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*Friendship Lesson: Never give up hope.*

**TEASER**

FADE IN

**SC. 1 - EXT. PONYVILLE STREET - DAY**

PINKIE PIE and RAINBOW DASH trot up to a NEWSPAPER PONY.

1                   NEWSPAPER PONY  
Morning, Pinkie Pie. Got your  
Ponyville Chronicle right here!

Pinkie stomps her hooves in a tiny excited dance as she tosses him a few BITS and takes the paper.

2                   PINKIE PIE  
Fan-tizzy-astic! (TO DASH) I just love  
to read about happy happenings and  
it's always good to be a pony in the  
know, you know?

Pinkie unfurls the paper with a huge smile.

3                   PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)  
And there's *so much* to know!

Rainbow Dash shrugs.

4                   RAINBOW DASH  
Seems like a bunch of boring hooey to  
me.

The two ponies walk through the market as they talk. Pinkie points to a headline.

5                   PINKIE PIE  
Does "NEW SHRUBBERY IN CASTLE GARDEN"!  
sound like boring hooey to you?!

6                   RAINBOW DASH  
Snooze.

7                   PINKIE PIE  
What about "PARASPRITE INFESTATION IN  
FILLYDELPHIA ERADICATED"?! That's  
great news!

8                   RAINBOW DASH  
(DISMISSIVE WAVE) Another day, another  
parasprite hype story.

Pinkie gives Dash a perturbed look. She flips through the pages with purpose as they keep walking.

9 PINKIE PIE  
Noodles named official food of  
Whinnyapolis! Author A.K. Yearling  
announces retirement! Cloudsdale  
election heating up for candidate in  
favor of cooling it down!

Dash stops dead in her tracks. Her eyes go huge.

10 RAINBOW DASH  
WHAT?! Let me see that!

Dash snatches the paper and looks closer.

11 PINKIE PIE  
(PROUD) I never knew you were so into  
politics, Rainbow.

12 RAINBOW DASH  
No, this!

Dash points her hoof at the page.

13 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
(IN DISBELIEF) It can't be true...

14 PINKIE PIE  
I'd have never have picked noodles as  
the official food of Whinnyapolis,  
either. But here we are!

15 RAINBOW DASH  
No, Pinkie! I can't believe... that  
the greatest author and secret pony  
adventurer of all time-- A.K. Yearling--  
- is retiring!

Off Rainbow's horrified face we...

**END TEASER**

**MAIN TITLES**

**ACT ONE**

**SC. 2 - EXT. JUNGLE/FOREST- LATER**

Dash and Pinkie rush through the forest. Pinkie still has the  
NEWSPAPER.

16 PINKIE PIE  
A.K. Yearling just retired-- like,  
today. Are you sure she wants  
visitors?

17 RAINBOW DASH  
Pinkie, the A.K. Yearling I know would  
never quit and retire out of the blue!  
Something could be really wrong and we  
need to make sure she's okay.

18 PINKIE PIE  
Okay!

Pinkie Pie, suddenly looks up with a suspicious eyebrow at Dash.

19 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)  
Heeeeey, you're not just trying to make  
sure she writes more Daring Do books,  
are you?

20 RAINBOW DASH  
Of course not! (THEN) But that  
wouldn't hurt either. Now, come on!

With that, Dash gives a burst of speed and shoots ahead. Pinkie gallops to follow.

**SC. 3 - EXT. A.K. YEARLING'S COTTAGE - SHORTLY AFTER**

CLOSE on a hoof knocking loud. REVEAL that Pinkie and Rainbow at A.K. Yearling's doorstep. A beat, nothing. Rainbow and Pinkie exchange a nervous look.

21 RAINBOW DASH  
Maybe she's not home. (BRIGHTENING)  
Maybe she went to the editor-in-chief  
of the Ponyville Chronicle to correct  
the misprint they've made!

22 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)  
Nope. She's home.

23 RAINBOW DASH  
How do you know?

REVEAL - Pinkie with her muzzle pressed up against the FRONT WINDOW.

24 PINKIE PIE  
Because she's right there... looking  
all sad and alone.

25 RAINBOW DASH  
I knew it. Something is wrong!

Rainbow knocks again, harder this time. Pinkie keeps watching from the window.

26 PINKIE PIE  
Now she's sighing with the weight of the world! (BEAT) Now she's hanging her head in utter despair! (BEAT) Now she's shaking her hoof and cursing the heavens like nothing could ever possibly be the same ever again! Why-oh-why-did-this-happen-to-her...

27 RAINBOW DASH  
What?!

Rainbow presses her face against the window, too.

28 PINKIE PIE  
(GIGGLING) Whoops. Never mind, that time she was just stretching.

Dash flies back to the door and knocks even harder this time.

29 RAINBOW DASH  
A.K., it's us-- Rainbow Dash and Pinkie Pie! Your friends!

The door swings open. A disheveled (and hat-less) A.K. YEARLING stands there, shocked but relieved. She looks around and quickly ushers Rainbow and Pinkie inside.

