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Chapter 24: Rainbow

"What's your name, honey?"

"Rainbow."

"Rainbow? That's unusual... and pretty. What's the story behind that name?"

"My mom gave it to me."

"Well.... she must love you very much. Where are you headed to today, Rainbow?"

"New York."

"New York City?"

"That's the one."

"And where are your parents?"

"Am I too young to fly alone?"

"I don't know. How old are you?"

"14."

"Well, technically, you're not too young to travel alone. I just wondered where your parents were, if they knew where you were?"

"Why do you ask?"

"Because I can tell when a 14 year old girl is frightened by an airport security alarm because it's startling, or because she's afraid she's doing something that she doesn't want her parents to catch her doing."

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"They know what I'm doing. Where I'm going."

"Left them a note, huh?"

"Yeah, I... yes. How did....? Who are you?"

"Name's Amy. Airport security. I'm here to be your friend. To help."

"Then you'll let me go?"

"When's your flight?"

"10:30."

"We've got time."