

MY LITTLE PONY
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EXT. EQUESTRIA - DAY

INT. TRAIN CAR - SAME TIME

RAINBOW DASH
This just got real.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Listen up gang, we're almost there so
I've got a few things to say.

RAINBOW DASH
First off, who here besides me thinks
this is the best Equestria Games
delegation in Ponyville history?

ALL THE PONIES
<cheers>

RAINBOW DASH
And no matter what your sport is we all
gotta give it our all, because we've
all got a genuine shot at Ponyville
gold!

ALL THE PONIES
<cheers>

RAINBOW DASH
Wiiiiith the possible exception of
Bulk Biceps, Fluttershy and me.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I mean, we're good and all, but we're
up against the Wonderbolts in the
aerial relay, so gold's kind of a
stretch, let's not kid ourselves.

SCOOTALOO
Don't feel bad, Rainbow Dash. We
have absolutely no shot at winning
gold, either!

RAINBOW DASH
That's because you're carrying the
flag for Ponyville in the opening
ceremony. There are no winners.

SCOOTALOO
Winners or not, we still have the
chance to be awesome!

RAINBOW DASH
That's the spirit. You hear that
everypony? Winners or not, we all
still have the chance to be awesome!

ALL THE PONIES

<cheers>

RAINBOW DASH

But uh... let's still try to win lots
and lots of stuff too, okay.

EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE TRAIN STATION - LATER

PINKIE PIE

Dash, you'll be glad to know I'm
keeping careful count of all the
medals won so far at the Games. And
hooboy, is it a nail-biter.

RAINBOW DASH

What are you talking about? The
Games haven't even started.
No pony's won anything.

PINKIE PIE

Which means it's a twelve way tie!
I tell you what, sports fans, you
cannot make this stuff up.
(hyperventilating)
Don't. Think. I. Can. Take. The.
Excitement! Hold me.

SERVANT CRYSTAL PONY #1

There's the one. Returned to our
empire at last. What an honor.
(officious hoof clap)
Prepare the royal reception!

RAINBOW DASH

Aw, no need for all the fuss. I'm
just a regular ol' pony deep down.
But if you insist...

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

Oof. Ouch.

SERVANT CRYSTAL PONY #1

A thousand pardons. But this is not
for you.

SPIKE

It's all in there, gang. Leave it to
Spike, world champion gear carrier,
for all your gear carrying needs.

APPLEBLOOM

And the Ponyville flag? You sure?
And what about the flagpole?

SPIKE

In with the portable ramp.

SCOOTALOO

Give it a rest, Applebloom.

SPIKE

Aw she's just nervous, that's all.
Perfectly understandable.

SPIKE

Whenever I'm afraid I'll forget
something and I start to panic, I have
a simple trick: I count to ten, and
by the time I'm done I've calmed
myself enough to get the job done
right every time. Easy peasy cider
squeezezy.

SPIKE (CONT'D)

Hey - put me down!

SCOOTALOO

What's going on??

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Spike! Are you all right?

SERVANT CRYSTAL PONY #1

A thousand pardons, O Great and
Honorable Spike the Brave and
Glorious.

SPIKE

Huh? Whothewhatnow?

CADANCE

(to Servants)

Thanks for bringing Spike to us.

(then)

It's okay, Spike. We'll have our
hoofponies go back for your bags.

SPIKE

Can they hang back a sec and tell me
what's going on first?

INT. CADANCE'S CRYSTAL PALACE - LATER

SPIKE

So the ponies here think I'm some kind
of hero, huh?

(then)

More of the green ones, please. I
like the green ones.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Last time you were here you got the
Crystal Heart to Princess Cadance in
time to save this entire empire from
destruction.

CADANCE

You are known throughout my empire as
Great and Honorable Spike the Brave
and Glorious.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Isn't that awesome? You're a big
shot here Spike, see that? That's
you!

