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SC. 1 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

High above Ponyville, RAINBOW DASH flies among the clouds, whooshing this way and that.

1 RAINBOW DASH 1
Woo hoo! Yeah! <Laughing>

On the ground, TWILIGHT is in front of the Library with a large book open as she works on a new spell. She is concentrating very hard and her horn is glowing.

2 TWILIGHT 2
(reading to herself)
The magical properties of this spell will only have lasting effects if you focus on...

Suddenly Rainbow comes spiralling by creating a huge wind that stirs up the pages of Twilight's book, losing her place.

3 RAINBOW DASH 3
Yeah-heh-heh-heh-ha!

Twilight desperately tries to stop the pages from turning and her horn goes dim.

4 TWILIGHT 4
Nooooo!

Twilight scowls and gives Rainbow the stink eye as she obliviously flies away.

5 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 5
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 takes to the sky, still very annoyed. She mutters to herself as the tries to catch up to Rainbow.

6 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 6
I'm just gonna fly right up and tell her just what I think about her lackadaisical approach to studying! Won't she be surprised!

Twilight is catching up to Rainbow when suddenly Rainbow does a loop-de-loop and flies herself right next to Twilight.

7 RAINBOW DASH 7
(coinciding with Twilight)
Surprise!

Twilight is completely flummoxed.

8 TWILIGHT 8
Wha? Hunh? How did you?

The two land on the ground.

9 RAINBOW DASH 9
Puh-lease, Twilight! That was the worst sneak attack ever.

10 TWILIGHT 10
Wha? But...

11 RAINBOW DASH 11
I saw you giving me the stink eye from the ground.

12 TWILIGHT 12
Oh...but then...

13 RAINBOW DASH 13
And heard you flying towards me and muttering from a mile away.

Twilight steams a bit, annoyed by this.

14 TWILIGHT 14
Well, if you heard me muttering then you know what I was muttering about.

15 RAINBOW DASH 15
Yeah, yeah, the Wonderbolts History test. No big deal.

Twilight starts freaking out.

16 TWILIGHT 16
No! *Big* Deal! *Really* Big Deal! It is a *test*! A very important 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!

While Twilight is practically hyperventilating, Rainbow is as cool as ever.

17 RAINBOW DASH 17
Twilight, not everypony gets all freaked out about tests like you.

Twilight stops her freak out and looks a bit offended.

18 TWILIGHT 18
I do not get “all freaked out about tests.”

Rainbow gives her a look of disbelief.

19 RAINBOW DASH 19
Seriously? You may be a princess, but you are the Queen of the Freak Out. Your freak outs are so epic you sing whole “freak out” arias about freaking out.

Twilight looks annoyed, but knows it’s true.

20 TWILIGHT 20
Fine. I may tend to take my tests a little seriously.

Rainbow raises her eyebrows.

21 TWILIGHT (CONT’D) 21
But that doesn’t mean you shouldn’t be studying for yours.

Twilight’s face lights up.

22 TWILIGHT (CONT’D) 22
Eeee! And I know just the pony who can help you!

Rainbow gives her a look of “Please no.”

23 TWILIGHT (CONT’D) 23
ME!

She wraps her wing around Rainbow and gives her a squeeze.

24 TWILIGHT (CONT’D) 24
This is going to soooooo much fun!

But Rainbow looks less than enthused as she’s squeezed.

25 RAINBOW DASH 25
Sure. Fun.

CUT TO:

MY LITTLE PONY TITLE SEQUENCE

TRANSITION TO:

SC. 2 - INT. GOLDEN OAKS LIBRARY - LATER

Rainbow naps with her head on a pile of books. Suddenly a HUGE book thumps to the floor in front of her, startling her awake.

26 RAINBOW DASH 26
Wha? Hunh?

Rainbow's eyes grow wide at the sight of the book. On Twilight looking very professorial.

27 TWILIGHT 27
THIS is the most complete, thorough...

28 RAINBOW DASH 28
And GINORMOUS!

29 TWILIGHT 29
Book on the History of the Wonderbolts!

Rainbow looks at the book with disdain.

30 RAINBOW DASH 30
Okay, but how am I supposed to get what's in there...

She taps the book with her hoof.

31 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 31
Into here?

She taps her head with her hoof. Twilight smiles and magics up a clipboard checklist.

32 TWILIGHT 32
With my handy dandy Study Checklist, of course.

Rainbow rolls her eyes.

33 RAINBOW DASH 33
Of course.

CLOSE ON the checklist. First is a book and a highlighter.

