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TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY/HQ - LOCKER ROOM - DAY

RAINBOW DASH shoves some stuff into her saddle bag as she talks to SPITFIRE and MISTY FLY.

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1 RAINBOW DASH

Spring training was awesome, but I can't wait to see my friends! I'm gonna catch up on some Daring Do with Twilight, help Applejack make my favorite cider, and have a sleepover with Pinkie!

2 MISTY FLY

We get it, you have a fun week planned.

3 SPITFIRE

Meanwhile I'm stuck here running trials week for the Academy.

4 RAINBOW DASH

But you love yelling and blowing your whistle.

5 SPITFIRE

(cracking a smile)
Yeah. I do.

Rainbow Dash finishes packing.

6 RAINBOW DASH

See you gals later!

She dashes out without her bag. She zips back and grabs it.

7 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

Heh heh heh.

She dashes back out. Spitfire just shakes her head.

SC. 2 - EXT. SKY - LATER

Rainbow Dash is flying toward Ponyville when her cutie mark glows and flies off her flank.

8 RAINBOW DASH

Huh? Oh, the Map!

Dash races after her cutie mark to:

SC. 3 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - MAP ROOM - LATER

Twilight is in front of the map. Rainbow Dash skids in through the window.

36 (39)
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9 RAINBOW DASH
Hey Twilight! So where am I going?
The Crystal Mountains? Vanhoover?
Here? Please say here.

10 TWILIGHT
Well, the good news is we both got
called by the map.

14B (2)
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36 (39)
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11 RAINBOW DASH
Awesome!
(then)
Does that mean there's bad news?

12 TWILIGHT
No! Well, not exactly.

14B (2)
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Twilight, Spike, and Starlight step aside REVEALING their cutie marks are glowing above the Wonderbolt Academy.

36 (39)
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13 RAINBOW DASH
Aww, I was just there!

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES**ACT ONE****SC. 4 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - ESTABLISHING**

A long landing strip goes through the middle of the floating island. At one end, there's a building that houses classrooms and locker rooms. There's also a training course floating above the academy - it has obstacles made of clouds like rings, hurdles, and slaloms, as well as a rainbow race track.

SC. 5 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - LANDING STRIP - CONTINUOUS

A group of young hopefuls (including SKY STINGER and VAPOR TRAIL, who we'll meet later) are being addressed by Spitfire.

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14 SPITFIRE

Alright newbies, welcome to trials week for the Wonderbolt Academy! You'll be judged on your speed, strength, agility and technique, culminating in a final evaluation. Will it be hard? Yes. Will you cry? Maybe. Will you fly so much your wings fall off? That has only happened once.

Some of the young hopefuls look nervously at each other. One particularly worried pony (Angel Wings) turns to another with actual concern.

15 ANGEL WINGS

(under her breath)

She's just exaggerating to make a point, right? I mean, wings can't really fall off, can they?

46 47

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15A

The other pony just shrugs. Sky and Vape sit in front of them. Sky smiles confidently at Vape, who smiles back shyly. In the BG, Twilight and Rainbow land behind Spitfire.

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16 SPITFIRE

You think you've got what it takes to be an elite flyer?

17 SKY STINGER

Yes, ma'am!

48 49

18 THE REST OF THE HOPEFULS

(slightly behind)

Yes, ma'am!

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19 SPITFIRE

Well let me tell you, you don't.

Rainbow Dash and Twilight approach.

20 RAINBOW DASH

(nostalgic)

I remember when she said that to me.

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21 HOPEFULS

(whispers)

Is that Rainbow Dash?/ I heard she can do a sonic rainboom./ I heard she beat Wind Rider's record for fastest long distance flight./ And Princess Twilight? Where's my camera when I need it?

51 52

Angel Wings, still worried, turns to the pony next to her.

54 55 60 (61) 22 ANGEL WINGS
(low)
You don't think Rainbow Dash is the
pony whose wings fell off do you?

The other pony looks at her like she's crazy.

(55) 23 SPITFIRE
Quit yer whisperin' and give me
five hundred laps! Go go go!

Spitfire blows her whistle. All the hopefuls, except Angel Wings, take off with Sky Stinger in the lead. Angel Wings shyly takes a step toward Twilight and Dash.

