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Friendship Lesson: There's a difference between being responsible and being taken advantage of.

TEASER

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

TWILIGHT SPARKLE reads a book while SPIKE brings her a quill. He looks as if he's going to burp, but instead, a scroll message 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 takes the message, unfurling it with magic.

2 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(SURPRISED) That's weird. It's from my parents. (READS) Spike! They won a zeppelin air cruise and... (GASP) They want to take the whole family!

Twilight jumps in glee.

3 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
We haven't had a vacation since before Cadance and Shining Armor got married! This'll be our first ever family vacation all together!

Twilight jumps again and this time lands right in front of a huge stack of work on her desk. Her face drops.

4 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Oh no... I can't just abandon my duties as Princess of Friendship...

Twilight starts to go through the stack of work, but Spike gently nudges her aside.

5 SPIKE
You won't have to.

6 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What do you mean?

7 SPIKE
(LOOKING OVER THE PAPERS) I'm pretty sure I can update the Friendship log, keep track of community morale, and answer the fan mail for a few days.

8 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But Spike, if you stay here, you won't be able to go and you're as much a part of my family as anypony.

9 SPIKE
I know, but you work so hard. You deserve the time off.

Twilight thinks for a moment, then gives in.

10 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You're the best, Spike.

She hugs him.

11 SPIKE
I know... I mean, thanks.

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

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

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

She runs back out, leaving Spike alone.

14 SPIKE
Wait for it...

She sticks her head back in.

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

16 SPIKE
There it is.

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES**ACT ONE****SC. 2 EXT. 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.

17 TWILIGHT VELVET
Wooooo-hooo! Family Cruise! Let the extreme adventure begin!

18 NIGHT LIGHT
I don't know how extreme I want it, dear, but I know we'll all have a great time.

Shining Armor excitedly gallops up the ramp ahead of Cadance, Flurry Heart, and Twilight.

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

20 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Don't you get air-sick, big brother?

21 SHINING ARMOR
(defensive) What? No! That's ridiculous.

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, entangling herself in the velvet drapes.

24 CADANCE
Well, Flurry Heart is comfortable here! This place is almost nicer than our castle.

25 NIGHT LIGHT
Guess this is what it's like to be big time prize winners.

26 TWILIGHT VELVET
I just wish either of us knew what contest it was that we won.

27 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(suspicious) Wait. Neither of you know where this prize came from?

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

28 NIGHT LIGHT
When somepony offers you a free cruise, you just sign the paperwork and don't ask a lot of questions.

29 TWILIGHT VELVET
Especially when it means we all get to be together. What should we do first?!

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

30 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It's a good thing I already categorized the ship's activities and made a schedule organized by each of our interests!

The rest of the family settle down as Twilight unrolls the scroll revealing a BIG CHART. She floats a pointer out of her bag and uses it as she talks.

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

32 NIGHT LIGHT
Yes! Or should I say... BINGO!

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

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

35 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
And Cadance? There's a mommy and me
playtime (points) here that Flurry
is going to love.

36 CADANCE
Wonderful!

Twilight Velvet walks up and looks closely at the chart.

37 TWILIGHT VELVET
Oooh! sign me up for barrel jumping
at ("neighs" the "Neigh"agra)
Neighagra Falls! That sounds
extreme, right?

Surprised at her mom's pick, Twilight pulls out a quill and
crosses out one box and writes in another.

38 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Really? Okay, actually that works
out perfectly because we'll all
still be available to do what I
want.

39 NIGHT LIGHT
What is it that you want to do,
sweetie?

40 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm glad you asked!

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

41 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Our ship will pass the Frozen North
at sunset, which is the only time
and place to see the "Northern
Stars." Basically it looks like
stars are shooting out of the
setting sun like fireworks. It's
going to be amazing.

The family MURMURS IN EXCITEMENT. Flurry coos with delight.

42 TWILIGHT VELVET
That sounds absolutely thrilling!

43 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
The view of the Northern Stars from
the air **should** be particularly
stunning and I want to share it
with all of you. *

44 CADANCE
We definitely don't want to miss
that.

45 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:

46 IRON WILL (O.S.)
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.

47 CADANCE
(hesitant) A tour could be fun.

48 IRON WILL (O.S.)
OUR SEE THE SIGHTS TOUR IS SUPER
FUN, BUT YOU'LL MISS OUT IF YOU
DON'T RUN! *

Off the family exchanging uncertain looks again...

