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TEASER

SC. 1 - INT. UNDERGROUND CAVERN - DAY

1ABC
01
[ADVENTURE MUSIC] as DARING DO carefully edges her way across a narrow ledge. She stumbles on some loose rocks and looks down as the debris falls into the BOTTOMLESS GORGE she's precariously perched above. *AK YEARLING*

2(3)
02
She looks across the expanse at a landing where a clover-shaped AMULET sits on a raised dais, sparkling in a single shaft of sunlight from somewhere far above.

Suddenly the ground beneath her gives way and she's forced to jump for it. Dragging herself onto the landing, she glances up at the amulet when a loud HISSSSSSSSSS comes from behind her. She turns, to find herself surrounded by snakes. A COBRA HISSES at her again, it's cowl extended and we...

CUT TO:

SC. 2 - INT. RAINBOW DASH'S HOUSE - CLOUDSDALE - DAY

TWILIGHT SPARKLE looks up from her DARING DO BOOK at RAINBOW DASH who stares back at her aghast.

4 1 5B
RAINBOW DASH
Well, don't stop there! You read, I pack, that's the deal!

2 142 TWILIGHT 143
I'm sorry, Rainbow Dash. I just keep thinking about how much fun you're going to have at the Daring Do Convention. I wish Princess Celestia didn't need my help with the friendship summit in Griffonstone.

4 3 5
RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, it's a bummer you can't go. Part of the fun of a convention is having another pony to share it with.

145AB
3A
Twilight <SIGHS> and closes the book. She hands it to Dash, who shoves it into an over-stuffed suitcase.

4 6
RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Don't worry. I'll make sure AK Yearling signs your book.
(MORE)

4 (66) RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I can't believe she's going to be
there. She never goes to
conventions.

Twilight <SIGHS> and watches, despondent, as Dash finishes
packing. Dash sees her long face.

5 (6) RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
which, I guess will be cool for all
those other fan-ponies, but since
you and I know AK Yearling
personally...

Dash looks around surreptitiously, then leans into Twilight.

6 (65) RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
...and we know that she's secretly
Daring Do, herself, it's no big
deal.

7 (142) TWILIGHT (143) (144B)
I guess you're right.

8 (66) RAINBOW DASH (7) (8) (9)
Of course I am. This convention'll
be fun, but it's nothing to get too
excited about.

Twilight gives Dash a slight smile. Dash returns it as we...

SMASH CUT TO:

SC. 3 - INT. MANHATTAN CONVENTION CENTER - DAY

Rainbow Dash stands in the middle of the crowded (but
production friendly) convention center, totally decked out in
DARING DO COS-PLAY.

She looks around at the Daring Do paraphernalia everywhere,
trying to contain herself as she NEARLY BURSTS AT THE SEAMS
with excitement.

9 (10ABC) (11) RAINBOW DASH
So! Excited!

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 4 - INT. MANHATTAN CONVENTION CENTER - RESUME

Rainbow Dash walks the convention floor trying not to geek-out. She passes stall after stall selling Daring Do comic books, figurines, authentic props from the various books, etc. A SALESPONY calls out to her.

12 10 13 14 SALESPONY
 You look like a pony who'd be up
 for an all inclusive, one of a
 kind, adventu-cation where you get
 to live "The Daring Do Experience."

He hands her a pamphlet. Dash looks through it to see pictures of various Daring Do-style locales.

6 11 16 RAINBOW DASH
 No thanks. I did that already.

Something catches Dash's eye and she walks off, leaving the speechless salespony to stare after her.

Dash walks to the end of a row and her eyes get big as she stares up at...

SC. 5 - INT. CONVENTION - SAPPHIRE STONE BOOTH - CONTINUOUS

Dash stares in wonder at a perfect reproduction of the treasure room from the Quest for the Sapphire Stone.

She takes a step forward, onto one of the PREDATOR ANIMAL TILES, and a thunderous RUMBLE plays from nearby SPEAKERS as lights and jets of (safely placed) FLAME flash, mimicing the climactic scene from the book.

Dash's geek-osity can no longer be contained as she smiles the widest she ever has and declares.

23 12 24 25 149 150 151 156 RAINBOW DASH
 This is the awe--

Another off screen pony's VOICE joins hers as the both continue in unison.

13 6 DASH/QUIBBLE PANTS
 --someest thing ever!

Dash turns to see another pony, QUIBBLE PANTS, standing on the tile next to hers. He looks just as thrilled as she is.

24 14 25 152 153
 QUIBBLE PANTS
 Now this is something that only a true fan can appreciate.

15 26 RAINBOW DASH
 I know! They even put the tiles in the right order!

16 QUIBBLE PANTS
 (impressed)
 Good catch. I'm QUIBBLE PANTS. Nice to meet you.

Dash looks Quibble up and down. He's wearing the exact same outfit as she is.

17 RAINBOW DASH
 Rainbow Dash. Nice costume.

18 QUIBBLE PANTS
 You too. There's a lot of Daring Do outfits around here, but yours obviously took some real thought.

Dash takes off her pith helmet and holds it up.

19 RAINBOW DASH
 Thanks. The hard part was figuring out the fight-

20 DASH/QUIBBLE/PANTS
 (together)
 --number of arrow holes.

21 QUIBBLE PANTS
 Yes!

Quibble takes off his helmet and holds it up. Their hats have the exact same number of holes.

22 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
 Because on page eighty-four of *Sapphire Stone* it describes her dodging a "score of arrows shooting forth from holes in the very walls," but then on page one hundred and seven, Daring Do says she "barely made it past the trap's barrage of arrows." But, clearly, Daring Do is embellishing and the correct number of arrows is--

23 DASH/QUIBBLE PANTS
 Twenty.

Quibble looks to Dash and smiles. Rainbow Dash returns the smile. [FADE UP UPBEAT MUSIC] as we...

