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MY LITTLE PONY V
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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
my new Femme Mystique Chic line of
gowns?!

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

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

4 SASSY SADDLES
They're perfect.

Rarity squints and meticulously angles the mannequin back and forth ever so slightly.

5 SASSY SADDLES (CONT'D)
What are you doing?

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

Finally, the sunlight hits the jewels on it perfectly,
creating a strobe effect.

7 RARITY (CONT'D)
There. Now it's perfect!

Just then, Rainbow Dash excitedly bursts into the store,
throwing the door open with such force that it rattles the
entire place.

8 RAINBOW DASH
Hey guys! How's it--



Rarity and Sassy Saddles REACT as the mare equines wobble and then topple over, ruining the entire display.

Rainbow Dash gives Rarity a sheepish look.

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RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
<NERVOUS LAUGHTER> 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.

10 RAINBOW DASH 157 158
Sorry I messed up your dress thingie.

11 9k 10 116 SASSY
Nothing we can't fix in a stitch. What are you doing in Canterlot?

12 RAINBOW DASH 157 158
I'm here for Princess Celestia's Royal Garden Opening tomorrow.

13 9 10 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.

14 RARITY
You heard right, dear. And Rainbow Dash is here to fly with them. So exciting! If it is!

15 RAINBOW DASH 157 158 159 160 161
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 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?

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

19 RAINBOW DASH
Great. See you tonight!

17A
19A
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. Rarity and Sassy Saddles SIG in relief. Then a DELIVERY PONY arrives and the door slams behind him, knocking over the mane-equins. Sassy dejectedly heads over to the window display as Rarity walks up to the Delivery Pony.

20 RARITY
Ah, the rhinestones I ordered!

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

21 RARITY (CONT'D)
Oh my, there's been a mistake! I ordered dragon cut stones and these are hoof polished.

22 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.

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

24 ⁹ ¹³ 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.

25 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.

26 DELIVERY PONY
Well, for you, Rarity, I'll see what I
can do.

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

27 ¹⁴ ¹⁵ 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!

28 ¹³ 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.

29 ¹⁹ ²⁰ PRINCESS CELESTIA
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.

30 ¹⁶² RAINBOW DASH
You heard the Princess. Let's grab
some grub!

31 ¹⁹ ²⁰ ²¹ ²² RARITY ²³
Oh, I'm quite sure she didn't use the
word "grub".

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 salifs, then.

32 RARITY (CONT'D)
Mmmmm. Is that Juniper Phoenix I
smell?

33 ¹⁶² ¹⁶³ RAINBOW DASH
No, it's broccoli!

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

34 ¹⁹ ²⁰ ²³ ²⁴ ²⁵ ^{77ABC} ⁷⁸ ⁷⁹ ⁸⁰
WIND RIDER
Yes. Juniper Phoenix is one of my
favorite stallion colognes.

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

35 RARITY ²³
Mine as well. It's masculine, yet
soft, with the barest hint of floral
notes and--

36 ¹⁶² ¹⁶³ RAINBOW DASH
Rarity, do you know who this is?!

37 ^{19k} ²⁰ RARITY ²³
A gentlepony with fabulous taste in
colognes and scarves?

38 ¹⁶² ¹⁶³ RAINBOW DASH
It's Wind Rider!

39 ¹⁹ ²⁰ RARITY ²³
Oh. So nice to meet you.

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

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

Wind Rider smiles, clearly thrilled.

41 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.

42 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.

43 WIND RIDER
 Really now?

44 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.

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

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

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

Wind Rider walks off.

48 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
 I can't believe I just met Wind Rider!

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

163 (164)
50 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.

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

29 30 (31)
52 RARITY
I don't suppose I could keep you company?

163 165
53 RAINBOW DASH
You could! They always let friends and family come watch practices.

36A
53A
Rainbow Dash hugs Rarity but forgets she's holding a plate of food. She accidentally drops some sauce on Rarity's gown.

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

29 30
55 RARITY
No no. 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.

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

Rarity indicates a monogrammed trunk full of garments to the side. (NOTE: this trunk will accompany Rarity throughout the episode.)

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.

37 38A
57 RARITY
That dinner was absolutely divine!
Thanks for inviting me.

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

58 ³⁷ ³⁸ RARITY (CONT'D)
You're staying in the east tower?
Those rooms have the best view of
Canterlot.

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

60 ¹⁶⁷ ¹⁶⁸ RAINBOW DASH
See you tomorrow, Rarity!

61 ³⁷ ³⁸ 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.

62 ¹⁶⁸ ¹⁶⁹ 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.