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*.

49 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.

50 CADANCE
Would you mind taking Flurry below?
I'm afraid she may be air-sick. Of
course I know that it isn't a
problem for you.

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

51 IRON WILL (O.S.)
TO OUR LEFT IS CLOUDSDALE WHERE
PRINCESS TWILIGHT SPARKLE ONCE
WATCHED THE BEST YOUNG FLYER
COMPETITION.

52 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Huh? Why would the cruise ponies
know about that?

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

53 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.

54 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This is much better! Actually, I
think this is exactly where we
should come to see the Northern
Stars.

55 IRON WILL (O.S.)
(through speaker) TO OUR RIGHT IS
THE ROYAL CANTERLOT TREE WHERE
PRINCESS TWILIGHT AND HER BROTHER
SHINING ARMOR WERE BORN!

56 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What? That's not **even** right.

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

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

58 TWILIGHT VELVET
Well, we never get this view of our
town, dear.

59 NIGHT LIGHT
And it is a really nice tree.

Cadance walks up to Twilight.

60 CADANCE
Um... Twilight?

Twilight turns around to find a bunch of excited CRUISE
PONIES bursting to say something.

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

Twilight and Cadance share a look.

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

They all jump in surprise as the speakers BOOM with:

63 IRON WILL (O.S.)
AS WE TRAVEL NORTH, WE WILL PASS
THE SPIRES OF THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE
WHERE PRINCESS CADANCE RESCUED HER
ALICORN BABY NAMED SPIKE FROM A
MONSTER MADE OF FIRE!

64 CADANCE
That's not even close to true!
(then) But if we do pass the
castle, I think I'll fly over and
get Flurry's other Whammy. (super
serious to Twilight) Don't ever let
her know there are two.

Shining Armor stumbles up to rejoin them, Flurry in his arms.

65 SHINING ARMOR
So, I was, you know, not feeling
sick at all, but am I hearing
things? Spike is our baby now?

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No one notices as Flurry flies out of his arms.

66 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Maybe Mom and Dad gave them some
information about our family for
the contest?

67 CADANCE
And the cruise ponies are just
getting it mixed up?

68 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I think we need to find out more
about this contest. Mom--?

They turn to find Twilight Velvet and Night Light posing with
Flurry Heart for a group of Cruise Ponies taking photos!

69 CADANCE
What's going on?

70 NIGHT LIGHT
Oh, these nice ponies just wanted a
photo of the Royal Baby with the
Royal Grandparents.

71 TWILIGHT VELVET
Can you imagine?! They called us
Royal Grandparents!

Twilight and Cadance look at the ponies taking photos - more
start to line up. ANGLE ON on ponies wearing t-shirts with
the 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.

72 CADANCE
(shock) Aaah!

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

74 CRUISE PONY #1
Ohmigosh. I know the answer! I'm
gonna to tell a Princess the
answer!

Cruise Pony #1 points behind Twilight to a covered platform
above the main deck.

75 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Thank you.

Off Twilight flying toward the platform...

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.

76 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Excuse me. I'm sure you've finished with the princess points of interest, but you should know that a lot of your facts about the them are wrong.

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

77 IRON WILL
IRON WILL'S CRUISE OF THE PRINCESSES IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCURACY OF PRINCESS INFORMATION.

78 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Iron Will? Aren't you that Minotaur that gives assertiveness seminars? Fluttershy told me about you.

79 IRON WILL
THE ASSERTIVENESS SEMINAR MARKET DRIED UP SO IRON WILL MADE A CAREER CHANGE.

80 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(realizing) I'm sorry. Did you say, "Cruise of the Princesses?"

81 IRON WILL
WHAT ELSE WOULD IRON WILL CALL A CRUISE WITH ACTUAL PRINCESSES THAT HE CHARGED PONIES A HOOF AND A MANE TO GO ON?

82 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What?!

83 IRON WILL
(into microphone) THAT'S RIGHT. EVERYPONY HERE IS ENTITLED TO ONE PREMIER 'CRUISE OF THE PRINCESSES' EXPERIENCE!

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As Iron Will's words echo across the ship, TWO GIANT BANNERS of Twilight's and Cadance's faces unfurl on either side of his platform. All the ponies CHEER!

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.

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

Iron Will pulls out a CONTRACT looking form.

