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TEASER

SC1. EXT. PONYVILLE TRAIN STATION - DAY

RARITY, RAINBOW DASH, PINKIE PIE, APPLEJACK, and FLUTTERSHY stand on the platform. The CANTERLOT EXPRESS is getting ready to depart.

1 PINKIE PIE
First Twilight goes to visit
Cadance and Shining Armor and now
you two leave for Canterlot. What
are we gonna do all weekend?

2 FLUTTERSHY
It will be awfully lonely with just
the three of us.

3 RARITY
Oh, I do so wish we could stay here
with you girls this weekend. But
our responsibilities call us.

4 APPLEJACK
Now don't you worry about us,
y'all. You just do what needs
doin' in Canterlot and have fun.

5 RARITY
Fun? At a business meeting?
Hardly. I'm afraid this weekend
will be quite a bore--

6 RAINBOW DASH
Speak for yourself! Us Reserves
are helping out with the
Wonderbolts Parade of Legends.
I'll be hanging out with the best
fliers ever to touch the sky!

Rarity shoots her a look, but Rainbow Dash misses it.

7 CONDUCTOR (O.S.)
ALL ABOARD!

8 RARITY
I'm afraid that's us.

9 PINKIE PIE/ FLUTTERSHY/ APPLEJACK
Bye! / See you later! / Safe trip!

Rarity and Rainbow Dash wave goodbye and board the train.

SC2. INT. CANTERLOT EXPRESS - CONTINUOUS

As they step inside, Rarity continues to wave to her friends out the window.

10 RAINBOW DASH
I don't get it. Why did you say
this weekend would be boring?
Isn't your business meeting with
Sapphire Shores?

11 RARITY
It's called tact, darling. It's
important they know we want to be
with them...

The train starts to pull out of the station.

12 RARITY (CONT'D)
...even though we're about to have
the BEST WEEKEND EVER!!

Rainbow Dash and Rarity share a little happy dance.

FADE OUT.

MAIN TITLES

ACT I

FADE IN:

SC3. EXT. CANTERLOT STADIUM - DAY

The Stadium is buzzing. CREWS prepare the stands.
CONCESSIONAIRES set up tables. MEDIA interview WONDERBOLTS.

Rainbow Dash, in uniform, stands at attention with the OTHER
RESERVES as SPITFIRE stalks down the line.

13 SPITFIRE
Listen up, Reserves! The Legends
will be arriving any minute. Your
job is to help them with anything
they need. And if something, er,
happens during tomorrow's
performance, you'll step in and
perform in their place.

14 RESERVE #1
Happens, ma'am?

15 SPITFIRE
Uh, you'll see. These are the best
of the best, but some of them have
been around a long, long time.

GASPS from the Reserves. Heads start to turn...

And in SLOW MOTION, the WONDERBOLTS LEGENDS appear.
Hobbling, frail, ancient ponies. Some use walkers. Rainbow
Dash recognizes them all:

16 RAINBOW DASH
Oh wow, that's Cyclone Spinner!
She broke every high altitude
flight record that's ever existed.

CYCLONE SPINNER hobbles over, decrepit and senile.

17 RESERVE #2
(whispering)
I bet all she breaks now are hips.

Spitfire motions to Reserve #2, who joins Cyclone Spinner.

18 RESERVE #3
Who's that old nag?

19 RAINBOW DASH
That's Blue Skies. You guys don't
know anything about the
Wonderbolts, do you?

With a scowl, Reserve #3 escorts the old codger away.

20 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
There's Wind Shear! He holds the
record for the tightest hairpin
turn in recorded history.

21 RESERVE #4
You hold the record for biggest
know-it-all in the Reserves.

The other Reserves LAUGH.

22 RAINBOW DASH
And that's why I'll be flying with
the Legends someday and you'll be
watching from the stands.

She strides off to join WIND SHEAR, leaving the others
shaking their heads. He is a bear of a pegasus: a gruff,
once-imposing flier now on the backside of his career (ref:
Patton). Rainbow Dash salutes. He scowls down at her.

23 WIND SHEAR
Knock that goofy grin off your
face. You've got to earn the right
to smile.

He stalks off. She dutifully follows behind. He tries to ignore her as he inspects the stadium progress.

24 RAINBOW DASH
The name's Rainbow Dash. I'm a big
fan of your work.

25 WIND SHEAR
Is that so.

26 RAINBOW DASH
You're lucky you ended up with me.
These other guys don't appreciate
the Wonderbolts like we do.

27 WIND SHEAR
"We?"

28 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, you know...

He COUGHS lightly --

29 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
ON IT!!

