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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.

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, Spike and Starlight are all gathered around the map. Rainbow Dash skids in through the window.

9 RAINBOW DASH

Hey everypony! 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.

11 RAINBOW DASH

Awesome!
(then)
Does that mean there's bad news?

12 TWILIGHT

No! Well, not exactly.

Twilight, Spike, and Starlight step aside REVEALING **their**
cutie marks are glowing above the Wonderbolt Academy.

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.

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.
Only the best of you will make it
in.

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Some of the young hopefuls look nervously at each other. Sky
doesn't. He smiles confidently at Vape, who smiles back
shyly. In the BG, Twilight and Rainbow land behind Spitfire.

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15 SPITFIRE (CONT'D)
You think you've got what it takes
to be an elite flyer?

16 SKY STINGER
Yes, ma'am!

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17 THE REST OF THE HOPEFULS
(slightly behind)
Yes, ma'am!

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

Rainbow Dash and Twilight approach.

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

20 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?

21 SPITFIRE
Quit yer whisperin' and give me
five hundred laps! Go go go!

Spitfire blows her whistle. The hopefuls take off with Sky
Stinger in the lead. Spitfire turns to Rainbow and Twilight.

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22 SPITFIRE (CONT'D)
Princess Twilight? Welcome!
(to Rainbow)
What are you doing back so soon?

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23 RAINBOW DASH
Official Princess of Friendship
business.

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

25 SPITFIRE
Not really. But it's not my job to
worry about their relationships.
I'm here to make 'em elite fliers.

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

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26 RAINBOW DASH
Adorable. They're so full of hope
and competition.
(aside to Twilight)
Their technique could use some
work, though.

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27 TWILIGHT
You should tell them. I'm sure
they'd appreciate any notes from
you.

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28 RAINBOW DASH
Nah. I wouldn't want to mess with
their confidence.

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

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ON Spitfire watching the newbies fly.

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30 SPITFIRE
Sloppy wing placement. Crooked
lines. <SIGH> I'm gonna have to
drill them on basic technique in
the classroom portion.

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Twilight lights up.

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31 TWILIGHT
Classroom portion?

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

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33 TWILIGHT
Maybe we can help.

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34 RAINBOW DASH
We can?

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35 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.

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Rainbow turns to Spitfire.

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36 RAINBOW DASH
Count us in.

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37 SPITFIRE
Great!

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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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38 SPITFIRE (CONT'D)
You have your work cut out for you.

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

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

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39 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.

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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.

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40 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
This is so exciting!

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41 RAINBOW DASH
Maybe for you. I practically fell
asleep when I went through this.
Tell ya what.
(MORE)

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RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

I'll leave the teaching stuff to
you and I'll just make sure they
stay awake.

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42 TWILIGHT

I'm pretty sure their thirst for
knowledge will keep them bright-
eyed and bushy tailed.

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43 RAINBOW DASH

<LAUGHS> Good one, Twilight.

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

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

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

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44 RAINBOW DASH

Wake up, newbies! Class is in
session.

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

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45 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.

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46 RAINBOW DASH

But you can call us T-Sparks and
the Dashinator!

(off Twilight's look)
Just kidding.

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47 TWILIGHT

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

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

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48 RAINBOW DASH

Who said that?

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

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

50 RAINBOW DASH *
What's your name? *

51 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.] *

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

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

53 RAINBOW DASH *
That's pretty impressive. *

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

54 VAPOR TRAIL *
It's amazing. *

Twilight <AHEMS>. *

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

Vapor looks like a deer caught in headlights. *

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

57 TWILIGHT *
Never? *

58 SKY STINGER *
Nope. *

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

Vapor looks worried.

60 VAPOR TRAIL
There are solo trials?

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

62 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.

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

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

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

65 SKY STINGER
I know.

Rainbow glares at Sky. Then smiles:

66 RAINBOW DASH
I like you.

Twilight <AHEMS>.

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

68 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.

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

Off of Twilight shaking her head we...

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DISSOLVE TO:

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

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

70 TWILIGHT

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

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71 RAINBOW DASH

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Yeah. No pony fell asleep.

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(off Twilight's look)

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What? I'm not a student!

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In the BG, Sky is catching up to them.

72 SKY STINGER

Hey, teach?

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73 RAINBOW DASH

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Me? Or Twilight? Probably Twilight.

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74 SKY STINGER

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

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75 TWILIGHT

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

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76 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.

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77 TWILIGHT

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

78 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?

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

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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.

80 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!

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

82 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.)

