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MY LITTLE PONY V

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TEASER

SC1. EXT. FIELD/FOREST AREA - MORNING

CLOSE ON a bright blue sky, filled with puffy clouds. Suddenly the clouds rip apart as a rainbow beam zips through. Close behind, TANK, adorned with helmet and whirlygig, flies through.

RAINBOW DASH hovers in the sky as Tank catches up.

RAINBOW DASH
(looking down)
You're doin' awesome, everypony!
Keep it up!

Small crews of ponies work below, bucking trees to remove the red and yellow mottled leaves from their branches, as other ponies rake the fallen leaves away.

Other pegasus ponies are pushing away smaller clouds.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
(to Tank)
Once we get autumn cleared
away...it'll be HELLOOOO WINTER!!

Tank just <YAWNS.> Rainbow Dash's brow furrows.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Hold up! Was that a yawn I just
saw??

Tank <YAWNS> again.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
How can you be yawning when the
most exciting time of the year is
right around the corner!! And don't
forget the best part...our first
winter together!

Tank blinks slowly, eyes heavy. Rainbow Dash gets up close to hovering Tank and points to pegasi far away bringing in big fluffy clouds from Cloudsdale.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Come on, wake up! Once those ponies
bring in the big fat clouds full of
snowflakes, we'll have a ton of
snow for our extreme sledding!

CROSS DISSOLVE: An empty barren hillside transforms to a white-covered one. Rainbow Dash howls with joy as she sleds down. Tank has no reaction.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
And over there we can play ice
hockey! With no shoulder OR rump
pads!

CROSS DISSOLVE: The lake transforms to an ice covered one. Dash carves up the ice while Tank sits in goal, a goalie mask leaning against him.

Rainbow Dash looks at Tank excitedly, but he just yawns.

Just then, TWILIGHT SPARKLE joins the pair.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Everything's looking great, don't
you think?

RAINBOW DASH
Almost everything. Does Tank look
alright to you?

Twilight inspect Tank a little more closely.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well...he does seem to be moving a
little slowly--

RAINBOW DASH
I know, right?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
--and he looks kind of sleepy--

RAINBOW DASH
Yes!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
--just like he always does. He's
fine, Rainbow Dash.

RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, heh-heh, I'm sure you're
right.

Twilight flies off. Tank yawns again. Rainbow Dash looks really worried...

END OF TEASER

ACT I

SC2. INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - LATER

Rainbow Dash and Tank are in FLUTTERSHY's cottage as she examines him with a stethoscope. She listens to a heartbeat, placing the scope on his back, then his chest, under his arm, on a knee cap.

RAINBOW DASH
(impatient)
Well??

Fluttershy removes her stethoscope. Tank <YAWNS> again.

FLUTTERSHY
I suppose his heartbeat COULD be a teensy, weensy, eensy bit slower than usual. But it's hard to tell since I can barely hear it beating in the first place.

RAINBOW DASH
Okay, so just give him a vitamin or something.

FLUTTERSHY
I don't think he needs that--

RAINBOW DASH
We're probably just staying up too late is all. One too many Daring Do stories...

FLUTTERSHY
That's not it either...

RAINBOW DASH
More kale in his breakfast drink?

FLUTTERSHY
Kale IS very rich in vitamins K & C, beta carotene & calcium, a great source of indole-3-carbinol...but no.

RAINBOW DASH
Well, what's wrong with him then??

FLUTTERSHY
(smiling)
Nothing. He's perfectly fine!

Rainbow Dash blows a <SIGH> of relief.

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(matter-of-factly)
He's just going to hibernate.

Beat.

RAINBOW DASH
You do realize he's not a bear,
right?

SC3. EXT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - DAY

ESTABLISHING.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (V.O.)
Hibernation.

SC4. INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE, LIBRARY - CONTINUOUS

CLOSE ON A BOOK, and an illustration of a really cute sleeping squirrel inside a tree (tree is cut lengthwise to show nest, Richard Scarry style).

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.)
When the weather grows cold and
less food is available, many
animals hibernate to conserve
energy.

The pages turn through pictures of hibernating animals.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
It's like taking a really long nap
during winter. And then they wake
up in spring!

The book stops on turtles hibernating.

FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)
When the time comes, Tank will
leave and dig into the ground.

ON RAINBOW DASH, FLUTTERSHY, AND TWILIGHT SPARKLE reading the book. Tank sits nearby, his eyes nearly closed.

