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**TEASER**

**SC. 1 - EXT. CANTERLOT - ESTABLISHING - DAY**

PUSH IN ON the Carousel Boutique, Too...

**SC. 2 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE, TOO - DAY**

RARITY and SASSY SADDLES are setting up some femme-fatale themed gowns in the display window.

1 RARITY  
Oh Sassy Saddles, don't you just love my new Femme Mystique Chic line of gowns?!

2 SASSY SADDLES  
Sequins and sashes, Rarity, they're exquisite! Where in Equestria did you find the inspiration?

3 RARITY  
I modeled them after *The Adventures of Shadow Spade*. Her stories are always full of mystery, suspense, and best of all--fabulous costumes!

4 SASSY SADDLES  
They're perfect.

Rarity squints and meticulously angles the mannequin back and forth ever so slightly.

5 SASSY SADDLES (CONT'D)  
What are you doing?

6 RARITY  
Just making some minor adjustments. Shadow Spade believes it all comes down to attention to detail, and so do I.

Finally, the sunlight hits the jewels on it perfectly, creating a strobe effect.

7 RARITY (CONT'D)  
There! Now it's perfect!

Just then, Rainbow Dash excitedly bursts into the store, throwing the door open with such force that it rattles the entire place.

8 RAINBOW DASH  
Hey guys! How's it--

Rarity and Sassy Saddles REACT as the mare-equins wobble and then topple over, ruining the entire display.

Rainbow Dash gives Rarity a sheepish look.

9 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
<NERVOUS LAUGHTER> My bad!

FADE OUT.

**END TEASER**

**MAIN TITLES**

**ACT 1**

FADE IN:

**SC. 3 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE, TOO - CONTINUOUS**

Rainbow helps Rarity and Sassy reset the window display.

10 RAINBOW DASH  
Sorry I messed up your dress thingie.

11 SASSY  
Nothing we can't fix in a stitch. What are you doing in Canterlot?

12 RAINBOW DASH  
I'm here for Princess Celestia's Royal Garden Opening tomorrow.

13 SASSY  
Oh, yes. Rumor has it, the gardens are especially lush this season. I've heard that the Wonderbolts will be kicking things off with an aerial display.

14 RARITY  
You heard right, dear. And Rainbow Dash is here to fly with them. So exciting!

15 RAINBOW DASH  
It is! Well, kind of exciting. Technically I'm not flying. I'm just the lucky reserve who was called in to be the back-up flier in case a Wonderbolt can't perform.

As Rarity magics a mane-equin to be at the same angle it was before:

16                    RARITY  
Don't be so modest! Out of all of the reserves, you were the one chosen.

17                    RAINBOW DASH  
It is pretty sweet. And I do get to stay in the castle, hang out with the Wonderbolts, and eat awesome food at the dinner tonight! Speaking of the dinner, you're still coming right?

18                    RARITY  
Are you kidding me? A chance to dress up, be charming and show off my newest femme mystique couture? I wouldn't miss it for the world!

19                    RAINBOW DASH  
Great. See you tonight!

Rainbow Dash zips out of the boutique, slamming the door behind her. For a moment it seems as if the mane-equins will fall over again, but they stay standing. Rarity and Sassy Saddles <SIGH> in relief. Then a DELIVERY PONY arrives and the door slams behind him, knocking over the mane-equins. Sassy dejectedly heads over to the window display as Rarity walks up to the Delivery Pony.

20                    RARITY  
Ah, the rhinestones I ordered!

Rarity opens the box of stones to inspect them. She holds one of them up to the light.

21                    RARITY (CONT'D)  
Oh my, there's been a mistake! I ordered dragon cut stones and these are hoof polished.

22                    DELIVERY PONY  
I'm sorry, but I've got a full load of deliveries today. I'm not sure I have the time to redo your order.

23                    RARITY  
(sweetly)  
Of course you don't, your job is so difficult. Honestly, I don't know how you keep all these orders straight!

24 DELIVERY PONY  
It *is* pretty tough, what with the  
boxes all being box-shaped.

The Delivery Pony points out the window to his wagon, full of identical boxes.

25 RARITY  
And I very much appreciate it. But if  
there was any way you could squeeze in  
one more little delivery, I would be  
eternally grateful.

Rarity flashes the Delivery Pony a winning smile. He softens.

26 DELIVERY PONY  
Well, for you, Rarity, I'll see what I  
can do!

The Delivery Pony leaves. Sassy finishes arranging the display and walks up to Rarity.

