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TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. CANTERLOT - ESTABLISHING - DAY

PUSH IN ON the Carousel Boutique, Too...

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

RARITY and SASSY SADDLES are setting up some femme-fatale themed gowns in the display window.

1 RARITY
Oh Sassy Saddles, don't you just love
these new femme fatale gowns?!

2 SASSY SADDLES
They're genius, Rarity! Where in
Equestria did you find the
inspiration?

3 RARITY
I modeled them after Shadow Spade in
The Maltese Filly, a play I saw in
Ponyville. It's a gripping story full
of mystery, suspense, and best of all--
fabulous costumes!

4 SASSY SADDLES
They're absolutely fetch.

5 RARITY
Thank you. Like Shadow, I believe it
all comes down to attention to detail.

Rarity meticulously angles a gown so that the sunlight hits
the jewels on it perfectly, creating a strobe effect.

6 RARITY (CONT'D)
There! It's perfect!

Just then, Rainbow Dash pops up behind Sassy.

7 RAINBOW DASH
Surprise!

Startled, Sassy jumps and knocks over one of the mare-equins.
Which topples into another and another until the entire
display is ruined.

8 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
My bad!

FADE OUT.

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT 1

FADE IN:

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

Rainbow helps Rarity and Sassy reset the window display.

9 RAINBOW DASH
Sorry I messed up your dress thingie.

10 SASSY
(FORCED)
Don't worry about it. It only took us
all morning. What are you doing in
Canterlot?

11 RAINBOW DASH
I'm here for Princess Celestia's Royal
Floral Jubilee tomorrow.

12 SASSY SADDLES
Oh, I can't wait to see the flower
floats! Rumor has it the royal
gardens are especially lush this
season.

13 RARITY
The Wonderbolts are kicking off the
jubilee with an aerial display. And
Rainbow Dash is here to fly with them!

14 SASSY SADDLES
How exciting!

15 RAINBOW DASH
It is! 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.

As Rarity magics a mane-equin to be at the same angle it was
before:

16 RARITY
Don't be so modest! Out of all of the
reserves, you were the one chosen.

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

18 RARITY
Are you kidding me? A chance to dress up, be charming and show off my newest femme fatale couture? I wouldn't miss it for the world!

19 RAINBOW DASH
Great. See you tonight!

Rainbow Dash zips out of the boutique, slamming the door behind her. For a moment it seems as if the mane-equins will fall over again, but they stay standing.

20 RARITY/SASSY SADDLES
Phew!

Then a DELIVERY PONY arrives and the door slams behind him, knocking over the mane-equins.

21 SASSY SADDLES
Note to self: get a new door. One that's slam-proof.

Sassy dejectedly heads over to the window display as Rarity walks up to the Delivery Pony.

22 RARITY
Ah, the rhinestones I ordered! Thank you ever so much!

23 DELIVERY PONY
Of course, Rarity.

Rarity opens the box of stones to inspect them. She holds one of them up to the light.

24 RARITY
Oh my, there's been a mistake! I ordered machine cut stones and these are fire polished.

25 DELIVERY PONY
They look fine to me.

26 RARITY
Oh no dear. If you look closely, there's a world of difference.
(MORE)

RARITY (CONT'D)
Machine cut are so much more
brilliant.

She magics a rhinestone off a gown and shows the Delivery Pony the difference. Sure enough, the one from the gown shines much brighter. She flashes a winning smile at the Delivery Pony.

27 RARITY (CONT'D)
Do you think there's any way you could
take these back and get a hold of some
machine cut rhinestones for me?

28 DELIVERY PONY
I've got a full load of deliveries
today. I'm not sure I have the time.

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

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

The Delivery Pony points out the window to his wagon, full of identical boxes.

31 RARITY
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.

Rarity flashes the Delivery Pony a winning smile. He softens.

32 DELIVERY PONY
Well, for you, I'll see what I can do!

33 RARITY
Oh, thank you! And I promise I'd
leave a stellar review for you with
your boss!

The Delivery Pony leaves. Sassy finishes arranging the display and walks up to Rarity.

34 SASSY SADDLES
I'm impressed. I didn't think he was
going to help us at all. Rarity, you
could sweet talk a filly out of candy!

35 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.

Rarity magics the outfits off of Sassy's just-finished displays and heads to a dressing room. Sassy <SIGHS>.

