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Friendship Lesson: It’s better to give your friends the opportunity to be their best selves.

In the town square, SPIKE frantically gets ready for a big event. He runs around with his scroll and quill like a clipboard making sure everything is perfect. “Is the banner even? Are the flowers in place, by which I mean completely out of view -- I’m pretty sure dragons don’t like flowers... And what about the ceremonial Dragon-fire Flame of Friendship? Is it still flaming?!”

TWILIGHT and STARLIGHT help Spike. They assure him everything’s fine. We find out that Spike has invited Ember over to Ponyville and she’s arriving today. Ember is the new leader of the dragons and this is a huge deal to Spike. He feels like a diplomat, bringing dragon and pony together. He wants everything to be perfect. Just then, THORAX taps him on the shoulder. Spike gasps - he completely forgot he invited him over, too! How could he be so careless?

Aside to Twilight and Starlight, Spike tells them he’s sure Thorax and Ember won’t get along. One’s a changeling, the other’s a dragon. One’s a ‘feelings’ guy, the other is decidedly not... Ember’s a very dry, very no-nonsense dragon and her self-confidence is intimidating. Spike realizes he must keep them apart -- he can’t tell one about the other. Twilight isn’t so sure, but Spike thinks worse case scenario: if Thorax and Ember meet and don’t get along he could be responsible for inadvertently starting a conflict between changelings and dragons!! He tells Starlight and Twilight he needs help keeping the two apart!

When EMBER arrives, Spike “Jack Tripper’s” going between the two of them, pretending like they’re the only one he invited over. But things get a hair more complicated when Spike’s spikes glow brightly. Spike has never seen anything like this before, but Twilight recognizes the signs – the friendship map! At Twilight’s castle, the map shows that there’s a friendship problem in Ponyville and Spike has to solve it. Everypony is amazed, the map is branching out -- it’s never called a non-pony before! Spike is overwhelmed; he doesn’t have time to solve this on today of all days, but he knows he has to.

Leaving Ember with Starlight and Thorax with Twilight, Spike darts around Ponyville popping in on all his friends, “Anypony got a friendship problem here? Friendship problem?? Who’s got a problem?” But try as he might no one in Ponyville seems to be having a problem! In fact, everypony is infuriatingly sunshine and rainbows in contrast to his desperation to solve it so he can get back to his own issues.

Finally, he messes up and Thorax and Ember come face to face. There’s a beat where it looks like they’re angry, but they’re just upset that Spike didn’t tell them the truth about each other. Plus, if Spike has a friendship problem, they both want to help him. In the end, Spike realizes he was the one with the friendship problem. He should have told his two friends about each other immediately and he never should have assumed they wouldn’t have gotten along.

Ember and Thorax bond and the two help each other work through some of their leadership issues. The ceremony is even better than Spike could have imagined.