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
But don't worry. Tank will reappear
when the spring warms the ground
back up.

RAINBOW DASH
Come on, turtles don't hibernate.
Somepony put that picture in there
as a joke.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(kindly)
It's not a joke.

RAINBOW DASH
Well then your book is wrong.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Rainbow Dash, Tank needs to
hibernate. It's healthy for him,
just like sleeping is healthy for
us.

RAINBOW DASH
(chuckling)
Whatever, okay, thanks guys. Come
on, Tank.

She turns to go. Tank doesn't move.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Where are you going??

Rainbow Dash picks Tank up.

RAINBOW DASH
To get a second opinion from a REAL
reptile expert...

SC5. INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE, SPIKE'S ROOM - LATER

SPIKE
I told you Rainbow Dash---I'm a
DRAGON!

Rainbow Dash holds Tank up next to Spike.

RAINBOW DASH
Come on, you're like identical
twins!

SPIKE
I'm purple!

RAINBOW DASH
But if you don't have to hibernate,
why should Tank--?

SPIKE

Because he's a TURTLE. And I'm a
DRAGON.

RAINBOW DASH

Same family though, right?

SPIKE

No.

RAINBOW DASH

I'll take that as a yes.

SPIKE

(with a sigh)

Look, if Twilight says turtles
hibernate, then I guarantee turtles
hibernate--

RAINBOW DASH

Ah, you don't know anything about
reptiles either! We're out of here!

She snatches up Tank and exits, leaving Spike stunned at her
outburst. Finally, he shakes his head in disbelief.

SPIKE

(sotto)

Related to a turtle. AS IF!
Hibernate?? PSHAW! ...hmm...
hibernate...on second thought maybe
I should look into that...

SC6. INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - DAY

Rainbow Dash consults PINKIE PIE.

PINKIE PIE

Of course turtles hibernate, silly!

SC7. EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

APPLEJACK takes a plow break and checks out Tank.

APPLEJACK

He's practically asleep already.

SC8. INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - DAY

RARITY doesn't even stop sewing.

RARITY
It's a simple fact of nature,
darling.

Rainbow Dash is growing increasingly frustrated.

SC9. EXT. PONYVILLE STREETS - DAY

CLOSE UP on Rainbow Dash.

RAINBOW DASH
No hibernate, right?

CAMERA REVEAL she is talking to a pony BABY in a carriage who
<COOS> then throws a rattle at her head.

SC10. EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - DAY

Rainbow Dash and Tank stand before ANGEL.

RAINBOW DASH
Go on, tell him: pets don't
hibernate.

Angel pretends to fall asleep and drops to his back. Then his
eyes pop open and he erupts in laughter. Rainbow Dash frowns.

SC11. INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES, FARMHOUSE - DAY

RAINBOW DASH
You've been around awhile, you'll
know better than anypony.

GRANNY SMITH is <SNORING> in her chair. Rainbow Dash scowls.

SC12. INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE, SPIKE'S ROOM - DAY

Spike stands in the doorway, unamused.

SPIKE
We've already been over this!

He slams the door. Rainbow Dash looks over at Tank.

RAINBOW DASH
No pony OR dragon knows you like I
do, Tank. All you need is some good
old fashioned hard work to get your
blood pumping.

She flies off with Tank.

SC13. EXT. FIELD/FOREST AREA - LATER

From afar, Ponyville ponies are guiding large puffy clouds from Cloudsdale. Rainbow Dash is flapping her wings and guiding one herself.

RAINBOW DASH
These things are heavy! Chock full
o' snowflakes. We're gonna have
such a killer time in the snow,
Tank! Tank? TANK?!

She looks frantically around for him. Below, Tank has fallen asleep in a big soft pile of autumn leaves! Rainbow Dash is annoyed, but there is genuine concern behind it. She flies down to check up on him. Pinkie Pie walks up in winter gear.

PINKIE PIE
Awww...look at that cute wittle
Tanky! All snuggly wuggly, getting
ready to hibern---

RAINBOW DASH
(shouting)
DON'T! SAY! THAT! WORD!!!

PINKIE PIE
Which one? Snuggly? Wuggly? Tanky?
Hiber--

RAINBOW DASH
THAT ONE!

Tank is awakened by the yelling. Pinkie Pie is stung by Rainbow Dash's hostility.

PINKIE PIE
I was just saying how cute--

Other ponies start to notice the shouting.

