

MY LITTLE PONY
Season 7

Triple Threat
Ep 715

Premise by: Josh Hamilton
Outline by: Josh Hamilton

Distribution:

Production:

Devon Cody
Joanna Lewis
Kristine Songco
Jim Miller
Denny Lu
Tim Stuby
Zoe Borroz

Discovery Family:

Linda Shima Tsuno
Beth Mohammed

Hasbro Studios:

Stephen Davis
Kathy Page
Meghan McCarthy
Eliza Hart
Gabriel Monje
Daniel Barnes
Finn Arnesen
Nina Scales
Graham Stephen
Tyla Bucher
Loretta Masters
Narae Song
Bill Cheungcp
Molly Shaffer
Emily Thompson
Rachelle Little
Kristen Riley
Emily Thompson

Hasbro Brand:

Jamie Cipolla
Yusun Hwang
Kevin Evans
Andrea Ehret
Samantha Lomow
Gretchen Forrest
Kristen Riley
Katherine Padilla
Brian Chapman

Premise: April 4th, 2016
Outline: April 20th, 2016

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

TEASER:

Sc. 1 - EXT. PONYVILLE – TOWN SQUARE – DAY

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 the dragon leader, Ember, to Ponyville today. Ember’s rule as Dragon Lord has made it so the dragons are a little friendlier to each other. But they don’t exactly know *how* to be friends. Somehow, in trying to be friends, the dragons have ended up fighting and competing even more. Simple spats have devolved into lava wars, that sort of thing. So Ember’s coming down to learn more about friendship. Spike feels like a diplomat, bringing dragon and pony together. He wants everything to be perfect. Just then, Spike gets a tap on the shoulder. THORAX the changeling stands behind him. Spike is shocked. “Thorax?” Just then a caterer pushes a dragon ice sculpture in and leaves it near the friendship flame. It melts. The ice dragon’s melting face looks a lot like Spike’s worried one. As Spike lets out a LONG, WORRIED SOUND...

END TEASER

ACT ONE:

Sc. 2 - EXT. PONYVILLE – TOWN SQUARE – DAY

We pick up where we left off. Thorax sees the decorations and thinks they’re for him. “Great banner! What’s this flame about? Ooh hot!” As Thorax looks around, cheerfully greeting the other ponies who stand by, Spike pulls Twilight and Starlight aside and tells them that he completely forgot - Thorax wrote to him saying he really needed to talk about his feelings on being a new ruler and Spike said to come over, not realizing it was the same day he invited Ember! He doesn’t want to hurt either one of them by letting them know they weren’t the only one he invited. Twilight says it is a misstep to have invited two dignitaries over on the same day without letting them know to expect each other. Starlight shoots a look at Twilight - not helping. She turns to Spike, trying to calm him down. “Sure it’s not ideal, but it’s not that bad, is it? Can’t they just all hang out together?” Spike doesn’t think so. Thorax and Ember are just so different. They probably won’t get along. Ember is a self-assured and intimidating dragon lord and Thorax is... As if on cue, Thorax comes up to them and tells Spike he’s really glad he was invited over to Ponyville by Spike, one of his closest, nicest, most caring, most understanding friends ever. He gives Spike a big hug and Starlight gives him a look like “I see your point.”

Spike asks Thorax how he’s been? Thorax looks deeply troubled by the question. Thorax: “Well, not well. I’ve had indigestion, not sure if it’s the new diet, maybe it’s stress or maybe it’s both. I’m not sleeping as much as I should and I think I’m molting.” Spike doesn’t exactly know how to respond but out of the corner of his eye he sees EMBER flying towards them. Spike sweats bullets. Twilight saves

the day. She tells Thorax he really sounds like he needs to unwind. Twilight: “You know what I do when I want to relax? Read a book. I know that’s not for everypony, but you can see all of Equestria from my Library. You can’t miss that view!” Spike is relieved: “Yes! It’s a beautiful view! Doesn’t that sound great?! You should totally go check that out!” Thorax says sure, but isn’t Spike coming? Spike says he’ll... uh... grab ice cream for them and catch up. They take off just as Ember lands nearby.

