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Friendship Lesson: Be up front about what you want, and you won't be taken advantage of.

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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 were married! This'll be our first ever family vacation all together!

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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. CANTERLOT - CRUISE SHIP BOARDING DOCK - DAY**

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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

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

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18 NIGHT LIGHT

(whispered aside to Twilight) The
last "relaxing" vacation we went on
ended with your mother parasailing
in Luna Bay.

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19 TWILIGHT VELVET

What was that, hon?

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20 NIGHT LIGHT

Oh, I was just telling Twilight how
much I'm looking forward to
finishing my new book, "Bingo
Strategy: Volume Eight." It's a
real page-turner!

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

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21 SHINING ARMOR

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

22 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Don't you get air-sick, big
brother? I remember you getting
pretty queasy on Admiral
Fairweather's Wild Ride at Pony
Island.

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23 SHINING ARMOR

(dismissive) Please, I was just a
foal back then. I grew out of air-
sickness a long time ago.

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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).

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

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

25 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*.

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

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27 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.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

37 CADANCE
Wonderful!

Twilight Velvet walks up and looks closely at the chart.

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

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39 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(surprised) Really?

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

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40 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Well, I just want to see you all
have a good time. (looking at the
schedule) Actually, this works out
perfectly, because now we can all
meet up tonight for the one thing
that I wanted us to do together.

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41 NIGHT LIGHT
What's that, sweetie?

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

42 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 looks like *the* stars shoot out of the setting sun like fireworks! *

The family MURMURS IN EXCITEMENT. Flurry coos with delight. *

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

44 CADANCE
(*speaking for family*) Well, 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.)
AHEM! ATTENTION CRUISE PONIES: *
DON'T LET THIS ZEPPLIN BE A BORE,
LEAVE YOUR ROOM AND SEE THE TOUR!

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

47 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*.

48 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.

49 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?

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

50 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.

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

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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.

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52 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.

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

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54 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!

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55 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What? That's not 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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They all jump in surprise as the speakers BOOM with:

60 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!

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61 CADANCE
I don't remember that. (then) But
if we do pass the castle, I'll fly
over and get Flurry's other Whammy.
(super serious to Twilight) Don't
ever let her know there are two.

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

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

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Confused, Cadance shakes her head as Flurry flies toward her grandparents.

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63 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I think we need to find out more
about this cruise. Dad--?

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

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64 NIGHT LIGHT

These nice ponies wanted a photo of
the Royal Baby with the Royal
Grandparents.

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65 TWILIGHT VELVET

Can you imagine?! They calling us
the Royal Grandparents!

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Twilight and Cadance look at the ponies taking photos - more
start 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.

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66 CADANCE

(shock) Aaah!

67 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.

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

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

68 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Excuse me, sir.

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

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69 IRON WILL

YOU CAN CALL IRON WILL, IRON WILL.

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70 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Iron Will? What are you doing here?
And why are you announcing all
these random things about me and my
family?

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71 IRON WILL

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

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72 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm almost afraid to ask what the
theme of this vacation is?

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

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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!

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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.

74 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.

75 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.

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

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Night Light points to Twilight's chart of activities.

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77 NIGHT LIGHT

And all these activities just
looked like so much fun.

78 IRON WILL

(nods) IRON WILL PRIDES HIMSELF ON
PROVIDING A QUALITY, ACTION-PACKED
VACATION EXPERIENCE, BUT IF
TWILIGHT SPARKLE AND HER FAMILY
DON'T WANT IT, IRON WILL CAN TURN
THE SHIP AROUND, CANCEL THE CRUISE,
AND BREAK THE HEARTS OF EVERYPONY
ON BOARD WHO HAS BEEN DREAMING OF
MEETING YOU.

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.

79 CADANCE

Well, of course I'm happy to be
here, but my hands are pretty full
taking care of Flurry Heart. As
much as I want a family vacation, I
don't think I could entertain all
these cruise ponies as well.

80 TWILIGHT VELVET

Of course not, 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.

81 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...

82 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.

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

Shining Armor pulls the curtain shut over the window.

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

85 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 and I don't want
to let down all these ponies who
were looking forward to seeing me.

