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**PRINCESS CRUISE**

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*Friendship Lesson: Twilight learns there's a difference between being a good Princess and being taken advantage of.*

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

PRINCESS TWILIGHT reads a fire message that comes through SPIKE: "Oh wow! My parents won a zeppelin air cruise? For the whole family?!" She jumps in glee -- the family hasn't been able to go on a vacation since Cadance and Flurry Heart joined. "I'm going on a cruise for my first ever family vacation!" But when she sees stacks of work on her desk, she worries she can't go. She can't just abandon her duties as the Princess of Friendship. Spike encourages her that she deserves time off. Besides, he and Starlight can keep an eye on things! Twilight: "You're right! I'm gonna go pack!" She darts out of the room then darts back in: "I'M GOING ON VACATION WITH MY FAMILY!!!" Alone, Spike: "Wait for it..." Twilight (O.S.): "Ooh! There are activities! I get to make a schedule!!" Spike: "There it is."

**END TEASER****MAIN TITLES****ACT 1****SC. 2 - EXT. ZEPPELIN CRUISE SHIP - BOARDING DOCK - DAY**

Twilight, PRINCESS CADANCE, SHINING ARMOR, FLURRY HEART, NIGHT LIGHT and TWILIGHT VELVET board a big floating ship. They couldn't be more excited. Shining Armor is pumped to finally feel the wonders of what his winged family members experience: Flying! An announcement comes over mega-horn like speakers: "YOU FEEL WELCOMED ABOARD!" Hm, that's oddly assertive...

**SC. 3 - INT. ZEPPELIN CRUISE SHIP - FAMILY SUITE - DAY**

The family marvels over their beautiful suite. Night Light: "One of the perks of winning a contest we don't even remember entering!" Twilight says that's odd, but her excitement over getting to build a schedule overtakes it. She asks everypony what they want to do? They all jump in with their ideas. Night Light: "OH! OH! BINGO!" Twilight Velvet: "BARREL JUMPING AT NEIGHAGRA FALLS!" Shining Armor: "LIMBO CONTEST!" Cadance: "Mommy and me hoof painting with Flurry Heart!" As Twilight works her schedule-magic (literally), she says that's perfect - because they can do all that and still have time to do her activity. She explains the ship will pass the Frozen North at the very moment the sun sets which is the only time and place it looks like stars shoot out of the setting sun-rays and burst into the night sky like fireworks -- It's called Sunset-Stars! It's a once in a lifetime view and she wants to share it with the family and have dinner on the deck. Everyone Oohs and Aahhs and agrees they definitely don't want to miss that.

But what should they do right now? An announcement comes over the speakers: “YOU WILL JOIN THE TOUR! IT STARTS NOW!” They turn to each other -- A tour could be fun!

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

The family emerges to find they're already airborne. Shining Armor trots to the rail to spread his hooves a la Titanic: “I'm flying! I'm flying!” But his cheeks puff out, and he grabs his stomach, obviously air-sick. Not wanting anyone to know, he makes up an excuse to go back to the suite. “Does Flurry Heart need to be changed? I think she needs to be changed.” He grabs Flurry Heart and ducks away.

The ANNOUNCER, who we have yet to see, starts the tour. First up: Cloudsdale! He informs that Princess Twilight Sparkle sat her very own flank on one of these clouds to watch the Best Young Flyer competition! ...Hm, how did he know that? But before she can wonder about it too long, she notices a few CRUISE PONIES whispering and pointing at her and her family. She blushes and waves and then suggests they move to the other side of the deck for some privacy.

#### **SC. 5 - EXT. ZEPPELIN CRUISE SHIP - OTHER SIDE OF MAIN DECK - MOMENTS LATER**

This is much better! They have a private view of what's next. Announcer: “LOOK AT THE ROYAL CANTERLOT TREE! THAT IS WHERE PRINCESS TWILIGHT AND SHINING ARMOR WERE BORN!” Twilight says no it's not. But then she turns to see her parents rushing over to look at it. She asks them why - they know she and Shining Armor weren't born there. Night Light: “But it's a really nice tree!” Twilight Velvet: “And we don't get this view of our home town too often. Not all of us are alicorns, dear!” Some of the nearby cruise ponies overhear and walk up to Twilight and her family: “We just wanted to say we're so excited to be here!!” Twilight, confused but polite: “Yeah, me too.”

