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TEASER

FADE IN:

SC. 1 - INT. FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL - GREAT HALL - DAY

RAINBOW DASH wears a BUCKBALL JERSEY and bounces a BUCKBALL on her head as she trots toward the main exit. The ball suddenly bounces wildly, about to smash into a VASE, (to Dash's horror) when suddenly purple magic catches it.

REVEAL TWILIGHT SPARKLE, levitating the ball. She returns it to Dash, who smiles appreciatively.

1 RAINBOW DASH
Thanks for the assist, Twilight!

2 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Of course. Now do you think you could assist me by stopping by my classroom for a moment?

3 RAINBOW DASH
Sure thing! But it's gotta be *super* quick. I'm sposta meet Rarity for our Day of Fun in like ten seconds.

CUT TO:

SC. 2 - INT. FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL - HALLWAY - SAME TIME

RARITY, dressed in a nice "day out" dress, trots down the hall in a different direction. STARLIGHT GLIMMER trots up --

4 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Rarity! Just the pony I'm looking for. Can you come to Twilight's class with me? It won't take long.

5 RARITY
Oh, I'd love to help, but I have a previous engagement...

6 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
She wants to use you as an example for the students.

Rarity perks up at that.

CUT TO:

SC. 3 - INT. FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL - TWILIGHT'S CLASSROOM - SOON

Rarity prances in, smiling proudly, followed by Starlight.

7 RARITY
(sing-songy)
Your example is here!

Rarity startles at the sight of Rainbow Dash already standing there. Dash's eyes go wide in equal surprise.

8 RAINBOW DASH
I thought I was the example.

Twilight steps between the two to face the class. The STUDENTS (SILVERSTREAM, SMOLDER, GALLUS, YONA, SANDBAR, OCELLUS, COZY GLOW AND INCIDENTALS) are all seated at their desks with NOTEBOOKS, poised to take notes on today's lesson.

9 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You both are. Because together, you perfectly demonstrate my lesson on compromise in friendship!
(then, to the students)
Rainbow Dash and Rarity have very different interests that keep them busy. But being friends is so important to them, they always manage to make time for each other.

Rarity smiles warmly at Dash and then turns back to the class. She nods in agreement.

10 RARITY
Our Day of Fun was hard to plan, what with Rainbow Dash's extremely time-consuming and erratically scheduled Wonderbolts practice...

The students nod and scribble some notes with interest.

11 RAINBOW DASH
And Rarity's weird fashion seasons...
(to the class)
She's working on her winter collection and it's not even summer yet!

12 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But you've still found time to be together, and that's what counts!
(to the students)
See class? These ponies are models of true friendship in action.

Twilight goes to the DOOR and uses her MAGIC to open it and send them on their merry way.

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13 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
(to Rarity and Rainbow)
Thanks for stopping by! Enjoy your
"Day of Fun"!

Rarity and Rainbow Dash go to leave, but are stopped by the
excited voice of SILVERSTREAM, arm up in a question.

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14 SILVERSTREAM
Ooh, ooh! What amazing stuff are
you gonna do together?

(35)

Rarity and Rainbow turn and both answer without hesitation.

(32A B)

14A RARITY
Shoe shopping!

14B RAINBOW DASH
Buckball!

They exchange a confused look and try again.

(A B C)

14C RARITY
Dress shopping!

14D RAINBOW DASH
Obstacle races!

They look at each other again as if to say "third time's a
charm?" and...

(A B)

14E RARITY
Fabric dyeing!

14F RAINBOW DASH
Flight goggle shopping!

Dash sighs in frustration and turns to Rarity.

15 RAINBOW DASH
Aw, come ON! I even said *shopping*
that time!

16 RARITY
Perfect! We'll go shopping first.

Rainbow Dash kicks the Buckball up and bounces it on a hoof.

17 RAINBOW DASH
But, I brought stuff for Buckball--

We PAN OVER to SMOLDER, who frowns, arms crossed.

18 SMOLDER
Are we supposed to be learning
something here? Cause this doesn't
sound like compromising at all.

GALLUS nods along in agreement.

19 GALLUS
Yeah! You guys have nothing in
common. How can you be friends?

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PA Rainbow Dash and Rarity look at each other uneasily. That comment has oddly hit a nerve.

END TEASER.

MAIN TITLES.

ACT ONE

SC. 4 - INT. FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL - TWILIGHT'S CLASSROOM - RESUME

Twilight steps forward, scrambling to save her lesson.

44 39 40 43 5
TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Even though Rainbow Dash and Rarity
enjoy doing different things, there
are plenty of reasons why they're
friends.

We PAN ACROSS the students' faces. They seem skeptical, but
open to the possibility.

39 40 43 21
YONA YAK
...Like what?

Rainbow Dash GROANS. Shouldn't it be obvious?

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RAINBOW DASH
We've always been friends!

43 23
OCELLUS
Always?

