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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.

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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