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TEASER

INT. TRAIN TO RAINBOW FALLS - DAY

As the rest of the MANE SIX and SPIKE sit quietly in their train seats, PINKIE PIE BOUNCES AROUND, barely able to contain her excitement.

1	PINKIE PIE	1
	Oh, c'mon, c'mon, c'mon! When's this train going to get there already?	

The train <SCREECHES> to a halt, and through the windows we can see RAINBOW FALLS IN ALL ITS GLORY.

2	PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)	2
	Yes! Best day ever! Not only is it a Tuesday - which is amazi-ful! -	*
	we're all going to the Rainbow Falls Traders Exchange! And not just going! We're <u>accompanying</u> a princess on an official royal duty!	
	anks for dealing wiht that	*

As MANE SIX get up and start to exit the train, Twilight would rather not have a fuss made over her.

3	TWILIGHT	3
	Please. It's not that big of a deal. There always has to be a princess at the Exchange. Last year it was Princess Cadance. This year it's me. It's just a formality.	* * *

EXT. OUTSIDE THE RAINBOW FALLS ARENA - MOMENTS LATER

FAVOR TWILIGHT as she leads the rest of the gang towards the entrance.

4	TWILIGHT	4
	I'm sure none of the other ponies will even notice I'm here.	

As she says that, they enter the arena...

EXT. INSIDE THE ENTRANCE TO THE RAINBOW FALLS ARENA

The massive arena floor is covered with dozens and dozens of tents, stands, and stalls - and ponies busy trading all sorts of items.

But as Twilight leads her friends inside the arena, everything stops! Everypony stares at Twilight.

5 PONIES IN THE ARENA 5
<WALLAH: The Princess!/It's
her!/Princess Twilight!>

Everypony there is excited to see the princess!

6 A PONY IN THE ARENA 6
Princess Twilight is here! The
Traders Exchange can now officially
open!

An O.S. band strikes up a TUNE.

Another pony pulls on a long rope and <SNAP!> UNFURLS a GIANT WELCOME BANNER with Twilight's picture on it! STREAMERS AND CONFETTI go off around it.

7 APPLEJACK 7
Could be wrong, but I think they
mighta noticed.

As Twilight SMILES SHEEPISHLY...

FADE TO BLACK:

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT I

EXT. INSIDE THE RAINBOW FALLS ARENA - RESUME

As the MANE SIX enter deeper into the arena, we now see that APPLEJACK is pulling a wagon loaded with books and a couple of saddle bags.

As they walk, the Mane Six all look around in awe at all the different stands and stalls. Each one offers a different thing for trade: horseshoes, hats, artwork - everything and anything.

8 FLUTTERSHY 8
Oh my goodness!

9 RARITY 9
You said it! The Rainbow Falls
Traders Exchange is simply divine!
You can get anything you want here!

10 APPLEJACK 10
If'n you got the goods to trade for
it.

Spike trails behind the group - carefully holding a BAGGED COMIC BOOK out in front of him with both hands. He's walking slowly to make sure nothing happens to it. But he's so focused on the comic that he bumps into Twilight and the others, who have stopped.

11 SPIKE 11
<impact grunt>

Spike BOBBLES the comic and drops it!

12 SPIKE (CONT'D) 12
No!!!!!!

Luckily, Twilight uses her horn to catch it and levitate it back into Spike's hands.

13 SPIKE (CONT'D) 13
Thanks, Twilight. One ding, nick or
dent and this Power Ponies comic
book wouldn't be in perfect mint
condition anymore! And if you want
to trade for a mint comic, you
gotta have a mint comic!

As Spike wanders off, concentrating on holding his comic safely, other ponies have gathered to stare at Twilight.

14 OTHER PONIES 14
Did you see that?/Princess
Twilight!/Using her magic!

Twilight is clearly embarrassed by the attention.

15 APPLEJACK 15
I guess a pony who's here on
official Princess business has to
expect a little fussin'.

Twilight shrugs.

16 TWILIGHT 16
But all I'm supposed to do is
settle disagreements over whether a
trade is fair or not. And since the
rule is that a trade is fair as
long as both ponies get what they
want, there's never been a
disagreement.

Twilight stops to emphasize her point.

17 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 17
So there's really no reason for
anypony to treat me as anything
special.

WIDEN: she's stopped next to a random YOUNG PONY who stares
up at Twilight wide-eyed.

18 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 18
(sweetly)
Can I help you?

The Pony retrieves a quill and points down to a picture of
Twilight that she's put on the ground. Twilight <SIGHS> and
uses her magic to take the quill and sign her name.

OVER TO: RAINBOW DASH and Fluttershy, as RD says her
goodbyes.

19 RAINBOW DASH 19
Gotta dash. There's a pony here
who's got a signed, first edition
of *Daring Do and the Quest of the* *
Sapphire Statue. And I'm gonna get
it!

20 FLUTTERSHY 20
Wow, it sounds like you really want
that book.

21 RAINBOW DASH 21
You bet I do! I've been able to get
first editions of all the Daring Do
books - except this one. No pony's
ever put together a whole set! I'm
gonna be the first!

RD's confidence falters a bit.

23 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 23
If it hasn't been traded yet. It's
the only one in all of Equestria!