24 ANGEL WINGS
(quickly)
Um... I just wanted you to know.
You two are my favorite ponies in
all of Equestria.

62 (63) 25 SPITFIRE
Well, isn't that sweet. Now get
going on those laps!

Angel Wings immediately flies off after the others. Spitfire turns to Rainbow and Twilight.

(59) 26 SPITFIRE (CONT'D)
Welcome, Princess Twilight!
(to Rainbow)
And what are you doing back so
soon?

(55) 27 RAINBOW DASH
Official Friendship business.

28 TWILIGHT
Have you noticed anypony having a
hard time with their friends?

54 (55) 29 SPITFIRE
Not really. But it's not my job to
worry about their relationships.
I'm here to make 'em elite fliers.

Rainbow Dash looks up at the young hopefuls whizzing by. Some are flying erratically.

(64) 30 RAINBOW DASH
Adorable. They're so full of hope
and competition.
(MORE)

54 55 (64)
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RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
(aside to Twilight)
Their technique could use some work, though.

54 (55)
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31 TWILIGHT
You should tell them. I'm sure they'd appreciate any notes from you.

3 (4)
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32 RAINBOW DASH
Nah. I wouldn't want to mess with their confidence.

33 TWILIGHT
But they'll never get better if they don't know what to work on.

3 4 (5)
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ON Spitfire watching the newbies fly.

54 55 (57)
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34 SPITFIRE
Sloppy wing placement. Crooked lines. <SIGH> I'm gonna have to drill them on basic technique in the classroom portion.

Twilight lights up.

54 55 57 (58)
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35 TWILIGHT
Classroom portion?

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36 SPITFIRE
Yeah. It's everypony's least favorite part of trial week, but it has to be done.

54 (55)
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37 TWILIGHT
Maybe we can help.

3 (4)
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38 RAINBOW DASH
We can?

39 TWILIGHT
Absolutely. Between your flying skills and my teaching expertise, they could learn a lot! Plus, once they get to know us, they'll be more comfortable coming to us with their friendship problems.

3 (4)
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Rainbow turns to Spitfire.

54 55 (64) (65)
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40 RAINBOW DASH
Count us in.

54 (55)
 41 SPITFIRE
 Great!
 Spitfire blows her whistle. Sky Stinger skids to a stop in front of her and Vapor Trail, followed by the rest of the class, all crash into the back of him. They land in a pile in front of Rainbow Dash.
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 42 SPITFIRE (CONT'D)
 You have your work cut out for you. (56)

SC. 6 - INT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - OUTSIDE CLASSROOM DOOR - LATER

Twilight and Rainbow are about to walk into the classroom. Twilight is floating a bunch of rolled-up charts.

43 TWILIGHT
 Thank goodness I had time to whip up a few charts on flight patterns and wing symmetry! It's fresh in my mind from when I learned to fly.
 She unfurls a chart. It looks like a pegasus version of the Vitruvian Man with all kinds of formulas surrounding it. Rainbow looks confused, but Twilight is bursting.

44 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
 This is so exciting!
 45 RAINBOW DASH
 Maybe for you. I practically fell asleep when I went through this. Tell ya what. I'll leave the teaching stuff to you and I'll just make sure they stay awake.

46 TWILIGHT
 I'm pretty sure their thirst for knowledge will keep them bright-eyed and bushy tailed.
 47 RAINBOW DASH
 <LAUGHS> Good one, Twilight.

With that, Rainbow pulls out an airhorn and kicks in the door.

SC. 7 - INT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

The door opens with an <AIRHORN TOOT> and Rainbow bursts in.

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48 RAINBOW DASH
Wake up, newbies! Class is in session.

The students all sit up. Twilight enters after Rainbow, all smiles. She subtly fixes the door with her magic.

49 TWILIGHT
Hello, students! I'm Twilight Sparkle and this is Rainbow Dash..

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Twilight magics some chalk to write their names on a chalkboard like every TV teacher ever. Rainbow zips around her, acting like a hype man.

69 70 71
↓ ↓ ↓

50 RAINBOW DASH
But you can call us T-Sparks and the Dashinator!
(off Twilight's look)
Just kidding.

51 TWILIGHT
And we're here to go over basic flying technique.

8 9
↓ ↓

51A

69 70 71
From the back of the room we hear somepony <GROAN>.

