

SCENE FOUR (YELLOW and BUTTERFLY)

YELLOW: *(to self)* I AM the best part of the rainbow. I'm bright, and sunny! I am going to show them all that I don't need them. They need me all right, but I do NOT need them.

BUTTERFLY: *(enters, distracted and fluttery)* It's nearly time! Oh my goodness, oh my goodness, I must hurry. Can't be late. I hope I'm not late *(finally notices YELLOW)*. Oh! Are you here, too?

YELLOW: Am I here, too? Well, I'm here.

BUTTERFLY: Oh! It's so exciting! Aren't you excited? I'm so excited!

YELLOW: Excited? Why? What's so exciting?

BUTTERFLY: *(shocked)* What's so exciting? What's so exciting?!? What's so exciting?!?

YELLOW: Yeah, what's so exciting?

BUTTERFLY: The new spring arrivals! They're released today!! *(as if talking about fashions)* Oh, what will the new colors be this season? Is blue the new green? Is pink the new purple? *(out, to drive home joke)* Is orange the new black?

(AUDIO: runway fashion show music starts)

It's starting! It's starting! Oh! Oh! Oh! The new spring line! It's finally here! Hurry! Hurry!

(Cocoons vibrate, then in time with music, burst open and the three new butterflies spread wings and adopt model poses. In succession they do a runway walk)

BUTTERFLY: *(applauding)* Wonderful! Gorgeous! Fabulous! Beautiful! Magnificent! I think this year's spring collection is the most glorious we've ever seen!! Oh my darlings, you look fantastic! All of you, just fantastic! *(to YELLOW)* Don't you think so, uh, uh *(beat)* Who are you?

YELLOW: I'm the rainbow.

BUTTERFLY: I'm sorry, what did you say?

YELLOW: I'm the rainbow. Hello.

BUTTERFLY: But, but, but,... *(stage whisper, as if her slip is showing)* You're just yellow.

YELLOW: Well, we broke up. We decided to go our separate ways.

BUTTERFLY: This is horrible! I think I'm hyperventilating. *(starts to faint)*

YELLOW: Why are you making such a big deal of it? There's nothing wrong with the rainbow being segregated.

(collective gasp from all BUTTERFLIES)

BUTTERFLY: Nothing wrong? The scarecrow must have thought of this idea because you can NOT have a brain to do something like that.

YELLOW: Hey! Well, yellow's a nice color, isn't it? What's wrong with yellow?

BUTTERFLY: There is nothing *wrong* with yellow, but it's just yellow. It's just one single color. The rainbow is only a rainbow when all the colors are there, together, united as one piece of creation. Just think of us butterflies! I am an Emperor Butterfly – *(as if describing fashion to audience)* purple, with contours of black, and accents of blue and white. But there are so many others! So many colors! So many beautiful colors! Diversity is what keeps this earth beautiful! You look good Yellow, but it takes more than you to make a rainbow.

YELLOW: Hmm. I guess I'm *not* the most important color in the rainbow. We're all beautiful, but we're most beautiful when we're all together! I've been so selfish thinking I could be the rainbow all by myself. Oh, I have to go fix this. I have to fix the rainbow!

BUTTERFLY: Hurray!

YELLOW Thank you, Butterfly. Thank you! The next time you see me, it'll be the right way; with all the other colors by my side. *(exits)*

BUTTERFLY: Oh! I wonder if all the flowers are blooming yet. I must see the new spring wildflower collection!