START MONTAGE:

In a quick SERIES OF SHOTS, we follow Dash and Quibble as they rush around the convention floor, in nerd-tastic revelry:

- They get their pictures taken in a carnival-style "jungle" backdrop with holes for their faces. Dash pops her head into the Daring Do hole. Quibble sticks his face in the hole for Ahuizotl. FLASH as a picture is taken, then they switch places for another FLASH.

- They take their turns swinging on "vines" (i.e., knotted ropes) over a Daring Do-themed foam pit.

- They exchange gifts, laughing as they both present each other with the exact same Daring Do collectible figurine. [MUSIC FADES OUT] as we...

END MONTAGE

SC. 6 - INT. CONVENTION CENTER - SNACK BAR - DAY

The SNACK BAR PONY presses apples, filling up Tiki-themed collectible mugs with CIDER. Quibble and Dash both take a mug and sit. Dash looks down at her DD figurine.

24 RAINBOW DASH
I'm so glad I ran into you. My friend Twilight couldn't make it and even though I knew the convention would be totally awesome, it's more fun when you're with someone who really knows Daring Do.

25 QUIBBLE PANTS
I know what you mean. It's so hard to find a pony who really gets it.

Dash sets down her drink and pulls out her convention program. She looks at it puzzled.

26 RAINBOW DASH
That's weird. We've only done stuff from the first trilogy. After lunch we should probably start working our way through the other books.

29 31 156 157 158 159 160
 27 QUIBBLE PANTS
 Whoa, whoa, whoa! There are no
 "other books."

28 34 RAINBOW DASH 35 36
 What are you talking about? Of
 course there are. Daring Do and the
 Trek to the Terrifying Tower,
 Daring Do and the Many Faces of--

29 QUIBBLE PANTS
 (cutting her off)
 Please don't. Just don't even
 mention the titles. I'm not saying
 those books don't exist. I'm saying
 that I refuse to acknowledge them.

30 31 RAINBOW DASH
 Why?

31 QUIBBLE PANTS
 Because they're horrible! I mean,
 there isn't a single thing after
 Ring of Destiny that is even
 remotely in the realm of the
 possible.

Dash stands spilling her drink.

32 32 RAINBOW DASH 37 38
 WHAT! That's ridiculous. I know for
 a fact that everything in every one
 of those books is one hundred
 percent possible.

33 QUIBBLE PANTS
 And how could you possibly know
 that?

Dash looks around at the crowd of fans that have gathered
 around them and quickly thinks better of revealing Daring
 Do's secret identity.

34 37 38 39 40
 RAINBOW DASH
 I just do

35 QUIBBLE PANTS
 (sarcastic)
 Well, that's a compelling argument!

29 36 RAINBOW DASH
 Why would you even come to this
 convention if you hate Daring Do so
 much.

29 32 156 (157)
 37 QUIBBLE PANTS
 I don't hate Daring Do. The first series was smart and cool and an amazing nod to old-time serialized adventure books that somehow manages to be self-reflexive and ironic while at the same time celebrating the art form without a hint of cynicism.

38 RAINBOW DASH
 Okaayyy...

39 QUIBBLE PANTS
 Which is why I came here to ask AK Yearling, ~~face to face~~, why she sold out and dumped down the rest of her books into just a series of impossible action sequences.

40 RAINBOW DASH
 Okay, now I know you're crazy. AK Yearling is awesome and every Daring Do book that comes out is better than the last.

41 QUIBBLE PANTS
 Wow. Okay. Yeah. I'm sorry but I could never be friends with somepony who's willing to believe impossible stuff is possible as long as Daring Do does it.

42 RAINBOW DASH
 That's okay, because I could never be friends with a pony who's so focused on things being possible that he's willing to turn his back on the coolest hero of all time!

43 QUIBBLE PANTS
 Fine.

44 RAINBOW DASH
 Fine.

With that, both Dash and Quibble turn on their heels and walk off in opposite directions.

SC. 7 - INT. MANHATTAN HOTEL - LOBBY - DAY

Rainbow Dash stands at the front desk, staring down a SNOOTY HOTEL PONY.

15 45 16 17 18 RAINBOW DASH
Look, just tell AK Yearling that
Rainbow Dash is here and I need her
help to convince a know-it-all pony
that everything Daring Do's ever
done actually happened.

The Snooty Hotel Pony looks down his nose at her,
incredulous.

46 AK YEARLING (O.S.)
Rainbow Dash?

Dash spins to see AK YEARLING, wearing over-sized sunglasses
and a head scarf.

47 RAINBOW DASH
AK! Thank goodness! I've got to
talk to you! It's an emergency!

AK Yearling casts a nervous glance over her shoulder, then
turns back to Dash, lowering her voice.

48 AK YEARLING
Not here.

Dash smirks at the Snooty Pony as AK leads her off. Off
Snooty's eye roll...

SC. 8 - INT. AK YEARLING'S HOTEL ROOM - LATER

AK Yearling rushes Dash inside the room and quickly shuts the
door, locking it behind her. She peers through the peep hole
for a moment, then turns to Dash.

49 AK YEARLING
Now, tell me what's going on. Is it
Caballeron? Did you see him?

50 RAINBOW DASH
Caballeron? What? No.

AK whips off her writer's clothes to reveal her Daring Do
outfit underneath. She pulls her pith helmet from a nearby
suitcase.

4.
16 51 1920b RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
But there is a pony downstairs who
thinks everything you've written
after the first trilogy is totally
unrealistic and terrible and I need
you to help me prove to him that
it's all totally possible.

AK stares at her a beat, then...

4.
52 AK YEARLING
Rainbow Dash, I've got bigger
problems on my hoofs than
dissatisfied fan-ponies.

AK Yearling take off her hat, reaches inside and pulls out an
SPARKLING AMULET.

53 RAINBOW DASH
Is that--

4.
54 AK YEARLING
--the Amulet of Culhuacan. And
Caballeron wants it.

[pronunciation: <http://www.forvo.com/word/culhuac%C3%A1n/>]

55 RAINBOW DASH
Whoa...

She pulls out a faded map and spreads it on the table. She
tosses the amulet on the table.