85 IRON WILL
IRON WILL OUTLINED ALL THE DETAILS OF THE CRUISE IN THE PRIZE ACCEPTANCE AND CONSENT FORM THAT YOU (points at Night Light) SIGNED.

86 NIGHT LIGHT
(embarrassed) When somepony offers you a free cruise, who reads the fine print?

87 IRON WILL
(softer) ALSO, IRON WILL WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WANTED TO GO ON A VACATION.

88 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, that is true.

89 IRON WILL
AND IRON WILL'S CRUISE OF THE PRINCESSES IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO JUST THAT - AT NO COST TO YOU. *

90 TWILIGHT VELVET
The cruise is lovely and the activities do look entertaining. *

Twilight Velvet points to Twilight's chart of activities.

91 IRON WILL
(nods) IRON WILL PRIDES HIMSELF ON
PROVIDING A QUALITY, ACTION-PACKED
VACATION EXPERIENCE.

92 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's all well and good, but how
can we enjoy any of it if we have
to entertain ponies the whole time?

93 CADANCE
And I'm not sure I'm comfortable
having that responsibility while
taking care of Flurry Heart.

A pony pops up in the suite's circular window, snapping
photos. Cadance pulls a curtain closed over it. Iron Will
looks over Twilight's chart.

94 IRON WILL
HMM. PERHAPS IRON WILL CAN OFFER
YOU A DEAL. IF JUST TWILIGHT
SPARKLE AGREES TO A MINIMAL AMOUNT
OF PARTICIPATION, IRON WILL
GUARANTEES YOU'LL ALL BE ABLE TO DO
EVERY ACTIVITY YOU WANT.

95 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I don't know.

96 IRON WILL
OR, IRON WILL COULD CANCEL THE
CRUISE, YOU WON'T GET YOUR
VACATION, AND YOU'LL BREAK THE
HEARTS OF EVERY PONY ON BOARD WHO
HAS BEEN DREAMING OF NOTHING BY
MEETING YOU.

Another pony pops up in another window.

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

Shining Armor, feeling sick again, feebly pulls the curtain
shut over the window. Twilight turns to her family.

98 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What do you all think?

They all exchange uncertain looks.

99 CADANCE
I'm not sure. I am glad we're all
on vacation together.

100 TWILIGHT VELVET
And that's all we wanted.

101 NIGHT LIGHT
As long as we have that, I'm happy,
and it sure seems like there'd be a
lot of disappointed ponies if we
cancel.

102 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(nods) I guess being a princess
means sometimes having to be
available to your subjects.

Twilight turns back to Iron Will.

103 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
All right, Iron Will. You've got a
deal. But my family and I get to do
everything on this chart. Starting
with Dad's favorite, bingo.

104 IRON WILL
PERFECT. THAT LEAVES JUST ENOUGH
TIME TO PICK THE WINNER OF OUR
GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE.

105 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Grand prize?

Off Twilights uncertain look...

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.

106 IRON WILL
(TO THE CROWD) IRON WILL HOPES YOU
HAVE YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS READY
BECAUSE YOU WON'T SNOOZE ON THIS
PRINCESS CRUISE!

Ponies CHEER. Twilight's family stands near by. A pony looks
to Cadance holding Flurry Heart.

107 CRUISE PONY #2
Can I hold her?

108 CADANCE
(politely) No.

Shining Armor smiles and nods along to another pony's story, trying not to be sick.

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

109 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(looking out; then to herself) This
isn't so bad. (to everyone) I want
to thank you all for being so
gracious and respectful to me and
my family. And now, the winner
is...

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

110 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.

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

Twilight starts to lead her family away, then notices Star Tracker right on her hooves.

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

113 STAR TRACKER
(mumbled, low) You are the prize.

Twilight looks back up to the dais where Iron Will continues to address the crowd.

114 IRON WILL
CONGRATULATIONS TO STAR TRACKER
WHO'S ONLY HOPE AND DREAM WAS TO
SPEND THE DAY WITH TWILIGHT AS AN
HONORARY MEMBER OF HER FAMILY!

Ponies CHEER as Twilight turns to Star Tracker who goes beat red.

115 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's your only hope and dream?

Star Tracker nods, too star struck to speak. Twilight looks at him unsure, but Night Light throws a hoof around him.

116 NIGHT LIGHT
I guess there'll be one more at the
bingo table!

Off Star Tracker, pleased...

