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"Rarity Investigates!"

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TEASER

SC. 2 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE, TOO - DAY

RARITY

Oh Sassy Saddles, don't you just love my new Femme Mystique Chic line of gowns?!

SASSY SADDLES

Sequins and sashes, Rarity, they're exquisite! Where in Equestria did you find the inspiration?

RARITY

Ooh. I modeled them after *The Adventures of Shadow Spade*. Her stories are always full of mystery and suspense, and best of all--fabulous costumes!

SASSY SADDLES

They're perfect.

SASSY SADDLES (CONT'D)

What are you doing?

RARITY

Just making some minor adjustments. Shadow Spade believes it all comes down to attention to detail, and so do I.

RARITY (CONT'D)

There! Now it's perfect!

RAINBOW DASH

Hey guys! How's it--

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

<NERVOUS LAUGHTER> My bad!

SC. 3 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE, TOO - CONTINUOUS

RAINBOW DASH

Sorry I messed up your dress thingie.

SASSY

Nothing we can't fix in a stitch. What are you doing in Canterlot?

RAINBOW DASH

I'm here for Princess Celestia's Royal Garden Opening tomorrow.

SASSY

Oh, yes. Rumor has it, the gardens are especially lush this season. I've heard that the Wonderbolts will be kicking things off with an aerial display.

RARITY

You heard right. And Rainbow Dash is here to fly with them. So exciting!

RAINBOW DASH

Well, kind of exciting. Technically I'm not flying. I'm just the lucky reserve who was called in to be the back-up flier in case a Wonderbolt can't perform.

RARITY

Oh don't be so modest! Out of all of the reserves, you were the one chosen.

RAINBOW DASH

It is pretty sweet. And I do get to stay in the castle, hang out with the Wonderbolts, and eat awesome food at the dinner tonight! Speaking of the dinner, you're still coming right?

RARITY

Heavens yes! A chance to dress up, be charming and show off my newest femme mystique couture? I wouldn't miss it for all of Equestia.

RAINBOW DASH

Great. See you tonight!

RARITY

Ooh, the rhinestones I ordered!

RARITY (CONT'D)

Oh my, oh, there's been a mistake! I ordered dragon cut stones and these are hoof polished.

DELIVERY PONY

I'm sorry, but I've got a full load of deliveries today. I'm not sure I have the time to redo your order.

RARITY

(sweetly)

Of course you don't, your job is so difficult. Honestly, I don't know how you keep all of those orders straight!

DELIVERY PONY

It *is* pretty tough, what with the boxes all being box-shaped.

RARITY

Oh yes, and I very much appreciate it. But if there was any way you could

squeeze in one more little delivery, I would be eternally grateful.

DELIVERY PONY

Well, for you, Rarity, I'll see what I can do!

SASSY SADDLES

Rarity, you could sweet talk a filly out of candy!

RARITY

Oh, it was nothing. No pony minds a compliment! Now, you simply must help me pick out an outfit for tonight. Something from the new collection, of course.

SC. 4 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE BANQUET HALL - EVENING

RAINBOW DASH

Let's grab some grub!

RARITY (CONT'D)

Mmmmm. Is that Juniper Phoenix I smell?

RAINBOW DASH

No, it's broccoli!

WIND RIDER

Yeah, Juniper Phoenix is one of my favorite stallion colognes.

RARITY

Mine as well. It's masculine, and yet soft, with the barest hint of floral notes and a --

RAINBOW DASH

Rarity, don't you know who this is?!

RARITY

A gentlepony with fabulous taste in colognes and scarves?

RAINBOW DASH

It's Wind Rider!

RARITY

Oh. So nice to meet you.

RAINBOW DASH

You didn't let me finish! He's a living legend! He holds the Wonderbolt record in the Mustang Marathon.

WIND RIDER

Well that was a long time ago. Honestly,
I can't believe I still hold the record.

SPITFIRE

Wind Rider, I see you met Rainbow Dash!
She's one of our most promising
reserves. She just might beat your
record!

WIND RIDER

Really now?

RAINBOW DASH

Oh, I'm nowhere near as good as you. I
mean I'm fast, but I don't have the
endurance to go long distances.

SPITFIRE

Don't be modest. A little practice and
you'll be beating records in no time.

