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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 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! And as the new, official  
Equestrian Friendship Ambassador to  
the dragons, I can't let her down.

Twilight tries to reassure Spike.

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

Spike nods, his confidence is coming back.

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.  
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.

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.  
How are you going to entertain them  
both?

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

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.

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...

As if on cue, Thorax approaches all smiles.

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.

22                   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.

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

Spike wheels around to face Thorax.

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  
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.

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

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

Twilight hurries Thorax along. Spike stays behind.

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

31 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.

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.

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

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.

She SNEEZES, accidentally setting the banner on fire.

36 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.

37           EMBER (CONT'D)  
Hey, Twilight!

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

Ember shakes claws/hoooves with Starlight.

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?

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

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

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!

46           SPIKE  
Or we could stay here.

47           EMBER  
Or I could go without you.

Ember walks off. Starlight CHUCKLES.

48           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!

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**

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.

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

57                   SPIKE  
                  (quiet, to Starlight)  
                  Just keep her here.  
                  (then, calling out)  
                  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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Just then, Starlight pops in.

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.

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**

Spike walks down the street asking townsponies:

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...

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

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?

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...

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.

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

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

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

95           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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

108 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.

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

110 TWILIGHT  
That's not how ponies make friends.

111 EMBER  
Ahh, I get it.

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

112           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.

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

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.

115           STARLIGHT  
No, I'm Starlight.

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

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

117           STARLIGHT / TWILIGHT  
(mad)  
What?!

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

Thorax is still telling Spike his story.

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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

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

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--

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.

137           EMBER  
Spike, get away from the bear!

Twilight tries to calm them all down.

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

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.

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?

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.

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--

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.

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.

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?

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.

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.

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

**SC. 16 - EXT. PONYVILLE - POND**

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

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.

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.

166           EMBER  
SHH! Stop. Stop talking.

She glares at Thorax. There's a beat.

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

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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

**SC. 17 - EXT. PONYVILLE - TOWN SQUARE - DAY**

Spike, Starlight and Twilight take down the decorations.

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)

SPIKE (CONT'D)

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

206 TWILIGHT  
Good job, Spike.

Spike looks proud. Ember butts in:

207 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...

208 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.

209 EMBER  
You should have more things made of  
rocks.

**THE END**