#### SC. 4 - INT. A.K. YEARLING'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

The place is a mess, but unlike MLP404 this is organized chaos. CHESTS, STACKS OF BOOKS, PITH HELMETS, and the famous TYPEWRITER are all being packed away. Dash takes it in.

30 RAINBOW DASH  
Oh no. Did somepony ransack your cottage again and steal some ancient mysterious relic that's the key to saving all of Equestria?

Pinkie Pie picks a random golden RELIC from a treasure chest and inspects it. She begins to play with it. Suddenly, it starts GLOWING and EMITTING SPARKS (Pinkie is unharmed).

31 PINKIE PIE  
Oooh! Sparky!

A.K. Yearling dives for the relic and puts it back in the chest gently. Pinkie starts looking in another trunk.

**32** A.K. YEARLING  
Nothing's been stolen.

**33** RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)  
(GASP) Then is somepony blackmailing you and forcing you to retire?! Cuz if they are...

Rainbow Dash puffs up and gets in "action" pose.

**34** A.K. YEARLING  
No. Nothing like that...

**35** RAINBOW DASH  
So you're just quitting and moving away!? (GIVING A.K. A SHAKE) WHY. WOULD. YOU. DO. THAT?

**36** A.K. YEARLING  
(ANNOYED) I already explained everything to the Ponyville Chronicle.

Rainbow snatches the newspaper from Pinkie Pie.

**37** RAINBOW DASH  
Oh, really!? (THEN, READING) "Author A.K. Yearling announced yesterday that the next adventure novel in her popular series, 'Daring Do and the Curse of the Pharaoh's Tomb' will be her last. Yearling looks forward to her retirement." That doesn't explain anything!

A.K. just shrugs.

**38** RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
(EXASPERATED) It just says you're giving up writing stories. But most ponies don't know that you actually are Daring Do and the stories are real. So really what you're saying is that you're giving up being Daring Do, but you're not saying why!

A.K. turns away, perturbed, and goes back to packing. Pinkie steps in before Dash completely loses it.

**39** PINKIE PIE  
Of course, if you don't feel like talking about it, that's A-Okay, A.K.!  
(MORE)

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)  
As your friends, we completely understand. (WITH A LOOK TO DASH)  
*Right*, Rainbow Dash?

40 RAINBOW DASH  
(composing herself) Oh. Yeah. We just came to make sure you're all right. That's really why we wanted to find out what's going on.

At this, A.K. softens. She sits down and looks back and forth between her friends, then slumps her shoulders.

41 A.K. YEARLING  
If you really want to know...

A.K. opens a desk drawer.

42 A.K. YEARLING (CONT'D)  
My last quest took me to a village in Southern Equestria where I started seeing these.

A.K. sheepishly pulls out a stack of NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS and passes them to PINKIE PIE.

43 PINKIE PIE  
(READS DRAMATICALLY) "WAKE OF DESTRUCTION: DARING DO RUINS ENTIRE VILLAGE MARKETPLACE"!

Rainbow Dash leans over and reads the next one.

44 RAINBOW DASH  
(INCREDULOUS) "DARE OR SCARE? LOCAL ROGUE 'DARING DO' INVOLVED IN FRIGHTFUL FIASCO"?

45 PINKIE PIE  
(DRAMATICALLY) "DARING DO LEADS BULL INTO CHINA SHOP DURING HIGH SPEED CHASE--"

46 A.K. YEARLING  
(CUTTING THEM OFF) That's enough! (THEN DEJECTED) Everypony I tried to help is mad at me.

47 PINKIE PIE  
(CHIPPER) That's not true! They're not mad at A.K. Yearling. They're mad at "Daring Do".

48 A.K. YEARLING  
They don't sell my books in Southern Equestria. The ponies there don't know who A.K. Yearling is. They only know Daring Do and apparently she does more harm than good.

Pinkie looks at a picture of Daring Do in the paper. She quickly scribbles a BIG HAT and GLASSES on it. She holds it up in comparison and squints. It looks exactly the same.

49 PINKIE PIE  
I guess it's a good thing you look so different as A.K. Yearling!

Rainbow Dash holds up the newspaper clippings.

50 RAINBOW DASH  
All we have to do is go down there and explain to these ponies that none of this stuff is true.

51 PINKIE PIE  
Easy-peazy-cheezy!

A.K. shakes her head.

52 A.K. YEARLING  
But that's just the thing... it is true.

53 DASH/PINKIE  
WHAT!?

54 A.K. YEARLING  
I guess I've always been so focused on saving priceless relics and stopping the bad guys that I never really thought about the mess I leave behind.

55 PINKIE PIE  
Then you ARE in a tricky pickle. But why is this all happening now?

56 A.K. YEARLING  
(SHRUGS) I guess ponies are finally fed up. Either way, I'm done with adventures - having or writing.

57 RAINBOW DASH  
Come on! For every one pony who's upset, there must be at least a hundred that know you're a hero.

58 A.K. YEARLING  
I don't think so, Dash.

A.K. goes back to packing her things, but Dash won't take no for an answer.