34 TWILIGHT 34
First up: Reading and Highlighting!

CUT TO:

SC. 3 - INT. GOLDEN OAKS LIBRARY - A LITTLE LATER

Twilight is pacing as Rainbow is intently reading the book, using the highlighter with her teeth.

35 TWILIGHT 35
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 excitedly turns to Rainbow.

36 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 36
Let's see what you've got so far.

Rainbow looks a little nervous as Twilight takes her book.

37 RAINBOW DASH 37
Um...well...

Twilight looks at the first page and it's COMPLETELY highlighted. Twilight looks confused.

38 TWILIGHT 38
By highlighting everything, you don't really separate the wheat...

She turns the page and it's completely highlighted as well.

39 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 39
...from the chaff...

Rainbow looks nervous as Twilight turns the next page. There is a drawing of Rainbow in an awesome flying pose.

40 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 40
Or the good...

She turns the page and it's a drawing of Twilight looking "teacherly" standing extra tall with her mouth wide open.

41 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 41
From the bad.

Twilight looks offended and stands extra tall as she yells.

42 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 42
Hey! I am NOT THAT TALL!!!!

Rainbow's eyes grow wide and she hides a smirk as looks at Twilight and then at her picture. The two are quite similar.

SC. 4 - INT. GOLDEN OAKS LIBRARY - A LITTLE LATER

Twilight goes to put a check in the box of Reading and Highlighting, but instead she crosses it out.

43 TWILIGHT 43
<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!

PULL OUT: Twilight stands before a chalkboard and Rainbow sitting behind a desk on a stool. Rainbow raises her hoof.

44 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 44
Yes, Rainbow?

Rainbow stands up.

45 RAINBOW DASH 45
Is it snack time?

46 TWILIGHT 46
No.

47 RAINBOW DASH 47
Recess?

48 TWILIGHT 48
No.

49 RAINBOW DASH 49
Can't we just watch the History of the Wonderbolts movie?

50 TWILIGHT 50
(annoyed)
No!
(MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
(regaining composure)
Now just get comfortable and experience the magic of learning!

Rainbow plunks her hindquarters back on the stool, disgruntled. As Twilight speaks, a piece of chalk is magiced up and draws pictures--the sun, the moon, a line dividing them. Images of Earth, Unicorn, and Pegasi ponies, etc.

51 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 51
<Ehem> Prior to the great Celestia/Luna Rift, there was no need for the Earth, Unicorn, Pegasi --or E.U.P.--Guard.

As Twilight continues, Rainbow tries to get comfortable. But when she moves her hindquarters to the right, she discovers a SQUEAK. Her eyes grow wide with concern.

52 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 52
But after Luna's banishment, the Protective Pony Platoons were formed.

Rainbow moves her tush to the left and discovers another SQUEAK (with a different tone). Her eyes grow wide again.

53 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 53
On the anniversary of the first Celestial Year of Peace, a celebration was held.

Rainbow moves her tush yet again, this time finding a third SQUEAK. This time she smiles a bit.

54 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 54
Headed by General Firefly...

Rainbow is now SQUEAKING out a tune with her tush. It sounds vaguely similar to the "Bridge on the River Kwai" Theme. As she does, SPIKE takes notice and starts marching to the song.

55 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 55
An elite team of aerial performers were chosen to help commemorate this auspicious occasion.

Next OWLICIOUS joins in adding some <HOOTS> to the tune. As Spike marches, Owilicious <HOOTS> and Rainbow continues to SQUEAK out this theme, Twilight's chalk draws showers of bolts and the crowd in awe.

56 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 56
This 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 is swept up in the moment. But in the pause of her speaking, an annoying SQUEAK hits her ears. She sees Rainbow, Spike, and Owlicious having their jam session. Twilight magics her chalk to SCREECH down the blackboard. The three stop suddenly. Seeing the fury in Twilight's eyes, Spike and Owilcious ZIP off in a flash.

57 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 57
Rainbow Dash! Can you repeat any of my lesson?

Rainbow smiles sheepishly and moves her tush for two last SQUEAKS which sound like "Nunh unh." Twilight's shoulders raise and she and magics the stool right from under Rainbow, landing her butt on the floor.

Startled, Rainbow pauses for a second, sitting very still. But then when she sits up, she discovers that the floorboard under her tush...SQUEAKS! Rainbow fights a laugh.

58 RAINBOW DASH 58
<Fighting a Laugh>

Twilight is not amused.

59 TWILIGHT 59
I need some air!

SC. 5 - EXT. GOLDEN OAKS LIBRARY - LATER

Twilight looks more frazzled as she magics up her clipboard.

