

MY LITTLE PONY
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EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

TWILIGHT
(reading to herself)
The magical properties of this spell
will only have lasting effects if you
focus on...

RAINBOW DASH
Yeah-heh-heh-heh-ha!

TWILIGHT
Noooooo!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Rainbow Dash! <GRUMBLES> How in
Equestria does that pony expect to
pass her History of the Wonderbolts
exam tomorrow if she's wasting time
flying?

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I'm just gonna fly right up to her and
tell her just what I think about her
lackadaisical approach to studying!
Won't she be surprised!

RAINBOW DASH
(coinciding with Twilight)
Surprise!

TWILIGHT
Wha? Hunh? How did you?

RAINBOW DASH
Puh-lease, Twilight! That was the
worst sneak attack ever.

TWILIGHT
Wha? But...

RAINBOW DASH
I saw you giving me the stink eye from
the ground.

RAINBOW DASH
And heard you flying towards me and
muttering from a mile away.

TWILIGHT
Well, if you heard me muttering then
you know what I was muttering about.

RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, yeah, the Wonderbolts History
test. No big deal.

TWILIGHT

No! *Big Deal! Really Big Deal!* It is a *test!* A test that will determine if you can join the newly formed Wonderbolts Reserves. And being part of the Wonderbolts Reserves means you will have the opportunity to live your dream as a Wonderbolt! This is the most important test...of your life!

RAINBOW DASH

Twilight, not everypony gets all freaked out about tests like you.

TWILIGHT

I do not get "all freaked out about tests."

RAINBOW DASH

Seriously? Your freak outs are so epic you sing whole "freak out" arias about freaking out.

TWILIGHT

Fine. I may tend to take my tests a little seriously.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

But that doesn't mean you shouldn't be studying for yours.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Eeee! And I know just the pony who can help you!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

ME!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

This is going to soooooo much fun!

RAINBOW DASH

Sure. Fun.

CUT TO:

INT. GOLDEN OAKS LIBRARY - LATER

RAINBOW DASH

Wha? Hunh?

TWILIGHT

THIS is the most complete,...

RAINBOW DASH

And GINORMOUS!

TWILIGHT
Book on the History of the
Wonderbolts!

RAINBOW DASH
Okay, but how am I supposed to get
what's in there...

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Into here?

TWILIGHT
With my handy dandy Study Checklist,
of course.

RAINBOW DASH
Of course.

TWILIGHT
First up: Reading and Highlighting!

CUT TO:

INT. GOLDEN OAKS LIBRARY - A LITTLE LATER

TWILIGHT
Reading and highlighting is the
foundation of any good study method.
It allows the student to hone in and
boil down what's really important,
separating the good from the bad, the
wheat from the chaff, getting to the
crux of things.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Let's see what you've got so far.

RAINBOW DASH
Um...

TWILIGHT
By highlighting everything, you don't
really separate the wheat...

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
...from the chaff...

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Or the good...

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
From the bad.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Hey! I am NOT THAT TALL!!!!

INT. GOLDEN OAKS LIBRARY - A LITTLE LATER

TWILIGHT

<Heavy Sigh> Ok, Rainbow. Clearly Reading and Highlighting is not your style of studying. So let's move on to the tried and true... History Lecture!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Yes, Rainbow?

RAINBOW DASH

Is it snack time?

TWILIGHT

No.

RAINBOW DASH

Recess?

TWILIGHT

No.

RAINBOW DASH

Can't we just watch the History of the Wonderbolts movie?

TWILIGHT

(annoyed)

No!

(regaining composure)

Now just get comfortable and experience the magic of learning!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

<Ehem> Prior to the great Celestia/Luna Rift, there was no need for the Earth, Unicorn, Pegasi --or E.U.P.--Guard.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

But after Luna's banishment, the Protective Pony Platoons were formed.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

On the anniversary of the first Celestial Year of Peace, a celebration was held.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Headed by General Firefly...

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

An elite team of aerial performers were chosen to help commemorate this auspicious occasion.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

The first performance was so full of energy, so highly charged, that magical lightening showered down on the crowd. Everypony was so filled with amazement and wonder that General Firefly dubbed them...the Wonderbolts!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Rainbow Dash! Can you repeat any of my lesson?