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

Rarity, dressed in one of her new gowns, arrives with Rainbow Dash. A grand dinner is set for the Wonderbolts presided over by Princess Celestia.

Princess Celestia clinks a glass to get everypony's attention.

36 PRINCESS CELESTIA
Welcome, everypony, to the Royal Floral Jubilee kickoff dinner!

Everypony claps.

37 PRINCESS CELESTIA (CONT'D)
I would like to thank the Wonderbolts for helping us celebrate with their amazing aerial talents! We are thrilled you can join us. Now please enjoy the food and have a wonderful evening!

Everypony cheers. Rainbow Dash turns to Rarity.

38 RAINBOW DASH
You heard the Princess. Let's grab some food!

At the buffet table, they get in line behind WIND RIDER, a dignified older pony. He's a blue pony (like Rainbow Dash-this is important). He wears a cool bomber jacket with Wonderbolt insignia, a white scarf tied loosely in a slip knot, and aviator sunglasses. (Think Val Kilmer from Top Gun.) Rarity sniffs, then:

39 RARITY
Mmmmm. Is that Juniper Phoenix I smell?

40 RAINBOW DASH
No, it's broccoli!

Rainbow Dash loads her plate with broccoli, but Wind Rider turns around.

41 WIND RIDER
Yes. Juniper Phoenix is one of my
favorite stallion colognes.

Rainbow Dash's eyes go wide when she sees Wind Rider.

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

43 RAINBOW DASH
Rarity, do you know who this is?!

44 RARITY
A gentlepony with fabulous taste in
colognes and neckwear?

45 RAINBOW DASH
Nope. It's Wind Rider!

46 RARITY
Oh. So nice to meet you.

Wind Rider and Rarity are about to shake hooves when Rainbow Dash pops up between them.

47 RAINBOW DASH
You didn't let me finish! He's a
living legend! He holds the
Wonderbolt record for fastest long
distance flight!

Wind Rider smiles, clearly thrilled.

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

SPITFIRE and MISTY FLY join the conversation.

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

Rainbow Dash blushes.

50 WIND RIDER
Really now?

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

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

53 WIND RIDER
Heh heh. Well, it's nice to meet you
girls.

54 RAINBOW DASH
Not as nice as it is to meet you, sir.

Wind Rider walks off.

55 RARITY
Oh, I forgot to ask him about his
cravat. It was so stylish!

56 RAINBOW DASH
Who cares about cra--whatever you
said. I just met Wind Rider!
(then)
What's he doing here anyway?

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

58 RAINBOW DASH
Really?? That's incredible. (SIGH)
I'd do anything to be able to fly with
him!

Spitfire and Misty Fly leave. Rainbow turns to Rarity.

59 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Guess I'll just watch Wind Rider being
awesome from the sidelines. Practice
tomorrow is gonna be so boring.

60 RARITY
What if I kept you company?

61 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah? That'd be great!

Rainbow Dash hugs Rarity but forgets she's holding a plate of food. She accidentally drops some sauce on Rarity's gown.

62 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Sorry about that. Let me help clean that up.

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

Rarity ZIPS O.S. and returns a beat later wearing a different gown.

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

TIME DISSOLVE TO:

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

Two CASTLE GUARDS are standing by. Rarity walks with Rainbow Dash and Spitfire.

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

66 RAINBOW DASH
Of course!

They stop in front of the entrance to the hallway. Rarity's eyes go wide.

67 RARITY
You're staying in the east tower? Those rooms have the best view of Canterlot.

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

69 RAINBOW DASH
See you tomorrow, Rarity!

70 RARITY
Good night!

Rarity splits off as Rainbow Dash and Spitfire head to their rooms.

SC. 6 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ARENA I- ESTABLISHING - MORNING

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

Rarity and Rainbow Dash are sitting in the stands as the Wonderbolts do warm up flying.

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

72 RARITY
Happy to do it. Plus, it gives me an
opportunity to check out the arena so
I could coordinate tomorrow's outfit.
I want to make sure I pop, not blend.

Soarin approaches.

73 SOARIN
Rainbow Dash. Spitfire's mom sent a
message that she was sick. She had to
leave to take care of her.

74 RAINBOW DASH
Oh no! I hope her mom is okay!

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

Rainbow Dash's eyes go wide.

76 RAINBOW DASH
Like in the actual show?

77 SOARIN
Unless Spitfire comes back, yes.

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

Soarin flies off and Rainbow Dash turns to Rarity, eyes wide.

