

EQUESTRIA GIRLS: DANCE MAGIC

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TEASER:

- The Mane Six are tallying up their earnings from a fundraiser they just finished, but they lament that there's still not enough money to take them to Camp Everfree. We give a bit of an explanation as to what Camp Everfree is and why they're so excited.

- Rarity feels that it's her turn to think of some way to raise more money since she is the only one of her friends who has yet to spearhead a fundraiser... but what to do? She's determined to find something...

ACT ONE:

- Rarity goes to the mall to try and find fundraiser inspiration through her favorite activity—window-shopping. While she's wandering around, something *does* catch her eye...

- Right there, on the video screens throughout the mall, is an advertisement for a Dance Music video contest! The rules: the video must be set to an original song and include dancing. The prize: More than enough prize money to take all of her CHS friends to camp! Phew. The winner even gets their video played on a loop on all the mall ad screens.

- Rarity feels it is fate. She is immediately inspired by a dress/outfit in the window of a store and exclaims, "It's perfect!" Someone answers her, and she turns around to meet the Crystal Prep girls. "Perfect for what?"

- Rarity tells them about how she and the Rainbooms are entering the contest to raise money for their school trip to Camp Everfree. The CP girls say they too are entering the contest, though Crystal Prep doesn't need the money for Camp Everfree. They had plenty of money in their school fund to cover it. They're using their funds to buy everyone in school new designer hiking boots. The Crystal Prep girls tell Rarity that they are practically finished with their video already and that it's awesome! Rarity boasts that the CHS girls' video will be awesome too and shares the theme she's come up with -- each girl will represent a different style of dance and will wear the corresponding costume for it. The CP girls say "good luck" in a snarky way and leave.

- Rarity gets to Rainbooms practice and tells everyone the great news—she has a solution and the wheels are already in motion. Everyone has faith in Rarity, and eagerly agrees to give her the fundraising pot to make it happen.

- They begin shooting the video. They are using a song the Rainbooms have written. (This one song will be used throughout.) The costumes are gorgeous just as Rarity promised. The dance moves, however, are not going so great. None of the girls really know how to dance in these styles, even though they are trying their best. Then, when Rainbow Dash trips and rips her costume, Rarity tells everyone it's a wrap for the day—she has to go find more fabric to fix RD's outfit anyway.

- On her way into the mall, Rarity happens to see the CP girls shooting a piece of their video by the fountain. She stops to watch (unbeknownst to them) and realizes they are all wearing costumes just like the ones she's designed and are dancing in different styles. They've stolen her concept for the music video! The horror!!

ACT TWO:

- Rarity is beside herself when she tells her friends about the situation. Applejack comments that she's surprised the Crystal Prep girls didn't learn their lesson after the last time they tried to cheat in a competition. Sunset Shimmer reminds her that some people take a little longer to learn their lesson than others. The girls are supportive of Rarity, but all tell her that maybe it was a blessing in disguise, since they were struggling with the dance moves anyway...

- Rarity gets fired up—No! They were just starting to get everything right with the video. They've worked hard on the costumes and practicing their moves. It isn't right that the CP girls are going to get away with this! She's going to confront them at Crystal Prep. Sci-Twi, who is still trying to establish her place in her new group of friends, wants to be supportive. Twi offers to go with Rarity to CP since she knows her way around.

- When Rarity and Twilight find the dance studio on the CP campus, Rarity confronts the CP girls about what she saw at the mall. They laugh and tell her it's too late—they already submitted their video a few hours before. Now, if the CHS girls try to enter with the same concept, it will look like *they* are the ones copying. Tough luck.

- Back with their friends, Rarity is distraught. She's folding under pressure—she doesn't want to fail her friends *or* herself! Sunset Shimmer steps up; assuring Rarity that they will just all put their heads together and come up with a new concept in time to enter. It's all going to be just fine.

- A fantasy montage as the girls pitch the ideas to each other. Pinkie's is too wacky, Rainbow's is too far-fetched, and AJ's is too simple, etc. The ideas are all bad for many reasons— but the main one being that none of them even include dancing like they are supposed to. Time is running out and they still have nothing but a bunch of great costumes for a concept they can't use.

ACT THREE

- Rarity is convinced they are never going to figure it out and runs out of practice. She goes to drown her sorrows in some ice cream at Sugarcube Corner. As she is sniffling into her mint chip sundae, she overhears the CP girls in the booth behind her talking about their video. They actually *haven't* submitted their video yet because they have the opposite problem—they've got great dance moves, but no original song to set them to! Plus, they are feeling the pressure just like Rarity as they try to uphold a promise they made to their classmates about winning the prize money for something special at Crystal Prep. "We're doomed," they say.

- Rarity reveals herself to the CP girls. "Maybe we're not," she says. "I think I have an idea, if you'll consider it."

- Rarity goes to her friends. She apologizes to them for running off and explains how overwhelmed she was. They understand and tell her they just wish they had a way to help. Rarity tells them she knows a way and it includes the Crystal Prep girls. Huh?

- The CP girls enter, hesitant. They are dressed in their video costumes. Rarity explains the situation and how she's realized that both teams have different pieces of the puzzle. "They've got the moves, we've got the music... and together we're going to make *dance magic!*"

- Both teams agree to work together. Sunset Shimmer takes the initiative to teach the CP girls a melody that they can sing in the song. Sour Sweet starts to teach the CHS the choreography...

- The song builds and everyone is in their costumes, dancing the different styles in a dance-off with one another. Everything becomes stylized and it's full-blown Dance Magic music video.

- We back out to see the video ending as it plays on all of the screens in the mall. They won by combining their talents! The Crystal Prep girls and Canterlot High girls all high five/congratulate each other. Sour Sweet tells Rarity that she's really happy the CHS girls now have the money they need to go to Camp Everfree. Making the video as friends was really fun and a week at Camp Everfree together promises to be even better.

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