

EG: DANCE OFF! Revised Premise

When Sunset Shimmer and her friends at Canterlot High find out about a music video competition, they are eager to enter. The winner will not only have their video broadcast on national television, but will also win a huge cash prize. The girls soon learn that Twilight Sparkle and some of her new friends at Crystal Prep Academy are also interested in participating in the contest. At first the girls are bummed about the news. The students at CPA have so many more resources than they do. How will they find a fancier location than a gorgeous Country Club ballroom like Sour Sweet is able to use? Where will they get incredible, top-of-the-line video equipment like Lemon Zest has access to?

At least the Canterlot team's music will be better, Rainbow Dash points out, citing The Rainbooms. It gives Rarity a brilliant idea. Rather than compete against one another, they should ask the Crystal Prep girls to join forces with them in a mega-music video! With the Canterlot High girls' awesome songs and the Crystal Prep Academy students' extra resources they are practically *guaranteed* to win. The best part is that they'll be able to use their prize to cover a joint field trip to the Everfree Forest campgrounds. All Rarity has to do first is to win over the Crystal Prep girls. It shouldn't be too hard since The Rainbooms have got the perfect song and Rarity has a great style concept for the video – a dance-off featuring the band members and their classmates in different genres of dance attire.

When Rarity pitches it to Crystal Prep, Twilight and her friends love it so much, they agree to join right away. When the girls meet at Sour Sweet's Country Club to practice and film some footage, things get off to a rocky start. The dance moves are awesome but complicated and everyone is struggling to stay on the same page. During a line-dancing segment, Applejack accidentally kicks a dent in a marble column with her boot (because of her super-strength). Sour Sweet takes Rarity aside and warns her that everyone better get it right soon if they want to use the ballroom—they don't have all day and they can't ruin anything else. Rarity rallies everyone to get serious. They all agree to cooperate since the contest deadline is fast approaching and there isn't a lot of time to look for another place.

This extra pressure makes everyone nervous, especially Fluttershy, who keeps messing up her moves. She goes outside for some fresh air and hears the birds speaking to her! She can actually understand what they are saying! After that, she's paranoid that she's hearing "voices" and is doing even worse on the dancing than before. Soon the others start exhibiting signs of their Equestria-specific magical "super powers" as well, much to the growing annoyance of Sour Sweet, Lemon Zest, Sugarcoat, and Sunny Flare.

Rarity starts randomly levitating flower arrangements, Sunset Shimmer and Twilight Sparkle start to teleport around the club and Pinkie Pie, well Pinkie Pie pretty much has the same strange 4th wall breaking abilities she had before. Finally, when a breakdancing hip-hop move causes Rainbow Dash to spin her way into the air and fly around the room,

knocking down a chandelier, Sour Sweet loses her cool. They can't film at the Country Club anymore and everyone has to go home.

Back at Rarity's house that night, the Canterlot girls and Twilight are sad and disappointed. They're not even sure if they will ever finish the video with their Crystal Prep friends after the way the shoot went! While Rarity wallows in her feelings of failure with the CPA girls, Pinkie Pie logs online. She and the others watch some videos of the other contestants—which look amazing. They have so many cool camera angles and special effects! If only they had some way to do that, too. Then maybe they could stand a chance at winning. All they have is a bunch of useless powers that they can't even control and a broken team. Then Sunset Shimmer realizes something—their magic is the *answer* to what can make their video unique, not the problem.

Rarity convinces the Crystal Prep girls to give them another chance by showing them that their “super powers” can be used to their advantage, if they just work to control them instead of suppressing them. Rarity shows them how she can levitate the camera, giving them amazing shots. Fluttershy has talked some of her animal friends into joining the video, dancing along behind them. Applejack uses her strength to build cool platforms/sets so they can showcase their moves even better. Pinkie, Twilight, and Sunset all use their teleporting and 4th wall abilities to do tricks that look like expensive/time-consuming special effects, but are actually real.

Sour Sweet and the rest of the CPA girls are duly impressed and are back onboard, even though the vision is different than the one Rarity sold them on originally. There's only one problem—they don't have a place to shoot the video. Sunset Shimmer reveals that she got permission from Celestia, Luna, and Cadance to use parts around both schools as a setting—that way it's a true reflection of both teams. They get back to work and soon...

The video is up on the big screen at the contest and the crowd is cheering. Rarity admits that the final video is even better than she dreamed it could be because they all worked together to create something that showed off all of their true talents, powers included. The Canterlot girls and the CPA girls end up with the winning music video and learn that in order to succeed, sometimes you just have to change your way of looking at a situation... or maybe the camera angle!