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Friendship lesson: Sometimes you have to believe in your heroes for them.

Pinkie Pie tells Rainbow Dash about a recent news story that A.K. Yearling had to cut short a book signing event in Canterlot due to “unforeseen circumstances”. Supposedly the author was acting strange (A.K. couldn’t remember how to sign her own name!). Rainbow is sure that something is terribly amiss and they decide to visit AK to check.

When PP and RD arrive at the cottage in the remote forest, A.K. is in a state of confusion. She can’t remember anything that’s happened to her in the last week! A.K. is starting to become panicky - she knows she was in the middle of something important, but the only clue she has is a key to the “Get On Inn” Barn & Breakfast.” Rainbow and Pinkie assure her that they will help piece together what exactly is going on by looking for clues and working backwards (a la “The Hangover”). Rainbow is super excited, It’s finally Rainbow’s chance to truly help her hero!

At the Barn and Breakfast, the Inn Keeper practically kicks Daring Do out insisting she nearly ruined the barn! While Daring feels terrible about what she’s done, Dash is sure there’s a logical explanation. In the barn she finds a clue that leads them to the village of Ponypeii, which is ruled by a Sphynx. They follow clues to various stops in Ponypeii. At each stop, they find angry ponies. Apparently everywhere Daring Do went, she left a trail of destruction in her wake. Daring starts to doubt herself—did she really cause all of this? Has she become so single-minded in finding lost relics that she stopped considering how she was affecting other ponies? Rainbow and Pinkie are sure there is more to it than that.

When they pass a spooky looking labyrinth with a statue of a pony called “Sonambula” out front, Daring says it looks familiar. Whatever she was doing, she was in that labyrinth before! They have to get through but the village ponies warn them it’s dangerous. Ages ago, a King devised the labyrinth as a test. A pony named Sonambula fell in love with the King’s daughter but the king didn’t approve. The King commanded that Sonambula complete a dangerous labyrinth blindfolded in order to prove his dedication. Sonambula’s hope carried him through all the way to the end.

Pinkie says that if Sonambula can do it, so can they! Daring is not so sure. Together they go through the labyrinth encountering all sorts of pitfalls and traps only to discover the fiendish SPHYNX in the heart of the labyrinth, possessively holding a memory stone, a powerful ancient relic with the ability to erase ponies’ memories at will. She is shocked to see Daring again. She was sure that if she used it on her, Daring wouldn’t bother her anymore. We learn that Daring was in the middle of a mission to free the village of Ponypeii, the Sphynx was using the memory stone to trick the ponies into thinking she was their queen. Daring had taken the memory stone and was almost back to her cottage but the Sphynx had pursued her, finally overtaking her and using the Memory Stone on Daring Do, making her forget what her mission had been!

Together, the three ponies are able to trick the Sphynx out of the memory stone once again. They free Ponypeii from her reign and AK's faith in herself is restored, along with her memories. She thanks Rainbow and Pinkie as they head back home to the cottage to record it all for posterity—and for the next Daring Do book.