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Logline: *When Caballeron releases his own version of the events in AK Yearling’s Daring Do books, Rainbow Dash is furious, while Fluttershy is curious to know the truth.*

FLUTTERSHY is the last pony of the Mane Six (and perhaps in Equestria) to read all the AK Yearling “Daring Do” books. To thank RAINBOW DASH for lending her the series, Fluttershy brings her friend the just-released newest book in the series. Dash’s jaw drops—how could there be a new book that she didn’t know about?! But when she grabs the novel out of Fluttershy’s hooves, she sees that AK Yearling isn’t the author, Doctor QQ Caballeron is! Rainbow Dash cracks the book and finds a “Wicked”-like retelling of the events of Daring Do’s adventures – that all put Caballeron in a sympathetic light and slam the adventurous Do as a greedy, spotlight-loving, troublemaker.

Rainbow Dash pronounces the books a pack of lies, OBVIOUSLY. But Fluttershy doesn’t know how Dash can be so sure. Some of the details in Caballeron’s book line up with AK Yearling’s. Rainbow Dash reminds Fluttershy that they’re friends with the actual Daring Do – they know her, and they know she wouldn’t act that way. In fact, they can go ask her herself! She’s speaking at an Author’s Conference nearby tomorrow.

When Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash arrive at the conference, AK YEARLING is there, but so is CABALLERON. Ponies flock to hear AK speak, so much so that she doesn’t have time to take Dash’s questions at the moment. Fluttershy suggests they instead speak to Caballeron, but Rainbow Dash refuses. So Fluttershy talks to the villain, who spins a sad tale about being misunderstood, and praises Fluttershy for her keen understanding and kindness. His team is only interested in researching precious artifacts and returning them to where they belong, and they could use a pony with her kind of insight. Fluttershy agrees to accompany him on his next adventure, to see how things REALLY are. Dash is flummoxed to hear her friend is joining Caballeron’s henchponies! Fluttershy insists she’s going to be an impartial observer and find out which pony is telling the truth.

Anxious to save her impressionable friend, Rainbow Dash finally gets AK’s attention, and demands she help save Fluttershy from Caballeron’s evil hooves. AK agrees—she knows what Caballeron’s next big score is – a “TRUTH TELLING RELIC” that requires a pegasus to get it. That must be why he recruited Fluttershy! They have to stop him!

Fluttershy accompanies Caballeron on his mission, getting to know his henchponies, er, associates. She actually talks them through their friendship problems and is a great cheerleader for the team, not to mention manages to charm several beasts they encounter. Caballeron treats her very kindly, and soon she is a respected member of the team. AK and Dash chase the duo down and confront them as Caballeron sends Fluttershy to fly to the relic. AK challenges Caballeron to hold the relic and tell the truth – he’s only pretending to like Fluttershy because she has the wings he needs to steal the Truth Teller! Caballeron surprises everypony by saying “no.” That was the original reason, but he and his henchponies have come to appreciate everything Fluttershy has to offer as a friend!

Besides, not everything AK puts in HER books is EXACTLY true. AK is forced to admit that sometimes she takes a little author's license. But the argument is cut short with the arrival of AHUIZOTL, which unites both AK and Caballeron's teams in trying to escape. There are comic beats of the Truth Teller being passed from pony to pony and embarrassing/fun truths revealed, but finally Fluttershy calls for them all to stop! Nopony ever asked Ahuizotl what HIS point of view is! Rainbow Dash reminds Fluttershy that Ahuizotl isn't great – he's tried to squash Daring Do like a hundred times! "And me as well," Caballeron adds, "I was very scared. Aaah, curse this Truth Teller!"

But Fluttershy ISN'T scared, and she believes monsters should have THEIR say too. Bringing Ahuizotl the relic, she asks why he's chasing them. Ahuizotl truthfully explains that he's in charge of protecting this jungle, and if another artifact goes missing on his watch he is going to be in SO much trouble with the other guardian creatures. AK and Caballeron are surprised to hear this. Rainbow Dash has to admit that maybe you can't just make assumptions about right and wrong based on your personal feelings. Fluttershy says that it's good to get the truth – but you should always pursue it with kindness. Sometimes it's what helps you make new friends. AK and Caballeron share a look – "don't push it." We go out on Ahuizotl at the Author's conference, announcing HIS own tell-all book about protecting indigenous artifacts from no-good adventurers.