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RAINBOW DASH
Well, no. Not always. But for a
super long time.

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RARITY
And we know all the same ponies...

A beat passes before Smolder raises an eyebrow.

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SMOLDER
Um... Is that it?

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RAINBOW DASH
Course not.
(thinking on her feet)
There was the time during the
Cloudsdale Best Young Flyer
competition when I totally saved
Rarity's life!

27A 45AB The students perk up a little. This is more like it...

28 RARITY
And I once proved Rainbow's
innocence to her beloved
Wonderbolts when she was being
framed for a mysterious incident!

29 SANDBAR
Cool! What else?

29A 46AB The students are blank-faced again. Rarity and Rainbow are
visibly thinking hard, but are coming up with nothing.

Starlight dashes to the front of the room.

30 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Look, it may seem like Rarity and
Rainbow Dash don't have that much
in common when you try to put it
into words...

She smiles to Twilight - they've learned this lesson.

31 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
But sometimes friendships can't be
explained. You just have to see
them in action to understand.

ON TWILIGHT - smiling as she gets an idea.

32 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Actually... That's a great idea!

CUT TO:

SC. 5 - EXT. BUCKBALL FIELD - SHORTLY AFTER

Twilight and her group of students all sit in the BLEACHERS
clutching their NOTEBOOKS.

7AB 33 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(shouting OS)
Just go about your Day of Fun as
you normally would! You won't even
know we're here!

As she speaks we PAN OVER to Rainbow Dash and Rarity (down
the field by a bucket), both wearing BUCKBALL JERSEYS. A few
other BUCKBALL PONIES are present, poised to play.

47 48 34 RAINBOW DASH
(ala Wayne's World)
Game Onnnn!

51AB

34A Dash KICKS the BALL with a stylish signature move. She's totally exhilarated!

TRACK AS THE BALL ZOOMS right past Rarity's BUCKET, sitting on the ground unattended.

Dash gapes in frustration.

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35 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Rarity! You were supposed to be holding your bucket!

We PAN OVER to Rarity. She is sitting on the ground, SKETCHING something. Totally off in her own little world.

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36 RARITY
Hmm? Oh, sorry dear! Wearing this drab jersey gave me an idea for a Buckball-inspired line of "athleisure" that would allow for maximum flexibility and style.

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She pops up, levitates the bucket, and does a sporty pose.

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37 RARITY (CONT'D)
But I'm ready now!

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38 RAINBOW DASH
Good. Cause this time I'm gonna try something new and super-intense!

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51AB

38A Rainbow gears up quite elaborately and KICKS the ball again. The ball does an impressive loop-de-loop and curves around, flying past the hovering bucket. Rarity doesn't notice - she's back at her sketches.

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39 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Rarity! Are you even paying attention?

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40 RARITY
What? I mean, of course, dear! I held my bucket and everything!

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41 RAINBOW DASH
But you have to CATCH the ball.

42 RARITY
Really? That sounds dangerous.

Rainbow Dash facehoofs, frustrated.

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43 RAINBOW DASH
 (to herself)
 Oh forget it. She's never going to
 understand the point of this game.
 (to Rarity)
 Buckball time is over!

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44 RARITY
 Finally!

PAN to the students. They nod and furiously scribble notes.
 Twilight looks concerned and tries to cover...

45 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 See? They did something Rainbow
 Dash likes, so now it's time for
 something Rarity likes. Compromise!

CUT TO:

SC. 6 - INT. SHOE STORE - LATER

CLOSE on Rarity's hooves, in a set of GLITTERY MAGENTA BOOTS.
 TILT UP to Rarity's face, scrutinizing her reflection in the
 FLOOR MIRROR. She poses and prances, enjoying herself.

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46 RARITY
 Hmmm... I'm genuinely not sure. Are
 they too in style?

We ZOOM OUT to REVEAL that Rarity and Rainbow Dash are in a
 cramped boutique. Tons of colorful SHOE BOXES line the
 shelves (think Ollivander's Wand Shop). Dash sits
 uncomfortably surrounded by boxes and various SHOES.

47 RAINBOW DASH
 Uh... Isn't that what you want them
 to be?

48 RARITY
 Yes, yes. But they should be ahead
 of the curve. If they are in
 fashion right now, then they are
 practically already out!

49 RAINBOW DASH
 That doesn't make any sense.

58AB 59ACC

Rarity doesn't listen, considering a pair of TEAL STILETTOS.

50 RARITY
 Perhaps I should get the stilettos
 instead. What do you think?

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51 RAINBOW DASH
Unless you like tripping with every
step, heels ~~are~~ pretty useless.

ma horse

52 RARITY
Au contraire! They're perfect in a
multitude of situations: Formal
functions, afternoon teas, evening
teas--

As Rarity names things, she gestures with a hoof. Her
magenta boots shed GLITTER onto the floor.