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

Night Light and Twilight Velvet sit at a table, bingo cards in front of them. Star Tracker sits near them, puzzling over his bingo card.

117 NIGHT LIGHT
(yells) Ready, Twiley?

PAN TO the other side of the room, where Twilight spins the Bingo numbers.

118 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(yells to Dad) Sure am, Dad!

119 NIGHT LIGHT
(yells indecipherably from across
room)

120 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(yelling) --What?!

PAN OVER TO REVEAL - Star Tracker is suddenly and impossibly by Twilight's side.

121 STAR TRACKER
(low, mumbled) He said, "Give it a
whirl."

122 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(surprised) Oh! Hi. Um... Thanks.
(having an idea) Actually... as an
honorary member of my family, maybe
you can spin so I can go sit with
my parents.

Iron Will suddenly pops up beside them.

123 IRON WILL
IRON WILL CAN'T LEGALLY CALL THIS
ACTIVITY PRINCESS BINGO UNLESS A
PRINCESS SPINS THE BALLS.

He points to a banner: Twilight's face + a Bingo Spinner.

124 PONIES AT A TABLE
(chanting) Princess Bingo! Princess
Bingo!

In the back of the room, Twilight sees Night Light and
Twilight Velvet joining in on the chant too.

125 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, as long as everypony's having
fun, I'm having fun too!

She spins out a number.

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

Across the room, Night Light dips both hooves in ink and
stamps them on his card.

127 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Nice one, Dad!

128 NIGHT LIGHT
(shouts back indecipherably)

Twilight frowns then spins again, not as enthusiastically...
Star Tracker leans in and whispers to her as if he's been
holding this in his whole life...

129 STAR TRACKER
This is even better than when I
dressed up as you last Nightmare
Night.

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Off Twilight's uneasy smile...

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

Twilight rushes up, Star Tracker close behind, as Shining
Armor crams himself into a comically small paddle boat in a
pool that's been set up for paddle boat races.

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

130 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(to Shining Armor) Whew! Bingo took
longer than I thought, but 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.

131 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Whoa. Are you feeling okay, Big
Brother? Maybe you should skip the
boat race.

132 SHINING ARMOR
(holding back the sick) No way. **How**
can I be air sick? I'm not in the
air, I'm in a boat, so it totally
cancels out. (fights another wave
of sickness)

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133 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I think there's a flaw in your
logic.

134 SHINING ARMOR
Just get in so we can race.

Twilight shrugs and starts to climb into the boat in the next
lane when Iron Will suddenly appears.

135 IRON WILL
ACTUALLY, PRINCESS TWILIGHT SPARKLE
SHOULD OFFICIATE THE PRINCESS
PADDLE BOAT RACE.

He hands her a CHECKERED FLAG. Twilight looks at it,
disappointed. Twilight Velvet steps forward and climbs into
the other boat.

136 TWILIGHT VELVET
It's okay, dear, I'll race your
brother. These tiny boats aren't
extreme enough for my taste, but
I'll give it a go.

137 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 RIGHT BEHIND HER.

138 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.

139 STAR TRACKER (CONT'D)
This is so exciting.

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

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

141 STAR TRACKER
(unable to contain himself) GO!

In a flurry of splashes and paddling, Twilight Velvet's boat surges across the pool in a flash. Star Tracker helps a stunned Twilight wave the checkered flag.

142 TWILIGHT VELVET
That was actually more fun than I
thought it would be. Who won?

143 STAR TRACKER
YOU DID!

They all look back to see Shining Armor still at the starting line, trying (and failing) to paddle through the sickness.

144 SHINING ARMOR
(weakly) Something... wrong...
with... my... boat.

Twilight turns to Iron Will.

145 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I think my brother might be too
sick to race.

146 SHINING ARMOR
--I'm not sick! Who said I'm sick?!
In fact, I'm going to skip this
boat race because I feel so good.

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

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147 TWILIGHT VELVET
That's right dear, you just come
with me.

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.

148 IRON WILL
ACTUALLY THAT WAS ONLY THE FIRST
HEAT OF TEN (then loud to the
group) AND ALL THESE PONIES PAID TO
SEE A PRINCESS FACE WHEN THEY RACE!

Twilight looks to see Star Tracker and another pony climbing into the paddle boats at the starting line. More ponies are lined up for their turn to race - all staring at her hopefully. Twilight unenthusiastically takes the flag back.

