

MY LITTLE PONY

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"For Whom the Sweetie Belle Toils"

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INT. RARITY'S WORKSHOP - AFTERNOON

SWEETIE BELLE
I have to leave for dress rehearsal soon, Rarity. Is it finished yet?

RARITY
Hmm. Not quite. I still feel it needs a certain *je ne sais quoi*.

RARITY
Perhaps it needs... appliques....

SWEETIE BELLE
Appliques!

RARITY
Or... sequins...

SWEETIE BELLE
Sequins!

RARITY
Sweetie Belle... I adore having you help me, truly I do. But -

SWEETIE BELLE
Guess I got a little carried away.

SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
It's just that I know how important it is for you to finish this wardrobe in time for Sapphire Shores and her back up dancers.

RARITY
This is without a doubt my most prestigious order ever. After all, Sapphire Shores is THE Pony of Pop and her Equestria-wide tour launches in Canterlot next week, which means she must have these outfits by day after tomorrow at the latest!

SWEETIE BELLE
But is there time?

RARITY
Barely. But I work well under pressure. As long as I stay calm I'll be fine.

SWEETIE BELLE
Oh good. Then maybe you could check the stitching and finish the buttons on the dresses I made for me, Applebloom and Scootaloo? I really

want them to look perfect and I think
I need your expertise.

RARITY
My, you've been so much help to me how
could I possibly say no. When do you
need them?

SWEETIE BELLE
Tomorrow night.

SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
For the opening night of our show!

RARITY
But Sweetie Belle darling, I'm behind
as it is.

SWEETIE BELLE
I understand.

RARITY
I supppoooooose if I got a few more
ponies to help me then mayyyyyybe...

SWEETIE BELLE
Oh thank you thank you thank you!
You're the best sister ever!
(rushing out)
The dresses are right over there.

EXT. THEATER - EVENING

INT. THEATER - GREEN ROOM - SAME TIME

CHEERILEE
My goodness girls, it's time and the
audience is almost fully seated.
Costumes!

SCOOTALOO
I can't believe Rarity still isn't
here with the new costumes. After
all the help you've been to her.

SWEETIE BELLE
She's been very busy lately.

APPLEBLOOM
But how can she still not be here.
She's known about this for weeks!

APPLEBLOOM (CONT'D)
Uh, she *has* known about this for
weeks, right?

SWEETIE BELLE

I kept meaning to ask her, I really did! But I worked so hard on this play. I wrote it especially for the three of us. I directed it. I'm in it. I made the costumes.

SWEETIE BELLE

It's just that this is really my time to shine doing something completely myself and I really wanted to keep it that way.

APPLEBLOOM

But we wanted everything to be perfect. All our friends came out to see it tonight.

CHEERILEE

Places!

RARITY

I'm here! I'm here!

SWEETIE BELLE

You made it!

RARITY

I beg your pardon for cutting it so close, but I made some improvements to your original design and I had a terrible time with these froofy sleeves.

RARITY

It's for the first play you ever wrote, after all. So I made quite certain it came out just so.

CHEERILEE

Places? Hello?

INT. THEATER - FRONT OF CURTAIN - MOMENTS LATER

SWEETIE BELLE

(over-the-top acting)

Forsooth and anon. I cometh forthwith and post haste with glad tidings, m'ladies.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. LOBBY - LATER

INT. STAGE ENTRANCE - CONTINUOUS

APPLEBLOOM

Wow, a standing ovation.

SCOOTALOO

I still have goosebumps.

APPLEBLOOM

This must be like a dream come true for you, huh, Sweetie Belle?

SCOOTALOO

Ooh, can you imagine if this show is how you got your cutie mark?

APPLEBLOOM

Which do you think you'd get it for: writing, directing or acting?

SWEETIE BELLE

Let's not get carried away. We've got a whole lobby full of friends waiting to shower us with adoration and praise. Try to be gracious.

SCOOTALOO

Modest.

APPLEBLOOM

Classy.