27 SASSY SADDLES  
I'm impressed. I didn't think he was  
going to help us at all. Rarity, you  
could sweet talk a filly out of candy!

28 RARITY  
Oh, it was nothing. No pony minds a  
compliment! Now, you simply must help  
me pick out an outfit for tonight.  
Something from the new collection, of  
course.

Rarity magics the outfits off of Sassy's just-finished displays and heads to a dressing room. Sassy <SIGHS>.

#### **SC. 4 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE BANQUET HALL - EVENING**

Rarity, dressed in one of her new gowns, arrives with Rainbow Dash. A grand dinner is set for the Wonderbolts presided over by Princess Celestia.

29 PRINCESS CELESTIA  
I would like to thank the Wonderbolts  
for helping us celebrate with their  
amazing aerial talents! We are  
thrilled you can join us. Now please  
enjoy the food and have a wonderful  
evening!

Everypony cheers. Rainbow Dash turns to Rarity.

30 RAINBOW DASH  
You heard the Princess. Let's grab  
some grub!

31 RARITY  
Oh, I'm quite sure she didn't use the  
word "grub".

At the buffet table, they get in line behind WIND RIDER, a dignified older pony. He's a blue pony (like Rainbow Dash—this is important). He wears a cool bomber jacket with Wonderbolt insignia, a white scarf tied loosely in a slip knot, and aviator sunglasses. (Think Val Kilmer from Top Gun.) Rarity sniffs, then:

32 RARITY (CONT'D)  
Mmmmm. Is that Juniper Phoenix I  
smell?

33 RAINBOW DASH  
No, it's broccoli!

Rainbow Dash loads her plate with broccoli, but Wind Rider turns around.

34 WIND RIDER  
Yes. Juniper Phoenix is one of my  
favorite stallion colognes.

Rainbow Dash's eyes go wide when she sees Wind Rider.

35 RARITY  
Mine as well. It's masculine, yet  
soft, with the barest hint of floral  
notes and--

36 RAINBOW DASH  
Rarity, do you know who this is?!

37 RARITY  
A gentlepony with fabulous taste in  
colognes and scarves?

38 RAINBOW DASH  
It's Wind Rider!

39 RARITY  
Oh. So nice to meet you.

Wind Rider and Rarity are about to shake hooves when Rainbow Dash pops up between them.

40 RAINBOW DASH  
You didn't let me finish! He's a  
living legend! He holds the Wonderbolt  
record in the Mustang Marathon.

Wind Rider smiles, clearly thrilled.

41 WIND RIDER  
Well that was a long time ago.  
Honestly, I can't believe I still hold  
the record.

SPITFIRE and MISTY FLY join the conversation.

42 SPITFIRE  
Wind Rider, I see you met Rainbow  
Dash! She's one of our most promising  
reserves. She just might beat your  
record!

Rainbow Dash blushes.

43 WIND RIDER  
Really now?

44 RAINBOW DASH  
Oh, I'm nowhere near as good as you. I  
mean I'm fast, but I don't have the  
endurance to go long distances.

45 SPITFIRE  
Don't be modest. A little practice  
and you'll be beating records in no  
time.

46 WIND RIDER  
Heh heh. Well, it's nice to meet you  
girls.

47 RAINBOW DASH  
Not as nice as it is to meet you, sir.

Wind Rider walks off.

48 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
I can't believe I just met Wind Rider!

49 MISTY FLY  
He's coming out of retirement to take  
the spot of honor in the center of our  
aerial flower formation tomorrow!

50 RAINBOW DASH  
Really?? That's incredible. (SIGH)  
I'd do anything to be able to fly with  
him!

Spitfire and Misty Fly leave. Rainbow turns to Rarity.

51 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
Guess I'll just watch Wind Rider being  
awesome from the sidelines. Practice  
tomorrow is gonna be so boring.

52 RARITY  
I don't suppose I could keep you  
company?

53 RAINBOW DASH  
You could! They always let friends and  
family come watch practices.

Rainbow Dash hugs Rarity but forgets she's holding a plate of  
food. She accidentally drops some sauce on Rarity's gown.

54 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
Sorry about that. Let me help clean  
that up.

55 RARITY  
No no. It's almost impossible to get  
stains out of silk. But not to  
worry...

Rarity ZIPS O.S. and returns a beat later wearing a different  
gown.

