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Friendship lesson: While your parents' unabashed support can be embarrassing, it ultimately gives you the encouragement to be the most amazing pony you can be.

TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. FOREST UNDER CLOUDSDALE - DAY

Hooves dig into the ground as SCOOTALOO and APPLE BLOOM struggle to shove something forward with their heads.

1 APPLE BLOOM
Scootaloo, is this such a
<STRUGGLES> good idea?

WIDEN to see that they are shoving back an enormous rubber band creating a giant slingshot.

2 SCOOTALOO
What are you talking about, this is
the best idea I've ever had!
<STRUGGLES> I'm about to go to
Cloudsdale.

The rubber band CREAKS as it stretches tight.

3 APPLE BLOOM
I know... <STRUGGLES> it's just--

4 SCOOTALOO
--You wanna come. But we talked
about this -- non Pegasus ponies
fall through the clouds.

5 APPLE BLOOM
Right, but--

6 SWEETIE BELLE (O.S.)
--And stop!

The two ponies look up at SWEETIE BELLE who attaches the stretched rubber band to a skinny tree that bows perilously.

7 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
I think we're good.

Only Apple Bloom seems concerned by the dangerous looking contraption.

8 APPLE BLOOM
We are?

Scootaloo puts on a helmet and climbs into the slingshot with her scooter.

9 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Scootaloo, I know you have to go to
Cloudsdale to finish your report,
and I know we can't come with you.
I'm just wondering if this is the
best way to get there -- on a giant
homemade slingshot.

Scootaloo looks back at the makeshift slingshot,
dismissively.

10 SCOOTALOO
What, this? It'll be fine.
Besides, how else could I get
there?

11 APPLE BLOOM
A Pegasus chariot.

12 SWEETIE BELLE
A flock of birds!

13 APPLE BLOOM
A hot air balloon.

14 SCOOTALOO
(realizing)
Huh, those do seem a lot safer.
Maybe I should try to find another--

SNAP! The tree cracks and the slingshot fires Scootaloo forward.

15 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
--WAAAAAYY!

Her lips flap as she screams. She hits a ramp and is launched up to...

SC. 2 - EXT. SKY - CONTINUOUS

A huge smile crosses her face as she soars into the sky. The ground drops away behind her.

16 SCOOTALOO
WOOHOO!!

Up... up she goes, through the clouds until she spots it... Cloudsdale. Her trajectory reaches its peak and Scootaloo falls in an arc back down. She grabs the handlebars.

17 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Okay, time to nail the landing.

SC. 3 - EXT. BOW & WINDY'S HOME - CONTINUOUS

CRASH! Scootaloo flips and tumbles in a heap on the lawn of a rainbow-decorated house.

18 SCOOTALOO
(in pain)
Nailed it.

A hulking Pegasus (BOW HOTHOOF) with a rainbow mane exits. Bow looks like a retired football player with the personality of Ron Swanson, quiet, low key.

19 BOW
Little ma'am, are you all right?

Scootaloo's eyes go wide at the sight of the rainbow mane. Her eyes shift from Bow's *rainbow mane* to the *rainbow decorated house*, to the *rainbow decorated mailbox*, to the *rainbow fencing*, then back to Bow.

20 SCOOTALOO
You're-- you're-- you're-- YOU'RE
RAINBOW DASH'S DAD!

21 BOW
Yes. Yes I am. Bow Hothoof at
your service.

Scootaloo can't hide her utter excitement. She...

22 SCOOTALOO
<SQEALS>

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 4 - EXT. BOW & WINDY'S HOME - SAME

We pick up where we left off -- Scootaloo is frozen as she...

23 SCOOTALOO
<SQEALS>

Bow looks uncomfortable.

24 BOW
 (calling to the house)
Uhm, honey, something's going on
out here!

A female Pegasus (WINDY WHISTLES) exits. Scootaloo spots Windy and <SQEALS HIGHER>. Bow and Windy yell over the squealing. Windy talks with a strange Minnesota-like accent (long, drawn out vowels) and acts a bit like the target lady from SNL.