53 RAINBOW DASH
Can they clean up glitter? Ew! It's
on my hooves! Are we done yet?!

Rainbow kicks/scrapes to wipe her sparkling hooves off.

54 RARITY
Honestly, Rainbow Dash. We just got
here. Go try something on.

55 RAINBOW DASH
This is sooooo boring.

55A 57AB
Rainbow collapses back down on the bench in defeat. Several
boxes clatter to the ground.

REVEAL that Twilight and the students have been watching from
behind a makeshift wall of shoeboxes.

56 OCELLUS
It doesn't seem like they're
enjoying themselves too much.

9AB 10 11 57
TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Rainbow Dash and Rarity are just...
Showcasing an aspect of friendship
called "banter"-- the playful and
friendly exchange of remarks!
(clearly unsure)
It's all in good fun...

57A 12AB
Twilight winces as she looks at her students taking notes.
This is NOT going well.

CUT TO:

SC. 7 - INT. JEWEL CAVE - LATER

Rainbow Dash and Rarity enter a dark cave. Rarity is now
wearing her glittery magenta boots (from the shoe store) and
pulls a WAGON. They both wear HEAD LAMPS and appear excited.

58 RARITY
I simply cannot wait! Collecting
gemstones is my favorite.

59 RAINBOW DASH
Finally, something we can agree on--
treasure hunting!

They <GIGGLE> and hoof-bump.

We PAN OVER to the mouth of the cave. Twilight and her
students heads peer around the corner with their heads on top
of each other (like a totem pole). Twilight smiles--

60 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(whispering)
See, everycreature? That didn't
take long. Now they're having a
great time together.

The students nod enthusiastically.

BACK ON Rarity, using her magic to locate the gems. She
meticulously levitates each one in her wagon with care. She
finds an EMERALD lodged into the wall and extracts it gently.

61 RARITY
Magnifique! This will be perfect
for the emerald-encrusted jumpsuit
I've been working on.

Meanwhile, Dash ZOOMS through the cave, LOUD:

62 RAINBOW DASH
Cool! Now what would be even cooler
is if we could find a treasure
chamber or something...

Rainbow's voice <ECHOES> as she <POUNDS> her hoof on the
wall, searching for secret passages. Rarity winces.

63 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Now if I were a secret door, where
would I be...?

Rainbow ZOOMS back and forth across the cave, <KNOCKING> on
all the walls. Little pieces of RUBBLE rain down from the
ceiling and land in Rarity's mane. Rarity sighs.

64 RARITY
Could you please refrain from all
that racket, Rainbow dear? It's
muddying my concentration.

Rainbow ignores her and keeps searching. ANGLE ON a STONE "LEVER" jutting out from some rocks. Rainbow's eyes go wide.

65 RAINBOW DASH
Look! A lever!
(struggles to pull it)
It's stuck. Come help me, Rarity!

65A Rainbow Dash <TUGS> on the lever, but it won't budge.

PAN BACK OVER to Rarity, busy inspecting each gem. She levitates one up to her face, spins it around, then places it in a pile with the others of the same color.

66 RARITY
In just a moment--

66A Rainbow keeps <STRUGGLING> with the lever, too impatient to wait. Suddenly, the lever breaks off and Rainbow is thrown back. She <CRASHES> into Rarity's pile of gems! They <SHATTER> into pieces. Rarity gasps--

67 RARITY (CONT'D)
You ruined my gems!

68 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, well... You ruined my treasure hunt!

69 RARITY
This wasn't about treasure. It was about finding gemstones for my winter collection.

70 RAINBOW DASH
Who cares about clothes? We're supposed to be on an adventure together!

70A Twilight "uh oh"
Furious, Rarity whirls on Dash and STORMS out of the cave. Rainbow Dash follows angrily.

CUT TO:

SC. 8 - EXT. JEWEL CAVE - CONTINUOUS

The students watch, rapt, as the arguing duo burst outside.

71 RARITY
That. Is. It! This "Day of Fun" is officially OVER!

71A The students <GASP> at Rarity.

72 RAINBOW DASH
Fine by ME! Maybe I can spend some time doing something I actually like now.

73 GALLUS
(whispering to Smolder)
Ooo, shade thrown.

Now the students <GASP> at Rainbow Dash!

Twilight jumps in to mediate-- as much for the class' benefit as for Rarity and Rainbow Dash.

74 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(nervous laughing)
Surely you don't mean that! You're just having a little disagreement. (to students, teacher voice)
Sometimes that happens between pals. But no matter what, they can always get past the problem and stay good friends!

Twilight motions her hoof in a "ta da!" flourish and steps back, expecting Dash and Rarity to make up as proof.

Instead of hugging it out, Rainbow Dash and Rarity have their backs turned on one another and their muzzles in the air. They have forgotten they are on public display to the class.

