

MY LITTLE PONY

"Shop Talk"

(Script)

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FADE IN

EXT. RAINBOW BEAUTY SALON AND ICE CREAM PARLOR - DAY

Another perfect day in Ponyland. PUSH IN and...

STARLIGHT'S MOM (VO)
One more curl and it's time for the
hairdryer.

DISSOLVE THRU TO:

INT. RAINBOW BEAUTY SALON

STARLIGHT'S MOM is preparing to do MRS. MIDDLETON'S hair. Although we may not be able to see them right away, STARLIGHT, BON BON, and SWEETHEART are behind the counter at the Ice Cream Parlor.

Starlight's Mom pins a final curled ringlet into Mrs. Middleton's mane, lowers the hairdryer down over her mane, and switches it on.

STARLIGHT'S MOM
So, heard any interesting news lately?

*MRS. MIDDLETON
Well, just this morning, Mrs. Nettlebush told me last night's big wind blew the roof right off her house!

*STARLIGHT'S MOM
No!

*PAN to the archway separating the Beauty Salon from the Ice Cream Parlor -- where STARLIGHT and SWEETHEART are listening and GIGGLING over what they hear!

*MRS. MIDDLETON (VO)
And worse than that -- all her clothes were blown all over the neighborhood!

*STARLIGHT/SWEETHEART
(giggling over this news)

ANGLE - STARLIGHT'S MOM

*She REACTS and looks over to the girls.

*STARLIGHT'S MOM
Starlight, aren't you girls supposed to be making a couple of ice cream sodas?

ANGLE - STARLIGHT AND MELODY

*STARLIGHT
Yes, Mom! They're almost ready.

*They zip back into the Ice Cream Parlor...

INT. ICE CREAM PARLOR

*Where BON BON is already putting the finishing touches on three ice cream sodas topped with whipped cream and cherries.

*SWEETHEART

Those look great, Bon Bon, but we only really need two ice cream sodas!

Bon Bon grins sheepishly...

BON BON

But, Sweetheart, then what would I have to drink?

And she drinks it right down!

ANGLE - HEART-SHAPED ARCHWAY FROM ICE CREAM PARLOR TO SALON

The two girls come through the archway, carrying the sodas. PULL BACK to include Starlight's Mom and Mrs. Middleton, as the girls hand them the sodas and the ladies sample them.

MRS. MIDDLETON

(sipping)

Oh, they're lovely, girls! Thank you so much!

(to Starlight's Mom)

*And speaking of lovely, did you hear that Justin finally proposed to Moonglow?

As they walk back towards the archway, the two girl ponies are still eagerly listening in and they REACT in delight.

STARLIGHT

Oooh, that Justin is such a dreamboat!

ON LADIES

MRS. MIDDLETON

*I heard it straight from Moonglow's Mom! The wedding's scheduled for next month!

None Name

A BEEPER goes off. Starlight's Mom REACTS. She puts down her soda and pulls back the hairdryer. Quickly taking out the curlers, with two strokes of her brush, she puts the finishing touches to Mrs. Middleton's new mane-style!

STARLIGHT'S MOM
Well, what do you think?

MRS. MIDDLETON
(delighted)
I think you should help me pick out a
new outfit to go with my curls!

*STARLIGHT'S MOM
(smiling)
Well, since I don't have any more
appointments today, why not?

Mrs. Middleton gets out of the chair, takes a last sip of
her soda, and the two ladies are preparing to go out when
Starlight ZIPS INTO SCENE.

STARLIGHT
Mom, would it be okay if Sweetheart and
Bon Bon did our friends' manes while
you're out?

Her two friends are hovering behind her, hopefully.

Starlight's Mom nods and smiles.

STARLIGHT'S MOM
Just make sure you sweep up when you're
done!

The three Girl Ponies jump up and down in glee!

STARLIGHT
Oh boy! Let's get everyone in here, on
the double!

WIPE TO:

INT. BEAUTY SALON - A LITTLE LATER

And now all four chairs are occupied -- by MELODY, CLOVER,
BRIGHT EYES, and PATCHES, as Sweetheart, Bon Bon, and
Starlight start working on their friends!