24 FLUTTERSHY 24
Oh no! Oh, Rainbow Dash, I'd really
hate to see you disappointed. I did
want to trade this bear call I
brought for a bird whistle.

She gestures to her bear call, a BEAR-SHAPED WHISTLE around
her neck.

25 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D) 25
But getting that book seems so
important to you. So if you need me
to help you first...

26 RAINBOW DASH 26
Normally, I'd say I don't need any
help. But you're right: This is
really important. I gotta get that
book! So c'mon!

RD grabs Fluttershy and they race off...

OVER TO: APPLEJACK AND RARITY. Having unhooked herself from
the WAGON she was pulling, AJ tosses her saddlebags from it
onto her back(leaving the books in the wagon).

27 APPLEJACK 27
Well, I'm off to take a gander at
some of the vintage stalls.

28 RARITY 28
Did you say vintage? Why, old and
rare items are so in style right
now! *

Rarity nods to her sleek and stylish saddle-bags, which she
slips off the cart and onto her back.

29 RARITY (CONT'D) 29
I'm hoping to get a vintage item as
well! I just hope I brought enough
to trade... *

AJ nods sadly as she looks at her own saddle bags.

30 APPLEJACK 30
I know what you mean, Rarity. It'd
sure be a pity to find somethin'
plumb amazin' and not be able to
get it...

Applejack has an idea.

31 APPLEJACK (CONT'D) 31
Hey, I tell you what. How 'bout
this: why don't we pool our trade
stashes!

32 RAIRITY 32
Pool?

33 APPLEJACK 33
Yeah. That way, if one of us finds
something really valuable she can't
live without...

34 RARITY 34
She'll definitely be able to get
it! Who could say no to exchanging
a single object for such a huge
assortment of items?
(then)
Oh, yes, that's absolutely
brilliant! I am so glad I have a
friend like you, Applejack.

35 APPLEJACK 35
I feel the same way!

36 RARITY 36
Then let's go *shopping*!
(to Pinkie and Twilight)
Ta-ta!

AJ and Rarity happily race off in opposite directions,
leaving Pinkie and Twilight - and the cart full of books.

Pinkie starts off - and is surprised to see Twilight standing
by the cart of books, not moving.

37 PINKIE PIE 37
Um, shouldn't your Princessness be
heading to the royal Box Seats?

38 TWILIGHT 38
I may be the "princess on duty,"
but I don't think that means I have
to sit up there all alone doing
nothing. *

Twilight uses her horn to telekinetically move parts of the
cart around and...

39 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 39
Ever since I became a princess,
Celestia has been sending me more
books to read than ever.
(MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

The library is over flowing. So I figured while we're here...

WHOMP! The cart has been transformed into a trading stall!

40 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 40
...I might as well trade away some books I don't need any more!

Pinkie Pie nods her head in approval.

EXT. COMIC BOOK STALL/ANOTHER PART OF THE ARENA

Spike walks up carefully, holding out his comic to protect it. Spike stops short when he sees a comic book displayed on the front of the stall.

41 SPIKE 41
That's the comic I want to trade for! *If* it's in mint condition...

As Spike reaches to check it out...

The COMIC GEEK PONY who runs the stall appears out of nowhere to snatch the display comic away before Spike touches it.

42 COMIC GEEK PONY 42
Whoa! Claws off the merch. First, let me see if what you got is mint enough to trade for it.

He reaches for Spike's comic, but Spike pulls it back.

43 SPIKE 43
Oh, no! You might scuff it!

44 COMIC GEEK PONY 44
How'm I supposed to tell if yours is really mint if I can't peruse it?

45 SPIKE 45
Well, how'm I supposed to tell if yours is really scuff-free if I can't touch it?

They stare each other down, each clutching their own comic. Both narrow their eyes. Neither budes.

46 COMIC GEEK PONY 46
Well, now. It appears what we've got here is an old-fashioned, mint-condition stand off.

EXT. ARENA/DARING DO COLLECTOR'S BOOTH - LATER

With Fluttershy at her side, Rainbow Dash races up to a stand full of DARING DO MEMORABILIA. And there, right at the front of the stall is...

47 RAINBOW DASH 47
There it is! The first edition of
Daring Do and the Sapphire Statue!
It hasn't been traded yet!

She turns to the DARING DO COLLECTOR who runs the stand.

48 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 48
Lucky for you!

Rainbow Dash reaches for something hidden in the crook of her wing.

49 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 49
Because I've brought my most
valuable possession to trade for
it:

She places something on the stand's counter.

50 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 50
My lucky pin!

The Collector eyes it carefully.

51 FLUTTERSHY 51
Oooh! The one we all gave you for
your birthday last year?

52 RAINBOW DASH 52

Yup! 'Course, I really don't need
luck, but I still consider it my
most valuable position cuz of how
much it meant when my friends gave
it to me.

53 FLUTTERSHY 53
Oh, how sweet!

54 DARING DO COLLECTOR 54
Yeah, that is really sweet.
(then)
But I don't want it.

RAINBOW DASH is shocked.

55	RAINBOW DASH	55
What!?!?		

56 DARING DO COLLECTOR 56
It's just a rusty old pin. That's
not worth anything to me.

57 FLUTTERSHY 57
But - but - but how is Rainbow Dash
going to get the book she really
wants?

58 DARING DO COLLECTOR 58
She's not.

Rainbow Dash sinks.

