

MY LITTLE PONY
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"Rarity Takes Manehattan"
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EXT. PONYVILLE - TRAIN STATION - MORNING

SPIKE
There you are, Rarity. That's the last of your bags.

RARITY
Actually Spike, I've got one last pile of bags over there.

RARITY (CONT'D)
Won't you be a dear?

SPIKE
(charmed)
Sure. I'll be a dear.

RARITY
An entire week in the fabulous city of Manehattan, *plus* all of my very best friends there with me?
(deep happy sigh)

TWILIGHT
Of course we'd all come along to support you during Fashion Week, Rarity.

FLUTTERSHY
Not that you'll need it. We're sure you'll win.

RARITY
Ooh, I can't begin to tell you how excited I am that you'll all be there with me.
(then, eye twinkling)
However, perhaps I can show you...

TWILIGHT
What's that?

PINKIE PIE
Oh oh oh, I know! A paper fan!

RARITY
No. It's -

PINKIE PIE
- a magic trick! You know, where I pick a card and remember what it is and put it back in the deck so you can't look at it and -

RARITY
These are tickets to the hottest musical on Bridleway.

TWILIGHT
You couldn't mean Hinny Of The Hills,
because that show's been sold out for
months... or could you?

RARITY
I could. I do.

TWILIGHT
Oh Rarity, you didn't have to do that.
But... since you did...

ALL THE PONIES
<excitement walla>

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
This trip is fun already! I love
jumping up and down!

EXT. MANEHATTAN - GRAND CENTRAL STABLES - DAY

RARITY
Come along, ponies. I found us a
place to stay only a block from the
train station, in the very heart of
this glorious metropolis!

APPLEJACK
Hey look - there's the theater where
Hinny Of the Hills is playing!

ALL THE PONIES
Cool!

TWILIGHT
Wow, Rarity. How'd you manage to get
us seats for tomorrow night?

RARITY
("it's nothing, really")
I gave some designs to the costume
designer, so he pulled a few
strings...

ALL THE PONIES
Cool!

RARITY
That is makes Manehattan so splendid
and amazing. You do something nice
for somepony, and then you never know
when they'll do something nice for
you.

APPLEJACK
So then you can do something nice for
us.

FLUTTERSHY

Like get us in to see Hinny Of The Hills.

RAINBOW DASH

Which is only the best musical in all of Equestria

APPLEJACK

It must be good if Rainbow Dash is impressed. Normally, she doesn't even *like* musicals.

RAINBOW DASH

I know. Ponies just bursting into song in random places at the drop of hat - who does that?

RARITY

Oh Manehattan, what you do to me.

ALL THE PONIES

Ungh.

RARITY

This huge bustling community.

ALL THE PONIES

Ungh.

RARITY

And there's always opportunity to do the friendly thing.

RARITY

*If some are grouchy, pay no mind./
Surprise instead with something kind.
/ Lo-and-behold you may just find / a
smile is what you'll bring.*

BELLHOP

Welcome to the Mane Fair Hotel.
Please allow me to take those bags to your room for you.

RARITY

(handing him money)
Only if you'll accept this gratuity first.

BELLHOP

(glancing at it,
stammering)
I'll get your change.

RARITY

Do keep it all. I insist.

RARITY (CONT'D)

Generosity I'm here to show all that
I can give/Genrosity I'm here to set
the bar just sit back and watch how I
live

RARITY

After you

PONY

Why, thank you.

RARITY

Please take mine.

PONY 2

Wow ok.

RARITY

*Some may say, Rari-tay, don't be so
big-hearted and bold. / Treating
strangers like they're friends, this
town's too big and cold.*

RARITY

*But this is how I play my cards, I'm
not about to fold.*

RARITY

*Where I see a frown, I go to town.
Call me the smile patrol.*

TWILIGHT

Oh Manehattan, what you do to us.

APPLEJACK

What if you find a Gloomy Gus?

FLUTTERSHY

It's no intimidating thing.

PINKIE PIE

Just be kind without a fuss.

RARITY

Generosity I'm here to show all that
I can do/Genrosity you are the
key/Manehatten I'm here just for you.
Just for you.

EXT. MANEHATTAN - RODEO DRIVE - A LITTLE LATER

RARITY (CONT'D)

To think my dresses could soon be
displayed on the most glamorous
shopping thoroughfare of the most

glamorous city in Equestria. It would be my dream come true.

TWILIGHT

Is there anything left to do we can help you with?

RARITY

Nothing I can think of. The dresses are all completely finished, all made from a fabulous new fabric I've been developing for months - stretchy but not clingy, shimmery but not showy.

FLUTTERSHY

Sounds amazing.

RARITY

There's nothing left for me to do but check in at the runway with my dresses by two this afternoon.