SMASH CUT TO:

INT. LOBBY - MOMENTS LATER

SWEETIE BELLE

Here we are! The stars of the show!

APPLEBLOOM

You may tell us how much you loved it now!

SCOOTALOO

Line forms here!

SPIKE

Wow, you guys. I think you're sisters would have loved it!

APPLEBLOOM

Would have?

SPIKE

They're sorry but they had to go help Rarity get her Sapphire Shores wardrobe ready to take to Canterlot in the morning.

SCOOTALOO

Even Rainbow Dash?

SPIKE
Yeah, Rarity fell wayyy behind.

APPLEBLOOM/SCOOTALOO
<disappointed moans>

SPIKE
Aw, cheer up. The show was great.
(exiting)
I'll get you some punch.

SWEETIE BELLE
At least everypony else who was able
to stay loved it!

SPIKE AND OTHERS
<affirmative walla>

SWEETIE BELLE
Okay. Great. What else.

SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
What did you all like best - the
writing, the directing or the acting?

AUDIENCE PONY #1
Oh my, how I loved the dresses.

AUDIENCE PONY #2
I liked some of those lines you said.

SWEETIE BELLE
(brightening)
Oh really? Which ones?

AUDIENCE PONY #2
I don't really remember, but you were
wearing a pink taffeta dress with lots
of chiffon when you said them.
Hoo-whee, that outfit was a dazzler!

AUDIENCE PONY #1
I liked that one almost as much as the
one with all the lacy trim and all them
embroidered cuffs.

AUDIENCE PONY #2
That one was nice, too.

SWEETIE BELLE
Isn't there anypony here who
remembers anything about the play
besides the dresses??

ALL AUDIENCE PONIES
<phumphering walla>

SWEETIE BELLE
AAAAAAAARGHHHHH!

INT. RARITY'S WORKSHOP - LATER

FLUTTERSHY
All of this is one headpiece?

RARITY
Indeed. This marvelous extravagance
is the *creme de la creme* of the entire
wardrobe! But, alas, without this
key hidden stitch, it's just a...

RARITY
I'm trying to think of a classy way to
say "big bummer".
(then, finished)
Now at last we can all take a moment
to relax.

RARITY (CONT'D)
Whatever's the matter, Sweetie Belle?
Didn't the play go all right?

SWEETIE BELLE
Not even close!

RARITY
Oh dear! Was something amiss with
the dresses I made you?

SWEETIE BELLE
No! They were perfect! And that was
the whole problem?

ALL THE PONIES
Huh?

FLUTTERSHY
I think maybe I'll go take that moment
to relax now.

DASH/APPLEJACK/PINKIE
(following her out)
Sure do feel like relaxing. / Right
behind ya.

SWEETIE BELLE
How could you?
(then, derisive)
"Ooh, what amazing dresses." "Oh,
how I loved the dresses." "Ooh,
dresses dresses dresses dresses."

RARITY
Oh, so they did like them. You had me
worried, you silly filly.

SWEETIE BELLE

There! I knew it! You did this on purpose! Stealing the spotlight like you always do. It's my fifth birthday party all over again!

RARITY

The what now?

SWEETIE BELLE

Don't act like you don't remember! Or are you trying to prove you're a better actress than me, too?!

RARITY

Sweetie Belle, if I did anything to upset you then...

SWEETIE BELLE

Admit you made those dresses too good on purpose!

RARITY

I thought they were *supposed* to be good.

SWEETIE BELLE

Yes. Good. Not jaw-dropping amazing!

RARITY

I only tried to do what I thought you wanted.

SWEETIE BELLE

HA!

INT. SWEETIE BELLE'S BEDROOM - LATER

SWEETIE BELLE

I don't believe it. After everything I put up with all week long.

(then, as Rarity)

"Sweetie Belle get me some red ribbon." "No that's not red, that's cherry." "No that's not red, that's cinnamon."

INT. RARITY'S WORKSHOP - SAME TIME

SWEETIE BELLE (O.S.)