56 RARITY (CONT'D)  
I've come prepared.

Rarity indicates a monogrammed trunk full of garments to the  
side. (NOTE: this trunk will accompany Rarity throughout the  
episode.)

TIME DISSOLVE TO:

**SC. 5 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - HALLWAY- LATER THAT NIGHT**

Two CASTLE GUARDS are standing by. Rarity walks with Rainbow  
Dash and Spitfire.

57 RARITY  
That dinner was absolutely divine!  
Thanks for inviting me.

They stop in front of the entrance to the hallway. Rarity's eyes go wide.

58 RARITY (CONT'D)  
You're staying in the east tower?  
Those rooms have the best view of  
Canterlot.

59 SPITFIRE  
How lucky are we? Well, we better get  
some shuteye before practice.

60 RAINBOW DASH  
See you tomorrow, Rarity!

61 RARITY  
Good night!

Rarity splits off as Rainbow Dash and Spitfire head to their rooms.

**SC. 6 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ARENA I- ESTABLISHING - MORNING**

**SC. 7 - INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA - AT THE SAME TIME**

Rarity and Rainbow Dash are sitting in the stands as the Wonderbolts do warm up flying.

62 RAINBOW DASH  
Thanks for keeping me company, Rarity.  
If you weren't here... well, I don't  
know who'd I'd be talking to right  
now.

Soarin approaches.

63 SOARIN  
You'd be talking to me. Rainbow Dash,  
Spitfire's mom sent a message that she  
was sick. She had to leave to take  
care of her.

64 RAINBOW DASH  
Oh no! I hope her mom is okay!

65 SOARIN  
Me too. In the meantime, we need you  
to fly in her place.

Rainbow Dash's eyes go wide.

66 RAINBOW DASH  
Like in the actual show?

67 SOARIN  
Unless Spitfire comes back, yes.

68 RAINBOW DASH  
I won't let you down, Soarin!

Soarin flies off and Rainbow Dash turns to Rarity, eyes wide.

69 RARITY  
Go ahead, dear, I know you want to  
celebrate.

Rainbow Dash <SCREAMS> with excitement. As Rainbow Dash does  
flips in the air:

70 RAINBOW DASH  
This is the best thing EVERRRR! Oh my  
gosh oh my gosh oh my gosh!  
(singing)  
I'm gonna get to fly with Wind Rider!  
And the Wonderbolts! Cause I'm the  
bestest! And I'm awesome! And they  
know it!

Soarin comes back to see Rainbow Dash still doing celebratory  
flips in the air.

71 SOARIN  
Rainbow Dash?

72 RARITY  
Let her have this, darling.

A beat as Soarin silently and awkwardly watches Rainbow Dash  
do a few more flips.

73 RAINBOW DASH  
Okay, I'm ready now!

Rainbow Dash takes her place with the Wonderbolts. Rarity  
heads to the stands. Only four other ponies are seated  
there. Rarity sits down next to a pony that looks a lot like  
Spitfire but older.

74 RARITY  
Hello, there.  
(then)  
Friend or family?

75 STORMY FLARE  
Family. My daughter's a Wonderbolt,  
but I don't see her up there. Do you  
know Spitfire?

76 RARITY  
You're Spitfire's mom? But, I thought  
you were sick!

77 STORMY FLARE  
What?

78 RARITY  
Spitfire got a note from you saying  
you weren't feeling well. She went  
home to take care of you!

79 STORMY FLARE  
I didn't send a note.

80 RARITY  
That's so strange.  
(calling out)  
Rainbow Dash! Come, quick!

Rarity elaborately waves Rainbow Dash down. Rainbow leaves  
her post in the flower formation.

81 RAINBOW DASH  
What's going on?

Soarin approaches, followed by the rest of the Wonderbolts,  
including Wind Rider.

82 SOARIN  
Stormy Flare? Aren't you supposed to  
be sick? What's happening?

83 STORMY FLARE  
I don't know, but I do know I didn't  
send my daughter a note.

84 RARITY  
Could somepony have sent Spitfire a  
fake note?

85 MISTY FLY  
Who would do such a thing?

86 SOARIN  
Somepony who wanted her out of the  
show, I suppose.

87 RAINBOW DASH  
Why would anypony want that?

88 WIND RIDER  
Maybe so that they could take her  
spot.

Wind Rider glares at Rainbow Dash who looks shocked and off the Wonderbolts suspicious stares, we...

