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TEASER**1) EXT. PONYVILLE – AFTERNOON**

RAINBOW DASH paces in front of FLUTTERSHY and BRUTUS (steroid pony). She tells her team that there is no greater honor than competing in the Equestria Games, and when they qualify at the upcoming trials at Rainbow Falls, that's where they'll be headed. They are Ponyville representatives and Ponyville needs them to be good. She tells them that with practice, they'll have nothing to worry about. She's almost as good a coach as she is flyer and she'll have them competition-worthy in no time... 'cause that's how awesome she is! She demands, "Now let me see what ya' got!" Suddenly, a bullhorn BLOWS. Brutus hits the deck in fear as PINKIE PIE dashes in with a bullhorn around her neck. She yells into it, "Give me a P for Ponyville! Peeeee! Gooooo, Ponyville!"

Fluttershy and Brutus thank Pinkie Pie for the good wishes. Fluttershy is nervous, but so excited to be representing their city. Rainbow Dash nods in agreement. They ARE going to be great... however, before another word is said, RARITY runs in with a measuring tape around her neck, a few rolls of fabric on her back and some pins in her mouth. She's designing their uniforms for the Equestria Games... she just knows they are going to qualify... and they need to look good. Actually, they need to look better than good; they need to be aerodynamic, sleek and perfect. Brutus stands tall and flexes so that he can be fitted to look just right. Rainbow Dash nods her head. Winners DO need to look good!

Fluttershy and Brutus are finally ready to run a few practice drills when Applejack approaches pulling a wagon full of apples. Not so fast! She tells them, "If yer gonna be good, yer gonna be better with some fuel in ya." She insists that they carbo-load on some of the special apples that she picked just for them. Rainbow Dash munches on a few apples with the others, "Oh, we're gonna be good. How could we not, with me as coach!?" And then TWILIGHT SPARKLE joins them. She tells them that as Princess, she's supposed to seem neutral... but she really wants her friends to win! Now, can she see them fly while it's still okay for her to cheer them on?

Team Ponyville is ready. Rainbow Dash barks out a few commands, "Put some bend in those knees! Flap those wings, and I want to see all four hooves off the ground by the count of three!" Fluttershy and Brutus flap their wings vigorously. Fluttershy lifts off immediately while Brutus grunts, turns red and rises a few inches. He's working so hard that it looks like he's ready to burst. Rainbow Dash yells, "Breathe!" He exhales and it's like letting the air out of a balloon. He careens into Fluttershy and they both crash to the ground.

The rest of the ponies stand frozen in place. What just happened?! Rainbow Dash breaks the silence with her usual confidence, "No worries. There's plenty of time to make it work!"

ACT ONE**2) INT. TRAIN TO RAINBOW FALLS – DAY**

Brutus, Rainbow Dash, Fluttershy, Twilight Sparkle, Rarity, Applejack and Pinkie Pie are all on the train and excited to be heading to Rainbow Falls. Rainbow Dash tells Twilight Sparkle that it doesn't matter how many... er, flaws her teammates might have, she knows that she can pick up the slack and make them a winning team. It is going to be awesome! Twilight Sparkle agrees; Ponyville is very lucky to have Rainbow Dash!

Fluttershy tells Brutus how proud she is to be representing Ponyville. She thinks there's no greater honor than being a pony from Ponyville, and she just hopes she can do the city proud. Brutus agrees.

Pinkie Pie, Fluttershy, Rarity and Applejack want to do their part in Rainbow Falls. They know that the other teams will have their fans, but they'll be the biggest and best fans there. Pinkie Pie gets Fluttershy to practice some of her new cheers while Rarity keeps her eyes peeled for signs of the competitions' uniforms, "Oh, I can sooo do better!" And, Applejack fusses with her apples, polishing and coddling them so that they can fuel their team to victory!

