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MY LITTLE PONY

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PROPER PONY PRINCESS PROTOCOL

Twilight and her friends are very excited to visit Princess Cadence and Shining Armor for the first time since their wedding. Though they are a little nervous about what they'll find when they get to Cadence and Shining Armor's new home. After expelling the Changeling Queen and her minions, Princess Cadence was asked to take over her kingdom -- a frozen tundra at the northern most part of Equestria. When the Ponyville Ponies arrive, they are amazed to find that Princess Cadence and Shining Armor have created a veritable Shangri-La. Their combined magic has created the Crystal Kingdom -- a sparkling paradise in the middle of the snowy, blustery landscape. Passing through the invisible force field that surrounds the kingdom, our ponies are bathed in a bright white light that for a moment makes them take on a crystal-like appearance.

Princess Cadence is thrilled to have Twilight and her friends as her guests and encourages them to take advantage of the castle's many amenities. The Ponyville Ponies can't believe they have the run of the place. But the fun comes to an end upon the arrival of an emissary from Canterlot. Sent to check up on the Princess and her new kingdom, she is immediately concerned that Twilight and the other Ponyville Ponies don't seem to be following P.P.P.P. -- Proper Pony Princess Protocol. If Princess Cadence is to perform her duties, it is of the utmost importance that her guests observe a certain level of decorum. Princess Cadence is to be revered and treated as the important ruler she is. The emissary puts Twilight and her friends through the royalty ringer. The Ponyville Ponies, with the exception of perhaps Rarity, struggle to conform to the emissary's strict and often absurd rules regarding how they are to act in Princess Cadence's presence.

Once she is satisfied that they are now well-versed in P.P.P.P., the emissary arranges an afternoon tea party with the Ponyville Ponies and Princess Cadence. It is all very regal and proper, but it is obvious that none of the Ponyville Ponies are having a good time. The emissary doesn't seem to notice and deems the tea party a grand success. That is until she notices something strange going on. The Crystal Kingdom appears to be receding. The frozen tundra is slowly reclaiming the land transformed by Princess Cadence and Shining Armor's magic. Concerned by this strange turn of events, the emissary decides that while the Ponyville Ponies have shown improvement when it comes to Proper Pony Princess Protocol, they are still a distraction to the Princess. Perhaps it would be best if they cut their visit short and returned home.

As much as they don't want to go, Twilight and her friends also don't want to be the ones responsible for Princess Cadence's failure. But as they make their way out of the Crystal Kingdom, they notice that it is receding even further. Twilight realizes that if she and her friends were the problem, then the Crystal Kingdom wouldn't still be shrinking. Twilight puts two and two together and realizes that the reason Princess Cadence is having trouble isn't because Twilight and her friends are a distraction, but because they have been putting her on a pedestal when all she really wants is to be equals. Twilight and the other ponies return to the castle and burst in on Princess Cadence. The

emissary is appalled at such behavior, but Twilight tells her that she has things all wrong. Princess Cadence may have more responsibilities now and a kingdom to rule over, but that doesn't mean she can't also be "just one of the girls". If Princess Cadence is to be the best ruler she can be, then she needs to be surrounded by friends who treat her not just with respect, but also with love and friendship. The emissary is skeptical but allows Twilight the opportunity to prove her point. As Princess Cadence joins Twilight and the other Ponyville Ponies in their fun around the castle, her magic grows stronger and the Crystal Kingdom expands to its original glory. Satisfied that the kingdom is indeed in good hands, or in this case, hooves, the emissary returns to Canterlot, leaving Twilight and the Ponyville Ponies to enjoy the rest of their visit.

RAINBOWFLY and FLUTTER DASH

Twilight and the rest of the Ponyville Ponies have extended their stay in the Crystal Kingdom, and for good reason. In an effort to show their new subjects that they are nothing like the evil Changeling Queen who once ruled over them, Princess Cadence and Shining Armor have decided to host a Crystal Kingdom Faire. Princess Cadence has asked Twilight to kick off the festivities with a presentation of the famous spells of Starswirl the Bearded. A presentation that Twilight promises will be both historically and magically accurate. Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash are equally excited about their own Faire events. Fluttershy will be participating in a Butterfly Dressage Demonstration. (Think horse dressage as performed by butterflies.) Rainbow Dash will be competing in a race hosted by the Wonder Bolts. She's desperate to win as the victor gets a spot at the Wonder Bolt Training Academy – the first step to becoming a full-fledged Wonder Bolt. Rainbow Dash trains day and night for the race. Much to the chagrin of Fluttershy, whose butterflies are constantly being disturbed by Rainbow Dash's fly-bys. Rainbow Dash is so focused on winning the race that Fluttershy's pleas for her to be more considerate fall on deaf ears.