**END ACT 1**

**ACT 2**

**SC. 8 - INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA - CONTINUOUS**

The Wonderbolts, including Soarin, Wind Rider, Misty Fly and Blaze are gathered around Rainbow Dash in the stands.

89                   RAINBOW DASH  
Me? I would never do that to Spitfire. She's my friend! Why would you think it was me?

90                   BLAZE  
I did see you and Spitfire leave the dinner together. You were the last pony to see her before she left!

91                   RAINBOW DASH  
We were room neighbors in the castle!

92                   MISTY FLY  
And you did say you would do anything to fly with Wind Rider!

93                   RAINBOW DASH  
Yeah, but I didn't mean *anything*!

94                   SOARIN  
Spitfire came by my room and told me she had to go see her mom at around midnight. Where were you then? Do you have an alibi?

95                   RAINBOW DASH  
No. I was asleep at midnight, having this totally amazing dream. There I was at the arena, flying with Wind Rider and the Wonderbolts, like I've always wanted to--never mind. Not helping.

96                   WONDERBOLTS  
<MURMUR OF ACCUSATIONS> I think she did it. / Yeah, she should get suspended. / No, she should get kicked out of the Wonderbolts.

Some of the Wonderbolts glare at Rainbow Dash. Rarity intercepts.

97 RARITY  
Excuse me, I know I'm not a Wonderbolt but there's no way Rainbow Dash would sabotage another pony to get ahead.

98 SOARIN  
I'm with Rarity. Rainbow Dash, if you can prove that somepony else is behind Spitfire's disappearance before the start of the show, then you can still fly with us.

99 RAINBOW DASH  
The start of the show? But that's in two hours.

100 SOARIN  
In the meantime, Misty Fly, Blaze - head over to Stormy Flare's house, try to find Spitfire and bring her back.

Misty Fly and Blaze nod and take off. Soarin turns to Rainbow Dash.

101 SOARIN (CONT'D)  
Rainbow Dash, I have to warn you, if you sent that letter, the bylaws are clear. I'd have no choice but to ban you from the Wonderbolts, forever. Understand?

102 RAINBOW DASH  
I understand. But how am I gonna prove I didn't send a letter I didn't send?

103 RARITY (O.S.)  
With me!

REVEAL Rarity is now decked out in a film noir-esque trench coat and fedora, like the ones in her display window. She poses dramatically in the shadows.

104 RARITY (CONT'D)  
Detective Rarity is on the case, and we're going to get to the bottom of this faster than my costume change!

105 RAINBOW DASH  
Yeah, what's with the get-up?

106 RARITY  
Obviously, I'm channeling Shadow Spade through these gorgeous garments. And she would say that the best way to prove you didn't send that letter is to find whoever did! First stop, the scene of the crime.

They head off. We hear Rarity's thoughts in noir-style V.O.:

107 RARITY (V.O.)  
We had a long road ahead of us, Rainbow Dash and I. Well, not too long because we didn't have much time but the point is, I was up for the challenge.

**SC. 9 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - SPITFIRE'S ROOM - LATER THAT DAY**

Rainbow Dash and Soarin search Spitfire's room for clues.

108 RARITY (V.O.)  
There I was, surveying the crime scene and looking tres chic while doing it...

Reveal Rarity is posing dramatically with a magnifying glass. She spots an envelope behind the door to the room that reads, "SPITFIRE".

109 RARITY  
This must be the envelope for the letter Spitfire got!

110 RAINBOW DASH  
Is the letter inside? Maybe we can find whoever sent it by matching the writing!

Rarity opens the envelope and shakes it out. No letter falls out but chunk of rainbow colored hairs do.

111 RARITY  
No letter, but these look like hairs from a rainbow mane!

112 RAINBOW DASH  
<GULPS> That's not good.

Rarity dramatically looks off into the distance.

113 RARITY (V.O.)  
Rainbow Dash was getting antsy. But I  
had faith I could clear her name and  
find the real culprit.

114 RAINBOW DASH  
What are you doing?

REVEAL while Rarity was doing her V.O., she was just staring  
at a blank wall.

115 RARITY  
Oh, just thinking thoughts.

Rarity magics the envelope over to herself. She looks at it  
closely. Then she sniffs it.

116 RAINBOW DASH  
C'mon, Rarity, let's look for more  
clues!

They head out the door to...

