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## TEASER

### INT. GOLDEN OAK LIBRARY - DAY

TWILIGHT SPARKLE sits in the middle of the floor surrounded by PILES OF BOOKS.

1 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (V.O.)  
(inner thoughts)  
Focus, T.S. No distractions.  
Today is too important...

Her horn starts to GLOW. Books FLOAT into the air, slowly swirling like a snow-globe. Suddenly, her eyes pop open.

2 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Reshelving Day.

A book floats past.

3 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
*Understanding Medieval Equestria*  
goes in "Pony History."

The book ZIPS offscreen.

4 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
*Modern Spellcasting*, that's  
"Classics."  
(zip!)  
*The Art of the To-Do List*.  
Actually, I kinda want to read that  
again--

Suddenly, a loud, girlish <GIGGLE> erupts from the next room! Twilight flinches -- the books RAIN DOWN over her head!

5 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Spike! What are you laughing at?

Spike enters, huge smile on his face, reverently carrying a deep red GEMSTONE that seems to be glowing from the inside. He's wearing white gloves so as not to mar it.

6 SPIKE  
This little beauty is my birthday  
present to myself. I've been aging  
it for months, and it's almost  
ripe!

He holds it up, displaying it in all it's glory!

7 SPIKE (CONT'D)  
(another delirious giggle)  
It's a fire ruby!  
(noticing the books)  
Hey, you took my advice! Just use  
the whole floor as one big shelf.

<KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK>.

8 RARITY (O.S.)  
(sing-songy)  
Hel-lo!! Anypony home? Twilight?  
Spike?  
(overly dramatic gasp)  
Is that a... fire ruby?

She leaps forward to inspect it closely, her eyes glisten with wonder.

9 RARITY (CONT'D)  
That must be at least 20 karats!  
No inclusions, pristine facets...

10 SPIKE  
And totally delicious.

11 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(off the mess)  
Uh, if you guys don't mind...

12 RARITY  
Oh, uh, of course... I just came by  
to see if you had any books about  
historical fashion.  
(to Spike)  
Did you say delicious?

13 SPIKE  
Sure did! Next week's my birthday  
and this is my birthday dinner!

Twilight floats Rarity a book off the floor.

14 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Start with this one.

Spike gestures to the floor.

15 SPIKE  
See? Floor Shelving System!

Twilight gives him an unamused look.

16 RARITY  
Thanks, Twilight. I've got a feeling ruffled taffeta capes are going to make a huge comeback this season, and I want to be ahead of the game.

Her eyes drift back to the fire ruby.

17 RARITY (CONT'D)  
I hope it's as tasty as it is beautiful, Spike. I've never seen anything quite so stunning before.

18 SPIKE  
Gosh, you really like it, huh?

19 RARITY  
Like it? It's...

SPIKE'S POV -- a soft-focus RARITY BEAUTY SHOT. <HARP MUSIC> plays as random sparkles shimmer all around her. A soft breeze teases her mane.

20 RARITY (CONT'D)  
*...magnificent.*

Spike <SIGHS DEEPLY>, then holds the gem out to Rarity.

21 SPIKE  
Then you should have it.  
(staring at the fire ruby)  
Sure, I could eat it next week...  
crunching into the crisp skin...  
getting lost in the succulent, mouth-  
watering aroma... savoring its  
delicate flavors...

Spike drifts off for a moment, lost in his thoughts. Then he glances at Rarity. It's another BEAUTY SHOT.

22 SPIKE (CONT'D)  
(snapping out of it)  
But it would mean even more to see you happy than to keep it for myself.

23 RARITY  
I... I just couldn't. It's far too generous.

24 SPIKE  
I insist. This beautiful gem was  
meant to be with you.

Rarity magically takes it with a sense of awe.

25 RARITY  
I don't know what to say... this is  
so thoughtful! Oh my little Spikey  
Wikey!

She leans in and gives him a PECK ON THE CHEEK, freezing  
Spike solid in shock.

26 RARITY (CONT'D)  
Thank you sooooooooo much!!!

She uses her horn to levitate the fire ruby, nuzzling it,  
then dances deliriously out of the Library.

27 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Wow, Spike, that's one of the  
kindest, most generous things  
you've ever done. I've never seen  
Rarity so happy!

28 SPIKE  
(in a daze)  
I will never wash this cheek again.

He drifts away, lovestruck. Twilight gets back to work.

29 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Good. No fire ruby, no giggling.

She fires up her horn. The books rise into the air. <PEALS  
OF GIGGLING> erupt! Books fly everywhere!

30 SPIKE (O.S.)  
(still giggling)  
She kissed me!

FADE OUT.

**MAIN TITLES**

**ACT I**

FADE IN:

**INT. GOLDEN OAK LIBRARY - DAY**

Streamers, balloons, an apple buffet. A huge banner reads "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SPIKE!" Twilight shoves a table into the room with a big bowl of punch on it. Spike, meanwhile, straightens a painting on an easel. He's positioned so we can't see him or it.

31 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Just about finished, Spike?  
Everypony will be here soon.

