

**MLP SEASON IV - Premise**  
**“For Whom the Sweetie Belle Tolls”**  
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With Sweetie Belle’s assistance, Rarity puts final touches on costumes she designed for Sapphire Shores’ latest tour. Since Sweetie Belle helped Rarity out, she asks if maybe Rarity could do her a favor as well: the CMCs are putting on a play at school and Sweetie Belle wonders if Rarity could help them out with a few costumes. Rarity is busy, but she agrees to squeeze in some time to make this happen. When the CMCs put on the show, it’s a hit! Backstage after the premiere, the thrilled CMCs prepare to receive their accolades, but when they go out to greet the audience they’re surprised to discover that all anypony paid attention to was the fabulous costumes! It is all anypony asks about. No pony seems interested in anything else!

A frustrated Sweetie Belle gets unreasonably (and adorably) furious at her older sister for “stealing the spotlight.” Rarity made those costumes too great on purpose! Rarity denies this, of course, but she doesn’t have time to sort out the misunderstanding, since she’s under pressure to finish the outfits in time to dress Sapphire and her dancers/backup singers for their first concert in Canterlot. While Rarity gets to back to work, a jealous Sweetie Belle secretly commits a minor act of sabotage in retaliation, and then drops off to sleep. In her dreams, Luna makes a sudden and startling appearance. Luna guides Sweetie Belle on a tour of her own past with Celestia, revealing the mistakes she made while growing up with her own big sister... mistakes that bear a striking resemblance to Sweetie Belle’s recent jealousy-driven behavior. These tableaux then dissolve into a Ghost of Christmas Future type scenario, where Luna reveals to Sweetie Belle the horrible path she’ll go down if she continues to harbor jealous feelings about her sister, and how this one act of sabotage will set in motion the gradual undoing of Rarity’s growing reputation in the fashion world. A mortified Sweetie Belle realizes she must undo the act of sabotage before it’s too late!

Sweetie Belle awakens only to discover that Rarity has already left for Canterlot. Frantically, she recruits the help of her fellow CMCs to get there in a hurry. Meanwhile, in Canterlot, Rarity can’t finish getting Sapphire and her crew ready to perform because of what Sweetie Belle has done... although she’s unaware that Sweetie Belle is to blame. When the CMCs arrive, they try to undo the sabotage without being discovered, but unfortunately for Sweetie Belle it turns out the only way to fix things in time is by outing herself for causing the problem in the first place. Sweetie Belle feels horrible, but when Rarity forgives her Sweetie Belle appreciates just how wonderful her older sister really is.