52 RAINBOW DASH
Who said that?

Somepony raises a hoof. REVEAL it's SKY STINGER. He doesn't seem embarrassed to be called out at all.

6 71
↓ ↓

53 SKY STINGER
Me. I mean, we're here because we're amazingly awesome crazy good flyers. We're waaaaay past basics.

54 RAINBOW DASH
What's your name?

55 SKY STINGER
Sky Stinger. You've never heard of me?

VAPOR TRAIL (think Bernadette from Big Bang) timidly pipes up. [NOTE: When she talks, she gets quieter and quieter, trailing off as she gets to the end of her sentence.]

56 VAPOR TRAIL
He set the record for the fastest vertical acceleration rate. 500 feet in two seconds...

72 73
↓ ↓

By the time she finishes, she's shrinking back behind a book.

69 71 (73)

57 RAINBOW DASH
That's pretty impressive.

Vapor pokes her head back out from behind the book, beaming with pride on Sky's behalf.

58 VAPOR TRAIL
It's amazing.

Twilight <AHEMS>

59 TWILIGHT
It is. And we can talk personal records after class, Ms--?

Vapor looks like a deer caught in headlights.

69 (73)

60 SKY STINGER
Vapor Trail. She's my wingpony. I never fly without her.

61 TWILIGHT
Never?

69 (73)

62 SKY STINGER
Nope.

63 RAINBOW DASH
But you'll have to in the solo trials.

Vapor looks worried.

64 VAPOR TRAIL
There are solo trials?

65 RAINBOW DASH
Yup. It's part of your final evaluation.

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66 SKY STINGER
We'll ace that test with our wings tied behind our flanks. My picture will go right up there...

Sky points to a wall of pictures of all the Wonderbolts including Rainbow Dash's as the newest Wonderbolt. They're in their uniforms and looking off to the distance.

67 SKY STINGER (CONT'D)
...next to yours.

8 9 (10)

8 9

75 (76)

Sky then poses next to the wall of pictures in the same pose.

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68 RAINBOW DASH
That's a mighty big claim
considering everypony here is an
"amazingly awesome crazy good
flyer."

69 SKY STINGER
I know.

Rainbow glares at Sky. Then smiles:

70 RAINBOW DASH
I like you.

Twilight <AHEMS>

71 TWILIGHT
Okay! Let's get back on track. Now,
who can tell me the best wing angle
to achieve minimal air resistance?

69 74

72 RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)
<SNORE>

REVEAL Rainbow Dash has nodded off, her head resting on her
hoof. She slides off of it and pushes the air horn can. It
<BLASTS> and she jolts awake.

73 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Wake up, newbies! Class is in
session.

Off of Twilight shaking her head we...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 8 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - LATER THAT DAY

A bell rings. Twilight and Rainbow exit the classroom and
walk onto the field.

74 TWILIGHT
Well, there were a few hiccups, but
overall that went pretty well.

77 78

75 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah. Nopony fell asleep.
(off Twilight's look)
What? I'm not a student!

In the BG, Sky is catching up to them.

77 78 SKY STINGER
Hey, teach?

77 RAINBOW DASH
Me? Or Twilight? Probably Twilight.

78 SKY STINGER
Uh, both. About the solo test, I'm actually kinda worried about it.

79 TWILIGHT
Aw. That's alright. We all have moments where we doubt ourselves.

77 78 79 SKY STINGER
No. No. I have absolutely zero doubts about myself. I'm a strong flyer--like really, really, really strong. But this isn't about me. I'm worried for Vape.

82 83 84 TWILIGHT
Oh. Well... that is very... kind? Of you.

77 79 RAINBOW DASH
Tell you what. It's almost time for freestyle training. Why don't you grab her and show us what you've got?

80 83 SKY STINGER
Yes! Prepare to be impressed. By me. Like I said, Vape still needs work.

CUT TO:

SC. 9 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - DAY

Rainbow and Twilight watch Sky and Vape, who are flying in tandem, wing-to-wing.