Soarin approaches.

63 ³⁹ ⁴⁰ ⁴¹ SOARIN ⁴²
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.

64 ¹⁶⁸ ¹⁶⁹ RAINBOW DASH
Oh no! I hope her mom is okay!

65 ³⁹ ⁴⁰ ⁴¹ SOARIN ⁴²
Me too. In the meantime, we need you
to fly in her place.

Rainbow Dash's eyes go wide.

66 ¹⁶⁸ ¹⁶⁹ RAINBOW DASH
Like in the actual show?

67 ³⁹ ⁴¹ ⁴² SOARIN
Unless Spitfire comes back, yes.

68 ¹⁶⁸ ¹⁶⁹ RAINBOW DASH
I won't let you down, Soarin!

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

69 ³⁹ ⁴¹ ⁴² RARITY
Go ahead, dear, I know you want to
celebrate.

69A in take 170 Rainbow Dash <SCREAMS> with excitement. As Rainbow Dash does
flips in the air:

70 RAINBOW DASH
This is the best thing EVERRR! 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!

70A in take 170 Soarin comes back to see Rainbow Dash still doing celebratory
flips in the air.

71 ³⁹ ⁴¹ ⁴² SOARIN
Rainbow Dash?

72 RARITY
Let her have this, darling.

A beat as Soarin silently and awkwardly watches Rainbow Dash
do a few more flips.

73 ¹⁶⁹ ¹⁷⁰ RAINBOW DASH
Okay, I'm ready now!

Rainbow Dash takes her place with the Wonderbolts. Rarity
heads to the stands. Only four other ponies are seated
there. Rarity sits down next to a pony that looks a lot like
Spitfire but older.

74 ³⁹ ⁴¹ ⁴² RARITY
Hello, there.
(then)
Friend or family?

75 ⁴³ STORMY FLARE
Family. My daughter's a Wonderbolt,
but I don't see her up there. Do you
know Spitfire?

76 ³⁹ 41 ⁴³ RARITY
You're Spitfire's mom? But, I thought
you were sick!

77 STORMY FLARE
What?

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

79 STORMY FLARE
I didn't send a note.

80 RARITY
That's so strange.
(calling out)
Rainbow Dash! Come, quick!

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

81 ¹⁷ ¹⁶ ¹⁷² RAINBOW DASH
What's going on?

Soarin approaches, followed by the rest of the Wonderbolts,
including Wind Rider.

82 ³⁹ 41 ⁴³ SOARIN ⁴⁸
Stormy Flare? Aren't you supposed to
be sick? What's happening?

83 ⁴³ STORMY FLARE
I don't know, but I do know I didn't
send my daughter a note.

84 RARITY
Could somepony have sent Spitfire a
fake note?

85 MISTY FLY
Who would do such a thing?

86 SOARIN ⁴⁴ ⁴⁵
Somepony who wanted her out of the
show, I suppose.

87 RAINBOW DASH ¹⁷³
Why would anypony want that?

88 ³⁹ ⁴¹ ⁴³ WIND RIDER ⁴⁴ ⁴⁵ ⁴⁶ ⁴⁷
Maybe so that they could take her
spot.

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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.

89 49 RAINBOW DASH 174k 175B
Me? I would never do that to Spitfire. She's my friend! Why would you think it was me?

90 50 51 52 BLAZE
I did see you and Spitfire leave the dinner together. You were the last pony to see her before she left!

91 RAINBOW DASH 174 175B 176AB
We were room neighbors in the castle!

92 50 52 MISTY FLY
And you did say you would do anything to fly with Wind Rider!

93 RAINBOW DASH 174 175
Yeah, but I didn't mean anything!

94 50 52k SOARIN 53 54 55
Spitfire came by my room and told me she had to go see her mom at around midnight. Where were you then? Do you have an alibi?

95 RAINBOW DASH 174 175
No. 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.

96 50 52ABC 54ABC 55ABC 56ABC 57ABC 58ABC
WONDERBOLTS
<MURMUR OF ACCUSATIONS> Think she did it. / Yeah, she should get suspended. / No, she should get kicked out of the Wonderbolts.

Some of the Wonderbolts glare at Rainbow Dash. Rarity intercepts.

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

98 SOARIN
I'm with Rarity. 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.

99 ¹⁷⁷ RAINBOW DASH ¹⁷⁸
The start of the show? But that's in two hours.

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

Misty Fly and Blaze nod and take off. Soarin turns to Rainbow Dash.