SPIKE

(a la Funny Girl)
Hello, gorgeous.

CADANCE

This is why we all hope you'd do us the
honor of lighting the torch at the
Opening Ceremony. You'd be the very
first dragon in the history of the
Equestria Games to do so.

SPIKE

Of course I'll do it!
(then)
And. Bonus. I can do it with my fire
breath.

INT. STADIUM - FIELD - LATER

SHINING ARMOR

Places for the procession, everypony.
Two minutes!

INT. STADIUM - STANDS - SAME TIME

INT. STADIUM - SAME TIME

INT. STADIUM - BOX SEATS

INT. STADIUM - CORRIDOR - SAME TIME

MS. HARSHWHINNY

And you're quite certain you also
understand exactly what you are
supposed to do?

SPIKE

I stand where you tell me until you
give me the signal. Then I walk over
and light the torch.

MS. HARSHWHINNY

Couldn't be simpler.

INT. STADIUM - FIELD - CONTINUOUS

SPIKE
I guess you're right. Easy peasy
cider squeeEEEEhoooyawawaaaaa...

MS. HARSHWHINNY
Mr. The Dragon? Are you coming?

MS. HARSHWHINNY
(under breath)
Honestly.
(then, exasperated)
Would somepony help him walk?

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. STADIUM - STANDS - LATER

SHINING ARMOR (O.S.)
Now please welcome the delegation
from Ponyville!

INT. STADIUM - FIELD - SAME TIME

THE CMCS
PONYVILLE - FOREVER! YAY!

CROWD
<roaring approval>

MS. HARSHWHINNY (CONT'D)
This is the signal.
(no response)
I'm giving you the signal now.
(then, sharp)
Mr.The Dragon!

INT. STADIUM - BOX SEATS - SAME TIME

INT. STADIUM - FIELD - SAME TIME

SPIKE
Come on, Spike. Calm yourself.
Count to ten. One, two, three
thousand, fourteen thousand, twenty
thousand, THIRTY THOUSAND... okay...
the next number is... okay I know
this... the next number... One,
two...
(then, gazing into stands)
... three... thousand... fourteen
thousand... twenty thousand...

INT. STADIUM - BOX SEATS - SAME TIME

CANDENCE
What's wrong?

EXT. STADIUM - FIELD - CONTINUOUS

SPIKE
Tell me this isn't happening.

TWILIGHT
Equestria we have a problem

MS. HARSHWHINNY
(wound pretty tight)
Mr. The Dragon, would you light the
torch already?

SPIKE
I don't know what it is, but I just
don't have the stuff today. Did you
bring a match?

MS. HARSHWHINNY
(wound tighter)
You're a *fire-breathing dragon*.

SPIKE
(hoarse)
Then some cough drops, maybe?
(off her look)
Nevermind. I'll keep trying.

INT. STADIUM - BOX SEATS - SAME TIME

CADANCE
(to room)
Somepony go down and help him!

INT. STADIUM - FIELD - SAME TIME

SPIKE
Light! Light!

MS. HARSHWHINNY
H-how'd you do that?

SPIKE
I'm... not sure....

MS. HARSHWHINNY
(shrugs and exits)
Ah well, better late than never.

SHINING ARMOR
Let the Games begin!!

THE CROWD
<deafening roar>

EXT. STADIUM - LATER

RARITY
There are our little superstars!

RARITY (CONT'D)
You were fabulous!

APPLEJACK
Made me sit up proud like a cornstalk
in August.

RAINBOW DASH
Ya done good, squirt.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You three really were wonderful. But
does anypony know what was going on
with Spike?

APPLEJACK
He sure seemed to be havin' a tough
time of it there.

RARITY
He put things right in time, though.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Actually, it was me. I didn't want
him to be embarrassed, so I cast a
secret spell to light it for him.

RARITY
Oh dear. Have you told him?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No, but he might have figured it out
on his own.