WIND RIDER

Heh heh. Well, it's nice to meet you
fillies.

RAINBOW DASH

Not as nice as it is to meet you, sir.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

I can't believe I just met Wind Rider!

MISTY FLY

He's coming out of retirement to take the
spot of honor in the center of our aerial
flower formation tomorrow!

RAINBOW DASH

Really?? That's incredible.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

Guess I'll just watch Wind Rider being
awesome from the sidelines. Practice
tomorrow is gonna be so boring.

RARITY

I don't suppose I could keep you company?

RAINBOW DASH

You could! They always let friends and
family come watch practices.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

Sorry about that. Let me help clean
that up.

RARITY
No no. It's almost impossible to get
stains out of silk. But not to worry...

RARITY (CONT'D)
I've come prepared.

SC. 5 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - HALLWAY- LATER THAT NIGHT

RARITY
That dinner was absolutely divine!
Thanks for inviting me.

RARITY (CONT'D)
Ooh! You're staying in the east tower?
Those rooms have the best view of
Canterlot.

SPITFIRE
How lucky are we? Well, we better get
some shuteye before practice.

RAINBOW DASH
See you tomorrow, Rarity!

RARITY
Good night!

SC. 7 - INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA - AT THE SAME TIME

RAINBOW DASH
Thanks for keeping me company, Rarity.
If you weren't here... well, I don't know
who I'd be talking to right now.

SOARIN
You'd be talking to me. Rainbow Dash,
Spitfire's mom sent a message that she
was sick. She had to leave to take care
of her.

RAINBOW DASH
Oh no! I hope her mom's okay!

SOARIN
Me too. In the meantime, we need you to
fly in her place.

RAINBOW DASH
Like in the actual show?

SOARIN
Unless Spitfire comes back, yes.

RAINBOW DASH
I won't let you down, Soarin!

RAINBOW DASH
AAAAH! This is the best thing EVERRR!
Oh my gosh oh my gosh oh my gosh oh my
gosh!
(singing)
I'm gonna get to fly with Wind Rider!
And the Wonderbolts! Cause I'm the
bestest! And I'm awesome! And they
know it!

SOARIN
Uhhh. Rainbow Dash?

RARITY
Let her have this, darling.

RARITY
Hello, there.
(then)
Friend or family?

STORMY FLARE
Family. My daughter's a Wonderbolt,
but I don't see her up there. Do you know
Spitfire?

RARITY
You're Spitfire's mom? But, I thought
you were sick!

STORMY FLARE
What?

RARITY
Well Spitfire got a note from you saying
you weren't feeling well and she went
home to take care of you!

STORMY FLARE
I didn't send a note.

RARITY
That's so strange.

SOARIN
Stormy Flare? Aren't you supposed to be
sick? Ok, what's happening?

STORMY FLARE
I don't know, but I do know I didn't send
my daughter a note.

RARITY
Could somepony have sent Spitfire a fake
note?

MISTY FLY
Who would do such a thing?

SOARIN
Somepony who wanted her out of the show,
I suppose.

RAINBOW DASH
Why would anypony want that?

WIND RIDER
Maybe so that they could take her spot.

SC. 8 - INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA - CONTINUOUS

RAINBOW DASH
Me? I would never do that to Spitfire.
Why would you think it was me?

BLAZE
I did see you and Spitfire leave the
dinner together.

RAINBOW DASH
We were room neighbors in the castle!

MISTY FLY
And you did say you would do anything to
fly with Wind Rider!

RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, but I didn't mean *anything*!

SOARIN
Spitfire came by my room and told me she
had to go see her mom at around midnight.
Where were you then?

RAINBOW DASH
I was asleep at midnight, having this
totally amazing dream. There I was at the
arena, flying with Wind Rider and the
Wonderbolts, like I've always wanted
to--never mind. Not helping.

WONDERBOLTS
<MURMUR OF ACCUSATIONS> I think she did
it. / Yeah, she should get suspended. /
No, she should get kicked out of the
Wonderbolts.

SOARIN
Rainbow Dash, if you can prove that
somepony else is behind Spitfire's
disappearance before the start of the
show, then you can still fly with us.

SOARIN

In the meantime, Misty Fly, Blaze - head over to Stormy Flare's house, and try to find Spitfire and bring her back.