59 RAINBOW DASH  
Well, why don't we go visit this village (READS PAPER) "Somnambula" and see for ourselves.

60 A.K. YEARLING  
Those articles seem to make it pretty clear how the villagers feel.

61 PINKIE PIE  
But if we go there, the ponies can tell you in person just how much they appreciate you.

62 RAINBOW DASH  
And what a heap of rotten apple cores these articles are!

A beat as A.K. considers the proposition. She looks to Pinkie, who smiles encouragingly back.

63 A.K. YEARLING  
You really think so?

64 RAINBOW DASH  
I know so! Let's go!

Pinkie and Rainbow smile. A.K. sighs and puts on her GREY HAT. Off her uncertain expression...

DISSOLVE TO:

**SC. 5 - MAP OF EQUESTRIA - ROUTE TO SOUTHERN EQUESTRIA**

An Indiana Jones-esque map shows the route the ponies travel to SOUTHERN EQUESTRIA.

The destination is SOMNAMBULA, an Egyptian-style village. Illustrations of PYRAMIDS and a SPHINX surround the drawings of HUTS/HOUSES.

DISSOLVE TO:

**SC. 6 - EXT. VILLAGE OF SOMNAMBULA - LATER**

The terrain is dry and desert-like, sand everywhere. The ponies walk toward the Egyptian-inspired village of SOMNAMBULA.

A.K. Yearling, Pinkie Pie, and Rainbow Dash stop at the village entrance and take in the scene. It's a bustling marketplace-- complete with APPLE SELLERS, SPICE VENDORS, and many ponies dressed in Egyptian style finery.

Rainbow forgets that they aren't on a regular adventure.

65 RAINBOW DASH  
(GIDDY) This is so cool! It looks just like that village in your last book where Daring Do recovers the Doomed Diadem from The Wild Bunch Gang who chase after her through the desert!

66 A.K. YEARLING  
It should. I based that entire chapter on my experiences here in Somnambula.

67 PINKIE PIE  
What happens?! No wait, don't tell me. (then) I CHANGED MY MIND! TELL ME!

68 RAINBOW DASH  
Daring Do thwarts Ahuizotl's evil plot to separate the Sister Crown Relics. And if it wasn't for her, the region would be cursed with eternal night and the entire town of Somnambula would have sunk into the ground!

69 PINKIE PIE  
Pssht! Then there's *no* chance that these ponies don't think you're a hero.

Hopeful, A.K. adjusts her glasses (NOTE: the ponies of this region know her as Daring Do, so they don't recognize her in her author garb).

70 RAINBOW DASH  
(TO A.K.) Watch this.

A nearby SOMNAMBULAN VILLAGER is busy tending to his APPLE CART. He's an elder Stallion (NOTE: the cart should have clear damage/look broken).

Rainbow Dash trots up, confident. She's got this. Rainbow winks at A.K. and Pinkie in an encouraging way.

71 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
(OVERLY LOUD) Hiya there, Mister!

The elder stallion does a little bow with one hoof down in the vain of a regional greeting.

**72** RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
I was hoping you could tell me about a pony named Daring Do. I hear she's an awesome adventure-pony hero.

**73** ELDER STALLION  
Daring Do? (NODS) Oh, she's awesome all right--

Rainbow grins. This plan is going perfect! A.K. looks up, hopefully.

**74** ELDER STALLION (CONT'D)  
(WITH SUDDEN ANGER)--awesome at destroying ponies' apple carts--

ANGLE ON the damage on his apple cart.

**75** ELDER STALLION(CONT'D)  
--and priceless, sacred statues!

The elder stallion points his hoof behind him. ANGLE ON a PILE OF RUBBLE that still has the basic structure of pony statue.

A CLOAKED PONY with his hood over his head steps forward. The hood is obstructing his face (NOTE: we will learn this is DR. CABALLERON in disguise).

**76** CLOAKED PONY  
Indeed. Daring Do is a menace who destroys everything she touches!

The Cloaked Pony points to the nearby MARKETPLACE. TWO VILLAGER PONIES (construction-types, but ancient-style) are putting the finishing touches on a new TENT STRUCTURE. They hammer and saw. The villager ponies nod in agreement. Rainbow's face falls with a <RECORD SCRATCH SFX>.

**77** RAINBOW DASH  
What?! No! Daring Do is the exact opposite of a menace.

Unseen, by our trio, the cloaked pony smiles an evil grin. A.K. pulls Dash aside.

**78** A.K. YEARLING  
(ANGRY ASIDE) I tried to tell you--  
Coming back here was a mistake!

With that, A.K. takes off running. Off Dash and Pinkie's worried expressions we...

**END ACT ONE**

**ACT TWO****SC. 7 - EXT. EDGE OF VILLAGE - RESUME**

Pinkie runs and Rainbow flies after a galloping A.K. Yearling (NOTE: She is still in her "author" cloak, i.e., not flying).