101 SOARIN (CONT'D)
~~Rainbow Dash~~, 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?

102 RAINBOW DASH ¹⁷⁸ (179)
I understand. But how am I gonna prove I didn't send a letter I didn't send?

103 ⁵⁹ (60) 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.

104 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!

105 RAINBOW DASH ¹⁷⁹ (180)
Yeah, what's with the get-up?

106 ⁵⁹ ⁶⁰ ⁶¹ RARITY
Obviously, I'm channeling Shadow Spade through these gorgeous garments. And she would say that the best way to prove you didn't send that letter is to find whoever did! First stop, the scene of the crime.

They head off. We hear **Rarity's thoughts in noir-style V.O.:**

107 ⁶² RARITY (V.O.) ⁶⁴
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.

108 ⁶³ 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. She spots an envelope behind the door to the room that reads, "SPITFIRE".

109 RARITY ⁶⁵
This must be the envelope for the letter Spitfire got!

110 ¹⁸¹ ¹⁸² RAINBOW DASH
Is the letter inside? Maybe we can find whoever sent it by matching the writing!

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

111 ⁶² RARITY ⁶⁵
No letter, but these look like hairs from a rainbow mane!

112 ¹⁸¹ ¹⁸² RAINBOW DASH
<GULPS> That's not good.

Rarity dramatically looks off into the distance.

113 ⁶² ⁶⁵ RARITY (V.O.)
Rainbow Dash was getting antsy. But I
had faith I could clear her name and
find the real culprit.

114 ¹⁸¹ ¹⁸² RAINBOW DASH
What are you doing?

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

115 ⁶² ⁶⁵ RARITY
Oh, just thinking thoughts.

⁶⁸ ⁶⁵ ¹¹⁵ ¹¹⁶ Rarity magics the envelope over to herself. She looks at it
closely. Then she sniffs it.

116 ¹⁸¹ ¹⁸² RAINBOW DASH
C'mon, Rarity, let's 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.

117 ⁶² ⁶⁵ ⁶⁷ 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--

118 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.

119 ⁶⁵ ⁶⁶ RARITY (CONT'D)
The damask pattern on these curtains
is exquisite! Oh, and this velvet
rope holder--

120 ¹⁸³ ¹⁸⁴ ¹⁸⁵ 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!

121 ⁶² ⁶⁵ ⁶⁶ 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.

122 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.

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

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

Rainbow Dash gets in Castle Guard #1's face

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

126 CASTLE GUARD #1
So, wait, do you mean last night?

127 RAINBOW DASH
Duh.

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

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

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

131 RAINBOW DASH
A likely story.

132 ⁶⁹ ⁽⁷⁰⁾ 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.

133 CASTLE GUARD #2
 Except for you.

134 RAINBOW DASH ¹⁸⁷ ¹⁸⁸ ¹⁸⁹ ¹⁹⁰ ⁽¹⁹¹⁾
 What are you trying to say?

135 ⁽⁶⁹⁾ ⁷⁰ ⁷¹ 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.

^{193AB} ^{135A} Rainbow Dash <GASPS>! The guards glare at her accusingly.
 Rarity looks worried.

136 ⁽⁷⁰⁾ RARITY (V.O.)
 The waters were getting choppy.
 Rainbow Dash's tactics were... well,
 terrible. It was time for another
 approach.

Rarity zips off.

137 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.

138 ¹⁹⁴ ⁽¹⁹⁵⁾ RAINBOW DASH
 How'd you change so fast? And where'd
 that couch come from?

Rarity sidles up to the guards.

139 ⁶⁹ ⁽⁷⁰⁾ RARITY
 You castle guards have such a
 difficult job.

Rarity looks around furtively then **whispers**.

140 ⁷³ RARITY (CONT'D)
 And I'm guessing at times, it can be
 rather boring.

141 ^{72 73} ¹⁵ CASTLE GUARD #1
(WHISPERS) It is. I've counted all 345 bolts in the ceiling tiles 293 times.

142 RARITY
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.

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

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

145 ⁷⁴ RARITY ⁷⁶
What kind of cake was it?

146 CASTLE GUARD #2
Cherry with a custard filling.

147 RARITY
Was the frosting vanilla or chocolate?

148 CASTLE GUARD #1
Chocolate.

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

150 CASTLE GUARD #1
It was.

151 ¹⁹⁶ ¹⁹⁷ RAINBOW DASH
Ugh. Who cares how it was decorated?!

CLOSE ON Rarity's face.

152 ^{74 & 75} RARITY ⁷⁶ (V.O.)
Rainbow Dash was questioning my methods, but I knew what I was doing.

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153
Do you?