SOARIN (CONT'D)

I have to warn you, if you sent that letter, the bylaws are clear. I'd have no choice but to ban you from the Wonderbolts, forever. Understand?

RAINBOW DASH

I understand. But how am I gonna prove I didn't send a letter that I didn't send?

RARITY (O.S.)

With me!

RARITY (CONT'D)

Detective Rarity is on the case, and we're going to get to the bottom of this faster than my costume change!

RAINBOW DASH

Yeah, what's with the get-up?

RARITY

Obviously, I am channeling Shadow Spade through these gorgeous garments. And she would say that the best way to prove you didn't send the letter is to find out whoever did! First stop, the scene of the crime!

RARITY (V.O.)

We had a long road ahead of us, Rainbow Dash and I. Well, not too long because we didn't have much time but the point is, I was up for the challenge.

SC. 9 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - SPITFIRE'S ROOM - LATER THAT DAY

RARITY (V.O.)

There I was, surveying the crime scene and looking tres chic while doing it...

RARITY

This must be the envelope for the letter Spitfire got!

RARITY

Hmm, these look like hairs from a rainbow mane!

RAINBOW DASH

<GULPS> That's not good.

RARITY (V.O.)
Rainbow Dash was getting antsy. But I
had faith I could clear her name and find
the real culprit.

RAINBOW DASH
What are you doing?

RARITY
What, oh what? Oh, just thinking
thoughts.

SC. 10 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

RARITY (V.O.)
Rainbow Dash was right. In order to
solve the mystery, we had to be focused,
driven, one hundred percent in the--

RARITY
Ooh!

RARITY (CONT'D)
The damask pattern on these curtains is
exquisite! Oh, and this velvet rope
holder, oh it's--

RAINBOW DASH
We don't have time to look at the decor!
They're gonna kick me out of the
Wonderbolts unless we solve this thing!

RARITY
I know, Rainbow, and I am on this case
like a charm on a bracelet.

RARITY (CONT'D)
Here's what I'm thinking: somepony had
to bring Spitfire that letter, which
means somepony must have seen them!

SC. 11 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - HALLWAY ENTRANCE - SOON AFTER

RARITY
I just have a few questions for you and
I'm sure once we get some things cleared
up we'll--

RAINBOW DASH
C'mon, Rarity, we don't have all day!

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Where were you on the night of last night
at midnight?

CASTLE GUARD #1
We were here, guarding the hallway
entrance like we were supposed to.

RAINBOW DASH
A likely story.

CASTLE GUARD #1
I'm telling you, we were there all night
and no one went in or out of that hallway.

CASTLE GUARD #2
Except for you.

RAINBOW DASH
What are you trying to say?

CASTLE GUARD #2
Just that there are only two rooms in the
northwest wing - yours and Spitfire's.
So the only other pony who had access to
that wing was you.

RARITY (V.O.)
The waters were getting choppy.
Rainbow Dash's tactics were... well,
horrid. It was time for another
approach.

RARITY (O.S.)
Perhaps I should take it from here.

RARITY
You castle guards have such a difficult
job.

RARITY (CONT'D)
I'm guessing at times, it can be rather
boring.

CASTLE GUARD #1
(WHISPERS) It is. I've counted all 345
bolts in the ceiling tiles 293 times.

RARITY
And of course, being a castle guard can
be thankless work. I'm not saying you
did, but if you took a break, you more
than deserved it.

CASTLE GUARD #1
Aw, you're right, we don't get a lot of
recognition for what we do.

CASTLE GUARD #2
Except for last night when somepony was
nice enough to leave a cake for us. So
we did take one little break when we ate
that cake.

RARITY
What kind of cake was it?

CASTLE GUARD #2
Cherry with a custard filling.

RARITY
Was the frosting vanilla or chocolate?

CASTLE GUARD #1
Chocolate.

RARITY
Was the base of the cake decorated with
buttercream rosettes?

CASTLE GUARD #1
It was!

RAINBOW DASH
Ugh. Who cares how it was decorated?!

RARITY (V.O.)
Rainbow Dash was questioning my methods,
but I knew what I was doing.

RAINBOW DASH
Do you?

RARITY
Oh. Did I say that one out loud?