75 RAINBOW DASH
(to Rarity)
I don't think we can. You don't care about any of the things I like. It's always all about you and your boring fashions.

76 RARITY
(to Dash)
Please! You won't even give my interests a chance. You have absolutely no respect for the finer things. NO RESPECT, I tell you!

76A RAINBOW DASH
I guess we are just NOT FRIENDS ANYMORE!

76B RARITY
I suppose that we are NOT FRIENDS ANYMORE!

ON Twilight's shock and panic as she looks from her friends to her students...

END ACT ONE.

ACT TWO

SC. 9 - INT. STARLIGHT'S OFFICE - LATER

Rarity lays dramatically draped on Starlight's Guidance Counselor COUCH. She rambles on while Starlight nods.

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77 RARITY (CONT'D)

And then there was the time Rainbow Dash called my Cloudsdale Couture Boutique idea "impractical"! Imagine that. Just because I'd need Twilight to perform the "Butterfly Wings" spell on me whenever I wanted to deliver merchandise...

CUT TO Rainbow Dash, lying on the same couch facing the opposite direction, Starlight listening to HER.

78 RAINBOW DASH

And I told her a thousand times-- Pegasi don't even want restrictive, heavy dresses! We need to be able to fly. Duh.

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BACK TO RARITY--

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RARITY

Not to mention the day I was wearing a really gorgeous hat and Rainbow Dash didn't even notice...

ON Rainbow Dash:

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RAINBOW DASH

The Wonderbolts show was RUINED! Rarity's hat was blocking everypony's view!

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STARLIGHT GLIMMER

ENOUGH!

We ZOOM out to reveal that both Rainbow Dash and Rarity have been speaking to Starlight at the same time, on OPPOSITE SIDES of the same couch. (OR TWO MIRROR-IMAGE COUCHES).

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STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)

Guidance counseling is for talking out your problems, not telling me everything that's ever happened in the history of Equestria.

Starlight jumps to her hooves in determination.

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83 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
But I've learned sometimes talking
isn't enough. You need to put
yourselves in one anothers' shoes.

84 RAINBOW DASH
(re: magenta boots)
No way am I wearing those.

Starlight rolls her eyes.

85 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
What I'm saying is, we need a way
to help you two reconnect. Follow
me!

Starlight goes to the door. Rarity and Dash share a frown,
then follow at the same time, getting in each others' way.

CUT TO:

SC. 10 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - CONTINUOUS

Starlight, Rainbow Dash, and Rarity enter the massive SCHOOL
LIBRARY. Rainbow Dash and Rarity both look confused as to why
they are there.

86 RAINBOW DASH
The library? And this helps us how?

87 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You both love books! Rainbow Dash
never stops talking about Daring Do
adventures...
(to Rarity)

And you're a huge fan of Shadow
Spade mysteries.

88 Rainbow Dash and Rarity both shrug.

88 RARITY
Your point?

89 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
The perfect way for you two to
reconnect as friends is to read
each other's favorite book.

Starlight trots to the fiction shelves and starts to pull
DARING DO and SHADOW SPADE titles out with her magic.

90 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
I'll read them, too! Then we'll
all discuss afterward.
(MORE)

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STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)

It'll be a "Good Friends Book
Club"! Okay?
(then, tempting)
I'll bring snacks...

They both roll their eyes in response, but agree.

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91 RAINBOW DASH / RARITY
Ugh, fine. / If you insist.

Rainbow Dash reluctantly selects a book from the pile and passes it to Rarity. Rarity does the same in return.

Off Starlight's satisfied face as we...

CUT TO:

SC. 11 - EXT. PONYVILLE CAFE - NEXT DAY

Starlight waits at an outdoor cafe table. On the table, she has a stack of BOOKS, cups of TEA, and a plate of SANDWICHES.

Rainbow Dash and Rarity walk up from opposite directions and take their seats (Note: from now on, Rarity is wearing her MAGENTA GLITTER BOOTS). They don't look at each other.

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Rainbow Dash and Rarity grunt/sigh unenthusiastically. They won't really look at each other in the eye.

95 (97)

92 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(forced enthusiasm)
Great! We're all here! To start,
why don't you two share one thing
you liked about each other's books?

Silence. Starlight looks at them, then takes charge--

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93 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Okay, I'll go first! I really
enjoyed the part in "Daring Do and
the Razor of Dreams" when Daring
used a vicious Cragadile as a raft--

Rarity put her hoof up to her mouth and "tries" to contain her <MOCKING LAUGHTER>.

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94 RAINBOW DASH
Uh, what's so funny?

95 RARITY
Apologies, it's just that I find
those action sequences so
ridiculously over-the-top.

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(100)

96 RAINBOW DASH
But they're real. You've even met
Daring Do!

97 RARITY
Yes, but the book's descriptions
just drag on. And what about all
those silly, unpronounceable names?

98 RAINBOW DASH
Like what?

Rarity waves a dismissive hoof.