4.
56 AK YEARLING
(laughing)
But the amulet's only a key. The
real treasure is hidden in a lost
temple, The Seven Sided Chest of
Chicomoztoc. Caballeron wants to
sell it to the highest bidder, of
course, but the treasure belongs in
the Canterlot Museum of Ancient
Artifacts, which is why I need to
find it first.

[pronunciation: <http://www.forvo.com/word/chicomoztoc/>]

4.
57 RAINBOW DASH
YES! Sounds like yet another
awesome Daring Do Adventure! But
what are you doing here?

↓ ↓

16 58 (20) AK YEARLING
Since I haven't found the temple
yet it's the safest place for me
and the Amulet. It's crawling with
security and if I get into trouble,
I can just blend in with all the
Daring Do cos-players.

Dash nods, understanding the situation.

59 RAINBOW DASH
How can I help?

60 AK YEARLING
Just keep your eyes out for
anything suspicious.

61 (20) RAINBOW DASH
Got it,
(with a sudden thought)
Hey, does a pony who only likes
your first trilogy qualify as
suspicious?

AK just stares at her.

62 (20) RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Just checking.

SC. 9 - INT. CONVENTION CENTER - EVENING

Dash patrols the convention floor, looking for anything
suspicious.

40 63 (41) RAINBOW DASH
Okay. Looking for anything
suspicious.

Dash scans the crowd and sees... Two ponies in a giant paper
maché Ahuizotl costume sauntering by. Dash frowns.

64 (43) RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
This is going to be harder than I
thought. But at least I don't have
to listen to Quibble Pants bash all
of this coolness. I wonder if I'll
even recognize the real Caballeron
when I see him.

As Dash walks off into the crowd we PAN OVER to THE REAL
CABALLERON--Dun Dun DUNNNNNNN!

Caballeron looks out at the crazy convention floor.

40 43 46 CABALLERON 47 (48)
 65
 <SIGH> I find all this fanfare
 around my archenemy disturbing.

He grabs a book from a nearby stall, looks at Daring Do on the cover, then tosses it aside.

66 CABALLERON (CONT'D)
 I mean, where is the booth for Caballeron?

The PONY running the book booth points across the aisle and we WHIP PAN to a line of Caballeron cos-players stretching away from a CABALLERON-THEMED BOOTH. WHIP PAN BACK TO...

67 CABALLERON (CONT'D)
 I do not see the likeness.

Caballeron looks down as a YOUNG PONY tugs at his shirt.

68 YOUNG PONY 49 50 51 52 53 54
 Excuse me, sir. Can I take your picture?

69 (44) CABALLERON
 Finally! I young pony who has recognized the true hero of these stories, Caballeron!

He poses, smiling, as the Young Pony's camera FLASHES.

70 YOUNG PONY 49 50 51 52 53
 Actually, it's for my collection of villains. Thanks!

Caballeron's smile drops as the Young Pony runs off. One of the Henchponies pats him on the back, sympathetically.

71 CABALLERON (45)
 Come. Let us find Daring Do and the Amulet of Culhuacan. I don't want to spend any more time in this place than I have to.

Caballeron shuffles off and the Henchponies follow.

SC. 10 - INT. CONVENTION CENTER - ELSEWHERE - LATER

Dash exits an aisle carefully scanning everypony she sees. She steps in front of a nearby Caballeron and checks "his" five-o-clock shadow, only to discover it's a girl pony.

72 CABALLERON COS-PLAYER
 Hey!
 57 RAINBOW DASH
 Sorry.
 Suddenly a voice comes from behind her.
 74 QUIBBLE PANTS (O.S.)
 Well, well, well, if it isn't the
 pony who knows impossible things
 can happen because she just does.
 Dash turns, rolling her eyes.
 75 RAINBOW DASH
 Sorry, Quibble, I've got more
 important things to do than argue
 with a pony who thinks awesome
 means unrealistic.
 Dash turns and walks off. Quibble follows.
 76 QUIBBLE PANTS
 No, wait. I wanna hear more about
 how you're one hundred percent
 sure that in Curse of the Jungle
 Queen, Daring Do could survive a
 sixty story drop from the top of a
 waterfall after sustaining a broken
 wing in a category six rapid.
 77 RAINBOW DASH
 Ugh.
 (turning)
 Obviously her wing wasn't broke--
 Dash's eyes go wide as she spots Caballeron and his
 henchponies skulking through one of the aisles.
 78 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
 Caballeron!
 79 QUIBBLE PANTS
 See, now THAT'S a great character!
 Solid backstory. Good motivations--
 80 RAINBOW DASH
 No! Caballeron is right there!
 81 QUIBBLE PANTS
 (rolling his eyes)
 Of course he is.
 (MORE)

56 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
(pointing to several cos-
players)
He's also over there, over there,
over there, and over there.

Caballeron and his crew duck out a side entrance and Dash
takes off after them.

57 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
82 Where are you going!?

Quibble chases after her to...

SC. 11 - INT. CONVENTION CENTER - LOADING DOCK - CONTINUOUS

Dash and Quibble burst through a set of double doors and look
out at an empty loading dock.

83 QUIBBLE PANTS
(loudly)
Aaand we're out her because...

84 RAINBOW DASH 58
Because Daring Do told me that
Caballeron came to this convention
to steal the Amulet of Culhuacan
and I just saw him and his
henchponies come this way.

Quibble stares at Dash for a beat, then...

85 QUIBBLE PANTS
Oookaaaay. I'm gonna head back
inside. There's just a little too
much crazy out here for both of us.

Just as Quibble turns to go, two HENCHPONIES throw a sack
over him. Dash looks back just in time to see Caballeron
smile as a bag is thrown over her as well and we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 12 - INT. CABALLERON'S CAMP - DAY

Two henchponies pull Rainbow Dash out of the sack. Two others
pull Quibble out of his sack. They both take in the scene
around them. Lush jungle. Tents. A campfire.

63 86 CABALLERON
 I do not know what Daring Do is
 playing at, but if she told you two
 fanponies of my plan to steal the
 Amulet, you must work for her.

