

MY LITTLE PONY 6

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"The Crystalling - Part 1"

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SC. 1 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - MORNING

STARLIGHT
Okay. Library... library... Where did they put the library?

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
<SIGH> This Castle looked a lot smaller from the outside.

SPIKE
Morning, Starlight.

STARLIGHT
Whoops!

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Sorry, Spike. I guess I'm still trying to find my way around. You don't happen to know where the library is, do you?

SPIKE
Next door on the left.

STARLIGHT
Oh. Thanks.

SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - CONTINUOUS

TWILIGHT
...Acceptance, mm-hmm, Altruism, definitely...
Starlight! Good morning! Come in!

STARLIGHT
Sorry I'm late. I got a little turned around. I still can't believe you're letting me stay here. As your pupil. After everything I did.

TWILIGHT
Well, I'm not one to dwell on the past and neither should you. The castle is your home now and as far as being my pupil goes...

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I was just trying to figure out what your first friendship lesson should be!

STARLIGHT
Oh. Well, it looks like you're really narrowing it down.

TWILIGHT

Oh, these are just the As. After this,
I move on to the Bs!

SC. 3 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - RESUME

STARLIGHT
I know I'm just learning about
friendship, but I didn't think there
were this many lessons for anything.
How do we chose?

TWILIGHT
Maybe I should pair things down a bit
before we go through them.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Why don't you join the others in the
throne room? They're planning our
trip to the Crystal Empire when
Shining Armor and Princess Cadance
have their baby.

STARLIGHT
Throne room. Got it.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Um... Which way is the throne room?

SC. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

DASH
Well, I think we should leave ASAP! I
don't want to miss the Crystalling!

FLUTTERSHY
But, um, shouldn't we wait for the
invitation?

APPLEJACK
Frankly, I'm not exactly clear on all
the customs and traditions of the
Crystal Empire. Especially when it
comes to a Crystalling.

STARLIGHT
What's a Crystalling?

RARITY
Well, that's just it, Darling.
Princess Cadance and Shining Armor's
baby is due any day and we're still not
sure. The Crystal Empire was gone for
a thousand years. A lot of their
customs are a bit... murky.

APPLEJACK

We know it's got something to do with
the new baby.

PINKIE PIE
And a party!

FLUTTERSHY
And the Crystal Heart.

PINKIE PIE
And a party!

RAINBOW DASH
And some kind of cool, energy.

PINKIE PIE
And...

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
A PARTY!!!

SPIKE (O.S.)
It's not hard to understand.

SPIKE (CONT'D)
Most things in the Crystal Empire
aren't. Like how I'm a big hero there,
for example.
Plus, I've had to help Twilight do a
lot of research on Crystallings.

SC. 5 - A STYLIZED SCENE

SPIKE (V.O.)
Whenever a baby is born in the Crystal
Empire, the parents bring it before
the Crystal Heart.

SPIKE
They get the purest shard of crystal
they can find, then pick a Crystaller
to present the baby to everypony who
comes.

SPIKE (CONT'D)
Then they all share the light and joy
they feel, feeding it into the crystal
that joins with the Heart and
increases its power.

DISSOLVE BACK:

SC. 6 - TO THE THRONE ROOM

SPIKE (CONT'D)
And this is going to be a Royal
Crystalling, so pretty much the whole

Empire will show up. That hasn't happened in a millennia.

STARLIGHT
What do you mean it increases the Crystal Heart's power?

SPIKE
The energy it uses to protect the Crystal Empire, I guess.

STARLIGHT
Protect it from what?

SPIKE
I didn't help Twilight with that part.

SC. 7 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - LATER

STARLIGHT
Hey, Twilight, can I ask you something about the Crystal Empire?

TWILIGHT
Funny you should mention it...

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Because I just narrowed your first friendship lesson down to three options and one of them is in the Crystal Empire.

STARLIGHT
Really?

TWILIGHT
I found out that's where the first pony you ever cared about lives!

STARLIGHT
Sunburst?

TWILIGHT
Of course that's just one idea. We could also go to Griffinstone. Making friends with a Griffin is a challenge all by itself.

TWILIGHT
Or we could tag along with the CMCs the next time they help a pony who can't figure out why they're special...

TWILIGHT
Starlight, is something wrong?

STARLIGHT

What? Oh, no. Those all sound great.

TWILIGHT
I know! I guess you were right. It is
going to be hard to choose one.

STARLIGHT
(nervous laugh)
Yeah.

SC. 8 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

STARLIGHT
Ugh! I am never going to find my way
around this place!

