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TEASER**SC. 1 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE - DAY**

Rainbow Dash is flying laps with Tank on her back when she notices a ton of ponies are reading the Pegasus Times. She catches a glimpse of the front cover - it's an article about the Ponyville races, but in the background of the picture we see the photographer caught Twilight when she was in the middle of a sneeze. Her face looks terrible! Rainbow gasps and tells Tank she's gotta get all the newspapers before Twilight finds out. Rainbow: "You're gonna help me, right?" Tank gives a slowwww nod.

SC. 2 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE - VARIOUS - MOMENTS LATER

In QUICK CUTS we see Rainbow zipping all over Cloudsdale collecting the newspapers. She buys them all from a newsstand, goes around to various ponies asking: "Are you done with that? Thank you! / I really like the comics! / I need them for... gift wrap?" She (politely) swipes the newspapers. As Rainbow zips around we INTERCUT with Tank trying to get one newspaper from 5 feet away. He finally gets it as Rainbow Dash rushes by with a huge stack. Rainbow: "I'll take that! Let's go!" She zips off to...

SC. 3 - INT. RAINBOW DASH'S HOUSE - LATER THAT DAY

Rainbow Dash finishes stuffing a huge pile of newspapers into her closet. She shuts the door with a CREAK, wipes her brow and tells Tank she feels good. Now Twilight will never know about that super embarrassing picture. Then she notices her cutie mark is glowing. Rainbow: "Huh. How long has that been glowing?" Just then, the doorbell rings. Rainbow answers it to see it's Twilight. Twilight says they've both been called and that they need to get to Wonderbolt Academy right away. Then she notices a CREAKING noise. Twilight: "What's that?" BOOM! The pile of newspapers burst out of the overstuffed closet, landing right by Twilights hooves. Twilight sees the picture: "Is that me?" Off of Rainbow Dash's shrug...

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT ONE****SC. 4 - EXT. SKY – DAY**

Twilight and Rainbow are flying to Wonderbolt Academy. Twilight can't get over what Rainbow did with the newspapers. Twilight: "So you bought all those newspapers?" Rainbow: "No! Some of them were... borrowed." Twilight says that was very nice, but she would have preferred to know the truth. Rainbow looks at her like she's crazy just as they get to...

SC. 5 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - CONTINUOUS

Twilight and Rainbow Dash arrive at the Wonderbolt Academy just in time to see Spitfire giving a rousing speech to the new recruits. Spitfire: "You think you got what it takes to be an elite flyer?" Recruits: "Yes ma'am!" Spitfire: "Well let me tell you... you don't!" The new recruits cringe, but Rainbow Dash gets nostalgic: "I remember when she said that to me!"

Spitfire spots Rainbow and Twilight, tells the new recruits to give her 500 laps, and heads over. Rainbow and Twilight explain they were sent here to solve a friendship problem, but they're not sure whose it is. Spitfire says while they're looking, Rainbow might as well help her with the newest batch of recruits. After all, as the newest Wonderbolt, she can provide the best insight for these hopefuls. Rainbow says she's totally up for it!

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

Twilight and Rainbow are about to walk into the classroom. Twilight says this is Rainbow's forte and she'll just be there as support. Twilight: "Like if you need me to whip up a chart or a graph or a diagram explaining the optimum wing angle to achieve maximum velocity, I'm your pony!" Rainbow thanks Twilight for the offer, but she's got this. She puffs up her chest and bursts into...

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

Rainbow kicks in the door: "Alright listen up!" (In the BG, Twilight subtly fixes the door with her magic.) With all the bravado she can muster, Rainbow paces around the classroom. Rainbow: "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! She has a cool mane!' All those things are true." The class looks at Rainbow in awe as she points to a plaque on a wall with the names of every Wonderbolt who ever went through this program. She asks the recruits which one of their names will go after hers? A young pony raises his hoof: "Mine." Rainbow: "And who do you think you are?" "I know exactly who I am. Sky Light from New Hoofshire." Rainbow Dash: "Must be a small town. I've never even heard of it!" Sky: "You will, when I become the next Wonderbolt and make it famous." Rainbow: "That's a mighty big claim considering the company you're in." Sky just gives her a cocky grin: "I know." Rainbow narrows her eyes at him then smiles huge: "I like you."

