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*Friendship Lesson: Sacrificing your time is generous, but you have to learn when to draw the line and focus on yourself.*

**TEASER**

**SC. 1 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - DAY**

TWILIGHT SPARKLE frantically goes through a stack of papers, writing like mad. Her quill breaks, but Spike stands nearby with a box of replacements. As he moves to hand her one, his eyes go cross and he grabs his tummy. He looks as if he's going to burp, but instead, a scroll fires from his mouth.

1                   SPIKE  
Oh, thank goodness. I thought I had too many fried gems. (SMILES) Guess this proves you can never have too many fried gems!

Twilight quickly unrolls the message and reads.

2                   TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(SURPRISED) It's from my parents. Spike! They won a zeppelin cruise and get to take the whole family!

Twilight's smile quickly drops as she looks over at her stack of work.

3                   TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
I wish I had time to go with them, but there's just too many Princess duties I have to take care of.

Twilight starts to go through the stack of work again. Spike watches her, worried.

4                   SPIKE  
Come on, Twilight. Even Princess Celestia takes a break sometimes and she raises the sun.

Spike starts to push Twilight out of the room.

5                   SPIKE (CONT'D)  
You need a vacation. I can keep track of the Friendship log, boost community morale, and answer fan mail for a few days.

6 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
But Spike, you're as much a part of  
my family as anypony. I can't just  
leave you here to do all that work.

Spike walks back to Twilights desk, sits.

7 SPIKE  
What? I'm sorry I can't hear you.  
You're on vacation.

Twilight thinks for a moment, then gives in.

8 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I guess I could use a little time  
off from being a Princess. You're  
the best, Spike.

9 SPIKE  
I know... I mean, thanks.

10 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(EXCITED) I'm going to go pack  
everything neatly into one  
suitcase!

Twilight darts out of the room. Then runs back in.

11 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
I'M GOING ON VACATION WITH MY  
FAMILY!

She runs back out, leaving Spike alone.

12 SPIKE  
Wait for it...

She sticks her head back in.

13 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Cruises have activities, right? I  
should probably make a schedule!

14 SPIKE  
There it is.

**END TEASER**

**MAIN TITLES**

**ACT ONE**

**SC. 2 - EXT. CANTERLOT - CRUISE SHIP BOARDING DOCK - DAY**

In a single-file line, TWILIGHT VELVET and NIGHT LIGHT lead Twilight Sparkle, CADANCE, FLURRY HEART and SHINING ARMOR up a ramp to a big, floating zeppelin cruise ship.

15 TWILIGHT VELVET  
Oh gee, I am really looking forward to a relaxing vacation.

16 NIGHT LIGHT  
(whispered aside to Twilight) Watch out. She won't admit it, but when your mother says "relaxing vacation" she means "do something crazy." Last time she ended up bungee jumping over Luna Bay.

17 TWILIGHT VELVET  
What was that, hon?

18 NIGHT LIGHT  
Oh, I was just telling Twilight about my bingo strategy book. It's a real page-turner!

Night Light gives Twilight a wink as Shining Armor excitedly gallops up the ramp ahead of the whole family.

19 SHINING ARMOR  
I can't wait to get on this zeppelin and fly like a pegasus!

20 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Really? I remember you getting air-sick on Admiral Fairweather's Wild Ride at Pony Island.

21 SHINING ARMOR  
(dismissive) Please, I grew out of air-sickness a long time ago.

Suddenly, a mega horn-like speaker, many of which are scattered all over the ship, switches on, and a LOUD VOICE comes through it (we will later learn this is IRON WILL).

22 IRON WILL (O.S.)  
*I hope you ponies feel welcomed aboard-- BECAUSE YOU ARE!!!*

The family, blown back a little by the loudness, recovers.

23 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Well that was an... assertive  
welcome.

**SC. 3 - INT. CRUISE SHIP - STATEROOM - DAY**

The door swings open to reveal a plush stateroom with doors going off to multiple rooms -- A suite fit for royalty. The family enters OOHING and AAHING. Flurry Heart flies around, excited.

24 CADANCE  
Goodness, this place is almost  
nicer than our castle.

25 NIGHT LIGHT  
Guess this is what it's like to be  
big time prize winners. I just wish  
I could remember what contest we  
won.

26 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(to her parents, confused) Wait.  
You don't know where this prize  
came from?

27 TWILIGHT VELVET  
When somepony offers you a free  
vacation, you just sign the  
paperwork and don't ask questions.

Night Light and Twilight Velvet pull each other close and beam at the family.

28 NIGHT LIGHT  
Especially when it means we get to  
all fly off together. What should  
we do first?!

The whole family EXCITEDLY TALKS at once. Twilight lights up, pulling out a large scroll.