3) EXT. RAINBOW FALLS CITY STREETS – LATER

The ponies walk through the streets of Rainbow Falls and marvel at its beauty. The roads are filled with excited athletes who have just arrived for the tryouts. Pinkie Pie leads the Ponyville procession by cheering into her bullhorn. Rarity comments on each and every uniform that passes their way and sniffs, "Nice, but not up to Ponyville standards!" Twilight Sparkle just smiles and loudly wishes every team luck and then whispers, "But I really want us to win!"

4) EXT. RAINBOW FALLS ARENA – LATER

Rainbow Dash is right in the middle of everything. It's clear that she loves being in an athletic environment. Long lost friends are greeting each other, whinnying hello, and boasting about the events to come. A sudden hush falls over the crowd. All eyes turn to one spot and SOARIN', FLEETFOOT and SPITFIRE, walk into the arena. They are the three Wonderbolts who will be competing for Cloudsdale! For a moment, everyone is too awestruck to say a word. And then, the Wonderbolts drop their capes and the crowd goes wild. Everypony has something to say about them... not only is there no doubt that they will qualify for the games, but it seems like a foregone conclusion that they will win the whole thing.

Suddenly, Spitfire spots Rainbow Dash and walks over to her to say hello. Rainbow Dash bristles with pride and then tells Twilight Sparkle that they recognize their own kind. She and the Wonderbolts are winners!

Rainbow Dash tells her friends that they've got some stiff competition and if they hope to qualify for the games, they need to step up their practicing. Her confidence is still unflagging, and she grins when Pinkie Pie pulls out her bullhorn, "Gimmie a P for practice and Ponyville... and potatoes and persimmons and popcorn..." Until Rainbow Dash silences her, "And, now we're done. We've got to get to work!"

6) EXT. RAINBOW FALLS ARENA – AIR – SHORT TIME LATER

Rainbow Dash flies backwards while encouraging Fluttershy and Brutus to fly after her. Brutus is concentrating mightily when suddenly an apple flies straight up in front of him. He backpedals in fear and loses momentum as Rainbow Dash looks below, "What the...?" She sees Applejack on the ground ready to toss more apples, "Y'all can't concentrate if ya don't eat!" Suddenly, Fluttershy spots a passing butterfly. She starts to follow it while carrying on a conversation, "I'm having a wonderful day, thank you!" Rainbow Dash sighs as she has her first moment of doubt and looks back down at Applejack, "Better send up a few more apples!"

7) EXT. RAINBOW FALLS – GROUND – LATER

Rainbow Dash tells Brutus and Fluttershy to practice handing off the baton. Brutus holds out the baton for Fluttershy to take from his mouth, but she's tentative. "Are you sure you *want* me to take it!" He nods and she reaches out to grab it, but before she does, Rarity plucks it from his mouth and tucks it in her saddle bag, "Oh, Ponyville can do much better. I'll be back with a freshly painted baton in a minute!" She gallops away and Rainbow Dash watches her leave, "We were USING that... and it's not like we don't need to practice or anything!"

Rainbow Dash turns to Twilight Sparkle who has been watching. She tells her that Ponyville's chances of winning are pretty slim... but qualifying is still good enough. Twilight Sparkle notes Rainbow Dash wistfully watching the Cloudsdale's perfect practice.

8) EXT. RAINBOW FALLS – GROUND – LATER

Rainbow Dash stands with Fluttershy and Brutus on the sidelines of the Cloudsdale's practice area. She tells them that she wants them to watch how it's done. After all, the Cloudsdales are Wonderbolts and, therefore, the best fliers out there, not to mention, her personal heroes. So maybe they could learn something... please!

Suddenly, Rainbow Dash notices that Soarin' has gotten into trouble! His wings are caught in a hoop. He struggles to stay airborne, but he just can't get his bearings. A panicked look crosses his face as he starts to drop towards the ground. He gains speed and fights to free himself, but the ground is getting closer and closer. He's in big trouble and ready to hit any second! Rainbow Dash goes flying off after him as we... END ACT I.

