

MY LITTLE PONY 6

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"Gauntlet of Fire"

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SC. 1 - INT. CAVE - DAY

SPIKE

Umm.

RARITY

The last time I was here, I woke them
and ended up with a mane full of bats!
Thanks being my basket holder, Spike.

SPIKE

Basket holder? I thought I was your
bodyguard.

RARITY

What? Oh yes, yes. That of course too.

RARITY (CONT'D)

Oh for once I wish unicorn magic
wasn't so... luminescent.

RARITY (CONT'D)

Spike, you'll wake the bats! Turn that
off!

SPIKE (O.S.)

I can't!

RARITY (CONT'D)

<Gasp>

SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM- DAY

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

I'm so glad you two could come!

PRINCESS LUNA

Of course. We so rarely get a chance
to relax and just visit.

PRINCESS CELESTIA

There's usually some crisis we have to
deal with. Somepony always needs our
help. But today--

RARITY

HELP! Twilight! There's something's
wrong with Spike!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

What's wrong?

SPIKE

I don't know! <GROANS> All of the sudden my scales just started glowing and burning.

PRINCESS LUNA
Little is known about dragon culture, but this is a phenomenon we've seen before. It is the Call of The Dragon Lord.

PRINCESS CELESTIA
Dragons glow whenever the Dragon Lord has need of them in the Dragonlands.

SPIKE
Great! <GROAN> How do I make it stop?

PRINCESS LUNA
The only way to end the summons is to answer it. You must journey to the Dragonlands and see what is expected of you.

RARITY
But the Dragonlands are full of... dragons! And they're ghastly creatures! Oh-oh not you of course, Spikey Wikey. But remember that rotten Garble?

SPIKE
<GULP> How could I forget? He would have burnt us to a crisp if you weren't there.
If I have to go to the Dragonlands, would you two come with me?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oooh! Oh my goodness! I'd love to! We are sadly lacking any information on dragon culture and customs. I could research them, maybe even write an article! This could be my chance to make a great contribution to the knowledge of Equestria!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
And be there for Spike, of course.

PRINCESS CELESTIA
Be very careful. The Dragonlands are particularly dangerous for ponies. It would be wise to be discreet.

RARITY

Oh, I'm sure I still have the dragon costume we used the last time we snuck into the Dragonlands!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I think we might want something a little more practical this time.

SC. 3 - EXT. DRAGONLANDS - DAY

RARITY
Well, it may be practical, but this disguise isn't flattering in the slightest!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It's not supposed to be flattering, it's supposed to blend in!

SPIKE
SHHHH!

GARBLE
Hey, look. It's our old friend, Sparkle Warkle.

SPIKE
It's Spike.

GARBLE
Are you sure your pony friends didn't give you a pony name?

SPIKE
It's nice to see you too, Garble!

GARBLE
I didn't say it was nice to see you. It's not. I don't like you. Was I not clear about that?

SPIKE
Hey! That's my rock.

GARBLE
Oh really? Then why aren't you sitting on it?

SC. 5 - EXT. DRAGONLANDS - CONTINUOUS

TORCH
Dragons of Equestria! Hear me! I have been Dragon Lord for longer than many of you can remember. And my reign has been extraordinary.

TORCH (CONT'D)
AGREE WITH ME!!!

DRAGONS
The best! / Agreed! / Torch! Torch!
Torch!

SPIKE
Who is that?

GARBLE
It's Dragon Lord Torch, dummy.

SPIKE
No, next to him.

GARBLE
That's his daughter, Princess Ember.
I wouldn't even look at her if I were
you. Unless you want Torch to eat you.

SC. 6 - INT. ROCK COSTUME - CONTINUOUS

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This is fascinating! Dragons are
notoriously reckless, but they do
whatever the Dragon Lord says.

SC. 7 - EXT. DRAGONLANDS - CONTINUOUS

TORCH
Unfortunately, according to dragon
law, it is time for me to step down.
Sad, I know.

