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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.

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?!

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

3 SPIKE
I'm not getting worked-up for no
reason. 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.

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.

7 SPIKE
Which brings me to reason number four: The Dragon Lord wants my advice!

Twilight tries to reassure Spike.

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

9 SPIKE
I just want things to be perfect.

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.

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.

They nod hello with nervous smiles plastered on their faces.

12 THORAX (CONT'D)
(noticing decorations)
Oooh! Look at these.

Thorax walks off. Twilight leans to Spike who is in SHOCK.

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

14 SPIKE
(still in shock)
Yeah?

Starlight leans in.

15 STARLIGHT
That doesn't seem like a good idea.

16 SPIKE
(still in shock)
No.

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, still making his WORRIED NOISE. Thorax walks up to him.

17 THORAX
Are you okay, Spike? You're making
a weird noise.

18 SPIKE
(through forced smile)
Fine. Just so happy. You're here.

19 THORAX
Me too!
(mimics Spike's WORRIED
NOISE)
I can't believe you did all this
for me.

He walks over to the decorations, admiring them.

20 THORAX (CONT'D)
Great banner! Love the stage!
What's this flame thingy? Ooh hot!

Spike pulls Twilight and Starlight aside.

21 SPIKE
I completely forgot -- Thorax wrote
and said he really 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?

22 TWILIGHT
Inviting two dignitaries without
letting the other know -- that is a
problem.

23 STARLIGHT
Well, Maybe they'll like each
other?

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

As if on cue, Thorax approaches all smiles.

25 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? No one's ever done anything
like this for me before!

He heads over to see the ice-sculpture.

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

27 SPIKE
Or worse, they'll hate each other.
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!

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

28 STARLIGHT
 (under to Spike) Pull it together.

Spike wheels around to face Thorax.

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

30 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.

31 SPIKE
(re: Ember)
No!

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

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

33 THORAX (CONT'D)
...And I'm molting.

Twilight grabs Thorax...

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

35 SPIKE
Yes! Castle! Trip! Views!

36 THORAX
I guess I could unwind.

Twilight hurries Thorax along. Spike stays behind.

37 SPIKE
Of course you could! Hurry up and
unwind... quickly!

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

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

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.

40 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.

41 EMBER
Okay. Thanks.

42 SPIKE
And on a personal note. It's great
to see you!

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

43 EMBER
Right. The hug thing.

Ember looks around.

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

She SNEEZES, accidentally setting the banner on fire.

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

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

46 EMBER (CONT'D)
Hey, Twilight!

47 STARLIGHT
Actually, I'm Starlight. Starlight
Glimmer. Nice to meet you.

48 EMBER
Oh, sorry. (then) I'm really gonna
have to get used to these pony
names. Lots of "lights" and shiny
things.

Ember shakes hands with Starlight.

49 EMBER (CONT'D)
So where is Twilight?

50 SPIKE
 (not thinking)
She's in her castle--

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

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

52 SPIKE
Uh.. err... eh...

53 EMBER
You're making weird noises. Do you
have a stomach ache?

54 SPIKE
I think I feel one coming on.

55 EMBER
Well you know what us dragons say:
admitting pain is a sign of
weakness. Now let's go!

56 SPIKE
Or we could stay here.

57 EMBER
Or I could go without you.

Ember starts to walk off. Starlight CHUCKLES.

58 STARLIGHT
I like her.

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! Ember and Starlight enter a moment later and Spike pops back into a super casual pose.

59 SPIKE
 (covering)
Okay, yup, everything's cleaned up
in here. A friendship ambassador's
job never ends.

60 EMBER
So where's Twilight?

61 SPIKE
Probably getting ready. She can
take forever.

Spike spots the empty dining room and gets an idea.

62 SPIKE (CONT'D)
While we wait, you must be hungry
from your travels. Please...

Spike escorts Ember along.

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

Ember sits at the table. Spike and Starlight enter and present a meal for her.

63 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.

64 EMBER (CONT'D)
 (with mouthful)
The food is great around here.

Starlight is shocked.