STARLIGHT
(imitating her Mom)
So, girls -- heard any interesting news
lately?

*BRIGHT EYES
I certainly hope so -- because word of
mouth data is my favorite form of news!

*MELODY
You said it, girlfriend! Now, let's
dish!

And now we go into this episode's MUSICAL SEQUENCE. As the girls crimp and curl and snip and tuck, they, like Starlight's Mom and Mrs. Middleton earlier, indulge in that time-honored beauty salon practice -- of gossiping!

VISUALS will alternate between whichever Little Pony is singing (as well as including the fun hairstyles the girls are giving each other while they sing) --

And images illustrating the topics of their song. The "gossip" is all good-natured and in good-fun -- as Clover sings a deeply romantic story about Madame Percheron's long lost love, the Count Appalosa, who serenaded the ballerina as she listened from the balcony of a castle.

Patch sings about her latest improbable encounter with the Glowing Magic Ponies, high atop a moonlit hill...

And Bon Bon chimes in with a funny incident involving her many brothers and sisters, all fighting over a plate of brownies Bon Bon had baked -- the conflict degenerating into a batter-splattering food fight!

Melody sings about Dazzle's reputed boyfriend, the lead singer of the Cleveland Bays...

While Bright Eyes sings about a time when Teddy and Lancer and Ace were creating such a rumpus in the classroom, Miss Hackney got so upset, she misspelled a word for the first time in her life!

Starlight sings about her first date (it was a hay ride), and how someday, sometime, she hopes to have another (but this time, with Ace). In fact, everyone but Sweetheart sings. (Note: By the end of the song, Sweetheart is doing Clover's hair, Starlight doing Bright Eyes, and Bon Bon alternates between Patch and Melody -- although the girls may have all traded off several times during the course of the song). And now, AS THE SONG ENDS --

*(Omit)

All the beautifully coiffed Ponies look at Sweetheart!

PATCHES

Hey, Sweetheart -- you didn't sing any stories about anyone!

Sweetheart looks shyly at her friends, as she finishes putting a spray of wildflowers in Clover's hair.

SWEETHEART

Gee, I don't usually ever tell stories about people... but there's one about my baby sister, Sugar --

And now everyone looks back at her, waiting expectantly for some juicy bit of gossip.

PONIES

Yeeeeesssss?

As she speaks, Sweetheart, absent-mindedly, keeps sticking flowers and other greenery into Clover's hair, so it's a veritable bouquet!

SWEETHEART

(getting carried away)

Well, when she's asleep, she looks ever so sweet, sucking on her hoof...

MELODY

(cutting her off)

Is that the juiciest story you've got?

**SWEETHEART

(a bit embarrassed she doesn't have better material)

Well...she's only a baby...

Bright Eyes spins her chair around to face Sweetheart.

**BRIGHT EYES

Forget about your sister, Sweetheart. What about Teddy?

**MELODY

Yeah, you know him better than the rest of us. You must have something on that bully!

*Patch snorts and tosses her mane. Bon Bon steps on the lever that lowers Patch's chair and Patch steps off.

PATCHES

(snorting)

Teddy may be a bully, but he's not really so tough!

BON BON

He isn't?

Patch surveys the various supplies on the back counter.

PATCH

No way! In fact, I'll bet that he's really such a scaredy cat, that when he gets upset or frightened...

A "mane wig", poised on its styrofoam wig stand (shaped like a pony head) catches her attention -- and she now snatches the wig off its stand and cuddles it as if it were a baby!

PATCH (CONT)

(trying to come up with the
biggest whopper she can)
He has to go home to cuddle...ummm...
with his TEDDY BEAR!

PONIES

(Gasp of delight)

And now her friends, entering into the spirit of the moment,
begin embellishing the tale!

STARLIGHT

(giggling)
Yeah, but he can't tell anyone...

MELODY

Because it would completely trash his
reputation!