He steps back to REVEAL: a painting of Spike in a smoking jacket, looking quite distinguished.

32 SPIKE  
There. Perfect.  
(looking over decorations)  
Everything looks perfect!

Twilight looks at him with disgust.

33 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Not quite everything.

She hands him a small, wrapped package.

34 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Here, I got you a pre-party gift.

35 SPIKE  
A pre-party gift? Great!

He gleefully tears in and pulls out a small pink CLOTH.

36 SPIKE (CONT'D)  
A washcloth? I don't get it.

He notices her looking at him, sees the disgust on her face.

37 SPIKE (CONT'D)  
No way, Twilight! I said I wasn't  
gonna wash the cheek that Rarity  
kissed and I meant it!

He leaps into a defensive karate pose, REVEALING his FILTHY CHEEK, now covered in a week's worth of grime.

38 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Spike, it's gross!

39 SPIKE  
No it's not! It's beautiful!

Twilight snatches the cloth and lunges at him! He races away to protect his grimy cheek.

40 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
It's over, Spike! I'm cleaning  
that cheek!

She dives on him, and they roll across the floor, wrestling for position.

41 SPIKE  
No! My Rarity kiss!

42 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
It's for your own good!

She gets the upper hoof, scrubbing his filthy cheek.

43 SPIKE  
STOP IT, TWILIGHT!

44 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
NEVER!!

45 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Twilight and Spike stop struggling and look over. It's a confused RAINBOW DASH, APPLEJACK, FLUTTERSHY, and Rarity. PINKIE PIE obviously throws a bunch of confetti.

46 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)  
(hooves in the air)  
PARTY TIME!! WOOOOOO!!

Still pinned under Twilight, Spike notices that his friends all have beautifully wrapped gifts in their hooves.

47 SPIKE  
Are those... for me?

Twilight lets him up. One by one, they hand him his gifts.

48 APPLEJACK  
You bet they are, birthday boy!

49 FLUTTERSHY  
Happy birthday, Spike!

50 RAINBOW DASH

Don't you know you get presents on  
your birthday?

He's dazed, genuinely moved by his friends' thoughtfulness.

51 SPIKE

Well, actually, this is my first  
birthday in Ponyville. I usually  
just get one present. From  
Twilight. A book.

Twilight self-consciously hides her BOOK-SHAPED PRESENT.

52 RARITY

Speaking of presents...

She removes her fancy CAPE. It has an obnoxiously over  
ruffled collar.

53 RARITY (CONT'D)

This is from my new line of taffeta  
capes. I'm going to make one for  
each of you!

54 PONIES

Wow! / That's great! / Thanks,  
Rarity!

She shows off a NECKLACE that she's made using the fire ruby  
that Spike gave her.

55 RARITY

I've been inspired by the  
generosity of my little Spikey-  
Wikey, who gave me this beautiful  
fire ruby, one of the kindest acts  
I've ever experienced.

She gives him a quick nuzzle.

56 SPIKE

(deadly serious)

This is the best birthday ever.

MATCH CUT TO:

**INT. GOLDEN OAK LIBRARY - LATER**

57 SPIKE

(still deadly serious)

Oh my gosh it got even better.

SAME SHOT -- only now Spike sits behind a giant pile of shredded wrapping paper and opened gifts: an apple-print blanket, dumbbells, a sparkly feather boa, and other things.

58 SPIKE (CONT'D)  
Applejack, I can't thank you enough  
for this great blanket. I really  
needed a new one.

59 APPLEJACK  
Come on, Spike, you already thanked  
me fifteen times. I'm startin' to  
get a little embarrassed.

60 SPIKE  
I know I keep thanking you guys,  
but I'm just so grateful. I wish  
this party could last forever.

61 PINKIE PIE  
Duh! This party can't last forever  
'cause you have to go to Sugarcube  
Corner 'cause the Cakes said they  
have a special surprise for you  
'cause it's your birthday!

62 SPIKE  
No way!

Spike races out. They stand in silence for a beat. Then...

63 PINKIE PIE  
(calling after him)  
I said the party couldn't last  
forever but it doesn't need to end  
right now!

CUT TO:

**INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - DAY**

Spike happily bursts into the sweet shop.

64 SPIKE  
Hi, Mr. and Mrs. Cake!

65 CARROT CAKE  
There's the dragon of the hour!  
Happy birthday, Spike!

66 SPIKE  
Thanks!

67 CUP CAKE

When we found out it was your  
birthday, we couldn't resist trying  
out a new recipe.

She pulls out a huge, beautifully-decorated BLUE CUPCAKE.  
Spike's eyes go wide.

68 CUP CAKE (CONT'D)

(dramatically)

Sapphire.

69 SPIKE

Wow...

CUT TO:

**EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - CONTINUOUS**

70 SPIKE

(calling back inside)

Thank you so much! First I get a  
bunch of great presents from my  
best friends and now an amazing  
sapphire cupcake! What a day!!

The distracted Spike SLAMS INTO CHEERILEE, who happens to be  
passing by. Her shopping bags spill everywhere, but Spike  
manages to save his cupcake from disaster.