79                   RAINBOW DASH  
Come on, A.K.! So we picked a bad  
example. That was just one angry pony!

80                   PINKIE PIE  
(CHIPPER) *Two* angry ponies!

A.K. shakes her head and keeps running - headed out of town.

81                   A.K. YEARLING  
It doesn't matter. I never should have  
come with you! You two should just go  
home.

With that, A.K. surges ahead, charging past the village gates and out into the dessert. Dash and Pinkie come to a stop and stare after, distraught.

82                   RAINBOW DASH  
Come on! We gotta follow her!

Pinkie Pie scrunches her face, unsure.

83                   PINKIE PIE  
I dunno... it *really* seemed like she  
doesn't want us cramping her saddle.

84                   RAINBOW DASH  
But we have to convince her that  
ponies do appreciate her! As her  
friend, I have to make sure she  
believes that.

Rainbow takes off. Pinkie follows, concerned.

**SC. 8 - EXT. "GET ON INN" BARN & BREAKFAST - EVENING**

Rainbow and Pinkie Pie crest a sand dune - following A.K.'s hoofprints which lead out of the desert and toward a wooded area where a quaint hotel sits.

It's cozy-- smoke coming from the chimney with a bustling tavern attached to the side. Dash smiles.

85 RAINBOW DASH  
Look, Pinkie! It's the "Get On Inn".  
Daring Do stays here all the time in  
her adventures.

Rainbow brightens.

86 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
Which means there must be ponies here  
who love Daring Do! Maybe they can  
help us.

Smells waft from the restaurant straight to Pinkie Pie's  
nose. She breathes in and smiles.

87 PINKIE PIE  
Mmmmm. My nose is telling me to help  
myself-- (WITH A SNIFF) to muffins.

**SC. 9 - "GET ON INN" BARN & BREAKFAST - CONTINUOUS**

Rainbow Dash and Pinkie Pie stand at the hotel check-in  
counter. Rainbow rings the SERVICE BELL.

88 RAINBOW DASH  
(IMPATIENT) Come on.

Rainbow rings the bell again and a grumpy older mare, MRS.  
TROTSMORTH, waddles in. She's wearing a FRILLY LACE DRESS and  
too much COSTUME JEWELRY - a bit Grey Gardens-esque.

89 PINKIE PIE  
(ASIDE TO DASH) Ooo, she's fancy.  
(WINKS) I got this!

Dash opens her mouth to speak, but Pinkie takes the lead.

90 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)  
(OVERLY FORMAL) A good evening to you,  
Madam! We are but weary travelers who  
humbly wish to inquire on the status  
of a certain mare of intrigue taking  
residence here?

91 MRS. TROTSMORTH  
(BRUSQUE) What in Southern Equestria  
are you on about?

92 PINKIE PIE  
(DROPPING THE FORMAL TONE) Is it true  
that Daring Do stays here?!

Mrs. Trotsworth frowns and grunts.

93 MRS. TROTZWORTH  
Not anymore, she doesn't!

94 RAINBOW DASH  
Why not?

95 MRS. TROTZWORTH  
The last time I rented that rascal a room, she was in a such a rush to high-tail it outta here, she didn't even pay her bill!

96 RAINBOW DASH  
But--

97 MRS. TROTZWORTH  
(CUTTING HER OFF) After that, a band of ruffians showed up and destroyed half the rooms looking for her. Guess she made them even more mad than she made me!

98 RAINBOW DASH  
No, no, no. You've got it all wrong.

Mrs. Trotsworth grunts and raises an eyebrow.

99 MRS. TROTZWORTH  
How do ya figure?

Rainbow rolls her eyes.

100 RAINBOW DASH  
Daring Do was trying to *save* everypony from the Curse of the Doomed Diadem of Xilati (Zhee-lah-tee)! And she was only in a rush because she had to get the crown back to the Tiara of Teotlale (Tee-oat-lah-lay) before the curse took effect. (ASIDE TO PINKIE)  
Chapter seventeen.

101 MRS. TROTZWORTH  
Sounds like a tall tale to me. And a hard one to believe now that I know Daring Do is a scoundrel and a thief!

Off Dash and Pinkie's shock, Mrs. Trotsworth grasps at a string of slightly luminescent gems (GLOWPAZ) around her neck.

**102** MRS. TROTSWORTH (CONT'D)  
Every year ponies come to offer  
precious glowpaz to the Sonmambula  
statue in the village in hopes for a  
good future.

Trotsworth motions to a Cloaked Pony trotting into the PUB  
ENTRANCE (Note: same one as before, but the ponies don't  
realize it).

**103** MRS. TROTSWORTH (CONT'D)  
(SHAKING HER HEAD) That poor fella had  
his glowpaz necklace stolen by Daring  
Do just yesterday!

Pinkie and Rainbow exchange a look of disbelief and move to  
follow the Cloaked Pony into...