PINKIE PIE

That's funny, because that clock over there makes it seem like that's only ten minutes from now.

RARITY

Oh my ribbon and threads! And the runway ballroom is all the way across town. If I don't get there, I'm disqualified!

(then, running off)

Taxi! Taxi!!

FLUTTERSHY

Oh no! We've got to help her find a cab - now!

RAINBOW DASH

I'm on it.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

(to bewildered driver)

Hey buddy, is this cab taken?

PEDESTRIAN #1

The line ends back there, buddy!

RAINBOW DASH

What? Does everypony in this town want a cab?

RARITY

I'm afraid getting a taxi at this time could prove almost impossible...

TWILIGHT

Please won't you let her have this taxi. She has somewhere very important to be right away.

PEDESTRIAN #3

Not likely! She can get in line like the rest of us!

PEDESTRIANS

<agreement walla>

TWILIGHT

Oh, it's no use. The cab drivers just drive right past to get the next pony in line.

CABBIE

New wheel works like a charm. So now which of you nice folks are hoppin' in?

RARITY

(hopping in)

Fashion Runway Plaza in seven minutes. Can you make it?

CABBIE

Hang on!

RARITY

Ta ta!

SPIKE

That was close.

SPIKE (CONT'D)

Anypony else got a sneaking suspicion we're forgetting something?

ALL IN UNISON

(panic)

The dresses!!

INT. CITY BUILDING FOYER - MOMENTS LATER

RARITY

GoodafternoonI'mhereforFashionWeek.

RECEPTIONIST

Everypony's gathered in front of the runway and about to start. So you'll just have to bring your dresses along with you and store them backstage later.

RARITY
(about to lose it)
My dresses?? How could I possibly
forget them?? I'm doomed!

BELLHOP (O.S.)
Got 'em right here, ma'am.

BELLHOP (CONT'D)
Your friends told me you'd need these
in a hurry so I offered to race them
over myself. "Anything for that nice
mare" I told 'em.

INT. RUNWAY SHOWROOM - MOMENTS LATER

RARITY
Whew! Made it! With seconds to
spare.
(shaking the rain off)
Hello, everypony! Pleased to meet
you all.

PRIM HEMLINE
Rarity, I presume?

RARITY
You must be Prim Hemline, the host of
this grand event. How do you....

PRIM HEMLINE
Miss Rarity, how is it that all your
competitors are here a half-hour
early, and yet you arrive seconds
before we begin?

RARITY
Oh, um...
(embarrassed chuckle)
... just lucky I guess.

PRIM HEMLINE
(to all)
Once we're done here, you're to finish
setting up backstage, so you'll be
ready for your run-through
appointment.
(to Rarity)
You'll show your designs last.
(then)
We keep to a precise schedule so let's
try to be more than a few seconds
early, hmm?
(then)
Tomorrow is the contest to see which
one of you gets to stay to meet top

designers all across the city. The
rest of you must go home early.
(sigh)
So sad.
(imperious clap)
Dismissed.

SURI
I'm so glad you made it, Rarity.

RARITY
Me too, but everything just seems to
keep working out.

SURI
Don't you remember me? Suri
Polomare, from the Ponyville
Knitter's League.

RARITY
Oh! Yes of course, of course...I thought
you looked familiar but I couldn't
place it. You haven't been back in
years.

SURI
Because I moved here to make it in the
big city...ok

RARITY
Good for you, Suri!

SURI
(hugs her)
It's so good to see you. And now here
we are... competing, ok.

RARITY
Yes, yes. Well, good luck.

SURI
Oh I don't need luck.
(she winks, then)
Would you like a hoof with your
things?

RARITY
Why thank you so much.

INT. RUNWAY SHOWROOM - BACKSTAGE - RARITY'S PREP ROOM - LATER

SURI
My, your collection is gorgeous!

RARITY
Oh now, I'm sure your collection is
equally lovely if not more so.

SURI
It's all right, but nothing like this!
Take my culottes, for example,
they're simply crying out for just the
right accent but I haven't the
slightest notion where -
(then)
Actually...

SURI (CONT'D)
Just a touch of this fabric could be
perfect with it. Would you mind
terribly if I took a swatch?

RARITY
Oh not at all. Here, I have loads
extra.

SURI
You're sure?

RARITY
Positive. Well, it's been wonderful
getting caught up and I don't wish to
be rude, but -

RARITY (CONT'D)
- I need to finish my preparations and
I'm a bit late as it -

RARITY (CONT'D)
- is.

EXT. FASHION RUNWAY HALL - WINGS - LATER

RARITY
Hello, I'm here a half-hour early for
my run through appointment, just the
way Prim likes.