79 RARITY
Go ahead, dear, I know you want to.

Rainbow Dash <SCREAMS> with excitement.

80 RAINBOW DASH
This is the best thing EVERRR!

81 RARITY
Congratulations! You're going to be
amazing!

As Rainbow Dash does flips in the air:

82 RAINBOW DASH
Oh my gosh oh my gosh oh my gosh--

83 SOARIN
Rainbow Dash? We're starting.

Rainbow freezes mid-flip.

84 RAINBOW DASH
(sheepish)
Coming!

As Rainbow Dash takes her place with the Wonderbolts, Rarity
sits down next to a pony that looks a lot like Spitfire but
older.

85 RARITY
Hello. Mind if I sit with you?

86 SILVER FLARE
Not at all.

87 RARITY
I'm Rarity.
(proudly)
I'm friends with the Wonderbolt that's
flying right there.

88 SILVER FLARE
How wonderful! I'm Silver Flare. My
daughter's a Wonderbolt, but I don't
see her up there.

89 RARITY
Oh. Who's mom are you?

90 SILVER FLARE
Spitfire's.

91 RARITY
Oh, I see the resemblance! You could
be her twin.
(dawning)
Wait a minute. I thought you were
sick!

92 SILVER FLARE
What?

93 RARITY
Spitfire got a note from you saying
you weren't feeling well. She went
home to take care of you!

94 SILVER FLARE
I didn't send a note.

95 RARITY
But that means... Rainbow Dash! Come,
quick!

Rarity elaborately waves Rainbow Dash down. Rainbow leaves
her post in the flower formation.

96 RAINBOW DASH
What's going on?

Soarin approaches, followed by the rest of the Wonderbolts.

97 SOARIN
Rainbow Dash, you missed your cue!
Silver Flare? Aren't you supposed to
be sick? What's happening?

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

99 RAINBOW DASH
Then who did?

100 RARITY
Do you think somepony sent Spitfire a
fake note?

101 MISTY FLY
Who would do such a thing?

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

103 RAINBOW DASH
Why would anypony want that?

104 WIND RIDER
Maybe so that they could take her
spot.

Wind Rider glares at Rainbow Dash who looks shocked and off
the Wonderbolts suspicious stares, we...

END ACT 1

ACT 2**SC. 8 - INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA - CONTINUOUS**

The Wonderbolts, including Soarin, Wind Rider, Misty Fly and Blaze are gathered around Rainbow Dash in the stands.

105 RAINBOW DASH
Me? I would never want Spitfire gone!
Why would you think it was me?

106 BLAZE
I did see you and Spitfire leave the
dinner together. You were the last
pony to see her before she
disappeared!

107 RAINBOW DASH
We were room neighbors in the castle!

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

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

110 SOARIN
Spitfire told me she had to go at
around midnight. Do you have an
alibi?

111 RAINBOW DASH
I--I was asleep. I guess I don't have
an alibi but I could tell you the
awesome dream I had. I was flying
with the Wonderbolts--never mind. Not
helping.

112 RARITY
Excuse me, I know I'm not a Wonderbolt
but there's no way Rainbow Dash would
sabotage another pony to get ahead.

113 RAINBOW DASH
Especially not Spitfire! She's my
friend.

114 WIND RIDER
Sure, but what's that old expression?
Keep your friends close and your
enemies closer.

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

116 SOARIN
Everypony, calm down. Rainbow Dash should be given the opportunity to prove her innocence. 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.

117 RAINBOW DASH
The start of the show? But that's in two hours.

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

Misty Fly and Blaze nod and take off.

119 RAINBOW DASH
Great! How am I gonna prove I didn't send a letter I didn't send?

120 RARITY (O.S.)
With me!

REVEAL Rarity is now decked out in a film noir-esque trench coat and fedora, like the ones in her display window. She poses dramatically in the shadows.

121 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!

122 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, what's with the get-up?

123 RARITY
Obviously, I'm channeling Shadow Spade through these gorgeous garments. (TO GROUP) If you haven't seen *The Maltese Filly*, you simply must.

Everypony looks at her confused.

124 RARITY (CONT'D)
It's a about a detective and a jewel-
encrusted filly statuette... never
mind. Come on, Rainbow Dash, the best
way to prove you didn't send that
letter is to find whoever did! First
stop, the scene of the crime.