60 TWILIGHT 60
History lecture?

She moves her quill towards the box to check, but then crosses out over the Blackboard icon.

Looking around at her peaceful, non-squeaky surroundings, Twilight heaves a somewhat defeated but rejuvenating sigh.

61 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 61
<SIGH> Okay Rainbow...Rainbow... Rainbow?

Rainbow flies in and lands, looking as studious as she can.

62 RAINBOW DASH 62
Here!

63 TWILIGHT 63
Let's move on to my favorite style of learning...Flashcards!

64 RAINBOW DASH 64
Ooh! Does that mean I'll learn in a flash?

Twilight rolls her eyes.

65 TWILIGHT 65
One can only hope.

Twilight magics up a bunch of index cards. She floats the first card forward and turns to look at it. The card has a Wonderbolt in an old fashioned costume on it.

66 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 66
Colonel Purple Dart, the leader of the Wonderbolts in the 4th Celestial Era was known for his...

Suddenly--FOOM!--something knocks the card out of the air.

67 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 67
Wha?

She looks up with surprise to see if anything fell from the tree. She sees nothing.

68 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 68
Rainbow, did you see what happened?

On Rainbow, looking innocent.

69 RAINBOW DASH 69
What? No! I was riveted by your captivating cards.

Confused, Twilight magics the next card forward.

70 TWILIGHT 70
Hmmmm....

The Wonderbolts are bowing to Princess Celestia. Twilight turns with her head away from Rainbow to talk about it.

71 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 71
After becoming the official flying squadron for Princess Celestia, she honored them with...

FOOM! Another thing flies in again, knocking this card down. Twilight whips her head around to see what happened.

72 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 72
Gotcha!

But all she sees is Rainbow looking like a complete angel.

73 RAINBOW DASH 73
Got what?

Twilight looks suspicious as she turns to the next card, magicing it forward. It shows a different lightening bolt.

74 TWILIGHT 74
The original Wonderbolts lightening bolt insignia was...

Twilight quickly turns her head towards Rainbow just as Rainbow is blowing a spit wad from a straw.

SLO MO as the spit wad arcs through the air and lands on the tip of Twilight's horn. Twilight loses her concentration.

75 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 75
Aaaaah!

And all the cards drop down.

76 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 76
Rainbow Dash! You could have hurt me!

77 RAINBOW DASH 77
With a spit wad? Really?

78 TWILIGHT 78
A spit wad to the eye would have been no laughing matter!

Rainbow looks down, feeling bad.

79 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 79
If you can just horse around like this then you clearly must be ready for the test.

Rainbow looks confident as ever.

80 RAINBOW DASH 80
Clearly!

81 TWILIGHT 81
Well then, I guess you're also ready for a...POP QUIZ!!!

82 RAINBOW DASH 82
Bring it.

Twilight magics up a test and starts reading off questions.

83 TWILIGHT 83
The initials E.U.P. stand for what?

Without blinking an eye Rainbow answers.

84 RAINBOW DASH 84
Ernie's Undercooked Pancakes.

Indicating nothing, Twilight marks the paper.

She magics then up a picture of the Wonderbolts raining down magical lightening on Celestia and the crowd.

85 TWILIGHT 85
The original aerial team performed for...

Rainbow still looks super confident.

86 RAINBOW DASH 86
Celestia's Cereal Celebration!

Poker-faced Twilight marks the paper and continues. She floats up an old image of a general pegasus.

87 TWILIGHT 87
The Wonderbolts were given their name by this famous Pegasus. Who is she?
(whispers to herself)
Please don't say Colonel Waffle.

Rainbow jumps up with assurance.

88 RAINBOW DASH 88
Hello? General Blazin' Donut Glaze!

Twilight looks astounded. She marks the last answer.

Rainbow blows on her hoof and polishes it on her body.

89 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 89
So, did I ace it or what?

90 TWILIGHT 90
Or what. You didn't get one answer correct!

Rainbow looks shocked.

91 RAINBOW DASH 91
What? But...how?

92 TWILIGHT 92
I don't know. I've never heard answers so wrong. And so breakfast related. If you had taken the official test today...

93 RAINBOW DASH 93
My dreams of being in the Wonderbolts Reserves would've been totally crushed!

Freaking out, Rainbow grabs Twilight desperately.

94 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 94
What am I gonna do? I'm running out of time! I don't know any of this history. I'm gonna to...FAIL!

END ACT I

ACT II

SC. 6 - EXT. GOLDEN OAKS LIBRARY - CONTINUOUS

Rainbow is completely bugging out, pacing back and forth.