71 SPIKE (CONT'D)

Oh my gosh, I'm so sorry, Cheerilee!

She starts gathering her things.

72 CHEERILEE

That's okay. What's got you so  
excited?

Spike tries to help her, but he doesn't want to put the  
cupcake down. So he pops it in his mouth and starts picking  
up her scattered things.

73 SPIKE

(mouth full)

Pinkie Pie told me I should come  
see the Cakes so they could give me  
a treat because it's my birthday  
today...

74 CHEERILEE

Today?

75 SPIKE  
Mmm-hmm...

76 CHEERILEE  
Happy birthday, Spike! I wish I  
had something to give you...  
(fishing through her bags)  
Ah, here you go!

She puts a fancy garden-party style HAT on his head.

77 SPIKE  
Wow, really?

78 CHEERILEE  
Sure, everypony should get fun  
gifts on their birthday!

79 SPIKE  
Thanks a lot, Cheerilee!

80 CHEERILEE  
Have a great birthday, Spike!

She exits, leaving him happily licking frosting off his lips  
while he admires his new hat.

81 SPIKE  
I wish every day was my birthday.

CUT TO:

**EXT. STREETS OF PONYVILLE - MOMENTS LATER**

Spike strolls through town, head spinning.

82 SPIKE  
Pinkie Pie mentions my birthday to  
the Cakes and I get a cupcake. I  
mention it to Cheerilee and I get  
this great hat.

He notices a young pony bouncing a ball like a hacky sack.

83 SPIKE (CONT'D)  
Hmm, I wonder...  
(calling out)  
Hey there, Lickety Split. That's a  
pretty cool ball you got there.  
Did you know it's my birthday?

CUT TO:

**EXT. STREETS OF PONYVILLE - LATER**

Spike strolls along, bouncing Lickety Split's's ball.

84 SPIKE  
This is unbelievable.

He notices another pony, JUNEBUG, approaching. He <GIGGLES DEVIOUSLY>.

85 SPIKE (CONT'D)  
Hey, Junebug! It's my birthday!

86 JUNEBUG  
Happy birthday, Spike!

She keeps walking. Spike looks confused.

87 SPIKE  
Aren't you going to give me something? You know, like a birthday present?

88 JUNEBUG  
(caught off-guard)  
Uh, I don't have anything.

89 SPIKE  
How about those flowers? I'll take those.

90 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.)  
SPIKE!!

Twilight walks up, looking at Spike incredulously.

91 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Sorry, Junebug, I think Spike might have gotten a little carried away.

92 JUNEBUG  
(confused)  
No problem. Happy birthday, Spike!

Once she's gone, Twilight turns back to Spike in disbelief.

93 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
What are you doing? You're out here demanding gifts now?

Spike SHAKES HIS HEAD, snapping himself out of it.

94 SPIKE

Wow, you're right, Twilight. I-I  
don't know what got into me.

He takes off the fancy hat.

95 SPIKE (CONT'D)

Thanks for snapping me out of it.  
I better go give Cheerilee her hat  
back.

96 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

No problem. See you at home later?

97 SPIKE

Sounds good. Bye.

He watches her go, hat in hand. But once she's gone, a  
DEVIOUS SMILE grows across his face.

98 SPIKE (CONT'D)

Who else has a present for Spikey?

CUT TO:

**INT. GOLDEN OAK LIBRARY - MORNING**

Twilight yawns and stretches as the morning sun pours through  
the window.

99 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Wow, what a rough night's sleep,  
Spike. I had the weirdest dream--

She stops cold when she sees something strange. In the spot  
where Spike's bed usually is, there's a huge PILE OF JUNK.

100 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

Spike?

Underneath the pile, she hears the faint sound of <SNORING>.  
She starts to dig, tossing aside random items.

101 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

I can't believe you! Where'd you  
get all this... stuff...?

Her voice trails off when she sees...

The strange, snoring creature under the pile of junk is  
definitely Spike, but something has happened to him.

He's lost some of his chubby cuteness, his limbs are LONG AND GANGLY, and he has huge DARK CIRCLES under his eyes. The garden hat sits askance on his head.

102 SPIKE  
(mumbling)  
Wha' happened?

FADE OUT.

**END OF ACT I**

**ACT II**

FADE IN:

**INT. GOLDEN OAK LIBRARY - MORNING**

103 SPIKE  
What's happening to me, Twilight?!

The new Spike, lanky and awkward, looks at his ungainly arms and legs with confusion and panic.

104 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I don't know! Think back to last night. Did something happen?

Spike's attention has wandered. He seems to be noticing all the books and knickknacks for the first time.

105 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Spike?  
(he snaps out of it)  
What did you do after I saw you?

106 SPIKE  
I went to talk to...

He trails off, distracted by a PEDESTAL GLOBE.

107 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Spike!

108 SPIKE  
Huh?

109 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
You went to talk to who?

110 SPIKE  
Oh, uh...  
(eyes back on the globe)  
Don't remember, can I have that  
globe? You're not using it, right?

111 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Huh?