TORCH (CONT'D)
BE SAD!!!!!!

TORCH (CONT'D)
This is why I have summoned you. To
compete for the throne in the Gauntlet
of Fire!

TORCH (CONT'D)
Whoever has the strength and
fortitude to retrieve this Bloodstone
Scepter from the heart of the
Flamecano will be crowned Lord of the
Dragons!

SC. 8 - INT. ROCK COSTUME - CONTINUOUS

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

When the scepter disappeared the dragons stopped glowing! We are learning so much!

RARITY

<Sneeze>

SC. 9 - EXT. DRAGONLANDS - CONTINUOUS

SPIKE

'Scuse me.

GARBLE

Ugh. You even sneeze like pony.

TORCH

The Gauntlet is dangerous, for I designed it myself. Only dragons with my ferocity, strength and determination will be able to finish. We will gather at the cliff when the sun is at its peak!

SPIKE

I don't want to be Dragon Lord or dragon toast, and I stopped glowing so let's sneak out of here!

TORCH

Where do you think you're going, little dragon?

SPIKE

Oh, uh, hi your lordship. I was just going home.

TORCH

You don't get to leave unless I say you can.

EMBER

Dad, look at him! He's just a runt. Besides, he doesn't even want to compete. Let him go.

TORCH

He is rather tiny. I could squish him with my pinky claw.

TORCH (CONT'D)

That wasn't a joke, it was a fact. When I want you to laugh I will say "BE AMUSED"!

SPIKE

Of course, your lordship. I guess I don't understand dragon customs.

Another reason why I shouldn't compete.

TORCH
Very well, little dragon. I release you.

SPIKE
Thank you!
And thank you.

TORCH
Where do you think you're going?

EMBER
To prepare for the gauntlet.

TORCH
No you're not. You're not much bigger than that runt I just sent home.

EMBER
But I'm smarter than most of these boulderheads and you know it.

TORCH
Being smart won't help you win this gauntlet. It was designed for a big strong dragon to win because it takes a big strong dragon to lead. Besides, I SAID NO!

EMBER
I hate when he does that!

DRAGON #1
When I become Dragon Lord, I will make burps an official greeting.

DRAGON #2
Ha, you? Please. When I win, I will pillage Equestria for all their pillows! Why should those ponies be comfortable while we sleep on rocks?!

GARBLE
That's nothing. When I'm in charge, the first thing I'll do is get revenge on those puny ponies! They'll regret they ever crossed Garble! We'll take whatever we want from Equestria and burn the rest.

RARITY
Oh my gosh. I can't believe I'm saying this, but I hope the burping dragon wins.

SPIKE
None of them can win! Equestria is in
big trouble if any of them are in
charge!

TWILIGHT
But what can we do?

SPIKE
There's only one thing to do and only
I can do it...
I have to win the Gauntlet of Fire!

SC. 11 - INT. ROCK COSTUME - CONTINUOUS

RARITY
What do you mean you have to win the
Gauntlet?

SPIKE
It's the only way to protect Equestria
from the dragons! You heard them. They
have horrible plans for ponies if they
win! So somehow, I have to do it.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
There has to be another way! It's too
dangerous. Besides, if you win, you'd
have to stay here!

SPIKE
I know. But there's no other way to
keep my friends safe.

TWILIGHT
Well, if you're staying to compete,
then we're staying to cheer you on.

SC. 13 - EXT. THE CLIFF OVER THE SEA - CONTINUOUS

TORCH
I thought I released you, Tiny One.

SPIKE
I decided to compete. I am a dragon,
after all.

GARBLE
Are you sure? You can't even fly!

TORCH
All dragons are welcome to compete,
for they do so at their own peril.
Flying to Flamecano Island is the
first of many challenges you will face

in your quest to find the Bloodstone
Scepter!

GARBLE
Good luck. Just kidding, I hope you
lose.

SC. 14 - INT. SERPENT SEA - CONTINUOUS

SPIKE
Thanks, Garble, I was planning on
swimming anyway!