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

Flurry Heart is stacking the last block on top of a pyramid when an INTENSE PARENT PONY sets her baby down next to her.

149 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. Before Cadance can react, Twilight walks up - Star Tracker on her heels.

150 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Cadance. Well, it looks like you
and Flurry Heart are doing well!

151 CADANCE
Sort of.

Cadance uses her magic to move Flurry and give her more space. Star Tracker gives Twilight a schedule.

152 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(not really listening) That's
great. I just have to take some Old-
Time Appleoosan Photos...

153 STAR TRACKER
I can't wait for those.

154 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
...and do a quick question and
answer session on becoming an
Alicorn before our barrel rides at
Neighagra Falls!

155 CADANCE
Are you sure you have to do all
that?

156 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I know Iron Will **was** a bit sneaky
about how he got us here, but as
long as we're together, I feel like
it's worth it.

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Cadance starts to reply, then notices another baby crawling
over Flurry. She uses her magic to move them apart.

157 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Besides, all these ponies paid
their hard-earned bits to spend
time with me. A good Princess would
try to make them happy, right?

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

159 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Honestly, as long as I get to see
the Northern Stars with my family
everything will be fine.

Star Tracker holds up the schedule.

160 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
But right now I've got some
pictures to take. See you at the
falls!

With that, Twilight and Star Tracker leave. Cadance looks
over to see even more babies have been crowded around Flurry.
Several PARENT PONIES look to Cadance with big smiles.

Cadance lifts a relieved Flurry into her arms.

161 CADANCE
I think playtime is over.

SC. 12 - EXT. MAIN DECK - LATER

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

162 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I really shouldn't have taken that
last question. I knew it would be a
two-parter. I just hope I have time
for one barrel ride with mom.

Twilight stops short as she comes face to face with Shining Armor, even more green than before. He puts a hoof on her to steady himself.

163 SHINING ARMOR
You. Missed. Nothing.

Cadance comes up behind Shining Armor with Flurry Heart, shaking her head.

164 CADANCE
Don't pay any attention to him,
Twilight. I told him he was too
sick to ride that barrel.

165 SHINING ARMOR
I am not-- (fighting a wave of
sick).

Shining Armor pushes past Twilight and heads below. Cadance and Flurry Heart follow.

166 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Wait. Did mom--?

167 NIGHT LIGHT
Have the most fun ever? You bet!

Twilight looks up to see a soaking wet and beaming Twilight Velvet, wearing a helmet and still in a barrel, being carried up the gangplank by a few ponies. Night Light follows behind.

168 NIGHT LIGHT (CONT'D)
You don't get more extreme than
your mother!

169 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(stunned) You're already finished?

170 TWILIGHT VELVET
(nods) It was fantastic, sweetie,
but I can't wait for those Northern
Lights!

Twilight watches, crestfallen as her family heads below. Suddenly Iron Will appears at her side.

171 IRON WILL
YOUR FAMILY IS ENJOYING THEIR
VACATION JUST LIKE IRON WILL
PROMISED. AND YOUR ONLY REMAINING
OBLIGATION IS...

He gestures to a few ponies lined up in front of a small table and chair.

172 IRON WILL (CONT'D)
...SIGNING A FEW AUTOGRAPHS FOR THE
PONIES WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE.

He grabs a nearby intercom that broadcasts his voice across the ship.

173 IRON WILL (CONT'D)
*IF YOU WANT THE PRINCESS TO SIGN,
NOW IS THE TIME TO GET IN LINE!*

Twilight looks up as the line start to grow and <SIGHS> as we...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 13 - 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. 14 - 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!

174 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
How long have you been waiting?

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

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

SC. 15 - 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.

176 SHINING ARMOR
I think those Northern Stars were
actually worth being sick for. Oh,
hey Twilly! You just missed it.

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

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 16 - EXT. MAIN DECK - NIGHT - RESUME

Twilight <SOBS> as her family moves in to console her.

177 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I can't believe I missed the
Northern Stars!

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178 CADANCE
I'm so sorry, Twilight. But you
were right. They were breathtaking.

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179 NIGHT LIGHT
We're all real glad you suggested
them. I just wish you'd been here
to see it.

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180 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(progressively getting angrier) --
Me too! It's bad enough I was too
busy with cruise ponies to share
the things you all wanted to do,
but now the one thing I wanted to
share with you is gone forever!