**SC. 10 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS**

Rainbow Dash and Rarity exit Spitfire's room.

117 RARITY (V.O.)  
Rainbow Dash was right. In order to  
solve the mystery, we had to be  
focused, driven, and one hundred  
percent in the--

118 RARITY  
Ooh!

REVEAL Rarity looking at the curtains in the hallway outside  
Spitfire's room. One side of the curtain is swept back with  
a velvet rope, the other side is undone.

119 RARITY (CONT'D)  
The damask pattern on these curtains  
is exquisite! Oh, and this velvet  
rope holder--

120 RAINBOW DASH  
We don't have time to look at the  
decor! They're gonna kick me out of  
the Wonderbolts unless we solve this  
thing!

121 RARITY  
I know, Rainbow, and I am on this case  
like a charm on a bracelet.

Rarity notices there is CASTLE GUARD at the end of the hallway.

122 RARITY (CONT'D)  
Here's what I'm thinking: somepony had to bring Spitfire that letter, which means somepony must have seen them! Come on!

Rarity leads Rainbow over to...

**SC. 11 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - HALLWAY ENTRANCE - SOON AFTER**

Rarity has gathered three CASTLE GUARDS. As she questions them, Rainbow Dash paces impatiently.

123 RARITY  
I just have a few questions for you and I'm sure once we get some things cleared up we'll--

124 RAINBOW DASH  
C'mon, Rarity, we don't have all day!

Rainbow Dash gets in Castle Guard #1's face.

125 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
Where were you on the night of last night at midnight?

126 CASTLE GUARD #1  
So, wait, do you mean last night?

127 RAINBOW DASH  
Duh.

128 CASTLE GUARD #1  
We were here, guarding the hallway entrance like we were supposed to.

129 RAINBOW DASH  
And why should I believe you? I barely even know you!

130 CASTLE GUARD #1  
Well I'm Safe Guard, and these are my cohorts, Spearhead and Shieldwing.

131 RAINBOW DASH  
A likely story.

132                   CASTLE GUARD #1  
What? Those are our names. I'm  
telling you, we were there all night  
and no one went in or out of that  
hallway.

133                   CASTLE GUARD #2  
Except for you.

134                   RAINBOW DASH  
What are you trying to say?

135                   CASTLE GUARD #2  
Just that there are only two rooms in  
the northwest wing - yours and  
Spitfire's. So the only other pony  
who had access to that wing was you.

Rainbow Dash <GASPS>! The guards glare at her accusingly.  
Rarity looks worried.

136                   RARITY (V.O.)  
The waters were getting choppy.  
Rainbow Dash's tactics were... well,  
terrible. It was time for another  
approach.

Rarity zips off.

137                   RARITY (O.S.)  
Perhaps I should take it from here.

REVEAL Rarity is now dressed in a suit dress, a fascinator,  
and fur shawl (think Brigid O'Shaugnessy in Maltese Falcon).  
She poses dramatically on a chaise.

138                   RAINBOW DASH  
How'd you change so fast? And where'd  
that couch come from?

Rarity sidles up to the guards.

139                   RARITY  
You castle guards have such a  
difficult job.

Rarity looks around furtively then whispers.

140                   RARITY (CONT'D)  
And I'm guessing at times, it can be  
rather boring.

141                   CASTLE GUARD #1  
(WHISPERS) It is. I've counted all 345  
bolts in the ceiling tiles 293 times.

142                   RARITY  
And of course, being a castle guard  
can be thankless work. I'm not saying  
you did, but if you did take a break,  
you more than deserved it.

Rarity bats her lashes at the guards. They share a look.

143                   CASTLE GUARD #1  
You're right, we don't get a lot of  
recognition for what we do.

144                   CASTLE GUARD #2  
Except for last night when somepony  
was nice enough to leave a cake for  
us. So we did take one little break  
when we ate that cake.

Rarity is now back in her trench coat. She takes notes in a  
note pad.

145                   RARITY  
What kind of cake was it?

146                   CASTLE GUARD #2  
Cherry with a custard filling.

147                   RARITY  
Was the frosting vanilla or chocolate?

148                   CASTLE GUARD #1  
Chocolate.

149                   RARITY  
Was the base of the cake decorated  
with buttercream rosettes?

150                   CASTLE GUARD #1  
It was!

151                   RAINBOW DASH  
Ugh. Who cares how it was decorated?!

CLOSE ON Rarity's face.