Twilight says she's heard of Sky Light. She read an article about him in the Pegasus Times. Sky's friend, Vapor Trail, pipes up: "He's the best flyer in our town. He set the record for the highest vertical acceleration rate - 800 feet in two seconds." Rainbow is impressed. Sky says he's just one part of a team and points out Vapor Trail as his wingpony. Vapor Trail waves shyly. Sky: "Don't let that fool you. She's the best wingpony you could ask for." Rainbow thinks it's great that they're a team and all, but the solo tests are coming up tomorrow. A cocky Sky says he's pretty confident that both of them will knock it out of the park. All the same, Rainbow's here to make sure they're all prepared. REVEAL Twilight at the front of the class, finishing up drawing a diagram of a pegasus and a flight pattern with some mathematical formulas on the board: "And I have just the diagram!"

SC. 8- INT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - CLASSROOM - LATER THAT DAY

Rainbow's class is done and the new recruits are filing out, but Sky lags behind, telling Vape he'll catch up with her later. Alone with Rainbow and Twilight, he confides that he's concerned about Vape doing the solo test. For as long as he can remember, they've only flown together. Sky: "I'm a pretty strong flyer--like a really great one--but Vape might need some help." Rainbow says they should show her what they've got, then she can assess their abilities.

SC. 9 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY – DAY

CUT TO Rainbow and Twilight watching Sky and Vape doing their thing. To the untrained eye, it looks like Sky is right in his concerns, he is the better flyer. But Rainbow Dash points out to Twilight that it's actually Vape who's doing all the work. When they fly in tandem, Sky does a bunch of cool flourishes but Vape's wing is underneath Sky's so she's providing him with support. And when they race, Vape is in front of Sky for the majority of the race, which means Sky has an easier time because Vape is cutting down on his wind resistance, allowing him to shoot ahead across the finish line. Then Sky and Vape do a trick where Vape stays low and Sky shoots up, spiraling high into the sky. Twilight: "What about that? That looks like it's all Sky." Rainbow: "Think again. Vape is underneath Sky, creating a wind tunnel that gives Sky some serious air." Rainbow says if this keeps up neither one of them will end up making it into the Academy. Vape won't make it because she can't do any of the fancy tricks and Sky won't make it because he isn't strong enough on his own. Twilight says this must be the friendship problem they were sent here to solve. There's only one thing to do. Twilight says: "Tell them the truth!" at the same time as Rainbow Dash says: "Find a way to help them without letting them know what's wrong." 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 at an impasse. Twilight thinks knowing about your flaws is just as important as knowing your strengths and true friendship means being honest with each other no matter what. But Rainbow says it could damage their friendship if they knew they were holding each other back. Besides, you need to be confident to be a good flier and finding out you're not as good as you think you are would be the worst! Spitfire comes in just as Sky and Vape finish up their routine. When they land, Sky is feeling good and cocky as ever but Vape is pretty winded. Spitfire says Vape is going to have to build up her endurance if she wants to make it to the academy. Sky offers words of encouragement to his friend, "You can do it, Vape. I wouldn't fly with just anypony. You're gonna get there, one day you may even be as good as me." Vape laughs with Sky: "Yeah, right!" Seeing this, Twilight decides it's time to intervene.

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

Vape is putting away her gear when Rainbow and Twilight approach. Twilight says Vape might have everypony else fooled, but Rainbow knew exactly what she was doing for her friend. Vape sighs and admits she's been carrying Sky for as long as she can remember. It started when they were kids. In FLASHBACK we see...