95 RAINBOW DASH 95
I'm gonna fail, I'm gonna fail, I'm gonna fail!

Rainbow turns accusingly at Twilight.

96 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 96
And it's all your fault!

Twilight's eyes widen in shock.

97 TWILIGHT 97
MY fault? How can it be my fault? I'm the one helping you!

98 RAINBOW DASH 98
Some big help. Maybe you're famous "study methods" aren't all they're cracked up to be, eh teacher?

Twilight looks really offended at this.

99 TWILIGHT 99
Excuse me, but my study methods are PROVEN! I have used them to study for many a test and PASSED!

Rainbow scoffs.

100 RAINBOW DASH 100
Yeah, right. You always say you pass your tests. But where's the proof, hunh?

101 TWILIGHT 101
Proof? You want proof? Well, I used these same methods to study the History of the Wonderbolts. Do YOU know the name of the premiere Wonderbolts choreographer?

102 RAINBOW DASH 102
Uh, well...

103 TWILIGHT 103
Commander Easy Glider. Do YOU know how many Pegasi flew in the original squad?

104 RAINBOW DASH 104
Um...eight-four?

105 TWILIGHT 105
Seven. Do YOU know Princess Celestia's favorite flight pattern?

106 RAINBOW DASH 106
The Loopy Flippidy-Flop?

107 TWILIGHT 107
The Icaranian Sun Salutation. See? I could pass the test.

Rainbow pouts, looking wounded.

108 RAINBOW DASH 108
Fine. Rub it in, why don't 'cha? Besides, I don't see why I gotta take this lousy test anyway.
(MORE)

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
The Wonderbolts are a FLYING squad not a HISTORY BUFF squad!

FLUTTERSHY is walking through town and sees her friends over at Twilight's. She smiles and heads over.

109 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 109
I've proven I'm one of the best fliers around. So why in Equestria do I need to be a flying history book?

Twilight looks more self-righteously studious than ever.

110 TWILIGHT 110
As important as the flying element of the Wonderbolts is, knowing their origin and being able properly represent them for all of Equestria is also important.

Fluttershy is getting closer and sees that her friends are not getting along. They do not notice her.

111 RAINBOW DASH 111
Yeah right! Some history buff like YOU musta made that up to bring us fliers down.

This really chaps Twilight's hide. Fluttershy looks worried.

112 TWILIGHT 112
Knowing history actually is beneficial, Rainbow!

113 RAINBOW DASH 113
Beneficial for eggheads!

Fluttershy tries to chime in.

114 FLUTTERSHY 114
Girls.

115 TWILIGHT 115
Well, this egghead knows history AND can fly. Maybe I should become a Wonderbolt.

116 FLUTTERSHY 116
Girls!!

117 RAINBOW DASH 117
Hah! You a Wonderbolt? Just 'cause you've got wings doesn't mean you can fly. You're barely able to just get off the ground. *

Twilight's offended. Rainbow's pissed. Fluttershy shouts.

118 FLUTTERSHY 118
GIRLS! STOP!!!!

A stunned Twilight and Rainbow look at their friend.

119 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D) 119
Now, is that any way to talk to a friend?

Twilight and Rainbow look at each other apologetically.

120 TWILIGHT 120
Sorry.

121 RAINBOW DASH 121
Yeah, sorry.

122 FLUTTERSHY 122
Don't you have more important things to do? Like prepare for Rainbow for her big test?

123 TWILIGHT 123
I've tried everything, Fluttershy, but none of my study methods work for her.

Fluttershy brightens.

124 FLUTTERSHY 124
Well, no offense to your teaching methods, Twilight, but I think I may have a way to help Rainbow.

SC. 7 - EXT. GAZEBO - A LITTLE LATER

A proud Fluttershy, an eager Rainbow, and Twilight sit in the audience area. SPIKE comes out on the stage.

125 SPIKE 125
Good day, everypony. The Ponyville Pets are pleased to present a historically accurate reenactment of The History of the Wonderbolts!

ON STAGE: A large SUN and MOON hanging from above. OPALESCENCE and ANGEL come skipping in, holding paws.

126 RAINBOW DASH 126
Who's that? Who's that?

127 FLUTTERSHY 127
Celestia and Luna, back when they were happy.

But then Angel turns on Opal, raises his arms, opens his mouth and does a big scary face. Opal shrinks back. But then she rears back and SCREECHES at Angel.

128 OPALESCENCE 128
<Cat Screech>

Angel falls to the ground. OWLICIOUS flies in, picks Angel up, and flies him up to the moon, where he sits angrily.

GUMMY, WINONA (with a horn), and TANK enter and bow to Opal.