59 DARING DO COLLECTOR (CONT'D) 59
Unless she can get me that!

RD leaps up and sees the Collector point across the Exchange...

To the Traders Exchange's ANCIENT BEAST STALL. CHAINED UP in
front of it is an Orthros: a two-headed dog (St. Bernard)
with a serpent's tail.

60 FLUTTERSHY 60
Ooh, an Orthros! How cute!

Across the fair, the Ortho's two heads <GROWL> revealing huge
teeth. And whole lot of DOG SLOBBER.

61 DARING DO COLLECTOR 61
The pony running the Ancient Beast
Stall doesn't want anything I got.
If you can get me the Orthros, I'll
trade you the book for it.

62 RAINBOW DASH 62
You go it!
(then, to FS)
I don't know how, but somehow we're
gonna get that Orthros!

EXT. ANOTHER PART OF THE ARENA - DAY

In front of another set of stalls, AJ and Rarity RACE TOWARDS
EACH OTHER.

63 RARITY 63
Oh, Applejack! I am so glad I found
you!

They screech to a halt in front of each other, both smiling.

64 APPLEJACK 64
Me too. You're not gonna believe
it.

65 APPLEJACK AND RARITY 65
(at the same time) I found a super
valuable vintage item that I just
have to have! And all it's going to
cost is all our stuff!

The two drop their smiles as they simultaneously realize...

66 APPLEJACK AND RARITY (CONT'D) 66
Uh-oh.

END ACT I

ACT II

EXT. VINTAGE PIE TIE STAND - LATER

AJ leads Rarity up to stand full of USED COOKING ITEMS.

67 RARITY 67

So where is this valuable vintage item you want to trade everything we have for?

AJ proudly points to a rusty old PIE TIN!

68 APPLEJACK 68
There!

69 RARITY 69
Where?

AJ points again.

70 APPLEJACK 70
Right there.

71 RARITY 71
But that's a dented old pie tin!

72 APPLEJACK 72
(proud)

A dented vintage pie tin! The metal they used to fashion this one helps the pies cook up to five seconds faster! They don't make 'em like this anymore!

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Rarity hesitates - then makes a guess.

82 RARITY 82
Um...that one, of course.

83 APPLEJACK 83
Ha! You're bluffin'!

Rarity smiles.

84 RARITY 84
Am I? How can you tell?

Applejack looks back and forth between the brooches.

85 APPLEJACK 85
Well, because...
(then)
Argh! I can't! Cuz the one you want
to waste our whole stash on is
exactly the same as the one you
already got! There's no way anypony
would notice the difference!

Rarity snorts back:

86 RARITY 86
I'd say its a lot more likely
they'd notice that than that some
dented tin cooked a pie a whole two
seconds faster!

86A APPLEJACK 86A
It's *five* seconds faster.

The two stare each other down. Stalemate.

EXT. THE ANCIENT BEAST DEALER'S STALL - DAY

Chained up outside the stall, the two-headed Orthros
<GROWLS,> drooling two mouths worth of dog slobber. Until
Fluttershy gives it a pet and it immediately calms down.

87 FLUTTERSHY 87
Yes, such a good two-headed boy!
Yes you are!

Inside, the stall is surprisingly deep - and dark. Lit by a
single LAMP, it's hard to see all the way to the back.
Mostly, we just see SHAPES AND SHADOWS. But we can hear a
cacophony of screeches and hoots and howls, from all the
MYTHOLOGICAL BEASTS are crammed in there.

At the front of the stall, the ANCIENT BEAST DEALER frantically SHOUTS at the animals deep in the shadows of the stall, trying to keep order. But it's a losing battle.

88 ANCIENT BEAST DEALER 88
Stop that! C'mon, don't you start
now too.

RD and Fluttershy march up.

89 RAINBOW DASH 89
Ok, I can see you're busy, so I'll
give to you straight. I need to
trade you this pin for...
(gesturing to Orthros)
...that so I can I get the most
awesome book in all of Equestria.
We gotta deal?

Rainbow dash sticks out a hoof so they can shake on it. The Ancient Beast Dealer, BUSY TRYING TO KEEP ALL THE SAVAGE BEASTS IN LINE, doesn't even turn around to face her.

90 ANCIENT BEAST DEALER 90
Nope.
(then to beast in stall)
Down boy! Watch out for the lamp!

CRASH! One of the ancient beasts SMASHES the LAMP that had been lighting the stall's interior. The back of the stall is now PITCH DARK. Can't see what's going on back there, but the SCREECHES, GROWLS and ROARS grow even crazier.

At the front of the stall, the Dealer holds the broken pieces of the lamp.

91 ANCIENT BEAST DEALER (CONT'D) 91
But I could really use another
lamp.

ZIP PAN TO:

THE LAMP STAND

FD and RD race up frantically, but pause when they see the stand is filled with DISCORD-SHAPED LAMPS.

92 RAINBOW DASH 92
A whole stand filled with Discord-
shaped lamps?! Seriously?

FS nods, impressed.

93 FLUTTERSHY 93
They really do have everything at
the Traders Exchange!

RD immediately returns to frantic mode as she turns to the
THE LAMP STAND PONY, who leans against a wooden counter.