196 RAINBOW DASH

154 74 (76) RARITY
Oh. Did I say that one out loud?

155 196 RAINBOW DASH 197 (198)
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!

156 74 (76) 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 cake with custard filling and buttercream frosting rosettes, and that's...

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

[Note: This is the Canterlot tea shop - we've just named it.]
Rainbow Dash and Rarity are outside the tea shop. Rarity is now dressed in her Canterlot finest.

157 88 RARITY
...Cinnamon Chai's Tea and Cake Shop!

CINNAMON CHAI comes outside to greet them. He has a snooty Canterlot accent.

158 89 CINNAMON CHAI
Hi, how can I help you?

159 RARITY
(snooty Canterlot accent)
Yes, I've heard you have the best chocolate cherry custard cake with buttercream frosting rosettes in town!

160 CINNAMON CHAI
You travel in the right circles. We have the only chocolate cherry custard cake with buttercream frosting rosettes in town.

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

161 ⁸⁸ ⁸⁹ RARITY
Oh no! But somepony's already bought
it. Who was the lucky pony?

162 CINNAMON CHAI
I can't even say!

163 RARITY
Why because it was somepony famous?

164 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.

165 RAINBOW DASH ¹⁹⁹ ²⁰⁰ ²⁰¹
Whaddaya mean raspy?

166 ⁸⁸ ⁸⁹ ⁹⁰ ⁹¹ CINNAMON CHAI
Well, kinda like yours.

²⁰⁰ ²⁰¹
166A Rainbow Dash <GURPS>

167 RARITY
If there's anything else you can
remember, dish! I love a good story.

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

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

170 CINAMMON CHAI ⁹²
White. No, maybe more of an Ivory.

171 RARITY
You don't say!

172 ²⁰¹ ²⁰² ²⁰³ RAINBOW DASH
I can't believe you're talking fashion
at a time like this. The Royal Garden
Opening is in an hour.

173 ⁸⁸ RARITY ^{92b}
Rainbow, don't panic. I need you to
trust me.

174 RAINBOW DASH ^{202 203 204}
Trust you?! You've spent more time
changing clothes than trying to help
me. I'm doomed!

175 ^{88 92 93} RARITY
No, you're not. Come on!

As they head off...

176 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 Stormy Flare are all gathered. Blaze and
Misy Fly come back in.

177 ^{94 98} BLAZE
We looked everywhere, but Spitfire
wasn't at her mom's house.

178 ^{99A 100} STORMY FLARE
Oh no. Where could she be?

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

179 ⁹⁷ 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>!~~

180 ^{95 96} EVERYONE
~~What? / She's accusing him?! /
impossible!~~

Rainbow Dash puts her head in her hooves.

END ACT 2

ACT 3

FADE IN:

SC. 14 - INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA - CONTINUOUS

Everypony is as they were.

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

182 RARITY
All the evidence points to him.

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

184 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 holds up the rainbow hair sample.

185 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

Flashback of Rarity examining the envelope.

186 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.

187/106 107 108 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, perhaps after they
 dropped off the fake letter.

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

188 SOARIN
 But Rainbow Dash could have been
 hiding there.

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

190 WIND RIDER 113 114
 Big deal! Juniper Phoenix is a very
 popular fragrance and anypony could
 have moved those curtains, like a
 guard or a maid.

191 108 RARITY
 That's why I questioned the castle
 guards.

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

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

192 109 110 RARITY (V.O.)
 They were at their post at the
 entrance to the hallway all night 115
 except for a small window of time when
 somepony bought them cake...

193 CASTLE GUARD #2
 Somepony bought us cake!

194 108 CASTLE GUARD #1
 Really? What kind?

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

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

196 110 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.

197 ^{107 108 110 111} SOARIN (V.O.)
But... that could be Rainbow Dash.

198 ¹¹⁰ RARITY (V.O.)
Or, it was a boy pony pretending to be a girl.

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

199 ^{116 117 118 119} RARITY ¹²⁰
Whoever ordered the cake got a chocolate stain on their ^{ivory} 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.

200 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!~~

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

202 ¹¹⁶ WIND RIDER
This is preposterous. Wonderbolts you don't believe a word of this, right?

Wind Rider looks around for some support, but the Wonderbolts are all glaring at him.

203 ¹²⁰ RARITY
Just admit it! You're as guilty of framing Rainbow Dash as you are of ruining that white scarf!

Rarity stares him down. He relents under her menacing glare.