65 STARLIGHT
Actually that's not food--

Spike cuts Starlight off with an elbow.

66 SPIKE
 (quietly to Starlight)
Dragons love gems.

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

WIDEN to see Ember now eating the gem dining room wall.

68 SPIKE
 (quiet, to Starlight)
Just keep her here.

Spike backs out of the room and calls to Ember.

69 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Okay, yeah, enjoy all the
crystal... things... I'll be right
back. 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.

70 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.

71 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?

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

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

73 THORAX
 (re: chair)
Ow! That is hard.

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

Spike and Twilight enter.

74 SPIKE
Ember's here!

75 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?

76 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!

77 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.

78 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Uh, Spike, your spikes.

Spike notices and freaks out.

79 SPIKE
Ah! What's happening?

80 TWILIGHT
I think it's the friendship map -- it's calling you. Apparently you 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.

81 SPIKE
The friendship map is calling *me*?!

Just then, Starlight pops in.

82 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.

83 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Glowing map, glowing spikes...
that's not good. You don't have
time for this today.

Spike is overwhelmed.

84 SPIKE
I KNOW!!

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

Spike paces, nervously thinking.

86 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.

87 TWILIGHT
You mean find the friendship
problem.

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

Spike runs out the door.

SC. 8 - EXT. PONYVILLE - STREET - DAY

Spike walks down the street asking townsponies:

89 SPIKE
Anypony got a friendship problem
here?

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

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

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

91 LYRA HEARTSTRINGS
Well I think vanilla strawberry
cream *is* overused!

Spike jumps in.

92 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).

93 TWILIGHT
Ember, there you are!

She greets Ember with another uncomfortable hug.

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

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

96 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.

97 TWILIGHT
Heh heh. Oh my...

98 EMBER
Where'd Spike and Starlight go? Is
Spike's stomach still bothering
him?

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

100 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.

101 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?

102 THORAX
I kinda wanted to talk with Spike.

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

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

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

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.

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

107 LYRA HEARTSTRINGS
I guess I never thought of it that
way -- thanks, Spike.

The two ponies smile to each other and walk off, friends again. Spike is proud of himself.

108 SPIKE
Alright, friendship problem solved.

He looks to his spikes. There's a long beat, but his spikes don't glow.

109 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Oh come on! Glow!

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

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

Starlight LAUGHS UNCOMFORTABLY and nods to play along.

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

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

113 THORAX
Maybe now we can talk.

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

114 SPIKE
Sure.

115 STARLIGHT
I'll leave you guys to it.

Starlight leaves.

116 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.

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

118 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.

119 EMBER
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
ponies run away in terror! Ember looks confused.

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

121 TWILIGHT
That's not how ponies make friends.

122 EMBER
Ahh, I get it.

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

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

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

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

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

126 STARLIGHT
No, I'm *Starlight*.

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

127 EMBER
Riiiiight.

128 STARLIGHT
Why don't we head back to the
castle...
(trying to drop a hint)
...or somewhere else far away.

129 EMBER
(to Starlight)
No thanks, Twilight. I want to stay
here.

130 STARLIGHT
Starlight.

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

132 STARLIGHT / TWILIGHT
(mad)
What?!

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

Thorax is still telling Spike his story.

133 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.

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

135 PONY #2
Well I got here first.

Back on Spike.

136 SPIKE
Thorax, excuse me for a second.

Spike dashes over to the arguing ponies.

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

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

138 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.

139 PONY #1
(noticing)
You got the walnut cranberry
muffin, too?

140 PONY #2
It is the best.

The two ponies happily sit together. Spike smiles.

141 SPIKE
Okay, that had to have done it.
Come on spikes, glow.

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

142 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.

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

SC. 14 - EXT. PONYVILLE - STREETS - DAY

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

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

145 STARLIGHT
Mine's more of a glimmer!

146 EMBER
How is that different?

Ember sees Spike.

147 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.

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

Ember bristles.

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

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

151 EMBER
Are you calling me a liar?

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

152 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.

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 right where we left off.