She bolts to a concession tent and KNOCKS the CONCESSIONAIRE aside as she fills a cup with water. He lands in a bowl of sloppy ALFALFA DIP.

30 CONCESSIONAIRE
Hey!

She races off, not noticing the ANGER on his face. When she offer the cup to Wind Shear, he looks down at it with scorn.

31 WIND SHEAR
(nods to some horse tack)
Tell 'em to move that gear. One
bad updraft and it'll tangle us up
like roped calves.

32 RAINBOW DASH
Yes, sir.

She blasts away, screeching to a stop in front of a WORKER.

33 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Move this tack! Don't you know how dangerous this is?

34 WORKER
But I only set it down for a minute--

35 RAINBOW DASH
I don't want a sob story. There are important ponies flying in this area and it needs to be kept clear!

She flies off, not seeing the INDIGNATION on the Worker's face. She rejoins Wind Shear, who scowls.

36 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Taken care of, sir.

He stalks off without acknowledging her.

37 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Did I mention you're one of my idols? Your 2° hairpin turn is one of the greatest records in Wonderbolts history.

For the first time, his crusty exterior shows cracks.

38 WIND SHEAR
You know about my record?

39 RAINBOW DASH
Of course! I've been trying to do that turn since I was a filly. Almost got it, too.

40 WIND SHEAR
Most youngsters think retired Wonderbolts should be put out to pasture and never thought of again.

41 RAINBOW DASH
Not me. I think you're one of the best fliers of all time.

He looks down at her with grudging respect.

42 WIND SHEAR
Thanks.

Her exuberance takes over for her common sense.

43 RAINBOW DASH
Check it out. I'm almost as good
as you used to be.

She ZOOMS across the open-air stadium -- building speed --
determination on her face --

And like bouncing off an invisible wall, she rockets back the
way she came. She doesn't notice that she nearly slammed
into a JOURNALIST, who falls into several others. Pencils
fly into the air. The journalists sit up, FURIOUS.

Rainbow Dash lands next to Wind Shear. Through his gruff
exterior, he can't quite believe what he's just seen.

44 WIND SHEAR
That must have been a 4, 5° turn.

45 RAINBOW DASH
Not bad, huh?

Wind Shear puts his trademark scowl back on.

46 WIND SHEAR
Enough. Where's the launch pad?

Rainbow Dash, basking in that tiny sliver of approval,
happily follows. Behind them, angry ponies GLARE. Some rub
sore bits, others wipe stuff from their faces.

SC4. INT. CANTERLOT BARRACKS, RAINBOW DASH'S ROOM - NIGHT

Rainbow Dash, still in uniform, paces inside the spartan
barracks room. There are two tiny bunks and nothing else.
Rarity, face covered in cream, tries to get comfortable.

47 RARITY
When you said I could stay in your
room this weekend, I didn't know
that meant sleeping on 100 thread
count sheets! These are ghastly!

48 RAINBOW DASH
Come on, the greatest Wonderbolts
ever have slept in these barracks!

49 RARITY
I don't know how anypony could
sleep next to these drab walls.
Ugh, not an accent to be seen!

As Rarity tries to get comfortable, Rainbow Dash checks
herself out in a small wall mirror.

50 RAINBOW DASH
(to herself)
I'd do anything to fly with those
Legends tomorrow...

Rarity slips a mask over her eyes.

51 RARITY
Fantasize quietly, won't you? I
want Sapphire Shores to look at the
bags I've designed, not the ones
under my eyes.

52 RAINBOW DASH
I'm too hyped up to sleep. I'm
gonna go get some air.

She heads out into the night.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC5. EXT. CANTERLOT STADIUM - DAY

Rainbow Dash, in uniform, stands with Rarity, all dolled up
like Audrey Hepburn. It's the big day for both of them.

53 RAINBOW DASH
I can't believe I'm at the Parade
of Legends. Someday it'll be me
flying up there.

54 RARITY
All in due course, my dear.

55 RAINBOW DASH
Due course? I'm probably the best
flier in Canterlot right now.

Several Reserves nearby take note of what she's said. She
has insulted them without even knowing it.

Just then, one of the ORGANIZERS races up, frantic.

56 ORGANIZER
Rainbow Dash? Where's Rainbow Dash?

57 RAINBOW DASH
That's me.

58 ORGANIZER
Safety checks are starting and
no pony's seen Wind Shear. If he's
not here in ten minutes, you're up.

59 RAINBOW DASH
Me? You mean I get to fly with the
Wonderbolts Legends?

60 RARITY
Oh, I do hope he's all right--

61 RAINBOW DASH
Well, it's a good thing he has such
an awesome backup. Not everypony
can handle the pressure.

She shoots the other Reserves a cocky look. It's meant
lightheartedly, but that's not how it is received.

