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

TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TOWN SQUARE - DAY

Town Square is decorated with a banner, some streamers, and a bowl of fire on a pedestal. SPIKE runs around with his scroll and quill like a clipboard making sure everything is perfect. TWILIGHT and STARLIGHT help by magically putting up the finishing touches.

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1 SPIKE
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?!

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2 TWILIGHT
Spike, everything looks great. You're getting yourself worked-up for no reason.

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3 SPIKE
I have lots of reasons! In fact I wrote them down.

As Spike takes out a scroll...

4 STARLIGHT
You've been hanging around Twilight for too long.

Twilight smiles proudly as Spike reads:

5 SPIKE
Reason number one: I invited Dragon Lord Ember to Ponyville today. Reason two, the Dragon Lord is a dragon. Reason three: she's coming here to learn more about friendship.

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6 TWILIGHT
According to Ember's letters, the dragons are trying to be friends, but competing is in their nature and it's leading to more and more fights.

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7 SPIKE
Which brings me to reason number four: The Dragon Lord wants my advice! And as the new, official Equestrian Friendship Ambassador to the dragons, I can't let her down.

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Twilight tries to reassure Spike.

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8 TWILIGHT
I know you feel a lot of pressure, but you got this, Spike.

Spike nods, his confidence is coming back.

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9 SPIKE
I just want things to be perfect.

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Just then, Spike gets a tap on the shoulder. THORAX the changeling stands behind him. Spike's jaw drops and eyes go wide at the sight of Thorax.

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10 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Thorax... you're in Ponyville!

11 THORAX
Of course I am, silly! You invited me and I'm not one to back out of an invitation. Hey Twilight. Hey Starlight.

STARLIGHT

58 ABC

They nod hello with nervous smiles plastered on their faces. Then Thorax notices the decorations and wanders over to admire them.

12 THORAX (CONT'D)
Oooh! I can't believe you did all this for me. Great banner! Love the stage! What's this flame thingy? Ooh it's pretty.

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Twilight leans to Spike who is in SHOCK.

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13 TWILIGHT
You invited Thorax over to Ponyville on the same day as Ember?

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14 SPIKE
(still in shock)
Yeah?

55 AB

Starlight leans in.

42 (43)

15 STARLIGHT
That doesn't seem like a good idea.
How are you going to entertain them
both?

16 SPIKE
(still in shock)
I have no idea...

56 (57)

As Spike lets out a LONG, WORRIED SOUND we...

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 2 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TOWN SQUARE - DAY

We pick up where we left off. Spike is FROZEN IN SHOCK.

59 (60)

17 SPIKE
I completely forgot -- Thorax wrote
and said he needed to talk and I
told him to come over. I didn't
realize it was the same day I
invited Ember! What am I gonna do?

18 STARLIGHT
Maybe they'll like each other?

19 SPIKE
Probably not. Ember is tough and
self-assured and intimidating.
And Thorax is...

63 (64)

As if on cue, Thorax approaches all smiles.

(60)

20 THORAX
Spike, I am so glad you invited me.
You are one of my closest, nicest,
most caring, most understanding
friends ever.

(seeing an ice sculpture
being wheeled in)
Is that ice in the shape of a
dragon?

He heads over to see the ice-sculpture.

21 STARLIGHT
Yeah, I see your point. They might
not get each other.

59 60

22 SPIKE
Or worse, they'll hate each other.

68 69 70

And if the leader of the Changelings and the Dragon Lord get into a fight...(gulps) I could be responsible for starting a war that could ruin Equestria as we know it!

22A Spike starts hyperventilating. Over Spike's shoulder, Starlight sees Thorax heading back over to them.

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23 TWILIGHT
(under to Spike)
I'm sure that won't happen. Now, pull it together.

Spike wheels around to face Thorax.

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24 SPIKE
So... Thorax... everything good with you?

25 THORAX
Well honestly, no, not really. I have indigestion, not sure if it's the new diet, or stress or maybe it's both.

Suddenly Spike sees EMBER flying in, in the distance.