Spike grabs the globe and adds it to his pile of trash.

112 SPIKE  
What about this book?

Twilight swipes the book from his hands.

113 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Spike, I'm worried about you.  
You're usually not so... grabby.

He swipes it back.

114 SPIKE  
(voice suddenly deeper)  
My arms aren't usually this long  
either.

He clamps a hand over his mouth.

115 SPIKE (CONT'D)  
What's happening to me?!

CUT TO:

**INT. DOCTOR'S OFFICE - DAY**

Twilight drags the lanky Spike into the doctor's office, filled only with BABY PONIES and their MOTHERS, who recoil at the sight of the big clumsy dragon. As Spike picks up magazines, Twilight hauls him to the check-in desk.

116 RECEPTIONIST  
(Lily Tomlin-esque)  
May I help you?

117 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
It's an emergency! Something's  
wrong with my friend Spike!

118 RECEPTIONIST  
Oh, I'm sorry, but the only doctor  
in today is our ponyatrician.

119 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
A *baby* doctor? Well, Spike is a  
baby dragon...

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She looks at Spike, arms loaded with stolen magazines, with disappointment.

120 SPIKE  
(even deeper voice)  
What?

CUT TO:

**INT. DOCTOR'S OFFICE, EXAM ROOM - LATER**

Twilight and Spike wait in a baby-themed exam room: lots of soft pastels and a tiny little exam table for Spike to perch on. She smacks his hands like a Whac-A-Mole game as he keeps reaching out to take things.

The door opens and an eccentric-looking DOCTOR enters.

121 DOCTOR  
Well, now, what seems to be the  
problem?

122 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
This is Spike...  
(WHAP!)  
... and something's wrong with  
him...  
(WHAP!)  
... he used to be half this size,  
and he keeps trying to take things  
that aren't...  
(WHAP!)  
... his!

123 DOCTOR  
All right, then, let's just have a  
look-see, shall we?

The Doctor's demeanor instantly shifts, and he starts using googly BABY TALK with Spike.

124 DOCTOR (CONT'D)  
W'iw guy not feewing too good?

He does some basic exams, talking gibberish all the while.

125 DOCTOR (CONT'D)  
Coochy-coochy... w'iw guy no likey?  
Who's the brave w'iw boy, huh?  
Who's the brave one?

Finally, the Doctor finishes his exam.

126 DOCTOR (CONT'D)  
Little guy want a tweek?

The Doctor hands him a lollipop, which he greedily snatches.

127 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
So? What do you think, Doctor?

128 DOCTOR  
Well, I think I know what the  
problem is.

Twilight perks up.

129 DOCTOR (CONT'D)  
He's a dragon.

Twilight scowls.

130 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
That's not the problem, he's always  
been a dragon!

Neither she nor the Doctor notice Spike reaching his long arm around, snatching up fistfuls of lollipops.

131 DOCTOR  
Oh. Well that would explain it.  
Listen I don't know anything about  
dragons. I know about baby ponies.  
Maybe you should try the vet.

132 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Ugh, okay, thank you, Doctor. Come  
on, Spike.

133 DOCTOR  
Bye, w'iw guy!

Twilight drags Spike out. A beat later, he pops back in and grabs the lollipop bowl.

CUT TO:

**INT. VETERINARIAN'S OFFICE - DAY**

The VETERINARIAN inspects Spike stem to stern. He looks even more cloddish and lanky than he did at the doctor's office.

134 VETERINARIAN  
Well, I'm flummoxed. You bring me  
a dog, I've got it diagnosed in  
seconds. A snake, even faster.  
But to be honest, I've never seen a  
real, live dragon before.

She pats Spike on the head like a dog.

135 VETERINARIAN (CONT'D)  
Who's a good boy? Who's a good  
boy? Sit.

Spike obliges, and the Veterinarian tosses him a biscuit.

136 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(defeated)  
Thanks anyway. Come on, Spike.

She exits, but Spike just sits there, drooling and <PANTING>, waiting for another treat. She reenters and throws a leash on him. As she drags him out, his long arm reaches in and grabs the jar of biscuits.

137 VETERINARIAN  
Hey!

CUT TO:

**INT. ZECORA'S COTTAGE - DAY**

Twilight watches anxiously as ZECORA does a series of bizarre inspections on the oafish-looking Spike. She swings a pocket-watch in front of his crossed eyes, thumps his head like a watermelon, and whips his long arms like reins.

138 ZECORA  
He is starting to mature. Of this  
fact I am quite sure.

139 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Mature? So he's just... growing  
up? But that doesn't explain why  
he keeps **grabbing** things.

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TIGHT ON Zecora and Twilight through the following exchange.

140 ZECORA

A dragon's heart is prone to greed,  
a steady diet to make growth speed.  
Then the resulting bigger size only  
makes their hunger rise. If this  
trait should go unchecked, if Spike  
continues to collect, more growth  
will certainly occur. He is going  
to turn into a monster!

141 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

<gasp!> You mean the more things a  
dragon collects, the bigger and  
greedier he gets? But how do we  
stop him before he's completely out  
of control?