62 RARITY
I've got to run to my meeting,
darling, but I should be back in
plenty of time to see your debut!

They do another little happy dance. The Reserves watch
Rainbow Dash with distaste.

SC6. INT. SAPPHIRE SHORES'S CONDO - DAY

Rarity sits with the one and only SAPPHIRE SHORES. They are
surrounded by SAMPLE BAGS.

63 SAPPHIRE SHORES
Girl, these bags you've designed
are not of this world!

She holds up a bag. It changes color as she turns it.

64 SAPPHIRE SHORES (CONT'D)
Silver in the light and gold in the
dark?
(singing)
Sensational!

65 RARITY
It's a new dyeing technique I've
been trying out.

66 SAPPHIRE SHORES
And this one. That's the silkiest
silk I've ever seen!

67 RARITY
And it's entirely waterproof!
There's a supplier here in
Canterlot who is the only one in
Equestria to sell it!

68 SAPPHERE SHORES
How about this one? This one's my
absolute favorite!

69 RARITY
I created that weave myself. It
can hold ten times more than an
ordinary woolen bag.

Sapphire Shores gives a delighted, hearty laugh.

70 SAPPHERE SHORES
"The Sapphire Shores Collection by
Rarity!" This partnership is going
to be AMAZING!!

Rarity beams.

SC7. EXT. CANTERLOT STADIUM - LATER

Rarity, still abuzz from her amazing meeting, arrives just in
time. Lights begin to twirl. TRUMPETS blast a fanfare.

71 ANNOUNCER (O.S.)
Fillies and gentlecolts, welcome to
Canterlot Stadium!

ON RARITY -- super excited.

72 ANNOUNCER (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Let's give a warm welcome to the
greatest fliers ever to grace our
skies...THE WONDERBOLTS LEGENDS!!!

The oldsters blast off into the sky. They may not be as fast
or agile as they once were, but they can still fly.

ON RARITY -- scanning the sky. She looks troubled.

73 ANNOUNCER (O.S.) (CONT'D)
CYCLONE SPINNER!

Cyclone Spinner does a little dive and twirl to huge
APPLAUSE, then returns to the formation.

74 ANNOUNCER (O.S.) (CONT'D)
BLUE SKIES!

More crazy APPLAUSE. Blue Skies breaks away and does a
little spin, then returns to line.

75 ANNOUNCER (O.S.) (CONT'D)
WIND SHEAR!

Wind Shear swoops away from the others and BUZZES the crowd, causing big OOHS AND AAHS.

76 RARITY
Wind Shear? But isn't that supposed to be Rainbow Dash? Oh, the poor dear will be so disappointed.

As the Parade of Legends continues, Rarity approaches some of the Wonderbolts Reserves, standing at attention.

77 RARITY (CONT'D)
Pardon me, but have any of you seen Rainbow Dash?

78 RESERVE #1
That traitor? Check the brig.

79 RARITY
What?!

80 RESERVE #2
She tried to sabotage Wind Shear so she could fly in his place. That's about as low as it gets.

81 RESERVE #1
If there's any justice, she'll be banned from the Wonderbolts for the rest of her life.

Rarity staggers away, emotions swirling through her head.

82 RARITY
Banned from the Wonderbolts...for
life?

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT I

ACT II

FADE IN:

SC8. INT. CANTERLOT BRIG - DAY

The brig resembles a stable, where each prisoner has their own stall. Rarity stands outside Rainbow Dash's "cell."

83 RARITY
They say you sabotaged Wind Shear
so you could fly in his place.

84 RAINBOW DASH
What? But I'd never do that!

85 RARITY
I know you wouldn't, darling. I
believe you to the ends of
Equestria--

86 GUARD
Hey! Keep it down over there!

87 RARITY
Don't worry, I'll get word to
Twilight right away--

88 RAINBOW DASH
No! You know how hard it is for
her to find family time these days.
Besides, the trial is tomorrow.
She wouldn't even make it in time.

They share a meaningful look.

89 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I need you, Rarity. You say you
believe in me? Well I believe in
you, too.

With this vote of confidence, Rarity sets her jaw.

90 RARITY
I'll do it! As soon as I slip into
something a bit more investigatory.
I have a wrap back in the room that
simply screams "justice!"

SC9. INT. CANTERLOT BARRACKS, WIND SHEAR'S ROOM - DAY

Rarity enters the crime scene. It's just like Rainbow Dash's room, but with only one bunk. The detective, a portly schlub named GUMSHOE, is processing the scene.