29 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Well, I did categorize the ship's  
activities and make a schedule  
organized by each of our interests!

The family <CHEERS> then settles down as Twilight unrolls the scroll revealing a BIG CHART. She floats a pointer out of her bag and uses it as she talks.

30 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Dad, you're easy. Bingo competition  
(points) right here.

31 NIGHT LIGHT  
I just love how the numbers and  
letters are organized in their  
little boxes. It's so satisfying!

32 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Shining Armor, they've got a tiny  
boat race in a tiny pool, (points)  
here.

33 SHINING ARMOR  
Aw, sis, only you would remember I  
love tiny things.

34 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
And Cadance? There's a Pee-wee  
Princess Playtime (points) here  
that Flurry is going to love.

35 CADANCE  
Wonderful!

Twilight Velvet walks up and looks closely at the chart.

36 TWILIGHT VELVET  
Hmmm. This barrel jumping at  
Neighagra Falls sounds interesting.

Night Light gives Twilight an "I told you so" look. Twilight shrugs and crosses out one box and writes in another.

37 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Great! I just want to see you all  
have a good time. (re the schedule)  
And this works out perfectly,  
because we have room for the one  
thing I want to do!

38 NIGHT LIGHT  
What's that, sweetie?

Excited, Twilight pulls out a book and points to a map and illustrations to highlight what she says.

39 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Our ship passes the Frozen North at sunset, which is the only time you can see the astrological phenomenon known as the "Northern Stars."  
(giddy) It's like stars are shooting out of the setting sun!

The family MURMURS IN EXCITEMENT. Flurry coos with delight.

40 CADANCE  
(speaking for family) Well, we definitely don't want to miss that!

41 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Then it's settled! (looking at her chart) Hm, but we don't have anything to do right now... Any suggestions?

A speaker switches on in their room and through it comes:

42 IRON WILL (O.S.)  
AHEM! ATTENTION CRUISE PONIES:  
DON'T LET THIS ZEPPLIN BE A BORE,  
LEAVE YOUR ROOM AND SEE THE TOUR!

The family turns to one another, surprised at the coincidence.

43 CADANCE  
(hesitant) A tour could be fun.

Off the family shrugging and nodding in agreement...

#### **SC. 4 - EXT. CRUISE SHIP - MAIN DECK - DAY**

The family approaches the rail to see the ship is airborne. Shining Armor bounds up, spreading his hooves, wind in his mane, a la *Titanic*.

44 SHINING ARMOR  
I'm flying! I'm flying! I'm--

Suddenly his cheeks puff out, green; he grabs his stomach, air-sick. Cadance and Twilight exchange a knowing look. Cadance hands him Flurry.

45 CADANCE  
I'm afraid Flurry may be air-sick. Since I know that isn't a problem for you, would you mind taking her below?

Shining Armor takes Flurry, starts to go green again, and ducks away. Twilight and Cadance exchange another smile as the speaker clicks on:

46           IRON WILL (O.S.)  
FAR TO OUR RIGHT YOU CAN JUST MAKE  
OUT THE WHITE TUFTS OF CLOUDSDALE  
WHERE PRINCESS TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
ONCE TOURED THE WEATHER FACTORY.

47           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Huh? How'd he know that? And why  
announce it on a cruise?

Twilight notices a few CRUISE PONIES whispering and staring at the family. Confused, Twilight waves to them. The rest of the family notices the stares as well.

48           CADANCE  
(aside, to family) Why don't we  
move to the other side of the deck.

**SC. 5 - EXT. OTHER SIDE OF MAIN DECK - MOMENTS LATER**

Twilight smiles between her mom and dad as they all look out at the expansive sky.

49           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
This is better! I think this is  
exactly where we should view the  
Northern Stars.

50           IRON WILL (O.S.)  
(through speaker) WE ARE NOW HIGH  
ENOUGH TO SEE ALL OF CANTERLOT,  
EVEN THE ROYAL TREE WHERE PRINCESS  
TWILIGHT AND HER BROTHER SHINING  
ARMOR WERE BORN!

51           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
What? That's not right.

REVEAL Twilight Velvet and Night Light rushing down the rail to get a better look. Twilight walks up between them.

52           TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Um, you guys know that's not where  
we were born. What are you so  
excited about?

53           NIGHT LIGHT  
Well, it is a really nice tree,  
sweetheart.

Confused, Twilight turns around to find a few more excited CRUISE PONIES bursting to say something.

54 CRUISE PONY #1  
We just want to say how excited we  
are to be here!!!

55 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Uh, yeah... Us too.