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142 ZECORA

If his monstrous ways you wish to  
impede, you must prevent him from  
practicing greed!

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PULL OUT TO REVEAL that Spike is gone, and so is all of  
Zecora's stuff! A lone canister <CLATTERS> to the ground.

143 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Oops...

CUT TO:

**EXT. STREETS OF PONYVILLE - DAY**

Twilight races through the streets, then stops in her tracks  
at what she sees.

144 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

<Gasp!>

Spike is playing tug-of-war with the CRUSADERS(all wearing  
helmets), fighting over SCOOTALOO'S scooter. He's barely  
recognizable: big, loutish, and turning ever-more monstrous.

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145 SPIKE

Spike want!

146 APPLE BLOOM

Get away from her, you brute!

147 SCOOTALOO

You're not getting my scooter!

148 SPIKE  
Spike want!

Twilight has to think fast. She sees a broom leaning against the wall.

149 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Hey, Spike! Check out this amazing broom!

He turns to see Twilight waving the broom.

150 SPIKE  
Spike want!

He abandons the Crusaders and lopes toward her. She bolts!

CUT TO:

**INT. GOLDEN OAK LIBRARY, READING ROOM - DAY**

Twilight races inside. Spike tries to follow, but his big dragon hips get stuck in the doorway.

151 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Come on, big boy, look at this incredible broom!

152 SPIKE  
Spike want! Spike want!

He forces his way inside. Twilight tosses the broom into a separate reading room, and when Spike dives in after it, she <SLAMS> the door behind him!

153 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Phew!

Her labored <BREATHING> slows.

154 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Fight all you want, I'm not letting you out!

But it's completely silent in the reading room.

155 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Why's it so quiet in there?

She cautiously opens the door.

INSIDE THE READING ROOM -- Spike has cleared everything off the shelves and piled it up in the middle of the room, sitting atop it like a king, the broom as his scepter.

156 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
(in despair)  
Spike! I just reshelved this room!

CUT TO:

**INT. GOLDEN OAK LIBRARY - LATER**

Twilight hauls a load of books out of the reading room and tosses them onto a pile, <SLAMMING> the door.

157 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
There. Now there's nothing left in that room.

She wipes her hooves, job well done. She actually looks quite pleased with herself.

158 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Well, Twilight Sparkle, if I do say so myself, that is how you handle a dragon--

<SMASH>! Glass breaks inside the reading room.

159 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
What now?

INSIDE THE READING ROOM -- Spike is gone, escaped through a broken window. Everything is missing, even the furniture. To add insult to injury, he's stripped all the wallpaper off the walls!

160 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
That's it!

PUNCH IN ON TWILIGHT.

161 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Nopony steals my wallpaper.

CUT TO:

**EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY**

Applejack stands under an empty tree looking perturbed.

162 APPLEJACK

Now who in Ponyville would steal my apples? For that matter, who would steal my leaves?

163 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

(racing in)

Applejack, help! Spike's running wild and I need you to lasso him!

Applejack pauses for a beat, then <ERUPTS IN LAUGHTER>!

164 APPLEJACK

Oh, that's a good one, Twilight!  
Sweet little Spike running wild.  
What a laugh!

Just then, the new and unimproved Spike gallops past, noticeably bigger than before, long arms loaded with APPLES, LEAVES fluttering in his wake.

165 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

(coldly)

Twilight, get my rope.

CUT TO:

Twilight and Applejack RACE after Spike, AJ lassoing all the way.

166 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

(mouth full of rope)

COME BACK HERE, LEAF THIEF!!

She catches up to the lumbering dragon and LAUNCHES her lasso around his neck, pulling with everything she's got! Twilight races in and joins her! They finally start to slow him down.

167 SPIKE

GWAAAAAR!

168 APPLEJACK

I'd say this lil' doggy's fit to be tied!

SERIES OF CLOSE-UPS -- hooves and muzzles tying rope -- determined face of Applejack -- Spike roaring wildly -- frantic expression on Twilight's face -- apples and leaves pouring down as the tree shakes violently...

169 APPLEJACK (O.S.) (CONT'D)

There! Got him!

PULL OUT TO REVEAL -- Applejack and Twilight tied to the tree. Spike is totally free.

170 SPIKE  
RAAAAAWR!

He races off! Beat.

171 TWILIGHT SPARKLE & APPLEJACK  
Heeeeeelp!!!

Rainbow Dash swoops in and strikes a heroic pose.

172 RAINBOW DASH  
(dramatically)  
I thought that I heard Applejack  
and Twilight screaming. What seems  
to be the problem here?

She notices her friends tied to the tree and breaks out in  
<LAUGHTER>, rolling on the ground, clutching her stomach.

173 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Come on, Rainbow Dash, untie us!

174 RAINBOW DASH  
Don't tell me you... you tied  
yourselves up! WA-HA-HA-HA-HA!!

175 APPLEJACK  
Get us outta here right now!

Suddenly, they hear a horrific <SCREAM> in the distance.

176 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)  
What was that?

177 RAINBOW DASH  
Sounded like Fluttershy to me.

178 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Untie us! Hurry!