ACT TWO**9) EXT. RAINBOW FALLS ARENA – MOMENTS LATER**

Rainbow Dash races through the sky like a bullet. She gets to Soarin' in an instant and wastes no time getting under him. His weight comes down on her back, but she can take it. She gently and gracefully brings them both down to the field. The Wonderbolts are thrilled and grateful! They thank her profusely. Rainbow Dash feigns modestly, but she is clearly thrilled to have gained her heroes respect... again, "Awww, it was nothing, but you can tell me how impressed you are if you feel like it!"

Soarin' and his injured wings are being trotted away on a stretcher as the others watch. Rainbow Dash tells Fleetfoot and Spitfire that she's sorry. Tough break. They agree, but... it doesn't have to be *too* tough if Rainbow Dash will agree to practice with them until Soarin's wings heal. (The fact that she grew up in Cloudsdale means it isn't against the rule for her to do so.) Rainbow Dash's face lights up. How can she resist practicing with the winning team... even if it is for just a little while! Sign her up!

Fluttershy immediately adds, "Please do! I know how much it'll mean to you." However, Twilight Sparkle has her doubts. Is Rainbow sure that she can handle that much flying without wearing herself out? The Ponyville team really needs her to be at her best if they want to qualify. Rainbow Dash tells Twilight Sparkle that she's so confident she can bring home a qualifying race with just her part of the relay that it won't hurt a bit if she practices with both teams. Fluttershy interjects again and says that she's sure it'll be easy for Rainbow Dash to do it all. Rainbow looks at Twilight Sparkle and says, "See, it's settled."

10) EXT. RAINBOW FALLS ARENA – AIR – LATER

Rainbow Dash flies towards a hoop with the baton in her mouth. She pulls in her feet and points her snout. She flies through it like a bullet and hands the baton to an already racing Spitfire. It's beautiful. Rainbow Dash smiles, "Geez, we're good!" ANGLE ON the ground where the rest of the ponies are watching quietly. Pinkie Pie yells into her bullhorn, "Great job, Rainbow Dash... and others."

11) EXT. RAINBOW FALLS ARENA – AIR - LATER

Brutus flies towards a hoop while Fluttershy hovers on the other side waiting to receive the baton while Rainbow Dash shouts out encouragement. Brutus lowers his head and aims, but his big chest can't quite fit. He gets stuck. Rainbow gets behind him and helps SHOVE! Fluttershy just manages to take the baton but immediately drops it. Rainbow winces as it falls to the ground. ANGLE ON the ground where it almost beans the other ponies. However, they still cheer madly, "Go, Ponyville! You can do it!"

12) EXT. RAINBOW FALLS ARENA - GROUND AND AIR – LATER

Twilight Sparkle, Pinkie Pie, Rarity and Applejack are lined up to create a runway. They wave and cheer on Rainbow Dash, Fluttershy and Brutus who are in the air about to come in for a landing. Rainbow Dash coaches them, "Get your feet moving before they hit the ground." She demonstrates as the others try to do the same on either side of her. However, Fluttershy starts circling her feet but when they hit the ground; they bounce her back up so it's more like hopping. Brutus starts circling his feet but forgets to pump his wings. He crashes to the ground in front of the others, who still cheer him on enthusiastically. However, the ponies cheers fade away as Rainbow Dash just keeps on running until she makes it over to the area where the Wonderbolts are practicing. Without missing a step, she falls into line right between Spitfire and Fleetfoot and takes off in perfect synchronicity.

