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Rarity has been invited to show at Fashion Week in Manehattan and couldn't be more excited. She's even created a new one-of-a-kind fabric especially for the event. When her friends show up to send her off, she surprises them with a generous offer – come join her in the big city! While she's working Fashion Week, she wants to treat them to an amazing time. She's even managed to get them tickets to Manehattan's hottest musical—"Filly Elliot".

Our Mane 6 arrive in Manehattan and are so excited that they burst into SONG. As they travel through the sights of the city, Rarity is over-flowing with her generosity – i.e. she lets somepony else take her taxi, she over-tips the cabbie, buys a total stranger flowers, etc. At song's end, Rarity and her friends stop in front of a posh department store window – the pony deemed the best designer at Fashion Week will get to show her collection in that window. Everypony in Manehattan will want to wear the clothes on display. Their images reflected in the window, Rarity's friends tell her that they are certain that it will be her collection that will grace the department store window.

As her friends head off to sightsee, Rarity arrives backstage to put the finishing touches on the outfits she'll be showing the next day. There she runs into an acquaintance from Ponyville who moved to Manehattan to pursue a career in fashion and is also showing a collection. The pony is in a state of panic. Something has happened to the fabric she planned on using as an accent for her hats and accessories. Seeing how distraught her fellow designer is, Rarity generously offers up some of her one-of-a-kind fabric. Imagine her dismay when she later discovers that the designer has used it not as an accent but to make the show-stopping centerpiece of her entire collection! In between barking orders at her put upon assistant, the duplicitous designer informs Rarity that it's a pony-eat-pony world and that if she wants to make it in Manehattan, she needs to wise up.

Rarity feels like she has been taken advantage of. Moveover, she can't possibly use the rest of her fabric now that everypony has seen it in another designer's collection. Over the next day, Rarity is desperate to weave more fabric. Naturally, her friends want to help but Rarity increasingly takes advantage of their generosity becoming more and more "cut throat" herself. "Make it work!" she screams as she pressures them to work through the night, causing them to miss the performance of "Filly Elliot" that they were all looking forward to seeing.

The next morning, Rarity has her fabric! She steals a taxi from a stranger and heads to fashion week. Her new fabric is a huge success, but when Rarity is in onstage basking in the adulation of the crowd, she notices that the seats she had reserved for her friends are empty. Rarity realizes that she's abandoned her generous nature and has lost her friends as a result. She sets about making it up to her friends and ends up surprising them with a special matinee of "Filly Elliot" (she agreed to do their costumes for free for the next three years!)

Later, Rarity and her friends all go to the department store window to watch the unveiling of her collection. Everypony but Rarity is shocked when the curtains part to reveal her rival's collection instead. With her generous heart restored, Rarity has offered to give the store window up and let her rival show her collection instead. On one condition -- that she change her ways and become more generous. A promise her rival immediately

proves she is going to keep when she publicly credits the assistant she had been mistreating with playing a major role in designing the collection.

Back in Ponyville, Rarity unpacks her suitcase from the trip and discovers something – a key! Twilight immediately realizes that it is one of the keys that will unlock the chest presented to her by the Tree of Harmony. Rarity's generous nature has been put to the test and not only has she passed with flying colors, she's also passed on that generous spirit to another. Princess Twilight surmises that it is because of this that the key has appeared.