26 SPIKE
(re: Ember)
No!

27 THORAX
(oblivious) Yeah -- it really could be both. And it might be affecting my sleeping, too. I'm a real tosser and turner these days.

27A As Thorax talks, Spike sweats bullets. He casually/not-so-casually motions to Twilight and Starlight, who turn and see Ember flying in.

28 SPIKE
Sounds like you really need to unwind! How about a trip to the castle? You can't miss that view!

65 66 67

29 TWILIGHT
Yes, the castle! I'll give you a personal tour.

Twilight hurries Thorax along. Spike stays behind.

59 (60)

30 THORAX
(to Spike)
Aren't you coming?

31 SPIKE
I'm just gonna... uh... grab some
ice cream for us and catch up.

61 62
(62) long only.

Twilight escorts Thorax and they take off. A beat later,
Ember lands in the street.

Spike signals to some TRUMPETERS nearby. They line up on
either side of the street and play HERALDING FANFARE.

ON EMBER. She looks a little overwhelmed by the over-the-top
welcome. She shoots one of the trumpeters a look. His
trumpet PUTTERS OUT as he back away, nervously.

Spike approaches and announces her arrival.

71 72 (73)

32 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Dragon Lord Ember, as the official
Equestrian Friendship Ambassador
for the Dragonlands and for
Ponyville, I, Spike of Ponyville,
welcome you to... Ponyville.
(beat, sotto)
I gotta work on my official speech.

33 EMBER
Okay. Thanks.

33A Spike gives Ember a hug. She returns the hug, but looks a
bit uncomfortable as she pats his head.

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34 EMBER (CONT'D)
Right. The hug thing.

Ember looks around.

35 EMBER (CONT'D)
This place has a lot of colors. In
the Dragonlands, everything's just
rocks or the color of ash.

(74) 75

35A She SNEEZES, accidentally setting the banner on fire.

36 EMBER (CONT'D)
That's probably why.

(75)

The nearby townspies look nervous, backing away and pulling
their foals close. Spike notices. Ember doesn't. She spots
Starlight.

71 74 75
37 EMBER (CONT'D)
Hey, Twilight!
38 STARLIGHT
Actually, I'm Starlight. Starlight
Glimmer. Nice to meet you. 85
Ember shakes claws/hoooves with Starlight.

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39 EMBER
Oh, sorry. I'm really gonna have to
get used to these pony names. Lots
of "lights" and shiny things.
(then) So where is Twilight?
40 SPIKE
(not thinking)
She's in her castle--

Spike covers his mouth, realizing what he's just done.

41 EMBER
We should go visit her then. Part
of friendship is saying hi to your
friends, right? 76

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42 SPIKE
Uh.. err... eh...

43 EMBER
You're making weird noises. Do you
have a stomach ache? 77 78

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44 SPIKE
I think I feel one coming on.

45 EMBER
Well you know what us dragons say:
push past the pain. Now let's go! 79 80 81 82

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46 SPIKE
Or we could stay here.

47 EMBER
Or I could go without you. 83 84 85

Ember walks off. Starlight CHUCKLES.

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48 STARLIGHT
I like her.

87A 88 89A 90A
48A Spike GROANS then runs after Ember.

SC. 3 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LATER THAT DAY

Spike enters and quickly, frantically, looks around -- no sign of Twilight and Thorax, phew!

90 (91)
49 SPIKE
(to himself)
Good, they're not here.

Ember and Starlight enter a moment later.

50 EMBER
What was that?

51 SPIKE
(covering)
Uh, I said, it's all clean in here!

Spike spots the empty dining room and gets an idea.

52 SPIKE (CONT'D)
You must be hungry from your travels. Please, I'd love to present you with an official Friendship Welcome Banquet.

Spike escorts Ember along.

SC. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DINNING ROOM - LATER

102 103 104
52A Spike and Starlight watch, shocked, as Ember eats the crystal pitcher and giant serving bowls the food is in, rather than the beautiful meal presented to her.

