

MY LITTLE PONY  
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**Dragon Dropped**  
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**Logline:** *When Spike stops giving Rarity the attention to which she has grown accustomed to, she worries she's done something to upset him, but the truth is even worse: Spike's attentions have shifted to somepony else!*

RARITY drops by unannounced at Twilight's Castle looking for SPIKE. She's decided last minute to hit the gem cave and can't imagine the trip without her favorite basket holder/body guard. She barges into his room proclaiming as much, only to find the baby dragon writing furiously on a scroll. He quickly puts his work away and asks what Rarity wants. Confused as to why he wasn't listening the first time, Rarity restates her plan only to have a distracted Spike hem and haw and finally offer that he has too much work to do around the castle and can't just leave at the drop of a hat. Surprised, Rarity asks what he could possibly have to do that's so important. Spike rattles off a list of random tasks as he maneuvers/escorts her from his room. Apologizing, Spike closes the door behind her, leaving Rarity alone in the hallway to stare in shock.

Later, Rarity works in the gem cave, going over the interaction with Spike as she admonishes a pony off screen for not holding the basket the way he would. Spike usually follows her closely with the basket so none of the gems drop. PAN to reveal APPLEJACK who points out that Spike's been following Rarity around since he got to Ponyville and she's not sure if Rarity noticed, but she is not Spike. Unsatisfied with AJ's basket technique, Rarity agrees—she most certainly is not. Seeking some kind of explanation, Rarity visits the castle again, but TWILIGHT tells her the young dragon isn't there. Rarity recounts her experience and asks Twilight if she can shed any light on the situation, but Twilight has no idea. She wonders if Rarity might have done something to upset Spike. Rarity doesn't think so, but she aims to find out. Rarity soon finds Spike at the post office sending a letter. Curious, she asks him why he would send a scroll via post instead of dragon breath. Spike quickly explains that he likes to let somepony else send scrolls once in a while and rushes off before Rarity can ask him what's going on. Even more curious than before, Rarity interrogates MUFFINS and discovers that Spike's been coming in once a week. Apparently he has a pen pal. Determined to get some answers, Rarity tracks down Spike once more to confront him. Why is he giving her the cold shoulder and who is this "pen pal?" Embarrassed, Spike is sorry if Rarity felt snubbed and admits he's been a bit distracted with his pen pal and confesses that he's been sending the letters by post because it's more personal. Rarity <GASPS>! Does Spike have a special somepony? Spike blushes. It's not that serious and though she is special, she isn't a pony. Rarity assumes they must be talking about a dragon, but before Spike can correct her, a voice comes from off screen. "I got your letter, Spike, and I wanted to deliver mine right away." Rarity turns and is shocked to find GABBY the Griffin!

Spike explains how Gabby came to Ponyville hoping the CMCs could get her a cutie mark and for a brief time it looked like they had been successful. Twilight had him

write to her before they discovered that wasn't really the case, and they've kept it up ever since. Plus now that Gallus is at the School of Friendship, Gabby makes regular trips to deliver Griffin mail. Rarity is thunderstruck. This is all so much to take in—but it makes perfect sense. They have so much in common! They're both from cultures that don't have the friendliest reputation, despite being completely sweet themselves. They are both involved in the message sending trade. Why, it's a match made in heaven! Slightly embarrassed, Gabby gives Spike her letter and takes off. Rarity presses Spike for details. How long has this romance been going on? Spike tries to set her straight. He and Gabby are just good friends. It might become more someday, but it isn't that yet. Unfortunately, Rarity isn't hearing it and, despite Spike's wishes to the contrary, becomes determined to help Spike prepare for his next "date." Ignoring Spike's clear desire to let things evolve naturally, Rarity proceeds to instruct Spike on all the ways to amp up the romance in his and Gabby's relationship. Eventually, Rarity's antics become so extreme that at their next meeting (Um... date!) Gabby is so put off she isn't sure she'll visit again. Maybe it's best if she and Spike just stick to the letters.

Hurt and frustrated, Spike lashes out at Rarity. Rarity doesn't understand. She was just trying to help, but Spike makes it plain that from now on he would prefer that she not do any more helping. Upset, Rarity goes to Twilight for advice. She's so confused. All she wanted to do was help Spike and Gabby move forward in their relationship. Twilight wonders if that's really what she wanted or was she just trying to justify Spike's sudden lack of interest in her? Rarity realizes that Twilight is right. She was being selfish. She'd grown so used to Spike treating her in a certain way that when he stopped, she was determined to make sure it was for a good reason—even if Spike and Gabby weren't ready for that. Resolved to undo the damage she's done, Rarity tracks down Gabby and apologizes. She admits pushing Spike into everything that made Gabby uncomfortable and explains that Gabby and Spike are completely on the same page. All the mushy romantic stuff was because of her, not him. She confesses what Twilight helped her realize and apologizes, and hopes that Gabby and Spike can renew their friendship. Gabby understands how Rarity feels about losing Spike's attention. He's pretty great. Satisfied, Rarity watches as Spike and Gabby make amends. Later, back in the gem cave, Rarity admits that things have changed and that's okay. All relationships change over time and she and Spike will always be friends. She'll have to get used to holding her own basket. PULL WIDE to reveal Spike is there too. Of course they'll always be friends, just like they'll both always enjoy the gem cave. They each have their own reasons for being there. Rarity needs fancy baubles for her designs and Spike needs to eat. As the both "shop" for gems as equals we...

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