129 RAINBOW DASH 129
Now what?

130 FLUTTERSHY 130
Gummy's an Earth Pony, Winona's a Unicorn, and Tank is a Pegasus.

131 TWILIGHT 131
They're the E.U.P. helping to protect the Princess.

Rainbow looks baffled.

132 RAINBOW DASH 132
How are you getting all this?

Owlicious flies down and picks up Opal, flying her up to the sun. She does a triumphant pose.

Spike then runs in and puts a silly hat on Tank. Tank takes to the air and does flips and dips, though not very well.

Tank flies banging about, knocking Angel from the moon.

133 FLUTTERSHY 133
Oh no!

But Owlicious swoops in and saves him. But in swooping up, Owlicious knocks Opal off the sun. Spike runs in catching her. The scene starts crashing to pieces as Rainbow yells.

134 RAINBOW DASH 134
Stop, stop, stop! That was aw...

PINKIE PIE shoves her face in.

135 PINKIE PIE 135
AWESOME! I give it three “Woo hoos”-
Woo hoo, Woo hoo, Woo hoo--and an
extra “Woo” for good measure! Woo!

136 RAINBOW DASH 136
Well I give it a “Woah, woah,
what?” I’m totally confused and
just wanna go home.

Rainbow starts to take off, but Pinkie grabs her by the tail and pulls her down.

137 PINKIE PIE 137
Woah your woes there woeful.
Someponies learn through theatrical
presentation. But other ponies
learn through musical intervention.

Pinkie spins around and is suddenly decked in full Run DMC rapper-style with gold chains and a hat. She starts beat boxing, jumping into a rap.

138 PINKIE PIE (CONT’D) 138
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 Wonderbolts 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!
(MORE)

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
That is my rappin' Hist'ry of the Wonderbolts!

Pinkie finishes and Rainbow stands with her jaw dropped.

139 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 139
So, do you get it?

Excited, Rainbow really thinks she's got it.

140 RAINBOW DASH 140
Yes, Pinkie! Yes!
(rapping)
Wiki wiki wiki, General this and Colonel that.
They're the Wonderbolts something that rhymes with that!

Pinkie is stone faced.

141 PINKIE PIE 141
That was pretty terrible.

Rainbow is truly flabbergasted.

142 RAINBOW DASH 142
What? NO! Really? But I've got to learn this stuff! Now!

Rainbow turns to go and runs right into RARITY who is dressed up in a ridiculous Wonderbolts costume reminiscent of a French Revolution Military uniform complete with a hat with a plume.

143 RARITY 143
And I am just the pony to help!

144 RAINBOW DASH 144
Rarity! You look ridiculous.

145 RARITY 145
I'm going to ignore that comment out of my desire to help you.

146 RAINBOW DASH 146
In that get up? Good luck.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 8 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - A LITTLE LATER

Rarity leads Rainbow into the darkened boutique.

147 RARITY 147
Get ready, Rainbow Dash, for I am going to take you on a historical adventure...in fashion!

She shoots light from her horn, illuminating the five mannequins (one actual mannequin and the four pony friends) dressed in Wonderbolt costumes from different time periods. The friends hold very still.

148 RAINBOW DASH 148
Woah.

149 RARITY 149
I am now modeling the rather unattractive, and frankly, itchy original Wonderbolts' flying costume.

Rarity leads Rainbow to the next outfit on the mannequin. This version is a sleek 1930's style with clean lines.

150 RARITY (CONT'D) 150
Fortunately, thanks to the vision of Flair d' Mare, the Wonderbolts ensemble became more streamlined in a wonderfully breathable fabric.

Rarity leads Rainbow to the next outfit which is a garish orange and brown with super wide 70's bell bottoms.

151 RARITY (CONT'D) 151
Of course, there were fashion hits and misses. Just look at those dreadful bell bottoms. What were ponies thinking?

Suddenly the "mannequin" comes to life. It's Pinkie.

152 PINKIE PIE 152
I don't know. I bet General Flash rocked these things!

Rainbow is scared out of her wits.

153 RAINBOW DASH 153
Ah! Pinkie! You're real!

154 PINKIE PIE 154
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 then steps up, startling Rainbow. She is wearing a super mod and a bit psychedelic.

155 FLUTTERSHY 155
And I'm Admiral Fairy Flight, from the 7th squadron.

156 RAINBOW DASH 156
Ah!

Rainbow steps back, running right into Twilight who sports a cool looking bomber jacket style outfit.

157 TWILIGHT 157
And of course you recognize Commander Easy Glider.

Then APPLEJACK steps in wearing a very militaristic uniform covered in medals.