SPIKE
Gee, Starlight, what's wrong?

STARLIGHT
I don't know, Spike. Twilight's
figuring out what my first friendship
lesson is and I guess I'm not exactly
thrilled with the options. Well, with
one of them.

SPIKE
Which one?

STARLIGHT
Reuniting me with my first friend.

SPIKE
What's so terrible about that?

SC. 9 - INT. COTTAGE - FLASHBACK

STARLIGHT (V.O.)
When we were foals, Sunburst knew
everything there was to know about
magic.

SC. 10 - INT. COTTAGE - ANOTHER TIME

STARLIGHT
He always knew just what to do.

SC. 11 - INT. COTTAGE - ANOTHER TIME

STARLIGHT
And he was always there to help me.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)

I guess it's not surprising that Sunburst got his cutie mark in magic and went off to Princess Celestia's school...

SC. 13 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - RESUME

STARLIGHT
But when he left...

SPIKE
You blamed cutie marks and stripped a whole village of theirs and when Twilight and the others stopped you, you went back in time and almost destroyed Equestria.

STARLIGHT
Not really stuff I'm super eager to tell Sunburst about. I mean, he's probably some big, important wizard now and I can't even find my way around Twilight's Castle.

SPIKE
Well, if Sunburst is that good at magic, maybe he'd appreciate your <AHM> exploits.

SPIKE
You should talk to Twilight about it. I'm sure she'd want to hear what you have to say.

STARLIGHT
I know, but I don't want her to think I'm not ready to learn, or that I'm not grateful for everything she's doing...

TWILIGHT
SPIKE! COME QUICK!

SC. 14 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

SPIKE
It's a Crystalling invitation!

TWILIGHT
Shining Armor's a father! I'm an Aunt!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Well, this settles it. Since we're going to the Crystal Empire, your first friendship lesson is going to be reuniting with Sunburst!

STARLIGHT
Great.

SC. 15 - INT. FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS - DAY

RAINBOW DASH
Um, Applejack, what is that?

APPLEJACK
Oh, just a little something for the youngin'.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Made from genuine Sweet Apple Acres apple trees. We make 'em for all the Apples, and anypony related to Twilight is practically family.

RAINBOW DASH
Yeah. It's okay. I mean, but it's no Cloudsdale Mobile...BAM.

PINKIE PIE
Oooh! Pretty!

APPLEJACK
Well, a mobile is real nice...
As long as you have something to lay in so you can look at it.

RARITY
And a fetching blanket to keep you warm...

TWILIGHT
I'm sure Shining Armor and Princess Cadance will love all our gifts, but I think they're more happy we'll be attending the baby's Crystalling.

PINKIE PIE
Ooh! I can't wait to see all that light and love make the Crystal Heart even more sparkley and shiny!

TWILIGHT
Actually, Pinkie, the Crystal Heart is an ancient and powerful relic. Without its magic the Crystal Empire would be lost to the Frozen North.

STARLIGHT
Wow. This Crystalling sounds pretty important. I'd understand if you wanted to, you know, wait to do a different friendship lesson when we get back.

TWILIGHT
Are you kidding? This trip is perfect.
Not only do I get to see the baby and
take part in a ceremony that helps
maintain the magic of the Crystal
Empire, but I'm starting my new pupil
off with the most amazing friendship
lesson ever. I can't wait!

STARLIGHT
Right. Me neither.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Actually, Twilight, I am a little
worried about meeting Sunburst...

TWILIGHT
Oh, trust me, I know what it's like to
see old friends, but I'll be right
there to help things along.

TWILIGHT
I've broken the whole lesson down into
a few easy steps to ensure this
reunion goes off without a hitch.

SC. 16 - EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE STATION - DAY

TWILIGHT
Step one, head to Sunburst's house and
get you two started on the right hoof.
Step two, get to the Castle with
enough time to visit the baby...

TWILIGHT
Shining Armor?

SHINING ARMOR
Twilight!

TWILIGHT
I didn't know you were meeting us.

SHINING ARMOR
Of course I am. It's me. Right here.
Here I am. Why wouldn't I come meet my
sister?
Though we have met before.

TWILIGHT
Are you all right?

SHINING ARMOR
Never better! Being a father is
amazing and wonderful and amazing and
confusing and amazing...

SHINING ARMOR

But surprising too, you know? I mean, not that you'd know. You wouldn't know, I know. You know?

SHINING ARMOR (CONT'D)

Sorry. I haven't really slept since Cadance had the baby. Come to think of it, she hasn't either. It sure would be great to get a break...