53 EMBER
(mouthful)
So this is something friends do? I can get used to this.

54 STARLIGHT
Actually that's not food--

Spike cuts Starlight off with an elbow.

55 SPIKE
(quietly to Starlight)
Dragons love gems.

56 STARLIGHT
Fine, but you're telling Twilight what happened to her wall.

105 106
56A WIDEN to see Ember now eating the gem dining room wall.

90 (91) 57 SPIKE
 (quiet, to Starlight)
 Just keep her here.
 (then, calling out) 96 (97)
 Okay, yeah, enjoy all the
 crystal... things...
 Ember notices Spike is backing out of the room.

58 EMBER
 Where are you going? I thought
 this was an official friendship
 banquet. You're leaving?!

59 SPIKE
 I'll be back in a jif. Just gotta
 use the little dragon's room.

He quickly exits.

SC. 5 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - DAY

Twilight is keeping Thorax busy.

91 (10) 60 TWILIGHT
 So this is my comfy chair for
 fictional reads, this is my
 studying chair because the hard
 back keeps me awake...

Spike enters. Thorax looks relieved to see him.

107 108 109 61 THORAX
 Spike, I'm so glad you're here.
 (leans in whispering)
 This castle visit is getting weird.
 Twilight really likes chairs.
 (then)
 What happened to the ice cream?

62 SPIKE
 What? Oh right -- they ran out.
 (then)
 Hey I'm really sorry, but I gotta
 borrow Twilight quickly. Be right
 back!

63 THORAX
 But we didn't get to talk yet!

Spikes quickly pulls Twilight out of the room. Thorax slumps
 in one of the chairs.

63B He immediately sits up very straight and looks at the book in front of him, then shrugs like "I guess this is good for studying."

SC. 6 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - DAY

Spike and Twilight enter.

64 SPIKE
Ember's here!

65 TWILIGHT
I know, I saw you coming and had to distract Thorax by showing him chairs! Why did you bring Ember to the castle of all places?

66 SPIKE
I don't know! Ember was asking for you, Thorax wants to talk with me -- we need to switch places! They might be getting suspicious!

67 TWILIGHT
All we have to do is make both Thorax and Ember feel special and keep them apart for a few more hours. We can do this.

Just then, Spike's spikes GLOW BRIGHTLY. REVEAL a spot on the friendship map is glowing as well. Spike notices and freaks out.

68 SPIKE
Ah! What's happening?

69 TWILIGHT
I think it's the map -- it's calling you. Apparently you also have to solve a friendship problem.

Spike looks shocked -- GASP!

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 7 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - DAY

Twilight and Spike stare at the friendship map in shock. A dot glows in Ponyville.

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 15 16 17
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 Just then, Starlight pops in.

70 SPIKE
 The map is calling me?!

71 TWILIGHT
 Amazing, the map is really reaching out---(off Spike's look) Not a good time, I get it.

118 119
 ↓ ↓
 72 STARLIGHT
 Spike, are you here? Ember's eaten all of Twilight's decorations and-- (seeing Twilight)
 --oh heyyyyy, Twilight.

She sees the map and gulps.

73 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
 Glowing map, glowing spikes... that's not good.

Spike is overwhelmed.

74 SPIKE
 I KNOW!!

75 STARLIGHT
 (searching) At least your friendship problem is in Ponyville?

Spike paces, nervously thinking.

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 118 119

76 SPIKE
 Okay, all right, to pull this off, I'm going to need both of you to help. You two need to keep Ember and Thorax separate while I get ice cream.

77 TWILIGHT
 You mean find the friendship problem.

78 SPIKE
 Yes. Go easy on me. I'm under a lot of pressure!

Spike runs out the door.

SC. 8 - EXT. PONYVILLE - STREET - DAY

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 Spike walks down the street asking townspoonies:

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 79 SPIKE
 Anypony got a friendship problem here?

He appears in a window. A FAMILY OF PONIES are eating.

80 SPIKE (CONT'D)
 You? Problem? No? Okay.

On the street Spike spots LYRA HEARTSTRINGS and SWEETIE DROPS in the middle of a fight.