91 GUMSHOE
You the attorney?

92 RARITY
(surprised)
Yes, I suppose I am--

93 GUMSHOE
Well come in. I ain't got all day.

He points from the window to the bunk.

94 GUMSHOE (CONT'D)
Suspect entered here, then secured
the victim to his bunk there...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC10. INT. CANTERLOT BARRACKS, WIND SHEAR'S ROOM - FANTASY - NIGHT

It's quiet. Dark. Only a shaft of light from outside. The window slides open and a SHADOWY FIGURE sneaks in. The glimpses we see suggest it's Rainbow Dash. The Figure moves toward the bunk carrying the HORSE TACK from the stadium (straps, bridles, etc). Wind Shear, oblivious, snores away.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC11. INT. CANTERLOT BARRACKS, WIND SHEAR'S ROOM - FANTASY - MORNING

A frantic Wind Shear has managed to free himself from the tack, but when he goes to the door it is sealed shut with an UNKNOWN SUBSTANCE. He races to the window, but dozens of PENCILS are wedged into it and it doesn't budge.

SC12. EXT. CANTERLOT BARRACKS, WIND SHEAR'S ROOM - FANTASY - SAME

PULL OUT -- Wind Shear pounds against the window.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC13. INT. CANTERLOT BARRACKS, WIND SHEAR'S ROOM - DAY

Gumshoe knocks a hoof on the substance around the door.

95 GUMSHOE
Alfalfa dip. Delicious when wet.
Strong as cement when dry.

96 RARITY
And what about the window?

Gumshoe picks up a pencil out of several scattered near the window. He sniffs the lead.

97 GUMSHOE
Number 2. A window-stopper.

98 RARITY
Clearly something nefarious
happened here, but what makes you
think it was Rainbow Dash?

Gumshoe points at a SMALL PIECE OF UNIFORM that has torn off
on a loose nail. A WONDERBOLTS UNIFORM.

99 GUMSHOE
Same as missing from your client.

100 RARITY
(shocked)
Sapphire Shores?

Gumshoe looks at her like she's crazy.

101 RARITY (CONT'D)
Oh...right...wrong client.

She laughs nervously.

SC14. EXT. CANTERLOT BARRACKS - LATER

Gumshoe and Rarity stand with an ELDERLY PONY.

102 GUMSHOE
This witness claims he saw her
fleeing the scene.

Using her horn, Rarity holds a picture of Rainbow Dash.

103 RARITY
Are you sure this is the pony you
saw that night?

104 ELDERLY PONY
Hmm...well now...it's awfully hard
to say...

105 RARITY
How about now?

She zips the picture past his face.

106 ELDERLY PONY
That's her! She was flying
somewhere in a big hurry, I'll tell
ya what!

107 RARITY
And where exactly did you see her?

The Elderly Pony points to a barracks building. To Wind Shear's room. Rarity's face registers unease.

SC15. EXT. CANTERLOT STADIUM - DAY

The Reserves are helping to break down the Stadium after the big performance. Rarity interviews two of them.

108 RARITY
You've served with Rainbow Dash for some time now. Surely you can testify to her sterling character.

109 RESERVE #1
Does "sterling" mean "guilty?"

110 RESERVE #2
(chuckling)
Yeah. No question she did it.

111 RARITY
Here now! Rainbow Dash is a pony of great integrity and I refuse to believe she'd be involved with something so sordid!

The two Reserves stop their work.

112 RESERVE #1
Look, ask anypony here. We've all heard her say she'd do anything to fly with the Legends.

113 RESERVE #2
If that ain't a confession, I don't know what is.

They resume their work, leaving Rarity even more shaken.

SC16. EXT. CANTERLOT STADIUM - LATER

Rarity interviews the Concessionaire, the Worker, and the Journalist who Rainbow Dash infuriated the previous day.

114 RARITY
I'm only asking questions, I'm not accusing you of anything--

115 WORKER
Good, 'cause we didn't do nothing!

116 RARITY
Of course not.
(to Concessionaire)
You sir, what became of your
alfalfa dip after...the incident?

DISSOLVE TO:

SC17. EXT. CANTERLOT STADIUM - FANTASY - DAY

The Concessionaire, furious, climbs out of the dip.

117 CONCESSIONAIRE (V.O.)
I threw it out. I can't serve food
once I've been in it!

In a huff, he drops the giant tub near some garbage cans.

118 RARITY (V.O.)
And you? Can you account for that
gorgeous full-grain leather tack
Rainbow Dash asked you to move?

DISSOLVE TO:

SC18. EXT. CANTERLOT STADIUM - FANTASY - DAY

Irate, the Worker picks up the tack and hauls it away.