RAINBOW DASH
IF YOU THINK HIB-- you know, that
napping thing-- IS SOOO CUTE, WHY
DON'T YOU GO DO IT?! SOMEWHERE FAR
AWAY FROM HERE!

Pinkie Pie is shocked.

PINKIE PIE
But what if somepony needs a party?

Suddenly Rainbow Dash notices that the ponies are all staring at her.

RAINBOW DASH
(to everypony)
What're you looking at?? Pinkie Pie
and I are trying to have a civil
conversation here!

Twilight steps forward from the crowd.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Look, Rainbow Dash, we all know how
upset you are about Tank hib---

PINKIE PIE
SHHHH!!!
(whispering)
Don't say that word! That's what
started this all!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
...er, we know how upset you are
about Tank...but you shouldn't take
your anger out on your friends--

RAINBOW DASH
(angry)
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT ANGER? I
DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT ANGER!
I'M NOT UPSET! AND I'M NOT
ANGRY!!!! C'MON TANK--LET'S GET
OUTTA HERE!

She flies off but Tank doesn't move. So she flies back in and
starts his whirlygig and they both exit.

PINKIE PIE
Geewhiz! SOMEpony woke up on the
wrong side of the cloud this
morning!

SC14. INT. RAINBOW DASH'S HOUSE - LATER

Rainbow Dash gives a dose of tough love to tired Tank.

RAINBOW DASH
Come on, Tank, I need you bright
eyed and bushy tailed, not sleepy
eyed and scaly tailed...
(realizing)
...which...is exactly what you are.
But get up anyway!

We see her rising panic.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
You CAN'T hiber-- you know! What
about all the primo things we're
gonna do together this winter?

She paces.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Building snowponies, starting
snowball fights, daring each other
to stick our tongues on frozen
poles...

Tank <SNORTS> out a loud snore. She gets right in his face.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
DON'T YOU WANT TO DO THOSE THINGS
WITH ME?!?!

Tank jolts awake. He lets out a big <YAWN.> Rainbow Dash
starts to pace again. She is feeling really helpless.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Think, Rainbow Dash, think! Tank's
only hibernating because it's cold,
right? Well maybe...what if
I...yeah, that could work!

She stops pacing.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I'll just have to STOP WINTER!

CUT TO: BLACK

END OF ACT I

ACT II

Rainbow Dash hides behind a cloud, scanning the other ponies
working on winter. In a little saddlebag, Tank rests. But he
is very tired, and now his teeth are chattering from the
cold.

Rainbow Dash sees two pegasi hovering in front of some puffy
clouds, confused on where to place them.

RAINY DAZE
Where do these clouds go?

OPEN SKIES
Over by Blue Skies.

RAINY DAZE
But there's blue skies everywhere?

BLUE SKIES
Yo! Blue Skies right here!

In the BG, Rainbow Dash zips through unnoticed and stuffs one cloud after another into a HOLLOW TREE down below.

RAINY DAZE
(confused)
But there's blue skies over there too.

BLUE SKIES
That's Open Skies.

RAINY DAZE
There's open skies everywhere!

OPEN SKIES
I'm not everywhere, I'm right here.

RAINY DAZE
So you're Open Skies, and you're Blue Skies...then what's all that?

OPEN SKIES AND BLUE SKIES
Open, blue skies!

Rainy Daze FACEHOOFS.

OPEN SKIES
Hey! Where'd our fluffy clouds go?

BLUE SKIES
Fluffy Clouds? He's over there!

Meanwhile, an EARTH PONY picking up leaves notices the hollow tree HEAVING. He sees something white sticking out of a hole in the trunk. As he edges closer to inspect...<BOOOM!!> The tree explodes, covering the pony in snow and cloud [NOTE: the snow shouldn't cover too big an area or it will defeat Rainbow Dash's purpose].

SONG:

Rainbow Dash sings a song in the style of "Defying Gravity" from WICKED about how she will keep winter from coming.

RAINBOW DASH
When life gives you lemons/
You can choose to make lemonade/
(MORE)

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
But life gave me Tank/
So my choice has long been made.

No winter will come to Ponyville/
I'll do it on my own/
I'll keep Tank right by my side/
I will not be alone!

She flies to some pegasus ponies shaking snow from clouds. As she sings, she orders them to different positions in the sky and pantomimes that they should make wind with their wings.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Weather makers, Pegasi/
You make our seasons in the sky/
I really don't want to sabotage
you/
But you see it's what I've got to
do!