Patch frisbees the wig back towards the stand. It spins
through the air and lands perfectly on the wig stand. Patch
grins at Sweetheart.

PATCH

Pretty good joke, eh, Sweetheart? Of
course I know we're just making this up
but...

But Sweetheart's blushing, not laughing. Patches does a
TAKE, realizing that she's accidentally hit on something!

PATCH

You mean, Teddy really does have a
teddy bear?

SWEETHEART

(stammering)
I...promised...not...to...say...

And now Patch lets out a wild WHOOP and begins dancing
around the Beauty Salon!

PATCH

(whooping)
Teddy really does have a teddy bear!

And now the rest of the girls join in, holding hands in a
circle (all but Sweetheart), jumping up and down and
circling around as they whoop it up, as well!

PONIES (ALL BUT SWEETHEART)

TEDDY...HAS...A...TEDDY...BEAR!
TEDDY...HAS...A...TEDDY...BEAR!
TEDDY...HAS...A...TEDDY...BEAR!

And, by now, we see that Ace has entered the Salon. He's standing in the doorway, open-mouthed and wide-eyed, hearing this amazing revelation!

ACE

*He does? Unreal! WAIT'LL LANCE HEARS ABOUT THIS!

SWEETHEART

REACTS, horrified!

SWEETHEART

No! Ace, you can't! It's not what you think it is, they're only kidding, ohplease, ohplease!

*But Ace, grinning from ear to ear, is already dashing off like a sprinter!

*ACE

Later, ladies! The starting gun has sounded and I'm history!

CLOSE ON SWEETHEART

She looks miserable.

SWEETHEART

And so is Teddy's reputation. What have we done?

CUT TO:

EXT. SOCCER FIELD - DAY

LANCE is playing goalie.

LANCE

Okay, Teddy, let 'er rip!

TEDDY stands behind five soccer balls, placed in a line ten yards in front of the goal.

*TEDDY

Good luck, Lance, and you're gonna need it, 'CAUSE HERE THEY COME!

Teddy kicks one ball towards the left corner of the net.

Lance lunges, but misses...

And Teddy grins in triumph, as, in rapid fire, he kicks the next three balls...

TEDDY

Heads up, sucker!

Bombarding Lance, who is now totally off balance, and merely trying to defend himself from the hard-booted shots, as they bounce off his body!

LANCE
Ouch! Oof! Eeech!

And now Teddy kicks the last ball straight up into the air with his back hooves...

And lunges skyward, to "head" the descending ball toward the goal, at thunderbolt speed!

Lance catches the shot squarely, but the ball is going so fast, it knocks him backwards all the way into the net! He gets all tangled up...

As Teddy laughs his head off, slapping his thighs and nearly falling over in glee.

*TEDDY
(wild laughter)
Lance, you're so lame, you couldn't guard this goal if there were three of you!

Ace trots INTO SCENE, grinning for a different reason.

*ACE
In that case, Teddy, you'd be short one teammate as well...
(meaningfully)
Because, if you were goalie, there'd still only be two of you!

TEDDY
Hunh?

Ace counts off on his hooves.

ACE
You... and your TEDDY BEAR!

As Teddy's jaw drops in horror...

CUT TO:

LANCE

He's still face down in the dirt. But, as he crawls back to his feet, still holding the ball, a huge grin splits his face (in spite of himself). And now, he starts hugging and cradling the ball as if it were a teddy bear!

LANCE
Teddy...has...a...TEDDY BEAR?!!!

ACE
 (still gasping with
 laughter)
 I guess Teddy's gotta run home...

LANCE
 (ditto)
 To his Bear!

WIDEN ANGLE and PUSH IN on the sidelines of the field --
 where Sweetheart, who has just arrived, watches in dismay.

SWEETHEART
 (to herself, upset)
 Oh no. It looks like I got here too
 late.

WIPE TO:

EXT. TEDDY'S HOUSE - DAY

We arrive just in time to see the front door SLAM shut, as
 Teddy stomps into his house.

TEDDY'S MOM (VO)
 Teddy, is there anything wrong?

TEDDY (VO)
 NO, MOM! JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!