RAINBOW DASH

<Fighting a Laugh>

EXT. GOLDEN OAKS LIBRARY - LATER

TWILIGHT

History lecture?

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

<SIGH> Okay Rainbow...Rainbow... Rainbow Dash!

RAINBOW DASH

Here!

TWILIGHT

Let's move on to my favorite style of learning...Flashcards!

RAINBOW DASH

Ooh! Does that mean I'll learn in a flash?

TWILIGHT

One can only hope.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Colonel Purple Dart, the leader of the Wonderbolts in the 4th Celestial Era was known for his...

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Wha?

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Rainbow, did you see what happened?

RAINBOW DASH

What? No! I was riveted by your captivating cards.

TWILIGHT

Hmmmm....

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
After becoming the official flying
squadron for Princess Celestia, she
honored them with...

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Gotcha!

RAINBOW DASH
Got what?

TWILIGHT
The original Wonderbolts lightening
bolt insignia was...

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Aaaaah!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Rainbow Dash! You could have hurt
me!

RAINBOW DASH
With a spit wad? Really?

TWILIGHT
A spit wad to the eye would have been
no laughing matter!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
If you can horse around like this then
you clearly must be ready for the
test.

RAINBOW DASH
Clearly!

TWILIGHT
Well then, I guess you're also ready
for a...POP QUIZ!!!

RAINBOW DASH
Bring it.

TWILIGHT
The initials E.U.P. stand for what?

RAINBOW DASH
Ernie's Undercooked Pancakes.

TWILIGHT
The original aerial team performed
for...

RAINBOW DASH
Celestia's Cereal Celebration!

TWILIGHT

The Wonderbolts were given their name
by this famous Pegasus. Who is she?
(whispers to herself)
Please don't say Colonel Waffle.

RAINBOW DASH

Hello? General Blazin' Donut Glaze!

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

So, did I ace it or what?

TWILIGHT

Or what. You didn't get one answer
correct!

RAINBOW DASH

What? But...how?

TWILIGHT

I don't know. I've never heard answers
so wrong. And so breakfast related.
If you had taken the official test
today...

RAINBOW DASH

My dreams of being in the Wonderbolts
Reserves would've been totally
crushed!

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

What am I gonna do? I'm running out
of time! I don't know any of this
history. I'm gonna...FAIL!

EXT. GOLDEN OAKS LIBRARY - CONTINUOUS

RAINBOW DASH

I'm gonna fail, I'm gonna fail, I'm
gonna fail!

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

And it's all your fault!

TWILIGHT

MY fault? I'm the one helping you!

RAINBOW DASH

Maybe you're famous "study methods"
aren't all they're cracked up to be,
eh teacher?

TWILIGHT

Excuse me, I've used them to study for
many a test and PASSED!

RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, right.

TWILIGHT
Do YOU know the name of the premiere
Wonderbolts choreographer?

RAINBOW DASH
Uh, well...

TWILIGHT
Commander Easy Glider. Do YOU know
how many Pegasi flew in the original
squad?

RAINBOW DASH
Um...

TWILIGHT
Seven. Do YOU know Princess
Celestia's favorite flight pattern?

TWILIGHT
The Icaranian Sun Salutation. See?
I could pass the test.

RAINBOW DASH
Fine. Rub it in, why don't 'cha?
Besides, I don't see why I have to take
this lousy test anyway.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I've proven I'm one of the best fliers
around.

TWILIGHT
Knowing their origin and being able
properly represent them for all of
Equestria is just as important.

RAINBOW DASH
Yeah right! Some history buff like YOU
musta made that up to bring us fliers
down.

TWILIGHT
Knowing history actually is
beneficial, Rainbow!

RAINBOW DASH
Beneficial for eggheads!

FLUTTERSHY
Girls.

TWILIGHT

Well, this egghead knows history AND can fly. Maybe I should become a Wonderbolt.

RAINBOW DASH

Just 'cause you've got wings doesn't mean you can fly.

FLUTTERSHY

Girls.

RAINBOW DASH

You're barely able to just get off the ground.