I'll put this winter right on hold/
I won't allow any more of this
cold!

WIDEN to reveal she has created a snow loop, where the snow falling from the clouds is blown from one pegasus to the next until it falls back into the top of the cloud.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I'll keep the fall and the sunshine
too/
You won't miss winter, I can
promise you!

Rainbow Dash zips off.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
We won't have winter, not today/
I won't have it any other way!/
I'm sorry ponies, this has to be/
I need my friend and he needs me!

No winter will come to Ponyville/
I'll do it on my own/
I'll keep Tank right by my side/
I will not be alone!

When the APPLES have their backs turned, congratulating themselves on clearing all the leaves from the trees on the farm, Rainbow Dash zips through with a blast of "rainbow tinged" wind.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Earth ponies, on the ground/
Raking up leaves from all around!

The Apples turn back around, utterly confused, seeing all of their hard work scattered across the field again.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
But it's no use, I'll use my speed/
To keep those leaves right here
indeed!/
It just won't happen, try as you
might/
I'll keep it warm all day and
night!

Just leave it be, don't do a thing/
I'll take autumn straight through
to spring!

Rainbow Dash soars through the sky.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
We can't have winter, not today/
I won't have it any other way!/
I'm sorry ponies, this has to be/
I need my friend and he needs me!

She ZOOMS in front of a flock of GEESE, disorienting them and rerouting them back north!

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
No winter will come to Ponyville/
I'll do it on my own/
I'll keep Tank right by my side/
I WILL NOT BE ALOOOONE!

Rainbow Dash makes a mini tornado, sucking up all the leaf piles and scattering them across the field.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I gotta do what I gotta do/
I might be wrong I know/
But Tank, he's number one to me/
So winter's got to go!

Those ponies work so hard, I know/
They badly want their snow/
But Tank, he's number one to me/
So winter's got to go!

She sees unicorn ponies using their magic to help freeze the giant lake, so she flies through the clouds, poking holes in them.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Unicorn magic can't stop me/
I'll break the clouds, let the
sunshine free!/
We don't need you at all today/
So take your horns, go home, go
away!

REVEAL the holes she has made let the sun through...right
above the iced-over ponds, melting them back to water.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I'm bigger than weather/
It's so plain to see/
No pony can stop this!/
We'll stay winter free!

Rainbow Dash takes Tank out of the saddlebag and SPINS
through the air with him like skydivers.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
We can't have winter, not today/
I won't have it any other way!/
I'm sorry ponies, this has to be/
I need my friend and he needs me!

No winter will come to Ponyville/
I'll do it on my own/
I'll keep Tank right by my side/
I will not be alone!

Rainbow Dash settles on a cloud out of sight, and the song
slows down. She nestles Tank back into the saddlebag and
sings the last chorus to him.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I gotta do what I gotta do/
I might be wrong I know.

She nuzzles him sweetly.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
But Tank, you're number one to me/
So winter's got to go/
Yes winter's got to gooooo...

RAINY DAZE (O.S.)
Here comes the next shipment! Move
those clouds over!

She glances down and sees...

SC15. EXT. FIELD/FOREST AREA - CONTINUOUS

The ponies are STILL bringing in snow and clearing out leaves, as if she hadn't done a thing! There's snow falling out of clouds. The lake is frozen again!

RAINBOW DASH
For every hoofstep back I put them,
they go three hoofsteps forward!
What am I going to do???

She panics, quickly scanning the skies. More ponies are bringing in clouds from Cloudsdale. She hears Pinkie Pie and Fluttershy near the lake down below.

PINKIE PIE
(ad lib)
Oh my oh my oh my I am sooo crazy
excited to go ice skating I can
barely wait til work's done this is
so great I'm as happy as a clam but
not really a clam I'm running out
of air I can hardly...breathe...

Pinkie Pie takes in the hugest breath of air ever.

FLUTTERSHY
And I'm so glad we didn't have to
send all our water up to Cloudsdale
this season to make snow! Those
tornadoes are an emotional doozy!

Rainbow Dash thinks.

RAINBOW DASH
(sotto)
Cloudsdale...THAT'S IT, TANK! If I
can't stop winter in Ponyville,
maybe I can stop it at the source!

Tank yawns and closes his eyes for a nap in his saddlebag as Rainbow Dash takes off for Cloudsdale.