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99 RARITY
Doctor whozit, whatsit...
Cab-a-YAIR-on?

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Rainbow Dash points her hoof to the page of the Daring Do
Book emphatically. She is super-fired up now!

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100 RAINBOW DASH
CAB-A-LER-ON! Just like it looks!
How hard is that?!

Starlight holds up the TEAPOT, at a loss for what to do.

101 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Tea, anypony? Cucumber sandwich?
(a little more aggressively)
Or we could go over some nice,
friendly talking points!

They ignore her. Starlight is visibly frustrated.

102 RAINBOW DASH
(to Rarity)
Seriously?! Don't get me started on
those clothing descriptions in
Shadow Spade! What a yawn fest!

Rarity's smile disappears.

103 RARITY
But... The outfit descriptions are
an integral part of the plot of
"The Colt in Crimson: A Shadow
Spade Mystery"!

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(103)

Rarity riffles through the pages of THE COLT IN CRIMSON: A
SHADOW SPADE MYSTERY and points to it.

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104 RARITY (CONT'D)
See, if you didn't know that Sir
Fluffingsworth von Radishfield
wears only silk, double-breasted
waistcoats, then you'd never deduce
that he, in fact, was the culprit!

Rainbow is visibly confused.

105 RAINBOW DASH
Wait, he was?

106 RARITY
You didn't know?
(then, accusing gasp)
You didn't even read it!

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This is totally getting out of Starlight's control.

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107 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I can see I'm gonna need
reinforcements...

Starlight <TELEPORTS> away. Rainbow and Rarity don't even
notice, locked in their argument.

108 RAINBOW DASH
Not my fault it's so boring it put
me to sleep.

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109 RARITY
If you can't be bothered to read
the thing I like, that just further
illustrates the point that we
having nothing in common anymore!

110 RAINBOW DASH
At least we agree on that! From now
on, I'm only hanging out with
ponies who "get" me.

A loud <POP>! Starlight has teleported back. She uses her
magic to "stop" both of them from talking. Their mouths are
frozen, but they can still move their eyes.

111 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Your drama can wait! Twilight needs
help, now!

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Off Rarity and Rainbow's wide-eyed, frozen faces...

CUT TO:

SC. 12 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - HEADMARE'S OFFICE - SOON

111A 19 Twilight is running around in a panic. She magically pulls BOOKS from a SHELF, and they <FALL> to the floor. Starlight hurries in, followed by Rarity and Rainbow Dash.

108 109 110
112 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Any luck?

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113 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(overly dramatic)
No! It's gone!

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114 RAINBOW DASH
What's gone?!

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115 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
The Amulet of Aurora.

108 110 1/2
116 RARITY
One of the magical items you've
been keeping for Princess Celestia?

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117 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(nods, concerned)
That amulet can reverse the tides
and summon tsunamis! If it falls
into the wrong hooves, Equestria
will be in grave danger!

117A 111 Rarity and Rainbow Dash <GASP> and straighten, ready to help!

106 110
118 RAINBOW DASH
Don't worry, Twilight! I know tons
about searching for lost treasure!

119 RARITY
And if I follow the culprit's
clues, I am certain I will find who
took your amulet!

Twilight and Starlight both perk up at that.

20 21 22
120 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Thank you! I'll feel so much
better knowing you two are looking
for it together.

Rarity and Rainbow Dash exchange a look - that wasn't exactly
what they had in mind. Starlight ad libs fast:

108 110
121 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
While WE work on a locator spell!
It's the perfect solution!

Rarity and Rainbow Dash aren't so sure...

SC. 13 - INT. SCHOOL - CORNER OF TWILIGHT'S OFFICE - SOON

Rainbow Dash and Rarity stand in front of a CURTAIN in a secret/back corner of Twilight's office. Rarity uses her MAGIC to pull the curtain back to reveal a massive CHEST as (seen in Ep #814). Inside, the other artifacts are present.

ANGLE ON an empty spot in the chest. Rarity whips out a MAGNIFYING GLASS and inspects it, Shadow Spade-style.

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122 RARITY
There appear to be no signs of damage to the surrounding artifacts, which suggests that the thief did not leave in a hurry.

Rarity strokes her chin with her hoof, thinking hard.

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123 RARITY (CONT'D)
Which proposes that it could be somepony on the inside...

124 RAINBOW DASH
But why take only ONE thing?

Rainbow Dash flies around looking for her own version of clues like she did back in the gem cave. It's very haphazard. As she zooms along the ground, she pauses, annoyed.

125 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 116
RARITY! Your boots are shedding sparkles all over the floor!

ANGLE ON a SPORADIC TRAIL OF GLOWING/GOLDEN SPARKLES above the floor, suspended in mid-air. Rarity looks and scoffs.

126 RARITY
Those aren't from my boots. Mine are magenta, not ~~amber~~ blue. See?

She kicks out a hoof as proof.

