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TEASER

SC. 1 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - DAY

The MANE 5, Spike and STARLIGHT are awkwardly gathered in silence. There's some snacks on a table with a few balloons. But no music. Pinkie Pie looks like she's going to burst. Suddenly, they hear Twilight's hooves in the hallway.

1 STARLIGHT
Shhhh. This is it.

TWILIGHT bursts in.

2 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Spike, have you seen my favorite
quill? I can't find it anywhere--

Twilight steps inside and sees everypony looking at her. She looks back. After an awkward moment...

3 STARLIGHT
<AHM> Surprise.

4 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You called a surprise meeting?

5 STARLIGHT
No, this is a party. I took a peek
at your syllabus. Surprise parties
were coming up and I figured the
only way to surprise you would be
to do it early.

The Mane 5 shrug at Twilight, helplessly.

6 TWILIGHT
Well... I am surprised.

Just then, Twilight and Rainbow Dash's cutie marks glow and fly off their flanks. Pinkie Pie bursts with excitement.

7 PINKIE PIE
Ooh! We can finally play a party
game - guess where the map is
sending Twilight and Rainbow Dash.
Manhattan. Canterlot. Applejack's
barn!

Pinkie Pie looks at Starlight bashfully.

8 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I mean, it's your party. We can do
whatever you want.

9 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Let's find out where they're going.

10 PINKIE PIE
GREAT IDEA!

They all head out of the Throne Room and into:

SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - MAP ROOM - LATER

Twilight and Rainbow Dash's cutie marks glow over the
Wonderbolt Academy.

11 RAINBOW DASH
The Wonderbolt Academy!? Awesome!
I haven't been back in forever! Oh
man, they're gonna be so excited to
see me.

Twilight looks at her.

12 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I mean us.

13 APPLEJACK
Well, we'll leave you to it.

Applejack, Rarity, Fluttershy, Pinkie Pie start to head out.

14 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sorry we had to cut the party
short.

15 RARITY
(a little too quickly)
Oh it's fine, dear. Really.

Starlight stops by Twilight.

16 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
So... Any feedback on the surprise
party?

17 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh. Um... Okay.

Starlight magics over a quill and some parchment.

18 STARLIGHT
Ready.

19 TWILIGHT
The surprise was good but your
party skills... need just a little
work. Maybe some music or, you
know, letting ponies talk would
liven things up.

Starlight looks a bit bummed.

20 RAINBOW DASH
But hanging out in silence was
totally awesome too.

Twilight gives Rainbow Dash a weird look.

21 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
What?

END TEASER

ACT ONE

SC. 3 - EXT. SKY - DAY

Twilight and Rainbow are flying to Wonderbolt Academy.

22 TWILIGHT
You don't actually like hanging out
in silence, do you?

23 RAINBOW DASH
Of course not! But you can't just
tell Starlight Glimmer what she did
wrong. You got to boost up her
confidence so she'll want to try
again.

24 TWILIGHT
But Starlight needs to know the
truth. If you know what you did
wrong you know how to make it
better.

Suddenly, a group of young hopeful fliers whiz by them in a
blur. SKY STINGER and VAPOR TRAIL (who we'll meet later) are
leading the group.

25 RAINBOW DASH
We're here!

Twilight and Rainbow follow the students towards...

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 - CONTINUOUS

Rainbow and Twilight land on the landing strip. The young hopefuls have all landed and are being addressed by SPITFIRE.

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

27 HOPEFULS
Yes, ma'am!

28 SPITFIRE
Well let me tell you, you don't.

Rainbow Dash and Twilight approach.

29 RAINBOW DASH
(nostalgic)
I remember when she said that to
me.

30 SPITFIRE
Crash! What are you doing here? And
Princess Twilight!

31 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?

Spitfire rounds on the hopefuls.

32 SPITFIRE
Quit your whisperin' and get to
flying. 500 laps go!

33 HOPEFULS
Yes, ma'am.

They take off, each trying to out fly the others. Sky Stinger and Vapor Trail again take the lead. We stay on Spitfire, Rainbow Dash and Twilight.

34 RAINBOW DASH
Adorable. They're so full of hope and competition.

35 SPITFIRE
They're weak and undisciplined. But I'll whip them into shape. Enough about them. What can I do for you?

36 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Actually, they might be why we're here. Have you noticed any pony having a hard time with their friends?

