## **Horsey Scandal – Episode 8: Riding a Robber**

Who stole Sunny's silver horseshoe?

Sunny woke up that morning and heaved a heavy sigh. Her new position as AHM was tiring and she hadn't even had the position for one day. Yesterday she met with Delilah to go over the Stall Mix Mush rebellion. This was a very stressful project for Delilah because she seemed very anxious to get it done.

"Good morning," Sienna said to her friend.

"Oh hello there," Sunny said.

Sunny shifted her weight to stand up.

"Sunny...?" Siena asked.

"What?" Sunny asked.

"You...um...do you...take off your silver horseshoe at night?" Sienna asked.

"No!" Sunny said.

"Um...well...then where is it?" Sienna asked.

Sunny tiled her head and stared at her front left hoof.

"EEEEEAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHH!!!!" Sunny screamed.

Sunny quickly stood up. She pointed her hoof at Sienna.

"AHHHHHHH!!!!!" They both screamed.

"Omigodomigod! Where'ditgo, where'ditgo?" Sunny said combining words in a frantic frenzy.

"Did you have it last night when you went to sleep?" Sienna asked.

"Yes, every night I make a print..." Sunny said. Sunny looked around and found the print next to where she was eating last night.

"This is weird," Sunny said.

"What?" Sienna asked.

"Look," Sunny said.

Sienna looked where Sunny had pointed. There was a large mark in the shape of horseshoe. There was a smaller mark overlapping it. Very small though, pony-sized.

"Weird," Sunny said.

"You think Didi took it?" Sienna asked.

"No, it would be impossible, the silver horseshoe can only be removed by its owner. It couldn't have happened. We have to remove it before the farrier takes it off, but for horses without shoes it's merely a silver lining around the wall of their hoof," Sunny explained.

"Strange," Sienna said. "Well, I'll help you look for it around the paddock." "Thanks, I'll have to report this to Head Mare," Sunny said.

Sunny stood still while her young rider stuck her foot into the stirrup and mounted. She made a big fuss about getting her other foot in the stirrup. Sunny, getting bored, walked into the arena. As she warmed up, she noticed the Head Human ride into the arena on Didi. The Head Human was named Kira. Sunny watched as she rode the pony around at The Walk.

"Focus Bunny," Sunny's rider said.

Sunny focused but she couldn't keep her eyes off Didi. There was just something about the way she moved that seemed rather super horse. Sunny started trotting around and bounded over some poles that happened to be lying around.

"Good girl!" Sunny whinnied back to her rider, thanking her for the praise.

"Hi Sunny," Didi said as she passed by.

Sunny didn't reciprocate the greeting. Instead, she continued to watch Didi out of the corner of her eye. When asked to do The Trot, the small pony bounded with so much force, it seemed as if it wasn't her natural gate. Her hooves flew off the ground and her trot seemed that of twenty pony trots.

Sunny couldn't keep her eyes off the fast moving pony. Sunny didn't feel exuberant at all! She felt tired and weak. It was a mystery to her how she could feel so weak and how Didi could be so powerful. Sunny tried to match her pace but she couldn't do it. Didi began to canter. She flew forward. It seemed like she had more power to handle. She couldn't stop herself.

"Sunny!" Didi screamed. The Head Human got mad at Didi, mad at Sunny's rider and mad at Sunny. She managed to slow Didi down.

Didi was on hyper mode. She was prancing in her stall as if she couldn't stop. Sienna stared at the pony from her stall next door.

"Head Mare?" she whispered through a crack in the wall.

"Yes, Agent Sienna?" Delilah said.

"May I tell you something?"

Sienna told Delilah the whole story about Didi and Madison and added the bit about Didi when Sunny was in the arena with her.

"That's not good," Delilah said. "I order you to have a Meeting of the Intelligence, and report to Senior Shakespeare and I with what you plan to do," Delilah instructed.

"Yes Head Mare, consider it done," Sienna said.

"Oh, and bring Sunny to, this missing shoe must be found."

Find out what happens next in the nest issue, Million-mare Matchpony. What's going on with the Chestnut Connect, and what is Didi doing to help? Who is the mysterious liaison helping Didi in the Dressage Delinquents, or *DD*?