The day of the Faire and Festival arrives and Rainbow Dash is certain she's got the Qualifying Race in the bag. But while doing some last minute practicing of a spell that switches the insides of an apple and an orange, Twilight misses the fruit, and accidentally hits Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy. Suddenly, Fluttershy finds herself in the body of Rainbow Dash and Rainbow Dash finds herself in the body of Fluttershy! Twilight promises her friends she'll figure out how to reverse the spell before the start of their events. But until she's able to switch them back, Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy can't let anyone know they've changed places or Rainbow Dash will certainly be disqualified. Not only that, but the whole point of the Faire was to prove to Princess Cadence's subjects that they no longer have to worry about Changelings. A couple of body-switching Pegasus is not going to do much in the way of alleviating their fears.

Rainbow Dash-as-Fluttershy and Fluttershy-as-Rainbow Dash try to keep up appearances. Their attempts to mimic one another's behaviors are just barely convincing enough to work. It doesn't help that Rainbow Dash is more than a little irritated that she has to take her focus off of her important race to prepare for the

ridiculous Butterfly Dressage event. Which it looks like she'll have to do because Twilight still hasn't figured out how to reverse Starswirl the Bearded's spell. Rainbow Dash ends up getting so frustrated at her situation that she scares off one of the butterflies and it flies away. Without all of her butterflies present, Fluttershy will be forced to drop out of the Dressage Demonstration. Fluttershy is devastated. She and her butterflies have worked so hard and now it will be for nothing. Rainbow Dash finally sees how important the event is to Fluttershy and vows to do her absolute best.

Rainbow Dash-as-Fluttershy wrangles the butterfly, competes in the Dressage competition and dazzles the crowd. Fluttershy is appreciative of Rainbow Dash's efforts and vows to return the favor. And she'll have to do so. The Qualifying Race is about to begin and Twilight still hasn't found a way to reverse the spell. Fluttershy-as-Rainbow Dash takes her place at the starting line and takes off. Buoyed by her butterflies' success and eager to come through for Rainbow Dash who came through for her, Fluttershy-as-Rainbow Dash takes the lead. Just then, ZAP! Twilight masters the reversal spell and Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash find themselves back in their own bodies. Rainbow Dash is momentarily disoriented and falls behind in the race. But as Fluttershy cheers her on from down below, she reclaims the lead and wins a spot in the Wonder Bolt Training Academy. Rainbow Dash is now one step closer to achieving her ultimate dream.

Princess Cadence and Shining Armor deem the Faire a huge success. Rainbow Dash just nods appreciatively as they express how much more exciting the race was as a result of her come-from-behind win. Rainbow Dash's friends congratulate her on her victory as well. Rainbow Dash accepts their praise, but tells them that, to be perfectly honest, pulling off the Butterfly Dressage was much more difficult. Twilight apologizes profusely for almost ruining everything, but Rainbow Dash tells her that she's glad the switch happened. It gave her a chance to walk in Fluttershy's horseshoes for a little while. She's definitely learned her lesson about respecting her friends' goals and interests even when they are so different from her own.

PONY LITTLE LIARS

Diamond Tiara is constantly bragging, showing off, and belittling Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle, and Scootaloo. Diamond Tiara's been to Canterlot a million times. Her parents just bought her the most expensive new dollhouse. Her family is adding another wing to their vacation home. Apple Bloom decides that the only way to stop Diamond Tiara's incessant boasting and belittling is to come up with something she can brag about as well. But when she and her fellow Cutie Mark Crusaders can't think of anything that will upstage Diamond Tiara, they decide there's no harm in just make something up. The next day at school, when Diamond Tiara launches into another bragging session, Apple Bloom casually comments that her big sister Applejack is close, personal friends with a famous musician from Equestria and that she, Sweetie Belle, and Scootaloo are going to get the chance to meet her some day.

Apple Bloom's lie has the desired effect in that it takes the spotlight off of Diamond

Tiara and leaves her struggling to come up with something that can top it. Success for the Cutie Mark Crusaders! One little lie has solved all their problems. That is until Diamond Tiara tells them that the famous musician is actually stopping in Ponyville on her latest tour. Diamond Tiara suggests that since Applejack is such good friends with the musician, surely she'll be staying at Sweet Apple Acres. Um...sure. And since she'll be staying there, there's no reason Apple Bloom's classmates won't be able to stop by and meet her. Yeah, why not? And if they are going to be meeting her, there is no reason she can't sing them at least one song. But of course. Before she even realizes what she's done, Apple Bloom has created a situation in which the Cutie Mark Crusaders have to get the musician to stay at Apple Bloom's house, meet their friends, and put on a private concert. That, or the CMCs will be totally humiliated in front of everyone.

Through an elaborate series of lies, misleads, and misdeeds, it seems like the Cutie Mark Crusaders are going to find a way to make all of this happen. That is until Applejack figures out what they are up to and stops their plan in its tracks. She isn't about to participate in such a dishonest charade. But when the musician overhears the Cutie Mark Crusaders pleading with Applejack, she is sympathetic to their plight. She agrees to help them out, on one condition: that the three friends vow to never let the behavior of another pony bring out the worst in them. The CMCs are more than happy to agree to this deal.