158 APPLEJACK 158
And I'm sportin' some sort of get up worn by Colonel Purple Dart.

Rainbow begins to cower, overwhelmed by it all.

159 RARITY 159
Just look at us.

160 TWILIGHT 160
Look at us.

161 PINKIE PIE 161
Look at me!

Rainbow looks up at her friends in their costumes and they all begins swirling about before her eyes.

162 RAINBOW DASH 162
I can't! It's too much! My eyes!

Rainbow buries her head in her hooves. AJ steps up.

163 APPLEJACK 163
Now, don't you fret, Rainbow. This fashion show nonsense wouldn't help me learn nothin' either.

Rainbow looks up, hopefully.

164 RAINBOW DASH 164
Really? Well, what special study trick do you have, AJ?

165 APPLEJACK 165
Who me? Oh, I got nothin'.

Rainbow deflates.

166 APPLEJACK (CONT'D) 166
Why, I could tell you every little thing there is to know about the History of Apples. Like how the Gala Apples originated at the first Grand Galloping Gala. And the biggest apples ever seen were in Manehattan. But I picked all that up over years in the field as a labor of love. How much time you got?

167 RAINBOW DASH 167
Twelve hours.

168 APPLEJACK 168
Oh, then you're up a creek.

The friends then start launching in, stating their case.

169 TWILIGHT 169
Well, I think we should just go back to old-fashioned studying.

Twilight levitates her index cards around Rainbow's face.

Fluttershy (with Angel and Opal in her back) steps in.

170 FLUTTERSHY 170
What about our play?

Angel and Opal start acting it out again.

171 RARITY 171
Just look at these costumes. Surely something resonates with your inner Wonderbolt.

172 APPLEJACK 172
And Granny Smith discovered the first Granny Smith in Phillydelphia when she was just a filly!

Tank comes flying in, getting in Rainbow's face.

173 PINKIE PIE 173
(rapping)
Commander Easy Glider was the real cream of the crop!

174 TWILIGHT 174
Pinkie, stop rapping, that isn't going to help Rainbow.

175 PINKIE PIE 175
(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 watches her friends bicker as if she isn't there.

176 RAINBOW DASH 176
ENOUGH! No rapping! No cards! No costumes! No play! And no apples! I am never going to pass this test! Ever! Just...forget it!

Rainbow flies off, leaving her friends stunned.

END ACT II

ACT III

SC. 9 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

A defeated Rainbow Dash flies through the sky looking sadder than ever. Twilight flies up to meet her.

177 TWILIGHT 177
I'm sorry about all that. We didn't mean to overwhelm you.

178 RAINBOW DASH 178
It's okay. You were just trying to help. It's just too bad I'm too dumb to learn anything.

Twilight's eyes grow wide at the sound of this.

179 TWILIGHT 179
You are not dumb! You just learn differently.

Rainbow scoffs at this.

180 RAINBOW DASH 180
If by "differently" you mean "not at all" then you're totally right.

As the two continue to fly, Rainbow's ears and eyes move this way and that, yet she still has her attention on Twilight.

181 TWILIGHT 181
No, that's totally wrong.

182 RAINBOW DASH 182
See, wrong again.

183 TWILIGHT 183
I mean, you are anything but dumb. Why I don't know anypony that's read more Daring Do books than you.

184 RAINBOW DASH 184
Well, that's not gonna get me into the Wonderbolts.

Looking down, Rainbow sees the CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS leaving SUGAR CUBE CORNER.

185 TWILIGHT 185
And your knowledge of jokes and pranks is only rivaled by Pinkie.

Rainbow sees BIG MAC giving FILTHY RICH a bushel of apples.

186 BIG MAC 186
Eeeyup!

187 RAINBOW DASH 187
Great, my years of being a class clown prevented me from actually learning how to learn.

Twilight sees she's not getting through to her.

188 TWILIGHT 188
That's not what I meant. You are smart, creative, inventive, and...

Suddenly Rainbow's eyes grow wide. She shoves Twilight away. Twilight spins out of control, but rights herself, shocked.

189 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 189
Hey! I know you're upset, but you don't need to push me!

But then Twilight sees the HELICOPTER that she almost flew into. A stunned Twilight lands on a cloud trying to get her bearings. Rainbow flies around her as they talk.

190 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 190
Woah! I almost slammed into that!