126A 117 118
Rainbow Dash <GASPS> suddenly realizing something! She takes off in the direction of the amber glitter trail.

127 RARITY (CONT'D)
(to herself)
I mean, really!

Rarity shakes her head and follows Dash out of the door, and down the hallway to...

CUT TO:

SC. 14 - EXT. FOREST PATH - OUTSKIRTS OF THE SCHOOL - CONT.

Rarity finally catches up to Rainbow Dash, who is standing at the edge of a FOREST PATH. The TRAIL OF SPARKLES continues, now into the trees.

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128 RARITY (CONT'D)

(out of breath)

Turns out these boots were not
"made for trotting", as advertised.

Rainbow Dash spots the trail of sparkles and takes off again.

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129 RARITY (CONT'D)

MORE running?

(gallops alongside Dash)

Where are you going?! We promised
Twilight we would work together.

Rainbow Dash stops and lands. She's grinning.

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130 RAINBOW DASH

Don't you see? The Amulet of Aurora
is made out of Azurantium!

At this, Rarity is completely blank-faced. Dash is annoyed.

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131 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Azurantium? You know... The same
metal that the Amulet of Atonement
from Daring Do Book 4 is made from?

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Rainbow Dash gestures to the glitter trail.

132 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
It always leaves sparkles wherever
it goes! Just like this. Remember?
It's from the book you JUST READ?

Rarity blushes.

133 RARITY
Oh, right. Yes. That book I read.
Heh...

134 RAINBOW DASH
Seriously? After giving me all that
grief, you didn't read mine either?

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Rarity shrugs and laughs nervously.

120 124 135 RARITY 126
Whoopsies?

Rainbow Dash glares.

136 RAINBOW DASH
As soon as we find this amulet, we
are done with each other.

Dash zooms off. Rarity stomps a heel and runs after, calling:

125 137 RARITY
Fine by me!

And on their furious ultimatum...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 15 - EXT. SWAMP - CONTINUOUS

Rainbow Dash flies along a marshy bank, searching for the sparkle trail. The vegetation has closed in above them, so she flies low. Rarity follows, and pauses when she notices something on the ground.

127 128 129 138 RARITY
(miffed)
Rainbow Dash, slow down! Honestly!
You're flying past important clues!

She points. CLOSE ON a SMALL DRAGON FOOTPRINT in the MUD.

139 RARITY (CONT'D)
It's a print... but definitely not
a hoof. Are those claw marks?

Rainbow Dash doesn't even look at where Rarity is pointing.

130 140 RAINBOW DASH
(dismissive of Rarity)
Who cares? I found a bigger clue.

WHIP TO -- the sparkle trail floats toward a gross, bubbly <GURGLING> swamp. LOW HANGING PRICKLY VINES grow up from it into a low canopy (like a mangrove swamp). BLASTS OF HOT STEAM shoot up like geysers every so often.

Rarity scrunches up her nose. Even Rainbow seems wary.

128 129 130
141 RARITY
I hope you don't expect me to...
<shudder> WADE through that.

Rainbow Dash YANKS a very long, tall REED growing nearby and extends it out to the muddy swamp. She dips it in vertically and pulls it back out. Rainbow inspects the "wet" part.

142 RAINBOW DASH 137
Nah, it's too deep. We'll get stuck.

Rarity looks kind of impressed at this cool trick.

143 RARITY
How clever! What Daring Do book did you take that from?

144 RAINBOW DASH 138
Actually, I learned it at Scootaloo's Filly Guides camp.

Rarity smiles at the surprise of her response. She turns back to the gurgling swamp.

145 RARITY 130
At least you can fly across.

Dash test-flaps out over the swamp... And it starts to blast even more <STEAM GEYSERS>. Close call! She lands in a hurry.

146 RAINBOW DASH
Nope! If one of those geysers burns off my wingfeathers, I'll be out of the Wonderbolts for weeks.

Rainbow begins to pace back and forth, rambling. As she does, Rarity gets to work and begins gathering LEAVES, STICKS, and BRANCHES. She starts to weave them together effortlessly.

147 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 131
I could try to slingshot my way through, but I'd need two perfectly placed trees, some stretchy rope, and a pith helmet... It's too bad we can't do what Daring did in book 4 and find a Cragadile for a raft.

148 RARITY 132
Ta da! The SS Cragadile, at your service.

Dash spins around and sees that Rarity has quickly constructed A MAKESHIFT JUNGLE RAFT. Dash's jaw drops - awestruck.

128 132 133
 149 RAINBOW DASH
 Is that... a raft?!
 (then)
 That. Is. Awesome!

Rainbow catches herself giving such open praise and remembers she's mad at Rarity.

150 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 134 135
 (nonchalant)
 I mean, it's alright... I guess.
 (then)
 How did you know how to do that?

Rainbow Dash helps Rarity push it over to the swamp's edge.