94 RAINBOW DASH 94
Will you trade a lamp for my pin,
so I can trade it for an Orthros
and get my book?

The Lamp Stand Pony pulls the Discord shaped-lamp a little
closer to himself.

95 LAMP STAND PONY 95
No. But I'd trade it for an antique
chicken.

96 RAINBOW DASH 96
Great!
 (then)
Wait, what's an antique chicken?

Before she gets an answer...

ZIP PAN TO:

EXT. THE ANTIQUE CHICKEN STAND

Fluttershy and RD face shelves lined with ancient statues of
chickens (think Venus de Milo: ancient marble statues).

97 ANTIQUE CHICKEN STAND PONY 97
Oh, I got all kinds of antique
chicken statues: I got yer Blue
Hens, Speckled Greys-

98 RAINBOW DASH 98
OK, cool. So will you trade one for
a pin, so I can trade it for a lamp
and then trade that for a Orthros
so I can get my book?

99 ANTIQUE CHICKEN STAND PONY 99
Well, lemme think. Ehhhhh-no.

Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy sink.

100 ANTIQUE CHICKEN PONY 100
But I'd gladly trade one 'a my
chickens for a crystal chalice.

ZIP PAN TO:

EXT. CRYSTAL CHALICE STAND

The PONY running the stand waits to hear what Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash have to say.

101 RAINBOW DASH 101
Hang on one sec.

Rainbow dash <takes a deep breath> then continues.

102 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 102
 (launches into spiel)
We need a crystal chalice to trade
for a chicken to trade for a magic
lamp to trade for an Orthros. So
what are you willing to trade for?
I'm guessing it's gotta be some
crazy thing way across the
Exchange.

103 CRYSTAL CHALICE STAND PONY 103
Actually, what I could really use
is a slightly rusty old pin.

104 RAINBOW DASH 104
Yeah, but where'm I gonna find-
wait! I got one of those!

Fluttershy nods excitedly as Rainbow pulls out her pin and puts on the counter. The Crystal Chalice Stand Pony pushes a crystal chalice towards RD.

RD and Fluttershy leap up and do a hoof-bump.

105 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 105
Now that we've got the chalice,
this is gonna be a cinch!

106 FLUTTERSHY 106
Oh my, do you really think so? *

107 RAINBOW DASH 107
Sure! All we gotta do is bring
thing to the Chicken Stand and we
are---

As she says that, she grabs the chalice. As soon as she touches it, the crystal chalice BREAKS INTO A MILLION PIECES!!

108 RAINBOW DASH(CONT'D) 108
--Ahhhhhhhhhhhh!!!!

EXT. TWILIGHT'S BOOK STAND - CONTINUOUS

Twilight is about to make a deal with a PETITE PONY.

109 TWILIGHT 109
You want me to trade all my books
for a broken pen?

The pony nods.

110 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 110
You got yourself a dea--

Suddenly, Pinkie leaps in from nowhere.

111 PINKIE PIE 111
Stop! What are you doing?

112 TWILIGHT 112
I was trying to get rid of all the
books I don't need anymore.

Pinkie Pie gestures to the pen.

113 PINKIE PIE 113
For that? Do you realllllllllly
want that?

Twilight shrugs.

114 TWILIGHT 114
Well, not really. But I'm running
out of library space, so-

Pinkie Pie FREAKS OUT.

115 PINKIE PIE 115
Oh my gosh! Oh my gosh! Oh my gosh!
I can't believe that almost
happened! But luckily it didn't
happen! Thanks to me!

116 TWILIGHT 116
What are you talking about?

117 PINKIE PIE 117
The rules! According to the rules
of the Exchange, a trade is only
fair if both ponies end up with
something they want. You're the
"Princess on duty"! You can't break
the rules! *

Pinkie Pie looks around frantically.

118 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 118
(frantic)
Did anypony see you do it? I don't
think anypony saw.

The Petite Pony who had just tried to trade Twilight the pen
sheepishly raises a hoof.

Pinkie turns to the PETITE PONY.

119 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 119
(threatening the Petite
Pony)
But you're not going to say
anything, are you?
(then, cheerful)
Just kidding!
(then, threatening)
Or am I?
(then, confused)
Sometimes even I can't tell...

A little freaked out, the Petite Pony quickly backs away.

120 TWILIGHT 120
Wait, don't go!
(then trying to give
Pinkie a hint)
You know, if you want to go check
out the rest of the Exchange and
trade whatever you brought-

121 PINKIE PIE 121
Nope! I didn't bring anything - I
just came to pony watch. So don't
worry - I'm not going anywhere! I
won't let you make a mistake like
that again. Just leave it to me! I
know how to make sure you get
something supery-dupery for your
books. *

SMASH CUT TO:

Pinkie in full on carnival-barker mode, standing on top of Twi's stall, exhorting the crowd to...

122 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 122
Hey Everypony! Do not walk! *Gallop*
over here for your chance to trade
for authentic, one-of-a-kind,
official Princess merchandise!

Twilight slaps hoof to forehead in disbelief.

EXT. THE ANTIQUE CHICKEN STAND - LATER

FS and RD race up to the Antique Chicken stand, carrying the crystal chalice - which has obviously been glued back together from a million pieces.