191 RAINBOW DASH 191
I know! You were jabbering on so much you didn't even notice.

192 TWILIGHT 192
But how did you notice? You were listening and talking to me the whole time.

193 RAINBOW DASH 193
<Laughing> You are such a rookie. An experienced flyer like me knows how to multi-task.

194 TWILIGHT 194
While you fly?

195 RAINBOW DASH 195
It's essential! Yes, I was paying attention to you, but was also scanning the sky and the ground for any problems.

196 TWILIGHT 196
Really?

197 RAINBOW DASH 197
Flyings not just *flying*! In order to stay safe in the sky, I gotta hear and see everything down to the little details. For instance, I saw Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo coming out of Sugar Cube Corner.

SC. 10 - EXT. FLASHBACK - SUGAR CUBE CORNER

RAINBOW VISION: FAST TRUCK IN the CMCs leaving the shop. Really close up on their faces, which have orange crumbs and sprinkles on them.

198 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.) 198
And from the looks of it, they had carrot cupcakes with sprinkles.

RAINBOW VISION ZOOM over to Big Mac and Filthy Rich.

199 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.) 199
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

SC. 11 - EXT. PONYVILLE - REAL TIME - CONTINUOUS

Up on the cloud, Twilight looks amazed, but Rainbow just shrugs, unimpressed with herself.

200 RAINBOW DASH 200
I always make note of everything when I fly. No biggie.

Twilight's eyes light up.

201 TWILIGHT 201
Oh my gosh!

202 RAINBOW DASH 202
What?

203 TWILIGHT 203
Gotta go!

Twilight flies off leaving Rainbow alone, looking pitiful.

204 RAINBOW DASH 204
Yeah, I get it. I wouldn't want to hang out with a loser like me either.

Rainbow collapses on the cloud, pouting.

SC. 12 - INT. GOLDEN OAKS LIBRARY - A LITTLE LATER

All the friends are gathered before Twilight.

205 TWILIGHT 205
Thanks for meeting me, everypony.

206 APPLEJACK 206
What is it, Twilight?

207 TWILIGHT 207
We have to help Rainbow Dash.

208 FLUTTERSHY 208
Yes, but how?

209 RARITY 209
We've tried every kind of studying. My way, your way...

210 TWILIGHT 210
But we haven't tried Rainbow Dash's way.

On Pinkie, with raised eyebrows and rubbing her chin.

211 PINKIE PIE 211
I'm intrigued.

SC. 13 - EXT. PONYVILLE - A LITTLE LATER

Rainbow is still moping on the cloud when Twilight flies up.

212 TWILIGHT 212
Hey Rainbow. Wanna go for a fly?

Rainbow barely looks up.

213 RAINBOW DASH 213
Sure. Got nothin' better to do.

Rainbow reluctantly flaps her wings and flies off the cloud. The two fly slowly together. Rainbow's flying is unenthusiastic and she's got a sad hangdog look on her face.

214 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D) 214
Didn't we just do this?

Twilight does her best to lighten the mood.

215 TWILIGHT 215
Yes but, like you said, I'm such a newbie I need all the practice I can get.

216 RAINBOW DASH 216
Yeah, well, I'm sure you'll become a great flier in no time. After all, you're good at everything.

Twilight gets a worried look on her face as she tries to keep the conversation going. As she does, Rainbow's eyes and ears move about as she scans the sky and the ground.

217 TWILIGHT 217
Soooooo...What's going on?

218 RAINBOW DASH 218
Oh, nothing. Just my dreams getting crushed.

Twilight continues to keep up this painful small talk.

219 TWILIGHT 219
Um...read any good books lately?

220 RAINBOW DASH 220
Just history books. I'd tell you what they're about, but my brain is as dry as a rock.

221 TWILIGHT 221
Speaking of rocks, did you know Pinkie grew up on a rock farm?

222 RAINBOW DASH 222
Yeah, maybe I'll go work there since I have no other plans...for the rest of my life.

223 TWILIGHT 223
Oh, come now, Rainbow. You can't give up on your dream!

224 RAINBOW DASH 224
Seems my dream has given up on me. Maybe I'll learn to shine shoes. Sell hats. Dig ditches.

225 TWILIGHT 225
Or maybe you'll be a Wonderbolt!

226 RAINBOW DASH 226
Twilight, give it up. I have.

The two land on the ground, with Rainbow's head hanging lower than ever. But Twilight is beaming excitedly.

227 TWILIGHT 227
So...what do you remember about the flight?

Rainbow is really not up for this, feeling defeated.

228 RAINBOW DASH 228
<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.

Rainbow's eyes start lighting up as she continues.