133 151 RARITY
 (shrugging/grinning)
 We may have been friends "for a
 super long time", but you don't
 know EVERYTHING about me yet!

Dash gives her a tiny smile and holds the raft for Rarity to get on first. They float off.

CUT TO:

SC. 16 - EXT. SWAMP BANK - CONTINUOUS

The raft reaches the other side of the swamp and comes to a halt as Rarity and Rainbow Dash "dock". They hop off onto the forested bank and look around in confusion. The glittery trail has completely disappeared.

140 141 143
 152 RARITY
 The glitter trail! It's gone!

153 RAINBOW DASH
 How are we supposed to find the
 Amulet of Aurora now?

Suddenly, a RUSTLING noise comes from the nearby BUSHES. It's accompanied by a loud <CROAKING> sound.

Rarity and Rainbow step closer together, growing nervous. Suddenly... A wild BUFOGREN (giant talking frog creature) appears!

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 Rarity <SCREAMS> in horror. The Bufogren claps his hands to his "ears" and glares.

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154 BUFOGREN
(re: Rarity/mumbling)
Ooooooow, eeeeears. Why hoof-hoofs
yell? Too-too loud.

Dash and Rarity are confused. They can barely understand him!

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155 RARITY
Sorry, what did you say?

156 BUFOGREN
(super quiet/mumbly)
Too-too loud.

157 RAINBOW DASH
I think it's a Bufogren! They have
really sensitive ears.

She approaches, Rarity close behind, and WHISPERS:

158 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
(stage whisper)
Did you happen to see anycreature
with a sparkly thingy go this way?

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The Bufogren croaks a quiet answer and they lean in to hear-

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159 BUFOGREN
(nodding yes)
Yerruuuup-up. Saw it.

But as soon as he opens his mouth, Dash and Rarity are hit
with a VISIBLE WHIFF OF HORRIBLE BREATH! They are practically
<GAGGING>, but they don't want to offend the Bufogren, so
they squirm as they try to hide their discomfort.

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160 RAINBOW DASH
(tries not to breathe)
You did? What was it?

161 BUFOGREN
(whispering)
Tiny scaly. Yerruuuup.

The smell is so bad, Rainbow Dash's EYES begin to WATER.

162 RAINBOW DASH
(to the Bufogren)
Hold that thought.

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Dash and Rarity slowly back up out of smelly range.

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163 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
(whispering to Rarity)
His breath smells so bad I can't
think! But we can't hear him from
back here. Now what?!

163A in 151
Rarity begins trotting back and forth, sniffing different
plants. She smells a specific one with striped leaves and
gets excited. She magically plucks a few leaves.

164 RARITY
(whispering)
Aha! I think I have the perfect
solution. An old unicorn beauty
trick. That is, if you can somehow
procure us a tiny bit of cloud?

165 RAINBOW DASH
Now *that*-- I can do!

Rainbow rushes over to the edge of the swamp and finds the
nearest steam geyser.

Dash uses the small space to circle the geyser, condensing it
into a cloud within a rainbow tornado. All we see is a
RAINBOW BLUR until she STOPS, dizzy. The rainbow dissipates
and next to her is the TINIEST, CUTEST, BABY CLOUD.

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166 RARITY
It's adorable!

Dash beams proudly. Rarity magics the cloud from the air and
places it on the BUBBLE BUSH LEAF. She uses FORKED TWIGS as
closepins to put on her nose and Dash's.

Together they approach the Bufogren again.

167 RARITY (CONT'D) 152
(nasal)
Excuse me, kind sir. I have a
special treat for you in exchange
for your information.

She does a little curtsy and presents the bubble bush leaf
creation. He eyes it suspiciously, bad breath waves hitting
the ponies. They wince, but stay strong.

168 BUFOGREN 153
(whispering)
Whaaaaat's thaaaat?

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 169 RARITY
 (nasal)
 It's a magical Unicorn delicacy
 called "Effervescence". Tres
 unique. Tres chic.
 155 154
 169A The Bufogren <CROAKS> and snaps out his tongue to grab the
 treat. Rarity gives a little <SCREAM> and hop.

170 RARITY (CONT'D)
 Sorry. Sorry. Enjoy!

151 158
 170A The Bufogren chews and MINTY BUBBLES fill his mouth (like
 toothpaste). He looks thoughtful.

171 BUFOGREN
 Muh mouth. Fresh and minty. 154

Rarity magics the sticks off her nose and Dash's and takes a
 sample inhale - much better.

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 172 RARITY
 Good, mmmhmm... excellent. Now
 which way did the sparkly thing go?

173 BUFOGREN
 Uuuup-up! Uuuuup there.

Bufogren points up. Sure enough, there's a mass of glittery
 amber sparkles going up the cliff above them.