25 WINDY
Heavens to Celestia, what's wrong
with her?!

26 BOW
I don't know, but you just made it
worse.

Scootaloo stops squealing.

27 SCOOTALOO
Sorry, <CATCHES BREATH> it's just,
YOU'RE RAINBOW DASH'S PARENTS
<STARTS SQUEALING AGAIN>

28 BOW
She's doing it again!

29 WINDY
It's like a screeching owl
swallowed a dog whistle.

30 WINDY (CONT'D)
(to Scootaloo)
Oh deary, please, you might shatter
my Princess Celestia commemorative
plates! Yikes!

PAN to a window. Inside the house several commemorative plates shake from the yelling. Scootaloo stops again.

31 SCOOTALOO
I'm so sorry. I just... I can't
believe I'm meeting you. My name's
Scootaloo and I'm doing a school
report on Rainbow Dash.

32 BOW
Our Rainbow Dash?

33 SCOOTALOO
The report's on an inspirational
pony in my life. And no pony
inspires me more than she does.

Scootaloo pulls out a scrapbook with a giant Rainbow and a picture of Rainbow Dash on the front. Scootaloo opens the book and shows off some of the pages that includes photos and newspaper clippings.

34 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
I'm putting together this scrapbook
for my report.
(then)
I'm her biggest fan!

35 BOW
Little trotter, what you say is
impossible... (suddenly not calm at
all) because nopony is a bigger fan
of our Rainbow Dash THAN US!

Bow opens his button down shirt to reveal a Rainbow Dash t-shirt underneath.

36 SCOOTALOO
Whoa... you always wear that shirt?

37 BOW
Actually it's laundry day, but
pretty great, right?

38 SCOOTALOO
Yeah!

Windy introduces herself--

39 WINDY
My name's Windy Whistles and I just
have to say that it's a total blast
to meet somepony that loves Rainbow
Dash as much as we do!

Bow steps up.

40 BOW
What can we help you with?

41 SCOOTALOO
Well, I know all about Rainbow
Dash's time in Ponyville, but I
don't know anything about her life
before that. So I came here to
find out.

Bow and Windy share a smile.

42 BOW
Well you came to the right place.

SC. 5 - INT. BOW AND WINDY'S HOME - HALL - LATER

Rainbow Dash's parents lead Scootaloo down a long hall with pictures on the wall of Rainbow Dash through the years. Dash in diapers, RD in her crib, RD learning to fly, RD with braces and a weird haircut. As they look at the pictures--

43 BOW
Our little Dashy was an early learner and so rambunctious. The combination was...

44 WINDY
(sing songy)
EXCITING!!

ANGLE ON a picture of Baby Rainbow Dash flying around outside, chasing birds. Windy is in the photo holding on to Rainbow Dash and looking freaked out.

45 SCOOTALOO
(amazed)
Wooow...

Scootaloo snaps a picture of the hallway with a Polaroid and slaps it in her scrapbook. At the end of the hall, Scootaloo spots a bedroom door.

46 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Is that her room?

SC. 6 - INT. BOW AND WINDY'S HOME - RD'S BEDROOM - LATER

Scootaloo fan-girls out. She darts around the room quickly. She opens the closet and has a quick peak inside.

47 SCOOTALOO
Ooh! Rainbow Dash's linen closet!

She makes a snow angel on the floor.

48 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Her carpet!

She stands in awe in front of a turtle poster with an inspirational quote.

49 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Her inspirational poster!!
(reading it)
"When the going gets tough, the
tough don't notice because they
have hard shells." <LAUGHS>
That's so Rainbow Dash.

SNAP! SNAP! SNAP! Scootaloo takes Polaroids of everything
and puts them in her scrap book.

SC. 7 - INT. BOW AND WINDY'S HOME - KITCHEN - LATER

Scootaloo sits at the table while Windy prepares a meal.

50 WINDY
This is just such a treat. Here you
go -- Rainbow Dash's favorite meal.

Windy puts a sandwich in front of Scootaloo.

51 WINDY (CONT'D)
Ta-dah! A pasta and potato
sandwich on sourdough! She just
LOVED to carbo load!

Scootaloo has a huge grin as she's served the sandwich.

