cat is under the weather and unable to travel. Opal shakes her head in disapproval as Rarity pushes aside the mannequin and searches her things for the perfect outfit to wear to the garden party.

The next day, Rarity steps out of the powder room in her most amazing get-up yet. Ready to head over to the garden party, she opens her door. Standing there with big smiles on their faces are TWILIGHT, APPLEJACK, RAINBOW DASH, PINKIE PIE and FLUTTERSHY. Rarity's eyes go wide as we END ACT II.

ACT III

Rarity is absolutely flabbergasted. What are her Ponyville friends doing here in Canterlot? Twilight informs her that when she learned that Rarity was stuck in Canterlot, she decided to move the party so Rarity wouldn't have to miss it. "That's so nice of you," Rarity replies, genuinely moved by the gesture. But the sweet moment between friends is short-lived. "Why are you so dressed up?" Rainbow Dash asks suspiciously. It suddenly hits Rarity that she is on the verge of being caught in quite a big lie. She thinks fast and tells her friends that it always cheers Opal up when she models for her. Fluttershy expresses her concern for the poor, sick cat and asks if she can see her to check her symptoms. "Uh, hold on," Rarity quickly responds, slamming the door in her friends' faces.

Inside her suite, she apologizes profusely to a confused Opal, and then dunks the poor cat into a tub of water. Rarity quickly wraps the miserable feline in a blanket and places her in the middle of the bed before letting her friends into the room. "Poor baby," Fluttershy says, "She looks awful," she adds. Rarity breathes a sigh of relief that her friends are still buying her story. "Is that my dress?!" Twilight suddenly exclaims, gesturing to the unfinished garment on the mannequin. Rarity nods, a guilty look on her face. "I love it!" Twilight proclaims. "It's so simple! So practical! So me!" she says excitedly.

A moment later, Rarity and the other ponies exit the suite and make their way to Twilight's party. (Twilight now dressed in her very simple, very practical party dress.) Twilight informs Rarity that Princess Celestia was kind enough to let them use the Canterlot Castle Ballroom for her party. Twilight had wanted to have the party outside on the Tower's lush lawn, but couldn't because it was the site of another event. Rarity suddenly ducks behind Rainbow Dash as Twilight gestures to the Tower grounds where the 45th Annual Canterlot Garden Party is in full swing. Rarity escapes being seen by the High Society guests in attendance as she slips into the Tower Ballroom with her friends.

Twilight's party begins and everyone, including Rarity, is having a great time. There is loud music, dancing, raucous party games. But through the window, Rarity can see the happenings of the Garden Party outside. There is a string quartet, polite conversation, a reserved game of croquet. Rarity can't resist and makes an excuse to slip away. The party is right there after all, no reason she can't at least make an appearance. She does so and is joyfully greeted by Jet Set and Upper Crust who are thrilled she deemed the Garden Party worthy of her attendance. Torn between celebrating with her friends and enjoying the sophisticated niceties of the Garden Party, Rarity decides that no harm will

come from simply attending both events.

Rarity makes an excuse to step away from the Garden Party for a moment and returns to Twilight's party. A moment later, she makes an excuse for why she needs to leave the ballroom and heads back to the garden party. At first, Rarity is successful at traveling back and forth between the two events. But as the parties continue, she starts running out of good excuses for needing to leave for a moment and starts making up stranger and stranger ones. She starts getting confused as to which party she is attending, starting a conversation with Rainbow Dash that she then finishes with a confused Fancy Pants. She grabs a carrot stick at the Garden Party that she then dips into the chocolate fondue at Twilight's birthday party. Making a hasty exit from the Garden Party, she dashes under some low-hanging tree branches and returns to Twilight's party, where unbeknownst to the birthday party attendees, she is swatting at angry bees, not introducing some crazy new dance moves.

The jig is finally up when Rarity joins a game of croquet at the Garden Party and forgets to get rid of her croquet mallet before heading back to Twilight's party. Unable to come up with an excuse for why it is in her possession, she admits to her friends that she has just come from the party outside. "I just happened to run into a mare I met in Canterlot and she just so happened to invite me on the spot to a party she just so happens to be throwing right outside and I just so happened to play a quick round of croquet to be polite," she lies. She waits nervously for her friend's response, unsure if they've bought her story. The Ponyville Ponies not only believe she's just received the invitation to the event, but encourage her to return to the party. Twilight tells her it would be foolish not to spend some time mingling with the Canterlot ponies, considering her dreams of one day living and working there.

Rarity is thrilled to be able to return to the Garden Party. But joy turns to concern when Rainbow Dash and AppleJack suggest that they make an appearance there as well. As friends of Rarity's, they'll surely be allowed to join in the fun outside. Before Rarity can stop them, Rainbow Dash and AppleJack are headed to the High Society event with the other Ponyville Ponies following close behind.

Rarity looks on in horror as her friends descend on the Garden Party, their behavior completely opposite of the reserved Canterlot ponies. Rainbow Dash plays an overly aggressive game of croquet, sending a High Society Pony's croquet ball airborne when she smacks it clear off the course in order to win the match. Pinkie Pie stuffs her face at the buffet table in front of a pair of ponies who demurely nibble at their hors d'oeuvres. AppleJack starts picking weeds around the other party-goers, thinking this is a "Gardening Party." Twilight Sparkle dances in her very plain party dress as the Garden Party guests exchange whispers about her inappropriate attire.

Still, no one at the party knows that Rarity is friends with the uncouth party-goers. Her status in Canterlot remains unchanged. That is until Fancy Pants asks Twilight where she got her "interesting" outfit. Twilight proudly proclaims that her good friend Rarity

made it for her. “She’s one of the most talented and thoughtful ponies I know,” Twilight adds. The other Ponyville ponies join Twilight in praising Rarity’s abilities and attributes. “Is this true?” Fancy Pants asks. “Do you know these ponies?” he continues.

Rarity looks at her smiling friends for a moment, then back at Fancy Pants. Her gaze returns to her friends, their smiles starting to fade as they begin to wonder what’s taking Rarity so long to answer Fancy Pants. “Yes!” Rarity finally proclaims, despite the fact that it will certainly ruin her newly acquired reputation in Canterlot. She goes on to say that though they may not be as sophisticated as the ponies in Canterlot, her Ponyville friends are the most “important” ponies she knows. Jet Set and Upper Crust snicker at Rarity’s proclamation but Rarity keeps her head held high. “I, for one, find them charmingly rustic,” Fancy Pants responds. “And I think the dress you made for Twilight is an absolute marvel,” he adds. “You do?” a surprised Rarity responds. Fancy Pants nods, giving the Ponyville ponies his High Society stamp of approval. The party continues into the night with the Canterlot Ponies and the Ponyville Ponies enjoying one another’s company and talking up their mutual friend Rarity.

The next day, Rarity packs up the last of her things and prepares to leave Canterlot Castle. Princess Celestia arrives to bid her happy travels and Rarity relays the lesson she has learned during her visit: No matter where you go in life, never forget that you are the product of your home and your friends, and that is something to always be proud of, no matter what! The valet commends Rarity for being so thoughtful and articulate in conveying her thoughts to Princess Celestia but asks if they could hurry things up a bit. We WIDEN to REVEAL that he has a stack of luggage and boxes on his back that nearly reaches the ceiling. His legs start to buckle as we FADE OUT.

THE END