For Pete's sake, it's all red!!

RARITY

I should probably go talk to her, hmm?

SWEETIE BELLE (O.S.)
At least Sapphire Shores won't be all
like, "Ooh, who fetched you that red
ribbon? Because I don't care about
anything else you made, all I care
about is that AMAZING RED RIBBON!!"

RARITY
Perhaps waiting would be best.

INT. SWEETIE BELLE'S BEDROOM - LATER

SWEETIE BELLE
Ugh. Now I can't even sleep. Happy
now, big sis?

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. SWEETIE BELLE'S BEDROOM - LATER

SWEETIE BELLE
I wish there was a way I could take
back all the work I did.

CROSS DISSOLVE TO:

INT. RARITY'S WORKSHOP - MOMENTS LATER

SWEETIE BELLE
(whisper)
Even better.

INT. SWEETIE BELLE'S BEDROOM - MOMENTS LATER

SWEETIE BELLE
Now what?

EXT. RARITY'S BACK YARD - CONTINUOUS

AUDIENCE PONY #1
And the winner of Best
Writer-Director-Actor in an Awesome
Play Put On by a Pony and Her Awesome
Best Friends goes to...

AUDIENCE PONY #2
Sweetie Belle!

EXT. RARITY'S BACK YARD - MOMENTS LATER

SWEETIE BELLE
Don't go!

RARITY CLOUD
<more laughter>

SWEETIE BELLE
Stop! Why do you have to ruin
everything?!

LUNA (O.S.)
ENOUGH!

RARITY CLOUD
<frightened gasp>

SWEETIE BELLE
Princess Luna! It's really you. Or
am I dreaming?

LUNA
What do you think?

SWEETIE BELLE
Let me see. You just rescued me from
a maniacal laughing Rarity Cloud.
Yeah, probably dreaming.

LUNA
I understand what you're going
through, Sweetie Belle. I too have a
sister who often shines more brightly
than me. And with this I have
struggled.

SWEETIE BELLE
Wait! Come back!

SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
Luna? Can you hear me? Thank you
for what you did.

SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
Help! Luna! Luna!

LITTLE PONIES (O.S.)
Happy birthday, Sweetie Belle!

INT. RARITY'S LIVING ROOM - SEVERAL YEARS AGO

SWEETIE BELLE
I remember this. This is my fifth
birthday party.

TRANSITION TO:

INT. SWEETIE BELLE'S BEDROOM - SAME TIME

SWEETIE BELLE
I decided to make a grand entrance. I
made myself all beautiful, just like
my big sister.

SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
Finally I was perfect, and then went
to the stairs to enter like the belle
of the ball, when I finally came out
of my room I found the party going on
without me.

TRANSITION TO:

INT. RARITY'S LIVING ROOM - SAME TIME

INTERNAL DISSOLVE TO:

SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
And I kept posing at the top of the
stairs, waiting to be noticed, but all
I heard was...

FIVE YEAR OLD PONY
These party favors are the coolest.

SMALL PONY
Awesome. Where'd you get these?

RARITY
Made them myself. And of course
you'll all want cake won't you?

ALL THE GUESTS
Me! / I'll have some! / Over here!

SMALL PONY
You're the greatest, Rarity!

ALL THE GUESTS
<cheers>

FIVE YEAR OLD PONY
Who needs a birthday girl when you
have the birthday girls amazing big
sister.

INT. SWEETIE BELLE'S BEDROOM - LATER

SWEETIE BELLE
That's when I learned never try to
shine with my big sister around.

LUNA
But perhaps you didn't have the whole
story?

SWEETIE BELLE
I thought you said you understood.

SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
Luna?

EXT. ABSTRACT DREAMSCAPE - NIGHT

SWEETIE BELLE

Luna!

INT. RARITY'S BEDROOM

RARITY

Should I hem the cloaks now or wait till I'm there? I could hem them now but I might have to redo them...

SWEETIE BELLE

When was this?