119 WORKER (V.O.)
I took it backstage. Which is
where it was going anyway before
your friend insulted me.

120 RARITY (V.O.)
And those number 2 pencils? How
did they end up at the crime scene?

DISSOLVE TO:

SC19. EXT. CANTERLOT STADIUM - FANTASY - DAY

Rainbow Dash buzzes the Journalist, who slams into the others
like bowling pins. Pencils fly everywhere.

121 JOURNALIST (V.O.)
There were pencils everywhere after
what that menace did! She could've
come back later and taken them all!

DISSOLVE TO:

SC20. EXT. CANTERLOT STADIUM - SAME

122 JOURNALIST
Is that it? Can we go now?

123 RARITY
Yes, of course. Thank you for your
candor.

They angrily exit. Rarity takes a deep sigh. She looks
incredibly worried.

SC21. INT. CANTERLOT BRIG, YARD - LATER

Rainbow Dash walks in a circle inside a horse exerciser as
Guards look on. She is miserable. Rarity is overwhelmed.

124 RARITY
I checked out your alibi and there
was somepony who saw you--

125 RAINBOW DASH
That's great!

126 RARITY
--flying away from Wind Shear's room.

127 RAINBOW DASH
Oh.

128 RARITY
I interviewed several witnesses
from the event, and it seems there
are quite a few ponies who might
have held a grudge against you. May
have even wanted to frame you--

129 RAINBOW DASH
That's great!

130 RARITY
I don't know that offending
multiple ponies in one afternoon
could be considered "great".

131 RAINBOW DASH
(sheepishly)
Yeah, I guess not.

132 RARITY
With so many potential suspects, we
don't have time to investigate them
all properly. And if we can't prove
it was somepony else, then we've
just got to prove it wasn't you.

133 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah! Do that!

134 RARITY
But how? They have an air-tight
case.

Rainbow Dash stops walking and looks Rarity in the eye.

135 RAINBOW DASH
I know you can do it, Rarity. I
believe in you, even if you don't.

They share a meaningful smile. Rainbow Dash's faith seems to
energize Rarity. She makes a dramatic declaration:

136 RARITY
I won't let them take your dreams
from you, Rainbow Dash! I'll work
straight through the night if
that's what it takes to prove your
innocence!

SC22. INT. CANTERLOCKS BEAUTY SALON - NIGHT

Two STYLISTS work on Rarity. She has cucumbers on her eyes.

137 RARITY
Practicing law is so stressful...

138 STYLIST #1
You poor dear. Don't you worry
about a thing. After we're
finished, you'll be ready to win
any case in Canterlot.

Rarity takes a deep breath.

139 RARITY
I just don't know what to do.
Rainbow Dash would never do
something like this, but the
evidence is so strong.

140 STYLIST #2
Maybe you've got to look a little
closer. Sometimes a blonde really
is a blonde, but usually she's just
a filly with a good stylist.

The Stylists laugh. Rarity, however, is struck by these words. She sits up urgently, the cucumbers falling from her eyes. Her wheels are turning...

SC23. INT. CANTERLOT BRIG - NIGHT

Rarity enters, buzzing with energy.

141 RARITY
Rainbow Dash? Rainbow Dash!

Rainbow Dash comes to the door of her "cell."

142 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah?

143 RARITY
I was talking to the ladies at the
salon and there's something about
the evidence that doesn't add up--

144 RAINBOW DASH
You were talking to the ladies...AT
THE SALON?!

145 RARITY
My hooficurist said something that
really struck me. She said
sometimes a blonde isn't a blonde--

146 RAINBOW DASH
(furious)
*YOU WENT TO THE SALON?? THE NIGHT
BEFORE MY TRIAL??*

147 GUARD (O.S.)
Hey! Emotional confrontation hours
are over!

148 RARITY
Rainbow Dash, listen, it's about
that scrap of uniform. I don't
think it is what it seems to be--

149 RAINBOW DASH
I've dreamed of flying with the
Wonderbolts since the day I was
born! It means everything to me!

The Guard approaches.

150 GUARD
Don't make me tell you again.

151 RAINBOW DASH
I trusted you, Rarity! I needed
you!

Tears form in her eyes. She shakes her head and turns away.

152 RARITY
Rainbow Dash, please--!

153 RAINBOW DASH
Don't bother coming to the trial
tomorrow. If this is all I mean to
you, I'd rather just go it alone.

154 RARITY
But...but...

Rainbow Dash recedes into the shadows.

155 GUARD
(to Rarity)
Emotional confrontation hours start
at ten tomorrow if you'd like to--

Rarity, devastated, races off.