52 SCOOTALOO
I can't believe I'm eating Rainbow
Dash's favorite food, made by
Rainbow Dash's mom, while sitting
in Rainbow Dash's childhood
kitchen!!! This is the greatest
day of my life!

Scootaloo dips and eats half of the food, the second half she
glues into her scrapbook. Just then Bow pops in.

53 BOW
Scootaloo, I think it's time that
you see the greatest room in the
house.

54 SCOOTALOO
(with mouth full)
Okay!

SC. 8 - INT. BOW AND WINDY'S HOME - SHRINE ROOM - LATER

The door opens and a "Heavenly Choir" sound efx plays.
Scootaloo looks shocked.

The room is filled from top to bottom with Rainbow Dash childhood keepsakes. Awards, pictures, jerseys, mouth guards... everything.

55 BOW
It's the room-of-Rainbow Dash's-accomplishments.

It's like a religious moment for Scootaloo. Then the door shuts, turning off the "Heavenly Choir" sound effects.

56 BOW (CONT'D)
I installed the sound effects myself. Pretty great, huh?

He opens and closes the door and the SFX TURN ON AND OFF.

57 SCOOTALOO
So great!

Scootaloo walks by the wall of trophies, amazed.

58 WINDY
And look at this.

Windy shows Scootaloo a framed clean cloth diaper with clothes pins on a shelf.

59 WINDY (CONT'D)
She was wearing it when she spoke her first words.

60 SCOOTALOO
So cooooool....

Windy points out several more childhood mementos (on plaques, under glass, etc.).

61 WINDY
And this broken lantern is from when she first learned to fly and this bitten apple is from when she grew her first tooth...
(trailing off)
So many memories.

Scootaloo checks out the momentos, amazed.

62 SCOOTALOO
(in awe)
You're so lucky to have all of these.

Windy's ears perk up.

63 WINDY
Well I may have a ton of Dash-
mentos, but I don't have any of
those *Rainbow Dash saves Ponyville*
headlines like you.

64 SCOOTALOO
Tradesies?

65 WINDY
Dealsies!

Scootaloo pops open her scrapbook and she trades newspaper
clippings for the diaper. Scootaloo looks around the room
again.

66 SCOOTALOO
So where's all the Wonderbolt
stuff?

67 BOW
(confused)
You mean Rainbow Dash's personal
collection of Wonderbolt
memorabilia?

68 SCOOTALOO
No, I mean where's all the stuff
about Rainbow Dash getting accepted
into the Wonderbolt Academy and
then getting chosen as a
Wonderbolt.

Windy and Bow share a confused look. Scootaloo realizes...

69 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Wait, you don't know that your
daughter's a Wonderbolt? And I got
to tell you!

Windy and Bow's jaws drop and their eyes go wide.

70 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Oh wow, you should see your faces
right now!

SNAP! Scootaloo takes a Polaroid and shows them.

71 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
See that's what your faces look
like.

Off their shocked looks we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 9 - INT. BOW AND WINDY'S HOME - SHRINE ROOM - DAY

The parents are still shocked.

72 BOW AND WINDY
Our daughter's a WONDERBOLT?!

"Heavenly Choir" sound efx play. We see that Scootaloo has opened the door. Bow winks at Scootaloo.

73 BOW
Great timing.

74 SCOOTALOO
Great door.

75 WINDY
I just... it's unbelievable.

76 SCOOTALOO
You two were kind enough to show me
the Rainbow Dash you know, now
please, allow me to show you the
Rainbow Dash I know.

SC. 10 - EXT. WONDERBOLT HQ - SKY - MORNING

RAINBOW DASH trains with the other Wonderbolts (including SPITFIRE, FLEETFOOT, MISTY FLY and SOARIN). They all streak across the sky. Spitfire barks commands.

77 SPITFIRE
Lightning Bolt Formation!

The ponies shift into the shape of a lightning bolt.

78 SPITFIRE (CONT'D)
Everypony stay tight -- let's make
some thunder.

79 RAINBOW DASH
I was born to make thunder!

But suddenly the team hits some heavy air turbulence. They bounce around, unable to stay together.