TWILIGHT

Oh. Of course. I don't know what I was thinking. You two probably need all kinds of help!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

I'm sorry, Starlight, but I guess combining your first lesson with this visit wasn't such a good idea.

STARLIGHT

Oh, don't be ridiculous! You're an aunt now. That's way more important than some friendship lesson.

TWILIGHT

I just wish there was a way to do both.

SPIKE

Maybe there is.

SPIKE (CONT'D)

You've already done the work for Starlight's lesson with this list. All we have to do is follow it.

TWILIGHT

Spike, you're a genius!

STARLIGHT

Yeah. Genius.

TWILIGHT

Then it's settled. Shining Armor and I will head straight to the castle and you two can head straight to Sunburst's.

SPIKE

Aye, aye, princess.

TWILIGHT

All right, big brother. Let's go see this amazing baby pony.

SPIKE
I know you're a little worried about
this reunion, but I'm sure Twilight's
got everything covered.

STARLIGHT
Everything except how I'd rather do
absolutely anything else.

SPIKE
I bet she's taken that into account
too. It's all part of the lesson.
Trust the lesson.

STARLIGHT
Right.
Hey, is that you!?

SPIKE
Oh. Yep. It sure is. Now... according
to the list, Sunburst's house is--

STARLIGHT
Why is there a statue of you in the
Crystal Empire?

CRYSTAL PONY
Because Spike, the brave and
glorious, saved all of us from King
Sombra.

CRYSTAL PONY 2
And then again during the Equestria
Games.

STARLIGHT
Really?

CRYSTAL PONY 3
Really!
Big fan.

STARLIGHT
Um, when were you going to tell me
about this?

SPIKE
Oh, it's no big deal.

CRYSTAL PONIES
IT MOST CERTAINLY IS!

STARLIGHT
That's it. We're not going anywhere
until I get the whole story.

SHINING ARMOR
Before we go in, I should probably
tell you, seeing the baby might be a
bit of a shock.

TWILIGHT
Come on, big brother, I've met babies
before...

SC. 19 - INT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - NURSERY - DAY

TWILIGHT
...I expect meeting this one won't be
any different.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Of course, I could be wrong.

SC. 21 - INT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - NURSERY - RESUME

TWILIGHT
The baby is an alicorn!?

CADANCE
It looks that way.

RARITY
But I thought alicorn wings had to be
earned by accomplishing some great
princess-worthy deed.

APPLEJACK
Yeah, how can you just be born with
them?

CELESTIA
The birth of an alicorn is something
Equestria has never seen.

LUNA
It is beyond even our understanding.

FLUTTERSHY
That's not very reassuring.

PINKIE PIE
Wow, a unicorn and a pegasus! So, she
could be a super strong flyer and have
crazy baby magic.

DASH
Well, I know all about super strong
flying.

TWILIGHT
And I can help keep tabs on her magic.

SC. 22 - INT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - NURSERY - RESUME

CELESTIA

It appears her magic is more powerful than that of a newborn unicorn.

LUNA

The crowds have already started to gather.

PINKIE PIE

This Cryatalling is gonna be some party!

CADANCE

Do you think we should call it off?

DASH

Um... We've all faced a lot worse than baby magic.

RARITY

I can't imagine cancelling such beautiful and important ceremony over something so potentially adorable.

ALL

Yeah! Of course! Come on!

CELESTIA

In light of the little one's abilities, this Crystalling might be more important than ever. Perhaps you should address your subjects and remind them of that.

TWILIGHT

Shining Armor, do you have everything you need for the ceremony?

SHINING ARMOR

Huh? Oh! NO! I still have to interview the Honor Guards, chose the Purity Crystal and pick a Crystaller!

TWILIGHT

All right. Take it easy. Pinkie can stay here with me and keep an eye on the baby.

APPLEJACK

And we'll all help you with everything else.

RARITY

That is if you can stay awake long enough to tell us how.

SC. 20 - EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE - DAY

SPIKE

...and that's how we found the Crystal Heart, defeated King Sombra, and saved the Empire.

CRYSTAL PONIES & FOAL

Yay!/We love you Spike!/Yeah!

FOAL

Tell the one about the Equestria Games!

SPIKE

Well, as much as I love reliving my heroic deeds, Starlight and I have an important lesson to do by order of the Princess of Friendship.

FOAL

AWWWWW!

STARLIGHT

Oh, come on, Spike. I want to hear about the Games too.

SPIKE

I know you're nervous about seeing Sunburst, but it says right in step three to, "deal with your fears by facing them," not by putting it off.