Announcer: “AND IF YOU LOOK IN THE DISTANCE, YOU CAN JUST MAKE OUT THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE, PRINCESS CADANCE RESCUED HER ALICORN BABY NAMED SPIKE FROM AN EMPIRE MONSTER MADE OF CRYSTAL!” Cadance: “Hey, that's not true! (then) But if we're passing by our home, I might just fly down and pick up Flurry's pacifier.”

Shining Armor rejoins them with Flurry Heart as Cadance and Twilight wonder why the announcer keeps talking about them. They determine Night Light and Twilight Velvet must've answered questions about their family for the contest. They turn to ask, but find them posing for photos with Flurry Heart! What gives?! Twilight Velvet and Night Light say the nice ponies wanted a photo of the Royal Baby with her Royal Grandparents! “Can you imagine!? They called us Royal Grandparents!” Then the family notices ponies wearing t-shirts with the Princess's faces on them and merchandised Flurry Heart wings and wigs! Twilight asks where the announcer is. Somepony practically bursts with happiness to tell The Princess the right answer! The pony points behind Twilight to a covered platform above the main deck. Twilight thanks the over-eager pony and flies up there figure out what exactly is going on!

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

Twilight taps the announcer's back: “Excuse me. I don't know if you know, but the Royal family is on board, and we'd appreciate it if you eased up on all the Royal ‘facts.’” The announcer turns around and it's... IRON WILL! When he introduces himself, Twilight says Fluttershy told her all about him. He's that minotaur who was giving assertiveness seminars! He admits that that didn't work out so well due to

ponies getting way too assertive... so he had to make a career shift. Twilight thinks it's great that he found a new path but asks if he could please stop mentioning the Royal Family? They're here to enjoy their vacation and mentioning them so much is drawing too much attention. Iron Will: "WHY WOULD IRON WILL TALK ABOUT ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE ROYAL FAMILY WHEN..." Into microphone: "THIS IS A PRINCESS CRUISE!" Twilight: "What?!?" All the ponies below cheer! Off of Twilight exchanging shocked looks with her family...

## **END ACT 1**

## **ACT 2**

### **SC. 7 - INT. FAMILY SUITE - DAY**

Cadance pushes the door shut, shielding the family from the cheering crowd. Iron Will lounges on the couch while Princess Twilight voices her concern and surprise about this being a Princess Cruise. All the while, ponies pop up in the windows, taking photos, confessing their love, etc. Iron Will pulls out a chart and shows the number of ponies on this cruise who paid good bits to spend time with the Royal Family. He says they wouldn't want to let everypony down by not doing all the advertised Princess Activities would they? They'd be disappointing a lot of ponies. Twilight hangs her head. She feels trapped, she can't just ignore her responsibilities as Princess. But she really wanted to just spend time with her family. Her parents say it's all right, they can try to do both! No big deal! She thanks them. Afterall, she really doesn't want to let everypony down. Iron Will: "GREAT. WE NEED YOU TO APPEAR AT THE RAFFLE!" Iron Will promises it won't take long. Twilight looks at their schedule: No problem. They have ten minutes before Bingo, she can totally draw a winner for a raffle and meet her family there!

### **SC. 8 - EXT. MAIN DECK - RAFFLE GATHERING - MOMENTS LATER**

Cadance, Flurry Heart, and Shining Armor (still putting on a tough face) mingle with ponies. Night Light and Twilight Velvet show embarrassing baby photos of their kids. Twilight is at the front: "All I have to do is announce a winner, and we can move on." Twilight picks a name: "Star Tracker! You win!" A male pony, with a cutie mark of hoof-prints following a star, drops his jaw, shocked he won. Twilight congratulates him and rounds up her family to leave only to find Star Tracker following on her hooves. Turns out the raffle prize was to spend a day with Twilight! Twilight throws a look at Iron Will. He challenges her to let down all the hopes and dreams of Star Tracker, who is way too starstruck to say anything. Twilight goes along with it for Star Tracker's sake. At least she'll get to play Bingo with Dad...

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

Night Light and Twilight Velvet are at a bingo table by themselves. They wave to Twilight, two tables over, spinning the bingo numbers. Twilight asks Star Tracker (who's literally breathing down her neck) if he'd spin so she can sit with her parents. Iron Will: "IT CANNOT BE PRINCESS BINGO WITHOUT A PRINCESS LEADING THE GAME." The ponies chant her name, and Twilight caves, calling out a number. Night Light dips both hooves in ink and stamps down hard on both cards. As Twilight spins again, Star Tracker awkwardly whispers that he was her for "Nightmare Night" last year.