[REFERENCE PIC: <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-L8RtyHZvVjU/UHI-VA9Jj9I/AAAAAAAMek/sMagKSk0UaI/s1600/tandem+birds.jpg>]

Vape and Sky do a steep dive. Seconds before they hit the ground, they pull up, but Sky shoots up way higher than Vape.

84 TWILIGHT
Well, he may be full of himself but I have to admit, Sky's an excellent flyer. He must've shot up 200 feet!

85 86 87 (88) 85 RAINBOW DASH
 But did you see Vapor Trail? Her
 wing was under his. I think she
 gave him a boost.

86 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 I guess I didn't even notice Vapor.
 I was too busy watching Sky.

BACK ON Sky and Vape - Vape is still flying low. Vape twists
 onto her back and flaps her wings upward, creating a gust of
 wind that helps Sky as he does a flipping loop in the air.
 (He flips as he makes a loop, like a Ferris wheel with
 spinning cars.)

87 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
 <GASP> I think you're right! Vapor
 just created a gust of wind that
 caught Sky's wing at a 45 degree
 angle, propelling him into a
 flipping loop.
 (unable to help herself)
 Somepony paid attention in class!

88 RAINBOW DASH
 Sky obviously has no idea he's not
 actually "amazingly awesome".

89 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 And Vapor's so busy making her
 friend look good, she's not focused
 on her own flying at all.
 (with resolve)
 This must be our friendship
 problem, and there's only one thing
 to do...

89A TWILIGHT
 Tell them the truth.

85 89B RAINBOW DASH
 Fix it without telling them!

Off of the two of them looking at each other like they're
 crazy..

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 10 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - CONTINUOUS

Rainbow and Twilight are just how we left them.

90 TWILIGHT
 You don't want to tell them?

90 (91)
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91 RAINBOW DASH
Of course not. Flying is like 30 percent skill and 70 percent confidence. You can't mess with a flier's confidence.

92 TWILIGHT
But you can't improve if you don't think you have to! Besides, Vapor's keeping a pretty big secret from Sky and that can lead to trouble.

(16A) (16B)
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93 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah but if we tell them that they've been holding each other back, that could be trouble too!

Just then Sky and Vape land. Sky triumphantly pumps his hoof. Vape can't catch her breath.

94 SKY STINGER
I nailed that flipping loop. I'm actually surprised you're still here, cuz I thought I blew you away.

95 VAPOR TRAIL
You were <PANT> great, Sky. <PANT>

Vapor collapses to the ground, just as Spitfire approaches.

96 SPITFIRE
Come on, Vapor Trail. You're going to have to build up your endurance if you want a shot at the Academy. Wonderbolts don't get winded.

In the distance, Spitfire spots another pony busting clouds, but slowly. The cloud disperses and re-forms. Spitfire blows her whistle.

97 SPITFIRE (CONT'D)
Angel Wings! You call that cloud busting? That cloud barely knew you were there!

Spitfire goes off to yell at other students.

98 SPITFIRE (CONT'D)
(to self)
I love my job.

Vape looks a little down - Sky goes to comfort her.

(56) (103) (104) (105) Vape
93A
92 93 94
94A
95A
97A
185A 100 101A 102B
Angel Wings
Sorry

(95B)
↓ ↓

90 94 95 96 97 99 SKY STINGER
 Vape, you've got what it takes, you hear me? We'll keep working and who knows? One day you might come close to being almost as good as me.

100 VAPOR TRAIL
 Oh, I don't think so. You were voted Stratusberg's Most Promising Flier. I was voted Best Sneeze.

101 SKY STINGER
 You do have a really great sneeze.

102 VAPOR TRAIL
 Thanks, Sky. But I don't think I can sneeze my way into the Academy. <SIGH> I'm pretty beat. I'm gonna hit the showers.

She heads toward the locker room. Sky looks at Rainbow Dash pleadingly.

103 SKY STINGER
 You have to help her.

104 TWILIGHT
 Actually, she's not the one...

Rainbow grabs Twilight before she can finish...

105 RAINBOW DASH
 Will do.

...and pushes her toward the Fillies Locker Room.

SC. 11 - INT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - LOCKER ROOM - LATER

Vape is putting her gear away in some lockers when Rainbow and Twilight approach.

107 108 106 RAINBOW DASH
 Hey, you did great. You're a really strong flyer.

