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Rarity Investigates!

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TEASER**SC. 1 - INT. CANTERLOT BOUTIQUE - DAY**

RARITY is setting up the display window in her new boutique in Canterlot. She meticulously angles a gown so that the sunlight hits the sequin applique juuust right, telling Opalescent that it's the little details that make all the difference in the end. Just when she finally gets the gown at the right position, RAINBOW DASH bursts into the store: "SURPRISE!" Startled, Rarity knocks over the gown.

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT 1****SC. 2 - INT. CANTERLOT BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS**

Rarity resets her window display, with the same keen attention to detail, and asks Rainbow Dash what she's doing in Canterlot. Rainbow Dash explains that she's been called to Canterlot for the Wonderbolt Flyover during the Canterlot Springtacular Celebration!! Rarity tells Rainbow that's wonderful! Rainbow Dash: "I mean I'm just in the reserves I won't get to fly unless a Wonderbolt is unable to perform, so it's no big deal. But hey, I get to stay in the castle, I get to hang out with my idols, and I get to eat awesome food at the castle dinner tonight." Rainbow Dash goes on to invite Rarity to tonight's dinner. A chance to dress up, be charming and show off her couture? Rarity wouldn't miss it for the world!

Meanwhile, a DELIVERY PONY shows up with box of rhinestones for Rarity. Rarity explains she ordered the oval cut not the princess cut stones. The Delivery Pony says there's nothing he can do about it. Rarity flashes him a winning smile and asks if he's sure there's absolutely nothing he can do? "I mean, I can't imagine how hard it is to keep track of all these orders every day! I'm sure that if you can manage that, a quick order fix will be easy as pie." The Delivery Pony says it would be and heads off to pick up a replacement shipment. Rarity tells him she would appreciate it ever so much and promises to give him a stellar review to his boss. As the Delivery Pony leaves, Rainbow Dash says she's impressed - she didn't think that guy was gonna help. Rarity: "Oh, I have my ways. No pony minds a compliment!"

SC. 3 – INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE BANQUET HALL - EVENING

Rarity arrives at the dinner (presided by PRINCESS CELESTIA) and meets WIND RIDER, a retired Wonderbolt. Wind Rider is a dignified older pony with a cool bomber jacket with the wonderbolt insignia and a white scarf, and aviator sunglasses. Rarity remarks that she loves his cologne. Juniper Phoenix! She would recognize it anywhere! Rainbow says who cares about cologne?! Wind Rider is her idol! He's the current record holder for fastest flier of the Wonderbolts! SPITFIRE brags that Rainbow Dash has come pretty close to breaking his record, but Rainbow Dash humbly says she doesn't hold a candle to Wind Rider. He's going to be the star of the show in the Springtacular performance tomorrow. They'll be celebrating the start of spring by doing an awesome aerial display in the shape of a flower with Wind Rider doing a sonic boom in the center of the flower. Rainbow Dash: "It's going to be amazing!! I wish I were part of it. (sigh) I would do anything to fly with you tomorrow." Spitfire points out that at least Rainbow Dash will get to fly with them during practice tomorrow. Rainbow Dash: "Oh yeah!" Rarity tells Rainbow Dash she'd be thrilled to come and show her support during Rainbow Dash's practice. Rarity: "I'm really good at cheering. You'll swear the whole stadium was full."

SC. 4 - INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA - CANTERLOT - THE NEXT MORNING

Rarity arrives at the arena and greets Rainbow Dash, who is super pumped for her practice run. She even gets to fly in front of Princess Celestia, who is there to make sure everything goes smoothly. Just then, SOARIN approaches Rainbow Dash and informs her that Spitfire's gone. She left a note in her room saying she got word there was a family emergency - her mom is sick and she had to leave to help her out. The note also said to have Rainbow Dash fly in her place. Rainbow Dash is concerned for her friend, but beyond excited to fly in the show!