83 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
<GASP> I think you're right! Vape
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!

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

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85 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...

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TWILIGHT
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.

86 TWILIGHT
You don't want to tell them?

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

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88 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.

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89 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah but if we tell them that
they've been holding each other
back, that could be trouble too!

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

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

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

Vapor collapses to the ground, just as Spitfire approaches.

92 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.

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

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93 SPITFIRE (CONT'D)
Gentle Wing! You call that cloud
busting? That cloud barely knew you
were there!

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Spitfire goes off to yell at other students.

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

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

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95 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.

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

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97 SKY STINGER
You do have a really great sneeze.

98 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.

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

99 SKY STINGER
You have to help her.

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

Rainbow grabs Twilight before she can finish...

101 RAINBOW DASH
Will do.

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

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

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

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

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

103 VAPOR TRAIL
Me?

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

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Vapor looks at Rainbow.

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

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

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

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Twilight nudges Rainbow, who reluctantly spits it out:

108 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.

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109 VAPOR TRAIL
(dawns on her)
Oh no. I can't let that happen.
(MORE)

VAPOR TRAIL (CONT'D)
(catching herself)
I mean--aww, sugarcubes.

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110 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Why are you doing this for him?

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

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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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112 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.

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113 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.

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

115 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.

116 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. *

117 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.

118 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.

119 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! *

120 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I understand. But now you're both in trouble. *

121 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. *

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

123 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What about you?

Vapor Trail is at a loss for words.

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

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

126 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Starting with telling Sky the
truth.

127 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.

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

Rainbow does a little victory flip in the air.

129 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.

[Rainbow looks at Twilight pointedly.](#)

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130 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sounds like my cup of oats.

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131 VAPOR TRAIL
But how will we [get](#) him to do that?
He doesn't think he needs practice.

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132 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.

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

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

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

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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.

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- Vape does barrel rolls as Rainbow flies upside down above her and coaches her.

135 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 **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.

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

136 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)."

137 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.**

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138 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.

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139 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.

140 VAPOR TRAIL
WOOOOOO!

Rainbow and Vape land and we END QUICK CUTS.

141 RAINBOW DASH
You were awesome!

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

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

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Vapor smiles huge.

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144 SKY STINGER
Hey!

Sky marches up to them, followed by Twilight.

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

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

147 SKY STINGER
And the basic stuff.

148 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well....

Rainbow Dash puts a hoof over Twilight's mouth.

149 SKY STINGER
You're right. I don't even need to.

150 VAPOR TRAIL
(super quiet)
Um. Maybe you do...

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

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

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

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

Vapor covers her own mouth.

155 SKY STINGER
What did you say?

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

157 SKY STINGER
But what? *

158 VAPOR TRAIL
I've been... helping you. *

159 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.

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

Twilight and Rainbow Dash sheepishly nod.

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

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

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

164 VAPOR TRAIL
I can't believe you!

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

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

166 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.

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

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

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

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.

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

Spitfire walks up to Twilight and Rainbow.

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

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

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173 SPITFIRE
Yes you will!

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Spitfire blows her whistle and leaves.

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

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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 flipping loop, but still
can't get it. Twilight approaches.

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

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

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

179 SKY STINGER
Thanks. Good pep talk.

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

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181 SKY STINGER
Huh. I never thought about like that.

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182 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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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 no. I
couldn't handle all the attention.

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

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190 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.

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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 SKY STINGER
What's she doing here?

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

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

Sky and Vape look at each other sheepishly.

195 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. 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.

196 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.

197 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. *

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

198 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. **For a second it looks like Vape is about to hide behind Sky, but instead she faces them head-on.** *
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199 SPITFIRE
Congratulations. You've both made it into the Wonderbolt Academy. *

Sky and Vapor Trail **<CHEER>** as Spitfire walks up to Rainbow Dash and Twilight. *
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200 SPITFIRE (CONT'D)
Whatever you did, it worked. These two have a lot of potential. Who knows? They might be better than you, Crash.

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

ON Sky and Vape.

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

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

204 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.

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

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

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Suddenly, Rainbow Dash's cutie mark starts glowing.

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207 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Oh, you've got to be kidding me!

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Rainbow Dash collapses on the floor. Then we hear O.S.
<LAUGHTER> REVEAL Starlight Glimmer and Spike at the other
end of the hallway. Starlight's horn is glowing.

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208 SPIKE
Gotcha!

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Starlight's horn stops glowing and so does Rainbow's cutie
mark. Off of everyone <LAUGHING> we...

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FADE OUT

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END

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