FLUTTERSHY

GIRLS! STOP!!!!

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

Now, is that any way to talk to a friend?

TWILIGHT

Sorry.

RAINBOW DASH

Yeah, sorry.

FLUTTERSHY

Don't you have more important things to do? Like prepare Rainbow for her big test?

TWILIGHT

I've tried everything, Fluttershy, but none of my study methods work for her.

FLUTTERSHY

Well, no offense to your teaching methods, Twilight, but I think I may have a way to help Rainbow.

EXT. GAZEBO - A LITTLE LATER

RAINBOW DASH

Who's that? Who's that?

FLUTTERSHY

Celestia and Luna, back when they were happy.

OPALESCENCE

<Cat Screech>

RAINBOW DASH

Now what?

FLUTTERSHY

Gummy's an Earth Pony, Winona's a Unicorn, and Tank is a Pegasus.

TWILIGHT

They're the E.U.P. helping to protect the Princess.

RAINBOW DASH

How are you getting all this?

FLUTTERSHY

Oh no!

RAINBOW DASH

Stop, stop, stop! That was aw...

PINKIE PIE

AWESOME! I give it three "Woo hoos"--Woo hoo, Woo hoo, Woo hoo--and an extra "Woo" for good measure! Woo!

RAINBOW DASH

Well I give it a "Woah, woah, what?" I'm totally confused and I just wanna go home.

PINKIE PIE

Woah your woes there woeful. Someponies learn through theatrical presentation. But other ponies learn through musical intervention.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

Boom, boom, che. Boom, boom, boom, che. Boom, boom, che. Boom--Wiki, wiki, wiki.
Well back in ancient times there were the Wonderbolts of old.
A General named Firefly--amazing and so bold.
She brought them all together spreading unity in flight.
Performing at their very best with wonder and with might.
Next Admiral Fair Weather and the Colonel Purple Dart
Gave Wonderbolts a bit of steel along with lots of heart.
An Admiral named Fairy Flight, a General called Flash
Helped the bolts fly super high with style and panache.
Commander Easy Glider was the real cream of the crop.

For with her wicked moves the
Wonderbolts soared to the top!
Wonderbolts! Yeah Wonderbolts!
Wonderbolts! Yeah Wonderbolts!
That is my rappin' Hist'ry of the
Wonderbolts!

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
So, do you get it?

RAINBOW DASH
Yes, Pinkie! Yes!
(rapping)
Wiki wiki wiki, General this and
Colonel that.
They're the Wonderbolts something
that rhymes with that!

PINKIE PIE
That was pretty terrible.

RAINBOW DASH
What? NO! Really? But I've got to
learn this stuff! Now!

RARITY
And I am just the pony to help!

RAINBOW DASH
Rarity! You look ridiculous.

RARITY
I'm going to ignore that comment out
of my desire to help you.

RAINBOW DASH
Good luck.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - A LITTLE LATER

RARITY
Get ready, Rainbow Dash, for I am
going to take you on a historical
adventure...in fashion!

RARITY
I am now modeling the rather
unattractive, and frankly, itchy
original Wonderbolts' flying
costume.

RARITY (CONT'D)
Fortunately, thanks to the vision of
Flair d' Mare, the Wonderbolts

ensemble became more streamlined in a wonderfully breathable fabric.

RARITY (CONT'D)

Of course, there were fashion hits and misses. Just look at those dreadful bell bottoms. What were ponies thinking?

PINKIE PIE

I don't know. I bet General Flash rocked these things!

RAINBOW DASH

Ah! Pinkie! You're real!

PINKIE PIE

Of course I'm real. I mean, I'm not the real General Flash, the 10th leader of the Wonderbolts. But I, Pinkie, am really real.

FLUTTERSHY

And I'm Admiral Fairy Flight, from the 7th squadron.

TWILIGHT

And of course you recognize Commander Easy Glider.

APPLEJACK

And I'm sportin' some sort of get up worn by Colonel Purple Dart.

RARITY

Just look at us.

TWILIGHT

Look at us.

PINKIE PIE

Look at me!

RAINBOW DASH

It's too much! My eyes!