156 GUARD (CONT'D)
Hey!

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT II

ACT III

FADE IN:

SC24. INT. COURTROOM - DAY

The courtroom is packed. A stern JUDGE sits on high, and the unicorn prosecutor, DUE PROCESS, paces before him.

Sitting alone and afraid at the defense table, Rainbow Dash.

157 DUE PROCESS
Your honor, the case is simple.
The defendant, blinded by ambition,
trapped one of Equestria's most
revered citizens in his room so she
could fly in his place at
yesterday's Parade of Legends.

Rainbow Dash cowers as the entire GALLERY, including Wind Shear, glares at her.

158 DUE PROCESS (CONT'D)
For this act of cowardice and
disrespect, we're asking for a
lifetime ban from the Wonderbolts.

A MURMUR of approval from the gallery. Satisfied, Due Process sits.

159 JUDGE
Ms. Dash, where is your
representative?

160 RAINBOW DASH
I...I'll be representing myself,
Your Honor.

161 JUDGE
Very well. Proceed.

162 RAINBOW DASH
I...uh...

She looks around. There's not a single friendly face.

163 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I don't really know what to say
except that I didn't do it.

MURMURS of disapproval. She sheepishly sits.

SC25. INT. COURTROOM - LATER

Due Process stands before the witness stand, where he is examining Detective Gumshoe.

164 DUE PROCESS
So let me see if I understand. A witness places her outside the victim's room. A scrap of her uniform was found at the crime scene. And she has no alibi?

165 GUMSHOE
Correct. Her roommate, the only other pony who saw her that night, didn't even bother to show up today.

Rainbow Dash cringes, the sting of the fight still fresh.

166 DUE PROCESS
Thank you, Detective.

Rainbow Dash slinks lower behind the defense table.

SC26. INT. COURTROOM - LATER

A SERIES OF WITNESSES on the stand:

167 RESERVE #1
She says stuff like that all the time...

DISSOLVE TO:

168 RESERVE #2
"I'm the best flier in Equestria..."

DISSOLVE TO:

169 RESERVE #3
"I'm a way better flier than you..."

DISSOLVE TO:

170 RESERVE #4
"I'd do anything to fly with the Legends..."

And now we see it's Rainbow Dash cross-examining:

171 RAINBOW DASH
(indignant)
I would do anything to fly with them! Anything in the world! What's wrong with that?

GASPS from the gallery. Rainbow Dash realizes her mistake.

172 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Well, not *anything*--

173 RESERVE #4
Actually, those were your exact words. Anything.

She opens her mouth to retort, then notices the stern look from the judge and the smug look from the prosecutor. She slumps, her chances rapidly slipping away.

174 RAINBOW DASH
All I've ever wanted was to be a Wonderbolt. I love those old fliers. I grew up wanting to be just like them.
(tearing up)
I'd do anything to fly with them.
(sadly)
But I'd never do that.

She trudges back to her table. Somehow, using flash animation, we see a pony who is alone, whose dreams are evaporating before her very eyes.

SC27. INT. COURTROOM - LATER

Due Process puts the finishing touches on his case.

175 DUE PROCESS
...and so, Your Honor, as we have proven here today...

He casts an accusing hoof at Rainbow Dash.

176 DUE PROCESS (CONT'D)
The defendant is guilty of these charges and deserves to be banned from the Wonderbolts for the rest of her life.

He walks back to the prosecutor's table.

177 DUE PROCESS (CONT'D)
I rest my case.

WHISPERS from the gallery.

178 JUDGE
As the defense has made no real attempt to refute the charges, I think I'm ready to make my ruling.

Rainbow Dash has never looked so helpless in all her life.

179 JUDGE (CONT'D)
Rainbow Dash, I'm afraid I have no
choice but to find you--

Suddenly the door is KICKED OPEN!

180 RARITY
STOP THE PRESSES!

Rarity enters, dressed head to toe in a sleek pink suit. She is flanked by the Stylists from the Canterlocks Beauty Salon.

181 JUDGE
(confused)
Stop the presses? This isn't a
newspaper.

Rarity struts up the aisle to the defense table.

182 RARITY
Then stop...whatever this is. I'd
like to confer with my client.

183 RAINBOW DASH
I'm not her client.

184 RARITY
(quietly)
Please, Rainbow Dash. I know it's
hard to hear after last night, but
you've got to trust me.

Rainbow Dash scowls, but says nothing. Rarity steps in front of the judge, brimming with theatricality.

185 RARITY (CONT'D)
Your Honor, I'd like to call my
first witness...the one-and-only
Sapphire Shores!!

The LIGHTS DIM and somehow a disco ball starts to spin. Sapphire Shores enters with full diva music playing and does a sassy strut to the witness stand.

