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MY LITTLE PONY III

Premises

"Wonderbolt Academy"

"Mayor, Maybe Not"

"Dreamweaver"

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WONDERBOLT ACADEMY

After easily winning a local competition sponsored by the Wonderbolts, Rainbow Dash is invited to attend the Wonderbolt Academy -- the first step to becoming a member of the elite Pegasus organization. Rainbow Dash is certain she'll excel at the Academy and will quickly claim her spot at the head of the class. But when she arrives for her first day, her confidence takes a big hit. Rainbow Dash may be hot stuff in Ponyville, but here at the Wonderbolt Academy, she's just another cadet with something to prove. After a week of failing to get herself noticed by the Wonderbolt Academy Captains, Rainbow Dash decides that maybe she was better off being a big fish in a little pond and returns to Ponyville. But as she handily out-flies and out-stunts her fellow Ponyville Pegasus, it becomes clear that this isn't going to make her happy.

Rainbow Dash's friends can see a difference in her demeanor and encourage her to return to the Academy. But Rainbow Dash is reluctant to go back. Everyone there is so much better than she is. She's never going to be able to stand out. Twilight informs Rainbow Dash that she didn't start out at the head of the class when she was studying magic back in Canterlot. She achieved that position by constantly challenging herself to take on more and more difficult spells. The only way to get better at something is by trying to do things that don't come easy. Rainbow Dash's friends agree that she has what it takes to succeed; she just has to give herself the opportunity to "fail up."

Rainbow Dash decides to return to the Academy to give it another shot. She seeks out the fastest, most skilled cadet in the bunch and challenges her to a competition. Rainbow Dash must push herself to the limit just to keep up with her fellow cadet. In the end, she just barely loses to her competition. Rainbow Dash is disappointed, but her spirits are soon lifted when she is approached by one of the Wonderbolt Academy Captains. The Captain appreciates Rainbow Dash's efforts to elevate her game and has his eye on her. When the Wonderbolts have an opening, he will gladly recommend that Rainbow Dash be allowed to compete for a spot on the squad.

MAYOR, MAYBE NOT

When the Mayor of Ponyville is called away for a conference in Canterlot, Princess Celestia suggests that Twilight take over for her while she is gone. Twilight relishes the job and is pleased to be overseeing the day-to-day functions of the town. But as her tenure as Mayor continues, her friends start asking her to use her new position of power to get them things that they want. Twilight doesn't see the harm in giving her pals a helping hoof. That is until she realizes that granting her friends' requests is creating problems for the rest of her constituents. Soon all of Ponyville is in an uproar over the fact that Rainbow Dash, Applejack, Rarity and Fluttershy are getting special treatment. Twilight must find a way to make things right, but fears that reneging on her promises to her friends will create a rift in their friendship. In the end, it is Rainbow Dash, Rarity, Applejack, and Fluttershy who actually help Twilight get Ponyville back on track as they all come to realize that sometimes decisions must be based on fairness and

not friendship. NOTE: We would like this episode to be a MUSICAL with songs throughout.

DREAMWEAVER

None other than Princess Celestia has approached Rarity about designing an outfit for an upcoming event. (NOTE: This could be subtle foreshadowing of Twilight's coronation as a Princess.) But there's a problem. Ever since Rarity found out she'd be designing a dress for Celestia, she has been having terrible recurring nightmares. In them, all of her sewing materials transform into strange and frightening creatures and a terrified Rarity runs away in fear. Try as she might, she just can't find a way to get a good night's rest. As if it weren't bad enough that her lack of beauty sleep is affecting her beauty, it is also affecting her work. She's so exhausted she can barely concentrate. Rarity's friends notice how tired she is and offer their own remedies for getting a restful night's sleep. A desperate Rarity tries them all, but to no avail. She's running out of time to complete the garment for the Princess, but is so groggy, she feels she's destined to fail at the task. And the more nervous she gets about failing at her assignment, the worse her dreams become.

Imagine her surprise when none other than Princess Luna arrives on her doorstep. The Princess has heard that Rarity has been plagued by nightmares and has come to offer her assistance. Rarity is shocked that word of her sleepless nights has reached Princess Luna. Luna reminds her that the night is her dominion. When there is trouble after dark, it is her job to help make things right. Rarity is grateful that Princess Luna will be coming to her aid. Surely the Princess will be able to cast some spell that will make Rarity's nightmares go away. But Luna informs her that there is only one way to make her bad dreams disappear. Rarity must go to sleep and face the things that frighten her. Only when she faces her fears will they go away. Princess Luna promises to be there to protect her. Rarity reluctantly goes to bed and sure enough, her nightmare returns. But this time, rather than running away from the creatures, she stands her ground and commands them to do her bidding. The magical creatures, sensing that Rarity is no longer afraid, do as she asks, creating an amazing outfit.

Princess Luna appears in Rarity's dream to congratulate her but says that the nightmares can easily return. That is unless Rarity faces the fears she has in her waking life. Princess Luna tells Rarity that after seeing her nightmares, it is obvious what scares her. Princess Luna assures Rarity that she can make a garment fit for Princess Celestia as long as she believes that she can. Don't let your fear of failure get in the way of your success, she advises. Rarity awakes the next morning refreshed and ready to work, reminding herself that Princess Celestia chose her to make this outfit because she had every confidence that Rarity would do a good job. An exhausted Rarity completes her work and falls fast asleep, enjoying peaceful, beautiful dreams. When Princess Celestia arrives to pick up the garment she commissioned, she informs Rarity that it is even more beautiful than she could have even imagined.