80 MISTY FLY
What's going on?!

81 SPITFIRE
We've got turbulence!

82 RAINBOW DASH
How -- where's it coming from?

83 FLEETFOOT
There!

Fleetfoot points and Rainbow Dash spots her parents on the ground with megaphones. Rainbow Dash is shocked.

84 RAINBOW DASH
Oh no...

They're <CHEERING SO LOUDLY> that sound waves pulse out of their megaphones into the sky causing the turbulence.

85 SPITFIRE
Abort formation!

The WB's pull up and out of their formation.

SC. 11 - EXT. WONDERBOLT HQ - TARMAC - MOMENTS LATER

The Wonderbolts land.

86 SPITFIRE
Okay, which pony broke protocol and invited guests to our training exercises?

Rainbow Dash smiles sheepishly.

87 RAINBOW DASH
I guess they're with me.

Bow and Windy approach with huge smiles on their faces.

88 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
(forced)
Mom, Dad, so good to see you...

89 WINDY
Oh honey it's so great to see you, too! And -- WOW -- you were so amazing up there with all of that flying!

90 RAINBOW DASH
How did you know I was here?

91 WINDY
Scootaloo filled us in on
everything. You modest pony, you.

Scootaloo SNAPS pictures.

92 SCOOTALOO
(to Dash)
I can't believe I'm documenting the
moment your parents first saw you
as a Wonderbolt!

Rainbow Dash glares at Scootaloo. Scootaloo doesn't notice as she adds the reaction photo to her scrapbook. Windy spots the other Wonderbolts and approaches.

93 WINDY
And these must be your Wonderbolt
friends. Hel-lo team! I'm Windy
Whistles, the mom of the BEST
WONDERBOLT EVER! Yeah! Just
kidding, you guys were great, too.
GO TEAM!

94 RAINBOW DASH
(embarrassed)
Mooooom....

95 SPITFIRE
Hello Ma'am, nice to meet you.

96 WINDY
Nice to meet you, as well and love
those goggles! Love 'em! You know
I have goggles, too, but they're
mostly just for swimming or bath
time.

97 RAINBOW DASH
Mom, please, they don't want to
hear about your bath time.

Bow sidles up next to Dash. He's fighting back tears of joy.

98 BOW
I can't believe it. My daughter, a
Wonderbolt <FIGHTS BACK TEARS>.
So proud... So much <VOICE CRACKS>
joy!

99 RAINBOW DASH
Dad, hold it together, we're in
public.

Bow can't help it. He fights off more tears.

100 BOW
I know, but it's just... you had a
goal and <MORE TEAR FIGHTING> you
achieved it.

ON SPITFIRE, she calls to the other Wonderbolts--

101 SPITFIRE
Alright Wonderbolts, let's hit the
showers and give Rainbow Dash some
time to spend with her family.

The WB's pass by. Dash calls after them.

102 RAINBOW DASH
Okay, yeah -- great practice. I'll
uh, catch up with you guys in a
minute.

As Fleetfoot passes Bow.

103 FLEETFOOT
Sir. You really raised a great
flyer.

Bow's lip starts to quiver.

104 BOW
(fighting back tears)
Oh no... tears welling up again!

105 RAINBOW DASH
Daaad...

The Wonderbolts walk off. Rainbow Dash turns her attention
to Scootaloo.

106 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
(to her parents)
Could you give us a sec?

Rainbow Dash pulls Scootaloo aside.

107 SCOOTALOO
Is something wrong?

108 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, you should have warned me
that you're bringing my parents, or
talked to Twilight or something --
not just shown up!

109 SCOOTALOO
Why?

110 RAINBOW DASH
It's just, my parents and I have a delicate relationship. I love them very much and we're really close, but there's a reason I didn't tell them I'm a Wonderbolt. They can be a little bit embarrassing.

111 SCOOTALOO
Whaaa? Really?

112 RAINBOW DASH
Yeeeaaah, really. And now you've invited a whole lot of crazy into my life!

113 SCOOTALOO
What's wrong with a little support?

SMASH CUT TO:

SC. 12 - EXT. CANTERLOT ARENA - DAY

CLOSE ON: Bow and Windy as they CHEER WILDLY!