152                   RARITY (V.O.)  
Rainbow Dash was questioning my  
methods, but I knew what I was doing.

153 RAINBOW DASH  
Do you?

154 RARITY  
Oh. Did I say that one out loud?

155 RAINBOW DASH  
I mean, even I think I'm guilty at this point. I really did want to fly in the show! What if I wrote that note when I was asleep? Do you know what I do when I sleep? Because I sure don't!

156 RARITY  
Calm down, Rainbow Dash, we'll get to the bottom of this. There's only one bakery in Canterlot that makes a chocolate cherry cake with custard filling and buttercream frosting rosettes, and that's...

**SC. 12 - EXT. CINNAMON CHAI'S TEA AND CAKE SHOP - LATER**

[Note: This is the Canterlot tea shop - we've just named it.]  
Rainbow Dash and Rarity are outside the tea shop. Rarity is now dressed in her Canterlot finest.

157 RARITY  
...Cinnamon Chai's Tea and Cake Shop!

CINNAMON CHAI comes outside to greet them. He has a snooty Canterlot accent.

158 CINNAMON CHAI  
Hi, how can I help you?

159 RARITY  
(snooty Canterlot accent)  
Yes, I've heard you have the best chocolate cherry custard cake with buttercream frosting rosettes in town!

160 CINNAMON CHAI  
You travel in the right circles. We have the *only* chocolate cherry custard cake with buttercream frosting rosettes in town.

Rarity points to the display window, where a cake is clearly missing.

161 RARITY  
Oh no! But somepony's already bought it. Who was the lucky pony?

162 CINNAMON CHAI  
I can't even say!

163 RARITY  
Why because it was somepony famous?

164 CINNAMON CHAI  
No! Because it was hard to tell. She was wearing a trenchcoat, sunglasses, and a scarf around her head that covered most of her face. But I do remember she had a really deep, raspy voice.

165 RAINBOW DASH  
Whaddaya mean raspy?

166 CINNAMON CHAI  
Well, kinda like yours.

Rainbow Dash <GULPS>.

167 RARITY  
If there's anything else you can remember, dish! I love a good story.

168 CINAMMON CHAI  
Well, have I got a story for you! The pony who bought that cake threw a big fit when she accidentally got chocolate ganache on her scarf.

169 RARITY  
That's terrible! (BEAT) What color was the scarf?

170 CINAMMON CHAI  
White. No, maybe more of an Ivory.

171 RARITY  
You don't say!

172 RAINBOW DASH  
I can't believe you're talking fashion at a time like this. The Royal Garden Opening is in an hour!

173 RARITY  
Rainbow, don't panic. I need you to trust me.

174 RAINBOW DASH  
Trust you?! You've spent more time  
changing clothes than trying to help  
me. I'm doomed!

175 RARITY  
No, you're not. Come on!

As they head off...

176 RARITY (V.O.)  
Rainbow Dash was obviously upset but I  
had all my ducks in a row, except for  
one. She wasn't gonna like it, but  
there was only one way to find out if  
my suspicions were correct.

**SC. 13 - INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA - LATER THAT DAY**

The Wonderbolts and Stormy Flare are all gathered. Blaze and Misy Fly come back in.

177 BLAZE  
We looked everywhere, but Spitfire  
wasn't at her mom's house.

178 STORMY FLARE  
Oh no. Where could she be?

Just then Rainbow Dash and Rarity (back in her trenchcoat) burst in.

179 RARITY  
I've found the culprit! Somepony sent  
Spitfire away and framed Rainbow Dash  
for it. And that pony was none other  
than... WIND RIDER!

Rarity points an accusing hoof. Everypony, including Rainbow Dash, <GASPS>!

180 EVERYONE  
What? / She's accusing him?! /  
Impossible!

Rainbow Dash puts her head in her hooves.

**END ACT 2**

**ACT 3**

FADE IN:

**SC. 14 - INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA - CONTINUOUS**

Everypony is as they were.

181                   RAINBOW DASH  
Rarity, I can't believe you would  
accuse Wind Rider of framing me. He's  
a living legend, for pony's sake!

182                   RARITY  
All the evidence points to him.

183                   RAINBOW DASH  
What evidence could you possibly have?  
All you did was ask about cake, admire  
decor, and change outfits a gazillion  
times.

184                   RARITY  
Let me explain. I never believed you  
would send Spitfire away. And when we  
found the rainbow hairs in Spitfire's  
room I could tell they didn't fall  
out, they were cut!