81 LYRA HEARTSTRINGS
 Well I think vanilla strawberry cream is overused!

Spike jumps in.

82 SPIKE
 Yay! Fighting! (off their looks)
 I mean, what seems to be the problem?

SC. 9 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DINING ROOM - DAY

Twilight enters as Ember finishes off the remaining crystal "food" (a candleholder).

83 TWILIGHT
 Ember, there you are!

She greets Ember with another uncomfortable hug.

84 EMBER
 Okay... right, more pony hugs.

85 TWILIGHT
 How's your trip to Ponyville so far?

86 EMBER
 Well I'm certainly learning a lot about friendship. I had no idea it was polite to decorate your walls in your friends' favorite foods.

Twilight looks around her destroyed dining room.

87 TWILIGHT
 Heh heh. Oh my...

141 142
11 11
88 EMBER
Where'd Spike and Starlight go? I
feel like I'm being avoided.

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89 TWILIGHT
Nooo... they're just making sure
everything is perfect for your
welcome party later. In the
meantime, how about I show you
around town?

141 142
90 EMBER
Sounds good. I can't exactly learn
about friendship if I don't make
new friends.

Twilight smiles relieved.

SC. 10 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - DAY

Starlight enters and sees Thorax wiggling into the comfy
chair, taking a contented deep breath. When he spots her he
springs up, as if she caught him with his hand in a cookie
jar.

158 159
91 STARLIGHT
Hey Thorax... Twilight and Spike
had some boring official paperwork
to deal with, so looks like you and
I get to hang out. What would you
like to do?

Thorax looks a little upset.

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92 THORAX
But I wanted to talk with Spike.
He said he'd be right back.

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93 STARLIGHT
You will, but first how about we
grab a bite to eat?

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94 THORAX
You know, now that you've said it,
I am a little hungry. Is there a
dining room in the castle?

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95 STARLIGHT
NO! ...I mean yeah, but that's
castle food. If you want the good
stuff we gotta go to town.

95A 162 163 AB
Thorax exits first. Starlight follows and breathes a SIGH OF RELIEF.

SC. 11 - EXT. PONYVILLE - IN FRONT OF BAKERY - LATER

Spike is in the middle of giving advice to Lyra Heartstrings and Sweetie Drops.

164 165
96 SPIKE
...and that's why you should never
let cupcake flavors get in the way
of your friendship.

97 LYRA HEARTSTRINGS
I guess I never thought of it that
way -- thanks, Spike. 39AB 40AB

The two ponies smile to each other and walk off, friends again. Spike is proud of himself and looks to his spikes. There's a long beat, but his spikes don't glow.

164 165
98 SPIKE
Oh come on! Glow!

Spike starts to walk off but runs into Thorax and Starlight sitting at a table eating a variety of pastries.

99 THORAX
Spike! There you are! Done with
your boring paper work I see.

99A 166B
Starlight LAUGHS UNCOMFORTABLY and nods to play along.

100 SPIKE
Yup, I am done with whatever
Starlight says I was doing...

101 STARLIGHT
Thorax wanted to get out of the
castle. I thought coming to town
was a really, really great idea.

102 THORAX
Maybe now we can talk.

Spike looks around for Ember, the coast is clear. He sits down.

103 SPIKE
Sure.

104 STARLIGHT
I'll leave you guys to it.

Starlight leaves.

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105 THORAX
First of all I want to say thank
you for having me over. I'm in a
bit of a leadership pickle and
could use some advice.

Spike is distracted, continually looking around.

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106 SPIKE
Well, I definitely want to help you
out as quickly as possible.

107 THORAX
Here's my problem: there's this
renegade group of changelings who
still feed off of love. Even though
I said, "Hey, let's not do that
anymore," they say, "Hey this is
how we've been doing things for
hundreds of years." I know they
can change, I mean they're
changelings, but it's like they
don't want to even though I'm the
leader and I asked politely...

Spike looks anxious; this is gonna take forever.