The gallery goes nuts, screaming and wide-eyed for the musical star, who carries one of Rarity's bags from Act One.

186 RAINBOW DASH
(furious)
Rarity! What are you doing?

187 JUDGE
Order! Order!

The judge BANGS his gavel and the lighting returns to normal.

188 GALLERY MEMBER (O.S.)
We love you Sapphire!

189 SAPPHIRE SHORES
I love you, too, y'all!

190 DUE PROCESS
Your Honor, what relevance does the
fabulous Sapphire Shores have to
these proceedings?

191 SAPPHIRE SHORES
Honey, Sapphire Shores is always
relevant.

As the courtroom calms, Rarity notices Rainbow Dash giving
her an angry look.

192 JUDGE
Tread carefully, counselor.

193 RARITY
Ms. Shores, where did you get that
fabulous bag?

194 SAPPHIRE SHORES
This? It's from the new "Sapphire
Shores Collection by Rarity,"
coming this fall.

The gallery OOHS AND AAHS. Rainbow Dash drops her head to
the table.

195 JUDGE
As much as I love this witness's
music, and would like to get her
autograph for my daughter, this
testimony is clearly not relevant
to the case and I am going to
proceed with my ruling.

He raises his gavel to pound Rainbow Dash's dreams of joining
the Wonderbolts into oblivion.

196 RARITY
Wait, Your Honor. The future of
one of my very best friends is on
the line. Won't you let me call
just one relevant witness?

The Judge eyes her sternly.

197 JUDGE
Very well. But any more publicity
stunts and this trial is over.

Sapphire Shores struts back to the gallery, giving Rarity a high-hoof along the way. She LEAVES THE BAG ON THE STAND.

198 SAPPHIRE SHORES
Get 'em, girl.

199 RARITY
Your Honor, the defense calls...
(dramatically)
...Wind Shear to the stand.

The gallery erupts again.

200 DUE PROCESS
How long are we going to let
this...*fashionista* make a mockery
of this court?

201 RARITY
One witness, Your Honor. Sometimes
you have to brush the mane to find
the kinks.

The Stylists nod sagely -- "That's right."

202 JUDGE
I'll allow it. Mr. Shear.

Wind Shear can barely disguise his contempt as he trudges to the witness stand, decked out in full uniform. With distaste, he moves the bag to the side.

203 RAINBOW DASH
(quietly, to Rarity)
Haven't you had enough time in the
spotlight? Now you're going to
humiliate one of the greatest
fliers in history?

204 RARITY
I'm not going to humiliate anypony.
I'm going to prove you innocent.

205 JUDGE
Proceed, counselor.

She steps forward. Wind Shear is beyond intimidating.

206 RARITY
Uh, how are you today, Mr. Shear?

207 WIND SHEAR
(sardonically)
Just lovely. Yourself?

The gallery LAUGHS. Rarity is flustered.

208 RARITY
I have a question about the
Wonderbolts' uniforms--

209 WIND SHEAR
Then maybe you'd like to bring
Sapphire Shores back up here.

The gallery LAUGHS again.

210 RARITY
The silk your performance uniforms
are made from can only be found here
in Canterlot, isn't that right?

211 WIND SHEAR
If you say so.

212 RARITY
And instead of ordinary silkworms,
it's made from incredibly rare
milkworms whose silk is waterproof.

213 WIND SHEAR
Lady, did you call me up here to
talk about worms and fashion?
Because I don't know which is more
meaningless.

Rarity's eyes harden at the insult to her vocation.

214 RARITY
(ice cold)
Fashion is not meaningless.

215 JUDGE
What is your point, counselor?

She locks eyes with her Stylists and Sapphire Shores, then
looks at poor Rainbow Dash, who is living her worst day.

216 RARITY
My point, Your Honor, is sometimes
a blonde isn't really a blonde.
And a silk isn't always a silk.

217 DUE PROCESS
I think we've seen enough, Judge--

218 RARITY
(wheeling on Wind Shear)
You framed Rainbow Dash, didn't
you?

The gallery erupts. The Judge BANGS his gavel.

219 JUDGE
Order! Order!

220 RARITY
You sabotaged yourself, isn't that
right?

221 JUDGE
You don't have to answer that!

222 WIND SHEAR
No. I'll answer it.

A hush falls over the courtroom.

223 WIND SHEAR (CONT'D)
Lady, we live in a world of clouds.
Clouds and wind and sky and flight.
You sit there with your horn in the
air and talk about stitching and
fabrics and other meaningless
things, but where I fly, where the
Wonderbolts fly, we have records.
And those records mean something...

He starts to COUGH, just as he did in Act One. Rarity fumes.