SC. 12 - EXT. NEW HOOFSHIRE – DAY

In VO, Vape explains that Sky has eight brothers and sisters. We see young Sky try to get his parents' attention but it's hard to compete with his clamoring siblings. Vape, on the other hand, was an only child who hated all the attention she got from her parents. We see young Vape hiding in a cloud trying to get away from her helicopter mom. There, she meets Sky, who's up there trying to do a flip to impress his parents. Vape sees him and flaps her wings really hard, sending a gust of wind that propels Sky through his flip. She claps for him. "Good job!" Sky sees Vape and they instantly bond. As they fly together, Vape's V.O. explains Sky needed this to make a name for himself and Vape needed this to get away. Vape was happy to let Sky take the spotlight, and in doing so they both got what they wanted. They've been inseparable ever since.

SC. 13 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - FILLIES' LOCKER ROOM - BACK TO SCENE

Twilight and Rainbow says they understand that Vape is trying to be a good friend. But it doesn't change the fact that they're in trouble for the solo tests. Without Vapor's help, Sky won't have the endurance or speed to make it through. Vapor is worried because she can't bear to see her friend fail. Flying with the 'Bolts has been Sky's dream ever since he was a colt. Twilight: "What about you?" Vape: "Well... it wasn't my dream at first but now that I'm here I really want to be a Wonderbolt." Rainbow says in that case, they have to find a way to help both of them. Twilight pipes up that they can start by telling Sky what's going on. But Vape pleads with her not to. She tells them that Sky's ego will take a huge hit, and without his confidence he won't fly as well. Rainbow: "Told you so!" Not to mention, his cockiness is one of the charming things Vape loves about her friend. Twilight says she understands and suggests that maybe they could give Rainbow's method a shot. Rainbow says Sky needs to do a ton of strength building exercises that are gonna be boring and methodical. Twilight: "Did you say methodical? Sounds like my cup of oats." That means Rainbow can work with Vape on getting her fancy flying in order. Which will be way more fun! Vape: "Really? You'd do that for me?"

SC. 14 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY/THE SKY - MOMENTS LATER

In QUICK CUTS we see...

- Twilight helping Sky by putting him through obstacle courses. He flies through rings and does drills (but with flying) under Twilight's watchful eye, but he's hardly trying. He doesn't think he needs this.
- Vape does barrel rolls as Rainbow flies upside down above her and coaches her. As Vape practices she starts to get it.
- Twilight puts weights on Sky's wings and makes him fly against a gust of wind that she creates using magic. Barely pushing himself, Sky gets blown backwards and tumbles on the ground and then throws a jealous glance at...

- Rainbow and Vape practice freefall drops, spreading their wings at the absolute last minute. They're having a blast.

When Rainbow and Vape land after doing their free falls, Rainbow tells Vape she was awesome! Vape thanks her and hopes Sky did okay, too. But then Sky walks up to them and asks why Vape gets to do cool training with Rainbow while he's stuck doing basics with Twilight. He argues that if either one of them should have gotten a private training session with Rainbow Dash, it should have been him. He's the one who's got a shot at making Wonderbolt. Vape's adorable but everypony knows she's kind of a weak flier. Vape: "Is that what you think?" Sky: "Well I mean, come on, everypony knows I'm better." Vape loses her cool: "Actually you're not!!" She tells Sky that she's been helping him this whole time and without her, he wouldn't be able to do half the things he does. At first, he doesn't believe her. But Vape and Sky do a test run of the solo trial course and, despite hitting some rough patches when it comes to doing tricks, Vape finishes first. Sky is pretty winded. Vape: "Still think you're better than me, Sky?" Devastated, Sky takes it out on Vape. She's been a terrible friend. Was this her plan the whole time so she could steal his spotlight, just like all his siblings? Vape can't believe he'd think she'd do that. Maybe the spotlight never should have been his to begin with! Sky is crushed: "I guess you were never really my friend." He flies off. Vape looks at Twilight and Rainbow Dash: "Thanks a lot." She flies away in the opposite direction of Sky. Twilight and Rainbow Dash look at each other. Whoops, they were supposed to be solving friendship problems, not causing them.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 15 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY – SAME.