RARITY

But if I wait till I'm in Canterlot to hem them, Sapphire Shores might not get the best first impression.

SWEETIE BELLE

Wait... this is tonight!

RARITY

Sapphire Shores is such a big star and such a stickler for details. What if everything's not perfect enough?

SWEETIE BELLE

Funny, I thought I was the one who got worried about stuff like that.

RARITY

Buck up, Rarity - stop this foolishness. You've done your best and left nothing to chance. All that's needed now is a good night's rest.

SWEETIE BELLE

I hope everything goes all right for her tomorrow.

LUNA

How curious you should say that.

LUNA (CONT'D)

Go. Go see what the future holds if you fail to reign in your worst instincts as I once did.

INT. SAPPHIRE SHORES' REHEARSAL SPACE

RARITY

And here it is... the *creme de la creme*, the *piece de resistance*...

SWEETIE BELLE

Don't!

SAPPHIRE SHORES AND DANCERS

<shocked reaction walla>

RARITY

The headdress!

SAPPHIRE SHORES

Looks like I made a mistake here.

(to assistant)

RARITY

But this is impossible. I checked
and rechecked everything. This
couldn't have happened.

SAPPHIRE SHORES

You sure about that, honey?

RARITY

Please. You must believe me.

SWEETIE BELLE

Listen to my sister!

DANCERS

<jeering and mocking>

SILVER SPOON

<laughing>

SWEETIE BELLE

<scream> I don't want to see anymore.

RARITY

Always check and recheck

SAPPHIRE SHORES

Who all wants to hear a funny story
about my ex-costume designer?

CROWD

<roar of encouragement>

RARITY

... recheck and recheck and
recheck...

SWEETIE BELLE

Make it stop! Princess Luna, can't
you hear me?

FLUTTERSHY

Make me a dress, Rarity? Please?

RARITY
Go away. You know I don't do that
anymore.

SWEETIE BELLE
Wake me up, Princess Luna.

INT. SWEETIE BELLE'S BEDROOM - MORNING

SWEETIE BELLE
Wake me up... wake me up, wake me -

INT. RARITY'S WORKSHOP - MOMENTS LATER

INT. RARITY'S BEDROOM - MOMENTS LATER

SWEETIE BELLE
Oh no.

INT. RARITY'S WORKSHOP - MOMENTS LATER

SWEETIE BELLE
The boxes. Gone. I'm too late.
(wailing)
She left for Canterlot!

INT. TRAIN - LATER

SWEETIE BELLE
The key is for you two to distract
Rarity long enough for me to put the
stitch back in without her noticing.

SCOOTALOO
If we're not too late already.

APPLEBLOOM
Omigosh, I can't believe we're going
to see Sapphire Shores! I'm such a
huge fan. I know all her songs.

SCOOTALOO
"Get Your Pony On".

APPLEBLOOM
Ooh, that's one of my favorites!

SWEETIE BELLE
This isn't a trip to see Sapphire
Shores. It's a trip to save my sister
from a horrible future.

SCOOTALOO
"Serves Her Right".

SWEETIE BELLE
How can you say that? Rarity doesn't
deserve that at all.

SCOOTALOO

No. "Serves Her Right" is another one of Sapphire Shores' songs.

APPLEBLOOM

You seriously didn't know that?
Don't you listen to her music???

SWEETIE BELLE

(sheepish)

I prefer showtunes.

INT. SAPPHIRE SHORES' REHEARSAL SPACE - STAGE - LATER

SAPPHIRE SHORES/DANCERS

... and five and six and seven and eight... ba-bam!

RARITY

Bravo! Fabulous! *Magnifique!*

SAPPHIRE SHORES

One more time. From the top.

SAPPHIRE SHORES (CONT'D)

Let's not embarrass me in front of my favorite designer this time.

(winks at Rarity)

And a one-two-three-four-

INT. SAPPHIRE SHORES' REHEARSAL SPACE - LOBBY - LATER

SWEETIE BELLE

But you have to let us in! I'm Sapphire Shores' designers' sister.