37 SPITFIRE
Not really. But it's not my job to worry about their relationships. I'm here to turn them into elite flyers.

38 RAINBOW DASH
Mind if we hang out and see if we can figure out who needs our help?

39 SPITFIRE
Sure. It'd be great to have you around.

(then)
You know, while you're here I could use your help with this batch. They can learn a lot from the newest Wonderbolt!

40 RAINBOW DASH
Really? I'd love to.

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.

41 SPITFIRE
You have your work cut out for you.

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

Twilight and Rainbow are about to walk into the classroom.

42 RAINBOW DASH
I've never taught a class before.
What kind of teacher should I be?
Awesome? Inspiring? Ooh awesome and
inspiring!

43 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Personally, I like to be open and
honest. And I foster a professional
environment while keeping it
playful, so the students are
comfortable with--

44 RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)
I've got it!

REVEAL Rainbow Dash holding a stick in her mouth.

45 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
(mouthful)
I'm gonna be the kind of teacher
who points at things with a stick!

46 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
O-kay. Well, flying is your forte.
I'll just observe quietly to see if
anypony has a friendship problem.

Rainbow puffs up her chest and bursts into...

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

Rainbow kicks in the door:

47 RAINBOW DASH
ALRIGHT. LISTEN UP!

She drops the stick and with all the bravado she can muster,
Rainbow paces around the classroom. In the BG, Twilight
subtly fixes the door with her magic.

48 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
The name's Rainbow Dash. I know
what you're all thinking: 'Rainbow
Dash? She's awesome! She defeated
five changelings in ten seconds!
She can do a Sonic Rainboom!
(MORE)

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
She has a cool mane!' All those
things are true.

Twilight <AHEMS>.

49 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
And this is my good friend Twilight
Sparkle. You might know her as the
Princess of Friendship.

Twilight smiles and waves to everypony behind Rainbow.

50 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sooo if anypony is having a
friendship problem, my door is
open. I mean that metaphorically. I
don't have a door. Or an office.
Sooo... just find me.

51 RAINBOW DASH
Anyway, you're all good fliers. You
wouldn't be here if you weren't.
But you see this plaque here?

Rainbow Dash uses her stick to point to a plaque on the wall.

52 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
(mouth full, muffled)
On it are the names--

Rainbow spits the stick out.

53 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
On it are the names of every
Wonderbolt who ever went through
this program! Only the best of you
will be selected to be a Wonderbolt
Reservist.

She breathes on her own name and then polishes it with her
hoof.

54 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
So whose name will go after mine?

Sky Stinger raises his hoof confidently:

55 SKY STINGER
Mine.

56 RAINBOW DASH
And who are you?

57 SKY STINGER
Sky Stinger. From Stratusburg.

58 RAINBOW DASH
Must be a small town. I've never
heard of it.

59 SKY STINGER
You will, when I become the next
Wonderbolt and make it famous.

60 RAINBOW DASH
That's a mighty big claim
considering the company you're in.

Sky just gives her a cocky grin.

61 SKY STINGER
I know.

Rainbow narrows her eyes at him, then smiles huge.

62 RAINBOW DASH
I like you.

63 TWILIGHT
Wait a minute, Sky Stinger? I think
I read an article about you in the
Pegasus Times.

Vapor Trail (think Ellie Kemper) pipes up:

64 VAPOR TRAIL
Yeah you did. Because he's the best
flier in our town! He set the
record for the highest vertical
acceleration rate - 800 feet in two
seconds.

65 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's pretty good.

66 VAPOR TRAIL
Pretty good? It's incredible.

67 RAINBOW DASH
And who are you?

Vapor Trail blushes and shrinks in her seat.

68 SKY STINGER
That's Vapor Trail. Don't let her
shyness fool you.
(MORE)

SKY STINGER (CONT'D)
She's the absolute best wing pony
in all of Equestria. I never fly
without her.

69 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Never?

70 SKY STINGER
Nope.

71 RAINBOW DASH
But you'll have to in the solo
test.

Sky and Vape share a look. There's a solo test? But Sky
quickly recovers.

72 SKY STINGER
No problem. We can both ace that
test with our wings tied behind our
backs.

They do a fun best friend hoofshake.

73 RAINBOW DASH
I like your spirit. But I still
have a lot to teach you. So, who
can tell me how fast I had to fly
to get from Canterlot to the
Crystal Mountains in under twenty
minutes?

Several students raise their hands. Twilight shakes her head.