SC16. EXT. CLOUDSDALE - LATER

Rainbow Dash stealthily zips through town, hiding behind cloud columns.

SC17. EXT. CLOUDSDALE, WEATHER FACTORY - MOMENTS LATER

She waits outside of the big weather factory for the lunchtime horn to sound. <T000000000000T>

RAINBOW DASH
Lunch hour!

PEGASI come out in droves.

HUNGRY PEGASUS PONY
I'm starvin'! Should we eat at the
Cumulus Cafe?

HUNGRIER PEGASUS PONY
Nah, the Blustery Bistro!

HUNGRY PEGASUS PONY
Ooh! How about the Rainbow
Restaurant?

HUNGRIER PEGASUS PONY
How about all three?

Rainbow Dash watches them leave and sneaks O.S.

SC18. INT. WEATHER FACTORY, ENTRY - MOMENTS LATER

Rainbow Dash enters, very 'Mission Impossible'-esque. As some more ponies walk by, she presses up against pillars, hides behind a door. She grabs one of their LAB COATS and HELMETS when they aren't looking and disguises herself.

A SECURITY PONY at a desk gets up and walks off down the hall. She dashes behind his desk, then slowly raises her head. Looks right. Looks left.

SC19. INT. WEATHER FACTORY - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Rainbow Dash looks across the hall and sees a set of double doors with a SNOWFLAKES & CLOUD image over the top.

SC20. INT. WEATHER FACTORY - WINTER LAB - CONTINUOUS

RAINBOW DASH'S P.O.V.: We sees the entire winter room. It looks like the factory floor of a car company.

RAINBOW DASH
The winter lab! We're in, Tank!

ON TANK, wearing his own mini yellow helmet and lab coat. He yawns. Rainbow Dash looks at the snowflake tables.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
We gotta go bigger than that...

She sets Tank on a snowflake table.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

Wait here.

She looks past the snowflake tables and over to a VACUUM TUNNEL SYSTEM where snowflakes flow through (her eyes follow the tunnel system) and deposit into waiting clouds on a CLOUD ASSEMBLY LINE.

Next to the assembly line are ice-cream-maker looking cloud machines with water funnels at the top, and big holes where clouds are spun out, leading to a conveyor belt.

On the belt are different clouds, each opened and waiting to be filled. Some clouds towards the end of the belt are stuffed with snowflakes.

Giant skids stacked with clouds wait near the loading dock.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

Hmm...still not big enough...

She looks past the conveyor belt and over to an ENORMOUS WATER TANK, filled to the brim with fresh water. At the bottom of the tank are numerous spouts with hoses leading to the cloud machines.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

Slam dunk, Tank! No water, no snowflakes, no clouds,..NO WINTER!

Tank chatters his teeth and blinks slowly. Rainbow Dash zips over to the giant water tank.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

I hate to do this to these weather ponies, but desperate times call for desperate measures!

She shuts off the EMERGENCY OVERRIDE and hits the half dozen buttons over the spouts. They flash green, and water starts to pump out of the hoses into the cloud machines.

But because the cloud machines aren't on, the water overflows out the top. The water tank slowly empties.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

Mission accomplished!

Rainbow Dash does a quick turnaround to dash out of the room, but slips on the wet floor! She slides toward Tank!

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
WHOOAAAHHHH!!

She <SLAMS> into a bunch of snowflake tables, which topple over. The snowflakes stick to her like feathers. She staggers up, covered head to toe in snowflakes!

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I can't see!

Tank, still on the table, can barely keep his eyes open, snowflakes stuck to his little yellow hat.

As Rainbow Dash rubs the snow from her eyes, she accidentally topples into a GIANT DRUM OF SNOWFLAKES. When she pops her head up she looks like a fluffy snowpony!

As she climbs out, the drum falls over and starts spinning across the room. It knocks over a couple of brooms, which hit some of the hoses connecting the water tank to the cloud machines. The hoses start flying around shooting water all over the place. Rainbow Dash is BLASTED across the floor and into...

SC21. INT. WEATHER FACTORY - LIGHTNING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Inside the pitch dark room are bottles and bottles of LIGHTNING BOLTS. Rainbow Dash slides in with a <CRAAAAASH!!>

RAINBOW DASH
AAAAAAHHHHHHH!!!

SC22. EXT. WEATHER FACTORY - CONTINUOUS

From outside, pegasi notice water, snowflakes, and rainbows starting to pour out of the factory.