RAINBOW DASH
I mean, even I think I'm guilty at this
point. I really did want to fly in the
show! What if I wrote that note when I
was asleep? Do you know what I do when
I sleep? Because I sure don't!

RARITY
Oh calm down, Rainbow Dash, we'll get to
the bottom of this. There's only one
bakery in Canterlot that makes a
chocolate cherry cake with custard
filling and buttercream frosting
rosettes, and that's...

SC. 12 - EXT. CINNAMON CHAI'S TEA AND CAKE SHOP - LATER

RARITY
...Cinnamon Chai's Tea and Cake Shop!

CINNAMON CHAI
Hello, how can I help you?

RARITY
I've heard you have the best chocolate
cherry custard cake with buttercream
frosting rosettes in town!

CINNAMON CHAI

Oh! You travel in the right circles. We have the *only* chocolate cherry custard cake with buttercream frosting rosettes in town.

RARITY

Oh no! But somepony's already bought it. Who was the lucky pony?

CINNAMON CHAI

I can't even say!

RARITY

Why because it was somepony famous?

CINNAMON CHAI

No! Because it was hard to tell. She was wearing a trenchcoat, sunglasses, and a scarf around her head that covered most of her face. But I do remember she had a really deep, raspy voice.

RAINBOW DASH

Whaddaya mean raspy?

CINNAMON CHAI

Well, kinda like yours.

RARITY

If there's anything else you can remember, dish!

CINAMMON CHAI

Well, have I got a story for you! The pony who bought the cake threw a big fit when she accidentally got chocolate ganache on her scarf.

RARITY

That's terrible! (BEAT) What color was the scarf?

CINAMMON CHAI

White. No, maybe more of an Ivory.

RARITY

You don't say!

RAINBOW DASH

I can't believe you're talking fashion at a time like this.

RARITY

Rainbow, don't panic. I need you to trust me.

RAINBOW DASH
Trust you?! You've spent more time
changing clothes than trying to help me.
I'm doomed!

RARITY
No, you're not. Come on!

RARITY (V.O.)
Rainbow Dash was obviously upset but I
had all my ducks in a row, except for one.
She was not going to like it, but there
was only one way to find out if my
suspicions were correct.

SC. 13 - INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA - LATER THAT DAY

BLAZE
We looked everywhere, but Spitfire
wasn't at her mom's house.

STORMY FLARE
Where could she be?

RARITY
I've found the culprit! Somepony sent
Spitfire away and framed Rainbow Dash
for it. And that pony was none other
than... WIND RIDER!

EVERYONE
What? / She's accusing him?! /
Impossible!

SC. 14 - INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA - CONTINUOUS

RAINBOW DASH
Rarity, I can't believe you would accuse
Wind Rider of framing me. He's a living
legend, for pony's sake!

RARITY
All the evidence points to him.

RAINBOW DASH
What evidence could you possibly have?
All you did was ask about cake, admire
decor, and change outfits a gazillion
times.

RARITY
Let me explain. I never believed you
would send Spitfire away. And when we
found the rainbow hairs in Spitfire's

room I could tell they didn't fall out,
they were cut!

RARITY (CONT'D)
No pony loses hair in a chunk. And look
at the ends, it's a straight line! They
were clearly cut with shears! Which
means somepony planted it. Then, when
we were examining Spitfire's room...

SC. 15 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - SPITFIRE'S ROOM - FLASHBACK

RARITY (V.O.)
...I smelled something on the envelope.
Juniper Phoenix! Wind Rider's cologne
of choice.

SC. 16 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - HALLWAY - FLASHBACK

RARITY (V.O.)
Then, in the castle hallway, I noticed
some of the damask curtains fell out of
their velvet rope holder, indicating
that somepony had been hiding behind
them, perhaps after they dropped off the
fake letter.

SC. 17 - INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA IN CANTERLOT - BACK TO SCENE

WIND RIDER
Juniper Phoenix is a very popular
fragrance and anypony could have moved
those curtains.

RARITY
Precisely why I questioned the castle
guards.

SC. 18 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - HALLWAY ENTRANCE - FLASHBACK

RARITY (V.O.)
They were at their post at the entrance
to the hallway all night except for a
small window of time when somepony
brought them cake...