REGISTRATION PONY
Get in line over there.
(then, looking up)
Oh my, that fabric's gorgeous. Did
you make that yourself?

RARITY
Why yes, its -

SURI (O.S.)
- stretchy but not clingy. Shimmery
but not showy.

RARITY
- stretchy but not clingy. Shimmery
but not showy.

SURI

And the entire line is in this same adorable pattern that works on everything from skirts to tops to shoes.

HEIDI GROOMING

(clapping)

Bravo! I've never seen anything like it.

RARITY

You stole my fabric!

SURI

I didn't steal it...ok... you gave it to me, member?

RARITY

I gave you the fabric for ACCENTS, not for your whole line!! And how could you possibly make all those outfits out of it so fast??

SURI

Fast! Hah! Coco Pommel here took practically forever. Nearly got me completely disqualified.

ASSISTANT

Well, I wanted to make sure you'd win, so I took the extra time to -

SURI

Quiet! I pay an assistant to sew and not talk and get coffee. K?

RARITY

(crushed, bewildered)

How could this happen?

SURI

Aw sweetie, don't blame yourself. It takes some small town fillies a while to learn it's everypony for herself in the big city...ok?

SURI (CONT'D)

I hope you realize how fortunate you are to have me as a mentor.

SURI (CONT'D)

Now get me coffee!!

INT. HOTEL ROOM - LATER THAT AFTERNOON

TWILIGHT

Oh my gosh, what a great afternoon.
That was almost too much fun.

RAINBOW DASH

Better pace yourself, cuz the rest of
the day's jam packed.

APPLEJACK

First, there's the salon appointment
to get our manes done.

PINKIE PIE

Then our fancy dinner at Far Field
Tavern.

FLUTTERSHY

And after that -

ALL THE PONIES

Hinny Of The Hills!!

RAINBOW DASH

Is - everything okay?

PINKIE PIE

You got the dresses the bellhop
brought you and everything, right?

RARITY

<high-drama bawling>

RAINBOW DASH

But... he said he brought them.

RARITY

And then Suri stole them!!

RARITY

I let one of the other contestants use
some of my one-of-a-kind fabric and
then she turned it into an wardrobe
just like mine, only now it looks like
I'm the one copying her!!

(collapsing onto bed)

My generosity has ruined me, I tell
you! Ruuuinnnnnned!

TWILIGHT

Now Rarity...

TWILIGHT

Whatever went wrong, we're all here to
help you get through it... no matter
what it takes.

ALL THE PONIES

<resolute agreement walla>

APPLEJACK

Come on, Rarity, buck up. All we need is some fabric and you'll be back in business.

INT. HOTEL ROOM - LATER

RARITY

This new line is going to be marvelous - perhaps even better than the last. It's daring, it's bold. Perhaps I still have a chance after all!

INT. HOTEL ROOM - LATER

RARITY

Twilight, sew these pieces together according to that pattern there.

TWILIGHT

You said if we skipped dinner at Far Field Tavern you'd order a meal for us to eat while we keep working.

RARITY

Don't fret. It will be here in an hour.

(then, off their looks)

That's not going to be a problem is it?

RAINBOW DASH

Well... we're supposed to be watching Hinny Of The Hills by then.

RARITY

Oh. I see. I go out of my way to get you tickets for a show, and this is how you repay me? By abandoning me in my hour of need?

RARITY (CONT'D)

Fine! Go and see Hinny Of The Hills tonight. Then tomorrow morning when you come see my fashion show without any fashion to show, you can have more entertainment.

(then, imitating)

"Oh...Why look, there's our friend Rarity going down in flames. Isn't friendship magic?"

TWILIGHT

Rarity, calm down. What's gotten into you?

RARITY
What's gotten into you? Go ahead, see
your little show.
Congratu-pony-lations, fillies!
Sounds like you've all figured out
already it's every pony for herself in
this town!

EXT. MANEHATTAN - NEXT MORNING - ESTABLISHING

INT. HOTEL ROOM - SAME TIME

TWILIGHT
There, that's the last of them.

RARITY
(yanking it away)
Finally.

TWILIGHT
You're welcome.

INT. HOTEL LOBBY - MOMENTS LATER

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. RUNWAY - LATER

PRIM HEMLINE (O.S.)
Let's have another round of applause
for Suri Polomare's amazing
collection. That fabric! So
original!

INT. RUNWAY - WINGS - SAME TIME

SURI
Well, look who's here. Going to show
your copycat collection?

PRIM HEMLINE
And now, Rarity from Ponyville with
her brand new line... and I mean *brand*
new: Hotel Chic.

AUDIENCE
<awed and amazed walla>

RARITY
(excited, to self)

They're liking it. I think I may just have won this thing. Oh I can't wait to celebrate with...