PONY WALLA
Whoah!/Check that out!/Yikes!/What's going on?!

SC23. INT. WEATHER FACTORY - WINTER LAB - CONTINUOUS

Rainbow Dash backs out of the lightning room, trying to shake the snowflakes off of her face (covering her eyes).

Lightning bolts bounce off every surface, zipping through the winter lab! Just as she can open her eyes, one comes flying straight at her.

RAINBOW DASH
AAAAHHHH!!!!

She jumps out of the way but accidentally hits the master switch to turn on all of the cloud making machines. They fire into high gear, spewing out puffy clouds!

The water tank empties out its water even faster.

She stumbles backwards and slides past Tank. He falls off the table and into her saddlebag.

She slides until she hits the button on the vacuum tunnel machine. She gets sucked in and comically zips through the hamster-trail of tunneling before she is spit out into one of the big cloud machines. The cloud machine starts to huff and puff, expanding in size!

SC24. EXT. PONYVILLE - FIELD/FOREST AREA - CONTINUOUS

Ponies have stopped their work and are now looking to the sky in awe...

Weather POURS from Cloudsdale! Huge clouds in large numbers are coming their way! Lightning streaks across the sky as waves of snow and water dump from the clouds to the ground below!

PONY WALLA
Ooooh.....Aaaaah.....

Applejack, Pinkie Pie, Fluttershy, Rarity, and Twilight huddle together.

APPLEJACK
What in Celestia's name is goin' on up there?!

PINKIE PIE
It's like a huge winter fireworks show...but without fire, DUH!

RARITY
Has anypony seen Rainbow Dash?
Surely, she'll know what to do!

Just then, a <WHISTLING SOUND> like a teapot comes from Cloudsdale. Pressure inside the factory is building.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Prepare yourselves, everypony...

She looks absolutely terrified.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Winter is coming.

END OF ACT II

ACT III

SC25. EXT. FIELD/FOREST AREA - CONTINUOUS

The factory sounds continue to intensify, the whistling louder and higher, more clouds, rainbows, and lightning flying out.

Twilight senses what's coming.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
EVERPONY!! GET INSIDE!!

The ponies all start to flee the open field and seek protection.

SC26. INT. WEATHER FACTORY - WINTER LAB - CONTINUOUS

The cloud machine that Rainbow Dash is stuck in continues to chug away, faster, and growing in size. <ALARMS> BLARE!

A beat of ominous silence...

SC27. EXT. WEATHER FACTORY - CONTINUOUS

Cloudsdale ponies peek out from shelter as well as weather pours out the factory doors.

<KABOOM!!!> A GIANT PUFFY SNOWBALL shoots off into the sky!

RAINBOW DASH
WWWWAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA-----

SC28. EXT. PONYVILLE - SKY - CONTINUOUS

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
-----AAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!

The massive snowball falls toward Ponyville. OVERHEAD ANGLE as Rainbow Dash rides it like Slim Pickins on the A-bomb from DOCTOR STRANGELOVE.

SC29. EXT. FIELD/FOREST AREA - CONTINUOUS

The ponies look up and see a huge ball of snow coming their way.

PINKIE PIE
(excited)
It's a bird, it's a plane, it's---

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
WINTER!!!!

Rainbow Dash rides the huge snowball down toward the fields nearby. She sails over the heads of her friends. [NOTE: no pony is below in the impact zone.]

The snowball HITS THE GROUND IN A WASH OF WHITE! Ponyville is instantly transformed into a winter wonderland, with the "shrapnel" of snowflakes falling gently to the ground.

The Mane Five race over as Rainbow Dash climbs out of a hole in the snow and shakes her head. Little Tank shakes his head to show he's all right.

RAINBOW DASH
You okay, Tank?

Tank <YAWNS.>

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Rainbow Dash! Are you all right?

When Rainbow Dash looks around, she sees that her entire plan has backfired, and Ponyville is covered in three times as much snow as usual!

Winter has definitely arrived...ahead of schedule!!!

Rainbow Dash smacks her forehead and falls back into the hole.

RAINBOW DASH
No.

SC30. INT. RAINBOW DASH'S HOUSE - LATER

Rainbow Dash lays forlornly on her bed, in a warm cozy robe. Tank is beside her in his own little robe, warming up, too.

PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
Knock, knock...