87 RAINBOW DASH
 (to Quibble)
 Caballeron! HA! Awesome! What do
 you have to say NOW Quibble?

88 QUIBBLE PANTS
 Wow. This was your plan to prove
 the Daring Do books are realistic?
 You bought a "Daring Do Experience,
 Adventure sation"? Really?

89 RAINBOW DASH
 What?! NO! Look around us!
 Henchponies. Caballeron! The jungle
 it took forever to get to! This is
 the real deal!

90 QUIBBLE PANTS
 Riiiiiiight. We're ACTUALLY being
 held captive by Caballeron. Please.
 This guy's accent is all over the
 place.

Quibble turns to Caballeron.

91 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
 No offense.

92 CABALLERON
 (baffled by all of this)
 I....

93 QUIBBLE PANTS
 So, what's the setup, here? You've
 kidnapped us and taken us to the
 middle of nowhere because....?

94 CABALLERON
 The Temple of Chicomoztoc is
 somewhere in this jungle! When I
 find it the Seven Sided Chest is as
 good as mine! I just need the
 Amulet of Culhuacan to unlock it!

63 95 65 QUIBBLE PANTS
 Uh-huh! And Daring Do has the
 Amulet so you came up with this
 overcomplicated plot to lure her
 into the jungle and exchange it for
 us?

96 65 CABALLERON 67
 I wouldn't call it overcomplicated,
 but yes.

97 QUIBBLE PANTS
 Even though she AND the amulet were
 right under your hoof back at the
 convention?

98 CABALLERON 67 68 ABC
 Well, when you put it that way--

Quibble shrugs himself free from the henchponies holding him
 who are too confused by what's happening to stop him.

99 QUIBBLE PANTS
 Okay we're done here. Great work.
 Seriously. VERRRRY believable.

Quibble walks towards the jungle. One of the henchponies
 grabs him and drags him back to the others.

100 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
 Listen pal, you can keep her money,
 but I'm not --

101 CABALLERON
 Going ANYwhere. You may not approve
 of my plan, but I'm the mastermind
 here.

102 QUIBBLE PANTS
 (under his breath)
 Debatable.

103 CABALLERON
 AND I SAY you will remain here
 until Daring Do comes to rescue
 you. And if she wants you back in
 one piece she will give me the
 Amulet! Now, tie them up.

The henchponies tie Rainbow Dash and Quibble to a tree with
 chains around their waists. Caballeron reveals an elaborate
 lock with a Rubix Cube-esque puzzle on it.

175 176 ABC
 98A

177 ABC
 99A

69 104 ⁷⁰ (71) CABALLERON (CONT'D)
And to ensure that you don't
escape...

105 RAINBOW DASH
The Griffon's Lock!

106 CABALLERON ⁷² (74)
Ah, you know of it. Further proof
that you are an agent of Daring Do.

107 QUIBBLE PANTS
Of an avid reader.

Caballeron tosses the lock to one of the henchponies who uses
it to secure the chains.

108 CABALLERON ⁷²
And now I will continue my search
for the Temple. Don't go anywhere.

Caballeron <LAUGHS> villainously as he heads into the jungle,
leaving the four henchponies behind to watch them.

109 QUIBBLE PANTS
Okay. Points for the campy exit.
(to Dash)
Listen, if I pretend to believe
this nonsense is real will you call
off the henchpony repertory theater
over there and let me get back to
the convention?

110 RAINBOW DASH
They're not going to listen to me.
They abducted us BOTH!

Quibble dramatically rolls his eyes.

111 QUIBBLE PANTS ¹⁷³ (174)
Oh, wow. So you're going to STICK
with that script? Okay fine. We're
in a Daring Do adventure.

Quibble uses his teeth to pull a Daring Do fan button off of
his jacket. He tosses it into the brush. It lands with a
clatter, getting the attention of the four henchponies.

112 HENCHPONY
What was that?

113 QUIBBLE PANTS
DARING DO! THANK GOODNESS! WE'RE
OVER HERE!

73
108A

178 ABC
111A



This spooks the henchponies.

69 114 HENCHPONY
Fan out, we can't let Daring Do
rescue these two.

All four of them head into the jungle. Quibble starts laughing.

115 QUIBBLE PANTS
All FOUR?! I mean, shouldn't at
least ONE of them stay behind to
guard us? Oh wait, no because then
it wouldn't be a terrible Daring Do
adventure!

76 116 RAINBOW DASH
It doesn't matter. We'll never
solve the Griffon's Lock before
they get back.

117 QUIBBLE PANTS
Are you kidding me? This thing? I
figured out how to solve it before
Caba-bad actor made his exit!

Quibble reaches down with his nose and starts shifting the
pieces around. Within seconds there's a click, the lock opens
and the chains around them go slack.

76 118 RAINBOW DASH
(to herself)
Okay, that was pretty good.

Rainbow Dash flies up and looks around for the henchponies.
The coast is still clear

119 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Quick before they come back. We've
got to get out of here and warn
Daring Do!

120 QUIBBLE PANTS
No way. I'm done with this game.
Just point me to the hotel and you
can play fanpony and hunt treasure
out here all day long.

Rainbow Dash rolls her eyes and <SIGHS>.

76 121 RAINBOW DASH
Fine. Let's say this IS a Daring Do
Adventu-cation.
(MORE)

76⁴ (77) RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
 The only way to get back to the
 convention is to go through it. So
 just follow me and I'll lead you
 out. Deal?

122 QUIBBLE PANTS
 Ugh. Fine.

76 123 (77) RAINBOW DASH
 Fine.

Dash sets off and Quibble follows.

124 (to herself) RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
 Maybe if I just leave you in the
 jungle it'll convince you.

SC. 13 - EXT. JUNGLE CLEARING/ROPE BRIDGE - LATER

Dash and Quibble enter a clearing. Dash looks exhausted from
 trail blazing. Oblivious, Quibble talks non-stop.