Vapor Trail looks around, but she's the only pony there.

107 VAPOR TRAIL
 Me?

108 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 Vapor Trail, we know what you've been doing.

Vapor looks at Rainbow.

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109 RAINBOW DASH
You've been doing... great!

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110 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(exasperated)
You've been helping Sky.

17 18
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107 108
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111 VAPOR TRAIL
I don't know what you're talking
about. Sky doesn't need anypony's
help. He's amazing.

Twilight nudges Rainbow, who reluctantly spits it out:

107 108
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112 RAINBOW DASH
Not without you. And it's gonna be
pretty obvious during the solo
trials when he can't get enough air
to do a flipping loop.

113 VAPOR TRAIL
(dawns on her)
Oh no. I can't let that happen.
(catching herself)
I mean--aww, sugarcubes.

107 108
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114 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Why are you doing this for him?

17 18
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115 VAPOR TRAIL
<SIGH> It started when we were
kids. You have to understand...

In FLASHBACK we see...

SC. 12 - EXT. STRATUSBERG - SKY'S HOUSE - FLASHBACK - DAY

CLOSE ON a YOUNG SKY. PULL OUT to reveal he's one out of
several foals, all playing a game of catch with their PARENTS
in their backyard.

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116 VAPOR TRAIL (V.O.)
...Sky grew up with a lot of
siblings. It was tough. He was
always trying to get his parents'
attention.

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Sky's Mom tosses the ball to Sky's sibling. Young Sky waves
his arms, trying to get his parents' attention, but they pass
to his other siblings. Frustrated, Young Sky flies off.

108 112

117 VAPOR TRAIL (V.O.)
 Meanwhile, I was an only child who
 hated all the attention I got from
 mine...

SC. 13 - EXT. STRATUSBERG - SKY - FLASHBACK - DAY

We see YOUNG VAPOR TRAIL hiding in a cloud. She peers down at her yard. ANGLE ON VAPOR'S MOM and DAD holding a sack lunch and some homework.

118 VAPOR'S MOM
 Vapor Trail! Where are you? Do you
 need a snack? Do you want to do
 homework?

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119 VAPOR'S DAD
 Or we can just spend some time
 together! All day is never enough!

BACK ON Vapor Trail. Hearing this, she <SIGHS>. Then she sees a flash of movement next to her and sees Young Sky, who's also in the sky trying to do a flip to impress his parents.

114B

120 YOUNG SKY STINGER
 Mom! Dad! Up here!

Young Sky tries to do a flip but can't get enough air to pull it off. Vape sees him and flaps her wings hard, sending a gust of wind that propels Sky through his flip. Young Sky finishes, victorious, then looks down to see his parents didn't notice. He hangs his head. Then he hears Young Vapor Trail clapping for him.

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121 YOUNG VAPOR TRAIL
 That was amazing!

Young Sky smiles huge. Off the two of them flying off together we DISSOLVE TO the present day with grown-up Sky and Vapor trail, still flying together. They fly spirals in the air in the shape of a DNA helix.

122 VAPOR TRAIL (V.O.)
 Flying together gave us both what
 we wanted. But I never told Sky how
 much I was helping him.

SC. 14 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - LOCKER ROOM - RESUME

Twilight, Rainbow, and Vapor Trail are as they were.

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123 VAPOR TRAIL
It started with a small boost here
or a little gust of wind there. But
I didn't think my help could
actually hurt his chances!

122 (123)
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(124)
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124 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I understand. But now you're both
in trouble.

19 (20)
↓ ↓

125 RAINBOW DASH
You need to work on your tricks.
And Sky needs to be able to fly
without you or he won't make it.

126 VAPOR TRAIL
But he has to! Flying with the
Wonderbolts has been Sky's dream
ever since he was a colt!

127 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What about you?

19 (20)
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Vapor Trail is at a loss for words.

122 (124)
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128 VAPOR TRAIL
I guess I haven't thought about it.
I just want to be with my best
friend.

129 RAINBOW DASH
Then we have to find a way to help
both of you.

130 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Starting with telling Sky the
truth.

19 (20)
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122 (124)
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131 VAPOR TRAIL
No! You can't. Sky will be crushed.
And without his confidence he won't
fly as well.