Rarity holds up the rainbow hair sample.

185                   RARITY (CONT'D)  
No one loses hair in a chunk. And  
look at the ends, it's a straight  
line! They were clearly cut with  
shears! Which means somepony planted  
it. Then, when we were examining  
Spitfire's room...

**SC. 15 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - SPITFIRE'S ROOM - FLASHBACK**

Flashback of Rarity examining the envelope.

186                   RARITY (V.O.)  
...I smelled something on the  
envelope. Juniper Phoenix! Wind  
Rider's cologne of choice.

**SC. 16 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - HALLWAY - FLASHBACK**

Flashback of Rarity admiring the hallway curtains.

187 RARITY (V.O.)  
Then, in the castle hallway, I noticed  
some of the damask curtains fell out  
of their velvet rope holder,  
indicating somepony had been hiding  
behind them, perhaps after they  
dropped off the fake letter.

**SC. 17 - INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA IN CANTERLOT - BACK TO SCENE**

188 SOARIN  
But Rainbow Dash could have been  
hiding there.

189 RARITY  
She'd have no reason to, her room was  
right next door! Which means some  
other pony was in that hallway.

190 WIND RIDER  
Big deal! Juniper Phoenix is a very  
popular fragrance and anypony could  
have moved those curtains, like a  
guard or a maid.

191 RARITY  
That's why I questioned the castle  
guards.

**SC. 18 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - HALLWAY ENTRANCE - FLASHBACK**

Castle Guards #1 and #3 flank the hallway entrance. Castle  
Guard #2 enters.

192 RARITY (V.O.)  
They were at their post at the  
entrance to the hallway all night  
except for a small window of time when  
somepony bought them cake...

193 CASTLE GUARD #2  
Somepony bought us cake!

194 CASTLE GUARD #1  
Really? What kind?

195 CASTLE GUARD #2  
Does it matter? It's cake!

The Castle Guards abandon their posts and zip O.S.

196 RARITY (V.O.)  
A cake that was ordered by a girl pony  
with a raspy voice.

**SC. 19 - EXT. CANTERLOT TEA SHOP BAKERY - FLASHBACK**

A pony in a trench coat, sunglasses, and scarf leaves with a cake. The pony gets some ganache on their scarf and gets upset.

197 SOARIN (V.O.)  
But... that could be Rainbow Dash.

198 RARITY (V.O.)  
Or, it was a boy pony pretending to be a girl.

**SC. 20 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ARENA IN CANTERLOT - BACK TO SCENE**

199 RARITY  
Whoever ordered the cake got a chocolate stain on their white scarf, and I couldn't help but notice Wind Rider's scarf is tied in a tight windsor knot instead of its usual loose slipknot today.

Rarity rounds on Wind Rider.

200 RARITY (CONT'D)  
Why is that? Is it to hide... the chocolate stain??

Rarity magics Wind Rider's scarf loose, revealing the incriminating stain. Everypony gasps!

201 RARITY (CONT'D)  
It's nearly impossible to get chocolate out of silk!

202 WIND RIDER  
This is preposterous. Wonderbolts you don't believe a word of this, right?

Wind Rider looks around for some support, but the Wonderbolts are all glaring at him.

203 RARITY  
Just admit it! You're as guilty of framing Rainbow Dash as you are of ruining that white scarf!

Rarity stares him down. He relents under her menacing glare.

204 WIND RIDER  
Fine. You caught me! I did it.

205                   RAINBOW DASH  
But why, Wind Rider? Is it because I  
took the last broccoli at the dinner  
and you really really wanted it?

206                   RARITY  
No. It was because he was afraid you  
would break his long distance  
Wonderbolt record.

**SC. 21 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - BANQUET HALL - FLASHBACK**

The dinner scene from earlier. As Spitfire brags about  
Rainbow Dash, we see Wind Rider's face in the background.

207                   RARITY (V.O.)  
I heard him when Spitfire said you  
were close to breaking his record. He  
said and I quote, "heh heh."

208                   WIND RIDER  
Heh heh.

209                   RARITY (V.O.)  
That's the polite but disingenuous  
laugh you make when you want to seem  
happy but really you're not.

**SC. 22 - INT. WONDERBOLT ARENA IN CANTERLOT - BACK TO SCENE**

210                   WIND RIDER  
I thought if I could get Rainbow Dash  
kicked out of the Wonderbolts forever,  
my record would be preserved.

