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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.

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 SPITFIRE
We get it, you have a fun week planned. Meanwhile I'm stuck here running trials week for the Academy.

3 RAINBOW DASH
But you love yelling and blowing your whistle.

4 SPITFIRE
(cracking a smile)
Yeah. I do.

Rainbow Dash finishes packing.

5 RAINBOW DASH
See you later!

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

6 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.

7 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.

8 RAINBOW DASH
Hey Twilight! So where am I going?
The Crystal Mountains? Vanhoover?
Here? Please say here.

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

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

11 TWILIGHT
No! Well, not exactly.

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

12 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.

13 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. Sky doesn't. He smiles confidently at Vape, who smiles back shyly. In the BG, Twilight and Rainbow land behind Spitfire.

14 SPITFIRE (CONT'D)

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

15 SKY STINGER

Yes, ma'am!

16 THE REST OF THE HOPEFULS

(slightly behind)

Yes, ma'am!

17 SPITFIRE

Well let me tell you, you don't.

Rainbow Dash and Twilight approach.

18 RAINBOW DASH

(nostalgic)

I remember when she said that to me.

19 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?

20 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.

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

22 RAINBOW DASH
Official Friendship business.

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

24 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.

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

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

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

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

ON Spitfire watching the newbies fly.

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

Twilight lights up.

30 TWILIGHT
Classroom portion?

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

32 TWILIGHT
Maybe we can help.

33 RAINBOW DASH
We can?

34 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.

Rainbow turns to Spitfire.

35 RAINBOW DASH
Count us in.

36 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.

37 SPITFIRE (CONT'D)
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.
Twilight is floating a bunch of rolled-up charts.

38 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.

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

40 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.

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

42 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.

43 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.

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

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.

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

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

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

47 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.

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

49 RAINBOW DASH
What's your name?

50 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.]

51 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.

52 RAINBOW DASH
That's pretty impressive.

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

53 VAPOR TRAIL
It's amazing.

Twilight <AHEMS>.

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

Vapor looks like a deer caught in headlights.

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

56 TWILIGHT
Never?

57 SKY STINGER
Nope.

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

Vapor looks worried.

59 VAPOR TRAIL
There are solo trials?

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

61 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.

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

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

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

64 SKY STINGER
I know.

Rainbow glares at Sky. Then smiles:

65 RAINBOW DASH
I like you.

Twilight <AHEMS>.

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

67 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.

68 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.

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

70 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah. No pony fell asleep.
(off Twilight's look)
What? I'm not a student!

In the BG, Sky is catching up to them.

71 SKY STINGER
Hey, teach?

72 RAINBOW DASH
Me? Or Twilight? Probably Twilight.

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

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

75 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.

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

77 RAINBOW DASH
Tell you what. It's almost time for
freestyle training.
(MORE)

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Why don't you grab her and show us
what you've got?

78 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.

79 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!

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

81 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.)

82 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!

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

84 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...

TWILIGHT RAINBOW DASH
Tell them the truth. 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.

85 TWILIGHT
You don't want to tell them?

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

87 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.

88 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.

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

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

Vapor collapses to the ground, just as Spitfire approaches.

91 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.

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

Spitfire goes off to yell at other students.

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

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

94 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.

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

96 SKY STINGER
You do have a really great sneeze.

97 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.

98 SKY STINGER
You have to help her.

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

Rainbow grabs Twilight before she can finish...

100 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.

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

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

102 VAPOR TRAIL
Me?

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

Vapor looks at Rainbow.

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

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

106 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 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.

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

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

109 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Why are you doing this for him?

110 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.

111 VAPOR TRAIL (V.O.)
...Sky grew up with a lot of
siblings. 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 pass to his other siblings. Frustrated, Young Sky flies off.

112 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.

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

114 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.

115 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.

116 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.

117 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.

118 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!

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

120 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.

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

122 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What about you?

Vapor Trail is at a loss for words.

123 VAPOR TRAIL
I guess I haven't thought about it.
I just want to be with my best
friend.

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

125 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Starting with telling Sky the
truth.

126 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.

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

Rainbow does a little victory flip in the air.

128 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.

129 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sounds like my cup of oats.

130 VAPOR TRAIL
But how will we get him to do that?
He doesn't think he needs practice.

131 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.

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

133 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.

134 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)."

135 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.

136 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.

137 VAPOR TRAIL
WOOOOOO!

Rainbow and Vape land and we END QUICK CUTS.

138 RAINBOW DASH
You were awesome!

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

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

Vapor smiles huge.

141 SKY STINGER
Hey!

Sky marches up to them, followed by Twilight.

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

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

144 SKY STINGER
And the basic stuff.

145 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well....

Rainbow Dash puts a hoof over Twilight's mouth.

146 SKY STINGER
You're right. I don't need to
practice at all.

147 VAPOR TRAIL
(super quiet)
Um. Maybe, Sky, you should...

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

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

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

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

Vapor covers her own mouth.

152 SKY STINGER
What did you say?

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

154 SKY STINGER
But what?

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

156 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.

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

Twilight and Rainbow Dash sheepishly nod.

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

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

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

161 VAPOR TRAIL
I can't believe you!

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

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

163 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.

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

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

166 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.

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

Spitfire walks up to Twilight and Rainbow.

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

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

170 SPITFIRE
Yes you will!

Spitfire blows her whistle and leaves.

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

172 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...

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.

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

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

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

176 SKY STINGER
Thanks. Good pep talk.

177 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But to me, working hard to improve
is a lot more impressive than just
being naturally good at something.

178 SKY STINGER
(genuine)
Huh. I never thought about like
that.

179 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.

180 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.

181 RAINBOW DASH
HEY VAPOR TRAIL!

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

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

183 VAPOR TRAIL
Thanks.

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

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

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

187 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.

188 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.

189 SKY STINGER
What's she doing here?

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

191 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
And Vapor, 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.

192 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.

193 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.

194 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 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

- 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.

- 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>.

END QUICK CUTS.

Sky and Vape land. Spitfire and some other Wonderbolts (SOARIN', 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.

195 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.

196 SPITFIRE (CONT'D)
Whatever you did, it worked. These
two have a lot of potential. Who
knows? They might be better than
you, Crash.

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

ON Sky and Vape.

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

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

200 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.

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

202 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 Spitfire.

203 SPITFIRE
Dash! I've been looking all over
for you. We forgot to adjust the
cloud load for the new recruits. We
need every Wonderbolt back at HQ
before it starts to sink!

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

Rainbow Dash collapses on the floor.

FADE OUT

END

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