

All That Glitters

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don't belong here." Daisy shook her mane, backing away from the crowd of ponies waiting to climb the rainbow to the Enchanted Pony Academy.

Uniponies played in the field of flowers. A pegapony soared into the air and floated down on magnificent wings. Right behind them, the rainbow that appeared in the very same spot each year was shining brightly, rising into the clouds. Soon, it would form stairs for each rare pony to climb. *Will the stairs appear for me?* Daisy wondered.

A pack of horses with glimmering hooves galloped by. Clouds of sparkles swirled behind them. They were Glitter Ponies magical ponies. Daisy kicked at a patch of dirt, but her own sparkly hooves only stirred up a bit of brown dust. Her hooves were shimmery like the others, but they had never made glitter.

That one fact had worried her for as long as she could remember. All her life the question had swirled in her mind—was she really, truly magical? She was about to find out.

Daisy's mother gave her an encouraging nudge with her nose. "If you can climb the steps to the academy, you belong there. Only Glitter Ponies can climb the stairs."

"But what if I can't?" Daisy asked. "I don't know my Glitter Gift." Not only were Glitter Ponies magical, each one was also born with a special talent. Daisy hadn't experienced a smidge of magic yet. "What if my hooves are just a mistake?"