Twilight blames herself. She says if they had just stuck to doing things Rainbow's way, maybe they could've secretly helped Sky and Vape and avoided this whole mess. But Rainbow says she can see things from Twilight's POV now. She was watching Sky train with Twilight. If they had just been honest with him, the way Twilight wanted to, he would have tried harder (or maybe at all) during his training.

Rainbow thinks they've really blown this friendship assignment, but Twilight says not necessarily. If they could help each other see things differently, maybe they can do the same for Sky and Vape! They come up with a plan.

SC. 16 – EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - SOLO TRIAL COURSE – LATER

Twilight finds Sky, who is practicing the solo trial course, but isn't doing great. He admits his ego took a big hit today. He had always imagined he was a natural. If he's not, he feels like he should just give up. Twilight convinces him that hard work can sometimes be just as impressive as natural ability. She explains that she wasn't a natural at friendship at first. But with a ton of practice (and some help from her friends), she got better and even became the Princess of Friendship!

SC. 17 - EXT. SKY – SAME

Meanwhile, Rainbow finds Vape, who is hiding in a cloud. Rainbow asks her why she hates being in the spotlight so much? Vape admits it's a lot of pressure. When you're an only child, you carry the weight of everypony's expectations. It's so much easier to take a backseat. Rainbow convinces her that while it is a lot of pressure, you'll never win big if you don't go big. Rainbow: "Plus it's a lot of fun!" Vape says she did have a good time training with Rainbow today.

SC. 18 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - SOLO TRIAL COURSE – LATER

Twilight and Rainbow Dash bring Sky and Vape together at the trial course. Sky: "What's she doing here?" Vape: "What's he doing here?" Rainbow explains to Sky: "Vape wasn't trying to steal your spotlight, she thought she was helping you." Twilight explains to Vape: "You never should have been so content to take a back seat. It ended up hurting both of you." Rainbow: "Now the way we see it, you can stay mad at each other and give up on being

friends and Wonderbolts - or you can help each other with your individual skills and become two of the greatest fliers the Wonderbolt Academy has ever seen!” Vape and Sky look at each other and smile - it’s go time.

SC. 19 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - VARIOUS – DUSK

In QUICK CUTS we see Vape and Sky helping each other. Vape helps Sky build up his endurance by sitting on his back while he flies. This time, he’s really trying and it makes a difference. Sky offers Vape pointers as she does tricks: “Focus on a cloud when you spin! It’ll help you fly straight when you come out of it.” Through it all, both friends are encouraging and supportive of the other. They practice into the wee hours of the night but gradually, both of them get better. DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 20 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - THE NEXT DAY

Sky and Vape are in the middle of their solo trials. They’re both doing great! Twilight and Rainbow cheer them on from the sidelines. In the end, Sky and Vape both make it to the next level. Vape even finished a little bit ahead of Sky, but Sky was fully supportive of his friend. Twilight and Rainbow’s cutie marks glow. Mission accomplished! A reporter from the Pegasus Times snaps a photo of the newest class of the Wonderbolt Academy with Twilight and Rainbow.

SC. 21 - EXT. SKY - LATER THAT DAY

Twilight and Rainbow are flying home. Rainbow: “Man, I’m bummed we had to go before the Pegasus Times came out. I wanted to see our picture!” Twilight casts a nervous glance at her saddle bag. She has the newspaper crammed into it. “Yeah, too bad.” Rainbow: “What’s that?” Twilight: “Nothing. Just some scrolls.” Rainbow pulls it out of her bag. “No it isn’t. It’s the newspaper!” She opens it up with her hooves. REVEAL the picture is not flattering - Rainbow is making a terribly wonky blinky face. Rainbow: “You weren’t gonna tell me?” Twilight is caught. “Noooo?” Rainbow: “Awwwww!” Rainbow shoulder bumps her appreciatively. Rainbow: “Look at my face, I look like I just got sprayed by a skunk.” Off them laughing at Rainbow’s silly expression, we FADE OUT.

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