123 RAINBOW DASH 123
Well, that took forever! But we
finally glued this thing back
together.

124 FLUTTERSHY 124
I just hope it looks okay.

They set the chalice down on the counter in front of the Chicken Stand Pony. Who takes one look and exclaims:

125 CHICKEN STAND PONY 125
This is perfect!

RD and FS are psyched. Until the Chicken Stand Pony happily takes out a hammer and SMASHES the chalice to pieces!

126 CHICKEN STAND PONY (CONT'D) 126
Perfect for the broken chalice
mosaic I'm making!

The Chicken Stand Pony proudly pulls out the incomplete mosaic from behind the counter. RD and FS can't believe it!

The Chicken Stand Pony turns to FS and RD who are still dumbstruck that he's smashed the chalice.

127 ANTIQUE CHICKEN STAND PONY 127
All right, so - what kind of
Antique Chicken do you want? I got
speckled, brown, gray...

As she goes on and on, naming chickens...

EXT. ANOTHER PART OF THE EXCHANGE - DAY

Rarity and Applejack's saddlebags -- their combined trade stash -- are piled on the ground in between them. Rarity <SIGHS.>

135	RARITY	135
	Well, since we can't both get what we want, I will be the better friend. You take our trade goods and get what you want.	

She pushes the trade stash towards AJ.

(In the BACKGROUND Fluttershy trots across screen heading to the lamp stand).

136	APPLEJACK	136
	Who do you think you're talking to? I'm an <u>amazin'</u> friend. So even though it's fer somethin' that don't seem valuable at all, you take our stash.	

She pushes it back towards Rarity.

137	RARITY	137
	How dare you let me get what I want?! What kind of friend do you think I am? You're going to get what <u>you</u> want.	

(In the BACKGROUND Fluttershy trots quickly back in the direction of the antique chicken stand).

138	APPLEJACK	138
	No, you are.	

139	RARITY	139
	No - YOU are!	

As they <CONTINUE TO ARGUE>, Fluttershy and RD zip by with an antique chicken statue. Follow them to...

EXT. LAMP STAND - CONTINUOUS

RD and FS race up to the LAMP STAND.

<PANTING>, RD puts down the antique chicken statue and looks around. There's NO PONY in the stand.

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140          RAINBOW DASH                                140
Hello? We got the kind of chicken
you asked for. Hello? Hey! Where's
the pony running this joint?

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There's a SIGN hanging from the front of the stand. Rainbow Dash sees it and reads...

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141          RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)          141
"On break"!? URRRGHHHH!

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RD grabs FS and they race off.

EXT. TWILIGHT'S STALL - LATER

Pinkie paces on top of the stall, talking to the gathered CROWD in full on Atlantic-City-boardwalk/infomercial mode...

142 PINKIE PIE 142

These books made Twilight the princess she is! Before that, she was nothing. Trust me, I knew her then. Big fat zero. Then she read these books and *voilà* - Princess!

Standing nearby, Twilight is clearly not happy to hear that.

143	TWILIGHT	143
Hey!		

Up on top of the stand, Pinkie can't hear her.

144	PINKIE PIE	144
So who wants to start the bidding!		

The crowd of ponies lift their hooves in the air, clamoring for Pinkie's attention:

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145      CROWD OF PONIES                                145
<wallah: Me!/Me first!/Over here!>

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146 TWILIGHT 146
Pinkie!

But Pinkie is too engaged with the SHOUTING crowd to hear, so Twilight climbs up onto the stall.

147 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 147
(to the crowd)
Just one sec.

She turns to Pinkie.

148 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 148
Pinkie, I appreciate your help and
all. But I'm not sure I'm
comfortable with this. No pony
should trade for my books just
because I'm a princess. I'm not
better than anypony else.

That dampens crowd's enthusiasm. Pinkie turns to Twi.

149 PINKIE 149
(stage whisper))
I know you're not better than
everypony. In fact, you're much
worse than me. At whipping up the
crowd into a buying frenzy. So
please! Just leave this to me! *

Pinkie turns back to crowd, trying to get them excited again.

150 PINKIE PIE 150
Oh, did I mention that PRINCESS
TWILIGHT got these books
from...PRINCESS CELESTIA?

151 PONY IN CROWD 151
Whoa, wait - you don't mean?

152 PINKIE PIE 152
That's right - double Princess!!!

That stokes the crowd into an even bigger FRENZY!

EXT. FOOD TRUCK LINE- MOMENTS LATER

FS and RD gallop up. Fluttershy points to the LAMP STAND
PONY, way in the back of the line leading up to the food
truck.

153 FLUTTERSHY 153
There he is!

RD and FS race up to him.

154 RAINBOW DASH 154
Look, I know it's your break and
all, but you've got to open up your
stand so we can trade you for a
lamp!

155 LAMP STAND PONY 155
Sorry, girls. Been trading all day.
My belly's telling me its time to
eat an oat burger.

156 RAINBOW DASH 156
Oh, come on! Please?

157 FLUTTERSHY 157
Pretty, pretty, pretty please?

The both BLINK THEIR EYES AT HIM. The Lamp Stand Pony's BELLY
<GRUMBLES loudly>.

158 LAMP STAND PONY 158
Sorry. Belly says "no."

159 RAINBOW DASH 159
But this line is going to take
forever!

She looks up - the sun is low in the sky.

160 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 160
And the Exchange ends at sundown!