211                   RAINBOW DASH  
Really? That is soo not cool. And I  
thought you were the coolest  
Wonderbolt ever, until now.

212                   WIND RIDER  
I did what I had to do to protect my  
record. Sometimes, you gotta play  
dirty to be the best.

213                   RAINBOW DASH  
No, you don't. That's not what being  
a Wonderbolt is all about.

214                   SOARIN  
She's right. Wonderbolts look out for  
each other. Which reminds me, where  
is Spitfire?

215 WIND RIDER  
I sent her the letter pretending to be Stormy Flare. I told her I had Pegasus and the only cure is the Ice Iris in the Crystal Mountains.

216 RAINBOW DASH  
No wonder she's been gone so long. Ice Irises are almost impossible to find in spring!

217 SOARIN  
The Crystal Mountains are too far for anypony to make the journey there and back before the start of the Royal Garden opening. Rainbow Dash, we need you to fly in Spitfire's place.

218 RAINBOW DASH  
But Spitfire shouldn't have to miss this. I'm gonna get her.

219 SOARIN  
You'll never make it in time! The Royal Gardens open in half an hour!

220 RAINBOW DASH  
Then there's no time to lose.

Rainbow Dash zips off. DISSOLVE TO:

**SC. 23 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - ROYAL GARDENS - LATER**

In the midst of beautiful flower gardens, Rarity, the Wonderbolts, and Stormy Flare wait with baited breath.

221 BLAZE  
Rainbow Dash is still gone!

222 RARITY  
Don't panic. If I know Rainbow Dash, she'll come through.

Just then Rainbow Dash and Spitfire land in the arena. The Wonderbolts cheer and circle them. Rainbow Dash is panting hard. Stormy Flare and Spitfire hug.

223 SOARIN  
Spitfire, you're back! I can't believe you made it!

224 SPITFIRE  
Oh I wouldn't have, if Rainbow hadn't found me so fast. Gave me enough time to fly back!

225 SOARIN  
But that means Rainbow Dash must have beat Wind Rider's Mustang Marathon record!

226 RAINBOW DASH  
What? I did? I did!  
(pumping her "fist")  
Yes!

The Wonderbolts all cheer and high-five Rainbow Dash. She goes over to Rarity.

227 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
I couldn't have done it without you. And I'm sorry I doubted you. But why didn't you tell me what you were doing?

228 RARITY  
I didn't want to get your hopes up until I was sure, and I couldn't be sure until I saw that chocolate stain.

229 RAINBOW DASH  
Thank you for believing in me...  
(hanging her head)  
...even when I was doubting you. I'm some friend, huh?

230 RARITY  
You are quite a good friend.  
(then)  
You went to get Spitfire even though it meant you couldn't fly today.

231 RAINBOW DASH  
(with a shrug)  
I'll get my chance one day.

Spitfire and Soarin fly up to Rainbow Dash.

232 SPITFIRE  
Or today. How'd you like Wind Rider's spot in the show?

233 WIND RIDER  
What? You can't do this to me. I'm  
one of the greatest Wonderbolts there  
ever was!

234 SPITFIRE  
Not anymore. For attempting to frame  
Rainbow Dash, I hereby strip you of  
your Wonderbolt status!

Spitfire pulls his Wonderbolt insignia off his jacket. Two  
Wonderbolts escort him O.S. Spitfire turns to Rainbow Dash.

235 SOARIN  
So how about it? Would you like to  
fly with us?

236 RAINBOW DASH  
Would I?! Oh my gosh oh my gosh oh my  
gosh--

As Rainbow Dash does flips in the air:

237 SOARIN  
Rainbow Dash?

Rainbow freezes mid-flip.

238 RAINBOW DASH  
(sheepish)  
Coming!

**SC. 24 - EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - ROYAL GARDENS - LATER**

Rarity cheers next to Stormy Flare and watches the  
performance from the stands. The Wonderbolts do an  
impressive looking aerial flower formation with Rainbow Dash  
in the middle.

ANGLE ON Rarity from behind:

239 RARITY (V.O.)  
So my friend got her moment in the  
sun. Or the center of an aerial flower  
as the case may be. And as for me? I  
got a chance to show off my Femme  
Mystique Chic collection!

240 STORMY FLARE  
That's nice, dear.

241 RARITY  
Oh. Did I say that out loud?

FADE OUT.