STARLIGHT

Ugh. Let's go get this over with.

SC. 23 - EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE - SUNBURST'S HOUSE - DAY

SPIKE

Wait!

STARLIGHT

What!?

SPIKE

Knocking on the door isn't the next thing on the list.

STARLIGHT

Seriously?

SPIKE

I know Twilight can be a little nitpicky, but this is your first lesson as her pupil and it's important that we do it right.

STARLIGHT
Fine. What's the next thing on the list?

SPIKE
"Before they see each other, make sure to highlight the importance of the meeting."

STARLIGHT
I'm pretty sure we can skip that.

SPIKE
I don't know. I mean, if we skip it, the whole lesson could go south. And then you might end up taking a giant step backwards instead of forwards. Maybe you'll never be able to learn anything about friendship at all. It's almost like your whole future depends on this moment.

SPIKE (CONT'D)
"Highlight the importance of the meeting." Check.

SPIKE (CONT'D)
I can't believe you wanted to skip that.

STARLIGHT
Sunburst?

SUNBURST
Yes? What can I do for you?

STARLIGHT
It's, it's me. Starlight.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
We used to be friends?

SUNBURST
Oh, of course! Starlight. My goodness it's been a long time. What, what have you been up to?

STARLIGHT
Me? Oh, you know, some of this, some of that. Different stuff. Right now I'm sort of, Twilight Sparkle's new pupil.

SUNBURST
The Princess of Friendship?

STARLIGHT

Yeah. That's actually kind of why I'm here. I mean, I know you're probably very busy.

SUNBURST
What do you mean?

STARLIGHT
Well, I figured after Magic School, you'd go on to do important wizard work, but...

SUNBURST
Oh. No. Yes. Oh yes, that's me. Yep. Important wizard. Really busy with lots of, ah... wizarding stuff.

SUNBURST
Right, well... good to see you.

SPIKE
Huh. Maybe we should have skipped "highlighting the importance of the meeting" after all.

STARLIGHT
Whelp, I guess that's that!

SPIKE
Starlight, come on! We have to at least explain what Twilight wants!

STARLIGHT
Ugh.

SC. 24 - EXT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - BALCONY - CONTINUOUS

CADANCE
Dearest Citizens, I am sure that you are all just as thrilled and ready for this Crystalling as myself and Shining Armor...

SC. 25 - INT./EXT. CASTLE CAUSEWAY - SAME

SHINING ARMOR
I'm not ready!

DASH
Take it easy. Just pick whoever looks the most like Honor Guard material.

SHINING ARMOR
Right. Right!

SHINING ARMOR (CONT'D)

I'm sorry, fatherhood is way more stressful than I ever thought.

FLUTTERSHY
I can only imagine.

RARITY
Now, I know choosing the crystal of purity is a very important decision, so I have gone through the trouble of arranging them in order from incredibly pure to outrageously pure.

FLUTTERSHY
Um, Rarity? Don't they all sort of look the same?

RARITY
Oh well, to the untrained eye, perhaps. What do you think Shining Armor?

SHINING ARMOR
I DON'T KNOW!

RARITY
<SOTTO> I hope Twilight and Pinkie are having better luck with the baby.

SC. 26 - INT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - NURSERY - SAME

PINKIE PIE
Well, at least she's having fun!

TWILIGHT
Pinkie hold her still!

PINKIE PIE
I'm tryyyyyiiiiinnng!

SC. 27 - INT. SUNBURST'S - LIBRARY - MOMENTS LATER

SUNBURST
So, the Princess of Friendship wants you and I to be friends again?

STARLIGHT
I know. Weird, right?

SUNBURST
I don't understand. Did something happen to you after I left for Magic School?

STARLIGHT

What? No! I don't see what that has to do with anything. Why would you even ask that? I mean, did something happen to you after you left for magic school?

SUNBURST

What? Um... No. Like you said, I'm a <AHM> important wizard.

SPIKE

I'm sure there's something on Twilight's list that can help here.

SC. 29 - INT./EXT - CASTLE CAUSEWAY - SAME

SHINING ARMOR

Okay. I chose the Honor Guard, picked the Purity Crystal, and I know exactly who I want to be our Crystaller. So, all we need is...

CADANCE

The baby?

TWILIGHT (O.S.)

We're here!

PINKIE PIE

She's a really strong flyer!

APPLEJACK

I'm guessing that's gonna make it hard to do the Crystalling.

TWILIGHT

It's worse than that...

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Without the Heart, the Crystal Empire is about to be buried under a mountain of ice and snow!