INT. TEDDY'S BEDROOM

*And now Teddy STOMPS into his bedroom and SLAMS this door
 shut as well... causing whatever is on the shelves to fall
 off and CRASH onto the floor!

Teddy dives under the covers of his bed...

UNDER COVERS

And now, lifting his pillow (under the sheets), he pulls out
 his... TEDDY BEAR! He hugs it fiercely, tears in his eyes.

**TEDDY
 (to teddy bear, really
 upset)
 Oh, Teddy, what am I gonna do? I
 trusted Sweetheart with my secret...
 but she musta blabbed! I'm ruined!

SFX: KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCK.

TEDDY'S MOM
 Teddy, your little friend Sweetheart is
 here to see you...

CUT TO:

TEDDY'S YARD - DAY

There's an apple tree in the center of the yard, loaded with ripe, red apples. Teddy is out there with Sweetheart. He is furious, stomping up and down. She is conciliatory.

TEDDY

Some friend you turned out to be! - I have one secret in the whole wide world, and you go and tell everyone!

SWEETHEART

But Teddy, I didn't! Patch was making up stories and...

TEDDY

You knew how much it would hurt me, but you went and blabbed anyway!

SWEETHEART

But Teddy!

TEDDY

It just makes me so maaaad, I could... I could just kick something!

And with that, Teddy kicks out with his back hoofs, right into the trunk of the apple tree -- and he kicks it so hard...

All the apples get jarred loose and rain down on him from above! It's a comic sight...

TEDDY

Ouf! Ouch! Eeech!

ANGLE - SWEETHEART

And Sweetheart can't help but laugh!

SWEETHEART

(cute, giggling laughter)

TEDDY

of course, takes it the wrong way, as he wipes squished apples off his head.

TEDDY

So now you're laughing at me, too?

He looks so silly, Sweetheart still can't help herself!

SWEETHEART

(still giggling)

No, honest, I'm not!

*TEDDY
 (really hurt)
 Yes, you are -- which means you're not
 my friend any more, either!

*And Sweetheart's only able to stop when Teddy runs off.

SWEETHEART (CONT)
 (catching her breath)
 Oh no. Now I've made it worse!

WIPE TO:

EXT. RAINBOW BEAUTY SALON & ICE CREAM PARLOR

PUSH IN and...

STARLIGHT (VO)
 I had no idea Teddy would feel so bad.
 He's always acting so tough...

DISSOLVE THRU TO:

INT. ICE CREAM PARLOR

**All the girls are there. Starlight is behind the counter,
 fixing more treats, as the girls talk and eat.

STARLIGHT (CONT)
 But underneath all that...

CLOVER
 He's got feelings just like the rest of
 us!

*BON BON
 (musing between bites)
 Not only that, but if he's got a Teddy
Bear who loves him, maybe we should try
 to help him, too!

Starlight adds soda to the ice cream scoops in a tall glass
 and hands it to Bright Eyes...

STARLIGHT
 The question is... how can we make him
 feel better?

Who sips as she speaks.

*BRIGHT EYES
 Well, one aspect of this problem is
 crystal clear. As long as Ace and
 Lancer continue to make fun of Teddy,
 he's only going to feel worse!

Sweetheart's ice cream is untouched. She's been lost in
 thought, but now she looks up hopefully.

*SWEETHEART

Wait a minute! I've got an
 extraspecially great idea...
 (turning to Bright Eyes &
 Melody)

But it will only work if Bright Eyes
 and Melody can get Lance and Ace to
 babysit a bunch of Baby Ponies...

And as she begins to lay out her plan --

WIPE TO:

EXT. SOCCER FIELD - DAY

Lancer and Ace are running, dribbling a soccer ball, passing
 it back and forth.

LANCE

Okay, Ace! One more pass...

Lance now gives the ball a mighty kick...

LANCE (CONT)

And away she goes!

ANGLE - GOAL

And the ball SLAMS into the net -- a beautiful shot!

ANGLE - BRIGHT EYES AND MELODY

They jump up and down and cheer, like cheerleaders!