Rainbow Dash slowly looks over. All her friends are standing there, in her room.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Sorry, we would have knocked on
your door, but, well, it's made out
of clouds--

RAINBOW DASH
How are you...?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Walking-on-clouds spell, remember?

Pinkie Pie flutters over Rainbow Dash's head with the magical wings from "Sonic Rainboom" that Rarity had before.

PINKIE PIE
I got the wings this time! Woo-hoo!

Rarity rolls her eyes. Rainbow Dash doesn't seem to care about any of it. She only has eyes for Tank.

FLUTTERSHY
How are you feeling, Rainbow Dash?

RAINBOW DASH
Whatever.

Rarity huddles with Twilight.

RARITY
(whispering)
Poor thing looks so sad! Just what
are we going to do? Diamonds? They
ARE a filly's best friend...

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(whispering)
Except when your best friend is a
turtle... She's been in total
denial about Tank hibernating. And
then she snapped and became so
angry about it. And now, well...

Applejack approaches Rainbow Dash.

APPLEJACK
Buck up, sugarcube, you just ain't
yourself these days.

RAINBOW DASH
Whatever.

RARITY
You've lost your sparkle Rainbow
Dash!

RAINBOW DASH
Didn't you hear me? I said
whatever.

PINKIE PIE
(seriously)
What Rarity means is you're
experiencing a response to loss via
emotional, physical, social, and
behavioral dimensions!

RAINBOW DASH, RARITY, APPLEJACK
Wha--?

PINKIE PIE
(confidently, simply)
Call it intuition!

Rainbow Dash's eyebrows furrow.

RAINBOW DASH
I don't know if you're up here to
cheer me up or what, BUT I'M FINE!
I'm telling you, I'M FINE!

Twilight Sparkle and Fluttershy look at each other.
Fluttershy takes a deep breath.

FLUTTERSHY
(quietly)
Let me handle this.
(loudly to Rainbow Dash)
Rainbow Dash, you've chosen a pet
who can't handle the cold!!

There's a silent beat, then Rainbow Dash makes a <CHOKING
SOUND.>

Then she ERUPTS IN TEARS!!

RAINBOW DASH
(sobbing)
WAAAAAAAAAHHHH!!!

The ponies are all taken aback by her over-the-top emotional
outpouring.

RARITY
(to Fluttershy, a little
frightened)
What ever did you do that for?

FLUTTERSHY
Because she'll never get past this
until she lets it all out.

RAINBOW DASH
(wailing)
WAAAAAHHHH!!!! TAAAAANNNKKKK!!!!

APPLEJACK
(uncomfortably)
Uh, it's okay! Tank'll come back in
a few months!

RAINBOW DASH
(wailing)
MONTHS?! WAAAAAHHHH!!! I DON'T WANT
HIM TO GOOOOO!!!!!!!!!! WAAAAAHHHH!!!

APPLEJACK
All right, all right. There there.

Rainbow Dash continues to <WAIL> in the background as the
ponies plan their next step.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Nice goin', Fluttershy. How do we
get her to stop?

RARITY
This is such a tragedy! Good thing
she doesn't wear mascara!

PINKIE PIE
Wow, I had no idea Rainbow Dash had
that kind of emotion in her! Kinda
whiny, no?

RAINBOW DASH
WAAAAAHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

FLUTTERSHY
She's got to be about done now.
Can't be too much left in there.

Suddenly it's quiet. They turn and see Rainbow Dash
<SNIFFLING>. Fluttershy goes and sits next to her on the bed.

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Feeling better?

RAINBOW DASH
(sniffling)
U-huh.

All of sudden, Rainbow Dash dramatically falls back into her pillows.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
(crying)
WAAAAHHH! WAAAAAAHHHHHH!!! NO,
TANK, NO!!!!!!!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh, for Pete's sake!

Fluttershy's lip starts to tremble as she watches Rainbow Dash cry.

FLUTTERSHY
Oh, you poor, poor thing!

And then SHE begins to <WEEP>...

After a moment, Rarity starts to <SNIFFLE>, too!

RARITY
I can't bear to see Fluttershy cry!
...and that gets Pinkie Pie <CRYING>!

PINKIE PIE
This is the saddest I've been since
I've had my wings!

Twilight Sparkle can't believe her eyes. She looks over at Applejack.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You, too?

APPLEJACK
Nope. I'm good.

RAINBOW DASH
WAAAAAAHHH!!!!!!