CUT TO:

**EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - DAY**

Twilight Sparkle, Applejack, and Rainbow Dash race to  
Fluttershy's cottage, but she's nowhere to be found.

179 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Fluttershy? Fluttershy!

180 APPLEJACK  
Where are you, Fluttershy?

181 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)  
(faintly)  
I'm up here!

The ponies look straight up, toward the top of one of the tallest trees. Fluttershy smiles and waves.

182 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
What happened?

183 FLUTTERSHY  
I was helping my squirrel friends with a dance step, and all of a sudden a giant, rampaging d-d-d-dragon stormed through!

184 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
That was Spike!

185 FLUTTERSHY  
Spike? But why would Spike steal my chicken coop!

SWISH PAN to the remains of the chicken coop. Feathers float in the air as chickens run loose.

186 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)  
He just pulled it out of the ground and filled it with a bunch of apples and stuff.

Just then, another <SCREAM> echoes in the distance.

187 RAINBOW DASH  
That sounded like Pinkie Pie!

188 APPLEJACK  
How come you know all of our screams so well?

189 RAINBOW DASH  
It's a gift.

190 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Come on, girls!

CUT TO:

**INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - DAY**

Pinkie Pie cowers on a high shelf in the destroyed sweet shop. Spike snakes his barely recognizable dragon head over the counter.

191 PINKIE PIE  
Back! Get back!

She FIRES a cake at him to keep him at bay. He snatches it out of the air and tosses it in Fluttershy's upside-down chicken coop. Twilight and the others BURST IN just as Pinkie throws a few more cakes at the rampaging dragon.

192 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Pinkie Pie, stop giving him cake!

193 PINKIE PIE  
I'm not giving him cake, I'm  
assaulting him with cake!

194 SPIKE  
BWAAAAR!

Suddenly, Spike's long arm sweeps in and snatches away the rest of the cakes.

195 PINKIE PIE  
Hey! How dare you take the cake!

196 SPIKE  
RAAAAAAAWR!!

He turns and SMASHES right through the wall!

197 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
He's completely out of control!  
Who knows where he'll go next!

CUT TO:

**INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - DAY**

Rarity <WHISTLES> obliviously as she designs a trendy new cape, stepping in front of the mirror to see how it looks.

198 RARITY  
Hmm... perhaps more ruffles...

She's completely unaware of the GIANT DRAGON HAND reaching in behind her, grabbing a button off the table.

199 RARITY (CONT'D)  
Or maybe an ornate button...

She reaches for the button, which is, of course, missing.

200 RARITY (CONT'D)  
That's odd. Where'd my button go?

The dragon hand reaches back in and takes a length of ribbon.

201 RARITY (CONT'D)  
Oh well, guess I'll just add the  
ribbon first.

She spins to grab the ribbon, but it's gone.

202 RARITY (CONT'D)  
What in Equestria is going on?

She's completely oblivious to the enormous DRAGON EYE that  
appears in the window behind her, a la *Jurassic Park*.

203 RARITY (CONT'D)  
It's almost as though my button and  
ribbon grew legs and walked off on  
their own--OOP!

The dragon hand YANKS her right out of the boutique!

CUT TO:

**EXT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS**

204 RARITY  
AAAAHHHH!!

She looks fabulous in her new cape, but is caught helplessly  
in the clutches of a massive, building-sized DRAGON!

FADE OUT.

**END OF ACT II**

**ACT III**

FADE IN:

**CLOSE UP - SIREN**

An emergency siren <BLARES>! Suddenly, a meaty dragon hand reaches in and snatches it right off its post!

CUT TO:

**EXT. STREETS OF PONYVILLE - DAY**

The town is in the grips of mass hysteria! Spike, now a full-sized dragon, has lost all of his Spikeness, knocking over buildings and scooping up anything in sight with Fluttershy's chicken coop. Cheerilee's tiny garden hat still sits on his bulbous head.

205 SPIKE  
GRAAAAAAAWR!!

206 RARITY  
Put me down you brute!

Spike realizes his coop is completely full, so he looks around for something bigger to carry his stuff. His eyes lock in on...

A WATER TOWER! He <CRACKS> it right off its base. With a <FEROCIOUS ROAR>, he dumps the water out!

WATER POURS into the streets below, causing a flash flood! Ponies RUN AND <SCREAM> out of the way of the charging water.

Spike, meanwhile, dumps Fluttershy's chicken coop right into the water tower, then sets out through the soggy town looking for more things to acquire.

207 RARITY (CONT'D)  
All right, dragon, I've seen enough. PUT ME DOWN!

208 SPIKE  
(in her face)  
RAAAAAAAHWR!!

His breath blows her hair straight back.

209 RARITY  
How rude.

Suddenly, Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy SWOOP IN like fighter planes, buzzing figure-8s around his head, doing their version of a good-cop/bad-cop routine.