BRIGHT EYES/MELODY

(Cheering)

Way to go, guys! What a shot!

ANGLE - LANCE AND ACE

They trot over towards the girls, amazed.

LANCE

Wow! Bright Eyes and Melody! They've
 never come to watch us practice before!

*ACE

Maybe it's the start of a brand new
 winning streak!

Bright Eyes and Melody smile winningly at them.

BRIGHT EYES

**Lance...

MELODY

**Ace...

BRIGHT EYES
We need some extra-special help...

MELODY
For a very dangerous mission!

The two guys look at each other, very flattered!

ACE
There's no mission too dangerous for
yours truly!

LANCE
Just point us in the right direction --
and we're ready to go!

WIPE TO:

INT. SWEETHEART'S HOUSE

The girls are leading the guys in through the front door.
Looking beyond, into the house, Ace suddenly balks.

ACE
(seeing something)
Wait a minute! Your idea of a
dangerous mission...

THEIR POV - INTO THE CHILDREN'S PLAYROOM AREA OF THE HOUSE

There are at least three BABY PONIES -- including
Sweetheart's little sister, SUGAR (who is anything but
asleep), as well as PEACHES and STRAWBERRY (additional Baby
Ponies) -- and toys, building blocks, dolls, and painting
supplies are everywhere! [TERRY--PLEASE USE WHAT YOU CAN
FROM THE NURSERY PLAYSET--THANKS, ROGER] It's like
Kindergarten Cop when the kids ran wild, and as we watch,
one Baby Pony is fingerpainting on the wall...

BABY PONIES
(Squeals, laughter, shrieks)

Another is KICKING down a miniature skyscraper built of
multi-colored building blocks...

And the final one (Sugar) is climbing up onto the high back
of an armchair, holding an airplane in one hoof, "flying"!

ACE (VO)(CONT)
...is to babysit for a bunch of
rambunctious Baby Ponies?

ANGLE - BOY AND GIRL PONIES

MELODY
Well, I'd call this dangerous...

*Suddenly we hear:

SUGAR (VO)
(terrified shriek)

Ace REACTS and races OS...

ACE
Oh no!

ANGLE - PLAYROOM

And he catches Sugar just as the chair tips over! He holds her up...

ACE (CONT)
Gotcha, Sugar!

And, unfazed, she holds her airplane up, still "flying" it!

*SUGAR
(delighted laughter)
Lookee! Ace helping me fly, oh boy!

ACE
(Airplane flying noises)

ANGLE - BUILDING BLOCK

Unfortunately, as Ace is "flying" Sugar around the room, he trips over a building block --

And now Ace goes flying! As does the baby.

ACE (CONT)
Whoaaa!!!

*LANCER

REACTS as the baby sails through the air. He leaps and catches her.

SUGAR
Wheeeee!!!!

As Ace continues to stumble, finally CRASHING and skidding across the floor, ending up right at Melody's feet. She smiles sweetly at him.

MELODY (CONT)
...Wouldn't you?

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. PLAYROOM - A LITTLE LATER

And now both the Boy Ponies and the Baby Ponies are having a great time! Ace is wrapped up in the drapes, pretending to be a ghost...

*ACE
 (fake scary voice)
 I am the ghost of Sticky Wicket...

For the benefit of Peaches and Strawberry, who are squealing with pleasure!

PEACHES
 Oooh, scawy!

LANCE

is now the one carrying Sugar around, this time, up over his head, "flying" her around the room!

LANCE/SUGAR
 (Vrooming flying noises)

ANOTHER ANGLE

And now Peaches grabs a couple of the open cans of finger paint...

PEACHES
 Paintbox pony gonna...

And pulls the drapes from Ace -- so she can streak his face with finger paint!

PEACHES (CONT)
Paint the nasty pony ghost!

Strawberry SHRIEKS with laughter and joins in, grabbing some glitter from another container and throwing it at Ace's face -- and it sticks to the warpaint streaks, sparkling!

STRAWBERRY
 (shrieking laughter)
 Glitter ghost! Glitter ghost!

