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TEASER**SC. 1 - INT. FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL – GREAT HALL – DAY**

TWILIGHT SPARKLE catches up to RAINBOW DASH, who is just heading out of the school, and asks if she can borrow her for a minute. Dash agrees, but says it has to be quick because she's on her way to hang out with Rarity. Twilight says she knows, and it's no problem.

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

IN ANOTHER PART of the school, STARLIGHT GLIMMER rushes up to Rarity, and asks her to come to Twilight's classroom. Rarity says she has a previous engagement, but Starlight says Twilight was hoping to use Rarity as an example in class. Flattered, Rarity agrees.

SC. 3 - INT. FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL – TWILIGHT'S CLASSROOM – MOMENTS LATER

IN TWILIGHT'S CLASSROOM, Rarity and Rainbow Dash are surprised to see the other arrive. Twilight turns to her STUDENTS and points the duo out as an example. *"Here are two very busy ponies that still make time for their friendship, because it's that important to them."* Rarity smiles – it's true, they've had this one-on-one time on the books for weeks. Rainbow Dash says it's hard, cause they have such crazy schedules, what with Wonderbolt practice, and all those weird fashion seasons...

Twilight's STUDENTS take notes with interest, as Twilight thanks her friends for the quick visual aid and dismisses them. But before they can go, SILVERSTREAM asks what they have planned for their fun day together. Rarity and Rainbow Dash both answer at the same time... With different answers. *"Buckball!" "Shoe shopping!"* They share a look and try again. *"Obstacle races!" "Dress shopping!"* Third time's a charm? *"Flight goggle shopping!" "Fabric dying!"* Dash turns to Rarity in frustration, *"Aw, c'mon! I even said shopping that time!"* Clearly they haven't planned this day out at all. As Rarity and Rainbow Dash get into a disagreement about what activity to do, SMOLDER raises an eyebrow, *"Are we supposed to be learning something here? Cause it doesn't sound like you two have ANYTHING in common."* GALLUS chimes in, *"Yeah! Why ARE you friends?"* Twilight shoots Starlight an awkward look – this was clearly NOT the lesson she had in mind...

END TEASER.

ACT ONE

SC. 4 - INT. FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL – TWILIGHT’S CLASSROOM – CONT.

Twilight tries to get the lesson back on track – there are plenty of reasons Rarity and Rainbow Dash are friends. The duo scramble to come up with examples. *“Because we’ve always been friends!”* Rainbow Dash explains. Rarity chimes in, *“And we know all the same ponies.”* Rainbow mentions the time she saved Rarity during the Best Young Flyer competition and Rarity mentions the time *she* saved Rainbow Dash’s spot in the Wonderbolts.

Based on the blank expressions of the students, the reasons seem to fall kind of flat. Starlight shrugs and tries to save the lesson: sometimes friendship can’t be explained, you just have to see it in action. That inspires Twilight! She tells Dash and Rarity to go enjoy their day of fun, and *“we’ll just hang back and observe.”* Rarity and Dash aren’t thrilled about being a study group for the class, but Twilight reassures them: *“Don’t worry, you won’t even know we’re there!”* Rarity and Rainbow Dash reluctantly agree and head off for their day of fun.

SC. 5 - EXT. BUCKBALL FIELD - SHORTLY AFTER

Rainbow Dash winds up and kicks the Buckball with a signature move, totally exhilarated. It zooms right past the bucket, sitting on the ground nearby. *“Rarity, you were supposed to catch that!”* Rainbow Dash complains to her friend, who sits on the sidelines, sketching. *“Hmm? Sorry, I just got the most fabulous idea for a sports-inspired line of clothes,”* Rarity says, *“that allow for maximum flexibility AND style...”* Rainbow Dash has already stopped listening and kicks another ball Rarity’s way: *“Heads up!”* WE FOLLOW the ball, which bounces in the middle of her sketches, leaving dirty smudges all over. Dash tries to explain that Buckball is about fast maneuvers and being ready for anything. Rarity, clearly ready for anything BUT Buckball, sighs, *“Can we please do something else now? Something enjoyable in the slightest?”*

We PAN OVER to the bleachers, where Professor Twilight sits with the class. They all watch avidly and scribble into their little field notebooks. Twilight chuckles nervously.