86 TWILIGHT VELVET
Are you sure, sweetie?

87 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(smiles, confident) Absolutely!

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

88 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.

89 IRON WILL
PRINCESS TWILIGHT HAS A DEAL!

90 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.

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

92 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.

93 CRUISE PONY #2
Goodness she is adorable!

94 CADANCE
Thank you. Flurry Heart, say hello!

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

95 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.

96 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 ships speakers.

97 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.

98 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...

99 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.

100 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.

101 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:

102 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.

103 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's the prize?

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

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

105 NIGHT LIGHT
Sure! There's always room 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.

106 NIGHT LIGHT
(yells) Ready, Twiley?

PAN ALL THE WAY TO the other side of the room, where Twilight spins the Bingo numbers, FAR FROM her parents.

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

108 NIGHT LIGHT
(yells indecipherably from across
room) Give it a whirl!

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109 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(yelling) --What?!

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

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

111 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.

112 IRON WILL
TECHNICALLY IRON WILL CAN'T CALL
THIS PRINCESS BINGO UNLESS A
PRINCESS SPINS THE BALLS.

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

113 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.

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

She spins out a number.

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

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

116 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
(yells across room) Nice one, Dad!

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117 NIGHT LIGHT
(shouts back indecipherably) The
trick is to use both hooves!

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Twilight frowns, then spins again, not as enthusiastically.
Star Tracker leans in, beginning to loosen up.

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118 STAR TRACKER
Twilight is actually my favorite
time of day.

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Off Twilight's amused smile...

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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.

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

119 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(to Shining Armor) Whew! Iron Will
wedged in a special meeting with
some admiring fillies, but I'm
ready to give you the tiny boat
race of your life.

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

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

121 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)

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

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

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

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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.

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124 TWILIGHT VELVET
Oh, dear. I suppose I could race
your brother. (re: paddles) Not
sure what these what-cha-ma-bobs
do, but I'll give it a try.

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125 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh. Sure. As long as Shining Armor
gets to race, I'm happy.

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

126 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.

127 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.

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

129 STAR TRACKER
(unable to contain himself) GO!

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130 TWILIGHT VELVET
Wooooooooo!!!!!!!

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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.

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131 TWILIGHT VELVET (CONT'D)
My word, that was exciting. Wasn't
it Shining Armor?

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

132 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
He doesn't look so good. We better
go help him.

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

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

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

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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.

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

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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.

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Twilight takes the flag back with a <SIGH>.

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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.

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136 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Cadance. I'm so glad you got the
Mommy and Me time in.

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137 CADANCE
Actually, I think Flurry is having
a wonderful time.

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Twilight fumbles with her cruise schedule.

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

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139 STAR TRACKER
I can't wait for those.

140 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
...and do a quick question and
answer session on becoming an
Alicorn before Mom's barrel ride at
Neighagra Falls. Can't miss that!

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

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Twilight looks up from her schedule.

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142 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What? Mind? Absolutely not! I mean,
as long as you guys are having fun,
right? Besides, a good princess
would want all these cruise ponies
to be happy, right?

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

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

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Twilight looks back to the schedule again.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SC. 12 - EXT. MAIN DECK - LATER

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

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148 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.

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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 across the deck by a few ponies. Night
Light follows behind.

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149 TWILIGHT VELVET
(still amped up) That was amazing!
The endless open air! The water in
my mane! The small confines of the
barrel!

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150 NIGHT LIGHT
(joking) We might have to come up
with a new definition of relaxing
just for you, hon.

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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.

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151 TWILIGHT VELVET
Oh, honey, we waited as long as we
could, but I guess you were off
having fun with those cruise
ponies, huh?