PUSH PAST Ace to a window. Sweetheart's outside, looking in.

EXT. SWEETHEART'S HOUSE

*Sweetheart turns away from the window and smiles at Bright Eyes, who has just poked her head out the back door.

SWEETHEART
 I can't believe it! Our plan's working
 eversospecially well!

*BRIGHT EYES
 And we're about to commence its
 penultimate stage!

Sweetheart turns and trots away.

SWEETHEART
In that case, I'll be right back!

CUT TO:

INT. SWEETHEART'S HOUSE - PLAYROOM

And now, both Lance and Ace are painted and glittered, as the three Baby Ponies are fingerpainting them and tossing glitter on them -- all concerned having a great time!

BABY PONIES/LANCE/ACE
(Wild laughter)

ANGLE - BRIGHT EYES & MELODY

The two girls walk through the kitchen doorway, with Melody carrying a tray loaded with baby bottles and baby food!

*BRIGHT EYES
Well, guys, the most perilous time of
all has arrived...

*MELODY
As in -- BABY PONY DINNER TIME!

THE BABY PONIES

All REACT badly, making faces and "get-away" gestures with their hoofs!

BABY PONIES
Eeeewww!!!

SUGAR
Not want to eat!

ANGLE - GIRL PONIES

Melody sets the tray down on a table, both girls grinning broadly.

*MELODY
(mock surprise)
Oh, what a surprise!

*As Bright Eyes takes a spoonful of baby food and offers it Peaches, she turns her head away and makes a face.

*BRIGHT EYES
Here you are, Peaches!

P*EACHES
Ew! Baby food icky!

*CLOSE ON MELODY AND BRIGHT EYES

*The girls now turn to the Boy Ponies.

MELODY

Well, there's only one thing to do...

*BRIGHT EYES

You big, strong, handsome boys are
going have to show the Baby Ponies how
it's done!

ANGLE - LANCE AND ACE

Looking pretty wild with their glittery warpaint, the guys
are thunderstruck to boot!

ACE

What? You mean we've gotta...

LANCE

Eat baby food?

ANGLE - BRIGHT EYES AND MELODY

And now the girls bring out a couple of oversized baby
bonnets and diapers! They march right over to the boys and
wrap them up in the diapers and pull on the bonnets -- as
the boys protest --

*BRIGHT EYES

Not only that, but it's essential that
you wear baby clothes...

*MELODY

And gurgle and goo like the babies do,
as well!

*BRIGHT EYES

Otherwise, it just won't work!

*ACE

No way! That's a total nonstarter!
(looking at Lance)
If you could only see yourself Lance...
(starting to laugh)
You look... hilarious!

And now Lance points at Ace, starting to crack up as well!

LANCE

(laughing as well)
What about you? You make the best baby
I've ever seen!

Lance grabs a bottle and tosses it to Ace.

LANCE (CONT)

Go on! Take a glug! I dare you!

ANGLE -BABY PONIES

And now the Baby Ponies are really getting into it, laughing and cheering as well!

*BABY PONIES

(shrieking laughter)

Good baby, Ace! We dwink our milkie if you do!

Ace heaves a bottle back at Lance.

ACE

Only if Baby Lance does, too!

THE BABIES

Cheer them both on!

BABY PONIES

(cheering)

Do it, Baby Lance! Do it!

The Baby Ponies reach for their bottles, in emulation...

PEACHES

Me dwink my milkie, too!

ANGLE - BOYS

And now the boys, getting fully into the spirit of the moment, start really glugging away at the bottles, having a fun silly time, acting like goofy babies -- as all the Baby Ponies are drinking their bottles, now, as well!

LANCE/ACE

(Making fun baby noises as they drink)

ANGLE - BRIGHT EYES AND MELODY

They're applauding happily.

*MELODY

You guys are abosolutely smashing! You got them all to drink their milk!

ANGLE - LANCE AND ACE

They're still drinking and clowning away...

ACE

(laughing and drinking)

Yeah, but if anyone found out, our reputations would be ruined forever!