SWEETIE BELLE

You have to believe us. You have to let us in.

SECURITY GUARD

Kid, the only thing I have to do is make sure Sapphire Shores doesn't get interrupted all day by fans like you.

SWEETIE BELLE

But I'm not a fan!

APPLEBLOOM

I am!

SCOOTALOO

Me too!

SWEETIE BELLE

(sotto)

Not helping!

INT. SAPPHIRE SHORES' REHEARSAL SPACE - LATER

SAPPHIRE SHORES
Now that's how I like it. You rocked
it, girls! Get some water in you and
be back in ten.

SAPPHIRE SHORES (CONT'D)
Rarity, come on up here and show me
what you brought me. Sapphire wants
to see it and to love it.

EXT. SAPPHIRE SHORES' REHEARSAL SPACE - SAME TIME

SCOOTALOO
(straining)
Almost...

APPLEBLOOM
We've got to get in there now!

INT. SAPPHIRE SHORES' REHEARSAL SPACE - STAGE - LATER

SAPPHIRE SHORES
Okay then. Liking what I see so far.
Is this the whole shebang?

RARITY
Actually, I saved the best for last.

EXT. SAPPHIRE SHORES' REHEARSAL SPACE - SAME TIME

SWEETIE BELLE
YAHHHHHHHHH!

INT. SAPPHIRE SHORES' REHEARSAL SPACE - STAGE - SAME TIME

RARITY
And here it is...

SWEETIE BELLE
You gotta see this with the cinnamon
ribbon. You'll love it!

RARITY
Sweetie Belle!

SAPPHIRE SHORES
(to Rarity)
You know her?

RARITY
Heh heh. Just a moment.

INT. SAPPHIRE SHORES' REHEARSAL SPACE - BACK ENTRANCE - LATER

INT. SAPPHIRE SHORES' REHEARSAL SPACE - VARIOUS - LATER

SCOOTALOO

YAAAAAAH!

INT. SAPPHIRE SHORES' REHEARSAL SPACE - BACK ROOM - LATER

SWEETIE BELLE

(relieved)

Oh good! This is just a dream!

LUNA

Actually... no. this is very much real.

SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)

Oh Luna, I wish none of this ever happened what am I going to do?

LUNA

Lets begin with this, and I think I know how you can even improve it.

RARITY

I'd like to know what in the wide wide world of Equestria this stunt of yours is all about, and I want to know now!

RARITY

Do you have any idea how important this job is to me?

SWEETIE BELLE

I was upset at you for stealing the spotlight from me at the play even though now I know you didn't mean to so I pulled out the center stitch so the headpiece so it would fall apart

RARITY

What?

SWEETIE BELLE

But then I realized I didn't want your future to be ruined for ever and ever so I came back to change it before it was too late. So here it is, it's all fixed. Please forgive me.

RARITY

Wait what is this?

SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)

Trust me Sapphire shores is going to love it..

INT. SAPPHIRE SHORES' REHEARSAL SPACE - STAGE - LATER

SAPPHIRE SHORES

Rarity, this isn't going to work out.
You don't get to my level of success
without learning to read the signs,
and this situation has bad luck
written all over it.

RARITY

I promise you you'll absolutely adore
the headdress as soon as you see it.

SAPPHIRE SHORES

My, it is attractive, but -

SWEETIE BELLE

Look at the stitching. Real close.

SAPPHIRE SHORES

Well, I'll be. It's a dolphin!
That's my lucky animal!
(then, donning headpiece)
They swim with me in my dreams.

RARITY

Where ever did you come up with the
idea of a dolphin?

SWEETIE BELLE

Oh it just came to me in a dream. I'm
sorry I got upset about those dresses,
I know now you were only try to help.

RARITY

Oh Sweetie, I forgive you. But I never
did get to see your play, any chance
I could catch an envore performance.

SWEETIE BELLE

I don't think the play was all the
good, to be honest...the costume were
the best part.

FADE OUT.

END.