They all jump in surprise as the speakers BOOM with:

56 IRON WILL (O.S.)  
ON OUR ROUTE NORTH, WE WILL PASS  
THE SPIRES OF THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE  
WHERE PRINCESS CADANCE RESCUED HER  
ALICORN BABY, SPIKE, FROM A MONSTER  
MADE OF FIRE!

57 CADANCE  
That doesn't even make sense!  
(then) Although if we do pass the  
castle, I should fly over and get  
Flurry's other Whammy.

Shining Armor stumbles up to rejoin them. Flurry flies toward her grandparents.

58 SHINING ARMOR  
Am I hearing things? Did you change  
Flurry's name to Spike?

As Cadance gives him a look, A LAUGH from Flurry Heart makes them turn to find Flurry with Twilight Velvet and Night Light talking to another group of Cruise Ponies with cameras.

59 NIGHT LIGHT  
Well, "Royal Grandparents" sounds a  
bit fancy, but of course you can  
take our picture.

Twilight and Cadance watch as more ponies with cameras to line up. ANGLE ON on ponies wearing t-shirts with Twilight's and Cadance's faces on them. ANGLE ON ponies wearing merchandised Twilight wings and wigs. ANGLE ON Cadance who turns to see a pony wearing a CADANCE MASK.

60 CADANCE  
(shock) Aaah!

61 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Okay, that's it! Does anypony know  
where the cruise announcer is?

The excited group of ponies all point behind Twilight to a covered platform above the main deck. Twilight nods and flies toward it.

**SC. 6 - EXT. CRUISE SHIP - HELM - CONTINUOUS**

Twilight flies up to the announcer facing away from her. She taps him on the back, hovering to be level with him.

62 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Excuse me, sir.

The announcer turns around to REVEAL he's IRON WILL!

63 IRON WILL  
YOU CAN CALL IRON WILL, IRON WILL.

64 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Iron Will? What are you doing here?  
And why do you keep announcing  
random things about me and my  
family?

65 IRON WILL  
THE ASSERTIVENESS SEMINAR MARKET  
DRIED UP, SO IRON WILL STARTED A  
NEW CAREER ORGANIZING THEMED  
VACATION PACKAGES.

66 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(worried) And theme of this  
vacation is...?

67 IRON WILL  
(into microphone, like a sports  
announcer) EVERYPONY! STOMP YOUR  
HOOVES IF YOU ARE HERE FOR THE  
PREMIER 'CRUISE OF THE PRINCESSES'  
EXPERIENCE!

As Iron Will throws his arms up to flex his biceps, his words echo across the ship and TWO GIANT BANNERS of Twilight's and Cadance's faces unfurl on either side of his platform. All the ponies CHEER and STOMP their hooves!

Twilight looks down to see the cheering ponies closing in on her family. As she exchanges shocked looks with her family...

**END ACT ONE**

**ACT TWO**

**SC. 7 - INT. STATEROOM - DAY**

Cruise ponies SQUEAL in excitement, trying to get glimpses of the Royal Family as Cadance closes the door.

Iron Will stands, smiling, with the family around him, unsure. Twilight steps forward, stern.

68 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Iron Will, I'm not sure it was entirely honest of you to offer this cruise to my family without telling us that ponies bought tickets just to see Cadance and me.

Iron Will pulls out a CONTRACT looking form.

69 IRON WILL  
IRON WILL OUTLINED ALL THE DETAILS OF THE CRUISE IN THE PRIZE ACCEPTANCE AND CONSENT FORM THAT YOU (points at Twilight Velvet) SIGNED.

70 TWILIGHT VELVET  
(embarrassed) When somepony offers you a free vacation, who reads the fine print?

Night Light points to Twilight's chart of activities.

71 NIGHT LIGHT  
And all these activities just looked like so much fun.

72 IRON WILL  
(nods) IRON WILL PRIDES HIMSELF ON PROVIDING A QUALITY VACATION EXPERIENCE, BUT IF TWILIGHT SPARKLE AND HER FAMILY DON'T WANT IT, IRON WILL CAN CANCEL THE CRUISE, AND BREAK THE HEARTS OF EVERY PRINCESS ADORING PONY ON BOARD.

As the family lets this sink in, a pony pops up in the suite's circular window, snapping photos. Cadance pulls a curtain closed over it.

73 CADANCE  
As much as I want a family vacation, I don't think I could entertain all these cruise ponies. My hooves are pretty full taking care of Flurry Heart.

74 TWILIGHT VELVET  
Of course, darling. We really should have taken a better look at the fine print - I guess we were just so excited by the idea of a family cruise.

The rest of the family nod, disappointed. Night Light casts a forlorn look at Twilight's activity chart and SIGHS.