SC. 12 - EXT. PONYVILLE - STREETS - DAY

Twilight walks through town with Ember who tries (too hard)
to connect with the ponies of Ponyville.

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108 EMBER
Hello. I am Ember, daughter of
Torch, winner of the Gauntlet of
Fire, and lord of all dragons!!

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She breathes an impressive display of fire into the air. The
ponies run away in terror! Ember looks confused.

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109 EMBER (CONT'D)
Usually when I do that dragons are
eager to meet me.

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110 TWILIGHT
That's not how ponies make friends.

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111 EMBER
Ahh, I get it.

Ember takes a muffin from a pony and slathers it on a wall.

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112 EMBER (CONT'D)
This is a weird friendship thing
you ponies do, right?

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The pony looks at her quizzically and backs away slowly.
Just then, Starlight approaches.

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113 STARLIGHT
(worried)
Uh... you guys are in town, too?

113A 23AB 11 Twilight and Starlight share a worried glance that Ember
misses:

114 EMBER
What are you talking about? You've
been with me this whole time.

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115 STARLIGHT
No, I'm Starlight.

Ember looks over at Twilight -- she got them mixed up again.

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116 EMBER
Riiiiight. I'm sorry, but you can't
blame me. You both look and act so
much alike.

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117 STARLIGHT / TWILIGHT
(mad)
What?!

24AB

SC. 13 - EXT. PONYVILLE - IN FRONT OF BAKERY - DAY

Thorax is still telling Spike his story.

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118 THORAX
I think my leadership problems
started in childhood. I must've
been three when my brother took my
first toy from me. Wait three's a
different story -- and you
definitely gotta hear it -- but the
story about my brother was when I
was two... Or was I one?

Spike looks anxious. Behind Thorax, Spike sees TWO PONIES
fighting over a seat.

The CAMERA ANGLES ON the ponies.

119 PONY #1
This is my seat! I saw it first.

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174 (176)

120 PONY #2
Well I got here first.

Back on Spike.

121 SPIKE
Thorax, excuse me for a second.

Spike dashes over to the two ponies who stare down each other, angrily.

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122 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Ponies, please. If I may, I think I can help solve this *friendship problem...*

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The ponies give Spike a weird look. Spike offers his chair.

(177)

123 SPIKE (CONT'D)
You two should sit together. You both like the same place, you both ordered muffins, you're both ponies. I think if you made a little effort, you'd find that you have a lot in common.

The two ponies happily nod and sit together. Spike smiles.

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124 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Okay, that had to have done it. Come on spikes, glow.

179 (180)

181 AB (182)

His spikes still don't glow. He sadly returns to Thorax.

(177)

125 THORAX
Hey, that was really great advice. So what do you think I should do?

Spike suddenly spots Ember in the BG. His eyes go wide.

126 SPIKE
Actually, I uh need a minute. Alone. To really come up with great advice.
(leaving)
I'll be right back!

127 THORAX
(frustrated)
Great. No problem. Leave me again... It's fine.

SC. 14 - EXT. PONYVILLE - STREETS - DAY

Spike heads over to Starlight, Twilight, and Ember, who's in the middle of an argument--

183 184 (185)

128 EMBER
I'm just saying, you're both purple ponies with purple hair. You both have cutie marks with sparkle-y things.

129 STARLIGHT
Mine's more of a glimmer!

130 EMBER
How is that different?

Ember sees Spike.

131 EMBER (CONT'D)
Oh good, Spike. Can you please tell these two I'm right? They look very similar.

Spike notices Twilight and Starlight look angry.

132 SPIKE
Well, you know, one thing friends do is let something go when it's upsetting somepony else.

Ember bristles.

133 EMBER
But I'm right. Besides, who are you to be telling me about friendship? I've barely seen you all day!

134 SPIKE
(guilty)
I've seen you...

135 EMBER
Are you calling me a liar?

Just then Thorax rounds the corner and sees his friend being yelled at.

136 THORAX
Hey! No one yells at my friend!

Thorax gets between them and defends Spike by turning into a scary bear. Ember immediately gets into a defensive stance.