RARITY (CONT'D)
My friends. They didn't come! What have I done???

INT. RUNWAY SHOWROOM - CONTINUOUS

PRIM HEMLINE
Rarity, they all adore you! Aren't you going to tell them about your fabulous pieces?

RARITY
I have to go.

PRIM HEMLINE
Come back at once! This is unheard of!

INT. HOTEL - RECEPTION AREA - LATER

BELLHOP
How do you do, ma'am? Contest going well?

RARITY
No time to talk. I have to find my friends.

BELLHOP
Oh. They're gone already. Saw them headed out this morning.

RARITY
Oh no! Back to Ponyville, I imagine. They worked so hard on my behalf and I repaid them with unkindness. What have I done??
(then)
Here you are.

BELLHOP
But miss -
(calling after her)
- I didn't do anything!

EXT. MANEHATTAN - CITY STREETS - A LITTLE LATER

RARITY
Oh Manehattan, what have I done. / The thought of Fashion Week was fun / but I went way too far.

RARITY (CONT'D)

*My friends gave to me in ways so kind
/ and I gave them nothing but a hard
time / and now alone I stand/ and now
alone I stand.*

INT. CITY BUILDING FOYER - SAME TIME

RARITY

I need a moment with Prim Hemline. I
have to rush back to Ponyville but
wanted to thank her first for -

SURI

(to Rarity)

You best steer clear of Prim for a
while. She's pret-ty furious.
Isn't that right?

COCO

(eyes cast down)

Um...Yes...

RARITY

(seeing her friends)

There you all are! I can't believe
it! I thought you went back home.

TWILIGHT

We missed the show because we
overslept. Suri told us you lost,
we're really sorry.

RARITY

I lost?

(then)

You know what? I don't even care. I'm
just happy you're all still here after
how I treated you. Taking advantage
of your friendship the way I did. How
could you ever see past it?

APPLEJACK

Yeah, you were pretty rotten.

RAINBOW DASH

Wow, Applejack. I know your thing is
honesty, but come on!

TWILIGHT

Last night we may not have seen you at
your best, but we know you. And we
would never let one thing like that
change how we feel about you.

RARITY

Thank you. You really are the most wonderful friends a pony could have.

RARITY (CONT'D)

You know, I already arranged to make it up to you this afternoon.

RARITY (O.S.)

Hope you're all available for an exclusive performance of Hinny Of The Hills.

ALL THE PONIES (O.S.)

<excited walla>

SURI

And that, is how it's done. Pretty clever how I convinced her to stay away from Prim, wasn't it? Wouldn't have wanted her to find out the truth, now would we?

INT. GRAND MAJESTIC THEATER - LATER

FINNY

and I'm a dancing pony!

PONIES

yeahhhhhhhhhhh!

APPLEJACK

Wow, that was even better than I imagined!

RAINBOW DASH

I LOVED IT!!

(then, cooler)

Eh, it was a'ight.

TWILIGHT

How did you ever get them to agree to do an extra performance just for us?

RARITY

Remember my costume designer friend who got me the tickets? Well, I offered to make all the costumes for his next show.

FLUTTERSHY

Here in Manehattan?

RARITY

Well, um... yes... it will keep me away from Ponyville for a while...

RARITY (CONT'D)
But I so wanted for you to see this show!
(then)
And working for this designer is such a great opportunity...

APPLEJACK
We know. We're happy for you, Rarity. We're just sad for us.

COCO (O.S.)
Mind if I join you?

RARITY
(wary)
Sure. Come on down.

RARITY (CONT'D)
This is the First Place Trophy for Fashion Week. With my name on it. But I thought I lost.

COCO
You didn't. You won.

ALL THE PONIES
<shocked walla>

COCO
Suri was hoping that if you didn't claim your prize, the judges would consider it a forfeit and first place would go to her. So she lied to make you and your friends go away, and... I lied, too.

COCO (CONT'D)
I've worked for Suri so long I started to believe that it really is every pony for herself in this town. Until I saw how generous you were with your friends. And how generous they were with you. It made me start believing there was something better for me out there. So I, I quit.

COCO (CONT'D)
I brought you something to say thank you.

RARITY
I suppose you'll need a job now that you're no longer with Suri.
(off her nod)
How would you like to work for my friend making all the costumes for his next show?

INT. PONYVILLE - RARITY'S WORKSHOP - DAY

RARITY

Manehattan was simply grand. It was in this magnificent metropolis that I learned that, while there are ponies who will take advantage of your generosity, you should never, ever let that cause you to abandon your generous spirit. Nothing feels worse than believing you've taken advantage of the giving nature of your friends.

FADE OUT.

END.