224 RARITY
What's the matter? Need a drink?

She magics a pitcher of water off the defense table...and
SPLASHES IT ALL OVER THE BAG! Some of it hits Wind Shear.

The courtroom erupts. The gavel bangs. He sits there,
apoplectic, dripping water.

225 JUDGE
THAT IS QUITE ENOUGH!

226 WIND SHEAR
You snotty little--

227 RARITY
Curious. The silk bag didn't
shrink. Nor did your uniform.
They must both be made from
milkworms' silk.

She levitates Rainbow Dash's uniform off the prosecutor's
table and tosses it into the puddle. It SHRINKS drastically.

228 RARITY (CONT'D)
But Reserves' uniforms aren't.
They're made from a much cheaper
silk that shrinks when wet.

229 WIND SHEAR
What's your point?

She magics the SCRAP into the puddle. It doesn't shrink.

230 RARITY
It seems the scrap in your room
didn't come from a Reserves
uniform, did it, Mr. Shear?

Wind Shear grinds his teeth. He is irate.

231 RARITY (CONT'D)
So I'll ask you again: did you
frame Rainbow Dash?

232 WIND SHEAR
I did what I had to do.

233 RARITY
DID YOU FRAME RAINBOW DASH??

234 WIND SHEAR
You bet your horn I did! That snot-
nosed punk was going to break my
record! I worked my whole life for
that record and I'll never give it
up to somepony as arrogant as her!

Chaos in the courtroom. Rainbow Dash is slack-jawed.

235 DUE PROCESS
Your Honor, I demand a recess--

236 JUDGE
Overruled.

237 WIND SHEAR
I saw the way she treated those
ponies at the Stadium!
(MORE)

WIND SHEAR (CONT'D)
I saw her tear her uniform showing
off in front of me!

DISSOLVE TO:

SC28. VARIOUS - FANTASY

Wind Shear watches Rainbow Dash do his trick. She doesn't notice her uniform snag and a small piece tear off.

Later, he takes the discarded bowl of alfalfa dip from near the trash. Then he swipes the horse tack. Then he scoops up some pencils...

That night, in his room, he tests the window, which is jammed tight. He tries the door, and the alfalfa dip has already set, making it impossible to move. He tears a small piece from his own uniform and plants it near his bed, then lays down and straps himself in...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC29. INT. COURTROOM - SAME

GUARDS have arrived to take him away.

238 WIND SHEAR
I know what I did was wrong, but she
was going to steal my legacy...they
want to put me out to pasture...

239 DUE PROCESS
Your Honor, this is an outrage!
You just let a fashion designer
insult a decorated member of the
Wonderbolts!

As Rarity passes by, she says:

240 RARITY
What's the matter, Mr. Prosecutor?
(mane flip)
Can't handle the truth?

She embraces Rainbow Dash, who has tears in her eyes.

241 RAINBOW DASH
You did it! I can't believe it!

242 RARITY
Something always struck me as fishy
about the evidence.
(MORE)

RARITY (CONT'D)

And he was the only one who had access to a Wonderbolts uniform and the room. I knew you were innocent, I just didn't know how to prove it until I went to the salon to clear my mind.

243 RAINBOW DASH
I'm so sorry I doubted you, Rarity.
It'll never happen again.

As they take Wind Shear away, he pauses by Rainbow Dash.

244 WIND SHEAR
Listen, kid...I want to apologize.
What I did, it's unbecoming of a Wonderbolt.
(sadly)
I hope someday you do break that record. I don't deserve to hold it.

There's a beat where Rainbow Dash is unreadable. Then, with immense dignity, she SALUTES. He salutes back, then the Guards haul him off.

245 RAINBOW DASH & RARITY
WE DID IT!

And, once again, they do a happy dance.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC30. INT.CANTERLOT EXPRESS - DAY

The train approaches Ponyville Station. We see the other four ponies waiting on the platform.

246 RAINBOW DASH
Listen, Rarity, before we get off the train, I just want to say thank you. I should have trusted that you would never give up on me, even when I didn't understand why you were doing what you were doing.

247 RARITY
Don't think twice, darling.

They share a hug. The train steams to a stop.

SC31. EXT.PONYVILLE TRAIN STATION - MOMENTS LATER

Rarity and Rainbow Dash exit. Everypony greets one another.

248 APPLEJACK
How was Canterlot?

249 RAINBOW DASH
Kinda boring. To be honest, I
couldn't even tell you what
happened at the Parade of Legends.

250 RARITY
And my meeting was awfully...

She shares an "inside joke" look with Rainbow Dash.

251 RARITY (CONT'D)
...dry.

Rarity and Rainbow Dash share a smile and we...

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END