13) EXT. RAINBOW FALLS ARENA– AIR AND GROUND – SHORT TIME LATER

The Cloudsdale and Ponyville ponies are all in the air with Rainbow Dash somewhere in the middle trying to be on both teams at once. Underneath them, Applejack runs in circles trying to toss her apples up to the right team, "Here you go, Ponyville!" Pinkie Pie stretches a Finish Line banner between two trees. Spitfire and Fleetfoot lower their heads and aim for it. Pinkie Pie immediately rolls it back up. The Cloudsdales land and she unfurls the banner again just in time for Rainbow Dash to fly through it, "Great job, Ponyville! You're the first through the finish line!" Spitfire and Fleetfoot look at each other, bemused. They then jump in surprise as Rarity snaps part of their uniforms. She says, "Sorry, just checking!" And with satisfaction she adds, "Lycra! Ponyville does not do synthetic!"

ANGLE ON Rainbow Dash as she waits for Fluttershy and Brutus to land. Twilight Sparkle walks up to her and comments on how ONE of the teams she's practicing with seems a little better than the other. Maybe she should think about just practicing with the one who really needs her? But, Rainbow Dash shakes her head and tells her friend that they both need her! Besides, she's having too much fun working out with the winners and... um, the not winners. However, she promises that when it's time for the tryouts, she'll be there to make sure Ponyville gets to the games.

14) EXT. RAINBOW FALLS ARENA – LATER

Spitfire and Fleetfoot approach Rainbow Dash and tell her that they're really impressed that she can practice for two teams and still be as good as she is. In fact, they would like it if she would fly with them during the qualifying race because it looks like Soarin's wings won't heal in time. Rainbow Dash hesitates in surprise and Spitfire tells her to take some time to think about it... but not too much time. They leave as Rainbow Dash looks around and sees that the rest of the Ponyville ponies have all witnessed this moment. Brutus gives her an affirmative grunt as Fluttershy tells Rainbow Dash that she should fly with the Cloudsdale team. They are a lock to go to the Equestria Games and even with Rainbow Dash on their team, the Ponyville team could still fail to qualify. Fluttershy knows how much Rainbow Dash loves to win, and she needs to ensure her spot on the podium by competing with her old hometown team. Everypony knows how happy that'll make her... and they all want her to be happy! The rest of the ponies murmur in agreement. They want her to be happy.

Rainbow Dash looks from her friends to the Cloudsdales in the distance. She is clearly having a hard time with this decision. Rainbow Dash nudges Twilight Sparkle so that they move a few steps away for privacy. Rainbow Dash tells Twilight Sparkle that she doesn't know what decision to make. On one hoof, there's nothing she would enjoy more than qualifying, going to the Equestria Games and helping her old hometown win gold, but on the other hoof, her new hometown team needs her and they have NO chance of qualifying without her. Twilight Sparkle tells her that it's a decision she has to make on her own. Rainbow is distraught. What should she do!?!

ACT THREE**15) EXT. RAINBOW FALLS ARENA – LATER**

Rainbow Dash sees that her two 'teams' are practicing close to each other. She walks to a spot between the two of them and suddenly trips and falls to the ground. She moans, "My foot! I've hurt my ankle and my foot, and my knee and a whole bunch of other things!" As the two teams converge around her, she informs them all that she can't fly for either team now. She's out of the competition, and then she adds another moan for emphasis.

16) INT. HOSPITAL – LATER

Rainbow Dash is stretched out while Twilight Sparkle, Applejack, Rarity and Pinkie Pie sit bedside. Pinkie pie does a 'get better' cheer while Applejack gives her some freshly made applesauce, "Still need that energy for gettin' better." Fluttershy trots in with Brutus right behind her. They want to know how she's feeling. Rainbow glumly replies that she's fine. Fluttershy tells her not to worry about letting Ponyville down because they found a replacement. She motions to the door and a young, nervous PEGASUS steps in. Rainbow Dash looks at her with surprise as Fluttershy goes on to say that she is so, so sorry that she got hurt because she knows what a great opportunity she is missing out on.