ON EMBER. The dragon walks through town towards Spike. Spike greets Ember and welcomes her to Ponyville with a hug. She returns the hug, but looks a tad bit uncomfortable as she pats his head. Ember looks around. It’s a big change from what she’s used to. “Why are there so many colors? In the Dragon Lands, everything’s just rocks or the color of flame and ash.” She sneezes, accidentally setting the banner on fire. “That’s probably why.” The nearby townspies look nervous, backing away and pulling their foals close. Ember sees this as a good thing. It shows they respect her! She thinks she’s well on her way to making more pony friends. Speaking of which, where’s Twilight? Seeing Starlight, she says there she is! Starlight: “Um, actually, I’m Starlight. Starlight Glimmer.” Ember: “Really gonna have to get used to these pony names.” Spike, not thinking about it, says Twilight’s in her castle. Ember says they should go visit her, then. Part of friendship is saying hi to your friends, right? Spike tries to stall but once Ember’s made a decision, it’s hard to deter her from it. He and Starlight helplessly follow her to...

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! Ember and Starlight enter a moment later and Spike pops back into a super casual pose. Spike spots the dining room and wonders if Ember is hungry from her travels.

Sc. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT’S CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP – DINNING ROOM - DAY

Spike and Starlight present a big meal for Ember. Ember: “So this is something friends do? I can get used to this.” She dives in, but instead of diving into the meal, she eats the crystal silverware, the gems off the sconces, etc. She says the food is great around here. Starlight tries to tell her that that’s not food, but Spike stops her. Starlight shrugs, “Fine, but you’re telling Twilight.” As Spike backs out of the dining room, he tells Ember to enjoy all the crystal... *things*... she wants. He’ll be right back. He has to uh... use the little dragon’s room.

Sc. 5 - INT. TWILIGHT’S CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP – LIBRARY - DAY

Spike finds Twilight who is keeping Thorax busy by showing him various chairs in the library. Twilight: “This is my comfy chair for fictional reads, this is my studying chair because the hard back keeps me awake...” Thorax is excited to see Spike, and asks where’s the ice cream? Spike: “What? Oh. They ran out.” Thorax: “Ponies must really like ice cream.” Quietly he confides to Spike his visit with Twilight has taken a weird turn. Spike apologizes and says he’s gotta borrow Twilight really quickly. They’ll be right back. Spike pulls Twilight out of the room.

Sc. 6 - INT. TWILIGHT’S CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP –THRONE ROOM - DAY

Spike says Ember is here. Twilight says she knows, she saw them coming and had to get Thorax away from the view by showing him chairs! Why did Spike bring Ember to the castle of all places? Spike says Ember was asking for Twilight. They need to switch places, besides he hasn’t had a chance to talk to Thorax at all. Worried that Thorax or Ember maybe getting suspicious, Spike has a mini panic attack.

Twilight says they can do it. Spike calms down a bit. Twilight’s right. All they have to do is make both Thorax and Ember feel special and keep them apart for a few more hours! He can do this. Just then, Spike’s spikes glow brightly. REVEAL the friendship map is glowing. Twilight: “And apparently you have to solve a friendship problem.” It shows that there’s a friendship problem in Ponyville and Spike has to solve it. GASP!

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

Sc. 7 - INT. TWILIGHT’S CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP – THRONE ROOM - DAY

Twilight and Spike stare at the friendship map in shock. Spike can’t believe that the map is calling him. Twilight is amazed as well - it’s never called a non-pony before. Just then, Starlight pops in: “Spike, are you here? Ember’s eaten all of Twilight’s decorations and-- (seeing Twilight) oh heyyyy, Twilight.” She sees the map and gulps. That’s not good. Spike is overwhelmed; he doesn’t have time to solve this on today of all days, but he knows he has to. Starlight says at least his friendship problem is in Ponyville. Twilight gives her a glance. Starlight shrugs, she’s trying to look on the bright side. Spike asks Starlight and Twilight to keep Ember and Thorax separate while he figures out the friendship problem.

Sc. 8 - EXT. PONYVILLE – VARIOUS - DAY

Spike darts around Ponyville popping in on all his friends, “Anypony got a friendship problem here? Friendship problem? Who’s got a problem?” He spots Lyra Heartstrings and Sweetie Drops in the middle of a fight. Spike: “Yay! Fighting!” They look at him. “I mean, what seems to be the problem?” CUT TO:

Sc. 9 - INT. TWILIGHT’S CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP – DINING ROOM - DAY

Twilight enters as Ember finishes off the remaining crystal “food” (a candleholder). She greets Ember with another uncomfortable hug. Ember tells Twilight she’s learning so much about friendship! She had no idea it was polite to decorate your walls in your friends’ favorite foods! Twilight takes a look around her dining room. “Heh heh. Well, that’s not exactly how it’s done.” Ember asks where Spike went. Twilight covers and says he’s busy making sure everything is perfect for her welcome party later. Ember says she’d like to go into town. She can’t learn about friendship if she doesn’t make new friends. Twilight says that sounds great! Getting away from the castle sounds just peachy.

