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Ponies are arriving in Canterlot from across Equestria – each dressed in a princess costume! Because tonight, Canterlot is hosting the biggest princess-themed party of the year -it's like cosplay at ComicCon, except everyone is dressed as their favorite princess from the past or present! (We'll use this as an opportunity to introduce the fact that there were Princesses who ruled prior to Celestia and Luna taking over.)

TWILIGHT, as always, doesn't want a big deal to be made about her. She's excited to go as one of her favorite historical princesses, but she is dreading just a little seeing all the ponies dressed as her. She loves being the Princess of Friendship, but being surrounded by dozens of ponies pretending to be her seems like a bit much.

So you'd think she'd be happy to discover that among the dozens of Celestia, Luna, and Cadance costumes (as well as ponies dressed as princesses from the past), there's only ONE pony dressed as the Princess of Friendship!

Twilight is relieved – at first. But tonight's Princess Party isn't just dress-up fun – it's also a kind of pageant where you compete to prove that the princess you're dressed as is the best princess of all. And while the Princess Twilight cosplayer is incredibly enthusiastic, she totally has the wrong idea about Twilight. She's portraying her as a princess obsessed with tiaras, tea parties, and ball gowns!

Twilight subtly tries to coach the super fan dressed as her. Just because Twilight is a Princess, doesn't mean she doesn't have interests outside getting dressed up and going to parties. Unfortunately, the uber-fan insists she knows better than anypony what the Princess of Friendship would or wouldn't do. In fact, the uber-fan is so set on her own idea of how the Princess of Friendship acts, she simply does not believe this annoying pony giving her advice could actually be Twilight! Even when Twilight tells her it is!

As Twilight deals with that, we'll cut back and forth to the rest of the Mane Six's adventures at the competition, each dressed as their favorite princess. Which in PINKIE'S is a completely made-up princess that completely confounds the judges.

And due to a last second mix up, FLUTTERSHY ends up entered as RAINBOW DASH's favorite warrior princess. While Rainbow Dash is signed up as the very demure, froofy, bunny-loving princess Fluttershy was going to go as. No changes are allowed at this late date, and competitive Rainbow Dash isn't about to just drop out. So she's going to find a way to win as the girly princess. Which inspires Fluttershy to do her best as the large-and-in-charge Warrior Princess she's dressed as.

Meanwhile, RARITY has spent months creating dozens of princess costumes before finally settling on just the right one. And just in time – APPLEJACK is knocking on the door to go with her to the pageant! Only APPLEJACK has been so busy on the farm, she hasn't even begun to think about which princess she's going to go as! Applejack figured that Rarity would have a bunch of extra costumes lying around. And she does. But if AJ is going to wear one of Rarity's creations, it has to be exactly the right one: the perfect match!

Applejack is annoyed that Rarity won't let her just pick any old princess costume so they can get to the party already. And at first, Rarity is only doing that because her vanity won't allow her to let one of her costume creations be seen unless it's the perfect fit. But the process of trying on all the different costumes forces Applejack to think about what kind of princess she'd like to be. That's not something Applejack normally spends any time thinking about. But in doing so she realizes that even for someone as down to earth as she is, in Equestria, there's a princess that fits her to a "T".

In the end, Twilight is able to convince her doppelganger that being a Princess can mean many things, and that there isn't a "right way" to be one. The cosplaying uber-fan is totally on board with this lesson, but decides that she'll dress as a different princess next time around. Princess Twilight is awesome in her own way, but now that she knows more about her, the young pony realizes that Twilight is not the Princess she aspires to be -- a sentiment that the real Princess of Friendship understands and accepts. Meanwhile, while Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy entered the contest knowing exactly what kind of princesses they wanted to be, the mix-up allowed them to gain a deeper

respect for the princesses they portrayed instead. And Pinkie Pie proves that you really can be any kind of princess—even one that doesn't exist!