125 QUIBBLE PANTS
 -- which would make Daring Do left
 hoofed, which we KNOW is false! And
 THAT is everything that's wrong
 with Daring Do and the Trek to the
 Terrifying Tower, now the problems
 with the next book are even MORE --

Rainbow Dash holds out a wing, stopping Quibble. They both
 look ahead at a giant ravine, a single precarious-looking
 rope bridge their only means of crossing.

126 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
 Right. What Daring Do adventure
 would be complete without the
 precarious rope bridge?

Rainbow Dash flies ahead. Quibble looks at the bridge
 nervously. He tests the plank with his hoof.

81 127 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
 Look, I'm all for making things
 feel as real as possible but are
 these adventu-cation ponies sure
 this thing is safe?

82 128 (84) RAINBOW DASH
 What? Is it too "realistic" for
 you? Wouldn't want THAT on a Daring
 Do adventure would we?

Rainbow Dash's taunt goads Quibble onto the bridge.

129 ¹⁸⁰ ¹⁸¹ QUIBBLE PANTS
What. Ever. If this were really a
Daring Do adventure I'm sure I'd
step on the wrong plank at exactly
the wrong MOHHH--

Quibble steps on a weak plank and it breaks as his hoof falls
through. He struggles to pull it out and the bridge GROANS in
protest.

Rainbow Dash swoops down and tries to help Quibble out, but
she just gets him more tangled and stuck.

130 RAINBOW DASH
Come on!

All of the struggling strains the bridge. It GROANS again.
Loudly. Rainbow Dash and Quibble stop what they're doing.

131 QUIBBLE PANTS
Heh. Good thing this is all just a
pretend adventure. At least we know
all of this struggling won't make
the bridge fall apart.

The rope on one side of them snaps. Quibble looks deadpan at
Rainbow Dash

132 ¹⁸⁰ ^{183ABC} QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
You need to get your money back.

The rope on the other side snaps, wrapping around Dash's
wings as she and Quibble go plummeting.

Rainbow Dash flaps her wings furiously, trying to shake of
the rope and keep herself and Quibble from falling.

Finally she gets free but it's too late to grab Quibble and
pull up. She gets a determined look on her face and loops the
rope around Quibble's waist.

133 ^{88AB} ^{89AB} RAINBOW DASH
Hang on!

Instead of trying to fly up, Rainbow Dash puts on speed and
hurtles towards the raging rapids below.

134 ¹⁸⁰ QUIBBLE PANTS
ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE US CRASH
FASTER?!?!?

Called
out

Right before they hit the water, Rainbow Dash uses her momentum to re-direct them towards the water's edge, dragging Quibble behind her. His back hooves touch water. He's waterskiing and Rainbow Dash is the boat.

135 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
[screaming antics]

Rainbow Dash swerves around rocks with pinpoint precision.

They make it to land. Rainbow Dash tumbles in one direction and lands in the bushes. Quibble is hurled in the other direction and ends up in a pile of rope and bridge planks.

Rainbow Dash flies out of the bushes and brushes herself off.

136 RAINBOW DASH
How's THAT for not possible!

Quibble extricates himself from the rope and planks and rushes over to Rainbow Dash.

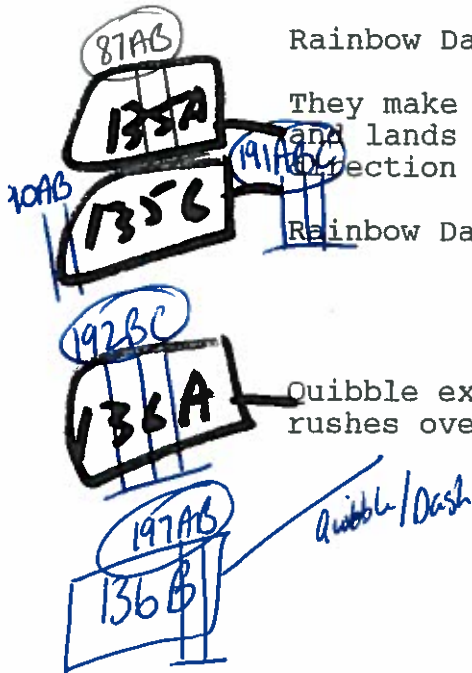
137 QUIBBLE PANTS
THAT. WAS. AWESOME! I thought we...
And then you... and the flying...
and I was like WHERE ARE YOU GOING
because going down seemed INSANE!
But then you swerved!? And I was on
the water! And the rocks?! WOW.

138 RAINBOW DASH
Yea... if you read that in a book
you might even think it was
unrealistic.

Quibble stops talking. He looks back up to where the bridge was, down to the rapids and over to the pile of planks and ropes. He smiles.

139 QUIBBLE PANTS
Okay. I'll give you that one. I
mean we could have been done for.
(realizing)
We could have been done for! What
kind of Adventu-cation IS this? I
mean that's just bad business! What
are these ponies thinking?

140 CABALLERON (O.S.)
Right now we are thinking that we
should thank you for escaping...



Reveal Caballeron and two henchponies. Caballeron gestures behind him. An imposing temple is carved into the side of the ravine.

90 141 (92) CABALLERON (CONT'D)
For you have led us directly to the
Lost Temple of Chicomoztoc!

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 14 - INT. TEMPLE OF CHICOMOSTOC ANTECHAMBER - LATER

An opening high above shines sunlight into the antechamber of the temple. Huge pillars and torches line the walls. An ornately decorated stairway leads up to a small doorway.

Two of Caballeron's henchponies drag a struggling Rainbow Dash inside. Two more drag Quibble. Quibble is scowling with his hooves crossed across his chest. Caballeron observes.

96 142 (97) CABALLERON (98)
Make sure they are secure this
time! We can't have them escaping
again.

143 (97) RAINBOW DASH
(struggling)
You'll never get away with this.

144 CABALLERON
Won't it? You've led me to the
temple. And Daring Do is too noble
to let harm befall her companions
so the amulet is as good as mine.