Rainbow Dash turns to the line of ponies that stretches in
front of the Lamp Stand Pony all the way to the Food Truck.

161 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 161
C'mon! I got an idea.

She grabs Fluttershy and they ZIP off...

INT. INSIDE THE FOOD TRUCK - MOMENTS LATER

The PONY COOK uses his teeth to toss a GREASY BAG OF FOOD out
the food truck's window to the first pony in line, who
catches it and trots off.

The NEXT PONY IN LINE steps up and opens her mouth to place
his order when suddenly...

A greasy bag of food flies right at that pony, who manages to
catch it despite her surprise.

162 RAINBOW DASH (O.S.) 162
Next!

The equally surprised cook turns and sees -

Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy, zipping around inside the Food
Truck's cramped kitchen.

Fluttershy flips an oat patty in the air. RD catches it in the air between two buns, then drops the oat burger into a paper bag. She KICKS the paper bag out the food truck window to the next pony in line.

163 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 163
Next!

ANGLE ON: THE LINE. It's moving very fast now!

164 RAINBOW DASH (O.S.) (CONT'D) 164
Next!

EXT. ANOTHER PART THE EXCHANGE - LATER

Struggling to carry the Orthros, FS and RD race across the exchange. Like a TWO-HEADED SAINT BERNARD, the Orthros rains slobber down on them.

165 RAINBOW DASH 165
We got the lamp and traded it for
the Orthros. We're home free!
(then)
If this thing doesn't drown us in
slobber!

166 FLUTTERSHY 166
Oh, he's just an affectionate
little two-headed fellow, aren't
you boy?

The Orthros plants TWO happy SLOBBERY KISSES ON HER. As it does, FS and RD run right past Rarity and AJ as they ARGUE:

167 APPLEJACK 167
No, I insist YOU go fetch what you
want. Or else this shoppin'
partnership is over. Cuz that's the
kind of tried and true friend I am!

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She KICKS the saddlebags containing the trade stash to Rarity.

168 RARITY 168
Well in that case, it is over -
because I'm way too generous to let
you out-friend me like that!

As Rarity kicks AJ's half of the trade stash back...

BACK ON FLUTTERSHY and RAINBOW DASH - as they hustle with the Orthros past the **COMIC BOOK STAND**. They run right past SPIKE and the COMIC GEEK PONY - still frozen in their stare down.

As RD and FS carry the Orthros past, it's slobber flies everywhere - including towards the comic books Spike and the Comic Geek Pony are clutching. That snaps Spike and the Comic Geek out of their statue-like stare down. They both immediately freak out...

169 SPIKE AND COMIC GEEK PONY 169
Gah!!!

...And dive to the ground, each shielding his own comic from the slobber with his body.

170 SPIKE 170
Whew!
(then realizing he's covered in
gross slobber)
Ewww!

ON FLUTTERSHY AND RAINBOW, as they continue to run through the Exchange with the Othros.

The SUN is beginning to set.

171 RAINBOW DASH 171
We gotta hurry!

But everywhere they turn, there's a crowd blocking their way.

172 FLUTTERSHY 172
(softly) Um, excuse me? Pardon me?

But it's no use. Even when RD tries to pull the Orthros into the air with her wings, a CROWD of Pegasi shoppers zoom by, knocking her back down to the ground.

173 RAINBOW DASH 173
We're never going to get to the
Daring Do stand through this crowd
in time!

Fluttershy thinks - then takes out her BEAR CALL AND BLOWS IT! The bear call makes a terrifying <ROARR!>

That jolts the crowd - creating an opening ahead of them.

174 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 174
Thanks Fluttershy! C'mon!

Carrying the front half of the Orthros, RD pulls Fluttershy (carrying the back half) forward. FS accidentally DROPS her BEAR CALL.

175 FLUTTERSHY 175
(softly) My bear call...

In front, RD didn't hear that. But she sees that the crowd is starting to fill back in. They've got to get through now!

176	RAINBOW DASH	176
The crowd's filling in! We gotta go!		

177 FLUTTERSHY 177
Of course. It's just a bear call.
There's nothing I could've traded
it for that's more valuable to me
than you!

She carries half of the Orthros and runs off with RD, leaving the bear call behind.

EXT. DARING DO COLLECTOR'S STALL - MOMENTS LATER

Panting with exhaustion, RD and FS drop the Orthros in front of the Daring Do Collector's stall.

178 RAINBOW DASH 178
 <panting> Ok, the Exchange is
 almost over, but we did it! We
 traded a crystal chalice for an
 antique chicken.

179 FLUTTERSHY 179
And the chicken for a lamp.

180 RAINBOW DASH 180
And the lamp for an Orthros, just
like you asked.

The Orthros lets out two slobbery <BARKS>.

181	RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)	181
So here you go! Now where's my book?		

182 DARING DO COLLECTOR 182
Um, yeah, you know, the thing is...I
don't want an Orthros anymore.

RD and FD can't believe it!

183 FLUTTERSHY 183
But, but, but - oh my goodness!
What do we do now, Dashy?

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184      RAINBOW DASH      184
      (determined)
I'll show you what we do!

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And with that, RD dramatically keels over and FAINTS DEAD AWAY! (Eyes fluttering - she's unconscious but alive).

FADE TO BLACK

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

EXT. DARING DO COLLECTOR'S STALL - RESUME

Rainbow Dash lies on the ground, <MOANING>. Fluttershy hovers around her.

