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Twilight and Rainbow Dash get called by the map to... the Wonderbolt Academy? There they meet SKY LIGHT, a promising young flyer, and VAPOR TRAIL, his beleaguered best friend. Sky Light has a reputation for being a stand out flyer and is looking forward to the upcoming solo test to advance to the next level of flying studies.

But as Dash watches the two friends practice, it's clear to her that Sky isn't nearly as talented as his reputation suggests and that Vapor is covering for Sky's shortcomings. Dash tells Twilight that Vape is actually the better flyer and it looks like Sky has skated by up to this point by riding his friend's coattails. Twilight and Dash confront Vapor who admits that she's been carrying her friend through the Academy. Though it's all about to come to a stop since progressing to the next level of flyer involves solo tests. Vapor is worried because she can't bear to see her friend fail. Flying with the 'Bolts has been Sky's dream ever since he was a colt and Vapor has been trying her best to make sure it happens for him, despite the fact that all the double duty has adversely affected her own progression. Dash thinks it's admirable how loyal she is to her friend, helping him out like that. She suggests that maybe there's a way to help him through the solo tests. But Twilight disagrees. She thinks the most important thing is to tell him what's been going on. It's the only way he'll even be able to move forward.

Twilight convinces Vape to come clean, but Sky doesn't believe it at first. When Dash runs him through a series of mock solo tests, the truth is made clear. Devastated, Sky takes it out on Vape. How could she have lied all this time to him? She just wanted to help, but Sky doesn't want to hear it. Their friendship is over. TS and RD look at each other. Whoops, they were supposed to be solving friendship problems, not causing them.

TS blames herself. Maybe Dash was right and they should have just figured out a way to push Sky through. Dash feels bad for Twilight and resolves to fix the problem. She tries to train Sky, but he's too disillusioned. He had always imagined he was a natural. If he's not, he feels like he should just give up. Twilight steps in and convinces him that hard work can sometimes be just as impressive as natural ability. Maybe all he needs is the right coach. Dash explains that she already tried everything, but Twilight has someone else in mind—she thinks Vape should train Sky. Vape's role should be helping her friend get better, not covering up his mistakes. One thing Twilight has learned as a teacher is that the best learning and progress often comes from failure. Both Vape and Sky have to allow for it. They do and with Vape's coaching, Sky passes the next solo flight test, advancing to the next level of his studies. Everyone cheers, etc. THE END