Rainbow gives Twilight a smug look.

132 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
<SIGH> Then I guess we'll give
Dash's method a shot.

19 (20)
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Rainbow does a little victory flip in the air.

122 (124)
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133 RAINBOW DASH
Yes! I love being right. Okay.
Here's what we do.
(MORE)

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RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Sky needs to build his strength.
Air drills, wing lifts... all that
boring, methodical stuff.

Rainbow looks at Twilight pointedly.

122 (124)
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134 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sounds like my cup of oats.

19 (20)
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135 VAPOR TRAIL
But how will we get him to do that?
He doesn't think he needs practice.

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|| ||

136 RAINBOW DASH
We'll just tell Sky that he should
practice with Twilight so you won't
feel self conscious about getting
special training from me.

137 VAPOR TRAIL
With you? Really? You'd do that for
me?

138 RAINBOW DASH
Pssh. You say that like it's not
gonna be a blast.

SC. 15 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY/SKY - MOMENTS LATER

In QUICK CUTS we see...

- Twilight floats by as Sky does suicide drills in the air.
Twilight holds a timer as Sky flies from one cloud post to
another, but he looks like he's hardly trying.

- Vape does barrel rolls as Rainbow flies upside down above
her and coaches her. Vape comes out of the barrel roll but
flies crooked. She <YELPS> as she crashes into a cloud.

- Twilight does a quick equation, then puts weights on Sky's
back. She sends him to fly through some rings, but he gives
up and lands before he gets to the end.

- Rainbow floats in the air as Vapor flies through clouds,
shaping them.

139 RAINBOW DASH
Do a heart! Now make a turtle!

Vapor trail darts in and out of a cloud, forming a turtle.
PULL BACK to reveal it says "I (heart shape) (turtle)."

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138B

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138C

checking
disappointed

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(133) 134

140 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Perfect. Tank's gonna love that.

- Twilight and Sky are on the ground. Twilight holds a protractor to Sky's wings to measure the angle. Sky yawns. Twilight signals for him to start flying. Sky starts flapping his wings as Twilight uses magic to create a wind tunnel in front of him. Barely pushing himself, Sky gets blown backwards and tumbles on the ground. He throws a jealous glance at...

- Rainbow and Vape are in the sky. Rainbow spots Sky as he falls, frowns, then shakes it off and turns to Vape.

141 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Ready to do some free fall drops?

Vape nods. Rainbow and Vape fold their wings and drop towards the ground. At the absolute last minute they spread their wings and fly back up.

142 VAPOR TRAIL
WOOOOOO!

Rainbow and Vape land and we END QUICK CUTS.

143 RAINBOW DASH
You were awesome!

144 VAPOR TRAIL
Really? Thanks! I can't believe I was able to keep up!

145 RAINBOW DASH
That's the first nice thing I've heard you say about yourself.

Vapor smiles huge.

146 SKY STINGER
Hey!

Sky marches up to them, followed by Twilight.

147 SKY STINGER (CONT'D)
Can we switch now? I want to do tricks with Rainbow Dash!

148 VAPOR TRAIL
You can't. I mean... you're already so good at the fancy stuff.

149 SKY STINGER
And the basic stuff.

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150 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well....

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Rainbow Dash puts a hoof over Twilight's mouth.

133 (139)
151 SKY STINGER
You're right. I don't need to
practice at all.

14b (141)
152 VAPOR TRAIL
(super quiet)
Um. Maybe, Sky, you should...

(139)
153 SKY STINGER
(not hearing)
I'm already the best and
everypony's gonna know it when I'm
asked to join the Academy tomorrow.

154 VAPOR TRAIL
(slightly louder)
But not if you don't practice...

(139)
155 SKY STINGER
I wouldn't be surprised if they
asked me to become a Wonderbolt
straight out of trials! Boom. Dream
achieved.

156 VAPOR TRAIL
SKY YOU'RE NOT AS GOOD AS YOU THINK
YOU ARE!

(142)
157A Vapor covers her own mouth.

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157 SKY STINGER
What did you say?