Sc. 10 - INT. TWILIGHT’S CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP – LIBRARY - DAY

Meanwhile, Starlight asks Thorax what else he’d like to do. He says he kinda wants to talk to Spike. Starlight: “Right. Totally. Or how about we grab a bite to eat?” Thorax: “You know, now that you’ve said it, I am a little hungry.” Starlight says great! They’ll just go into town. (Anything to get away from the castle...)

Sc. 11 - EXT. PONYVILLE – IN FRONT OF BAKERY - LATER

Spike is in the middle of giving advice to Lyra Heartstrings and Sweetie Drops. SK: “...and that’s why you should never let cupcake flavors get in the way of your friendship.” Lyra and Sweetie says that’s great advice - thanks Spike! Spike waits, but his spikes don’t glow. SK: “Come on!” Just then, he runs

into Thorax and Starlight sitting at a table eating a variety of pastries. Thorax is excited to see Spike and forces him to sit down and have a muffin or a scone, “Or whatever this thing is.” Thorax says he’s been anxious to talk. Spike looks around for Ember, the coast is clear. He thinks maybe now is a good time to talk to Thorax. Starlight says she’ll let them talk and leaves as Thorax launches into a story about how he’s having some leadership problems. There’s small renegade group of changelings who still feed off of love, and he understands that for hundreds of years changelings were that way, but now he wants them all to change, and he knows they can change -- they are changelings -- but they refuse to change, even though Thorax politely asked them to. Spike looks anxious; this isn’t gonna be something he can solve easily.

Sc. 12 - EXT. PONYVILLE - STREETS - DAY

Ember walks through town and tries (too hard) to connect with the ponies of Ponyville. She greets them by saying: “Hello. I am Ember, daughter of Torch, winner of the Gauntlet of Fire, and lord of all dragons!!” She breathes an impressive display of fire into the air. The pony runs away in terror! Ember turns to Twilight, confused - usually when she does that, dragons are eager to meet her. Twilight: “That’s not exactly how ponies make friends.” Ember says she gets it, then she takes a muffin from a nearby pony and slathers it on a wall. Ember: “This is a weird thing you ponies do, right?” The ponies look at her quizzically. Starlight walks up to them and asks what’s going on? Ember: “What are you talking about? You’ve been with me this whole time.” Starlight: “No, I’m *Starlight*.” Ember looks over at Twilight, realizing she got them mixed up again. Ember: “Riiiiight.”

Sc. 13 - EXT. PONYVILLE – IN FRONT OF BAKERY - DAY

Thorax is *still* telling Spike his story. Thorax says he thinks his leadership problems started from his childhood. “I must’ve been three when my brother took my first toy from me. Wait no, 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?” Behind Thorax, Spike sees two ponies fighting over a seat. He excuses himself, dashes over, and quickly resolves the conflict by offering his chair. Spike: “You two should sit together. You both ordered muffins, I’m sure there are more things you have in common!” The two ponies agree and sit together amicably, but Spike’s spikes don’t glow. When Spike returns to Thorax, he says that was really great advice! He can’t wait to hear what nuggets of wisdom Spike has for him. Spike says he’s not sure, it’s a lot to take in. Then, seeing Ember in the BG, Spike says he needs a moment alone to think. He’ll be right back.

Sc. 14 - EXT. PONYVILLE - STREETS – DAY

Spike heads over to Starlight, Twilight, and Ember, who’s in the middle of accidentally insulting Starlight by insinuating she’s basically the same as Twilight. They’re both purple ponies with purple hair. They both have cutie marks with sparkle-y things. Starlight: “Mine’s more of a glimmer.” Ember: “I don’t see it.” Spike pulls Ember aside and says one thing friends do is let something go when it’s upsetting somepony else. Ember: “But I’m right. Besides, who are you to be telling me about friendship? I’ve barely seen you all day!” Spike: “I’ve seen you...” Ember: “Are you calling me a liar?!” Just then Thorax rounds the corner. Seeing his friend being yelled at, Thorax gets between them and tries to defend Spike, turning into a scary bear. Ember immediately gets into a defensive stance. Off of Spike horrified, looking back and forth between his two friends about to go at each other, we...

