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Logline: Rarity and Rainbow Dash begin to question why they are friends when they can't find anything they both like to do together – only to discover that AK Yearling has her own unexpected friendship.

RAINBOW DASH and RARITY have made plans to hang out – just the two of them. But when they meet up, they can't agree what to do together. Dash suggests Buckball, or a visit to the Wonderbolts museum. Rarity would rather go shoe shopping, or decorate hats. There doesn't seem to be any activity they both like, but the duo is determined to spend time together.

Rainbow Dash and Rarity put forth real effort to engage in each other's interests. But as time wears on, each activity leaves only one of them happy, and the other miserable. Finally, watching a pony dye fabric at a shop, Rainbow Dash has had enough – this is the most boring thing she's ever seen! Rarity is taken aback – how can the nuanced blossoming of the color over the fabric be boring? Besides, SHE sat through those tedious Wonderbolt warm up exercises without yawning once! Rainbow Dash can't believe Rarity used "Wonderbolt" and "yawn" in the same sentence. Beyond annoyed, Dash stomps off to a bookstore nearby: *"I'll be in the Daring Do section. At least then I can pretend I'm having an adventure with you."*

Rarity follows, bristling at the dis – she's been TRYING to find things Rainbow Dash would enjoy doing. Maybe they're both working too hard. What's the point of spending time with a best friend if neither one of you is having fun? Their argument escalates, and the two come to the conclusion that if they can't find anything in common... then maybe their friendship has come to an end.

A pony from the bookshop awkwardly interrupts their standoff, *"Did I hear you ponies mention Daring Do? A.K. Yearling will be at the Book Festival this weekend."* He passes them a flyer advertising the festival – signings and readings from tons of authors from famous series like Fetlock Holmes and Shadow Spade. That last gets Rarity's attention, while Rainbow Dash is thrilled at the idea of seeing A.K. again. *"I'll be there!"* Both ponies say in unison, then look at one another, their argument briefly forgotten. They decide to go to the festival together as one last shot at friendship... and also agree to read each other's favorite Daring Do and Shadow Spade book in preparation.

On the train headed towards the book festival, Rarity asks Rainbow Dash what she thought of the Shadow Spade book. Dash avoids the question and asks Rarity about Daring Do. Rarity is vague in her answer. It's soon clear neither of them read the other's book. Things don't bode well on the friendship front, but when the two ponies arrive, the festival is so exciting that they get caught up in exploring instead of arguing. Rainbow Dash drags Rarity to where A.K. YEARLING is doing a signing. A.K. is a little distracted (Dash: *"Are you hiding an artifact? Deciphering ancient carvings? Searching*

for a lost city?!”) A.K. says no: she’s about to meet her longtime pen pal for the first time! He’ll be in the café at 5pm sharp wearing a red bow tie and hat.

Rarity is alight with Shadow Spade-y intrigue and Dash is dying to know who this secret friend is. They join forces to search the book festival and Rarity uses her sleuth-y skills again (ala “Rarity Investigates!”) to find the pony. It takes awhile, but they finally spot him: red bow tie, hat, and etc. “*He looks so familiar,*” Rarity marvels as they get closer. Rainbow Dash gasps. He looks familiar because A.K.’s secret pen pal is none other than Daring Do’s mortal enemy, DR. CABALLERON, in disguise as a normal pony!

“*He’s here to steal the Key of Cuatl!*” Rainbow Dash freaks out. Rarity, having not read her assigned book, has no idea what Dash is talking out (but she tries to cover this humorously). The duo hide as they decide what to do. Rarity thinks the whole meetup is romantic, and that they shouldn’t interfere. But Rainbow Dash is anxious and insistent. “*This is all a plot to trick Daring Do! We have to warn her.*” Big surprise: something else they can’t agree on. Dash is about to go find A.K., when she appears on the other side of the room, heading straight for Caballeron. Dash rushes over to stop her with Rarity trying to stop Dash, but it’s too late. A.K. Yearling and Caballeron are now to face-to-face and they’re... *smiling?* Rainbow is beyond confused. A.K. explains that they met earlier in the day and were just as surprised, but realized that they still had so much to discuss from their letters. They called a truce for the day and decided to keep up being pen pals. Turns out, even these two enemies have something in common—their love for adventure!

“*Wow,*” Dash says, looking at them in awe. “*If YOU can be friends, then... what have WE been arguing about?*” Rarity and Rainbow Dash apologize to each other and spend the rest of the day exploring the book festival together – vowing that it doesn’t matter what they do, as long as they do it as friends. We end on them reading (and surprised to be enjoying) each other’s books on the train home.