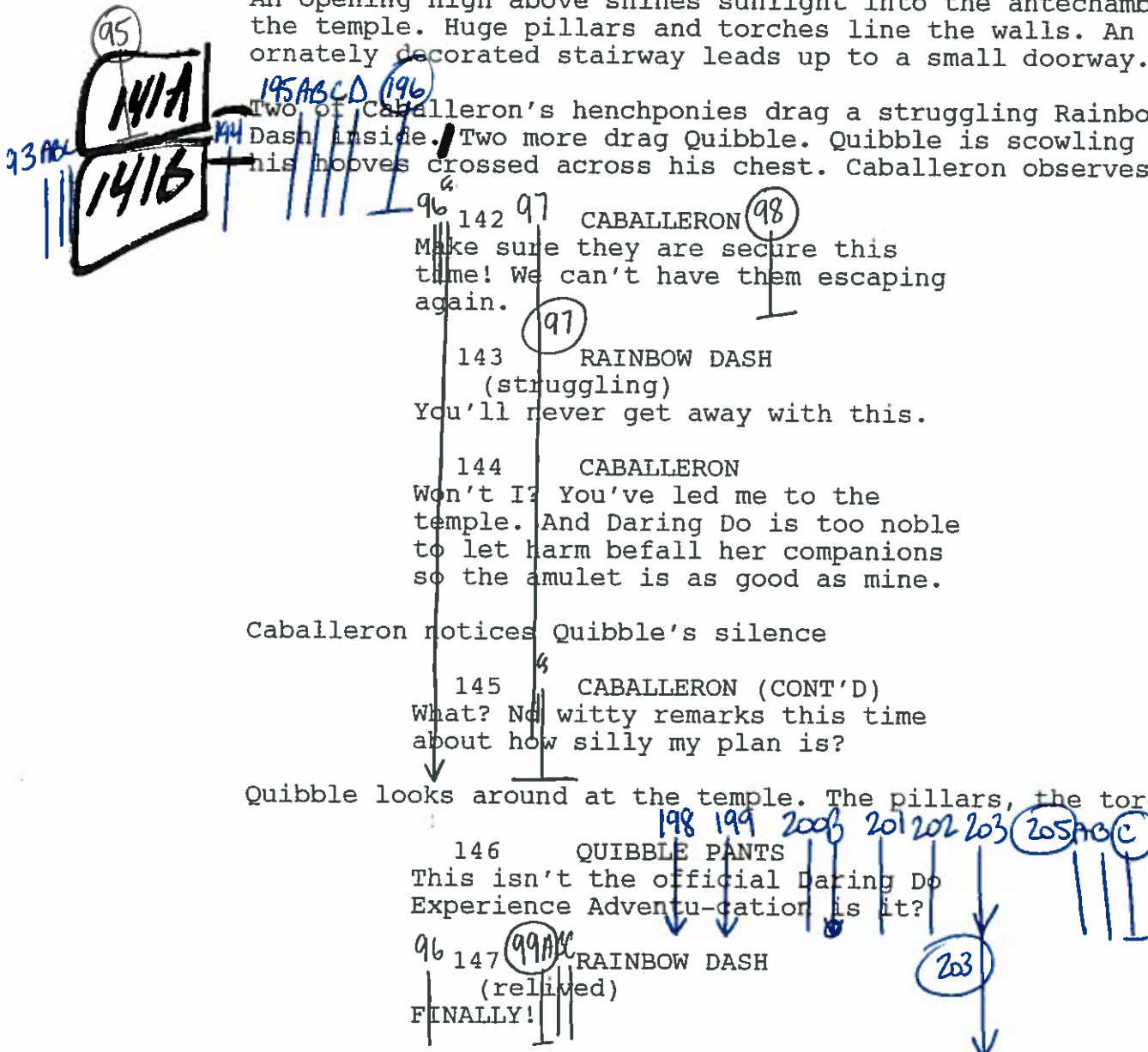
Caballeron notices Quibble's silence

145 CABALLERON (CONT'D)
What? No witty remarks this time
about how silly my plan is?

Quibble looks around at the temple. The pillars, the torches.

146 QUIBBLE PANTS
This isn't the official Daring Do
Experience Adventu-cation is it?

96 147 (99) RAINBOW DASH
(relieved)
FINALLY!



148 QUIBBLE PANTS

It's some cheap knock off run by a bunch of incompetent ponies that have no idea how to execute this adventure with any level of safety!!!!

100 (101)
148A

Rainbow Dash groans and hoofplants.

149 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)

I mean, what was that with the bridge! We were in serious danger! I'm reporting you all to... well... I don't know who I'm reporting you to, but it's gonna be somepony important!

149A

Quibble breaks free from the Henchponies and rounds on them all, glaring at Dash as he continues his rant.

150 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)

Oh, and this cut-rate excuse for an "experience" hasn't proved anything except that I'm right. It has all the hallmarks of a lame Daring Do adventure.

The henchponies step forward, menacingly, but as Quibble backs up he steps on a brick that sinks into the floor.

A piece of wall behind him slides open and a massive mud flow starts to pour into the chamber. Everyone except Quibble freezes for fear of triggering another trap. Quibble is so mad he doesn't notice.

102
151 RAINBOW DASH
Uh... Quibble?

152 QUIBBLE PANTS
No. I'M talking! Generic jungle locations? Check. Overly complicated villain plot? Check.

Quibble steps on another brick that sinks into the floor. A piece of the wall on the other side of the temple slides open. More mud flows in. Quibble doesn't notice.

153 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)

Random coincidences that conveniently get us to the next big set piece? CHECK!

206 207

102B 154 ^{103AB} CABALLERON ^{104AB} w/out "fool"
 Watch where you are stepping you
 fool!

155 ¹⁹⁹ ²⁰³ QUIBBLE PANTS
 Listen buddy, I don't take orders
 from some second rate performer who
 learned acting from the
 supervillain school of bad accents.

Quibble steps on one final brick. It sinks into the floor.
 The ground behind him slides open and more mud rises up.

156 ^{204A} ²⁰⁸ QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
 The only thing this mess is missing
 is some giant Ahuizotl wanna be
 monster and I have a feeling that
 would be a bit too much for you
 bargain basement adventurers to
 pull off.