Rainbow Dash tells her friends that she needs a little time to think, and they graciously trot out of the hospital room. Suddenly, she hears hoof beats and looks up to see Soarin' enter looking fresh and healthy. He wants to know how she's feeling and Rainbow Dash asks the same thing of him. He tells her that he's fine. He'd, actually, been cleared to fly a while ago, but Spitfire and Fleetfoot were worried that he wouldn't be at 100% by the race. So, they were basically giving Rainbow Dash a tryout the whole time with the intention that they'd ask her to take his place if she was good... and she

was good! If she hadn't gotten hurt, she could have been on the team that would have surely gone on to the Equestria Games and taken home the gold! And, the best part would have been that her friends would have supported her every step of the way. She's so lucky to have friends like that! Rainbow Dash considers this just as a beam of sunlight comes through the window and hits a pitcher of water, creating a rainbow on the floor. For a split second it appears that its pale blue color pulsates.

17) RAINBOW FALLS ARENA – MOMENTS LATER

The other ponies are trying to make the best out of their disappointment over the fact that Ponyville will most likely NOT make it to the Equestria games. Pinkie Pie rolls up her 'Equestria or bust' banner and rolls out one that reads, 'Great try!' Rarity sighs and says maybe her uniforms will still be in fashion next year... maybe. Applejack takes a bite out of one of her apples; no use letting them go to waste. Twilight Sparkle shrugs. At least, she'll be able to be truly impartial at the games.

And then, they all spot Rainbow Dash strutting across the field towards the nearby Cloudsdale ponies! What's happening!?! Rainbow Dash confesses that she was so torn between which team to fly for that she decided not to decide and had faked her injury. But now she knows what she must do. The Cloudsdales grin, certain she's decided to fly for them. Good choice... always stick with the winners! However, Rainbow Dash shakes her head. She now knows whom she should be loyal to – her friends, the ones who truly care about her. She's flying for Ponyville! Her friends cheer and surround her excitedly as the young Pegasus wipes her brow, "Phew!"

Rainbow Dash is surprised to hear that the Cloudsdale ponies are actually impressed with her decision. She's taught them a little something about loyalty. They need a replacement for Rainbow Dash... and thanks to her example, they know exactly who it should be...

18) EXT. RAINBOW FALLS ARENA – AIR – DAY

Soarin' stands at the finish line watching. He and the other Wonderbolts have clearly finished way ahead of the others, but that doesn't keep him from cheering on Rainbow Dash who is the anchor for the Ponyville team. She has the baton in her mouth and the finish line in her sights, but there are a few ponies flying ahead of her, and she must beat them to qualify. She pulls in her legs, lowers her head and flies like she told the others to fly. She surges ahead while her friends cheer from the ground. She passes the others and makes it to the finish line. She touches down. Ponyville qualifies! They are going to the Equestria games!! Rainbow Dash is excited, "I know we didn't win, but I still feel like a winner!"

The friends are right there for team Ponyville. Pinkie Pie has pulled out all the stops, cheers, signs, pom poms. She's got it all going at once. Applejack has freshly polished and delicious apples waiting so that they can refuel, and Rarity has found her inspiration, "Yards of cotton and a little tulle... it's so Ponyville!" And none of them can wait for it all to happen again at the Equestria Games!!

19) EXT. RAINBOW FALLS ARENA – GROUND – SHORT TIME LATER

An OFFICIAL PONY walks by the qualifiers and passes out a ribbon for each team. When he gets to Ponyville he holds it out to the three team members. Fluttershy and Brutus motion for Rainbow Dash to take the ribbon for them. She earned it. Rainbow Dash takes the ribbon and says, "We ALL earned it!... For Ponyville!"

20) INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S LIBRARY – DAY

All of the ponies are gathered around their journal as Rainbow Dash tells the others that she learned a lot at Rainbow Falls. Her loyalty was put to the test but she realized just in time that being loyal to the friends she could help the most was much more rewarding than being loyal to those who could most help her. Rainbow Dash gently puts the ribbon into a box for safe-keeping. CLOSE ON the ribbon as we FADE OUT.