114 BOW AND WINDY
HOO! HOO! HOO! HOO! HOO!

115 BOW
Come on, bolts, LET'S START THIS THING!

116 WINDY
Wonderbolts Spring Showcase HERE.
WE. GOOOO!

117 BOW
Rip it up and TEAR IT DOWN!

118 WINDY
Then build it back up again and TEAR IT BACK DOWN AGAIN!

WIDEN: Bow and Windy are in the audience at the Wonderbolt Spring Showcase waiting for the show to begin. The other ponies nearby give them annoyed looks.

Scootaloo, Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle arrive and squish in next to Bow and Windy on the stands.

119 SCOOTALOO
Bow and Windy, I'd like you to meet
Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle.

120 APPLE BLOOM / SWEETIE BELLE
Hi! / Hello!

121 WINDY
Well, aren't you two just adorable.
It's so nice to meet you!

122 BOW
Greetings, small ponies.

123 APPLE BLOOM
Are you excited to see Rainbow
Dash?

124 WINDY
Oh my, YES! And to think we never
bothered to come to a Wonderbolt
event.

125 BOW
That's right. We said if Rainbow
Dash isn't a Wonderbolt, then
what's the point? But now she is!

126 SCOOTALOO
And she earned it!

Scootaloo flips open her scrap book and goes through pictures
as she tells Bow and Windy about Rainbow Dash's history with
the WB's.

127 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Did you know it all started when
she won a spot in the coveted
Wonderbolt Academy, training under
Spitfire!

INSERT: photo from the scrap book of Rainbow Dash at the
Academy.

128 WINDY
(happy)
I didn't know that. How wonderful!

129 SCOOTALOO
But then she had some heavy
competition especially against
another Pegasus named Lightning
Dust.

Scootaloo shows them pictures from the scrapbook of Lightning Dust racing Rainbow Dash.

130 WINDY
 (worried)
Oh no...

131 SCOOTALOO
But of course Rainbow Dash proved
the best and later made it into the
Wonderbolt Reserves!

Scootaloo turns the page to pictures of Wind Rider from episode 516.

132 WINDY
 (happy)
Hooray again!

133 SCOOTALOO
But a jealous ex-Wonderbolt, Wind
Rider, was worried that Rainbow
Dash might break his speed record
and so he framed her.

134 WINDY
 (worried)
Oh no...

135 SCOOTALOO
But thanks to Rarity, Rainbow Dash
proved her innocence and became a
back-up Wonderbolt. Until Fire
Streak retired, and she became an
official Wonderbolt!

We see pictures from the scrapbook of Fire Streak retiring and Rainbow Dash becoming the newest full-time Wonderbolt.

136 WINDY
 (happy)
Hooray!
 (beat, catching breath)
Wow what a gripping tale.

137 BOW
You really know your Rainbow Dash
history. You're going to do great
on your report.

Scootaloo smiles, proudly. Apple Bloom leans in.

138 APPLE BLOOM
Show's about to start!

ANGLE ON: Rainbow Dash and the Wonderbolts as they fly out and up into the sky. The CROWD CHEERS (NOTE: for the crowd scenes we'll mostly be on RD's parents and the few ponies in the audience near them.)

Bow and Windy <CHEER WILDLY>.

139 BOW
GO RAINBOW DASH! BEST WONDERBOLT
EVER!!

140 WINDY
(pumps fist)
HOO! HOO! HOO!

The other ponies in the stands scoot away from Bow and Windy.

QUICK CUTS:

– The Wonderbolts do the lightning formation. A loud THUNDERCLAP rocks the stadium.

141 BOW AND WINDY
<CHEER WILDLY>

– The Wonderbolts do a series of barrel rolls.

142 BOW AND WINDY (CONT'D)
<CHEER WILDLY>

– The Wonderbolts fly low to the deck then shoot up towards the sky, pulling several Gs. When they hit their peak, they fan out and drop back towards the ground in an awesome finale display.

They hover high above the stadium as the CROWD CHEERS. Fleetfoot looks to Rainbow Dash.