^{209ABC} ^{210ABC}
154A Out of the opening in the floor, a giant ROAR. A SHADOWY MASS
 slowly rises out of the opening, covered in mud. Two large
 flipper-like hands slam down on the ground behind Quibble,
 FINALLY getting his attention.

Small
 but?

Quibble slowly turns to see a giant monstrous head peer down
 at him: CIPACTLI - part toad, part fish, part crocodile.

[pronunciation link: <http://www.forvo.com/word/cipactli/>]

Cipactli ROARS again, splattering mud all over Quibble, who
 finally notices it flooding the floor of the temple. Quibble
 reaches out and pokes Cipactli's nose.

^{211B}
 157 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
 Um... You're real.
 (to Dash)
 This is real.

¹⁰⁶ ¹⁰⁷
157A Dash nods, terrified as Caballeron and the four henchponies
 all run towards the exit. Quibble turns back, realization
 dawning as Cipactli opens it's giant jaws.

158 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
 THIS IS REAL!!!

^{212ABC} ^{213ABC}
158A As Cipactli starts to chomps down, a familiar pith-helmeted
 figure swings by on a vine and grabs Quibble at the last
 possible second, pulling him to a high ledge just as
 Cipactli's massive teeth crash together.

Cipactli roars in frustration as he crawls out of the mud.

Dash flies up and lands next to Daring Do and Quibble on the ledge. Quibble stares at Daring Do, the amulet of Culhuacan hanging around her neck.

159 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
Y-you... you're...

108 160 RAINBOW DASH
Daring Do!

161 DARING DO
Rainbow Dash, I told you to warn me of anything suspicious, not run off on an adventure without me. If I hadn't heard Cipactli roaring I never would have found you!

162 QUIBBLE PANTS
Whoa whoa whoa. You're real.
You're... Friends with her?

He points to Rainbow Dash who nods, beaming.

163 DARING DO
We'll have to do introductions later. Right now we have to--

164 QUIBBLE PANTS
(cutting her off)
Get out of here. Yes! Thank you!

165 DARING DO
Actually no.

166 DASH/QUIBBLE PANTS
WHAT!?

167 DARING DO
We can't leave without the treasure. And we should probably get to it before our friend gets any higher.

Daring Do nods at Cipactli, thrashing around in the rising mud just below an ornate archway.

168 DARING DO (CONT'D)
Even so, with the creature guarding that archway, we may already be too late.

169 RAINBOW DASH
Maybe not!

114 115
162A

Rainbow Dash grabs another Daring Do pin from Quibble's jacket. She tosses it towards the opposite end of the temple. It clatters against the wall, drawing Cipactli's attention.

Cipactli Roars and bounds towards the sound. Daring Do looks back at Dash and grins.

108 170 DARING DO
Hey, nice move! I'll have to remember that.

171 RAINBOW DASH
(winking at Quibble)
Yup. Works every time.

171A

The two pegasi struggle to carry Quibble as the fly through the archway, the mud behind them continuing to rise.

SC. 15 - INT. TEMPLE - TREASURE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Daring Do, Rainbow Dash and Quibble enter the room. Inside are seven locked doors, each one with different stylized battles featuring ponies and creatures carved into them. Each door has an opening the exact size of the amulet.

116 172 RAINBOW DASH
Whoa...

173 DARING DO
Seven doors, Seven locks. One of them leads to the treasure. I'd rather not think about what the others lead to.

Quibble pushes forward and looks at one of the doors.

174 QUIBBLE PANTS
Yeah, yeah. The classic pony and the tiger bit. I get it. All you have to do is--

175 RAINBOW DASH
(cutting him off)
Um... Maybe you should let Daring Do figure it out?

Quibble looks up and sees Dash and Daring Do staring at him. A sudden ROAR drifts in from the corridor

176 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
It's not like we have a lot of time.



177 ²²¹ QUIBBLE PANTS
Oh, excuse me.

Quibble makes a show of stepping aside as Daring Do starts examining the first door carefully. Rainbow Dash hangs on every moment. Quibble rolls his eyes.

Daring Do runs her hoof along the carvings in the second door. She holds the amulet up to the lock. Quibble fake coughs loudly.

178 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
(fake cough)
Notthatone.

Rainbow Dash glares at Quibble.

179 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
Sorry.

Daring Do reaches the third door. She lifts the amulet and holds it close to the lock. Quibble lets out the *Family Feud* [X] sound.

180 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
Eeeeeeeeeeeeeehhhhhh....

116 181 ¹¹⁸ DARING DO
Is he always like this?

4. 182 ²¹⁶ ²¹⁸ RAINBOW DASH
Super annoying? Yeah. Buuuttttt....
He's usually right.

Daring Do appraises Quibble.

183 ¹¹⁹ DARING DO
Fine. Which lock do YOU think it is?

Quibble lets out a relieved sigh.

184 ²¹⁶ ²¹⁸ ²²⁰ QUIBBLE PANTS
FINALLY! Look. Each door has another door that matches. THESE two both have earth ponies fighting serpents, THESE two have Pegasi fighting Griffons, THESE two have unicorns fighting bears with magic. But THIS one..

116 185 119 DARING DO 120
Has an alicorn on it. It's the only
one without a match. How did I miss
that? , ,

186 QUIBBLE PANTS
I've been asking myself that ever
since book four.

Daring Do glares at him.

187 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
Heh heh. Sorry.

Daring Do places the amulet in the lock and turns it. There's a rumbling and the door slides open, revealing

188 DARING DO, QUIBBLE AND RAINBOW DASH
The Seven Sided Chest of
Chicomoztoc.

Daring Do pulls out the treasure and places it in her satchel.

189 QUIBBLE PANTS
Uh, guys?

quibble motions to the floor. Mud oozes in through the doorway. All three rush out towards the antechamber.

SC. 16 - INT. TEMPLE OF CHICOMOZTOC ANTECHAMBER - CONTINUOUS

Quibble, Dash and Daring Do run out the doorway to find the mud has risen almost all the way to the top of the temple.