SC. 6 - INT. SHOE STORE - LATER

Rarity prances around in a set of high heels and admires her hooves in the floor mirror. Dash is sitting on the bench, surrounded by shoeboxes looking bored. *“Are you done yet?”* she whines. Rarity insists that they just started. Besides—she can’t decide between the boots or the teal stilettos. So she’ll have to try them both on AGAIN! Rainbow complains that she already did that twice, pointing out that there is nothing more impractical than spike heels, unless you like tripping. A lot. *“Au contraire! They are useful in a multitude of situations, darling,”* Rarity insists. Rainbow Dash rolls her eyes and makes her own fun, stacking shoeboxes in an obstacle course. As she zooms around them, knocking them over, Rarity apologizes to the SALESPONY, *“I’ll take these heels and go...”*

We PAN OVER to Twilight and the class. They are all still watching and scribbling notes behind a “blind” of shoeboxes. Twilight sighs, worried about her lesson. Why can’t her friends get along and set the example she was looking for?

SC. 7 - INT. JEWEL CAVE - LATER

Rainbow Dash and Rarity trot into a cave, finally sure they’ve found something they both can enjoy. *“Gemstone / Treasure hunting!”* As Rarity carefully gathers jewels with her magic, Rainbow rushes through the cave, tapping on the walls, looking for secret doors or levers that might open up an Ahuizotl-style treasure room. Dash gets excited when she locates what she’s sure is a hidden lever. She asks Rarity to help her pull it. *“In a moment, darling,”* Rarity demurs, carefully checking nearly-identical gemstones for quality. Not great at waiting, Dash heaves on the lever with all her might... And (being only a rock formation) it breaks off in her hooves, sending her flying into Rarity’s gem pile with a SMASH. Rarity is furious, and so is Dash. *“You ruined my gem collection!”* *“Yeah, well, you didn’t help me when I asked!”*

SC. 8 - EXT. JEWEL CAVE – CONT.

At the mouth of the cave, Twilight turns to her students, reminding them that even though friends have disagreements, they get past them and stay good friends. *“I’m not sure we CAN,”* Dash says, *“Rarity doesn’t like any of the things I do.”* *“And you won’t even give my interests a chance,”* Rarity sniffs.

Twilight keeps trying to interject with encouraging comments about friendship to the students. (*“Differences make us interesting! Learning new things helps us grow!”* etc, etc.). But finally, she spots FLUTTERSHY and PINKIE PIE having a picnic/tea party nearby and getting along absolutely perfectly. They giggle and “cheers” their teacups. *“OH LOOK!”* Twilight exclaims in relief. *“More friendship in action! This way, class!”* She ushers them away from the disaster that is Rarity and Rainbow Dash.

Rarity and Rainbow Dash look annoyed, coming to the conclusion that they couldn’t even spend ten minutes getting along with each other, let alone a whole day of fun. They never realized it before but... They really don’t have anything in common, except being a part of the same “group.” Maybe they really AREN’T meant to be friends. Bummed, they trudge off in different directions.

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

Rarity lays dramatically draped on Starlight’s Guidance Counselor couch, lamenting. *“I don’t know why it wasn’t clear to me before—our tastes simply do not align!”* CUT TO: Rainbow Dash chillaxin’ on the couch, hooves behind her head. She shrugs. *“She can’t keep up with me. Plus everything she likes has to be about her and her boring fashions!”* This goes back and forth until finally we PULL OUT to reveal that they are on two

separate couches in the room, with Starlight sitting between them. Finally they both exclaim in unison: “WE’RE JUST NOT FRIENDS ANYMORE!”

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 10 - INT. STARLIGHT’S OFFICE – CONTINUOUS

Starlight looks for any way to stop the insanity, glancing around her office for ideas. Her eyes land on her bookshelf—of course, that’s it!! BOOKS! Rarity and Rainbow Dash are both avid fans of adventure books (Rarity loves Shadow Spade, and Dash loves Daring Do). Starlight points this out to both of them, and they concede that yes, she has a point. They do agree that books are “*pretty cool / quite wonderful.*”

Starlight suggests that perhaps a good way to reconnect as friends is for Rainbow Dash and Rarity to read each other’s favorite book and then discuss them. Starlight will read BOTH books, and join in the fun conversation afterwards. “It’ll be a good friends book club!” She suggests. Rainbow Dash and Rarity aren’t fully convinced, but they agree and swap favorite books from Starlight’s shelf.

SC. 11 - EXT. PONYVILLE CAFÉ – NEXT DAY

The next day, Starlight meets Rainbow and Rarity at the café to discuss the Shadow Spade and Daring Do books over tea. The two of them plop down beside her, looking less than thrilled. Starlight tries to steer the discussion by asking each pony to share what they liked about the other’s selection. Rarity complains that the action sequences in the Daring Do book go on for far too long. “*Seriously?! Don’t even get me started on those clothing descriptions in Shadow Spade! Pages and pages of ‘em! How boring can you get?*” Rainbow shoots back.