229 TWILIGHT 229
Yes?

230 RAINBOW DASH 230
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!

231 TWILIGHT 231
Uh hunh?

232 RAINBOW DASH 232
Commander Easy Glider established flight choreography that is still used by the Wonderbolts today.

233 TWILIGHT 233
Yes!

Rainbow looks dumbfounded.

234 RAINBOW DASH 234
I...I know the history! I know it all! How...how in Equestria did that happen?

235 TWILIGHT 235
You learned it!

Rainbow gives Twilight a look.

236 RAINBOW DASH 236
Yeah, I got that, but HOW?

237 TWILIGHT 237
Well, on our first flight, I discovered that thanks to your keen observational skills, you catalogue everything that happens all around you when you’re flying without even thinking about it.

238 RAINBOW DASH 238
Twilight, I know what I do when I fly! What I don’t know is how all these names and facts got in my head.

239 TWILIGHT 239
Don’t you see? I made use of your special skills by enlisting everypony to help you learn the History of the Wonderbolts!

SC. 14 - EXT. FLASHBACK - PONYVILLE

As Twilight and Rainbow fly over, Fluttershy comes up to Rarity and points at her.

240 FLUTTERSHY 240
I, Princess Celestia, banish you, Princess Luna to the moon!

Rarity puts her hoof over her forehead and shouts.

241 RARITY 241
Nooooooooo!

Down on the ground, Big Mac stands at the end of the CMCS. Twilight and Rainbow fly over and they say...

242 APPLE BLOOM 242
Earth.

243 SWEETIE BELLE 243
Unicorn.

244 SCOOTALOO 244
Pegasus.

245 APPLE BLOOM 245
E.

246 SWEETIE BELLE 246
U.

247 SCOOTALOO 247
P.

248 BIG MAC 248
Eeeyup!

Fluttershy appears again.

249 FLUTTERSHY 249
Let us celebrate our first Celestial Year of Peace!

Pinkie pops up in General Firefly’s Wonderbolts costume.

250 PINKIE PIE 250
Yeah! Let’s party! I’m General Firefly! Gee, my costume is itchy and unattractive. But I’m gonna assemble an awesome flying team!

Out of her party cannon fly lightening bolt confetti.

251 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 251
I'll call them...the Wonderbolts!

Next Rarity flies up in the Flair d' Mare costume.

252 RARITY 252
Streamlined style by Flaire d' Mare.

Next she has pegasi flying up, modeling the various costumes.

253 PEGASUS #1 253
Admiral Fair Weather!

254 PEGASUS #2 254
Colonel Purple Dart!

255 PEGASUS #3 255
Admiral Fairy Flight!

256 PEGASUS #4 256
General Flash!

One last pegasus does a super flip in the air.

257 PEGASUS #5 257
Commander Easy Glider!

Ponies hold up images of historical Wonderbolts, of the Wonderbolts in flight, of different Wonderbolts insignia. Fast cuts to close-ups of the images building in rapid succession.

Fluttershy then flies up regally as Celestia.

258 FLUTTERSHY 258
The History of the Wonderbolts!

END FLASHBACK.

SC. 14 - EXT. PONYVILLE - REAL TIME

Rainbow's friends are now all surrounding her.

259 RAINBOW DASH 259
Oh my gosh, oh my gosh, oh my gosh! Thank you! Thank you all so much!

260 TWILIGHT 260
You're welcome! But it all came from you. What I realized is that you learn subliminally!

Rainbow gives her friend a look.

261 RAINBOW DASH 261
Twilight, seriously. I just had a ton of history shoved in my head. Can you please use easy words?

262 TWILIGHT 262
That just means that 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 looks confident again.

263 RAINBOW DASH 263
Eh, I always knew I was brilliant.

264 PONIES 264
<LAUGH>

SC. 15 - INT. GOLDEN OAKS LIBRARY - THE NEXT DAY

Twilight is writing in the Journal of Two Sisters.

265 TWILIGHT (V.O.) 265
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. The fact is, different ponies learn differently. Some learn through song, others through visuals...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 16 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE HALL - THE SAME DAY

Rainbow takes her test concentrating hard, but smiling.

266 TWILIGHT (V.O.) 266
And while I am a "sit and learn" pony, I had to put aside my hard and fast rules of learning to discover that Rainbow is a "fly and learn" pony.

Rainbow gives the INSTRUCTOR her test. The Instructor looks it over stone-faced, nodding as she checks off the answers.

267 TWILIGHT 267
One way of learning isn't better than another. And having a different technique certainly doesn't make you dumb.

The Instructor turns Rainbow's test around. It has a huge gold star on it! Rainbow beams and flips up in the air.

268 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 268
After all, everypony is unique and individual!

THE END.