185	FLUTTERSHY	185
	Oh goodness. Oh goodness.	

Unable to rouse her, Fluttershy runs off screen.

CLOSE ON RAINBOW DASH as Suddenly <SPLASH!>, RD is doused with water. She stirs.

186	RAINBOW DASH	186
	Uhhhhhhhhh...	

Another SPLASH OF WATER. REVEAL: the water is SLOBBER coming from the Orthros' mouths - FS is directing the Orthros to slobber to directly onto RD.

187	FLUTTERSHY	187
	Good boys! One more time.	

Another <SPLASH> gets RD to her feet. She sees the Collector.

188	RAINBOW DASH	188
	Hey! You said you wanted an Orthros!	

189	DARING DO COLLECTOR	189
	I did. When you were first here.	
	Since then, I've been watching that Orthros over in the Ancient Beast Booth. It's crazy! I don't want one in my house!	

The Orthros' two dog heads angrily <GROWL> at the insult - drool and spraying slobber all over the place in the process.

Until Fluttershy calms it down with a few gentle pets.

190 FLUTTERSHY 190
There, there - that's a good
Orthros.

She turns to the Collector.

191 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D) 191
Orthros aren't crazy. You just have
to know how to treat them. With a
little patient training - and a big
slobber mop - they can be a
wonderful household pet.

And indeed, with Fluttershy's attention, the Orthros turns as
docile as a kitten - one head giving her a big, slobbery
KISS.

The other head gives the Daring Do Collector a big sloppy
kiss. He <GIGGLES> happily.

192 DARING DO COLLECTOR 192
<GIGGLES> All right, all right -
you convinced me.
(to RD)
I'll trade you the book for the
Orthros.

193 RAINBOW DASH 193
Yes!

The collector holds up the book. Seeing it, RD salivates
(almost as much as the nearby Orthros).

194 DARING DO COLLECTOR 194
(gestures to FS)
If she comes and stays with us in
Manhattan until its trained.

Excited by the prospect, the Orthros happily licks Fluttershy.
But Fluttershy doesn't look as happy.

195 FLUTTERSHY 195
Gosh. Training an Orthros takes a
long time. I'll probably be gone
from Ponyville for I don't even
know how many moons...

Fluttershy sees RD drooling over the book.

196 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D) 196
But if that is really what you
want...

Hearing that seems to shake Rainbow Dash out of her obsessive focus on the book.

197 RAINBOW DASH 197

Wow. You know, hearing you say that
makes me finally realize...I'm gonna
get the book!

198 DARING DO COLLECTOR 198
So we got a fair deal?

The Collector hands over the book. She's got it!

199 RAINBOW DASH 199
I've never wanted anything more
than this! Of course its a deal!

RD immediately starts flipping through the pages. Her face buried in the book, she says...

200 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 200
Fluttershy, can you believe it? I
did it! I did it!

She looks up and sees that Fluttershy's not there - FS, the Collector and the Orthros are all gone. Now that it's over, and she's there alone, it finally hits RD:

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201          RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)                201
Oh, no - what did I do!?
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EXT. TWILIGHT'S STALL - DAY

Standing on top of the stall, Pinkie address the crowd of excited ponies gathered in front.

202 PINKIE PIE 202

All rightie then! Who's got something valuable enough to trade for Princess Twilight's princess books she got from Princess Celestia?

203 A PONY 203
Over here! Over here!

That pony holds something up.

204 PINKIE 204
Oh, please! That's not even worth
one page, let alone one book!

Another Pony holds something else up. Pinkie turns up her nose.

205	PINKIE (CONT'D)	205
	Oh, come on! These are the books	
	the Princess would sit up with all	
	night, with nothing to read by but	
	the light of her own horn!	

Another Pony holds something up. Pinkie's eyes light up!

206	PINKIE (CONT'D)	206
	Oooh, now that looks fun! (then)	
	But not fun enough! She discovered	
	that Night Mare Moon would return	
	from reading this book! This one	
	taught her how to host a sleep	
	over! These are the books that made	
	Twilight the Princess she is! So	
	who's got what it takes to trade	
	for them?	

The Ponies in the crowd look at each other and HANG THEIR HEADS.

207	PONIES IN THE CROWD	207
	When you put it like that.../Not	
	me/I sure don't/Guess not...	

The ponies all shrug and leave - leaving all her books. Seeing that, Pinkie realizes she messed up.

208	PINKIE PIE	208
	Wait! Stop! Come back! These books	
	aren't <u>that</u> great.	

Twilight hops up next to Pinkie.

209	TWILIGHT	209
	Oh yes they are.	

Pinkie wasn't expecting that.

210	PINKIE PIE	210
	But I thought you wanted to get rid	
	of them.	
	(then)	
	And I just messed that up.	

Twilight smiles.

211	TWILIGHT	211
	No you didn't. You set me straight.	

212 PINKIE PIE 212
Huh?

213 TWILIGHT 213
None of those ponies had anything
valuable enough to trade for my
books. Not because these books
belonged to a Princess. But because
they helped make me who I am - just
like you said.

She levitates first one book, then another.