190 RAINBOW DASH
The way out is totally covered! How
are we gonna get out of here?

Cipactli bursts out of the mud and roars, thrashing towards them.

Daring Do motions to the sunlight pouring through an opening at the TOP OF THE TEMPLE (i.e., the ceiling).

191	DARING DO
There!	

192 QUIBBLE BANTS
Seriously, do you ever NOT escape
out of the top of a temple?

Daring Do and Rainbow Dash glare at Quibble

193 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
Got it. Wrong time, wrong place.

123 194 125 DARING DO 126 127
We'll have to carry mister
adventure critic out with us.

195 RAINBOW DASH
We won't be fast enough, we'll
never make it.

196 DARING DO
Well, what then?

197 QUIBBLE PANTS (O.S.)
Guys!

Daring Do and Rainbow Dash turn. Quibble has gathered a bunch of vines. He holds them out to Rainbow Dash.

198 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
I think Rainbow Dash and I have
this covered.

Daring Do looks questioningly at Dash. Dash grins.

SC. 17 - INT. FLOODED TEMPLE ANTECHAMBER - MOMENTS LATER

Rainbow Dash and Daring Do are flying just above the surface of the mud at full speed, vines wrapped around their front hooves. Quibble desperately holds onto the vines behind them, skimming the surface on his back legs like he's waterskiing.

Cipactli sees them and picks up speed. They are on a collision course.

128 199 RAINBOW DASH 229 230
(yelling against the wind)
Which way should we go?

200 QUIBBLE PANTS
(yelling from behind them)
Go around! You can't go over him!

128 201 129 DARING DO
(also yelling)
Go over him are you crazy?

202 RAINBOW DASH
If Quibble says go over him, we go
over him!



Rainbow Dash and Daring Do put on a final burst of speed, flying straight at Cipactli. They are about to collide when Do and Dash both fly straight up.

The vines stretch as Quibble dangles right in front of Cipactli's eyes for a split second before the vines contract, shooting Quibble up and out like a sling shot. Daring Do and Dash follow as Cipactli ROARS beneath them.

SC. 18 - EXT. EXOTIC JUNGLE - CONTINUOUS

Rainbow Dash, Daring Do and Quibble come flying out of the temple. They all land on the ground next to the river, tangled in vines.

203 QUIBBLE PANTS
You two are insane!

131 204 RAINBOW DASH
You SAID to go over him!

205 QUIBBLE PANTS
I SAID go around him!

131 206 DARING DO
And I said be quiet, Caballeron and his henchponies are right over there!

207 CABALLERON (O.S.)
This way! I heard them!

Angle on: Caballeron and his four henchponies searching the riverbank. A <ROAR> from inside the temple gives them pause.

208 QUIBBLE PANTS
Ok, I've got it. Let's create a fake treasure out of mud and rocks, give THAT to Caballeron and then when Cipactli comes looking for it we can--

Daring Do snaps three reeds from a plant nearby and hands them to Dash and Quibble.

131 209 DARING DO
Not EVERY Daring Do plan has to be super complicated.

She pushes Quibble and Dash backwards into the water and quickly follows. They use the reeds to breathe.

Caballeron and his henchponies burst through the brush but find nopony there.

131 210 (132) CABALLERON
I swear I heard them!

Suddenly, the entrance to the temple behind them explodes. Cipactli comes crashing out with a <ROAR>.

210 (132) Cipactli looks around and zeros in on Caballeron and his henchponies. With a ROAR, the monster bounds towards them. They immediately turn tail and run.

211 CABALLERON (CONT'D)
I'll get you Daring Doooooooo!!!!

Daring Do, Dash and Quibble poke their heads out of the water.

234 AB (235) 212 QUIBBLE PANTS
Simple. Effective. Not particularly original or inspired, but it worked.

131 (132) 213 DARING DO
Who are you again?

214 RAINBOW DASH
This is Quibble Pants. He's a fan. Sort of.

Daring Do pockets the gem.

215 DARING DO (133) (134)
Uh-huh. There's some stairs on the other side of the temple that lead out of the ravine. I suggest you two take them and head west. You'll be back at the convention in no time.

216 RAINBOW DASH
What about you?

217 DARING DO
I've got to get this gem to a museum. But thanks for the help. Couldn't have done it without you. Both of you.

With that, Daring Do launches into the sky and flies off.

SC. 19 - EXT. JUNGLE - LATER

Dash and Quibble walk through the jungle and head towards the setting sun. Rainbow Dash looks at Quibble expectantly.

135 218 RAINBOW DASH
Sp???

219 QUIBBLE PANTS
Sooooo. Fine. Maybe the later books ARE slightly more realistic than I gave them credit for. I still don't like them.

220 RAINBOW DASH
What?? How can you--

221 QUIBBLE PANTS
Wait! Hold on! Before we get in another fight, I think I finally figured it out!

Dash looks at him expectantly.

222 QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
I love the Daring Do that solves puzzles and uses her brain to get out of tough situations. And she did WAY more of that in the original trilogy. YOU love the Daring Do that is brave and awesome and comes out on top no matter what the odds.

223 RAINBOW DASH
Okay...

224 QUIBBLE PANTS
And that's okay! We might never agree on what makes Daring Do cool. But YOU are definitely cool. I mean the way you saved me on the bridge? Wow. And escaping from the temple! You, Rainbow Dash, are AWE-SOME.

225 RAINBOW DASH
Well.... I'm not the one who can locate a treasure in half the time Daring Do can. You may have terrible taste in books, but you're petty awesome yourself. In a brainy egghead puzzle solving kind of way.

236 237
226 QUIBBLE PANTS
I guess we don't have to agree on
everything to get along. Friends?

136 227 139 146
RAINBOW DASH
DEFINITELY friends.

They walk off into the sunset.

238 239
228 QUIBBLE PANTS
Do you think AK Yearling would
consider letting ~~me~~ write the next
book? I think I could make things
clearer.

141 AB
2281

Rainbow Dash groans as we

IRIS OUT

END