75 NIGHT LIGHT  
All right, (to Iron Will) I guess we better turn this ship around.

Twilight looks from her disappointed family to the chart, then...

76 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Wait! Iron Will, what if I offered you a deal? If I agree to do whatever princess activities you want, will you promise that my family gets to do the activities they want?

Another pony pops up in another window.

77 PONY IN WINDOW  
(muffled) I love you Princess Twi--

Shining Armor pulls the curtain shut over the window.

78 SHINING ARMOR  
Sis, you don't have to do that. We want you to enjoy yourself too.

79 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I will as long as I get to see all of you enjoying yourselves. I don't want our vacation to be over before it's even started or let down all these ponies who were looking forward to seeing us.

80 TWILIGHT VELVET  
Are you sure, sweetie?

81 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(smiles, confident) Absolutely!

Twilight's enthusiasm rubs off on the family and they all begin to smile again.

82 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
So what do you say Iron Will? Do we  
have a deal?

Twilight extends a hoof. A beat as Iron Will looks at it,  
then takes it and they shake.

83 IRON WILL  
PRINCESS TWILIGHT HAS A DEAL!

84 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Great! So, it looks like we have  
some time before dad plays Bingo...

Iron Will puts his arm around Twilight and leads her toward  
the door.

85 IRON WILL  
ACTUALLY, WE HAVE JUST ENOUGH TO  
PICK THE WINNER OF OUR GRAND PRIZE  
RAFFLE.

86 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Oh. Well, who doesn't like prizes?

As Twilight casts a hopeful smile at her family...

**SC. 8 - EXT. MAIN DECK - RAFFLE GATHERING - DAY**

Iron Will and Twilight stand on a raised dais around which  
Ponies have gathered for the raffle. Twilight surveys the  
crowd and her family:

A pony looks to Cadance holding Flurry Heart.

87 CRUISE PONY #2  
Goodness she is adorable!

88 CADANCE  
Thank you. Flurry Heart, say hello!

As Flurry COOS, another pony tells Shining Armor a story. He  
nods along, enwrapped.

89 CRUISE PONY #1  
And that's how I got trapped in the  
Crystal Empire by the weather. Of  
course the good news is I got to  
see that Crystalling. I was in the  
back, you probably didn't see me.

Night Light and Twilight Velvet giggle as they flip through  
embarrassing photos of their kids to another pony.

90 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(looking out, then to herself)  
Okay. Family having fun, check!

Iron Will steps up, speaking into his seminar-style microphone so his voice rings out over the ship's speakers.

91 IRON WILL  
(over speakers) ALL RIGHT CRUISE  
PONIES: WHEN THE ZEPPELIN FLIES  
IT'S TIME FOR A PRIZE!

The ponies all CHEER. Iron Will nods to Twilight to begin.

92 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(to everyone) Thank you all for  
being so gracious and respectful to  
me and my family. And now, without  
further ado, the winner is...

Everypony quiets down and watches as Twilight plucks a name from the barrel and reads it...

93 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Star Tracker!

STAR TRACKER (male pony, short and round, with a cutie mark of hoof-prints following a star) looks on in shock.

94 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Congratulations, Star Tracker!  
Enjoy your prize. (to her dad) Okay  
Dad, bingo time!

Twilight starts to trot away with Night Light, then notices Star Tracker right on her hooves.

95 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Oh! Um, sorry, I don't have the  
prize...

Star Tracker blushes. Behind him, Iron Will addresses the crowd from the dais:

96 IRON WILL  
CONGRATULATIONS TO STAR TRACKER WHO  
WINS THE GRAND PRIZE: SPENDING THE  
DAY WITH TWILIGHT AS AN HONORARY  
MEMBER OF HER FAMILY!

Ponies CHEER as Twilight turns to Star Tracker.

97 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
That's the prize?

Star Tracker nods, staring at Twilight, too star struck to speak. Twilight is shocked, but shakes it off.

98 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Okay! Well, I guess you should come with us, honorary family member!

99 NIGHT LIGHT  
Sure! There's always room at the bingo table.

Off Star Tracker, pleased...

**SC. 9 - EXT. MAIN DECK - BINGO TABLES - MOMENTS LATER**

The main deck is set up with rows of tables for Bingo. Night Light sits at a table, bingo cards in front of him. Star Tracker sits nearby, puzzling over his own bingo card.

100 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.)  
(over speaker) Ahem. Is everypony ready?

Night Light looks up and shouts.

101 NIGHT LIGHT  
Sure are, sweetie. Give that cage a whirl!

With that we PAN ALL THE WAY TO the other side of the deck, where Twilight stands on a small stage talking into a microphone.

