

"GALACTIC GOODBYES"

Craig of the Creek

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SEQ 001 - INT - STUMP - DAY

We OPEN ON CRAIG hanging out with SPARKLE CADET in the Stump. He's having a bumner of a day since his sister Jessica got juice all over his new creek map.

CRAIG
(Frustrated)
Aww, can you BELIEVE this?

CUT to a CLOSE UP of Craig's map with a big orange splotch right in the middle.

SPARKLE CADET
Wow! I didn't know there was an orange lake in the creek.

CRAIG
(Sad)
That's not a lake Sparkle Cadet. Jessica spilled her juice all over my map.

SPARKLE CADET
Ew...

CRAIG
I gotta redraw the whole thing.

Sparkle, seeing Craig so down, wants to cheer him up. She picks up very magical girl-looking case and shows it to Craig.

SPARKLE CADET
I know what will cheer you up!

Sparkle Cadet opens the case and a beam of light shines out!

SPARKLE CADET
Sometimes looking fabulous is the first step to feeling fabulous.

CUT to a POV of the inside of the case. Bottle of glittering nail polish all sit neatly beside one another. All color-coded of course! Sparkle grabs a few of colors.

CUT TO:

SEQ 002 - TRANSFORMATION SEQUENCE - DAY

With nail polish between all her fingers, Sparkle Cadet uses

her magical powers to paint Craig's nails.

SPARKLE CADET
Super Sparkle Quintuple BLAST!

CUT TO:

SEQ 003 - INT - STUMP - DAY

A colorful wave of nail polish crashes into Craig! He screams as the wave washes over him

CRAIG
(Screams)
Ah!!

Craig groans as he gets up. To his amazement, he now has a full hand of candy-colored nails. Like skittles!

CRAIG
(In amazement)
Woah... This. Is. Incredible!

Craig moves his hand around to see his nail polish glittering in the light. Sparkle Cadet, with a knowing look on her face, nods at Craig.

SPARKLE CADET
Haha. Told ya! Oh, oh! Pick something else for your other hand.

CRAIG
Ok! Let's use... This one!

Craig holds up a different bottle of nail polish for Sparkle to use. As Sparkle looks at the bottle, she starts to absolutely zone out.

Craig's words muffle into the background. We hear his words slowly come back into focus.

CRAIG
(Faded)
Sparkle Cadet?
(Less faded)
Sparkle?
(Clearly)
Spark!

Sparkle cadet suddenly snaps out of it.

SPARKLE CADET

Huh?

CRAIG

You alright?

Sparkle sets down her case of nail polish.

SPARKLE CADET

(apologizing)

Oh, Sorry Craig. I accidentally Space Time Travelled for a sec. That color... It reminds me of someone I used to know.

Sparkle starts to recall the memory and looks off in the distance.

CRAIG

Wow, tell me more...

(Sticks out his other hand)

After you work on this hand?

SPARKLE CADET

Well, before we landed here in Hurkleton, my family moved around the galaxy *a lot*.

Sparkle Cadet grabs the nail polish Craig picked. She opens the bottle and bright light fills the screen.

WIPE TO:

**SEQ 004 - INT - SPARKLE'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (HOMEROOM) - DAY
[FLASHBACK]**

A black and white manga-style flashback.

In a homeroom class, a uniformed Sparkle Cadet sits alone in the corner of the classroom.

SPARKLE CADET

Every star system the same story. A new classroom full of kids, and I was friends with none of them...

Sparkle Cadet scans the room, she notices the bright sparkly socks of a BOY -- his face obscured.

SPARKLE CADET

(Con't)

But I had a trick for spotting a potential buddy! You see, accessories are the window to a person's soul.

We cut to the Boy's socks. They GLISTEN in color against the black and white drab of the room.

SPARKLE CADET

And his soles sparkled brighter than anything I had ever seen. He was the brightest planet in the milky way. A Star Boy!

We cut to an image of Sparkle Cadet talking with STAR BOY at his desk. She's pointing at his sparkly socks.

SPARKLE CADET

I told him I liked his socks, and he said he liked my headband! And just like that, we became instant friends.

CUT TO a Sparkle and Star Boy hiking in pink fields with magical crystals all around!

SPARKLE CADET

We hiked over mountains covered in crystals.

CUT TO Sparkle and Star Boy at a pink river.

SPARKLE CADET

(Con't)

Crossed rivers of glitter!

CUT TO Sparkle and Star Boy sitting watching the sunset with beautiful rainbows.

SPARKLE CADET

(Con't)

All under skies full of rainbows that twinkled and shimmered.

CUT TO Sparkle Cadet sad, in her bedroom.

SPARKLE CADET

Until the day my parents broke the news: we were moving... again. It was all so sudden.

(Hurt)

I never got to say goodbye to my friend, the Sparkling Star Boy.

CUT TO:

SEQ 005 - INT - STUMP - DAY

Back at the stump, Sparkle finishes her story.

SPARKLE CADET
I can't even remember his face.

We hear snotty sniffing in the background. Craig starts crying, coughing, wheezing.

SPARKLE CADET
You ok, Craig?

CUT TO Craig, sobbing. His eyes are bloodshot. Guess that story hit him hard!

CRAIG
(Sniffling)
Oh yeah, I'm just completely wrecked is all.

SPARKLE CADET
I'm sorry!

Craig wipes his tears.

CRAIG
No need to apologize, Sparkle.
(emotional)
That story, was so beautiful. It was almost like listening to a song.

SPARKLE CADET
(in disbelief)
Really?

CRAIG
Absolutely!

Craig, quickly reaches down for his notebook. Where that came from, who knows.

CRAIG
(Excited)
I wrote some of the best parts down in between my sobbing. We got some

symbolism, some deep emotional themes,
oh check this:

Mountains of crystal,

Rivers of glitter,

*Skies full of rainbows that twinkle
and shimmer...* Some of these even
rhyme!

SPARKLE CADET

(Gasps)

Oh, my, gosh, this **does** sound like a
song! I've never written a song
before.

CRAIG

(Excitedly rambles)

Well, I can help you write more if you
want! AND if we need music, there's a
kid down at the candy bar who can help
us out. Somebody with uh, a keyboard,
and even maybe with a cool hair cut.
You know, my friend Raj might know
somebody just like that.

We punch zoom into Craig's face as he realizes who he's
talking about.

CRAIG

It's Raj. Raj is like that.