158 VAPOR TRAIL
Sky... I want you to get in as much
as anypony, and you're amazing,
but...

159 SKY STINGER
But what?

160 VAPOR TRAIL
I've been... helping you.

161 SKY STINGER
Please. I don't need your help.
Watch.

With that, Sky takes off and tries to do a flip loop. He does the first few flips no problem, but he doesn't have the strength to finish the loop. Rainbow Dash and Twilight cringe. He lands by Vapor Trail, winded. The realization that he's not a great flier dawns on Sky. He looks crestfallen for a beat, but it quickly turns to anger.

162 SKY STINGER (CONT'D)
How could you do this to me?! Did you all know?

Twilight and Rainbow Dash sheepishly nod.

163 SKY STINGER (CONT'D)
Great. So everypony but me knows I'm a joke. Was this your plan the whole time? To embarrass me?

164 VAPOR TRAIL
What? No! Don't you know me at all?

165 SKY STINGER
I guess not since it took me this long to find out you're a terrible wingpony!

166 VAPOR TRAIL
I can't believe you!

167 SKY STINGER
I can't believe I was ever your friend!

Sky flies off. Vapor looks at Twilight and Rainbow Dash.

168 VAPOR TRAIL
Thanks a lot.

Vapor flies away. Off of Twilight and Rainbow's uh-oh look...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 16 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - LATER THAT DAY

Twilight and Rainbow are supervising as the students practice on the dizzitron. Sky and Vape are at opposite ends of the line, clearly avoiding each other.

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169 RAINBOW DASH
Do you think they're still mad?
(off Twilight's look)
Yeah, they're still mad.

170 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This is all my fault. If we had
just done things your way, maybe we
could've avoided this whole mess.

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171 RAINBOW DASH
No, it's my fault. It hit me when I
was watching Sky train with you. He
wasn't even trying.

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It's Sky's turn on the dizzitron. Vape won't even look at
him. He goes in and gets launched into the air, but has a
hard time coming out of it. He flies crookedly and glides
back to the line of students with his head down.

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172 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Oh no. He's lost his confidence.

Spitfire walks up to Twilight and Rainbow.

173 SPITFIRE
Do you want to tell me why one of
my most promising students is
flying like a balloon with a hole
in it?

155 (156)
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(154)

174 RAINBOW DASH
Um, it's a long story, but we'll
fix it.

175 SPITFIRE
Yes you will!

Spitfire blows her whistle and leaves.

176 RAINBOW DASH
<SIGH> We really messed up, huh?

177 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Not necessarily. If we can help
each other see things differently,
maybe we can do the same for Sky
and Vapor! I have a plan...

30 (31)
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SC. 17 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - SOLO TRIAL COURSE - LATER

CLOSE ON Sky, who is trying to do a flipping loop, but still
can't get it. Twilight approaches.

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178 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Hey, Sky. Thought I might find you here.

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179 SKY STINGER
Well, apparently I need a lot of practice. Guess I'm not the natural I thought I was.

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180 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No, you're not...

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181 SKY STINGER (164)
Thanks. Good pep talk.

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182 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But to me, working hard to achieve your goals is much more impressive. Being a natural means you don't have to try.

159 (161)
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183 SKY STINGER
(genuine)
Huh. I never thought about like that.

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184 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I wasn't a natural at friendship. But with some practice and some help from my friends, I got better. And now? I'm the Princess of Friendship.

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185 SKY STINGER (163)
So you're saying I can be the Princess of Flying?

SC. 18 - EXT. SKY - SAME

CLOSE ON Vape lounging in a cloud. Rainbow flies up to her.

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186 RAINBOW DASH
HEY VAPOR TRAIL!

(167) (168) (169) (181A)
vapor gets startled and falls out of the cloud, but spreads her wings at the last minute and pulls up.

187 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Sorry. But hey, nice dive!

188 VAPOR TRAIL
Thanks.

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189 RAINBOW DASH
You know, you're really good.
You're lead pony material.

190 VAPOR TRAIL
That's sweet of you, but no. I
couldn't handle all the attention.

191 RAINBOW DASH
But you'll never become a
Wonderbolt if you're too afraid to
shine. That is what you want,
right?

192 VAPOR TRAIL
Not at first. I just wanted to be
with Sky. But learning to do all
those fun tricks with you? It made
me realize this is something I want
for myself.