183 (185)
 137 EMBER
 Spike, get away from the bear!

Twilight tries to calm them all down.

27ABC 280C 138 TWILIGHT
 Actually the bear's a changeling
 and ~~it~~^{he}'s quite gentle. (29)

183 (185) 139 THORAX
 Not any more!

Thorax ROARS. Ember breathes fire into the air. The two square off!

140 SPIKE
 Ahh! My worst fears are happening!

Spike looks horrified. He looks back and forth between his two friends who are about to go at each other.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 15 - EXT. PONYVILLE - STREETS - DAY

We come back where we left off.

192 (193) 141 SPIKE
 No!
 142 THORAX
 Back away, Spike, I'm not going to let this dragon harm a scale on your back!

143 EMBER
 No, you back away because I'm not going to let you harm him--
 (pauses, confused)
 Wait, did you say you're not going to let me harm Spike?

144 THORAX
 (defensive)
 Yeah!

145 EMBER
 But that's what I'm doing.

146 THORAX
 What?

172 195

147 EMBER
Yeah, what?

Their aggressive postures suddenly change (Thorax changes back from a bear to his normal self). They look over to Spike who is in the middle of having a fit on the ground.

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148 SPIKE
(devastated, yelling)
Equestria as we know it is over!
The war that puts changeling
against dragon is about to begin!
And it's all my fault! My title of
Equestria's Friendship Ambassador
is a lie--

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Spike suddenly notices everyone around him and stops.

149 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Oh. Hey. You guys aren't
fighting?

150 EMBER
Why would we be fighting?

Spike looks to all of his friends and sheepishly smiles.

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151 SPIKE
Because I accidentally invited you
both over to Ponyville on the same
day.

Ember and Thorax look to each other and shrug.

152 EMBER / THORAX
So what?

153 SPIKE
So, I was trying to keep you apart,
because I didn't think you'd get
along.

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Now Ember and Thorax look mad.

154 EMBER
Oh I get it. You thought he
wouldn't like me just because I'm a
dragon and I'm bad at friendship?

155 SPIKE
No! Of course not! But... wait,
isn't that why you're here?

192 198 199

156 EMBER
I can say I'm bad at friendship --
You can't say it about me! You
know what? I don't want to talk
about it.

She takes off.

157 SPIKE
Wait, please...

Alone with Thorax, Spike tries to apologize.

158 SPIKE (CONT'D)
I'm sorry.

Thorax shrugs.

159 THORAX
No, no. It's cool. You thought I
would be too soft and someone like
Ember would never respect me --
just like my own changelings.

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Thorax runs off as well.

160 SPIKE
No, that's not it! Thorax wait!

Spike tries to follow Thorax but he turns himself into other
ponies so that he gets lost in the crowd.

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161 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Oh no. What have I done?

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SC. 16 - EXT. PONYVILLE - POND

Thorax is sadly skipping stones into the pond, when he hears--

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162 EMBER
Why are you still here?

REVEAL Ember flying over head. She lands next to him.

Thorax takes a breath and finally admits the truth...

163 THORAX
Because I'm having trouble leading
my pack. So I don't really want to
go home.

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207 (208)

164 EMBER
Wait, you're in charge? Ho boy,
you need to be more assertive.

165 THORAX
That's the problem, I don't know
how. I tried asking them to please
follow my directions and I even
offered a prize and--

Ember cuts him off.

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166 EMBER
SHH! Stop. Stop talking.

She glares at Thorax. There's a beat.

167 EMBER (CONT'D)
That's how you do it.

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168 THORAX
Whoa... That just gave me chills.

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169 EMBER
I know you have it in you. You
turned into a bear to defend Spike.

170 THORAX
I guess I can be tough when I'm
defending my friends. But when I'm
just enforcing my rules, I feel
unsure of myself.

171 EMBER
There's nothing to be unsure of.
You're the leader for a reason.
Make a decision and let it be known
that the decision is final.

(beat)

And if that doesn't work, turn into
a bear.