END ACT TWO**ACT THREE****Sc. 15 - EXT. PONYVILLE - STREETS – DAY**

Spike's fear is coming true! Ember tells Spike to get away from the bear. Thorax tells Spike to get away from the dragon. Twilight, Starlight, and Spike all try to stop them but just end up talking over each other and nopony makes any sense. Finally, Ember yells “ENOUGH!!” Everypony gets quiet. Ember and Thorax both realize they're looking out for Spike and ask for an explanation. Spike has to admit he accidentally invited them both over on the same day. Thorax and Ember are upset, but they say they would have understood. Why didn't Spike just tell them the truth instead of lying to them all day? Spike says he was trying to keep them apart because he didn't think they'd get along. This makes them even more upset. Ember: “How dare you. Just because I'm a dragon you thought I'd be bad at friendship?” Spike: “No! Of course not! But... wait, isn't that why you're here?” 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.

Alone with Thorax, Spike tries to apologize. Thorax says he gets it. Spike thought Thorax would be too soft and someone like Ember would never respect him, just like his own changelings. Spike tries to protest - “No, that's not it!” But Thorax has already run off, turning himself into other ponies so that he gets lost in the crowd.

Spike turns to Twilight and Starlight. He feels horrible. He made a mess of things. Starlight and Twilight don't disagree. They decide to spread out to try and find Ember and Thorax.

Sc. 16 - EXT. PONYVILLE - POND

Thorax is sadly skipping stones into the pond, when he hears “Really?” REVEAL Ember watching nearby. She asks if that's really gonna make him feel better? Thorax says no. Ember asks if he's so upset, why doesn't he just go home? Thorax admits the truth is, he's avoiding it. Thorax: “You see, when I was little--” Ember: “I need the short version.” Thorax quickly tells her about his troubles with his pack. Ember stops him, “Wait, you're in charge? You need to be more assertive.” Thorax wonders how he would do that. “I mean I guess I could ask them to just please follow my directions or maybe offer a prize or—” Ember cuts him off, “SHH! Stop. Stop talking.” She glares at Thorax. There's a beat. Ember: “That's how you do it.” Thorax: “Whoa... That just gave me chills.” Ember tells Thorax she knows he has it in him, he turned into a bear to defend Spike, after all. Thorax says she's right. He can be tough when he's defending his friends, but when he's just enforcing his rules, he feels more unsure of himself. Ember asks if he thinks he's doing the right thing? Thorax says yes. Ember: “Then there's nothing to be unsure of. Make a decision and let it be known that the decision is final.” Thorax says that's good advice. Ember's glad she could help.

Thorax asks Ember what her deal is? Why does she think she's bad at friendship? Ember says she doesn't want to talk about it. Thorax says she has to. Ember: “How about this: we play a game of fire targets, and if I win I don't have to talk about it.” Thorax agrees. He throws some rocks into the air and Ember hits all of them except for one. Thorax wins! But Ember just tries challenging him to another game. Thorax asks if this is how all dragons settle their conflicts? Ember says yes. Dragons aren't exactly

good at the whole feelings thing. Thorax says that’s their problem. They aren’t fixing any of their problems. They don’t have to wallow or make a big show of it, but letting your friends know how you feel is the only way to move past a disagreement. Ember: “In that case, I better let Spike know how I feel.” Thorax: “Me too.”

Sc. 17 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TOWN SQUARE - DAY

Spike, Starlight and Twilight are looking for Thorax and Ember. Spike: “Ugh where could they be?” Starlight points upward with a scared look on her face. Just then Thorax and Ember land on either side of Spike with a thud. Starlight: “Found them.” Thorax and Ember look mad. Spike gulps. Ember: “Guess what, Spike? We’re FRIENDS!” Thorax: “Yeah, what she said.” Ember, still sounding angry: “I had a problem and he helped me work it out!” Spike: “That sounds like a good thing?” Ember: “It is a good thing!” Spike: “Then why do you sound mad?” Thorax: “We’re mad at you. You didn’t have to keep us apart. You thought the worst of us without even giving us a chance.” Spike, indignant at first “I did not...(then realizing) That’s exactly what I did. I am so sorry.” Just then, Spike’s spikes glow. Spike: “Are you kidding me?”

Spike excitedly runs up to Twilight: “I solved the friendship problem!” Twilight says, “Actually you created the friendship problem by not trusting your friends.” Spike: “Yeah but then I solved it!” Starlight: “Well, it’s more like your friends solved it in spite of you.” Spike says at least he learned his lesson, “I should have told my two friends about each other immediately instead of assuming they wouldn’t get along.” Ember walks up to them: “Is this another part of 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

Spike gives a speech on the importance of coming together. Keeping creatures apart causes more problems and confusion than it solves. He says, united together, our differences become our strengths. At the end of the ceremony, Spike presents the Dragon-fire Flame of Friendship to both Ember and Thorax, “May the Flame of Friendship burn for eternity.” 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. Ember: “You should have more things made of rocks.”

THE END