LANCE
 (also laughing and
 drinking)
 Hey, I'm not sayin' a word!

And now, we hear a series of fast CLICK/WHIRS and:

SWEETHEART (VO)
 You know, I wouldn't think of saying a
 word, either...

ANGLE - DOORWAY

Sweetheart is standing there, pointing an instant camera at
 the boys! The fully developed pictures pop out the front...

SWEETHEART (CONT)
 Because sweetandneat pictures like
 these are worth a thousand words!

ANGLE - TWO BOY PONIES

They're frozen in the act of drinking from their bottles.
 They put them down now, in slow motion, and look over
 towards Sweetheart, completely horrified!

ACE
 She's taking...

LANCE
 Pictures?

ANGLE - DOORWAY

And now Teddy steps forth! He takes the pictures and looks
 from them to the guys themselves, grinning from ear to ear!

TEDDY
 (beside himself with joy)
 Not only that, but you guys are the
 most photogenic Baby Ponies I've ever
 seen!

INSERT - PHOTO

A really funny "incriminating" photo, showing Lance and Ace
 really hamming it up as babies!

TEDDY (VO)(CONT)
 Whoaaa! Just wait till the guys on the
 soccer team see this one!

ANGLE - LANCE AND ACE

They throw away the baby bottles.

LANCE

NOOOOOO!!!

ACE

It's not how it looks! The girls made us do it!

TEDDY

grins, finally enjoying himself, now that he's back on top!

TEDDY

So you mean you guys aren't really wearing bonnets and diapers and warpaint and glitter?

THE TWO GUYS

look each other in horror, whip their baby clothes off, and try to wipe their faces clean as well!

LANCE

Well, of course we...
(as he whips his baby clothes off)
...were...

ACE

But it's a long story!

TEDDY

nods, "sympathetically".

TEDDY

Kind of like that story you made up about me supposedly having a teddy bear?

Ace ENTERS SCENE, shaking his head.

ACE

That was no story. I heard it with my own ears!

But, as Ace reaches for the pictures, Teddy snatches them away and brandishes them, just out of reach!

TEDDY

But do you have... pictures?

LANCE

is the first to realize what's called for. He shrugs and grins.

LANCE

C'mon, Teddy, we never really believed you had a teddy bear! We were just joking!

ACE

Yeah -- a rough tough boy pony like you? No way! We were just trying to give you a hard time!

TEDDY

And you'll never, ever mention the subject, ever again?

ACE

No way!

LANCE

I wouldn't think of it!

TEDDY

In that case...
(ripping the photos in
half)
It's a deal!

And, as he tosses the photos away, Ace and Lance scramble for them, SHREDDING them into confetti!

ACE

Oh, thank you, Teddy! You're the best friend I ever, ever had!

Teddy grins happily.

TEDDY

Hey, guys, you wanna practice out on the soccer field?

Lance and Ace dump the "picture-confetti" in a wastebasket and join him, on the way out.

LANCE

Okay, but this time, you play goalie, and I shoot?

*Lance holds out his hand and Teddy slaps it affirmatively.

*TEDDY

You've got it, Lance!

And, as the guys walk off, best buddies once again, Teddy stops to smile at Sweetheart.

SWEETHEART

Have fun, Teddy!

TEDDY
Thanks, Sweetheart! Pals?

She gives him a high five slap, smiling and giggling.

SWEETHEART
Pals!

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. TEDDY'S HOUSE - NIGHT

The stars are out. A peaceful night.

INT. TEDDY'S HOUSE - TEDDY'S BEDROOM

Teddy is all snuggled up in bed, cuddling with his teddy bear.

TEDDY
Well, Teddy, our secret's safe! And
you know what?

CLOSER

Teddy's smiling happily at his teddy bear, and, if we didn't know better, we'd think his teddy bear was smiling back!

*TEDDY (CONT)
Someday, I hope you get to know
Sweetheart the way I do. I know she's
a girl, but I think you could get to
like her, anyway.

And with that, Teddy falls fast asleep, as we --

FADE OUT

THE END