210 FLUTTERSHY  
Don't worry, Rarity! We'll save  
you!

211 RAINBOW DASH  
PUT HER DOWN RIGHT NOW!!

212 FLUTTERSHY  
If you wouldn't mind, that is!

213 RAINBOW DASH  
I MEAN IT, DRAGON-BOY!!

214 FLUTTERSHY  
We'll be ever so grateful if you'd  
be so kind as to possibly consider--

215 RAINBOW DASH  
DROP HER, SCALEY!!

Spike swipes at the crisscrossing pegasi with the hand  
holding Rarity.

216 RARITY  
Hey! I'm not some sort of common  
flyswatter!

217 SPIKE  
RAAAAAAAWR!

He SWINGS at them, RARITY'S CAPE fluttering behind!

218 RARITY  
AAAH!!

He misses the pegasi, but Rarity's cape wraps them up like a  
net, <TEARING> free!

219 RARITY (CONT'D)  
Girls!

Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy plummet, <SPLASHING> into the  
water, then swimming to the safety of a nearby roof where  
Twilight, Pinkie Pie, and Applejack wait. Rarity's hooves go  
to the scrap of fabric hanging sadly around her neck.

220 RARITY (CONT'D)  
My cape...

Spike starts to <ROAR>, but cuts it short as a WOOLY LOOK  
comes over him. Suddenly, he BELCHES UP A SCROLL! Only it's  
a GIANT SCROLL! It plunges to the ground, <SPLASHING> into  
the water and causing a rogue wave that DOUSES the ponies!

The scroll, rolling open from the impact, floats by.

221 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(reading)  
"My dear Twilight Sparkle. I've  
received reports of a rogue dragon  
on the loose in Ponyville. I'm  
sending the Wonder Bolts, but in  
the meantime--

A giant dragon hand SCOOPS UP the scroll. Spike throws the  
scroll in his water tower, then raises Rarity in the air with  
a <VICTORY ROAR>!

222 RAINBOW DASH  
Look! The Wonder Bolts!

There, up in the sky, the WONDER BOLTS <ZOOM> heroically  
toward Ponyville! They zip around Spike's head in formation,  
like trained fighter pilots.

223 SPIKE  
(irritated)  
BWAAAAAR!

He ducks, trying to swipe at the Wonder Bolts with Rarity and  
the water tower, but they're far too skilled to be deterred.  
Spike quickly looks for somewhere to run. Up ahead, he sees  
something that suits his needs perfectly: a craggy MOUNTAIN.

CUT TO:

#### **EXT. MOUNTAIN - MOMENTS LATER**

Spike climbs the mountain with his back legs, holding the  
water tower in one hand and the <SCREAMING> Rarity in the  
other. The Wonder Bolts coordinate their attacks, buzzing  
Spike's head.

He get so annoyed that he dumps his possessions in a mountain  
cave, then swings the empty water tower, scooping the Wonder  
Bolts out of the sky like insects. He jams the tower into  
the side of the mountain, trapping them inside.

224 SPIKE  
(triumphant)  
RAAAAAAAAAAHR!!

225 RARITY  
Oh, be quiet!

226 SPIKE  
(stopping suddenly)  
---RRUH??

Rarity, meanwhile, has had enough.

227 RARITY  
You've got nothing to be proud of!  
You steal everypony's things,  
terrorize the town, and use me as a  
weapon against my own friends,  
which, as horrible as it is, I can  
almost understand because you're a  
dragon and all. But *this*...

She dramatically tears off the scrap of taffeta ringing her neck.

228 RARITY (CONT'D)  
...*this* is a crime against  
fashion!!

The furious dragon snakes his head right down into Rarity's face, eyes flashing with anger. He inhales deeply, ready to roar his head off, but...

He doesn't.

He looks at her a bit more closely, something resembling curiosity in his eyes. CLOSE ON Rarity's neck and **THE FIRE RUBY NECKLACE!!!**

Spike's expression morphs to one of sheer greed. He licks his lips with hunger.

229 RARITY (CONT'D)  
Oh no! No way, mister! You're not  
getting this gemstone!

Spike's head cocks back, affronted.

230 RARITY (CONT'D)  
This was given to me by my dear  
friend Spikey-Wikey, the kindest,  
sweetest, most generous dragon ever!  
And it's too precious to me to give  
to a greedy old beast like you!

Spike seems stunned by her words. He looks at her, at the gem, like he's just seen the first glimpse of a faint memory.

We WHIP ZOOM straight into Spike's head!

CUT TO:

**INT. GOLDEN OAK LIBRARY - FLASHBACK - DAY**

SPIKE'S POV -- holding the gem in his white gloved hands.

231 SPIKE (O.S.)  
Here, Rarity. You take it. It  
would mean even more to see you  
happy than to eat it myself.

Rarity takes it with great reverence.

232 RARITY  
I... I don't know what to say...  
this is just so... generous!

She leans INTO CAMERA and gives us a PECK ON THE CHEEK. We  
WHIP ZOOM OUT of Spike's remembrance...

BACK TO:

**EXT. MOUNTAIN - DAY**

Spike stares into space, still in the grips of his memory.