RARITY
You can do it Spike!

SPIKE
He's gonna drown!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
SPIKE!

SC. 15 - EXT. FLAMECANO ISLAND - BEACH - CONTINUOUS

SPIKE
Hey, are you okay?

SPIKE (CONT'D)
Princess Ember!

EMBER
What do you think you're doing?

RARITY
Only saving your ungrateful scales!

EMBER
Did that seaweed just talk?

EMBER (CONT'D)
Ponies? What are they doing here?

SPIKE
They're my friends!

EMBER
Friends? Dragons don't do friends.

SPIKE
Well, this dragon does!

EMBER
Whatever. I don't care as long as none
of you get in my way. I have a gauntlet
to win.

SPIKE
But I thought your dad said...

EMBER
I don't care what my dad said. I'll show him and everydragon who thinks I'm just some little "Princess" there are better things than being big and strong!

GARBLE
Don't leave me here, Spike!

GARBLE (CONT'D)
Haha! I knew you'd do it. Your pony friends made you soft.

SPIKE
Uh-huh. You're welcome.

GARBLE
For what? I didn't say thank you.
(sniffs the air)
Wow, you even smell like ponies. Or is it coming from over there...?

EMBER
(deep voice)
Uh that's just me. I uh, robbed some ponies on my way over here.

GARBLE
I like your style. Have I met you before? You kinda look like--

SPIKE
--My uh... old neighbor...
Sandy... Rockbeach!

GARBLE
Stupid slingtails knocked me down. But I've wasted enough time making small talk. Get it? Because you're too small to win this. I'm funny.

EMBER
Why did you cover for me? You could have had one less competitor.

SPIKE
I could ask you the same thing. You could have told Garble about my friends.

EMBER
Yikes. That looks rough.
But that's what makes it a challenge.

SPIKE
Are you kidding? Those boulders are huge!
Hey, what if we work together? You fly me up there, and I'll help you look out for boulders, like a second set of eyes!

RARITY (O.S.)
PSSST! Spike!

RARITY (CONT'D)
Are you sure it's a good idea to team up with Ember? You don't know her too well.

SPIKE
I do know she could have told Garble about you, but she didn't. I think we can trust her.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Her behavior does seem contradictory to everything I've noted about dragons so far.

EMBER (O.S.)
Hey! You. Little fella.

EMBER (CONT'D)
I've thought about it and your plan makes sense. Let's do it.

SPIKE
Really? Great! It's a deal.

EMBER
Just so you know, this doesn't mean we're gonna pick flowers or exchange necklaces or whatever pony friends do.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Good luck. We'll meet you at the top.

SC. 16 - EXT. FLAMECANO - SKY - MOMENTS LATER

SPIKE
Pull up, there's on one your tail!

SPIKE (CONT'D)
Go left!

SPIKE
So, what do we do now?

EMBER

I think we go through there.

RARITY
Ahh! Oh that looks scary!
I mean, you can do it!

EMBER
Listen, Spike, I wouldn't have made it
this far without you. So I guess, if
you want to, we could keep working
together.
I mean, just until we get through that
tunnel.

SPIKE
Okay.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We'll be right behind you.

SC. 18 - INT. FLAMECANO - CAVERN - CONTINUOUS

RARITY
Oh you made it! Oh, we were so worried.

SPIKE
About us? Pssh. That tunnel was cake.

EMBER
Wait, how did you two get through?

SPIKE
Rarity!

RARITY
Oh thanks, Spike!

SPIKE
It was nothing.

EMBER
Nothing? You just risked everything
to save her. And they're putting
themselves in danger just to support
you.

SPIKE
That's just what friends do. Don't you
have anyone who looks out for you?

EMBER
Not really. Unless I count you...

EMBER (CONT'D)
...which I don't, because we were only
helping each other get through the

tunnel and now we're through the tunnel so, that's it.

SPIKE
Wait. What do you mean?

EMBER
Well, there's only one winner, one scepter, and one Dragon Lord. So, I guess it's every dragon for themselves.