**SC. 10 - INT. GET ON INN - TAVERN - CONTINUOUS**

Ponies chat over bowls of HOT SOUP and mugs of CIDER (NOTE:  
clearly cider mugs as previously established). Jaunty MUSIC  
plays in the background.

ANGLE ON the Cloaked Pony in the corner - a few ponies are  
gathered around him.

ANGLE ON A.K. Yearling in the other corner - laying low, but  
looking sad.

Rainbow Dash and Pinkie Pie point at them in opposite  
directions.

106A RAINBOW DASH  
He's over there!

106B PINKIE PIE  
She's over there!

**104** CLOAKED PONY  
Daring Do RUINED our town and stole  
our precious glowpaz! We need to make  
sure that if she turns up again there  
will be consequences! Everypony who's  
with me, meet at the statue tomorrow!

The small crowd of ponies nod and cheer in agreement.

**105** PONY WALLA  
Yeah!/Definitely!/Okay!

A.K. Yearling appears between Pinkie Pie and Rainbow Dash,  
watching the mob. A.K. sighs heavily.

**106**                   A.K. YEARLING  
Now I'm getting blamed for things I  
didn't even do. Why would I steal from  
them?

**107**                   RAINBOW DASH  
I never thought things would be this  
bad.

**108**                   PINKIE PIE  
They are SUPER BAD! But... we're still  
staying the night, right?

She pops a muffin into her mouth and grins as she chews.

**109**                   PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)  
(CHEWING) Because I already ate all  
the free mini muffins!!

Rainbow turns to A.K. Yearling, a look of determination on  
her face.

**110**                   RAINBOW DASH  
Listen, A.K., after a good night's  
sleep we're going to fix all of this.  
I promise.

A.K. <SIGHS> realizing that Dash is not going to give up.

DISSOLVE TO:

**SC. 11 - EXT. VILLAGE OF SOMNAMBULA - NEXT DAY**

A.K., Pinkie, and Rainbow stand right in the center of town  
(next to the statue rubble).

**111**                   A.K. YEARLING  
(WHISPERED) I shouldn't be here,  
Rainbow Dash. This is never going to  
work.

**112**                   RAINBOW DASH  
Are you kidding? Of course it will!  
All I have to do is go up there and  
explain to everypony how WRONG they  
all are.

**113**                   PINKIE PIE  
Yeah! And then I'll be like-- *what she  
said!*

**114**                   A.K. YEARLING  
(UNCONVINCED) Easy-peazy-cheezy.

**115** PINKIE PIE  
Exactly!

Ponies start to gather around the statue as the Cloaked Pony steps up and turns to the crowd. Our trio hangs in the back.

**116** CLOAKED PONY  
Here it is! The remains of your-- I mean *our* Somnambula statue. Now that Daring Do has destroyed it, tell me... where will we hang our glowpaz?!

**117** RANDOM VILLAGER  
We don't even have any glowpaz because they were stolen by Daring Do!

**118** PONY WALLA  
Yeah!/She is a menace!/Boo!

Rainbow Dash can't take it anymore. She flies up next to Cloaked Pony and addresses the crowd.

**119** RAINBOW DASH  
Daring Do would never steal anything! And okay, *yeah*-- she destroyed your statue, but it was because she was trying to save you all from Ahuizotl!

The ponies look back at her, blank-faced.

**120** RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
Ahuizotl? (EXPLAINING) He's about yea big?

Dash flies up and does the "this tall" motion with her wing.

**121** RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)  
Long neck? Itty-bitty face? Weird claw thingy on his tail?

**122** PINKIE PIE  
Ooo! Ooo! I know him! (TO RANDOM PONY)  
He's a baddie.

The ponies start to whisper with concern, coming around. Dash turns to the Cloaked Pony.

**123** RAINBOW DASH  
Trust me, if Ahuizotl had gotten away with the Doomed Diadem, your entire village would have been swallowed up! And that's a lot worse than losing some CRUMMY old statue!

Everypony gasps. The APPLE CART STALLION from earlier steps forward. He points to the rubble underneath Rainbow's hooves. She hops back and realizes she's been standing on a series of HIEROGLYPHICS!

**124** ELDER STALLION  
(CLEARING HIS THROAT) This was not just some crummy old statue. It was the namesake of our town. If you want to understand us, you must first understand her.

**125** RAINBOW DASH  
Who?

**126** ELDER STALLION  
Somnambula...

ANGLE ON the hieroglyphics as they start to animate and we...

DISSOLVE TO:

**SC. 12 - EXT. DESERT KINGDOM - DISTANT PAST**

*NOTE: The flashback is in a stylistic hieroglyphic style.*

Distant pyramids tower over an ancient version of Somnambula.

**127** ELDER STALLION (V.O.)  
...Long ago this village fell prey to an evil Sphinx who demanded most of their crops.

ZOOM IN to the marketplace to find SOMNAMBULA, a Pegasus in a tunic and a single strand of pearls. She sees a poor, hungry OLD MARE. Somnambula looks from the old mare to her pearls.