APPLEJACK

Now, don't you fret, Rainbow. This fashion show nonsense wouldn't help me learn nothin' either.

RAINBOW DASH

Really? Well, what special study trick do you have, AJ?

APPLEJACK

Who me? Oh, I got nothin'.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

Why, I could tell you every little thing there is to know about the History of Apples. But I picked all that up over years in the field as a labor of love. How much time you got?

RAINBOW DASH

Twelve hours.

APPLEJACK

Oh, then you are up a creek.

TWILIGHT

Well, I think we should just go back to old-fashioned studying.

FLUTTERSHY

What about our play?

RARITY

Just look at these costumes. Surely something resonates with your inner Wonderbolt.

APPLEJACK

And Granny Smith discovered the first Granny Smith in Phillydelphia when she was just a filly!

PINKIE PIE

(rapping)

Commander Easy Glider was the real cream of the crop!

TWILIGHT

Pinkie, stop rapping, that isn't going to help Rainbow.

PINKIE PIE

(rapping)

Well, I suggest you put down your silly cards of flash. For I know that they cannot help our good friend Rainbow Dash.

RAINBOW DASH

ENOUGH! No rapping! No cards! No costumes! No play! And no apples! I am never going to pass this test! Ever! Just...forget it!

EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

TWILIGHT

Rainbow, I'm sorry about all that. We didn't mean to overwhelm you.

RAINBOW DASH

It's okay. You were just trying to help. It's just too bad I'm too dumb to learn anything.

TWILIGHT

You are not dumb! You just learn differently.

RAINBOW DASH

If by "differently" you mean "not at all" then you're totally right.

TWILIGHT

No, that's totally wrong.

RAINBOW DASH

See, wrong again.

TWILIGHT

I don't know anypony that's read more Daring Do books than you.

RAINBOW DASH

Well, that's not gonna get me into the Wonderbolts.

TWILIGHT

And your knowledge of jokes and pranks is only rived by Pinkie.

RAINBOW DASH

Great, my years of being a class clown prevented me from actually learning how to learn.

TWILIGHT

That's not what I meant. You are smart, creative, inventive, and...

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Hey! I know you're upset, but you don't need to!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Woah! I almost slammed into that!

RAINBOW DASH

I know! You were jabbering on so much you didn't even notice.

TWILIGHT

But how did you notice? You were listening and talking to me the whole time.

RAINBOW DASH
<Laughing> You are such a rookie. An experienced flyer like me knows how to multi-task.

TWILIGHT
While you fly?

RAINBOW DASH
It's essential! Yes, I was paying attention to you, but was also scanning the sky and the ground for any problems.

TWILIGHT
Really?

RAINBOW DASH
Flyings not just *flying*! In order to stay safe in the sky, I gotta hear and see everything down to the littlest details. For instance, I saw Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo coming out of Sugar Cube Corner.

EXT. FLASHBACK - SUGAR CUBE CORNER

RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
And from the looks of it, they had carrot cupcakes with sprinkles.

RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
And I'm thinkin' Big Mac sold a huge order of apples to Filthy Rich cause I heard him give a very hearty, "Eeyup."

END FLASHBACK

EXT. PONYVILLE - REAL TIME - CONTINUOUS

RAINBOW DASH
I always make note of everything when I fly. No biggie.

TWILIGHT
Oh my gosh!

RAINBOW DASH
What?

TWILIGHT
Gotta go!

RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, I get it. I wouldn't want to hang
out with a loser like me either.

INT. GOLDEN OAKS LIBRARY - A LITTLE LATER

TWILIGHT
Thanks for meeting me, everypony.

APPLEJACK
What is it, Twilight?

TWILIGHT
We have to help Rainbow Dash.

FLUTTERSHY
Yes, but how?

RARITY
We've tried every kind of studying.
My way, your way...

TWILIGHT
But we haven't tried Rainbow Dash's
way.

PINKIE PIE
Hmmm...I'm intrigued.

TWILIGHT
Ok listen up Ponies here is the plan

EXT. PONYVILLE - A LITTLE LATER

TWILIGHT
Hey Rainbow. Wanna go for a fly?

RAINBOW DASH
Sure. Got nothin' better to do.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Didn't we just do this?