233 SPIKE (V.O.)  
(echoing)  
... mean even more to see you  
happy... to see you happy...  
happy...

Spike violently shakes his head, like he's snapping out of a  
daydream. His dragon hand goes to his cheek, right to where  
Rarity kissed him.

234 RARITY  
Oh, what now? I suppose you'll be  
eating me or something?

<ZOOP>!! Suddenly, the enormous dragon holding her SHRINKS  
BACK TO HIS NORMAL SIZE!!

235 RARITY (CONT'D)  
Spike? You're the rampaging dragon?

236 SPIKE

I'm so sorry, Rarity! I got so consumed by greed that I couldn't stop taking things, but seeing you, and remembering how it felt to give you that gem... oh, I just want to give everypony their stuff back and tell them all how sorry I am!

237 RARITY

Uh, that's great, Spike, but...

She points down. Spike realizes they're FLOATING IN MID-AIR.

238 SPIKE

Oops.

CUT TO:

**EXT. PONYVILLE - CONTINUOUS**

The ponies watch helplessly as Rarity and Spike plunge through the air!

239 RARITY AND SPIKE

(distantly)

AAAHHH!!

ON PINKIE PIE.

240 PINKIE PIE

Somepony do something!

241 RAINBOW DASH

(action heroish)

On it.

She nods to Fluttershy, and the two pegasi launch themselves off the roof carrying RARITY'S CAPE in their mouths.

ON RARITY AND SPIKE -- clutching each other as they hurtle through the air.

242 RARITY AND SPIKE

AAAHHH!!

ON RAINBOW DASH AND FLUTTERSHY -- zooming to intercept them.

243 RAINBOW DASH

(mouth full)

You know what to do?

244 FLUTTERSHY  
(tough as possible, mouth full)  
Absolutely. I think.

ON THE OTHERS -- none of them can breathe. They stand on the edge of the roof, watching as Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy speed toward a collision course with Rarity and Spike.

245 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Come on, girls, come on!

246 APPLEJACK  
You can do it, y'all!

ON RAINBOW DASH AND FLUTTERSHY -- wind lashes them as they fly their fastest.

247 RAINBOW DASH  
(mouth full)  
Hold!

ON RARITY AND SPIKE -- <WIND ROARING> past!

248 SPIKE  
(shouting)  
Rarity, I need to tell you something, just in case we don't make it...

ON RAINBOW DASH AND FLUTTERSHY.

249 RAINBOW DASH  
(mouth full)  
Hold!!

ON RARITY AND SPIKE.

250 SPIKE  
(shouting)  
I've always sort of had a crush on--

Rarity places her hoof gently on his mouth.

251 RARITY  
(softly)  
Spike, stop. Don't say it---

Spike smiles through her hoof, tears welling up.

252 RARITY (CONT'D)  
(shouting again)  
---because if we do survive, it'll just be really awkward!

ON RAINBOW DASH AND FLUTTERSHY.

253 RAINBOW DASH  
(mouth full)  
NOW!!!

Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy veer apart! The cape expands!  
Rarity and Spike PLOP into it!

Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy buckle a bit, but manage to hold on, catching Rarity and Spike like a net. They pop their heads out, slowly realizing they're still alive.

254 FLUTTERSHY  
(frazzled)  
WE DID IT! WE DID IT!!

255 SPIKE  
Way to go Rainbow Dash and  
Fluttershy!

256 RAINBOW DASH  
All in a day's work...

257 FLUTTERSHY  
I can't believe we did it!

As Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy swoop back toward the other ponies <CHEERING> on the rooftop, Rarity and Spike get a moment alone.

258 SPIKE  
(awkwardly)  
Gee, uh, guess you were right about  
not saying something silly just  
because I thought we weren't going  
to make it.

In the background (comically unbeknownst to Rarity and Spike as they speak) the Water Tower pops out of the hole in the side of the mountain like a cork. The Wonderbolts sheepishly look around before they take off towards Canterlot, embarrassed.

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259 SPIKE (CONT'D)  
That might have been really, uh,  
embarrassing--

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260 RARITY  
Spike, I just have to tell you how  
absolutely proud of you I am.

261 SPIKE  
Proud of me?

262 RARITY  
Yes. It was you who stopped...  
you... from destroying Ponyville.  
You're my hero, Spikey-Wikey.

She leans in and gives him another KISS ON THE CHEEK. His eyes go starry...

CUT TO:

**INT. GOLDEN OAK LIBRARY - DAY**

TIGHT ON Spike's tiny dragon hands as he writes a letter to the Princess. Slowly PULL OUT as we hear his words...

263 SPIKE (V.O.)  
"Dear Princess Celestia. Today I learned a great lesson about friendship. You might think that it would feel good to get lots and lots of stuff, but it doesn't feel nearly as good as giving something special to somepony you really care about. I learned that it truly is better to give than to receive and that kindness and generosity are what lead to true friendship, and that's more valuable than anything in the world..."

As we continue to PULL OUT, we REVEAL Spike's face, where he has placed an ornate PICTURE FRAME around his recently kissed cheek, preserving it under glass.

264 SPIKE (CONT'D)  
Well, almost anything.

FADE OUT.

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