

Rainbow Dash sat on a puffy white couch, staring intently at her small TV. It had taken many failed afternoons hauling the same old model up to her house in the clouds, only to have it crash back down to Ponyville. She finally decided to ask her new friend Twilight Sparkle if she had a spell that would keep it up in her living room. Now she only wished she had a spell that would help a Pegasus pony cook.

On the TV, a friendly looking woman was explaining a recipe for something deep-fried. A sudden look of realization dawned on Rainbow Dash's face as she shouted, "Of course! I'm just not using enough butter!" With that she zoomed through the door and sped towards the town below.

"Pinkie Pie! Gather all the butter you can find, I'm using your kitchen!" the blue Pegasus shouted as she neared Sugarcube Corner.

A pink pony giggled and replied gleefully, "Sure thing, Dashie! Just make sure you let me have some of whatever you're making in there!" With that, she bounced away on her quest for butter.

Rainbow Dash trotted into the colorful shop and looked around for a television. She pranced forward upon spotting one and pushed the 'on' button with her muzzle. Then she turned around, and there was Pinkie Pie, standing there with a giant basket of butter balancing on her back. "I got the butter, and all in one paragraph!" She grinned.

The pegasus shook off her confusion at the fourth wall and shakily thanked the earth pony for her work, then took the basket in her mouth and carried it to the counter and set to her task.

2 hours later, the rainbow haired mare still stood in the kitchen, mixing a combination of butter, cream cheese, flour, egg and breadcrumbs with a spoon sticking out of her mouth. Finally, she placed the spoon on the counter, placed her hooves on her hips, and looked down at her work. The surface in front of her was caked with a layer of flour, grease, and eggs she had accidentally broken. She sighed and clamped a small ice cream scoop in her muzzle.

It was then that Pinkie decided to walk into the kitchen and see if her friend was done yet. She let out a gasp upon seeing the wreckage, and nervously asked, "Dashie? Do you, um... Need any help?"

Rainbow Dash looked on in surprise. She had never seen the fearless pony flinch, let alone stutter. Quickly, she replied, "Everything's fine!" although it came out more like, "evrefffisfiie!"

The pink mare looked unsure, but eventually decided it was nothing to

worry about, and skipped back outside.
Dash turned back to her work and continued 'cooking.'

Yet another 2 hours later, the pegasus finally finished and called in Rarity to help her carry them outside, where their 4 best friends had gathered to support Rainbow Dash's new hobby. Rarity carefully sidestepped all the clumps of flour until she got to the counter. When she saw the end product of her friend's endeavor she cringed, but upon seeing the glee on the chef's face, she turned back and used her unicorn magic to bring out the platter.

They walked out, one with a skip in her step and the other dragging her hooves. Their friends did their best to hold in their reactions, but anyone watching the scene could see their disgust. Finally, Twilight Sparkle swallowed her dignity and exclaimed, "That looks, um... Delicious! Yeah, that's what it is..."

The pegasus grinned and replied, "Great! Let's eat, then!" All the ponies uncomfortably tasted what looked to be little balls of charcoal. They chewed slowly and swallowed in unison, then each showed their own personal grimace and did their best to congratulate Rainbow Dash on a work of 'culinary genius.'

However, she caught on to their distaste, and hung her head. "I suck at cooking, don't I?"

"Aww. Come on Sugar cube, no one gets it on their first try."

"Yeah! You just need to keep trying!"

"And... maybe try something NOT by Paula Deen."

The blue pegasus smiled at her friends and said, "Yeah! I already have an idea... Epic meal time!"

The group of friends cringed, then looked at each other and giggled. She was going to need to do quite a bit more than just try again to improve her cooking skills.