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

181 STAR TRACKER
Ow! My hoof!

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Twilight spins on him, upset.

182 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, maybe it wouldn't have
happened if you weren't always
standing so close to me!

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

Star Tracker and her family look on, concerned.

SC. 17 - EXT. MAIN DECK - NIGHT

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

183 CADANCE
Twilight, we know you only made
that deal with Iron Will so all of
us could have a good time.

184 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I just wanted so much for us to
have a family vacation.

185 CADANCE
But if it meant that you couldn't
enjoy yourself, maybe it wasn't a
good deal after all.

186 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But all the cruise ponies are so
excited to be here. I didn't want
to let anypony down.

187 CADANCE
(nods) Sometimes ponies want more
from a Princess than you can give.
It's hard to know when to draw the
line.

188 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You seemed to know pretty well.

189 CADANCE
Once you have a child, the line
gets easier to see.

Cadance steps up and puts a wing around Twilight.

190 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.

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

SC. 18 - 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.

192 TWILIGHT VELVET
How's that, dearie?

193 STAR TRACKER
Better, thanks (seeing Twilight),
but I think I should be going.

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

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

Twilight looks to her family.

195 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
I have something to tell all of
you. I made a deal with Iron Will
that I probably shouldn't have. But
I'm also glad I did. I'm glad that
all of you got to have fun and do
the things you wanted, but I should
have stood up for myself more so
that I could do what I wanted too.

She bends down to Star Tracker.

196 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 glad we got to
meet. (then to her family) And I'm
glad we came on this vacation,
but...

Twilight looks up at her big chart.

197 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
What do you say we do something off
the schedule?

198 SHINING ARMOR
(gasps in disbelief) Whhhhaat?

199 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Something for just us... as a
family.

The whole family CHEERS! Star Tracker starts to head for the door.

200 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Hold on there, honorary family member. That means you too.

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

SC. 19 - 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.

201 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.

202 STAR TRACKER
I just wanted to say that I'm glad we met too. I really enjoyed my day with you and your family, but I think I'll go now.

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 an intercom.

203 IRON WILL
(through speaker) IF LATE NIGHT TREATS ARE YOUR DREAM, COME TO THE MAIN DECK FOR PRINCESS ICE CREAM!

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

204 STAR TRACKER
Ooohh no! Twilight Sparkle has done everything you asked her all day!

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

205 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It's okay everypony.

She magics the mic out of Iron Will's hands.

206 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
(to Iron Will) I'll just take that.
(into the mic) Ahem. I know most of
you paid a lot to be here and I
want to thank you for thinking my
family and I are worth spending
your bits and time on, but Iron
Will wasn't honest about what this
cruise was when he invited us, and
even though I want everypony to be
happy, from now on my family and I
would appreciate being allowed to
have our vacation - on our own.

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

207 CRUISE PONY #1
Wait. Iron Will never told you what
this cruise was all about?

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

208 CRUISE PONY #2
So you tricked the Royal Family
into coming?

209 CRUISE PONY #1
How could you take bits from ponies
for a Cruise of the Princesses and
not even tell the Princesses!?

210 IRON WILL
IRON WILL'S CRUISE OF THE
PRINCESSES MAKES NO GUARANTEES AS
TO THE PRESENCE OR NON-PRESENCE OF
ACTUAL PRINCESSES.

211 CRUISE PONY #2
What!?

212 CRUISE PONY #1
We want our money back!

213 IRON WILL
IRON WILL LEARNED HIS LESSON FROM
FLUTTERSHY. 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.

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

SC. 20 - 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.

215 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(excited) There's still plenty of
activities left. We pass Filly
Delphia on the way back -- it's
never too early to get Flurry Heart
interested in history!

216 CADANCE
(laughs) It's good to see you
planning things yourself again. But
right now, the family and I have
something scheduled for you.

217 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What do you mean?

Cadance magic's Twilight's scroll to roll up and REVEALS--

Night Light holding a cardboard sun made up of Bingo cards, while Twilight Velvet hoists Shining Armor and Flurry Heart (dressed as stars) up on a pulley system, as they pretend to burst from the "sun" and swing in the air.

218 NIGHT LIGHT
Behold the Norther Stars!

219 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.

220 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.

221 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Not this is the only activity I
need.

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As the family smiles and gathers around we...

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FADE OUT

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