Rarity, Fluttershy, Rainbow Dash, and Pinkie Pie huddle together in a big tear-pile.

PINKIE PIE
(crying)
It's...just...so sad!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Look, everypony, I know how hard it
is to say goodbye--

PINKIE PIE

I'm mostly sad because you're NOT
sad!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

What?? Me?? What about Applejack?
She's not crying. Aren't you sad
about that?!

PINKIE PIE

Applejack cries on the inside,
Twilight!

APPLEJACK

(nonchalant)
It's true.

Rarity lets out another <WAIL> which starts a fresh round of
crying.

Twilight Sparkle stands with Applejack, shaking her head.

RAINBOW DASH

(through tears)
It's all right, Fluttershy. It's
all right...

Twilight Sparkle and Applejack exchange a look.

APPLEJACK

You think she's done or just
gettin' a third wind?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

I don't know....Rainbow Dash?

Rainbow Dash snuffles, and the other ponies take note,
ceasing their bouts of crying as well.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

Are you okay?

RAINBOW DASH

(sniffing)
I think so.

Twilight and Applejack join the others.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

I feel better. Really, I do.

All the ponies look at each other and smile, some wiping away tears.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Thanks, everypony. I don't know
what I'd do without you.
(turning to Tank)
Or him...

Her face curls up for a fresh round of tears--

But Twilight quickly cuts it off:

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Just remember, Rainbow Dash, Tank
NEEDS this. It's healthy for him.
And you'll see him again when
spring comes.

Rainbow Dash studies Tank, who is looking at her, sweetly,
but tired.

RAINBOW DASH
Oh, Tank. I'm sure gonna miss you.

Tank rubs his head against her. They all share a big hug.

FADE TO:

SC31. EXT. FIELD/FOREST AREA - MORNING

The Mane Six, minus Rainbow Dash, have convened in the
wintery wonderland. They are dressed in their winter gear.
Ponyville ponies are having a great time playing in the snow.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, guess we're starting winter
with a bang.

APPLEJACK
The fun's come early! Yee-haw!!

Spike is standing there and gets pummeled by a snowball in
the back of the head.

SPIKE
Hey!! Who threw that??

He turns around and sees Rarity smiling and <GIGGLING.> Spike
blushes.

SPIKE (CONT'D)
(goo-goo-gah-gah)
He heh...Oh hi, Rarity!...

PINKIE PIE
(to Twilight)
You think we could screw up winter
every year? It's way less work!!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I don't think Rainbow Dash could
handle it--

RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)
Oh, I don't know...

The ponies see Rainbow Dash coming up to them, with Tank in
her saddlebag.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
It was pretty awesome, wasn't it,
Tank?

Tank just <YAWNS.> The ponies are glad to see her in better
spirits.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I thought you guys might like to
say goodbye to Tank. He's ready to
hibernate.

PINKIE PIE
You're using the word! She's using
the word!!

Pinkie Pie throws her arms around Rainbow Dash, full of
excitement.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
And when Tank finishes hibernating,
I'm going to throw him the biggest
Welcome Home party ever!! Or wait--
should it be a "Welcome Above
Ground" party? Or a "Happy Wake-Up"
party? Maybe an "It's about time"
party?

RARITY
And I'll design him a verrry
special suit just for the occasion -
-whichever one it ends up being!

APPLEJACK

I'm glad you're feelin' a lil' chipper, RD. You had us worried for a bit there!

RAINBOW DASH

Yeah. Me too.

Rainbow Dash clears away some snow beneath a tree and lowers Tank to the ground.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

So, you really want to do this hibernation thing, huh?

Tank looks at her sweetly and...smiles?!

She kneels down and digs a small hole for him. Tank looks back at everypony.

PONIES

Goodbye Tank!/We'll miss you!/Enjoy your nap!

Tank looks up at Rainbow Dash. She kneels down and nuzzles his nose.

Tank turns around and heads into the hole, digging the dirt back in place behind him, covering up the hole.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Well? Ready for some winter fun?

All the ponies look at Rainbow Dash just to make sure she's okay. She reclines against the tree and whips out a Daring Do book. A little tear runs from her eye which she swipes away quickly.

RAINBOW DASH

(smiling)

I'm just gonna hang here and read to him a bit. That lil' guy can never get to sleep without a bedtime story.

The others head off to play in the snow as Rainbow Dash cracks open the book.

END OF ACT III

THE END