TWILIGHT
Yes but, like you said, I'm such a
newbie I need all the practice I can
get.

RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, well, I'm sure you'll become a
great flier in no time. After all,
you're good at everything.

TWILIGHT
Sooooooo...What's going on?

RAINBOW DASH

Oh, nothing. Just getting my dreams crushed.

TWILIGHT

Um...read any good books lately?

RAINBOW DASH

Just history books. I'd tell you what they're about, but my brain is as dry as a rock.

TWILIGHT

Speaking of rocks, did you know Pinkie grew up on a rock farm?

RAINBOW DASH

Maybe I'll go work there since I have no other plans...for the rest of my life.

TWILIGHT

Oh, come now, Rainbow. You can't give up on your dream!

RAINBOW DASH

Seems my dream has given up on me. Maybe I'll learn to shine shoes. Sell hats. Dig ditches.

TWILIGHT

Or maybe you'll be a Wonderbolt!

RAINBOW DASH

Twilight, give it up. I have.

TWILIGHT

So...what do you remember about that flight?

RAINBOW DASH

<Sigh> Nothing important. Except, after Luna was banished to the moon, Celestia needed protective forces, so Earth, Unicorn, and Pegasi formed the E.U.P. Guard of the Protective Pony Platoons.

TWILIGHT

Yes?

RAINBOW DASH

And at the celebration of the first Celestial Year of Peace, an elite flying squadron performed headed by General Firefly who later named the group the Wonderbolts!

TWILIGHT

Uh hunh?

RAINBOW DASH

Commander Easy Glider established
flight choreography that is still
used by the Wonderbolts today.

TWILIGHT

Yes!

RAINBOW DASH

I...I know the history! I know it all!
But...how in Equestria did that
happen?

TWILIGHT

You learned it!

RAINBOW DASH

Yeah, I got that, but HOW?

TWILIGHT

Well, on our first flight, I
discovered that you catalogue
everything that happens all around
you when you're flying without even
thinking about it.

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TWILIGHT

Don't you see? I made use of your
special skills by enlisting everypony
to help you learn the History of the
Wonderbolts!

EXT. FLASHBACK - PONYVILLE

FLUTTERSHY

I, Princess Celestia, banish you,
Princess Luna to the moon!

RARITY

Noooooooooo!

APPLE BLOOM

Earth.

SWEETIE BELLE

Unicorn.

SCOOTALOO

Pegasus.

APPLE BLOOM

E.

SWEETIE BELLE

U.

SCOOTALOO

P.

BIG MAC

Eeeyup!

FLUTTERSHY

Let us celebrate our first Celestial
Year of Peace!

PINKIE PIE

Yeah! Let's party! I'm General
Firefly! Gee, my costume is itchy and
unattractive. But I'm gonna assemble
an awesome flying team!

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

I'll call them...the Wonderbolts!

RARITY

Streamlined style by Flaire d' Mare.

PEGASUS #1

Admiral Fair Weather!

PEGASUS #2

Colonel Purple Dart!

PEGASUS #3

Admiral Fairy Flight!

PEGASUS #4

General Flash!

PEGASUS #5

Commander Easy Glider!

FLUTTERSHY

The History of the Wonderbolts!

END FLASHBACK.

EXT. PONYVILLE - REAL TIME

RAINBOW DASH

Oh my gosh, oh my gosh, oh my gosh!
Thank you! Thank you all so much!

TWILIGHT

You're welcome! But it all came from
you.

RAINBOW DASH

TWILIGHT

You learn without knowing you're learning. Your main focus is flying, but then your brain is also absorbing lots of other information. It's actually really brilliant.

RAINBOW DASH

Eh, I always knew I was brilliant.

PONIES

<LAUGH>

INT. GOLDEN OAKS LIBRARY - THE NEXT DAY

TWILIGHT (V.O.)

Rainbow Dash finally learned the History of the Wonderbolts. But she's not the only pony that needed a lesson. I needed to learn something just as important.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. CLOUDSDALE HALL - THE SAME DAY

TWILIGHT

One way of learning isn't better than another.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

After all, everypony is unique and individual!

THE END.