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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.)
AHM! 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 Appleoosan 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), but I think I should go.

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.