### **Sc. 10 - EXT. MAIN DECK - PLAY PEN - LATER**

Twilight joins Cadance by the playpen and asks how Mommy and Me Playtime is going? Cadance says not so great... REVEAL Flurry Heart is in the playpen along with other babies and moms trying to get them all to play with each other. One mom not-so-subtly yells “Go play with the princess!” to a baby who just wants to eat blocks. Flurry is happily playing until some parents put their babies right up next to her, then she gets overwhelmed and starts crying. Twilight tells Cadance: “Don’t worry, Auntie Twiley’s got her!” She magics Flurry out of the pen but before she can hold her, Iron Will pulls her away for Royal Sibling Limbo! Cadance takes Flurry and waves bye to Twilight.

#### **SC. 11 - EXT. MAIN DECK - LIMBO PARTY - LATER**

Festive Limbo music plays and Twilight stands next to a slightly green Shining Armor, but he’s putting on a brave face! “You sure you’re ready, Twiley? I am the family limbo champion!” Twiligh laughs: “You won one time!” Shining Armor is about to say something else when he has to hold his breath. He’s really battling air sickness. Twilight: “Are you sure you’re doing ok?” Shining Armor insists he’s well enough to crush in Limbo! Twilight smiles: “Bring it on, Big Brother!” But just then Iron Will approaches. “ATTENTION LIMBO-ERS THE LIMBO STICK WILL BE HELD BY PRINCESS TWILIGHT AND HER BROTHER, SHINING ARMOR! OOOH AND AAHH!” Everypony does. Twilight tries to subtly tell Iron Will that she’d really rather play limbo with her brother but Iron Will reminds her that she wouldn’t want to disappoint all these excited limbo-ing ponies! She sighs and mouths “Sorry” to Shining Armor as she takes her place holding the limbo stick.

#### **SC. 12 - EXT. MAIN DECK - OUTSIDE FAMILY SUITE - LATER**

Twilight walks with Star Tracker, going over the schedule, now packed to the brim with Iron Will’s bidding. They bump into her parents who raise their eyebrows at the tight schedule -- Why doesn’t she come rest with them before Neighagra Falls? Twilight looks from the schedule to her parents. She apologizes, but ponies are expecting her; it’s just part of her Princess job. She will meet them for barrel jumping though! Her parents understand; they kiss her. Then Star Tracker gives them both hugs too, calling them Mom and Dad as they leave. Thoroughly weirded out, Twilight pulls her parents aside. Twilight: “It was really sneaky what Iron Will did, but all these ponies paid their hard earned bits to Limbo under a stick held by the Princess and, well... that’s my responsibility, right?” NL and TV tell her they understand she’s frustrated but they really are so proud of her. She smiles weakly. “Thanks guys! As long as I don’t miss the Sunset-Stars I’ll be good!” She notices Star Tracker has been eavesdropping on their conversation, Twilight: “Right, Star Tracker?” But rather than being embarrassed, Star Tracker just excitedly exclaims: “Princess Twilight confided in me!” He faints. CUT TO:

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

As Iron Will announces over the speaker that they’ve arrived at Neighagra Falls, Twilight starts to leave. But Iron Will continues his announcement: “AND FOR THE PONIES WHO HAVE A FEAR OF HEIGHTS, PRINCESS TWILIGHT WILL BE SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS!” Twilight: “What?!” First of all, she didn’t sign up for this. Second, aren’t they already high up in the zeppelin?? But then she sees the line of expectant ponies and relents. DISSOLVE TO...

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

Twilight signs the last autograph for none other than Star Tracker. Twilight: “You got in line to get my autograph?” Then her parents walk in, soaking wet, fresh from barrel rolling. They had so much fun, they’re sorry Twilight had to miss it! Off of Twilight’s frustrated sigh we CUT TO:

#### **SC. 15 - INT. FAMILY SUITE - LATER**

Twilight and Star Tracker burst in. She’s hungry and tired and just wants to wash up before the dinner on the deck during Sunset-Stars and-- She stops short. Iron Will’s there with a group of ponies who are having friendship problems with each other! Iron Will: “IMAGINE THEM AS YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS, WITH YOUR IMAGINATION.” She does and can’t turn them down. She looks at the time; she has a few minutes. As she sits: “Okay, let’s figure this out.” As all the ponies start talking at once....