143 FLEETFOOT
You're folks were definitely loud,
but they weren't *that* bad...

Suddenly, fireworks EXPLODE nearby.

144 SPITFIRE
Whoa, since when did we add
fireworks to the show?

145 RAINBOW DASH
We didn't.

ANGLE ON Windy and Bow in the stands. They cheer for Dash as they drop fireworks charges into their mortar cannon.

IN THE AIR, the fireworks are shaped like Rainbow Dash's head. All the Wonderbolts are shocked.

146 FLEETFOOT
Wow.

More fireworks explode near Rainbow Dash adding on to the fireworks picture of her -- now fireworks Dash has a tiara and a number one trophy.

PAN from Rainbow Dash's smiling fireworks face to Rainbow Dash's real embarrassed face.

SC. 13 - EXT. CANTERLOT STREET - LATER

The Wonderbolts sign autographs for fans. Scootaloo, Bow and Windy stand near Rainbow Dash.

147 WINDY
Dot that I! Dot that I! YEAH!
BEST DOT EVER!

148 BOW
(pumped up)
RAINBOW DASH! YES! THAT'S MY
GIRL! WOO!

ON THE WONDERBOLTS. They look to Rainbow Dash, bewildered.

149 SPITFIRE
You really do got yourself your
very own mega fans. Lucky you.

Rainbow Dash shakes her head.

150 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah. Lucky me.

PAN TO Bow and Windy who begin leading a CHEER:

151 BOW AND WINDY
Rainbow Rainbow she's our gal,
signing pictures -- holy cow!

152 WINDY
Come on, everypony join in!

Some of the other ponies join Bow and Windy.

153 BOW / WINDY / PONIES
Rainbow Rainbow she's our gal,
signing pictures -- holy cow!

154 BOW
Now let's do the pyramid.
Scootaloo get up there -- you're
the top!

As Bow and Windy form a pyramid and help Scootaloo up, we
ANGLE BACK ON DASH. She buries her head in her hoof,
mortified.

SC. 14 - INT. WONDERBOLT HQ - LOCKER ROOM - DAY

Rainbow Dash wipes her sweaty brow with a towel, opens her locker and hangs her towel up when her parents (with Scootaloo in tow) suddenly appear behind her!

155 WINDY
Woohoo! You did it -- you hung
that towel! YEAH!

156 BOW
Greatest towel hanger OF ALL TIME!

157 BOW AND WINDY
(chanting)
TOWEL! TOWEL! TOWEL!

Scootaloo SNAPS a Polaroid. Rainbow Dash looks infuriated. She finally snaps.

158 RAINBOW DASH
SSTTOPPP!
(beat)
This is ridiculous! Mom and Dad,
you both are too supportive!! This
is exactly why I didn't tell you I
was a Wonderbolt -- you're just too
much!

Her parents look shocked at the outburst. They look like they're about to cry.

159 WINDY
Did we do something wrong?

160 RAINBOW DASH
Yes! The fireworks and the
cheerleading and how do you even
compare who is better or worse at
hanging up a towel?!

161 WINDY
We're just trying to be supportive.

162 RAINBOW DASH
Well I'm tired of it! I've had
enough of you two being so proud of
every little ridiculous,
insignificant thing I do!
(beat)
I think you should leave.

Her parents look devastated. Scootaloo is shocked as well.

163 WINDY
First of all, great job yelling at
us, sweetie. No one <SNIFF> can
make their parents feel more
worthless than <SNIFF> you.
(weakly)
Hooray...

164 BOW
Your mother's right <LIP QUIVER>.
Your words were direct, clear, and
<LIP QUIVER> ...so painful.
(holding back tears)
Is there nothing you can't do?

The two exit, sadly. Scootaloo is left with Rainbow Dash.
She can't believe what she just witnessed.

165 SCOOTALOO
(shaken)
Why...

166 RAINBOW DASH
Scootaloo, you don't understand.

167 SCOOTALOO
I met your parents hoping to learn
more about you but I don't like
what I found out.

Scootaloo tosses the scrapbook on the ground at Rainbow
Dash's feet.

168 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
I'll find somepony else to do my
hero report on.