125 SOARIN
I'll go with you.

They nod and head off, Rarity leading the way with Rainbow Dash and Soarin in tow. We hear Rarity's thoughts in noir-style V.O.:

126 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

Rainbow Dash and Soarin search Spitfire's room for clues.

127 RARITY (V.O.)
There I was, surveying the crime scene
and looking tres chic while doing
it...

Reveal Rarity is posing dramatically with a magnifying glass. Meanwhile, Soarin picks up an envelope behind the door to the room that reads, "SPITFIRE".

128 SOARIN
This must be the envelope for the
letter Spitfire got!

129 RAINBOW DASH
Is the letter inside? Maybe we can
find whoever sent it by matching the
writing!

Soarin opens the envelope and shakes it out. No letter falls out but chunk of rainbow colored hairs do.

130 SOARIN
No letter, but these look like hairs
from a rainbow mane!

131 RAINBOW DASH
<GULPS> (THEN, UNDER) Rarity, you
don't think I could have done this
while I was sleeping, do you?

132 RARITY
Absolutely not.

133 RAINBOW DASH
(UNDER) How can you be so sure?

Rarity dramatically looks off into the distance.

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

135 SOARIN
What are you doing?

REVEAL while Rarity was doing her V.O., she was just staring
at a blank wall.

136 RARITY
Oh, just thinking thoughts.

137 SOARIN
Rainbow Dash, as your friend I have to
tell you, it's not looking good.
There's enough evidence here to point
to you. If you sent that letter, the
Wonderbolt bylaws are clear. I'd have
no choice but to ban you from the
Wonderbolts, forever.

138 RAINBOW DASH
No!

139 RARITY
Soarin, I just know it wasn't Rainbow
Dash.

140 SOARIN
I hope you're right. I have to get
back to practice, but good luck with
the rest of your investigation.

Soarin takes off. Rarity magics the envelope over to
herself. She looks at it closely. Then she sniffs it.

141 RARITY
Interesting.

142 RAINBOW DASH
What are you doing? We're running out
of time! We gotta look for more
clues!

They head out the door to...

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

Rainbow Dash and Rarity exit Spitfire's room.

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

144 RARITY
Ooh!

REVEAL Rarity looking at the curtains in the hallway outside
Spitfire's room. One side of the curtain is swept back with
a velvet rope, the other side is undone.

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

146 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!

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

Rarity notices there is CASTLE GUARD at the end of the
hallway.

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

Rarity leads Rainbow over to...

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

Rarity has gathered three CASTLE GUARDS. As she questions them, Rainbow Dash paces impatiently.

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

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

Rainbow Dash gets in Castle Guard #1's face.

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

152 CASTLE GUARD #1
Here, guarding the hallway entrance
like I was supposed to.

153 RAINBOW DASH
That's not good enough! Do you have
any witnesses?

154 CASTLE GUARD #1
Yes. Each other.

155 CASTLE GUARD #2
I can vouch for that.

156 RAINBOW DASH
And why should I believe you? I
barely even know you!

157 CASTLE GUARD #1
Well I'm Guardhoof, and these are my
cohorts, Spearhead and Shieldwing.

158 RAINBOW DASH
A likely story.

159 CASTLE GUARD #1
What? Those are our names. I'm
telling you, we were there all night
and no one went in or out of that
hallway.

160 CASTLE GUARD #2
Except for you.

161 RAINBOW DASH
What are you trying to say?

162 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.

Rainbow Dash <GASPS>! The guards glare at her accusingly.
Rarity looks worried.

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

Rarity zips off.

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

REVEAL Rarity is now dressed in a suit dress, a fascinator,
and fur shawl (think Brigid O'Shaughnessy in Maltese Falcon).
She poses dramatically on a chaise.

165 RAINBOW DASH
How'd you change so fast? And where'd
that couch come from?

166 RARITY
It's not a couch, it's a *chaise*.

167 RAINBOW DASH
Sure. And I'm not a pony, I'm a pon-
ay.

Rarity sidles up to the guards.

168 RARITY
You castle guards have such a
difficult job.

169 CASTLE GUARD #1
Our jobs are pretty tough, ma'am.

170 RARITY
Oh, I'm sure! And...

Rarity looks around furtively then whispers.

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

172 CASTLE GUARD #1
(WHISPERS) It is. Sometimes we make pictures out of the spots in the wall to keep us entertained.

173 CASTLE GUARD #2
I found a bunny and two sticks!

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

Rarity bats her lashes at the guards. They share a look.