172 THORAX
That's good advice.

173 EMBER
I know it is.

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174 THORAX
So what's your deal? Why do you
think you're so bad at friendship?

175 EMBER
I don't want to talk about it.

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176 THORAX
You have to. How else are you gonna solve your problems?

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177 EMBER
Through feats of strength and fire duels, of course.

178 THORAX
How does that help?

179 EMBER
Well crushing another dragon in competition establishes my dominance and makes me feel great!

180 THORAX
Right, but how do you think they feel?

181 EMBER
Humiliated! Ashamed! They probably want to run away and burry themselves under a rock and...
(realizing)
...never come out. They're probably sad. Kinda low. Definitely not happy.

182 THORAX
That's because that kind of competition can divide you. And it doesn't get to the heart of the issue. Talking about your feelings does.

Ember lets out a FIRE SNEEZE.

183 EMBER
I think I'm allergic to feelings.

184 THORAX
You know you don't have to be sappy or huggy-feely about it, but you should let your friends know how you feel.

Ember lets this sink in. She suddenly remembers.

185 EMBER
I know where we can start.

Ember grabs Thorax and stalks off.

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186 THORAX
Where? (then) Oh. Spike. I got
there.

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Spike, Starlight and Twilight take down the decorations.

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187 SPIKE
I think they're gone. They probably
never want to see me again.

Thorax and Ember land on either side of Spike with a thud.

188 STARLIGHT
Or they want to see you now.

Thorax and Ember look mad. Spike gulps.

189 EMBER
Guess what, Spike? We're mad at
you.

190 SPIKE
I know. I'm so sorry--

191 EMBER
LET ME TALK ABOUT THIS!
(beat)
I feel...

Ember struggles for the words. Thorax nods encouragingly.

192 EMBER (CONT'D)
...mad.

193 THORAX
Okay, that's a good first attempt.
Now maybe try to be more specific.

194 EMBER
I'm... uhm... UPSET!

195 SPIKE
You have every right to be.

196 EMBER
I KNOW I DO. And I know I need to
tell you how I feel because my
friend Thorax said it would make me
feel better. AND IT DOES!

197 THORAX
Yeah! And I have no problem telling
you what you did was wrong because
my *friend* Ember is helping me be
more assertive.

Thorax stares Spike down the way Ember did to him. Spike is
transfixed.

198 SPIKE
Whoaaa.

199 EMBER
(to Thorax)
Nice.

She and Thorax hi-five. Seeing how well they're getting
along, Spike hangs his head.

200 SPIKE
(sincere)
You guys should be mad at me. I was
so worried about how it could go
wrong, I didn't even think about
how it could go right. Can you
forgive me?

Thorax and Ember share a look.

201 EMBER
I really do feel better. So, yeah
I'm good.

202 THORAX
Me too.

Thorax grabs Spike and hugs him. A beat later he grabs
Ember, too. She awkwardly joins in the hug. Just then,
Spike notices his spikes glowing.

203 SPIKE
No way, it's finally happening -- I
solved the friendship problem!

204 STARLIGHT
Actually you created the friendship
problem by not trusting your
friends.

205 SPIKE
Yeah but then I solved it by
learning my lesson.
(MORE)

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SPIKE (CONT'D)

I should have told my two friends
about each other immediately
instead of assuming they wouldn't
get along.

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TWILIGHT

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Good job, Spike.

Spike looks proud. Ember butts in:

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EMBER

Is this another part of pony
friendship? Telling each other
what you learned all the time?

Twilight, Starlight, and Spike all shrug and nod.

SC. 18 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TOWN SQUARE - LATER THAT DAY

Everypony is there as Spike finishes a speech...

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SPIKE

...As a show of unity, I present
the Dragon Fire Flame of Friendship
to both Dragon Lord Ember and
Thorax, Leader of the Changeling
Pack.

(beat)

May the Flame of Friendship burn
for eternity.

Everypony claps. Then Ember sneezes, adding her fire to the
Flame of Friendship and melting the new ice sculpture of a
dragon, a pony, and a changeling.

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EMBER

You should have more things made of
rocks.

THE END