She storms out. The book flips open to a picture of Rainbow
Dash and her parents. Rainbow Dash feels terrible.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 15 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - LATER

Scootaloo is scooting away when Rainbow Dash (holding Scootaloo's scrap book) catches up and stops her.

169 RAINBOW DASH
Scootaloo, wait!

Scootaloo stops. Rainbow Dash tries to explain.

170 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I know I wasn't myself back there
and I shouldn't have snapped at my
parents. But that's exactly why I
didn't tell them I'm a Wonderbolt.

171 SCOOTALOO
I don't understand, they're so
proud of you.

Rainbow Dash pauses and takes a breath.

172 RAINBOW DASH
Can I tell you something?

173 SCOOTALOO
Sure.

174 RAINBOW DASH
Okay, but you might want to hold
onto your wings, because this might
rock you to your very core...
(a beat)
Believe it or not there was a time
that I wasn't the best at
everything.

175 SCOOTALOO
<GASP!>

Rainbow Dash opens up Scootaloo's scrapbook to one of the pictures from her childhood.

ON THE PICTURE: it looks like Dash is standing on a first place podium, having just won some competition.

176 RAINBOW DASH
See this picture, it looks like I
won something awesome. But,
actually...

As Rainbow Dash narrates, the picture comes to life and we FLASHBACK to...

SC. 16 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE TRACK - DAY

At an awards ceremony <CLAPPING AND CHEERING> is heard. YOUNG RAINBOW DASH is on a podium by the track, but when we WIDEN OUT, we see that she is at the very bottom of a twenty-pony podium. Everypony is <CLAPPING> for the winner, not Dash.

177 ANNOUNCER
...And last but not least, it's
time to hand out our participant
stickers.

An official hands Young Rainbow Dash and a couple other bottom podium ponies each a sticker. From the stands, Bow and Windy <CHEER WILDLY> and snap pictures.

178 BOW
Greatest participant ever!

The PARTICIPANT PONY next to Dash looks at her confused.

179 PARTICIPANT PONY
Your parents realize you didn't
win, don't they?

Rainbow Dash looks embarrassed.

180 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
Granted, I was the youngest pony in
the senior competitive circuit.
Most other ponies my age were still
in the junior flappers club.

SC. 17 - INT. CLOUDSDALE - TRACK - LATER

We see Young Rainbow Dash now at the top of the podium.

181 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
I thought it was utterly mortifying
having my parents cheer me on even
when I lost. But then when I
started to win competitions --
which, didn't take very long, by
the way -- things got even worse.

In the audience, Bow and Windy are going crazy with excitement as they <CHEER WILDLY>. Their faces are both painted like rainbows and they hold up enormous signs with a picture of a heart and rainbow. Rainbow Dash looks embarrassed.

182 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
Being the best came with
consequences. Very loud, very
embarrassing consequences.

SC. 18 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - BACK TO SCENE

The flashback ends. Scootaloo still looks confused.

183 SCOOTALOO
You know, some ponies would dream
of having parents like that.

184 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, right, name one.

185 SCOOTALOO
Me. Growing up, I never thought
I'd be the best at anything,
because no pony ever told me. But
your parents told you over and over
again -- look.

She opens the book and points at pictures, reading the captions.

186 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
(reading)
Best bath taker ever. Best carrot
eater under three. Greatest napper
of all time!

187 RAINBOW DASH
(proud)
I am pretty good at napping. I can
fall asleep anywhere...

188 SCOOTALOO
See? For your entire life, your
parents gave you the confidence to
believe in yourself.

189 RAINBOW DASH
I guess they did, didn't they?

190 SCOOTALOO
And that made you the pony that you
are today.

There's a beat as this sinks in.

191 RAINBOW DASH
(realizing)
You're right... I was always so
embarrassed by my parents that I
didn't realize their support
actually made me the awesome,
confident, amazing, awesome and
awesome pony I am.
(beat, sad)
And I took them for granted.

192 SCOOTALOO
And you yelled at them.

193 RAINBOW DASH
(in anguish)
Ugh, I gotta make this right.

Rainbow Dash looks around thinking. She spots the Wonderbolts track and realizes what she has to do.

