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As everypony knows, rainbows are made in Cloudsdale. But the source material for those rainbows comes from Rainbow Falls. There, behind a rainbow-colored waterfall, is a powerful crystal. When light shines through the crystal, it shoots through the falls and is divided up into colorful pools of liquid. This liquid is then transported to Cloudsdale where it is turned into the rainbows seen all over Equestria. Unfortunately, the crystal is dying out like a battery and must be replaced. And it must be replaced soon. Rainbows are what keep the clouds and thus Cloudsdale itself aloft. Without them the sky in Equestria will literally fall!

Fortunately, the return of the Crystal Empire means another powerful crystal is available to replace the dying one. According to legend, the switch must be made by those imbued with the Elements of Harmony, led in their task by a Cloudsdale pony. Rainbow Dash is sure she's the "chosen Pegasus". (Fluttershy isn't about to argue.) Rainbow Dash is tasked with going to the Cloudsdale Archives and studying up on the process of switching out the two crystals so that she can guide her friends through the delicate process. But she's so eager to get to play hero that she only skims the instructions, skipping ahead to her role in the proceedings.

Arriving in Rainbow Falls, the ponies go through the rainbow waterfall, becoming "rainbowized." Her friends ask if this is part of the process. "Uh...sure," Rainbow Dash responds. Always cautious and wanting to follow directions, Twilight asks Rainbow Dash if they are meant to touch the crystal in any particular order when they go to remove it. Rainbow says that any order is just fine. Twilight, Applejack, Pinkie, Fluttershy, and Rarity touch the crystal. A flash shoots out from the darkened crystal and suddenly they become "un-rainbowized." Seeing this, Rainbow stops before she touches the crystal.

Suddenly, Rainbow's friends become "ultra" versions of themselves, heightening the defining element of their personality to the extreme. Now Rainbow can't direct any of them because they're in their own little worlds. Plus Rainbow doesn't know how to fix this and correctly replace the crystal. She nervously tells her friends to stay put and dashes back to Cloudsdale.

Only to find that Cloudsdale is starting to fall! Rainbow rushes to the archives to see if she can figure out what to do by reading the legend. A task made more difficult by the fact that as Cloudsdale continues to fall, it feels like she's in the middle of an earthquake. Rainbow Dash soon learns that not following the directions causes the crystal to become toxic, thus explaining her friends' erratic behavior. Paying attention to every detail on how to fix this and change the crystal, Rainbow flies back to Rainbow Falls.

There, her friends are completely losing it. With time running out, Rainbow now must find a way to work with their extreme personalities to get them to cooperate. She ultimately guides them back to the crystal and has them touch it in the correct order. The girls are re-rainbowized, their extreme personalities are subdued (well, Pinkie Pie is as subdued as is possible for Pinkie Pie,) and they successfully change out the crystal. Rainbow Dash breathes a sigh of relief as light shines through the new crystal and creates pools of color. Rainbow Dash confesses to her friends that she was so eager to get things done that she neglected to make sure she knew how to get them done right. Her friends forgive her and lend a hoof in hastily getting the newly created pools of color to Cloudsdale moments before it hits the ground.