SPIKE
Oh. So, we aren't really friends?

EMBER
Maybe if we were in ponyland but like I said, dragons don't do friendship.

SC. 19 - INT. FLAMECANO - CONTINUOUS

SPIKE
I can't believe Ember ditched me.

RARITY
Oh you're better off. She was only looking out for herself. She's just like all the other dragons.

SPIKE
She's not though. I know it. She saved me, even when she didn't have to. I don't care what she says. That makes us friends.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Is it just me or have we seen this crevice three times already?

SPIKE
It's kind of hard to tell. They all look the same.

SPIKE (CONT'D)
Except for this one! Look!

SPIKE (CONT'D)
We made it!

SPIKE
I can't believe I'm the only dragon to make it this far.

GARBLE (O.S.)
You're not.

GARBLE (CONT'D)

And I am not losing to a puny
pony-loving dragon like you!

RARITY
<GASP> We have to do something!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Look!

SPIKE
Ember! I thought it was every dragon
for themselves. Why did you save me?

EMBER
That's what friends do. And I am. I
mean we are. I never should have left
you back there. Ugh, please don't make
me talk about my feelings.

GARBLE
What the--?

EMBER
Spike! Get the scepter!

GARBLE
I'm sick and tired of you two helping
each other! Dragons don't do helping!

EMBER
These dragons do!

SC. 21 - INT. FLAMECANO - CAVERN - CONTINUOUS

SPIKE
Leave her alone!

GARBLE
What? You? You have the scepter? But
that means that you're....

EMBER
The Dragon Lord. Dragon Lord Spike.

GARBLE
Awww...Dragon Lord Spike.

SPIKE
That's right. Um... now go start your
long journey home. And give every
dragon you see on the way a hug. Don't
tell them why.

GARBLE
Aww, but that'll be super
embarrassing!

SPIKE
I command you to do it!

GARBLE
Ugh. I can't believe this.

EMBER
"Dragon Lord Spike". Hmm. Has a nice ring to it.

SPIKE
Dragon Lord Ember sounds a lot better.

EMBER
What? No. You're the Dragon Lord now.

SPIKE
The Dragon Lord is whoever brings the scepter back to your father. Besides, you'll make a great leader. I was just doing this to protect the ponies, but I know you'll protect them just as well as I would have.

EMBER
Are you sure about this?

SPIKE
Absolutely. My home is in Equestria with my friends.

EMBER
Well, you'll have at least one friend here, too.

EMBER
What are you doing?

SPIKE
It's called a hug.

EMBER
Oh. I don't know if I like it, but okay.

TWILIGHT/RARITY
Aww.

SC. 22 - EXT. DRAGONLANDS - LATER

TORCH
Ember? You?

EMBER
I know you didn't think I could do it, but I did.

TORCH
I expressly told you NOT TO DO IT!
Because you're not--

EMBER
--I'm not big and strong! I know! But
you know what? I won anyway. So, maybe
it takes more than just being big and
strong to be a good Dragon Lord.

TORCH
I was wrong, Ember. You might not be
big, but you are strong. And smart.
And perhaps that counts for more than
I thought.

TORCH
And you will make an excellent leader.

EMBER
Thanks, Dad.

EMBER
AGREE WITH HIM! Just kidding. That's
not gonna be my thing.

TORCH
Dragons, hear me! I present to you our
new Dragon Lord... Ember!

TORCH (CONT'D)
What is the meaning of this?

GARBLE
I can't tell you!

SC. 23 - INT. ROCK - CONTINUOUS

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You did well, Spike. With Ember as
Dragon Lord the ponies will be safe
and you've gained us a powerful ally.

SPIKE
And a new friend.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Plus, Ember said I could write to her
any time I had questions about dragon
culture! With this much information,
I'll be able to write a whole book on
dragons!!

RARITY

And I gained tons of ideas for a new
line of camouflaging clothing! I
think I'll call it camo-mod.

END