APPLEJACK
You gotta tell him just in case.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I know. I'm just afraid of how he'll
take it. I know what pride he takes
in a job well done.

RAINBOW DASH
Psst. Here he comes now. Act
casual.
(strikes casual pose)
'Sup.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Spike! Is everything okay?

SPIKE

I guess, I dunno. The weirdest thing happened down there.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Yeah, about that. I -

SPIKE

I mean, there I was, trying to light the torch, with all of Equestria watching, and feeling like the hugest failure ever. And then the thing just lit. It was amazing!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Oh whew. I was afraid you'd be upset.

SPIKE

Upset?? Are you kidding, why would I be upset to discover I can light fire WITH MY MIND?!?

ALL THE PONIES

Huh???

CRYSTAL PONY #1 (V.O.)

Look, it's the Great and Honorable Spike the Brave and Glorious!

CRYSTAL PONY #2

Can we get your autograph?

SPIKE

Sure!

CRYSTAL PONY #1

How you saved our empire last time you were here was really amazing.

SPIKE

Aw..You know what else is amazing? Watch this!

SPIKE (CONT'D)

Don't worry. Once it bursts into flames through brainpower I'll sign another one for you. Promise.

SPIKE (CONT'D)

<effortful grunting>

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Spike, may I have a word with you a moment?

SPIKE

(handing over autograph)

Better be careful with that. Might burst into flames later. Delayed reaction.

SPIKE (CONT'D)
Hey Twi, what is it? Hold on, give me a second.

SPIKE (CONT'D)
If I can set fire to stuff with my mind, mindreading must be just around the corner, and I predict that you are about to ask me... to set fire to something WITH MY MIND.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No. Because you can't.

SPIKE
Oh really? So how do explain what happened down there in front of thousands and thousands -

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I did it, Spike. I cast a spell to do it for you.

SPIKE
(sinking)
... in front of thousands and thousands...

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm sorry, Spike. I just couldn't stand to see you stuck like that. You understand, don't you?

SPIKE
I - I - I need to be alone right now.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Spike?

CRYSTAL PONY #3
Oh Great and Honorable Spike the Brave and Glorious. Can I get your autograph?

SPIKE
Sorry. You should probably ask somebody special instead.

INT. STADIUM - FIELD - LATER

SHINING ARMOR
Our next event: the aerial relay!

INT. STADIUM CORRIDOR - SAME TIME

APPLEJACK
That's Dash and Fluttershy!

PINKIE PIE
Oh no, we can't be late for that!

CRYSTAL PONY SECURITY GUARD
Miss, step right over here. Unicorns
will no longer be admitted without a
disabling spell. To prevent
cheating.

CRYSTAL PONY SECURITY GUARD
And make sure you don't even try
casting a spell or we'll know it.

INT. STADIUM - STANDS - A LITTLE LATER

PINKIE PIE
If Ponyville medals here we'll have 8
medals so far, putting us tied for the
lead with Cloudsdale... unless
Cloudsdale medals here, too.

INT. STADIUM - FIELD - SAME TIME

SPIKE
(calling down)
Ms. Harshwhinny, I know you're really
busy but -

MS. HARSHWHINNY
What is it?

SPIKE
Maybe there's something else I can do
for the Games, you know, something
really worthy of the Crystal Empire's
admiration?

MS. HARSHWHINNY
What are you talking about? You lit
the torch for the whole thing!

SPIKE
Well, actually, that wasn't really -

MS. HARSHWHINNY
That wasn't "worthy" enough for you?
For ponies' sake! Next thing you
know you'll be asking to put on a rock
concert!
(then)
Pssht. Celebrities.

SPIKE
Wait... that's it!

RARITY/APPLEJACK/PINKIE PIE
Second place./ We got silver!/ Yay!

INT. STADIUM CORRIDOR - MOMENTS LATER

INT. STADIUM - FIELD - MOMENTS LATER

SHINING ARMOR
Congratulations to all our medalists.
And now, the anthem of -

SPIKE
And I shall do the honor of singing!

