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Friendship lesson: Be confident in who you are as a pony and your inner beauty will always shine through.

After letting Pumpkin and Poundcake decorate Sugarcube Corner in silly string to celebrate their sneeziversary (the first time they sneezed - it was super adorable), Pinkie has quite a mess on her hands. Twilight suggests that Pinkie pay a visit to Zecora – who has a magical solvent that can remove anything. Rarity volunteers to go along. Her herbal scented shampoo is running low and she needs to pay the zebra pony a visit to get a refill. She wants her mane to be perfect for an upcoming photo shoot with Photo Finish for Cosmare Magazine. Zecora is more than happy to help both ponies out, but Rarity and Pinkie’s orders gets switched! Pinkie takes home the shampoo and Rarity leaves with the solvent. While Pinkie enjoys the sweet herbal smell of shampoo as she tries to clean up Sugarcube Corner, Rarity uses the solvent to wash her mane – and accidentally removes nearly every hair from her head!

Rarity freaks out. Without her mane she can’t be fabulous and if she can’t be fabulous WHO IS SHE!!!!? Rarity immediately returns to Zecora who explains that putting hair back onto a head is a lot tougher than taking it off. She recommends that Rarity wait it out – the hair will grow back eventually and in the meantime, Rarity should know that it’s what’s inside that makes her fabulous. Rarity tries to take Zecora’s advice to heart, but it seems that now that she’s missing her hair, ponies treat her differently. When she goes to the market, wearing a scarf that covers her whole head, nopony stops what they’re doing to watch her entrance. And when she tries to bargain for better deals like she normally does, she isn’t able to persuade anypony! (Not that they could recognize her in her getup...) Desperate for a solution she can use before the photo shoot, Rarity turns to her friends who all offer their own ideas. Fluttershy and her animal friends create a wig made from bits of fur, but it has fleas. Rainbow Dash agrees to follow her around all day trying to keep a mane-shaped cloud on her head, but it blows off with the first breeze. Applejack offers a bonnet, but Rarity looks like a milkmaid. Pinkie offers to make a hair extension out of silly string, but everypony agrees that’s a bad idea. Twilight and Starlight offer to use their magic, but neither of them can seem to get Rarity’s mane quite right.

Rarity is at a loss. The photoshoot is TOMORROW! She wants to cancel. She will never be beautiful again. When ponies look at her, all they’ll see is a sad unicorn with a gross and scraggly mane! Her friends tell her that’s not what they see. They see their friend who started a fashion empire, their friend who accompanied them when they were afraid, their friend who made them feel beautiful in her stunning creations, their friend who was willing to chop off her own tail to help a sea serpent! Rarity wells up. Her friends are so sweet, but they’re also her friends. They love her. The ponies who see this horrible photo of her won’t know any of those things about her. Twilight: “So show them.”

Meanwhile Pinkie has used the entire bottle of herbal shampoo on Sugarcube Corner. The Cakes come home to see soap suds cascading from the windows and doors and despite Sugarcube Corner smelling nice, the silly string is still there. Just then there’s a knock at the door. Rarity, rocking a super stylish mohawk, is there with the solvent, followed by Photo Finish. Rarity says she figured Pinkie would need this and a helping hand. Photo Finish snaps photos of Rarity in her element, helping her friend and

oozing confidence and grace. Pinkie is thrilled to have her friend and Sugarcube Corner back to normal! Zecora and all her friends were right. Rarity just needed to own her new look. If ponies were treating her differently, it's because she was acting differently, and all she needed to do was let her inner fabulousness shine through. The photo shoot is a tremendous success and her mohawk starts a new trend. Everypony orders Zecora's solvent to remove their own hair.