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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.

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. Both annoyed, they head to the School of Friendship to teach, still in a huff. Unfortunately, things get even worse when TWILIGHT uses them as a friendship example in front of her students. Rarity and Rainbow Dash clearly aren't getting along, leading SMOLDER to wonder aloud how can they be friends – they're SO different. RECORD SCREECH as Rarity and Rainbow Dash take this in... Actually...Why ARE they friends?

Twilight tries to dismiss this concern as silly – all friends have disagreements. But Rarity and Rainbow Dash are uneasy this goes beyond that. Maybe they're just "friends" because they've always hung out in the same group of ponies. Grasping at straws, they struggle to find one thing they have in common. "Books!" Twilight realizes – Rainbow Dash is a huge A.K. Yearling fan, and Rarity loves Shadow Spade stories. Reassured, Dash and Rarity share their favorite books with each other and plan to hang out tomorrow to chat about them. But the next day, it's clear neither made it through the other's book. Rarity complains about the complicated names in A.K.'s work, and Rainbow Dash argues that there's no way any pony's closet could contain all of Shadow Spade's costume changes. With a gulp they feel like they have to face the facts - if they can't find anything in common... then maybe their friendship really has come to an end.

Just then, Twilight runs in, breathless. She can't find the Amulet of Aurora – one of the magic artifacts she agreed to safekeep at the school for Princess Celestia. Can Rarity and Rainbow Dash help her investigate? Both ponies are on the case, in their trademark ways, Rarity channeling Shadow Spade and Dash in action Daring Do mode. Their investigation takes them to a swamp, to interview a manticores with halitosis, and through more unpleasant adventures. But along the way, the duo feels real respect and admiration for each other's tenacity, problem-solving, etc. By the time they find the Amulet together (which we reveal that Spike hid on Twilight's request to help Rarity and Dash realize their friendship), they realize that they had a wonderful time – certainly not from the activities they did, but because they did them TOGETHER... Which is the real basis of true friendship.