174 RARITY
 Thank you!
 (then, to Dash)
 What are you waiting for? Go on!
 Fly up there and get that amulet!

Rainbow Dash looks up at the glitter and then at Rarity.

175 RAINBOW DASH
 We're doing this together, remember?

176 RARITY
 But how can we oooooohhh!

Rainbow Dash scoops up Rarity mid-question and carries her up
 to the trail in the sky.

CUT TO:

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 176A SC. 17 - CAVE DOORWAY - CONTINUOUS

Rainbow and Rarity appear on a short CLIFF-SIDE. Dash puts
 Rarity down - her hair frazzled, she <PANTS> in terror.

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177 RAINBOW DASH
Sorry, but I wasn't leaving you
behind in that swamp.

Rarity's expression turns grateful. She smiles warmly.

178 RARITY
Thank you.

They look around as they gain their bearings. The sparkly
TRAIL is present and pointing straight to...

A DOORWAY! They race over and inspect it. It looks old-- made
of WOOD and METAL (think "The Hobbit") and has some ornate
carvings/inscriptions on it.

Rainbow Dash tries to open it, shoving her hooves against it
and <KNOCKING>. Rarity tries to use her magic to open it, but
it won't budge.

179 RAINBOW DASH
Maybe the key to unlocking this
thing is in these inscriptions...

Rainbow runs her hoof over the carvings, looking for clues.

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180 RARITY
Or perhaps the key is right here.

Rarity pulls off a Magenta Glitter Boot. She turns it over
and pulls out the SURPRISE RETRACTABLE STILETTO HEEL.

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181 RARITY (CONT'D)
I couldn't decide between the boots
and the stilettos, so I got both.

Rarity sticks the heel in the KEYHOLE and the door magically
swings open.

182 RAINBOW DASH
High heels can do that?

183 RARITY
And you called them useless.

Rarity smiles and Rainbow Dash looks sheepish.

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184 RAINBOW DASH
I shouldn't have said that... Or
made fun of the other stuff you
like to do. Some of it's actually
sorta neat...

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 185 RARITY
 I owe you an apology, too.

Rarity looks down at her hooves.

186 RARITY (CONT'D)
 Buckball may not be my thing, but
 it's something you enjoy. And
 you're very good at it! I never
 should have treated your interests
 like they were worth less than
 mine.

187 RAINBOW DASH
 So... does that mean we're still
 friends?

188 RARITY
 I would very much like that.
 (a hug, and then)
 Now let's go find that amulet!

188a 162
 Dash <CHEERS> as they race down the EPIC, DARK TUNNEL
 following the glitter trail to...

CUT TO:

SC. 18 - INT. FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL - MAIN HALL - CONTINUOUS

They step into a familiar scene. Dash and Rarity have found
 themselves back at school, right outside the main hall. They
 exchange a befuddled look.

163 164 165
 189 RAINBOW DASH
 Wait... That tunnel leads to the
 SCHOOL? A secret passage! AWESOME!

We PAN OVER to reveal SPIKE, who is heading into the main
 hall... holding the AMULET OF AURORA! Rarity and Rainbow Dash
 are shocked.

190 RARITY
 <gasp> Spikey-Wikey... You stole
 the Amulet of Aurora from Twilight?

191 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.)
 Not exactly...

23AB
 REVEAL: Twilight's whole class is there (including Starlight
 Glimmer) watching with smug smiles on their faces.

Rarity gasps--

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192 RARITY
You mean...This was all a set up
to make us get along?

Starlight shrugs-- "guilty as charged".

193 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Sorry to interfere, but you both--

194 RAINBOW DASH
(interrupting)
Reaaaaally needed it.

194A 167AB Rainbow and Rarity look at each other and <LAUGH>.

The students watch this, intrigued.

195 SMOLDER
So even though you don't like any
of the same stuff... You two are
friends again?

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Rarity smirks, slightly embarrassed.

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196 RARITY
Always. I think we just needed a
teensy reminder of that.

197 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah. We don't have to love the
same exact things to have fun
together. I mean, imagine if we
did. How boring would that be?!

198 RARITY
When we give each other a chance to
share the different things we
enjoy, it can be surprisingly
wonderful!
(then)
Too bad we wasted our Day of Fun...

199 RAINBOW DASH
We still have a little time left!
(to Rarity)
You wanna... go hit the shops? I
could actually use your help
picking out some new Buckball gear!

Rarity is elated.

200 RARITY
DO I?!
(then)
(MORE)

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RARITY (CONT'D)

But only if you help me choose some
Buckball fan attire, so I can cheer
for my favorite player at the drop
of a fabulous hat.

201 RAINBOW DASH
Uh, YEAH! Let's go already!

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Rarity and Rainbow Dash keep chatting as they trot out of the
main hall and off to have fun together. Twilight and
Starlight looking on proudly. They address the class--

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202 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
See? Good friends always work
through their differences.

203 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Even if it takes a little help.

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END SHOW.

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