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152 TWILIGHT SPARKLE *
(flat) Yeah. Fun. *

153 NIGHT LIGHT *
Are you all right, sweetie? I'd *
hate to think we were having fun at *
your expense. *

154 TWILIGHT SPARKLE *
(pulling herself together) Me? Oh. *
No. I mean, yes. I've just been *
answering some really detailed *
questions about Alicorns, and you *
know how much I love details. *

155 TWILIGHT VELVET *
Well, as long as you're enjoying *
yourself too, this vacation is a *
success! *

156 TWILIGHT SPARKLE *
Oh, it's a success. Totally. *
Absolutely. One-hundred percent. *

157 NIGHT LIGHT *
All right. Well, we can't wait for *
those Northern Lights! *

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

158 IRON WILL *
SEE? IRON WILL LIVED UP TO HIS SIDE *
OF THE BARGAIN AND PRINCESS *
TWILIGHT ONLY HAS ONE MORE THING TO *
DO TO LIVE UP TO HERS. *

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

159 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. 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!

160 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
How long have you been waiting?

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

161 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; *they don't see her yet.* *

162 SHINING ARMOR
I think those Northern Stars were
actually worth *a little air-* *
sickness. *

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

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE**SC. 16 - EXT. MAIN DECK - NIGHT - RESUME**

Twilight stares out at the dim night sky, stunned. *

163 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I *missed them?* I missed the
Northern Stars? *

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

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

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165 NIGHT LIGHT
We're all real glad you suggested them and even though we wish you'd been here to see it, I'm sure you were making a whole bunch of cruise ponies pretty happy.

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Night Light puts a hoof around Star Tracker who beams.

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166 STAR TRACKER
As an honorary member of the family I can vouch for that!

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167 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!

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

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168 STAR TRACKER
Ow! My hoof!

Twilight spins on him, upset.

169 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!

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

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SC. 17 - EXT. MAIN DECK - NIGHT

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

170 TWILIGHT SPARKLE *
I only made that deal with Iron *
Will so my family could have the *
vacation they wanted. Then I *
thought the cruise ponies should *
get what they wanted too. *

171 CADANCE *
What about what you wanted? *

172 TWILIGHT SPARKLE *
I just want everypony to be happy. *

173 CADANCE *
I think that's what Iron Will was *
counting on. Sometimes ponies want *
more from a Princess than you can *
give and it can be hard to know *
where to draw the line. *

174 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You seemed to know pretty well.

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

Cadance steps up and puts a wing around Twilight.

176 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.

177 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You're 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.

178 TWILIGHT VELVET
How's that, dearie?

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

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

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

Twilight looks to her family.

181 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.

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She bends down to Star Tracker.

182 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.

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Twilight sees her chart, an idea forming.

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

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

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184 STAR TRACKER
(eyes widen in disbelief) Mind.
Blown.

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185 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Something for just us... as a
family. (to Star Tracker) Honorary
members too.

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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.

186 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.

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

187 STAR TRACKER
I just wanted to say that I'm glad
we met too. You and your family
have been really kind to include
me, but I think you've earned your
own vacation with them now.

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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.

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

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

189 STAR TRACKER
Ooohh no! Twilight Sparkle has done
everything you asked her to!

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

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190 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It's okay everypony.

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

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191 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
(to Iron Will) I'll just take that.
(into the mic) Ahem. First, I want
to thank all of you for coming on
this cruise. It means a lot that
you'd spend your hard earned bits
just to be with me and my family,
but we thought this was going to be
a family vacation, and Iron Will
didn't exactly go out of his way to
tell us otherwise - at least not
until we were already here.

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

192 CRUISE PONY #1
Wait. You thought you were just
going on vacation with your family? *

193 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(nods) And even though I want
everypony here to be happy, I'd
really like to spend the rest of
the cruise with just the people I
care about most. *

194 CRUISE PONY #2
Of course, Twilight! *

195 CRUISE PONY #3
You totally understand. *

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

196 CRUISE PONY #1
I can't believe you didn't make
sure the Princesses knew exactly
what this cruise was all about! *

197 IRON WILL
IRON WILL'S CRUISE OF THE
PRINCESSES MAKES NO GUARANTEES ON
THE PRESENCE OF ACTUAL PRINCESSES. *

198 CRUISE PONY #2
What!?

199 CRUISE PONY #1
We want our money back!

200 IRON WILL
OH, 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.

201 SHINING ARMOR
Wow. He may be pushy and
manipulative, 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.

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

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

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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.

204 NIGHT LIGHT
Behold the Northern Stars!

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205 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.

206 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.

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

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As the family smiles and gathers around we...

FADE OUT

END.