Starlight tries to save it and ask a few more neutral questions about the books, complimenting each one. It starts to seem like neither Rarity nor Rainbow Dash actually READ each other’s books, but neither is admitting it. “*I may have skimmed parts. Like all those unpronounceable names,*” Rarity sniffs. “*Cab-a-ler-on! Just like it looks! How hard is that?*” Dash argues back, “*YOUR book put me to sleep!*” Rarity stands up, insulted, “*If you can’t be bothered to read the thing I like, that further illustrates the point that we have nothing in common anymore!*” Rainbow Dash agrees that it’s basically over—they’d both be better off hanging out with ponies that actually share their interests instead of just keeping things up because of nostalgia. This friendship simply can’t be saved!

But Starlight is not going to let them let go of each other THAT easy. She forces them to come with her to Twilight’s office to talk it out...

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

But when the trio arrives, Twilight is in a tizzy!! A total meltdown crisis. She tells them that one of the magical items she had been safekeeping for Princess Celestia in the school—the Amulet of Aurora—is missing! Both Rarity and Rainbow Dash instantly forget/push aside their petty argument, united in their desire to help Twilight. They promise they'll find it for her (Twilight: *"Together?"* RD & RY: *"YES!"*), and leap into action--

SC. 13 - INT. FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL HALLWAY- SHORTLY AFTER

Rainbow and Rarity stand in front of the trophy case/place where the special items are kept (as seen in 814). Rarity inspects the missing spot with a keen, detective's eye (Shadow Spade style), whereas Rainbow flies around the room, searching the grounds for anything suspicious (Daring Do-esque). As Rarity is caught up reasoning things out, Dash complains that Rarity's new spike heels are shedding sparkles all over the floor and making it hard to see. She points to a trail of glowing glitter floating near the ground. Rarity huffs *"That's not from MY shoes!"* At that, Rainbow Dash gasps, realizing something. She takes off, following the glitter. Rarity trots after Dash through the hallways, outside, and to...

SC. 14 - EXT. FOREST PATH - BEHIND THE SCHOOL - CONTINUOUS

Rarity finally catches up, out of breath from running in her complicated shoes. She frowns at Rainbow Dash, *"Where are you going?! We promised Twilight we'd work together!"* Dash points to the glitter trail. *"Don't you see? The Amulet of Aurora is made out of Lustre-light!"* Rarity is blanked-faced. Rainbow is annoyed. *"It's the same metal that the Amulet of Atonement from Daring Do book 4 is made of. It always leaves sparkling remnants wherever it goes! Like this! Remember? It's from that book you supposedly read?"* *"Oh, Lustre-light. Of course. Yes!"* Rarity blushes. She's caught! Rainbow grumbles.

They keep following the glitter trail. Rainbow Dash is eager and going fast but Rarity keeps looking for clues like footprints. She sees a small footprint and stops to inspect it. *"This looks like a dragon footprint!"* Rainbow Dash hangs back with her and points straight ahead, not surprised, 'cause it would take a dragon to wanna go where they're going.

Rarity looks up to see what she means -- the glitter leads straight into a scary SWAMP! There's no way around it and the prickly branches hanging over it are too low for Dash to fly past. Rarity and Dash don't know what to do... they look at each other in a panic.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 15 - EXT. SWAMP - CONTINUOUS

Stymied, the duo tries to figure out how to keep going. Wading through the swamp isn't going to be an option, but neither is quitting, because Twilight is counting on them to get that amulet back! Rainbow rambles on and on about several options that seem like things she's learned from specific Daring Do scenes – *“of course, that would take a trebuchet and tons of vines...”*

While she's talking, Rarity listens and busies herself weaving together some leaves and branches in a very stylish way. Dash finishes talking and looks up to see that Rarity has constructed a little makeshift craft. *“Or we could just take this?”* Rainbow Dash is actually kind of impressed with her. *“Whoa, that's so cool! How do you know how to do that?”* Rarity shrugs nonchalantly and smiles, claiming there's a lot Dash doesn't know about her. Dash laughs and high-hoofs Rarity – for a moment, having forgotten their argument. They get into the boat and follow the glitter trail to--

SC. 16 - EXT. SWAMP BANK - CONTINUOUS

They land their craft on a forested bank, first obstacle cleared. The only trouble is-- the glitter trail suddenly stops! Rainbow and Rarity look around in a panic. How are they going to find the Amulet of Aurora now? Suddenly, they hear a rustling in the bushes and growling. They hold their breath and...