She takes her pearls off and uses them to buy BREAD for the old mare. Her actions catch the eye of a well to do pony, PRINCE HISAN.

**128** ELDER STALLION (V.O.)  
Like her fellow villagers, Somnambula didn't have much, but she used what she had to keep others from giving up hope.

Impressed, Prince Hisan approaches.

**129** ELDER STALLION (V.O.)  
The son of the Pharaoh, Prince Hisan, was so moved by her compassion, that he decreed no pony would go hungry again.

DISSOLVE TO the Prince and the PHARAOH standing before a gigantic SPHINX.

130 ELDER STALLION (V.O.)  
But when Hisan stood up to the Sphinx,  
the beast captured him - telling the  
Pharaoh the only way to get Hisan back  
was to solve her riddle.

The Pharaoh watches as the Sphinx carries the Prince off to a distant pyramid. He looks to his court who cower before him. Finally, Somnambula emerges from the crowd.

131 ELDER STALLION (V.O.)  
No pony would volunteer to save the  
prince. No pony except Somnambula.

**SC. 13 - EXT. SPHINX'S PYRAMID - FLASHBACK - LATER**

Somnambula stands before the Sphinx. *Note: When the Sphinx and Somnambula speak below, we see their mouths move, but hear the voice of our narrator pony.*

132 ELDER STALLION (V.O.)  
The Sphinx gave her the riddle, "I  
shine brightest in the dark. I am  
there but cannot be seen. To have me  
costs you nothing. To be without me  
costs you everything."

The Sphinx bares its teeth, but Somnambula stands her ground.

133 ELDER STALLION (V.O.)  
As Somnambula thought of the hardship  
she and her fellow villages had  
experienced, she instantly knew the  
answer. "HOPE!" She shouted.

The Sphinx frowns and raises her claws in anger.

134 ELDER STALLION (V.O.)  
The Sphinx was so enraged, it seemed  
she might still refuse to release the  
prince, so Somnambula asked her for  
one more challenge - but if she  
accomplished it, the Sphinx would  
leave from the kingdom forever. The  
Sphinx quickly agreed, asking only  
that Somnambula walk to the prince...

PULL OUT to REVEAL a narrow bridge across a dangerous, deep chasm. On the other side, the prince is chained to a GOLDEN PEDESTAL.

135 ELDER STALLION (V.O.)  
...across a deep chasm, blindfolded!

We see Somnambula blindfolded standing before the bridge.

136 ELDER STALLION (V.O.)  
Further, the Sphinx had cast a powerful spell that prevented Somnambula from flying.

Somnambula stumbles near the edge and tries to spread her wings, but cannot. The Sphinx laughs.

137 ELDER STALLION (V.O.)  
But Somnambula never lost HOPE! She knew she'd need to make a leap of faith to save the prince.

Somnambula steals herself and leaps onto the bridge. We see the Prince call to her.

138 ELDER STALLION (V.O.)  
Guided by the sound of the prince's voice, she easily made it across.

Somnambula reaches the Prince and frees him. The Sphinx screams in rage and flies off.

**SC. 14 - EXT. DESERT KINGDOM - FLASHBACK - NIGHT**

Somnambula stands before the Pharaoh and his court.

139 ELDER STALLION (V.O.)  
The Pharaoh asked how Somnambula prevailed and she explained that she had always hoped she could make things better for her people and that hope had carried her through.

The Prince steps forward and hangs a NECKLACE OF GLOWING STONES around her neck.

140 ELDER STALLION (V.O.)  
The Prince replaced the pearls Somnambula gave up with a string of Glowpaz. And around her neck, they glowed bright enough to light the entire kingdom.

DISSOLVE BACK TO:

**SC. 15 - VILLAGE OF SOMNAMBULA - RESUME**

The crowd of ponies all smile as the Elder Stallion finishes the story.

**141** ELDER STALLION  
For ever after, Glowpaz became our symbol of hope.

**142** PINKIE PIE  
(claps) That story made me feel warm right down to the bottom of my hooves!

**143** RAINBOW DASH  
Wow. I had no idea how special the statue was to you. Somnambula sounds like a pretty cool pony. But I bet if she were here, she'd tell you how cool Daring Do is too because they've both fought to protect this town!

Several ponies look like Dash is swaying them. The Cloaked Pony (Caballeron) realizes he's losing the crowd and points to the destroyed statue.

**144** CLOAKED PONY  
If Somnambula were here today she would condemn Daring Do for destroying yo-- (CORRECTING) OUR symbol of hope!

**145** PONY WALLA  
Yeah!/Boo to Doo!/No more Daring Do!

As the crowd's temperament swings back, A.K. turns away, distraught. Rainbow watches from the front of the crowd as A.K. walks off. Off Dash's worried expression we...

**END ACT TWO**

**ACT THREE****SC. 16 - VILLAGE OF SOMNAMBULA - RESUME**

As the crowd breaks up Pinkie Pie follows A.K. Dash pulls the Cloaked Pony aside, fuming.