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

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

74 RAINBOW DASH
So, I was pretty awesome doing that
whole teacher thing, right?

75 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, the students seem to like
you. And they learned a lot about
you. But we need to learn things
about them, if we're going to
figure out why we're here.

76 RAINBOW DASH
Ouch. You could've just said I was
on the cusp of awesomeness.

In the BG, Sky is catching up to them.

77 SKY STINGER
Hey teach, can I talk to you?

78 RAINBOW DASH
(to Twilight)
He called me teach!

Rainbow gathers herself and turns to Sky.

79 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Yes, student?

80 SKY STINGER
About the solo tests, I'm actually
not as confident as I pretended to
be.

81 TWILIGHT
Aw. That's alright. We all have
moments where we doubt ourselves.
(waxing poetic)
But as long as there's hope in our
hearts--

82 SKY STINGER
No. No. I have absolutely zero
doubts about myself. I'm a pretty
strong flyer--like really, really,
really strong. But this isn't about
me. I'm worried for Vape. She might
need some help.

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

84 RAINBOW DASH
Tell you what. Grab her and meet me
on the practice course and show me
what you've got.

85 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/AAAAAAAAAMek/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.

86 TWILIGHT

Well, that was fancy! Sky wasn't kidding. He's an excellent flyer. He must've shot up 200 feet!

87 RAINBOW DASH

But did you see Vapor Trail? Her wing was under his. I think she gave him a boost.

88 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

I guess I didn't even notice Vape. 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.)

89 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

<GASP> I think you're right! Vape just created a gust of wind that propelled Sky into a flipping loop.

90 RAINBOW DASH

Yeah. That's totally what I was thinking. I think.

(then)

Sky might get all the attention, but Vapor Trail's doing all the work!

91 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

And based on how Sky's acting, he has no idea Vape's been helping him this whole time.

92 RAINBOW DASH

I don't know if they're gonna make it into the Academy. Vape can't do any of the fancy flying and Sky isn't strong enough on his own.

93 TWILIGHT
This must be our friendship
problem. There's only one thing to
do...

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Tell them the truth.

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.

94 TWILIGHT
You don't want to tell them?

95 RAINBOW DASH
Of course not. Flying is like 30
percent skill and 70 percent
confidence. You mess with a flier's
confidence and you could ruin them
for good.

96 TWILIGHT
But isn't knowing about your flaws
just as important as knowing about
your strengths?

97 RAINBOW DASH
Um... That's crazy talk.

98 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's how you get better! Besides,
true friendship means being honest
with each other no matter what.
Vapor has to know what she's been
doing, and keeping a secret like
that from your friend can lead to
trouble.

99 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah but if we tell them that
they've been holding each other
back, that could ruin their
friendship too!

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

100 SKY STINGER
I nailed it. Did you see that
flipping loop? I'm actually
surprised you're still here, cuz I
thought I blew you away.

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

Vapor collapses to the ground, just as Spitfire approaches.

102 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.

Vape tries to stop wheezing and salutes Spitfire as she
passes.

103 SKY STINGER
Vape, I wouldn't fly with just any
pony. You've got what it takes, you
hear me? We'll keep practicing and
who knows? One day you might even
be as good as me.

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

105 SKY STINGER
You do have a really great sneeze.

106 VAPOR TRAIL
Thanks. But I can't 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.

107 SKY STINGER
You have to help her.

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

Rainbow grabs Twilight before she can finish...

109 RAINBOW DASH
Will do.

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

**SC. 11 - INT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - FILLIES' LOCKER ROOM -
LATER**

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

110 RAINBOW DASH
Hey, you did great. You're a really
strong flyer.

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

111 VAPOR TRAIL
Me?

112 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You don't have to pretend. We know
what you've been doing.

Vapor looks at Rainbow.

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

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

115 VAPOR TRAIL
I don't know what you're talking
about. Sky's just a really talented
flier.

Twilight nudges Rainbow, who reluctantly spits it out:

116 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 without your
help.

117 VAPOR TRAIL
(dawns on her)
Oh no. I can't let that happen.
(catching herself)
I mean--aww, sugarcubes. You're
right.
I've been doing more than just
being Sky's wingpony.

118 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
How long has this been going on?

119 VAPOR TRAIL
<SIGH> Ever since 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 eight other foals, all playing a game of catch with their PARENTS in their backyard.

120 VAPOR TRAIL (V.O.)
...Sky grew up with eight brothers
and sisters. It was tough. He was
always trying to get his parents'
attention.