193 RAINBOW DASH
I was hoping you'd say that. Come
with me.

SC. 19 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - SOLO TRIAL COURSE = LATER

Twilight and Rainbow Dash bring Sky and Vape together at the trial course.

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194 SKY STINGER
What's she doing here?

195 RAINBOW DASH
Sky, Vapor was never trying to
steal your spotlight. She thought
she was helping you.

196 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
And Vapor, you shouldn't have been
so content to take a back seat. It
ended up hurting both of you.

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Sky and Vape look at each other sheepishly.

171 172

197 RAINBOW DASH
Now you can either stay mad, or
help each other and become two of
the greatest fliers the Wonderbolt
Academy has ever seen!

(beat)
Please pick the second option.
(MORE)

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171 (173)

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

I don't want Spitfire to be mad at me.

Vape and Sky look at each other and smile.

SC. 20 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - VARIOUS - DUSK

In QUICK CUTS we see Vape and Sky helping each other during the training exercises with the other students.

- Vape sits on Sky's back while he flies through the rainbow track.

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198 VAPOR TRAIL

You got this, Sky!

CLOSE ON Sky's face. He's determined, really trying this time.

- Vape does a barrel roll, but flies crookedly when she comes out of it. Sky flies up to her.

199 SKY STINGER

Focus on a cloud when you spin!
It'll help you fly straight when you come out of it.

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Vape nods, then tries the barrel roll again as Sky flies alongside her. This time, she comes out of the barrel roll flawlessly.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 21 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - VARIOUS - THE NEXT DAY

176AB [B] - Sky (now in his Wonderbolt uniform) flies through the rings we saw earlier during his training with Twilight. Vape cheers Sky on from the ground. Spitfire makes a note in her clipboard.

177 [C] - Vape (now in her Wonderbolt uniform) does a tornado spin (she flies at an angle and spins downward in a conical tornado shape). Sky cheers her on from the ground. Spitfire makes note.

- SPLIT SCREEN: Individually, Sky and Vape dive, pull up, and do flipping loops. From the ground, Twilight and Rainbow Dash <CHEER>.

178 [D] - END QUICK CUTS.

Sky and Vape land. Spitfire and some other Wonderbolts (SOARIN', Spitfire, MISTY FLY) walk up to them. For a second it looks like Vape is about to hide behind Sky, but instead she faces them head-on.

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200 SPITFIRE

Congratulations. You've both made it into the Wonderbolt Academy.

180 (181)

179AB (200A) Sky and Vapor Trail <CHEER> as Spitfire walks up to Rainbow Dash and Twilight.

201 SPITFIRE (CONT'D)

Whatever you did, it worked. These two have a lot of potential. Who knows? They might be better than you, Crash.

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202 RAINBOW DASH

<LAUGHS NERVOUSLY> Let's not get carried away...

Dash looks over at Sky and Vape. Angel Wings meekly walks up.

203 ANGEL WINGS

Um... I just wanted you to know. You two are my new favorite ponies in all of Equestria.

Dash looks on from across the tarmac.

204 RAINBOW DASH

Hey!

With that, the Angel Wings flies off. Vapor smiles and looks to Sky.

205 VAPOR TRAIL

I can't believe we did it!

206 SKY STINGER

You were great! Even though you can out-fly me, you can be my wingpony anytime.

207 VAPOR TRAIL

<LAUGHS> And you can be mine.

(207A) Sky and Vapor Trail hug. Twilight and Rainbow's cutie marks glow. They smile at each other. Mission accomplished!

SC. 22 - EXT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - HALLWAY - DAY

Twilight and Rainbow walk through the front door of her castle and into the hallway.

208 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Phew! It's good to be home.

209 RAINBOW DASH
You're telling me. Now we can finally catch up on some Daring Do, I can make cider with Applejack...

Suddenly, there's a knock at the door. Twilight opens it, revealing Misty Fly.

210 MISTY FLY
Dash! I've been looking all over for you. Wonderbolt emergency - we gotta get back to HQ!

211 RAINBOW DASH
You've got to be kidding me! I was JUST there!

211A Rainbow Dash collapses on the floor.

FADE OUT

END

Angel Wings - laughing
186 ABC
187 - gasp
- walla
- huh?
- what
- out of breath
- flying around
- impacts

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