**146** RAINBOW DASH  
Hey buddy! What did Daring Do ever do to you to deserve all this?

**147** CLOAKED PONY  
Only... *everything!*

The Cloaked Pony steps into the light and throws back his hood to reveal that he is... DR. CABALLERON!

**148** RAINBOW DASH  
...Dr. Caballeron?!

**149** DR. CABALLERON  
Yes... *Rainbow Dash*.

Caballeron gives a hearty evil laugh.

**150** DR. CABALLERON (CONT'D)  
When I saw you, her closest friend, I knew that Daring Do would not be far behind. I really do owe you for leading her right to me.

**151** RAINBOW DASH  
But I didn't mean--

**152** DR. CABALLERON  
Thank you for helping me break Daring Do's spirit by destroying her reputation, but I can't have you running off and telling her my plan.

Caballeron WHISTLES and suddenly his group of HENCHPONIES emerge from the crowd. They close in on Rainbow Dash and blindfold her. Following Caballeron, they pull Dash along with them as they all walk out of the village.

They gang of villains pass A.K. and Pinkie Pie who look on, horrified.

**153** A.K. YEARLING  
Caballeron?! No.

**154** PINKIE PIE  
He's got Rainbow Dash!

Pinkie takes off after them, but A.K. is frozen in her tracks. Off her shocked expression...

**SC. 17 - EXT. DESERT NEAR SOMNAMBULA - MOMENTS LATER**

Sand for miles. A pyramid in the background (like in the legend). A cloud of dust moves along the horizon.

ZOOM IN to reveal that it's PINKIE PIE! She stops for a moment and the dust settles. She hyperventilates, sticking her tongue out.

**155** PINKIE PIE  
(PANTING) I'm... coming... Rainbow...  
Dash....

Suddenly, a FAMILIAR SILHOUETTE appears on the horizon!  
Pinkie squints to see... DARING DO!!!

**156** PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)  
I knew you'd come!

Pinkie bounces up and squeals. Daring Do gallops over.

**157** DARING DO  
You did? I sure didn't. What if I  
cause more trouble?

**158** PINKIE PIE  
You won't.

**159** DARING DO  
How do you know?

**160** PINKIE PIE  
I just do! You wouldn't let anything  
happen to Rainbow Dash. You care too  
much.

Daring Do gets a determined look on her face.

**161** DARING DO  
You're right. Which way did they go?

Daring Do looks around, shielding her eyes. She pulls out  
BINOCULARS.

**162** DARING DO (CONT'D)  
To the pyramid!

They take off.

**SC. 18 - EXT. ENTRANCE OF THE PYRAMID - CONTINUOUS**

A DILAPIDATED SPHINX STATUE dwarfs Pinkie Pie and Daring Do.

**163** PINKIE PIE  
Come on, Sphinky! Give me a riddle!

It doesn't budge.

**164** PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)  
Aw, you're no fun.

The sound of Rainbow's <CRIES> echo out to them and they rush  
inside...

**SC. 19 - INT. SPHINX'S PYRAMID - CONTINUOUS**

...and immediately come to a screeching halt! Just like the legend, Rainbow Dash is blindfolded and chained to a GOLDEN PEDESTAL, across a wide chasm.

**165** RAINBOW DASH  
Pinkie Pie! Daring Do! Is that you?!

Daring and Pinkie stand on the edge and look down. A mysterious green, bubbly, glowing SLIME fills the bottom.

**166** PINKIE PIE  
Don't worry, Rainbow! We'll save you!

A familiar <LAUGH> echoes through the cavernous room.

REVEAL Dr. Caballeron at the opening in the very tip of the pyramid above.

**167** DR. CABALLERON  
If my previous plan didn't cause you to give up, Do, then the shame of losing your dear friend Rainbow Dash to the slime *will!*

Caballeron points to the green slime and cackles.

**168** DR. CABALLERON (CONT'D)  
Oh, and that ancient magic from the legend is real. There'll be no flying in the pyramid! Good luck, Do!

With that, Caballeron exits. Daring and Pinkie panic. They look to the slime creeping up to the pedestal. Daring tries to flap her wings, but to no effect.

**169** DARING DO  
He's right! We'll never get to her in time!

**170** PINKIE PIE  
If this really is like Somnambula's story, then we just have to have hope that we can!

**171** DARING DO  
I think we need more than hope, Pinkie. There was a bridge in the story and there's no bridge here. What are we going to do?

They look at Rainbow Dash struggling on the pedestal as the slime gets closer and closer.

**172** PINKIE PIE  
I don't know, but Rainbow Dash is our friend! Just like Somnambula, we need to make a leap of faith and hope that we can save her!

With that, Pinkie closes her eyes and leaps into the chasm! Daring Do loses sight of her.

**173** DARING DO  
PINKIE!

Daring Do steels herself and a visible change occurs. SHE IS DARING DO, after all! She closes her eyes and DIVES INTO THE CHASM!