Sky's Mom tosses the ball to Sky's sibling. Young Sky waves his arms, trying to get his parents' attention, but they keep passing to his other siblings. Frustrated, Young Sky takes to the sky.

121 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.

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

123 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.

124 YOUNG SKY STINGER
Mom! Dad! Up here!

Young Sky tries to do a flip but can't quite get enough air to pull it off. Vape sees him and flaps her wings really 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 him at all. He hangs his head. Then he hears Young Vapor Trail clapping for him.

125 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.

126 VAPOR TRAIL (V.O.)
Flying together gave us both what we wanted. Sky wanted to make a name for himself and I wanted to get away. But I never told Sky how much I was helping him.

SC. 14 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - LOCKER ROOM - BACK TO SCENE

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

127 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You're a good friend, Vapor Trail. But now you're both in trouble for the solo test.

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

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

130 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What about you?

Vapor Trail is at a loss for words.

131 VAPOR TRAIL
I guess I haven't thought about my dreams. I'm usually too busy listening to Sky's. I just want to be with my best friend.

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

133 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Starting with telling Sky the
truth.

134 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.

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

Rainbow does a little victory flip in the air.

136 RAINBOW DASH
Yes! I love being right. Okay.
Here's what we do. Sky needs to
build his strength. Air drills,
wing lifts... all that boring,
methodical stuff.

137 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Did you say methodical? Sounds like
my cup of oats.

138 VAPOR TRAIL
But how will we convince him to do
that? He doesn't think he needs any
practice?

139 RAINBOW DASH
We'll just tell Sky that we didn't
want you to be self conscious about
being the only one getting special
training. From me.

140 VAPOR TRAIL
Wow! Really? You'd do that for me?

141 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 blows a whistle 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.

142 RAINBOW DASH
That's it! Now come out of it!

Vape comes out of the barrel roll but flies crooked. She <YELPS> as she crashes into a cloud.

- Twilight puts weights on Sky's back, then sends him through an obstacle course. He struggles to fly through some rings, but gives up and lands before he gets to the end.

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

143 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
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)."

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

- Twilight and Sky are on the ground.

145 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
At the count of three, fly with all
your might. One, two...

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.

146 RAINBOW DASH
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.

147 VAPOR TRAIL
WOOOOOO!

Rainbow and Vape land and we END QUICK CUTS.

148 RAINBOW DASH
You were awesome! You're really improving.

149 VAPOR TRAIL
Thanks. I hope Sky did okay too...

150 SKY STINGER
Hey!

Sky marches up to them, followed by Twilight.

151 SKY STINGER (CONT'D)
Great. I'm finished doing basics with Twilight. Can we switch now? I want to do tricks with Rainbow Dash!

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

153 SKY STINGER
And the basic stuff.

154 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well....

Rainbow Dash puts a hoof over Twilight's mouth.

155 SKY STINGER
You're right. I don't even need to. I'm already the best and everypony's gonna know it when I get asked to join the Academy tomorrow.

156 VAPOR TRAIL
(blurting)
Not if you don't practice.

Vapor covers her own mouth.

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... just not as amazing as you think you are.

159 SKY STINGER
Excuse me?

160 VAPOR TRAIL
I've been... helping you... giving
you a boost, giving you the air you
need to get through your flip
loops...

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?! You
let me think I was good. Did you
all know?

Twilight and Rainbow Dash sheepishly nod.

163 SKY STINGER (CONT'D)
Great. So everypony but me knows
I'm not a good flier. 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. Twilight and Rainbow Dash look at each other. Uh oh.

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.

169 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I can't believe Sky and Vape aren't talking. This is all my fault. If we had just done things your way, maybe we could've secretly helped them and avoided this whole mess.

170 RAINBOW DASH
No, it's my fault. It hit me when I was watching Sky train with you. He wasn't even trying because he didn't think he was doing anything wrong.

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.

171 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
He's completely lost his confidence. He should've been able to do this no problem.

Spitfire walks up to Twilight and Rainbow.

172 SPITFIRE
What happened? I thought you were gonna help me whip these ponies into shape? Now one of my most promising students is flying like a balloon with a hole in it!

Spitfire blows her whistle and leaves.

173 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We have to fix this. Sky and Vape have been friends since they were colts.

174 RAINBOW DASH
And if they're anything like me,
flying is a big part of who they
are. If they lose that *and* their
friendship, they'll be totally
lost! <SIGH> We really messed up,
huh?