175 CASTLE GUARD #2
Well, we did take one little break. For cake!

The other two guards glare at guard #2.

176 CASTLE GUARD #2 (CONT'D)
What? We were only gone for five minutes. And it was really good cake.

177 CASTLE GUARD #1
(TO RARITY) You're right, we don't get a lot of recognition for what we do. But somepony appreciated us enough to leave a cake for the castle staff. Who were we to say no?

Rarity is now back in her trench coat. She takes notes in a note pad.

178 RARITY
What kind of cake was it?

179 CASTLE GUARD #2
Cherry.

180 RARITY
Was the frosting buttercream or ganache?

181 CASTLE GUARD #1
Ganache.

182 RAINBOW DASH
Who cares what kind of cake it was?!

CLOSE ON Rarity's face.

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

184 RAINBOW DASH
Do you?

185 RARITY
Oh. Did I say that one out loud?

186 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!

187 RARITY
Calm down, Rainbow Dash, we'll get to
the bottom of this. There's only one
bakery in Canterlot that makes a
chocolate cherry ganache cake, and
that's...

SC. 12 - EXT. CANTERLOT TEA SHOP BAKERY - LATER THAT DAY

Rainbow Dash and Rarity are outside the tea shop. Rarity is
now dressed in her Canterlot finest.

188 RARITY
...the tea shop!

189 RAINBOW DASH
What are you wearing now?

190 RARITY
Oh I just thought if I dressed like a
local, they would give me more
information. Plus I'd never pass up a
chance to wear a stylish chapeau.

191 RAINBOW DASH
Chap-wha?

192 RARITY
The hat.

193 RAINBOW DASH
Why didn't you just call it a hat?
You're saying a lot of weird words
today.

A BAKERY PONY comes outside to greet them. He has a snooty Canterlot accent.

194 BAKERY PONY
Hi, how can I help you?

Rarity points to the display window, where a cake is clearly missing.

195 RARITY
(snooty Canterlot accent)
Yes, I've been craving a chocolate
cherry ganache cake but somepony's
already bought it. Do you know who it
was?

196 BAKERY PONY
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.

197 RAINBOW DASH
Whaddaya mean raspy?

198 BAKERY PONY
Well, kinda like yours.

Rainbow Dash <GULPS>. Rarity turns to the Bakery Pony and starts acting like a true Canterlot pony.

199 RARITY
If there's anything else you can
remember, do tell. I love a good
story.

200 BAKERY PONY
Oh, so do I.

201 RARITY
Then please do dish!

The Bakery Pony leans in. Rainbow Dash rolls her eyes impatiently.

202 BAKERY PONY
Well, the pony who bought that cake
threw a big fit when she accidentally
got chocolate ganache on her scarf.

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

204 BAKERY PONY
White. No, maybe more of an Ivory.

205 RARITY
You don't say!

206 RAINBOW DASH
I can't believe you're talking fashion
at a time like this. The Floral
Jubilee is in an hour!

207 BAKERY PONY
Oh, are you going to that? I heard
from the delivery pony who heard from
the florist that one of the
Wonderbolts is in some hot water for
sending another Wonderbolt away!

208 RAINBOW DASH
Oh no. I'm the talk of the town.

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

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

211 RARITY
No, Rainbow Dash, you're not. Come
on!

As they head off...

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

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

The Wonderbolts and Silver Flare are all gathered. Blaze and Fleetfoot fly back in.

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

214 SILVER FLARE
Oh no. Where could she be?

215 SOARIN
Hopefully Rarity and Rainbow Dash have
come up with something.

Just then Rainbow Dash and Rarity (back in her trenchcoat)
burst in.

216 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!

Rarity points an accusing hoof. Everypony, including Rainbow
Dash, <GASPS>!

END ACT 2

ACT 3

FADE IN:

SC. 14 - INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA - CONTINUOUS

Everypony is as they were.

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

218 RARITY
All the evidence points to him.

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

220 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 were planted! Those hairs didn't fall out, they were cut!

Rarity holds up the rainbow hair sample.

221 RARITY (CONT'D)
No one loses hair in a chunk. Then, when we were examining Spitfire's room...

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

Flashback of Rarity examining the envelope.

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

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

Flashback of Rarity admiring the hallway curtains.