CLOSE ON Daring Do as she plummets for a few seconds, then arches up into the air on a puff of MAGIC SMOKE.

REVEAL - conical (pyramid-shaped) vents have come up from the green bubbling slime. Daring and Pinkie are being carried across to Rainbow on puffs of magic smoke!

**174** PINKIE PIE  
Weeee! Weeee! I knew we'd do it.

The two ponies make it to the center of the pyramid, landing on the pedestal. Daring Do breathes a sigh of relief and grins at Pinkie.

**175** DARING DO  
Thanks for reminding me to never give up hope, Pinkie.

Rainbow Dash "looks" around with the blindfold on her face. She talks in the opposite direction to where Pinkie and Daring are standing.

**176** RAINBOW DASH  
And I'm kinda hoping you ponies will untie me before we all take a bath in bubbling green slime!

**177** DARING DO  
We're on it!

Pinkie and Daring rush over and untie RD just in time. The three ponies exchange a brief look before jumping back across the chasm on the magic puffs.

On the other side they all look back to see the pedestal sinking into the green slime.

**SC. 20 - EXT. ENTRANCE OF THE PYRAMID - CONTINUOUS**

Daring Do, Pinkie Pie, and Rainbow Dash burst out into the sunlight. They spot Caballeron's dust cloud heading towards town and take off in pursuit.

**SC. 21 - EXT. VILLAGE OF SOMNAMBULA - CONTINUOUS**

Caballeron and his crew struggle with a LARGE SACK as they make their way out of town. Suddenly, Daring Do lands right in front of them.

178                   DARING DO  
Not so fast, Caballeron!

The villain and his gang turn to find Dash and Pinkie blocking their retreat and drop their sack. Piles of GLOWPAZ STONES spill out and roll across the ground, right to the villagers' hooves.

179                   VILLAGER MARE  
YOU stole our glowpaz!

A crowd quickly gathers as Daring Do closes in.

180                   DARING DO  
I should have known you were just trying to sully my name so that you'd be free steal whatever you wanted.

181                   DR. CABALLERON  
Of course that was the plan, Do! At first I just wanted the Glowpaz... But *then* I saw an opportunity to write you out of the story FOR GOOD!

Dr. Caballeron laughs wickedly. The villagers gasp-- they've been duped!

182                   DR. CABALLERON (CONT'D)  
And with the destruction you leave in your wake, it didn't take much to convince ponies you were a villain.  
(BEAT) Perhaps because it is TRUE?

183                   DARING DO  
You're wrong, Caballeron. And I won't let you break my spirit again. Because I'm *never* going to give up hope that I can protect ponies and ancient treasures from miscreants like *you*!

More villagers gather behind Daring Do in support, including Elder Pony and Mrs. Trotsworth. They stare angrily at Caballeron, who pleads with them.

**184** DR. CABALLERON  
Remember she ruined your statue!  
You're fools to believe in her!

As the villagers close in on the group, Caballeron <GROWLS> in frustration and takes off with his boys, leaving the Glowpaz necklaces behind.

**185** DR. CABALLERON (CONT'D)  
You'll pay for this, Daring Do!

Everypony in the village cheers and surrounds Daring Do, lifting her up, MVP-style.

**186** DARING DO  
Okay, okay that's enough!

The ponies put her back down and Daring Do brushes herself off. Pinkie and Rainbow trot up all smiles.

**187** DARING DO (CONT'D)  
Thanks for helping me come to my  
senses. You two are real pals.

**188** RAINBOW DASH  
Are you kidding?! That. Was. Awesome!

**189** PINKIE PIE  
We're just glad you're back to your  
old self again!

Daring Do laughs.

**190** DARING DO  
Me too. But I'm glad I realized that  
even if you're fighting for something  
good, you're still responsible for  
your actions.

**191** RAINBOW DASH  
And if something bad happens that you  
didn't intend, you shouldn't give up  
hope or lose faith in yourself.

**192** PINKIE PIE  
Yeah! All ya gotta do is make it  
right. (winks) Feel free to use that  
in your next book!

193                   DARING DO  
You know, I think I will.

Dash and Pinkie squeal and explodes with joy as we...

CUT TO:

**SC. 22 - MONTAGE - OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS**

-- A delivery pony dragging a NEW APPLE CART with a bow on it walks up to the villager (from sc. 7) and passes him a SLIP OF PAPER. On it is DARING DO'S CUTIE MARK. He smiles.

-- A pouch of bits is dropped onto the front counter at the Get On Inn. Mrs. Trotsworth lifts the tag to reveal DARING DO'S CUTIE MARK. She looks touched.

-- A sparkling, new statue of the blindfolded Sonambula is revealed in the village. We see the STORYTELLER PONY cutting a ribbon in front of it. All the ponies cheer and drape the statue with pearls.

The crowd parts and we see A.K.'s satisfied face in the back. She winks at STORYTELLER PONY who smiles back, confused. After a beat he turns back but A.K. is gone!

Daring Do is back in action once more!

FADE OUT

**END.**