Twilight squints across the boat at where her dad is waving, barely visible.

102 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(into the mic) Dad? What did you say?

PAN OVER TO REVEAL - Star Tracker is suddenly and impossibly by Twilight's side. He points to the bingo cage.

103 STAR TRACKER  
(low, mumbled) He said to give it a whirl.

104 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(surprised) Oh! Hi. Um... Thanks.

Twilight looks up to a banner above her: Twilight's face + a Bingo Spinner.

105 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
All right. Let's get this game of  
Princess Bingo started!

The ponies all <CHEER>. In the distance, Night Light waves with both hooves. Twilight squints again, but just gives up and spins out a number.

106 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
(announcing) I-19!

Across the room, Night Light <SHOUTS> and dips both hooves in ink and stamps them on his card. Twilight tries hard to see.

107 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
(into the mic) Did you get that one  
dad? Can anypony tell how my dad is  
doing?

ON NIGHT LIGHT.

108 NIGHT LIGHT  
(shouting) This Princess Bingo is  
great!

BACK ON TWILIGHT - squinting as hard as she can at her dad in the distance. PAN OVER to reveal Star Tracker is squinting right next to her.

109 STAR TRACKER  
He said Princess Bingo is great.

The crows starts to <CHANT>.

110 CRUISE PONIES  
Princess Bingo! Princess Bingo!

On the other side of the boat, Night Light joins the chant.

Back on stage, Twilight moves to spin the cage again, but Star Tracker is right next to her.

111 STAR TRACKER  
Twilight is my favorite time of  
day. And also your name. (awkward  
laugh) Ijustthoughtthatwascool.

Off Twilight's amused smile...

**SC. 10 - EXT. MAIN DECK - POOL - LATER**

Twilight rushes up, with Star Tracker close behind, to a two-laned rectangular pool, a mini paddle boat in each lane for the race. Shining Armor, life jacket on, crams himself into the comically small paddle boat in the first lane.

Twilight Velvet stands nearby with a group of CRUISE PONIES ready to watch the race.

112 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(to Shining Armor) Whew! Just made it! And I'm ready to give you the tiny boat race of your life!

Shining Armor looks up at Twilight and we reveal he is still green with air sickness.

113 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Oooh. Are you sure you're not air-sick, Big Brother?

114 SHINING ARMOR  
(holding back the sick) No way. How can I be air sick? I'm in the water, so it totally cancels out. (fights another wave of sickness)

115 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I don't think that's how it works, but I'm ready if you are!

Twilight starts to put on her life jacket and climb into the boat in the next lane when Iron Will suddenly appears.

116 IRON WILL  
TECHNICALLY, PRINCESS TWILIGHT SPARKLE SHOULD OFFICIATE THE PRINCESS PADDLE BOAT RACE.

He hands her a CHECKERED FLAG with her face on it. Twilight looks at it, unsure. Before she even turns around, Twilight Velvet, life jacket already on, climbs into the other boat.

117 TWILIGHT VELVET  
Oh, dear. I suppose I could race your brother. (re: peddles) I'll just do my best with these what-cha-ma-call-its.

118 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Oh. Well, as long as Shining Armor gets to race, I'm happy.

Twilight walks to the other end of the pool and turns around to find Star Tracker again standing RIGHT BEHIND HER.

119 STAR TRACKER  
(realizing he's in her way) Sorry.

He moves to her other side so Twilight can see the racers: Twilight Velvet prepares herself; Shining Armor fights to not feel woozy but looks pleased.

Twilight smiles. Star Tracker leans in beside her.

120 STAR TRACKER (CONT'D)  
I'm going to write about this race tonight in my journal. (fast)  
It's just so exciting.

Twilight gives him a look, then raises her flag. Star Tracker can't hide his growing excitement.

121 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Okay... On your mark... Get set...

122 STAR TRACKER  
(unable to contain himself) GO!

123 TWILIGHT VELVET  
Wooooooooo!!!!!!!

Twilight Velvet suddenly starts paddling like she's possessed. In a flurry of splashes her boat surges across the pool in a flash, creating a wave. She reaches the end of the pool and adjusts her life jacket. Star Tracker helps a stunned Twilight wave the checkered flag.

124 TWILIGHT VELVET (CONT'D)  
My word, that was exciting. Wasn't it son?

They all look back to see Shining Armor still at the starting line, too sick to peddle. He starts to get out.

125 SHINING ARMOR  
Just so everypony knows, I'm getting out of this boat because of how not sick I feel.

As Shining Armor tries to drag himself out of the boat, Twilight Velvet walks over to help him.