214 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 214
This is the one I was so absorbed
in the day Spike decided he owed
Applejack a life debt. And this one
reminds me of the day I got it,
which was the day I met you. I may
not ever need to read these again,
but that doesn't mean they don't
have value. I realize that now -
thanks to you, Pinkie.

Pinkie smiles.

215 PINKIE PIE 215
Well, of course! I told you I'd
take care of everything, didn't I?

Suddenly, RD runs up -

216 RAINBOW DASH 216
Twilight! I need you to say a trade
wasn't fair! Fast!

EXT. ARENA BOX SEATS - A LITTLE LATER

One of the BOX SEATS that line the arena has been redressed
as a royal court for the princess. Twilight sits in a high-
backed chair, like a judge. Rainbow Dash and the Daring Do
Collector face her, like the two sides in a trial. Fluttershy
(and the Orthros) sit behind the Collector.

An audience of ponies (including PINKIE) listens raptly, as
if they were in a courtroom gallery.

217 TWILIGHT 217
I've heard what you both have to
say. And I'm sorry, Rainbow Dash.
But my hooves are tied. You said it
was a fair trade.

218 RAINBOW DASH 218
Yeah, I said it. But I was wrong!
There's no way this trade can be
fair!

The crowd <GASPS>!

Twilight <BANGS> her gavel for order. The crowd quiets.

219 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 219
Look, I'm not gonna lie: I did want
that book. A lot. It was worth more
to me than a pin, or a chalice, or
an antique chicken, or an Orthros. *
I said I wanted that book more than
anything in all of Equestria. And I
meant it. But there's no thing in
all of Equestria that's worth as
much to me as a friend. I mighta
forgotten that for a little bit,
but it's true. Which means there's
no way this trade can be fair!

223 DARING DO COLLECTOR 223
Oh, come on that's...the sweetest
thing I've ever heard! Trade's off!
The trade's off!

The crowd erupts in <CHEERS> The collector takes his Daring
Do book back. RD rushes at Fluttershy - and gives her a big,
happy hug - a hug that is quickly joined by the slobbering
Orthros.

224 TWILIGHT 224
And with that I declare this trial -
and this year's Rainbow Falls
Traders Exchange - over!

She <BANGS> her gavel. Pinkie leaps up and exclaims. *

227 PINKIE 227
WOO-HOO!!

The crowd disperses. Follow some ponies as they walk off
past...

EXT. THE COMIC BOOK STALL

Spike and the Comic Geek Pony are still frozen in their
standoff.

228 SPIKE 228
We've been standing here for so
long, the Exchange is over! It's
now or never. Whattaya say we just
trust each other and make the
trade?

The Comic Geek LAUGHS DARKLY.

229 COMIC GEEK PONY 229
<Laughs Maniacally>
(darkly)
You think we can end this just like
that? Because if you do... *

(then, nicer)

...that'd work for me. *

The Comic Geek carefully hands over his pristine comic at the
same time that Spike does...

As soon as each snatches the comic out of the other's hand,
they both plop down on the ground back to back and
haphazardly rip open the comic bags and happily flip through
their new comics.

230 SPIKE AND COMIC GEEK PONY 230
<contented SIGH>

INT. THE TRAIN BACK TO PONYVILLE- THAT NIGHT

Spike and the Mane Six all ride back to Ponyville. Sitting
side by side, Rarity turns to AJ...

231 RARITY 231
You know, Applejack, it was so
silly, us arguing for so long about
who's the better friend. We almost
missed the whole Exchange!

232 APPLEJACK 232
I know. I feel plumb foolish about
it too.

233 RARITY 233
But... there was just enough time in
the end for me to take my half of
our trade goods and get you this.

She gives AJ a small pie tin.

234 RARITY (CONT'D) 234
I know it's not the pie tin you
were after.
(MORE)

242 TWILIGHT (O.S.) 242
Well, what do you know! Look at
this!

Rainbow Dash turns and sees...Twilight (sitting next to Pinkie), rummaging through one of her boxes of books. Twilight levitates out a battered copy of DARING DO AND THE SAPPHIRE STATUE.

243 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 243
My copy of Daring Do and the
Sapphire Statue. It's just a beat
up old paperback, not a one-of-a-
kind first edition...

Twi levitates it over to Rainbow Dash, who grabs it eagerly.

244 RAINBOW DASH 244
Even better! Because I can read
this one with ALL my friends.

As RD snuggles up to dive into the book with Fluttershy.

245 RAINBOW DASH(PRE-LAP)(CONT'D)245
And that's the thing we'll always
remember about the Traders
Exchange...

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. RAINBOW DASH'S HOUSE - LATER

Rainbow Dash makes an entry in the JOURNAL OF THE TWO SISTERS...

246 RAINBOW DASH 246
There were hundreds of ponies
trading everything from diamonds to
dog collars. But no matter what any
other pony traded for, no pony
walked out of there with anything
more valuable than us.

As she says this, we CROSS DISSOLVE to the other ponies:

Rarity happily taking the new jewel AJ got her - and putting it next to several IDENTICAL JEWELS...

AJ pulling a pie out of the oven in her new (old) pie tin...

Pinkie and Twilight reading her books by the light of Twi's horn (as Spike nuzzles nearby with his new comic)...

Fluttershy blowing her bird whistle - and instantly being covered with dozens of birds..

247 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 247
...cuz we left with our friends!

And on that note, we are at...

THE END