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TEASER

Spike and Twilight are in the library where Twilight is practicing her magic. Spike is egging Twilight on. We don't know what the trick is yet, but Spike sure is stoked. Twilights' horn glows, as does Spikes excitement.

Suddenly, zap! Twilight's magic makes a mustache sprout on Spikes face. Spike pulls down a chart and marks another magic trick. Spike brags aloud how many tricks she knows and that Twilight is the most talented Unicorn in all of Ponyville even Equestria!!!

Twilight downplays the issue. Spike notices his new mustache in a mirror. He's quite impressed with it and thinks that if he could just have a beard too that maybe Rarity would like him. Twilight laughs, but refuses and removes her mustache trick. Darn.

ACT 1

As Spike and Twilight walk through town we see all of the other unicorns practice their limited magic skills. As each unicorn performs their simple magic Spike points out aloud that Twilight can do all of those things...and more! Spike states there isn't a Unicorn in all of Equestria who has more skills than Twilight. Twilight humbly says that she is not THAT good and as a student she's got a lot to learn before she can be as good as he thinks she is.

As if on cue, a large colorful puff of smoke and a wonderful pyrotechnics display stops everyone in their tracks. The smoke dissipates revealing a Unicorn named Trixie. The fast-talking, showboating unicorn struts around on her traveling stage in a long and extravagant cape showing off her magic talents. All the while, Trixie brags about where she's come from and where she has been, and all of the wonderful magic she can perform. She especially brags about having used her amazing magical abilities in vanquishing an Ursa Major (a large bear-like monster thought to live deep in the Ever-Free Forest) single hoofedly. While Trixie is still in the middle of her extended introduction, Twilight whispers to Spike that she going to back to her studies. Spike barely registers what she has said. He is too busy scoffing at all of Trixie's fantastical claims.

But if Spike is skeptical, the rest of the crowd is transfixed, especially two young male unicorns named Snips and Snails. When Trixie declares herself the most talented pony in all of Equestria, Spike can take no more. He starts heckling Trixie and praising Twilight. Snips and Snails rush to Trixie's defense. Trixie puts an end to their heated argument by declaring herself open to a challenge from anypony who believes they can best her. Spike does not hesitate. "You're On!"

ACT 2

Back home, Twilight sits reading a book. (We do not see the title). Spike rushes in and explains the challenge to Twilight who kindly and humbly refuses; explaining to Spike that that's not the "unicorn way" to use ones magic. Magic is about giving not who is better than whom. "Besides, maybe she IS better than me." Spike dejectedly leaves.

Back in town, a larger crowd has formed around Trixie's as she prances around on her stage; doing magic and continually boasting. She again declares herself the most talented pony in all of Equestria but adds that she is happy to take on all challengers. A voice speaks up from the audience. "Well I reckon I might take y'up on that offer." We reveal Applejack lazily twirling a lasso. Spike is beside her with a devilish grin on his face. Apple Jack stuns the crowd with some amazing lasso tricks but is undone when Trixie's magically 'snake charms' her lasso away from her control.

Spike and a defeated Apple Jack go back to Twilight to urge her to take up the challenge. She kindly and humbly declines; re-explaining that this is not the way a unicorn uses her magic. They both try to cajole her with compliments but this only makes Twilight more humble.

Spike and Apple Jack instead recruit Rainbow Dash. Rainbow quickly whips up a torrential rain shower to try to douse her opponent. But Trixie creates a gigantic magical rainbow umbrella that protects herself and the entire crowd with the exception of Rainbow, Apple Jack and Spike. The three of them storm off to really press Twilight to take on the challenge. As they leave Trixie brags to the crowd that she will defeat all comers and do it with the utmost style and grace. This boast prompts stylish Rarity to take up the challenge. The two square off.

Rainbow Dash is having no more luck convincing Twilight than Spike or Apple Jack before her. Suddenly Rarity arrives and absolutely insists that Twilight cut Trixie down to size. Her once beautiful hair is now a giant poof ball with a poofy matching tail. And her silky white coat of hair has been magically tie-dyed. Twilight still declines and explains herself once again. Even admitting that maybe Trixie IS better at magic.

Evening has now arrived and Trixie is holding court around a campfire. Trixie tells of how she vanquished the Ursa Major. Snips and Snails are eating up every detail. But Trixie tires of her story. She must get her rest. Snips and Snails diligently help her like two little butlers. Soon Trixie is fast asleep and the boys leave.

The two young unicorns pass Spike on the road and the three continue their argument as to who the greater unicorn is. Snips and Snails brag about their new hero and Spike brags about his. Spike wonders why they believe what she told them about the Ursa Major.

Spike challenges their faith because they never SAW her actually do it. Snips and Snails look at each other. With a smirk on their faces they run off in the direction of the Ever-Free Forest where they come upon a cave. Inside is an Ursa Major. It is fast asleep. They comically try to wake it and after many failed attempts they decide to give up. As they exit, Snails sneezes. The Ursa awakes! Snips screams. Snails Screams. Ursa screams. The two rush from the cave with Ursa angrily following behind.

ACT 3

Snips and Snails rush into town and head straight to Trixie, calling to her to wake up and vanquish the rampaging Ursa Major!!!! Trixie nearly chokes on her pride as she sees the angry beast storming toward her. While her two fans look on, Trixie tries to defeat the beast with the flashy (and ineffective) tricks from her stage show. It may have wowed the crowd yesterday, but her puny magic pales in comparison to the size of the monstrous Ursa Major. The only thing Trixie's pyrotechnic succeed in doing is further enraging the beast. It flails about knocking things to and fro causing utter mayhem. Trixie gets herself cornered by the beast and finally admits that she doesn't know what to do.

Just then, Twilight bursts onto the scene and leaps into action. She uses not just one magical power, but many of them and all at once. Twilight magically conjures a giant baby bottle and a string quartet of instruments to play a lullaby. The beast begins to tip as it is lulled to sleep. But before it can land on Trixie, Twilight levitates the Ursa and floats it out of town, through the forest and gently back into its cave.

The crowd cheers. Spike asks how she knew that would work. Twilight states that that's what she was reading about. She was intrigued at Trixie's bragging about defeating an Ursa Major so she went and read all about them. Trixie says she can't believe that she was able to vanquish a real Ursa Major. Twilight humbly tells her that it wasn't an Ursa Major but an Ursa Minor... a baby. And it wasn't rampaging. It was just cranky from being woken up.

Trixie concedes defeat and admits that, not only is bragging not nice, but it can lead to larger problems. For her part, Twilight concedes that her overly humble attitude caused trouble for her friends and all of Ponyville that might have otherwise been avoided had she been willing to demonstrate her abilities earlier. With that, Trixie heads off to where she came from, a little less spectacularly and a lot more humbly than when she arrived.

Spike razzes Snips and Snails about "his" victory in the challenge. But Twilight shuts him down. Haven't the last couple days taught him anything about bragging? For their part, Snips and Snails easily admit that Twilight is definitely the best Unicorn ever. As Twilight and Spike head home, her two new groupies follow behind. In a reprise of the start of Act 1, Spike talks endlessly about all of the magical tricks that Twilight can do.

In her note to the Princess, Twilight writes that false modesty can be as aggravating to your friends as being overly boastful. She realizes that it's okay to be proud of your talents and that it makes your friends happy to celebrate your abilities. Spike sends off the letter. He raises his eyebrows playfully towards Twilight. "And speaking of your abilities..." Widen to reveal that Snips and Snails are standing beside him. Suddenly magical moustaches sprout on all three of their faces. The boys run off together, each one boasting about which of their moustaches is the longest. Twilight just shakes her head and laughs.