SHINING ARMOR
Spike? What are you doing?

SPIKE
(to Dash)
You know how they always just play the music?
(to crowd)
Well I know all the words to our anthem and will sing them for you now, loud and proud, to the enjoyment of all!

CROWD
<cheers and applause>

SHINING ARMOR
And um... now the Cloudsdale anthem, as sung by... Spike.

SPIKE (CONT'D)
Wait, the Cloudsdale anthem?

SHINING ARMOR
They only play the anthem for the winners, Spike. The Wonderbolts are from Cloudsdale!

SPIKE
But... but I don't know the words to the Cloudsdale anthem. I've never even heard it!

CRYSTAL PONY IN CROWD
Sing for us, O Great and Honorable Spike the Brave and Glorious!

CROWD
<enthusiastic agreement walla>

SPIKE
(leaps into song)

Oh we're the Wonderbolts! And we're super fast! And we're from Clouds-dale which is a part of Equestria that we like best and we're proud and we're fast and we like because it really has nice trees and we love the town because it's so cool, and we like to fly really fast and everything like that...uh...I kind of wish this was over cause it isn't yet...over....

(music still going)

Now...oh... we're the Wonderbolts! And we're super fast! We like it cause it is really nice and the trees are cool, and I hope this is over now, and it keeps going on la la la...and we really love the town and I wish this song was over now...over...now...over...

(waits till it ends, then)

Now.

INT. STADIUM - BOX SEATS - SAME TIME

INT. STADIUM - STANDS - SAME TIME

INT. STADIUM - MEDAL PODIUM - SAME TIME

INT. STADIUM - STANDS - SAME TIME

INT. STADIUM - FIELD - SAME TIME

PINKIE PIE

(far far away)

NAILED IT!

INT. LODGING - DAY

APPLEBLOOM

Spike, you coming?

SPIKE

Nah, I got this stuff to pack up.

SCOOTALOO

But you've been moping in here for almost the entire Games.

SWEETIE BELLE

And tonight's the closing ceremony.

SPIKE

Which means we leave tomorrow. Ergo the packing.

EXT. STADIUM - DUSK

INT. STADIUM - BOX SEATS - SAME TIME

INT. STADIUM - FIELD - SAME TIME

SHINING ARMOR

And so the Games conclude as they
always do with the Ice Archery finals.
Ice archers, take your places!

CROWD

<thundering cheer>

INT. STADIUM - STANDS - SAME TIME

APPLEJACK

Too bad Ponyville doesn't have any ice
archers competing. We don't have
anyone to root for.

PINKIE PIE

It's okay. Ponyville has 37 medals
and Cloudsdale 36, so looks like we'll
be medal champs of the Games anyway!
Wheeee!

RAINBOW DASH

But Cloudsdale has two ice archery
finalists down there right now. If
they both place, Cloudsdale wins the
medal count.

PINKIE PIE

So you're saying it all comes down to
this one event?!

APPLEJACK

Pretty much.

PINKIE PIE

Ohmygoshohmygoshohmygosh--

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

Twilight! Come take this extra seat
next to me and freak out over the medal
count. I'll show you how.

(then)

Ohmygoshohmygoshohmygosh--

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Actually I was looking for Spike.
Have you seen him?

APPLEBLOOM

He wouldn't come.

SWEETIE BELLE
We tried to talk him into it.

SCOOTALOO
But he wouldn't listen.

PINKIE PIE
You can have his extra seat though.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Twi?

INT. LODGING - A LITTLE LATER

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.)
Spike? You here?

SPIKE
Uh, yeah. I'm super busy.

SPIKE (CONT'D)
Look at all this packing left to do.
Crazy, right?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No more hiding out. You're coming
with me. Now.

SPIKE
Okay fine. I'll come.

SPIKE (CONT'D)
Can I at least wear these?