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

SC. 17 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - SOLO TRIAL COURSE - LATER

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

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

177 SKY STINGER
I'll be here for a while, cuz
apparently I need a lot of
practice. Guess I'm not the natural
I thought I was.

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

179 SKY STINGER
Thanks. Good pep talk.

180 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
...But to me, achieving your goals
after working hard is much more
impressive. Anypony can be a
natural.

181 SKY STINGER
Huh. I never thought about it that
way.

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

183 SKY STINGER
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.

184 RAINBOW DASH
HEY VAPE!

Vapor gets startled and falls out of the cloud, but spreads her wings at the last minute and pulls up.

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

186 VAPOR TRAIL
Thanks.

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

188 VAPOR TRAIL
That's sweet of you, but it's kinda
scary. Everypony's expecting so
much of you. It's so much easier to
let somepony else take the lead.

189 RAINBOW DASH
It can be scary. But you'll never
become a Wonderbolt if you don't
take chances. That is what you
want, right?

190 VAPOR TRAIL
Not at first. I just wanted to be
with Sky. But learning to do all
those tricks with you? It was a lot
of fun. And now, well, I want to be
a Wonderbolt for myself.

191 RAINBOW DASH
I was hoping you'd say that. Come
on, I have something to show you.

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

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

192 VAPOR TRAIL
Is he what you wanted to show me?

193 SKY STINGER
What's she doing here?

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

195 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
And Vape, you never should have
been so content to take a back
seat. It ended up hurting both of
you.

Sky and Vape look at each other sheepishly.

196 RAINBOW DASH
Now the way we see it, you can
either stay mad at each other and
give up on being best friends and
Wonderbolts, or you can help each
other and become two of the
greatest fliers the Wonderbolt
Academy has ever seen!
(beat)
Please pick the second option. 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.

197 VAPOR TRAIL
You got this, Sky!

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

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

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

Vape nods, then tries the corkscrew again as Sky flies alongside her. This time, she comes out of the corkscrew flawlessly. She and Sky high five!

- Vape and Sky fly through the rings we saw earlier with Twilight. Vape is ahead, but cheering Sky on.

199 VAPOR TRAIL
Come on! I know you can do it!

200 SKY STINGER
I know I can too!

- Vape and Sky dive together (like we saw in act I). This time, they both pull up and do a triple loop. Twilight and Rainbow Dash cheer.

201 TWILIGHT / DASH
Yes! / You did it!

MATCH CUT TO:

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

Twilight and Rainbow cheering as Vape and Sky, now in their Wonderbolt uniforms, land at the finish line of the solo trials. Vape finishes a little bit ahead of Sky.

Spitfire and some other Wonderbolts (SOARIN', Spitfire, MISTY FLY) walk up to Vape and Sky.

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

203 VAPOR TRAIL / SKY STINGER
YES! / WOOHOO!

Sky and Vapor Trail do their best friend hoofshake as Spitfire walks up to Rainbow Dash and Twilight.

204 SPITFIRE
(to Twilight)
Well, I probably have you to thank
for fixing their friendship...
(to Rainbow)
...and you to thank for helping
them fly.

205 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Actually, it was a team effort on both fronts.

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

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

ON Sky and Vape.

208 VAPOR TRAIL
I can't believe we did it!

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

210 VAPOR TRAIL
<LAUGHS> And you can be mine.

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.

211 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Phew! I am beat.

212 RAINBOW DASH
You're telling me. I just want to relax and...

They get to the throne room door, but as soon as Twilight opens the door, she's hit in the face with a handful of confetti.

213 ALL
Surprise!

SC. 23 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Twilight and Rainbow walk into see it's decorated for a party! This time, there's a dessert table and plenty of balloons. The Mane 6 and Starlight Glimmer are there.

214 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I decided to try my hoof at another party.

215 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This is amazing!

216 RAINBOW DASH
Way better than the last one.
(off Twilight's look)
What? I'm trying it your way.

217 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I couldn't have done it without both of you. Thanks to Rainbow's encouragement, I had the confidence to try again and improve on Twilight's critiques.

218 RAINBOW DASH
We do make a good team.

Twilight looks around.

219 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Colorful decorations, a variety of snacks, a relaxing atmosphere...
Well done, Starlight!

220 RAINBOW DASH
Now THIS is AWESOME!!!!!!

221 PINKIE PIE
And I didn't do anything, I promise.

A confetti cannon goes off.

222 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Except for that.

FADE OUT

THE END