As Rainbow Dash takes her place with the Wonderbolts, Rarity takes her place in the stands... only to find that she's sitting next to a familiar looking pony. Rarity: "You look an awful lot like Spitfire." Silver Flare: "I should. I'm her mother, Silver Flare." Rarity: "But... but you're supposed to be sick!" When the Wonderbolts find out that Silver Flare is fine, they stop their practice to get to the bottom of this. Somepony obviously lied to Spitfire and sent her a fake note about her mother in order to get her out of the show. Who would do such a thing? Wind Rider points out that Rainbow Dash had a lot to gain. Maybe it was her! As the Wonderbolts all stare at Rainbow Dash suspiciously we...

END ACT 1**ACT 2****SC. 5 – INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA IN CANTERLOT - CONTINUOUS**

The accusations against Rainbow Dash start to build up. Everypony saw Rainbow Dash and Spitfire leave together (RD: "We're room neighbors!") and everypony heard Rainbow Dash say she would do anything to fly in the show. Rainbow Dash: "Yeah, but I didn't mean *anything*!" Soarin says if Rainbow Dash is behind Spitfire's disappearance, he would have no choice but to ban Rainbow Dash from the Wonderbolts - FOREVER.

Rarity comes to Rainbow Dash's defense and says that's preposterous. Rainbow Dash would never take somepony out so that she could get ahead. Plus, Rainbow Dash and Spitfire were friends. Somepony points out the old saying: "keep your friends close and your enemies closer."

The Wonderbolts all seem to think Rainbow Dash is to blame, but Princess Celestia says Rainbow Dash should have a chance to prove she's innocent. RD: "Yeah! (beat) How am I gonna do that?" Rarity (O.S.): "With me!" REVEAL Rarity is now decked out in a trench coat and fedora, like an old film noir detective. She poses dramatically in the shadows. "Detective Rarity is on the case, and we're gonna get to the bottom of this faster than my costume change!"

The Wonderbolts say they have until the start of the show to find the culprit. In the meantime, Soarin sends two of the Wonderbolts to find Spitfire at her mother's house and bring her back. Rarity turns to Rainbow Dash: "The only way to do that is to find out who really did it. And, I know exactly where to start!! Come on, Rainbow, follow me." As they head off, we start to hear Rarity's thoughts in noir-style V.O.: "We had a long road ahead of us, Rainbow Dash and I. But I was armed with my razor sharp wit and some fabulous glasses that made me look thoughtful."

SC. 6 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - SPITFIRE'S ROOM - LATER THAT DAY

As Rarity and Rainbow Dash search the room for clues, we hear Rarity's V.O.: "I knew the best place to start was the scene of the crime: Spitfire's room. There I was, surveying the crime scene, when it hit me." Instead of talking about a clue, Rarity gushes over a windchime in the room: "It brings the whole room together!" Rainbow Dash tries to get her to focus. They find an empty envelope by the doorway and figure it was for the note that summoned

Spitfire away. Upon closer inspection, they find some rainbow colored hair on the envelope! Oh no! Rarity says that doesn't prove anything and they should keep looking for clues. Rarity sniffs the envelope. Rainbow Dash asks Rarity what she's doing. Rarity: "Clues, my dear. But we need to find more!" They walk out of the room and into the castle hallway.

SC. 7 – INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Rarity and Rainbow Dash walk down the hallway. Again, Rarity gushes over the castle's tasteful decor: "The damask pattern on these curtains is exquisite! Oh, but this one's just a little bit off--" Rainbow Dash tells Rarity they don't have time to look at the decor, there's a mystery to solve! Rarity agrees. If somepony left that note for Spitfire, then somepony had to have seen them. CUT TO:

SC. 8 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - FOYER - MOMENTS LATER

Rarity and Rainbow Dash have rounded up some members of the castle guards for questioning. Trying to hurry things along, Rainbow Dash gruffly questions the guards: "Where were you on the night of last night at midnight?" The guards say they were guarding the castle like they were supposed to. RD: "That's not good enough! Do you have any witnesses? Why should I believe you, I barely know you!" The guards bristle at Rainbow's harsh questioning. They say the only pony who had access to that wing other than Spitfire was Rainbow Dash. After all, they had the only two rooms in the wing. No other pony entered or exited that hallway!

