

MY LITTLE PONY
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PRINCESS CRUISE

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Friendship lesson: There's a difference between being a good friend and being taken advantage of!

When Mr. and Mrs. Sparkle tell Twilight they've won an all-expenses paid zeppelin cruise, Twilight is pumped. Even though she loves being the Princess of Friendship, she'll be happy to take a break from her duties and spend some quality time with her parents, Princess Cadance, Shining Armor, and Flurry Heart!

As soon as they arrive, Twilight makes a schedule of what her family wants to do. Everypony suggests something different but all agree they're most excited for a quiet family dinner on the deck at sunset! When they leave their room, a huge crowd of cheering, photo-snapping ponies smother them! Turns out the cruise director is none other than Iron Will. He announces what the Royal Family is really there for: To entertain the entire ship! And the ship has already taken off -- There's no way out!

Twilight confronts Iron Will who explains in an overly loud, smiley, host-voice that all these ponies paid good money to spend time with royalty! Twilight decides she doesn't want to let down everypony as the Princess of Friendship... Besides, Iron Will promises it won't take up too much time... But it does! Twilight repeatedly finds herself pulled away from her family to do Iron Will's bidding: she's tricked into being auctioned off to a mega Fan-Pony with whom Twilight has to spend the entire day; she has to limbo with her fans instead of her brother ; and karaoke time with Cadance is ruined when Iron Will turns it into a princess performance. When Twilight finally catches up with her family, she realizes that the sun has already set -- Oh no! They missed their dinner!

The family consoles Twilight (Fan-Pony is awkwardly there, in awe of being in their suite). Twilight was so looking forward to some family time, but she feels bad that everypony on the ship wants to spend time with her too. After Princess Cadance gives Twilight solid advice about knowing when to say no, Twilight suggests they do something off-list that Iron Will doesn't know about: Stargazing! But Iron Will finds them on deck and tries to pull Twilight away again. Twilight finally says "No!" She voices everything she's missed out on and everything she wanted the trip to be: Family Time! Little does Twilight know, all the cruise ponies are on the deck below and heard everything! Twilight starts to apologize, but they cut her off -- They are mad, but not at her! They're mad at Iron Will for false advertising! They would've never bothered the Royal Family so much had they known this was their vacation. And they're pretty sure the bits they paid for the cruise are NOT going to the Pony School for the Friendless like Iron Will advertised either. Iron Will confesses that his Assertiveness Seminars are out of business and that he took this job out of desperation; he hates cruises! As host, he's been smiling for so long, he can't stop! His cheeks hurt so much. Having heard all of Iron Will's confessions, the cruise ponies all demand a refund! Twilight tells Iron Will, had he just been honest and straight forward instead of trying to manipulate everypony, he wouldn't be in this predicament. He apologizes.

The cruise ponies happily give Twilight and her family privacy. Fan-Pony awkwardly hangs around until Twilight politely asks her to leave. Then Twilight and her family finally have their dinner together, just a little later than planned: under the rising moon.