126 TWILIGHT VELVET  
That's all right dear, we'll take you back to the room.

Twilight Velvet leads Shining Armor off. Twilight hands the checkered flag back to Iron Will and starts to follow, but Iron Will stops her - holding out the flag.

127           IRON WILL  
THAT WAS JUST THE FIRST HEAT-- OF  
TEN (then into microphone) NOW  
WHO'S READY TO SEE A PRINCESS FACE  
WHEN THEY WIN THEIR RACE?!

Again, the ponies all CHEER. Twilight looks to see Star Tracker and another pony climbing into the paddle boats at the starting line. More ponies wait in line for their turn.

Twilight takes the flag back with a <SIGH>.

**SC. 11 - EXT. MAIN DECK - PLAY AREA - LATER**

Flurry Heart sits with a small group of baby foals. She floats a block on top of a pyramid, but it starts to fall. Cadance magics it back on top and the babies all GIGGLE. Cadance smiles as a harried Twilight walks up - Star Tracker on her heels.

128           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Cadance. I'm so glad you got the  
Pee-wee Princess Playtime in.

129           CADANCE  
Flurry is having a wonderful time.

Twilight fumbles with her cruise schedule.

130           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(not listening) That's great-- I'm  
just on my way to take some Old-  
Time Appleosan Photos...

131           STAR TRACKER  
Themed photo shoots are the best.

132           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
...then do a quick question and  
answer session on becoming an  
Alicorn before Mom's barrel ride at  
Neighagra Falls. (suddenly worried)  
I really hope I don't miss that!

133           CADANCE  
Are you sure you don't mind doing  
all of these Princess activities?

Twilight looks up from her schedule.

134 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(quickly covering) Mind? What?  
Absolutely not! I mean, you guys  
are having fun, right? Besides, I  
have to make sure these cruise  
ponies are happy if I want to be a  
good Princess.

135 CADANCE  
You're already a good Princess,  
Twilight.

136 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Honestly, as long as I get to see  
the Northern Stars tonight with  
everyone I'll be happy.

Twilight looks back to the schedule again.

137 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
But right now I've got some  
pictures to take. See you later!

With that, Twilight and Star Tracker leave. Cadance looks over as an INTENSE PARENT PONY sets her baby down next to Flurry.

138 FORCEFUL PARENT PONY  
(intense, to her child) Why don't  
you play and make a Princess  
friend!

Suddenly two more babies are set down a little too close to Flurry who looks up at Cadance, unsure.

Cadance quickly uses her magic to lift a relieved Flurry into her arms.

139 CADANCE  
(smiles) I am so sorry, everypony,  
but it looks like Flurry needs her  
nap.

#### **SC. 12 - EST. NEIGHAGRA FALLS - DAY**

The zeppelin is anchored to a cloud just beside a series of waterfalls which several ponies ride over in barrels.

#### **SC. 13 - EXT. MAIN DECK - LATER**

Twilight Sparkle and Star Tracker (wearing a cowboy hat) rush across the deck toward the gangplank.

140 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Why did that last question have to be a two-parter? I just hope I have time for one barrel ride with mom.

Twilight stops short as she sees a soaking wet and beaming Twilight Velvet, wearing a helmet and life-jacket, still in a barrel, being carried up the gangplank by a few ponies. Night Light follows behind.

141 TWILIGHT VELVET  
(still amped up, neighs the "Neigh" in Neighagra) Neighagra Falls was amazing! The endless open air! The water in my mane! The small confines of the barrel!

142 NIGHT LIGHT  
(joking) Another "relaxing vacation" in the books, hon.

Twilight Sparkle watches them, stunned. The ponies put down the barrel and trot away. Twilight Velvet gets out, settling down as the adrenalin wears off. She looks up at Twilight.

143 TWILIGHT VELVET  
Oh, honey, I know you're disappointed, but we waited as long as we could. Maybe you should take a break from these Princess things?

144 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(disappointed) Disappointed? No. I've just been answering some detailed questions about Alicorns, and you know how much I love details.

145 TWILIGHT VELVET  
I just don't want you to forget It's you're vacation too.

146 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
How can I when it's a totally successful vacation?!

147 NIGHT LIGHT  
(shares a look with Twilight Velvet) All right. Well, we can't wait to see those Northern Stars!

With that, Twilight's parents exit. She watches, crestfallen as they head below. Suddenly Iron Will appears at her side.

148           IRON WILL  
IRON WILL LIVED UP TO HIS SIDE OF  
THE BARGAIN AND PRINCESS TWILIGHT  
ONLY HAS ONE MORE THING TO DO FOR  
THE DAY.