Rainbow Dash despairs at more incriminating evidence, but Rarity (now dressed as a southern belle) gets more information from the guards by sweet talking them (much like the Delivery Pony in the beginning). Rarity: "You castle guards have such a difficult job. I'm not saying you did, but if you did take a break, you more than deserved it." The guards admit that there was five minutes when they left their posts because somepony dropped off a really good cake for them. Rarity (who has somehow changed back into her trenchcoat) asks for details on the cake - what flavor was it? (Cherry.) Was the frosting buttercream or ganache? (Ganache.) Was there any writing on it? Rainbow Dash is frustrated: "Who cares what kind of cake it was?"

Rarity (V.O.): "Rainbow Dash was questioning my methods, but I knew what I was doing." Rainbow Dash: "Do you?! I mean, even I think I'm guilty at this point. What if I wrote that note while I was asleep? Do you know what I do when I sleep? Because I sure don't!" Rarity calms her down and reassures her that they'll get to the bottom of this. There's only one bakery in Canterlot that does a chocolate cherry ganache, and that's...

SC. 9 - EXT. CANTERLOT TEA SHOP BAKERY - LATER THAT DAY

The tea shop! Rainbow Dash and Rarity arrive. Rarity is now dressed in her Canterlot finest. Rainbow asks what's with the getup. Rarity says she thought if she dressed like a local, the bakery pony would give her more info. Rarity: "Plus I'd never pass up a chance to wear a stylish chapeau." Rainbow Dash: "Gesundheit." A BAKERY PONY comes outside to greet them. In the display window a chocolate cherry cake is clearly missing. Rarity asks the Bakery Pony if he knows who bought the cake? The baker says it was hard to tell, she was wearing a trenchcoat, sunglasses, and a white scarf around her head that covered most of her face, but she had a really deep raspy voice. Rainbow asks, "Whaddya mean raspy?" The Bakery Pony says: "Well, kinda like yours." Rainbow gulps. Maybe she really did do all this while she was sleeping!

Rarity assures her it's just not possible. Then, faking a snooty Canterlot accent, Rarity asks the Bakery Pony if there's anything else he can dish. The Bakery Pony leans in and says there was one other thing. "She threw a big fit when she accidentally got chocolate ganache on her scarf!" Rarity: "That's terrible! (beat) What color was the

scarf?” The Bakery Pony says white. Rainbow Dash can’t believe Rarity is stuck on fashion details at a time like this. Rarity says she has her reasons as we CUT TO:

SC. 10 - INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA IN CANTERLOT - LATER THAT DAY

Now with only an hour to the Springtacular Celebration, the Wonderbolts are gathered, waiting to see what Rarity and Rainbow Dash have come up with. The Wonderbolts who were sent to find Spitfire have come back empty hoofed - she wasn’t at her mom’s house.

Just then, Rarity and Rainbow burst in and Rarity exclaims she’s found the culprit. Somepony sent Spitfire away and framed Rainbow Dash for it! And that pony was none other than Wind Rider! Everypony, including Rainbow Dash GASPS!!!

END ACT 2

ACT 3

SC. 11- INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA IN CANTERLOT – CONTINUOUS

Rainbow Dash cannot believe that Rarity would accuse Wind Rider! He’s a living legend, for Ponyssake! Rarity says 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.”

We cut back and forth between present time and flashbacks as Rarity explains her accusation. She never believed Rainbow Dash would send Spitfire away. The minute they found a rainbow hair in the envelope in Spitfire’s room, her suspicions were confirmed. Which led her to question who had something to gain not from getting rid of Spitfire, but from framing Rainbow Dash! Rainbow Dash: “And that led you to Wind Rider!?” Rarity says not right away. But when she sniffed the envelope, it smelled like Juniper Phoenix.

