

RAINBOWFLY and FLUTTER DASH

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 Renaissance Faire. Twilight is thrilled that Princess Cadence has asked her to kick off the festivities with a Magic Show and enlists Rarity, Applejack, and Pinkie Pie to be her assistants. Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash are too busy getting ready for their own exciting Renaissance Faire events to be a part of the Magic Show. Fluttershy will be participating in a Butterfly Dressage Demonstration. (Think horse dressage as performed by butterflies.) Rainbow Dash is 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 Renaissance Faire 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 Renaissance 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 her 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. Seeing how upset her friend is Rainbow Dash apologizes for not realizing how important the Butterfly Dressage Presentation was to her. Rainbow Dash 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 Renaissance Faire a huge success. Twilight 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.