194 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I have an idea, but I'm going to
need your help... that is, if
you're willing to help me after I
acted like that.

Scootaloo SNAPS a Polaroid of RD, then looks at it.

195 SCOOTALOO
Now that's a great picture --
Rainbow Dash learns the error of
her ways.

Rainbow Dash smiles.

196 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
So what's this plan?

SC. 19 - EXT. WONDERBOLT HQ - FLYING FIELD - DAY

Scootaloo leads a blindfolded Bow and Windy to the flying field.

197 WINDY
I'm telling you, I can't see a
thing! Scootaloo you are just so
great at blindfolds.

198 BOW
It's true. You must tell me what
kind of knot you used.
(MORE)

BOW (CONT'D)

A Falconer's knot? Wait no... A farmer's loop!

199 WINDY

And what's this all about, anyhow?

200 SCOOTALOO

You'll see in one second.

Scootaloo stops Bow and Windy and removes their blindfolds. They're both surprised to be the only ponies in attendance at the air field. Rainbow Dash's voice sounds over the loudspeakers.

201 RAINBOW DASH (FROM LOUDSPEAKER)

Windy Whistles and Bow Hoothoof, please be seated for a super private Wonderbolt event.

Bow and Windy look shocked as they take their seats. Rainbow Dash appears in front of them on the tarmac with the microphone.

202 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

Mom and Dad, welcome to the, "I-love-my-parents-and-I'm-sorry-that-I-took-them-for-granted-and-I-know-now-that-they-made-me-who-I-am-so-I-really-want-to-make-it-up-to-them" event.

(beat)

Please enjoy.

Rainbow suddenly leaps and flies up to the sky. The other Wonderbolts appear and join her.

203 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

(to Wonderbolts)

Thanks for doing this.

204 SPITFIRE

Happy to help!

205 RAINBOW DASH

Awesome, now let's put on a show!

SERIES OF CUTS:

- The Wonderbolts do several fly-bys performing different formations including the chevron pattern and the lightning bolt formation. They crisscross each other with pinpoint precision.

Bow and Windy <OOH and AWW> as they watch.

- The Wonderbolts fly around and create small dust devil tornados on the tarmac. Rainbow Dash drops confetti and glitter into the dust devils which shoots out. Confetti and glitter shower down around Bow and Windy. Bow and Windy smile and LAUGH, delighted.

- For the finale, the Wonderbolts weave around, storm clouds trailing behind them. WIDEN to see that they have drawn a HUGE Bow and Windy image in the sky.

Rainbow Dash flies over the image putting an enormous rainbow over the aerial picture. Fireworks explode all around. Bow and Windy watch, amazed.

Rainbow Dash appears on the tarmac with the microphone.

206 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Mom and Dad, I want you to know
that I'm your biggest fan.

Her parents smile at her warmly.

207 WINDY
Oh honey, thank you. But you
didn't have to do all this. It's
kind of... embarrassing.

Rainbow Dash smiles, then flies over and gives them both a big hug!

SNAP! Scootaloo takes a picture of the family hugging and puts it as the last image in her scrapbook.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 20 - INT. PONYVILLE - CLASSROOM - THE NEXT DAY

Scootaloo finishes her presentation on Rainbow Dash.

208 SCOOTALOO
And that's why Rainbow Dash is the
most inspirational pony in my life.

CHEERILEE approaches.

209 CHEERILEE
Thank you Scootaloo. Very well
researched, but a little heavy on
the pictures and there was a moldy
sandwich in your report. I'll give
you a B.

Just then we hear WILD CHEERING and WIDEN to see Rainbow Dash, Bow and Windy in attendance cheering Scootaloo on!

210 RAINBOW DASH
GREATEST REPORT GIVER OF ALL TIME!

211 RAINBOW DASH / BOW / WINDY
SCOOT-AL-LOO! SCOOT-AL-LOO! SCOOT-
AL-LOO!

212 CHEERILEE
Okay, this isn't a rock and roll
concert, please...

They three continue <CHEERING WILDLY>. Scootaloo beams. She loves it!

THE END