He gestures to a few ponies with autograph books lined up in front of a small table. He talks into his microphone again.

149           IRON WILL (CONT'D)  
(through speakers) ALL RIGHT  
PONIES. IT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE. COME  
GET IN LINE IF YOU WANT THE  
PRINCESS TO SIGN!

Distraught, Twilight watches as the line starts to grow...

DISSOLVE TO:

**SC. 14 - EXT. MAIN DECK - LATER**

Twilight signs autographs. The long line DISSOLVES with time. Twilight looks up at the sun hanging low in the sky.

DISSOLVE TO:

**SC. 15 - EXT. MAIN DECK - LATER**

Twilight's still signing autographs, faster, and with less enthusiasm. Finally, she gets to the last pony in line. She looks up to hand an autograph to... Star Tracker!

150           TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
How long have you been waiting?

He shrugs, embarrassed. Suddenly, Twilight looks up at the darkening sky.

151           TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
Oh, no. What time is it!?

**SC. 16 - EXT. OTHER SIDE OF MAIN DECK - MOMENTS LATER**

Twilight bolts across the deck, Star Tracker behind her, as the sky gets darker and darker.

They round a corner: The whole family sits on a blanket, picnic spread, looking up at the sky in awe. Twilight catches the tail end of a single FLASHING LIGHT. She blinks away the brightness and opens her eyes to see her family packing up, and walking toward her; they don't see her yet.

152 SHINING ARMOR  
I think those Northern Stars were  
worth a little air-sickness... For  
Flurry Heart, I mean.

Twilight stares, heartbroken. As her eyes fill with tears...

**END ACT TWO**

**ACT THREE**

**SC. 17 - EXT. MAIN DECK - NIGHT - RESUME**

Twilight stares out at the dim night sky, stunned.

153 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I missed them? I missed the  
Northern Stars?

The family turns and finally sees Twilight standing there  
with Star Tracker.

154 CADANCE  
You were right, Twilight. They were  
breathtaking.

155 NIGHT LIGHT  
We wish you'd been here to see it,  
but we're sure you were making a  
whole bunch of cruise ponies happy.

Night Light puts a hoof around Star Tracker who beams.

156 STAR TRACKER  
I'm so happy I could cry.

157 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(seething) Oh, yeah. (getting  
progressively angrier) The cruise  
ponies are happy. My family is  
happy. Even Iron Will is happy. You  
know who isn't happy? ME!

Angry, Twilight stomps her hoof, which lands on Star  
Tracker's hoof. He <YELPS> in pain.

158 STAR TRACKER  
Ow! My hoof!

Twilight spins on him, upset.

159 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I'm sorry but maybe that wouldn't  
have happened if you weren't  
practically standing on my tail!  
Not even my real family stands so  
close!

Star Tracker shrinks back, hurt. Twilight <GRUNTS> in  
frustration and runs off, upset.

**SC. 18 - EXT. MAIN DECK - NIGHT**

Twilight stands at the rail looking out at the night sky,  
despondent. Cadance walks up.

160 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I only made that deal with Iron  
Will so my family and the cruise  
ponies could have the vacation they  
wanted.

161 CADANCE  
What about what you wanted?

162 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I just want everypony to be happy.

163 CADANCE  
Sometimes ponies want more from a  
Princess than you can give and it  
can be hard to know where to draw  
the line.

164 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
You seemed to know pretty well.

165 CADANCE  
Once I had Flurry Heart, the line  
was easier for me to see.

Cadance steps up and puts a wing around Twilight.

166 CADANCE (CONT'D)  
You will always have obligations as  
a princess, but you also have an  
obligation to yourself.

Twilight takes all this in with a big breath.

167 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
You're right. I think I need to set  
some boundaries, but first, I owe  
somepony an apology.

**SC. 19 - INT. FAMILY SUITE - A FEW MOMENTS LATER**

Twilight and Cadance enter to find the family gathered around Star Tracker who has his hoof up. Twilight Velvet puts a bag of ice on it.

168 TWILIGHT VELVET  
How's that, dearie?

169 STAR TRACKER  
Better, thanks (seeing Twilight,  
then fast), butIthinkIshouldgo.

Star Tracker starts to get up, but Twilight stops him.

170 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
No, Star Tracker, you should stay.  
I have something to tell you.

Twilight looks to her family.

171 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
I have something to tell all of  
you... I'm glad you all got to do  
the things you wanted, but I should  
have stood up for myself so that I  
could do what I wanted too.

She bends down to Star Tracker.

172 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
It wasn't fair of me to lash out at  
you. If I felt like you were  
standing too close, I should have  
said something. I'm sorry... I  
really am glad we got to meet.