RARITY (V.O.)
A cake that was ordered by a girl pony
with a raspy voice.

SC. 20 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ARENA IN CANTERLOT - BACK TO SCENE

RARITY
Whoever ordered the cake got a chocolate
stain on their ivory scarf, and I
couldn't help but notice Wind Rider's
scarf is tied in a tight windsor knot
instead of its usual loose slipknot.

RARITY (CONT'D)
And why is that? Is it to hide... the chocolate stain??

WIND RIDER
This is preposterous. Wonderbolts, you don't believe a word of this, right?

RARITY
Just admit it! You're as guilty of framing Rainbow Dash as you are of ruining that ivory scarf!

WIND RIDER
Fine. You caught me! I did it.

RAINBOW DASH
But why, Wind Rider? Is it because I took the last broccoli at the dinner and you really really wanted it?

RARITY
No. It was because he was afraid you would break his long distance Wonderbolt record.

SC. 21 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - BANQUET HALL - FLASHBACK

RARITY (V.O.)
I heard him when Spitfire said you were close to breaking his record. He said and I quote, "heh heh."

RARITY (V.O.)
That's the polite but disingenuous laugh you make when you want to seem happy but really you're not.

SC. 22 - INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA IN CANTERLOT - BACK TO SCENE

WIND RIDER
I thought if I could get Rainbow Dash kicked out of the Wonderbolts forever, my record would be preserved.

RAINBOW DASH
Really? That is soo not cool. And I thought you were the coolest Wonderbolt ever, until now.

WIND RIDER
I did what I had to do to protect my record. Sometimes, you gotta play dirty to be the best.

RAINBOW DASH

That's not what being a Wonderbolt is all about.

SOARIN

She's right. Wonderbolts look out for each other. Which reminds me, where is Spitfire?

WIND RIDER

I sent her the letter pretending to be Stormy Flare. I told her I had Pegasus and the only cure is the Ice Iris in the Crystal Mountains.

RAINBOW DASH

No wonder she's been gone so long. Ice Irises are almost impossible to find in spring!

SOARIN

The Crystal Mountains are too far for anypony to make it there and back before the Royal Garden opening. Rainbow Dash, we need you to fly in Spitfire's place.

RAINBOW DASH

But Spitfire shouldn't have to miss this. I'm gonna get her.

SOARIN

Well you'll never make it in time!

RAINBOW DASH

Then there's no time to lose.

SC. 23 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - ROYAL GARDENS - LATER

BLAZE

Rainbow Dash is still gone!

RARITY

Oh don't panic. If I know Rainbow Dash, she'll come through.

SOARIN

Spitfire, you're back! I can't believe you made it!

SPITFIRE

Oh I wouldn't have, if Rainbow hadn't found me so fast. Gave me enough time to fly back!

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

Rare, I couldn't have done it without you. And I'm sorry I doubted you. But why didn't you tell me what you were doing?

RARITY

Well I didn't want to get your hopes up until I was sure, and I couldn't be sure until I saw that chocolate stain.

RAINBOW DASH

Thank you for believing in me...
...even when I was doubting you. I'm some friend, huh?

RARITY

Actually, you are quite a good friend.
(then)
You went to get Spitfire even though it meant you couldn't fly today.

RAINBOW DASH

(with a shrug)
I'll get my chance one day.

SPITFIRE

Or today. How'd you like Wind Rider's spot in the show?

WIND RIDER

What? You can't do this to me. I'm one of the greatest Wonderbolts there ever was!

SPITFIRE

Not anymore. For attempting to frame Rainbow Dash, I hereby strip you of your Wonderbolt status!

SOARIN

So would you like to fly with us?

RAINBOW DASH

Would I?! Woo-hoo!
Yeah-yeah-yeah-yeah! Uh-huh, Uh-huh!
Yeah! Oh YEAH!

SOARIN

Uh, Rainbow Dash?

RAINBOW DASH

(sheepish)
Coming!

SC. 24 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - ROYAL GARDENS - LATER

RARITY (V.O.)

So my friend got her moment in the sun.
Or the center of an aerial flower as the
case may be. And as for me? I got a
chance to show off my Femme Mystique Chic
collection!

STORMY FLARE

That's nice, dear.

RARITY

Oh. Did I say that out loud?

FADE OUT.