153 EMBER
Spike, get away from the bear!

Twilight tries to calm them all down.

154 TWILIGHT
Actually the bear's a changeling
and it's quite gentle.

155 THORAX
Not any more! Move it, Spike, I'm
not going to let this dragon harm a
scale on your back!

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

156 SPIKE
Ahh! My worst fears are happening!

Ember looks confused.

157 EMBER
 (to Thorax)
Wait, did you say you're *not* going
to let me harm Spike?

158 THORAX
 (defensive)
Yeah!

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

160 THORAX
What?

161 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.

162 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--

Spike suddenly notices everyone around him and stops.

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

164 EMBER
Why would we be fighting?

Spike looks to all of his friends and sheepishly smiles.

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

Ember and Thorax look to each other and shrug.

166 EMBER / THORAX
So what?

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

Ember and Thorax look mad.

168 EMBER
What, just because I'm a dragon you
thought I'd be bad at friendship?

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

170 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.

171 SPIKE
Wait, please...

Alone with Thorax, Spike tries to apologize.

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

Thorax shrugs.

173 THORAX
I get it. You thought I would be
too soft and someone like Ember
would never respect me -- just like
my own changelings.

Thorax runs off as well.

174 SPIKE
No, that's not it!

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

175 SPIKE (CONT'D)
I feel horrible. I made a mess of
things.

176 STARLIGHT
Yup, you did.
 (off Twilight's look)
Buuut, that doesn't mean you can't
fix it.

177 TWILIGHT
We'll spread out and try and find
Ember and Thorax.

SC. 16 - EXT. PONYVILLE - POND

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

178 EMBER
Why are you still here? I don't
know about you, but after I've been
insulted I leave.

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

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

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

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

181 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.

182 EMBER
SHH! Stop. Stop talking.

She glares at Thorax. There's a beat.

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

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

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

186 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.

187 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.

188 THORAX
That's good advice.

189 EMBER
I know it is.

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

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

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

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

194 THORAX
Wait, what? How does that make you
feel better?

195 EMBER
I'll show you. We'll play a game of
fire targets. Whoever wins is
right.

Thorax stands. Ember tosses up five rocks. Suddenly Thorax
turns into a DRAGON and breathes five quick fire shots at
them. He hits all of the rocks except for one.

Ember stands and Thorax grabs five rocks. Thorax throws them into the air and Ember breathes one giant flame, shattering all five rocks.

196 EMBER (CONT'D)
Five out of five. I win.

197 THORAX
Okay. Do you feel better?

198 EMBER
Yes.
 (beat)
No.

199 THORAX
That's because a competition
doesn't get to the heart of the
issue. Talking about your feelings
does.

Ember lets out a FIRE SNEEZE.

200 EMBER
I think I'm allergic to feelings.

201 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...

202 EMBER
I know where we can start.

Ember grabs Thorax and stalks off.

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

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Spike, Starlight and Twilight look for Thorax and Ember.

204 SPIKE
Ugh, where could they be?

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

205 STARLIGHT
Found them.

Thorax and Ember look mad. Spike gulps.

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

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

208 EMBER
LET ME TALK ABOUT THIS! You're
supposed to be our friend, but you
expected the worst of us.

209 THORAX
Yeah, what she said! You didn't
even give us a chance.

210 SPIKE
You're right.

211 EMBER
I KNOW I'M RIGHT. But I need to
tell you how I feel because my
friend Thorax said it would make me
feel better. AND IT DOES!

212 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.

213 SPIKE
Whoaaa.

214 EMBER
 (to Thorax)
Nice.

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

215 SPIKE
 (sincere)
You guys have every right to be mad
at me.
 (MORE)

SPIKE (CONT'D)

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.

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

217 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.

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

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

220 SPIKE
Yeah but then I solved it by learning my lesson. I should have told my two friends about each other immediately instead of assuming they wouldn't get along.

221 TWILIGHT
Good job, Spike.

Spike looks proud. Ember butts in:

222 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...

223 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.

224 EMBER
You should have more things made of
rocks.

THE END