223 RARITY (V.O.)
Then, in the castle hallway, I noticed some of the damask curtains fell out of their velvet rope holder, indicating somepony had been hiding behind them.

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

224 SOARIN
But Rainbow Dash could have been hiding there.

225 RARITY
She'd have no reason to, her room was right next door! Which means some other pony was in that hallway.

226 WIND RIDER
Big deal! Juniper Phoenix is a very popular fragrance and anypony could have moved those curtains, like a guard or a maid.

227 RARITY
That's why I questioned the castle
guards.

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

Castle Guards 1&3 flank the hallway entrance. Castle Guard #2 enters.

228 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 bought them cake...

229 CASTLE GUARD #2
Somepony bought us cake!

230 CASTLE GUARD #1
Really? What kind?

231 CASTLE GUARD #2
Does it matter? It's cake!

The Castle Guards abandon their posts and zip O.S.

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

SC. 19 - EXT. CANTERLOT TEA SHOP BAKERY - FLASHBACK

A pony in a trench coat, sunglasses, and scarf leaves with a cake. The pony gets some ganache on their scarf and gets upset.

233 SOARIN (V.O.)
But... that could be Rainbow Dash.

234 RARITY (V.O.)
Or, it was a boy pony pretending to be
a girl.

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

235 RARITY
Whoever ordered the cake got a
chocolate stain on their white 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 today.

Rarity rounds on Wind Rider.

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

Rarity magics Wind Rider's scarf loose, revealing the
incriminating stain. Everypony gasps!

237 RARITY (CONT'D)
It's nearly impossible to get
chocolate out of silk!

238 WIND RIDER
Fine. She's right. I did it.

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

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

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

The dinner scene from earlier. As Spitfire brags about
Rainbow Dash, we see Wind Rider's face in the background.

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

242 WIND RIDER
Heh heh.

243 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

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

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

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

247 RAINBOW DASH
Maybe you do. But I don't. Speaking of which, where is Spitfire?

248 WIND RIDER
I sent her a letter saying Silver Flare had Pegasitus. And the only cure is the Ice Iris in the Crystal Mountains.

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

250 SOARIN
The Crystal Mountains are too far for anypony to make the journey there and back before the start of the Floral Jubilee. Rainbow Dash, we need you to fly in Spitfire's place.

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

252 SOARIN
You'll never make it in time! It takes twenty minutes to get there and twenty minutes to get back. The Festival starts in half an hour!

253 RAINBOW DASH
Then there's no time to lose.

Rainbow Dash zips off. DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 23 - INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA IN CANTERLOT - MOMENTS LATER

Rarity, the Wonderbolts, and Silver Flare wait with baited breath.

254 BLAZE
Rainbow Dash is still gone!

255 RARITY
Don't panic. If I know Rainbow Dash, she'll come through.

Just then Rainbow Dash and Spitfire land in the arena. The Wonderbolts cheer and circle them. Rainbow Dash is panting hard. Silver Flare and Spitfire hug.

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

257 SPITFIRE
Oh I wouldn't have, if Rainbow hadn't
found me twenty minutes ago. Gave me
enough time to fly back!

258 SOARIN
But that means Rainbow Dash got to the
Crystal Mountains in ten minutes. You
must have broken the sound barrier for
over two hundred miles! Which means
you beat Wind Rider's long distance
record by a minute!

259 RAINBOW DASH
What? That's awesome!!

The Wonderbolts all cheer and high-five Rainbow Dash. She goes over to Rarity.

260 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
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?

261 RARITY
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.

262 RAINBOW DASH
Thank you for believing in me...
(hanging her head)
...even when I was doubting you. I'm
some friend, huh?

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

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

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

266 SOARIN
After he tried to frame you, he
doesn't deserve the spot of honor.

As Rainbow Dash does flips in the air:

267 RAINBOW DASH
Oh my gosh oh my gosh oh my gosh--

268 SOARIN
Rainbow Dash?

Rainbow freezes mid-flip.

269 RAINBOW DASH
(sheepish)
Coming!

SC. 24 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ARENA - LATER THAT EVENING

Rarity cheers next to Silver Flare and watches the performance from the stands. The Wonderbolts do an impressive looking aerial flower formation with Rainbow Dash in the middle.

ANGLE ON Rarity from behind:

270 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
fatale collection!

271 SILVER FLARE
That's nice, dear.

272 RARITY
Oh. Did I say that out loud?

FADE OUT.