A wild SPHINX appears! Rarity screams and Dash shoots her a look. *“Hey, what's her problem?”* the Sphinx replies, looking offended. Bravely nearing the creature, Dash asks, *“did you see anycreature with a sparkly amulet go this way?”* The Sphinx nods. But now, both Rarity and Dash are close enough to get a whiff of the HORRIBLE BREATH the Sphinx has. As she starts speaking, the smell is so bad that they can barely face her. Yuck! Rainbow Dash's eyes water as the Sphinx says she will tell them where the amulet went if they can solve her riddle. But the stench quickly has them backing out of earshot.

Fortunately, Rarity has an idea. She searches the bank until she locates a specific nearby plant and rips off the leaf. She saunters over to the Sphinx with her nose plugged with a clothespin. She tells her in a nasal voice that the leaf has magic properties if you chew it. *“Trust me, darling. Medicine is a unicorn thing.”*

The Sphinx takes the leaf and gnaws on it. Instantly, her breath is minty fresh. Dash can't believe the cool trick! Rarity explains that it's a beauty hack she's known for years for when you're without a mint. *“Why would a pony ever want to have bad breath?”* Now that listening is no longer painful, Rainbow Dash is finally able to hear the Sphinx's riddle, and solve it, which in turn, impresses Rarity!

The answer? The glitter trail didn't disappear—it went straight up into the air! Dash is going to go after it but Rarity can't fly. Rarity insists that it is okay—Dash should go ahead without her... *“No!”* Rainbow Dash says. *“We're doing this together, remember?”* Rainbow picks Rarity up and carries her to follow the glitter trail.

SC. 17 - EXT. CAVE DOORWAY – CONTINUOUS

The trail leads up a cliffside and stops at an old wood and metal door (think “The Hobbit”). It’s locked!! Rarity tries to magic it open but it won’t budge! The door is also very mysterious—carved with all sorts of inscriptions. Rainbow starts to try to riddle them out, but Rarity pulls off one of her special stiletto and goes straight to pick the lock. *“But... you can’t!”* Rainbow Dash cries out. *“That’s your special shoe... won’t it ruin it?”* Rarity says maybe – but it’s worth it to help a friend. She expertly pops the lock open with nary a scratch on her footwear. Rarity proudly smirks -- *“Didn’t you call these shoes impractical and unnecessary?”* Rainbow looks sheepish. *“Yeah, but I shouldn’t have said that... or made fun of the other stuff you like to do. Some of it’s actually kinda neat.”*

Rarity says she owes Dash an apology too. While Buckball is a bit wild for her tastes, she can see the appeal of the sport. And Rainbow Dash’s constant activity does make her quite good at flying up cliffside and getting things done. Apparently they both needed to step back from their everyday lives to really see and appreciate each others’ talents. The duo makes up—of course their friendship isn’t over! They have way too much history, so many shared good times in the past, and great times to look forward to together where they can learn from each other through their different interests.

“Now let’s go get that Amulet for Twilight!” Rarity and Dash kick open the door together and rush down the tunnel to...

SC. 18 - INT. FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL HALLWAY- CONTINUOUS

The School of Friendship?! (It’s one of the backdoors of the many tunnels that run through the rock below the school.) Not only that, but none other than Spike is standing right there, holding the Amulet of Aurora. *“Oh, hey guys!”* he says, casually. *“What are you doing back here?”* Rainbow scoffs. *“US? What about YOU?!”* They are shocked. Rarity can’t believe that dragon footprint was her Spike-Wikey’s! How could he steal from Twilight?!

Spike tells them they’ve got it all wrong—Twilight was the one who told him to take it for a walk around the castle. *“Who knew amulets like going for walks?”* But then he got really bored, so he went for a dip in the swamp, and then there was this super gross smell coming from the bushes, so he flew the rest of the way back to the school. *“I wouldn’t have locked the door behind me if I knew you were coming in—sorry!”* He skips off.

“It was all a setup by Twilight?” Rarity says. Rainbow Dash can’t believe it, either. But then, their shocked faces burst into laughter just as the students pass by, walking to their next class. The kids notice the friends have made up! Twilight, following, stops for a moment to smile at Dash and Rarity. Do they want to come by her classroom to be a friendship example NOW? Rarity and Dash beg off – they’ve got some books to read.
END SHOW.