Twilight sees her chart, an idea forming.

173 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
(to her family) What do you say we  
do something off the schedule?

The entire family GASPS, jaws dropping. They can't believe what they just heard.

174 SHINING ARMOR  
I'm sorry, did you say off  
schedule?!

175 STAR TRACKER  
(eyes widen in disbelief, then  
whispers) Who are you?

176 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Yep! We're gonna do something I  
want us to do... as a family. (to  
Star Tracker) Honorary members too.

Off Star Tracker's face breaking into a wide smile...

**SC. 20 - EXT. MAIN DECK - ICE CREAM CART - NIGHT**

The family and Star Tracker share LAUGHS over ice cream.  
Twilight Sparkle passes a cone to Shining Armor.

177 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Here you go, brother. Your favorite  
- green apple!

Shining Armor's face turns as green as his ice cream which  
Flurry Heart gobbles for him in one bite.

Star Tracker taps Twilight. She turns to find him a step  
further away than usual.

178 STAR TRACKER  
You and your family have been  
really kind to include me, but you  
deserve your own vacation together.  
(fast) And I'm really glad we met too.

They smile and hug. Star Tracker walks away waving and bumps  
into-- Iron Will. Iron Will looks at Twilight and her family  
eating their ice cream and grabs his mic.

179 IRON WILL  
(through speaker) ATTENTION CRUISE  
PONIES. IF IT'S YOUR DREAM, COME TO  
THE DECK FOR ICE CREAM!

As excited ponies start to filter onto the deck, Star Tracker  
turns and gets in Iron Will's face.

180 STAR TRACKER  
Ooohh no! Leave the Princess alone!

Cadance, Shining Armor, Night Light and Flurry Heart also  
march towards him, angry. But Twilight steps forward.

181 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
It's okay everypony.

She magics the mic off of Iron Will's head.

182 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
(to Iron Will) I'll take that.  
(into the mic) Ahem. First, I want  
to thank all of you for coming. It  
means a lot that you'd spend your  
hard earned bits just to be with  
us, but I honestly came on this  
cruise to take some time off from  
being a Princess. I'm just a pony  
too, after all.

The cruise ponies look at each other, MUMBLING IN CONFUSION.

183 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
(nods) And even though I want  
everypony here to be happy, I'd  
really like to spend the rest of  
the cruise relaxing with my family.

184 CRUISE PONY #2  
Of course, Princess Twilight!

The rest of the cruise ponies all nod in agreement.

185 CRUISE PONY #3  
But why was this trip advertised as  
a Cruise of the Princesses if you  
just wanted to get away?

The cruise ponies all turn to Iron Will who's already trying  
to tip-toe away.

186 IRON WILL  
IRON WILL'S CRUISE OF THE  
PRINCESSES MAKES NO GUARANTEES AS  
TO THE PARTICIPATION OF ACTUAL  
PRINCESSES.

187 CRUISE PONY #2  
What!?

188 IRON WILL  
BUT, IRON WILL LEARNED HIS LESSON  
BEFORE. SATISFACTION NOT  
GUARANTEED. NO REFUNDS!

Iron Will suddenly jumps off ship. As everypony GASPS and  
rushes to the rail, they look over to see Iron Will pulling  
open a parachute and floating away to safety.

189 SHINING ARMOR  
Wow. He may be pushy and  
manipulative, but nopony can say  
that Minotaur isn't prepared.

**SC. 21 - EXT. MAIN DECK - LATER**

Twilight and Cadance stroll along the main deck, under the night sky. Twilight, back to her usual self, floats a schedule scroll in front of her.

190 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
(excited) There are still plenty of activities. We pass Filly Delphia on the way back -- I could give Flurry Heart a quick history tour!

191 CADANCE  
(laughs) That's very thoughtful, but right now, the family and I have something scheduled for you.

Twilight magics her scroll to roll up REVEALING--

Night Light holding a cardboard sun made up of Bingo cards, while Cadance magics Shining Armor, Twilight Velvet and Flurry Heart (dressed as stars) in the air, as they pretend to burst from the "sun" and fly into the air.

192 NIGHT LIGHT  
Behold the Northern Stars!

193 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
You all did this for me? This is amazing! Thank you! And Shining Armor, I can't believe you're up there even though you're air-sick.

194 SHINING ARMOR  
(green-faced) I am not-- (with a sudden intense wave of sickness) -- okay, maybe I'm not feeling great.

The family LAUGHS. Cadance magics Shining Armor out of his harness and floats him into a deck chair. Twilight sits down beside him as Flurry swings on her rope.

195 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Now this is the only activity I need.

As the family smiles and gathers around we...

FADE OUT

**END.**