INT. STADIUM - FIELD - A LITTLE LATER

INT. STADIUM - STANDS - SAME TIME

RAINBOW DASH
Those aren't your average arrows.
They freeze whatever part of the
target they hit. Whoever encases
their *entire* target in ice first wins.
(then)
Keep your eye on Number 7 from
Cloudsdale. He's the favorite.

INT. STADIUM - FIELD - SAME TIME

EXT. STADIUM - SAME TIME

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Honestly Spike, I don't see why you're
being so hard on yourself.

SPIKE

I let everypony down. Twice! You never let anypony down so you have no idea what that's like.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Are you kidding? I've totally let ponies down. That's not the point. The torch got lit, the aerial relay teams got their medals. No harm no foul.

SPIKE

(re: corridor entrance)

Can we at least watch from inside there? I'm not sure I'm ready to face crowds in the stands just yet.

INT. STADIUM - FIELD - SAME TIME

CROWD

<gasps>

CROWD (CONT'D)

<panicked screams>

SHINING ARMOR

NO!!

INT. STADIUM - BOX SEATS - SAME TIME

INT. STADIUM - STANDS - SAME TIME

RAINBOW DASH

Steer it toward the field! Away from the crowds!

INT. STADIUM - FIELD - SAME TIME

SHINING ARMOR

(to the ice archers)

Somepony cut the disabling spell!

CRYSTAL PONY SECURITY GUARD

There isn't time!

SPIKE (O.S.)

Dash! Fluttershy! MOVE!!!

RAINBOW DASH

That...was...awesome!

CROWD

<erupts with joy>

INT. STADIUM - STANDS - LATER

ALL THE PONIES
<ebullient congratulations walla>

CADANCE
I just wanted to thank you personally
for saving those ponies, and the
Games, O Great and Honorable Spike the
Brave and Glorious. You must be very
proud.

SPIKE
I guess.

ALL THE PONIES
You guess????

SPIKE
I just saw what needed to be done and
reacted. It just so happens I can
breathe fire... if any of you could do
that you'd have done the same.

APPLEJACK
Forgive me for being blunt, but you're
not makin' a lick of sense.

ALL THE PONIES
<general agreement>

SPIKE
(shrugs)
It's just how I feel.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Wait a second. I think I get it.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
You keep saying you let everypony
down. And we all keep saying you
didn't.
(a beat)
You. You were disappointed in you.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
And only you can make it right with you
again. What would that take Spike?

SPIKE
I don't know. Can you turn back time?
Cuz I'd sure like a do-over on that
Opening Ceremony.

CADENCE
We can't turn back time. But
would you do me and the Equestria
Games and the entire Crystal Empire
the great honor of lighting fireworks

in my place at the Closing Ceremonies tonight?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Come on, Spike. You've saved the Crystal Empire. Twice. I think you can light some fireworks.

SPIKE
I guess I have to at least give it a shot.

INT. STADIUM - FIELD - LATER THAT NIGHT

INT. STADIUM - STANDS - SAME TIME

PINKIE PIE
We did it! Ponyville won the medal count! And only by one medal.

RAINBOW DASH
Hmm. Wonder which medal that was?

RAINBOW DASH/FLUTTERSHY
(in unison)
Bam!

APPLEJACK
How's it feel to have opened the best Equestria Games in Ponyville history, squirt?

APPLEBLOOM
Probably as good as it feels to close them.

INT. STADIUM - FIELD - SAME TIME

MS. HARSHWHINNY
Okay, it's time.

SPIKE (V.O.) (CONT'D)
You know, it's weird... no matter how many times others tell you you're great, all the praise in the world means nothing if you don't feel it inside.

SPIKE (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Sometimes, to feel good about yourself, you've got to let go of the past. That way, when the time comes to let your greatness fly...

SPIKE (CONT'D)
...You'll be able to light up the whole sky.

FADE OUT.

END.