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Everypony is excited that the Grand Galloping Gala is going to be held in Ponyville this year. Especially *The Other Mane 6*. Octavia and DJ Pon-3 have amazing plans for the music, blending together their musical talents by amping up Octavia with an electric cello while DJ Pon-3 mixes together the sound with some cool beats. Lyra and Bon Bon plan to dance the night away to this fantastic music while Dr. Hooves is looking forward to hitting the Apple Family's Food Cart with his sister Derpy for some of Granny Smith's famous Apple Crisp Muffins.

But, as everypony knows, the most important part of the Grand Galloping Gala is...the fashion! The girls decide they're going to get dresses made at the Carousel Boutique by that Rarity pony. Each girl makes a private appointment and goes in to describe their dream dress to Rarity. Lyra's up first, as she describes a beautiful gown with various accessorizing details to embellish the dress. Rarity is truly inspired. This pony has exquisite taste! Then Bon Bon comes in next for her appointment... and describes the same exact dress, right down to the accoutrements! Rarity tries to interrupt and steer her another direction, but she can't get a word in edgewise. Next Octavia enters. Surely this musical pony will have a different sense of style. Nope. Rarity cannot believe her ears as this pony also describes the same dress with the same details. And she will also not be swayed. Then DJ Pon-3 (who doesn't talk) comes in and starts playing a remix of the same words the other three ponies have used to describe their dresses while doing a laser light show with her Unicorn horn depicting the very same gown! Rarity is dumbfounded. By the time Derpy comes in, Rarity holds up her hoof and tells her not to say a word. She knows exactly what she wants. Rarity holds up a sketch of the dress that every other girl is getting. Derpy nods in agreement and goes off. Rarity sighs, having the strangest feeling of déjà vu.

Meanwhile, even Dr. Hooves is going in to see Rarity at the Carousel Boutique for a consultation on a "new look" for the Gala. Who knows? Maybe he'll finally find the companion of his dreams? Dr. Hooves emerges from the dressing room dressed in similar fashion as the First, Second, and then Third Doctor. Rarity thinks these looks are all a bit stodgy for Dr. Hooves and that she needs to think on this a bit.

The day arrives for the girls to try on their dresses at the Boutique and show them to each other. As they get dressed, they begin to sing a song in the vein of "Paris Original" from "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" thinking they are each going to be wearing wonderful, one-of-a-kind dresses. But when they step out of their dressing rooms, they reveal that they are wearing the exact same thing!

Now, these ponies are particularly peeved. What kind of shoddy shop does this Rarity run? Rarity tries to explain that she tried to tell each of them that they were ordering the same dress, but the girls wouldn't listen to her. The girls realize that this is true. They were very set on what they wanted and didn't listen to any of Rarity's suggestions. So what do they do now? They all love this dress. But who should get to wear it? The friends decide that the only fair thing is for *none* of them to wear it. Instead, Rarity will make them brand new, completely different dresses that they will reveal to everypony at a big fashion show next week. As they leave, Rarity can't help but feel a bit of déjà vu yet again.

Dr. Hooves has another batch of outfits to try on. This time he emerges as the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Doctor. The Fourth is okay, but he keeps tripping on the scarf. The Fifth is very dapper, but Dr. Hooves keeps eating the celery, which really annoys Rarity. "That is fashion! Not a snack!" And the Sixth is just ridiculous. It makes him look like a clown. Back to the old drawing board!

Rarity gears herself up to design five entirely new looks for these girls. But when she has her private appointments to discuss the new dresses, each girl tells Rarity that she doesn't need to make her a new dress. After all, it would be a terrible waste if nopony wore Rarity's original design. And if all the other girls are getting new dresses, then this dress will be just fine. DJ Pon-3 even manages to tell Rarity in another amazing remix. And once again, Rarity tries to step in and tell the girls that this isn't going to work—that *all of the friends* are going to be wearing the same dress—but they won't listen. When Derpy comes in, an exhausted Rarity holds up her hoof stating that Derpy needn't say a thing. She knows that Derpy wants to wear the original dress that Rarity made otherwise it would be a waste. Derpy nods, smiles, and leaves.

Dr. Hooves emerges as the Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Doctor. But Rarity doesn't like the question marks all over the Seventh's outfit. What was she thinking? The cravat looks too stuffy for the Eighth. And the Ninth's "leather jacket" look is all wrong. Dr. Hooves says he has an idea and does a quick change. He comes out in a fez and a bow tie, claiming that both are cool. Rarity quickly shuts him down. So much for the Eleventh Doctor.

The day of the runway show, Rarity has tried to gather the friends to talk with each other, not wanting them to embarrass themselves on stage. But each girl wants to have her "big reveal." Rarity assures them that it will be. DJ-Pon 3 lays down the beats and hits the runway in her dress. Everypony is in awe. What a fantastic gown! But then Octavia hits the runway in the same dress. What? Then Lyra...then Bon Bon...then Derpy! They are all stunned and start accusing each other, "You were supposed to wear a different dress! No you! No you!" Soon they're pulling the various accessories and embellishments of each other's dresses trying to make them "different" à la the "Friendship" scene from "I Love Lucy" (could a nice place for another song).

Finally the girls hear somepony call out, "Stop!" It's Twilight, the Princess of Friendship. Since she moved to Ponyville, she's learned a lot about friendship. And she knows that true friends are worth more than a silly dress. (Rarity is rather offended. Her dresses are hardly silly!) Twilight recommends that the girls try to remember what's truly at the heart of their friendship. The girls realize that Twilight is right. Being friends is much more important than any dress. In fact, maybe they all designed the same dress because they are such close friends. Maybe they *should* wear the same dress to the Gala! Hearing this, Rarity is mortified. Five of the same dresses that she designed at the Grand Galloping Gala? Never!

And out in the audience, Dr. Hooves is sporting his winning look as the Tenth Doctor wearing a tie and Converse. Suddenly, a lovely pony bumps into him. He's seen her around town over the years, but he's never asked her name. "Oh," she says sweetly, "It's Rose." Dr. Hooves smiles. "Hello, Rose. I'm the Doctor."