Then, in the castle hallway she noticed the curtains were askew, but only on the opposite side of the hallway from Rainbow’s room. (In the flashback, we see when Rarity was admiring the curtains she was actually clocking these clues.) Which means somepony other than Rainbow Dash was in that hallway, and it wasn’t Spitfire because the window to the balcony was open (Rarity noticed this because of the windchime) indicating she left that way.

Wind Rider says big deal. Juniper Phoenix is a very popular fragrance and anypony could have moved those curtains - a castle guard or a maid perhaps. Rarity says that’s why she questioned the castle guards. They were all at their posts, except for small a window of time when a cake was delivered. A cake that was ordered by a girl pony with a raspy voice.

Soarin: “But that could be Rainbow Dash.” Rarity: “OR...it could be a boy pony pretending to be a girl!” Rarity says that 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 a loose slipknot today. Why is that? Is it to hide...the chocolate stain??” Rarity magics Wind Rider’s scarf loose, revealing the incriminating stain. Everypony gasps! Rarity: “It’s nearly impossible to get chocolate out of silk! It’s why I never go near a chocolate fountain when wearing a gown.”

Now convinced, Rainbow Dash asks Wind Rider why he did it? Rainbow: “Is it because I took the last carrot cupcake at the dinner and you really, really wanted it?” Rarity says no, it was because he was afraid of Rainbow Dash breaking his record for fastest Wonderbolt. Rarity saw his face when Spitfire was bragging about her. Rarity:

“It’s the same face I make when I see another pony wearing a fabulous outfit I wish I had. You admire them, but you wish you were in their hooves.” Wind Rider admits defeat. He thought if he could get Rainbow Dash kicked out of the Wonderbolts forever, his record would be preserved. He goes on to say he sent Spitfire to the Crystal Mountains just outside the Crystal Empire to retrieve the hard-to-find Ice Iris. It’s the only cure for horse throat.

Soarin says the Crystal Mountains are way too far to get to in half an hour, but now that Rainbow Dash’s name is cleared, she’s free to fly in Spitfire’s place. Rainbow: “But what about Spitfire?” Soarin: “She won’t make it back in time. And the Wonderbolts need you.” Rainbow: “Not as much as Spitfire does. I’m gonna get her.” Soarin says there’s no way Rainbow Dash can make it there and back in time, but Rainbow Dash is determined and zips off.

Flying faster than she’s ever flown before, Rainbow Dash manages to find Spitfire and bring her back just as the Springtacular celebration is about to start. Soarin can’t believe it. Rainbow Dash made it to the Crystal Mountains in under five minutes flat! She beat Wind Rider’s record by thirty whole seconds! Rainbow apologizes to Rarity for doubting her and thanks her for believing in her even when she didn’t believe in herself. Rarity says it was no problem, and she’s proud of Rainbow Dash for getting Spitfire even though it meant she couldn’t fly today. Rainbow says it’s cool. There will be other Springtaculars and she’ll get her chance one day. Just then, Soarin and Spitfire come up to Rainbow Dash and offer her Wind Rider’s spot of honor at the center of the flower formation. After he tried to frame Rainbow Dash, he doesn’t deserve the place of honor in the show. Rainbow Dash says she’d love to fly with them!

SC. 12 - SC12. EXT. WONDERBOLT ARENA IN CANTERLOT - LATER THAT EVENING

Rarity watches from the stands as Rainbow Dash performs with the Wonderbolts. Rarity V.O.: “So my friend got her moment in the sun. And as for me? I got a chance to show off my vintage trenchcoat collection! And it’s inspired me to create a whole new line of femme fatale chic clothing. Which will be debuting in the *Carousel Boutique, Too* this fall.” Silver Flare, who is next to Rarity in the audience and has heard this whole V.O., turns to Rarity and says “Sounds lovely, dear!”

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THE END