#### **SC. 16 - EXT. MAIN DECK - LATER**

Twilight and Star Tracker race out of the suite -- The sky gets darker and darker. They round the corner to find the whole family sitting at the table looking at the sky in awe. Twilight catches the tail end of a flashing light. Her family smiles and says the Sunset-Stars were beautiful. “Truly a once in a lifetime....Oh hey, Twilight!” Twilight’s eyes fill up with tears: she can not believe she missed it!!

#### **END ACT 2**

### **ACT 3**

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

Twilight’s on the edge of tears, because she missed the Sunset-Stars. It was bad enough that she missed out on quality time with her family, but this was the one thing she was most excited to do with them, and she missed it! Angry, she stomps her hoof which lands on Star Tracker’s hoof. He yelps in pain. Twilight: “Well it wouldn’t have happened if you weren’t always standing soo close! Don’t you have anywhere else to be?!” Star Tracker shrinks back. Twilight runs off, upset. The family watches, concerned.

#### **SC. 18 - INT. FAMILY SUITE - NIGHT**

The family enters to find Twilight sulking on the couch. Cadance sits with Twilight -- They know she’s upset about missing the Sunset-Stars, but she doesn’t think it’s Star Tracker she’s mad at. Twilight sighs. She just doesn’t understand how everypony else got to spend time together but she didn’t. Cadance suggests maybe Twilight is mad because she allowed herself to be taken advantage of. She didn’t have to say yes to all those things. Twilight asks how Cadance got out of Princess duties with Iron Will. Cadance: “Oh once you have babies, they’re the only ones allowed to take advantage of you.” Twilight’s parents: “We all had to say no, sweetheart! This trip is for us.” Cadance: “You will always have obligations as a princess, but you need to understand you have an obligation to yourself.”

Twilight takes a big breath. They’re right. And now, she’d like to do something off schedule, something Iron Will doesn’t know about -- Ice cream! Hooray! They head out; Twilight brings Star Tracker along as an apology. Little do they know though, Iron Will was eavesdropping outside the window! Dun-dun-dun....

#### **SC. 19 - EXT. MAIN DECK - ICE CREAM STATION - NIGHT**

As Twilight serves her family ice cream, this comes out of the speakers: “PRINCESS TWILIGHT WILL SERVE YOU ICE CREAM ON THE MAIN DECK NOW!” Finding Iron Will right behind them, the family bursts out in anger, but Twilight steps front and center. As the deck fills with ice cream hungry ponies, Twilight takes Iron Will’s mic so the whole ship hears her: “Iron Will, while I love being a Princess, I lost sight of my own needs and let you take advantage of me.” She turns to the ponies: “You’re all welcome to visit my castle during princess hours, but for the rest of the trip, consider me and my family regular ponies, on a regular family vacation, like we wanted from the beginning. No photos, no autographs, no more raffles or limbo... please.”

All the ponies are so sorry - They had no idea! But why was this advertised as a Princess Cruise? They turn to Iron Will, who’s already trying to slip away. They reprimand him, and they’re pretty sure the bits they paid for the cruise are NOT going to the Pony School for the Friendless like he advertised either. Iron Will: “IRON WILL LEARNED HIS LESSON FROM FLUTTERSHY. SATISFACTION NOT GUARANTEED. NO REFUNDS!” Then he suddenly jumps off ship. Everyone gasps and looks over, then see he’s safely floating away on a parachute.

Twilight thanks Star Tracker for all his admiration, but she needs to end their day together. Star Tracker holds up a hoof -- “Don’t worry. If I knows anything, I know when I’m not wanted.” They smile at each other.

#### **SC. 20 - EXT. MAIN DECK - LATER**

As the family walk back to their room to turn in for the night, Twilight talks about setting a whole new schedule of things she wants to do tomorrow with the family - definitely wants to do the educational expedition when they stop at the Ponyma Canal. Cadance, laughing, says it’s nice to see her planning things for herself, but right now, they want to give her the chance to see the Sunset-Stars. Twilight: “But that’s impossible, the sun’s already gone and--” Twilight looks up to see Night Light holding up a cardboard sun made of Bingo cards, and Twilight Velvet leading Shining Armor and Flurry Heart on a pulley system to burst from the “sun” and swing in the air. Twilight can’t believe they did this for her! Off of the family enjoying their own “Sunset-Stars”, we...FADE OUT! THE END.