204 WIND RIDER ^{121 122 123 124 125}
Fine. You caught me! I did it.

126 AB
Zara

205 ²⁰⁹ RAINBOW DASH ²¹⁰
But why, Wind Rider? Is it because I
took the last broccoli at the dinner
and you really really wanted it?

206 ¹¹⁶ ¹²⁰ 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.

207 ¹²⁷ ¹²⁸ ¹²⁹ RARITY (V.O.)
I heard him when Spitfire said you
were close to breaking his record. He
said and I quote, "heh heh."

208 WIND RIDER
Heh heh.

209 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

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

211 RAINBOW DASH ²¹¹ ²¹²
Really? That is soo not cool. And I
thought you were the coolest
Wonderbolt ever, until now.

212 ¹²⁷ ¹²⁹ WIND RIDER ¹³⁰ ¹³¹ ¹³⁶ ¹³⁷ ¹³⁸ ¹³⁹ ¹⁴⁰
I did what I had to do to protect my
record. Sometimes, you gotta play
dirty to be the best.

213 RAINBOW DASH
No, you don't. That's not what being
a Wonderbolt is all about.

214 ¹²⁷ SOARIN ¹³¹
She's right. Wonderbolts look out for
each other. Which reminds me, where
is Spitfire?

215 ¹²⁷ ¹³¹ 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.

216 RAINBOW DASH ²¹² ²¹³ ²¹⁴
No wonder she's been gone so long. Ice Irises are almost impossible to find in spring!

217 ¹²⁷ ¹³¹ ¹³² SOARIN ¹³³ ¹³⁴ ¹³⁵
The Crystal Mountains are too far for anyone to make the journey there and back before the start of the Royal Garden opening. Rainbow Dash, we need you to fly in Spitfire's place.

218 RAINBOW DASH ²¹² ²¹⁴
But Spitfire shouldn't have to miss this. I'm gonna get her.

219 ¹²⁷ ¹³¹ SOARIN ¹³³
You'll never make it in time! The Royal Gardens open in half an hour!

220 RAINBOW DASH ²¹² ²¹⁴
Then there's no time to lose.

Rainbow Dash zips off. DISSOLVE TO:

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

In the midst of beautiful flower gardens, Rarity, the Wonderbolts, and Stormy Flare wait with baited breath.

221 ¹⁴¹ ¹⁴² BLAZE
Rainbow Dash is still gone!

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

223 ²¹⁵ ²¹⁶ **222A**
Just then Rainbow Dash and Spitfire land in the arena. The Wonderbolts cheer and circle them. Rainbow Dash is panting hard. Stormy Flare and Spitfire hug.

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

224 ¹⁴¹ ¹⁴² SPITFIRE

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

225 ¹⁴ SOARIN

But that means Rainbow Dash must have beat Wind Rider's Mustang Marathon record!

226 ²¹⁶ ²¹⁷ RAINBOW DASH

What? I did? I did!
(pumping her "fist")

Yes!

Overlap.
RD intake 217
226A The Wonderbolts all cheer and high-five Rainbow Dash. She goes over to Rarity.

227 ²¹⁸ ²¹⁹ 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?

228 ¹⁴¹ ¹⁴² 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.

229 ²¹⁸ ^{219K} RAINBOW DASH

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

230 ¹⁴¹ ¹⁴² RARITY

You are quite a good friend.
(then)

You went to get Spitfire even though it meant you couldn't fly today.

231 ²¹⁸ ²¹⁹ RAINBOW DASH

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

Spitfire and Soarin fly up to Rainbow Dash.

232 ¹⁴¹ ¹⁴² SPITFIRE

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

233 ¹⁴¹ ¹⁴² WIND RIDER
 What? You can't do this to me. I'm
 one of the greatest Wonderbolts there
 ever was!

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

Spitfire pulls his Wonderbolt insignia off his jacket. Two
 Wonderbolts escort him O.S. Spitfire turns to Rainbow Dash.

235 SOARIN
 So how about it? Would you like to
 fly with us?

236 ²²⁰ ^{221AB} RAINBOW DASH
 Would I?! Oh my gosh oh my gosh oh my
 gosh--

As Rainbow Dash does flips in the air:

237 ¹⁴¹ ¹⁴² SOARIN
 Rainbow Dash?

Rainbow freezes mid-flip.

238 RAINBOW DASH
 (sheepish)
 Coming!

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

Rarity cheers next to Stormy 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:

239 ¹⁴⁵ ¹⁴⁶ ¹⁴⁷ 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!

240 STORMY FLARE
 That's nice, dear.

241

Oh. Did I say that out loud?

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RARITY

FADE OUT.

241A

Windrider

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155ABC