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MY LITTLE PONY 6

“Newbie Dash”

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TEASER**SC. 1 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE – DAY**

PINKIE PIE and RAINBOW DASH enter to find the rest of the Mane 6 and SPIKE. Dash tries to nonchalantly build toward a big announcement, but Pinkie Pie's excitement builds faster, like a pressure cooker about to boil over, until she finally shoots off her confetti cannon and screams, "Rainbow Dash is a Wonderbolt!!!"

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT ONE****SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE – DAY**

The Mane 6 wish Dash luck as she prepares to leave for Wonderbolts HQ, but she says to save it for the rest of the Wonderbolts – now that she's been called up, it'll be on them to keep up or eat her cloud-trail. TWILIGHT cautions Dash that it might be more challenging than she thinks, but Dash's main concern is how to maximize the coolness of her first appearance with the rest of the team.

SC. 3 - EXT./INT. WONDERBOLTS HQ – LATER

A compound in the clouds – Quonset hut, landing strip, etc. Dash is shown around by SPITFIRE. Dash is overflowing with bravado, but we can tell this is the geek-out moment of her life. Spitfire shows Dash to her locker and bunk and tells her to get ready – the rest of the team is mustering outside and they have to get right to it – they only have two days to prepare for their next show. Dash says no problem, she'll have the routine down cold by the end of the day.

SC. 4 - INT. WONDERBOLTS HQ – BARRACKS – LATER

Dash takes a moment to herself to let her guard down and absorb what's happening – she's about to take her first flight as an actual Wonderbolt. It's clear that she's nervous, but she bolsters herself with more bravado, saying the Wonderbolts are about to meet their most awesome member yet, and steps out to...

SC. 5 - EXT. WONDERBOLTS HQ – TARMAC – CONTINUOUS

Dash sees Spitfire and a few others across the tarmac, and starts to strut over. Spitfire yells for her to look out, and Dash turns just in time to see SOARIN and FLEETFOOT bearing down on her as they practice a maneuver. She has to dive out of the way to avoid being hit, and ends up landing in a garbage can. The can topples over and rolls, with her in it, to a stop in front of the rest of the Wonderbolts, who laugh as she sits there dizzy and covered in garbage. Dash asks what the deal is – those guys buzzed her! Spitfire insists they were just practicing – Dash is to

blame because she made the rookie mistake of crossing the runway without looking. The other Wonderbolts rib her good-naturedly, calling her “Rainbow Trash.” Spitfire breaks it up and tells Dash to get up there with the rest of them to learn the routine for their upcoming show.

SC. 6 - EXT. WONDERBOLTS HQ – SKY – QUICK CUTS

Dash tries to blow off her disastrous debut, but has trouble doing so. The “Rainbow Trash” nickname seems to have caught on immediately, and anytime one of her new teammates mentions her infamous debut, she gets rattled anew and makes a mistake.

SC. 7 - EXT./INT. WONDERBOLTS HQ – BARRACKS – LATER

Dash is dejected after a rough first day, but resolves to turn it around. She enters the barracks to find the other Wonderbolts bragging about their amazing escapades as they recover from practice. Dash joins in, trying to outdo them so they’ll realize how cool she is. Her tales are met with a chorus of crickets, followed by the announcement that it’s a Wonderbolt tradition for newbies to make dinner for the team their first night.

SC. 8 - INT. WONDERBOLTS HQ – KITCHEN – LATER

Dash slaves away in the kitchen, determined to get some confirmation of her excellence from the rest of the team with an awesome dinner. She finishes putting everything on the table and calls out, but gets no answer. Dash goes back out into the barracks proper and nopony’s there. She goes out to...

SC. 9 - EXT. WONDERBOLTS HQ – CONTINUOUS

...to see that nopony’s around out here either. She walks over to...

SC. 10 - INT. WONDERBOLTS HQ – SPITFIRE’S OFFICE – CONTINUOUS

Spitfire is inside, behind her desk. When Dash tells her dinner’s ready and asks where everypony went, Spitfire tells her everypony went home. Wonderbolts are welcome to eat and sleep here, but usually nopony does unless they have a big show early the next day. Dash tries to play off her disappointment when Spitfire clarifies that the others were just hazing her when they said it’s tradition for the newbie to cook dinner. She tells Dash not to take it personally – it’s something every new member goes through. But she says there is one tradition that isn’t a joke – worst flier of the day has to clean up the whole compound. And today Dash was the worst flier. Spitfire walks past her out the door and tells her, “You better get it together, Newbie.” OFF Dash...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 11 - EXT. SKY – NIGHT

Dash laments her disastrous day as she flies back home. She bets no other Wonderbolt ever had such a terrible first day. She's just glad her friends weren't there to see it.

SC. 12 - EXT./INT. CLOUDOMINIUM – CONTINUOUS

Dash lands outside her home, enters and flips the lights on to see the Mane 6 and Spike there. Surprise! Pinkie wanted to throw Dash a party to celebrate her best day ever. Everypony talks about how awesome it must have been and how they can't wait to hear about it, but Dash says she's kinda tired ("You know, all the excitement") and doesn't want to get into everything right now. They can see through her façade and get her to admit that she screwed up first thing and got saddled with a terrible nickname. It's even worse than the ponies that used to call her "Rainbow Crash" – those jerks were just jealous. But the Wonderbolts are all elite, and now they think she's just a dumb newbie.

The other Mane 6 encourage Dash. She's probably blowing things out of proportion. Okay, she had an embarrassing start, but every new Wonderbolt probably has a case of nerves on their first day. If she just goes in tomorrow and flies how she usually does she'll be fine. Dash insists she wasn't nervous – she thinks those other ponies buzzed her to make her look bad. It's the only explanation – she's the best flier in Equestria, but they're all treating her like she's no big deal.

The others gently say that it sounds a little paranoid to think the other Bolts are trying to sabotage her. They point out that the Wonderbolts want the best of the best – Dash is part of their team now and they wouldn't intentionally want her to perform poorly. Dash just needs to figure out how to stand out in a positive way. If she's known for something else, that old nickname will be forgotten. Twilight points out that Dash should think of being a Wonderbolt like being part of the Mane 6 – they're all excellent, just in different ways. Dash has an a-ha moment, emphasized by Pinkie exploding a confetti-laden balloon over her head. She'll be excellent in different ways – just like her friends! Revitalized, Dash thanks Twilight and encourages everypony to get back to the party.

SC. 13 - INT. WONDERBOLTS HQ – BARRACKS – NEXT MORNING

Fleetfoot and a few other members of the Wonderbolts walk into their barracks to make their morning power smoothies. They flip on the light to find Rainbow Dash standing in the middle of the room and the whole place decked out with streamers and balloons. Dash blows a noisemaker and starts bouncing around the room doing her best Pinkie Pie impression as she talks about what a great day it is and asking how excited everyone is for the show tomorrow. In fact, Dash is always excited. Some people even call her "Dynamic Dash." Fleetfoot just blows confetti out of her mane and stoically tells Dash, "Wonderbolts don't get excited, *Trash*."

Dash responds by slipping into an Applejack drawl and explaining that the truth of the matter is, they should be excited. She tells them what it means to achieve this level, and to be able to inspire young ponies to do the same. It's everything being a Wonderbolt has meant to her laid bare. The response from the other ponies – a terse "We know."

Off Dash, stymied – strike one...

SC. 14 - EXT. WONDERBOLTS HQ – MOMENTS LATER

Spitfire is explaining a maneuver to a pair of Wonderbolts. Dash approaches carrying a book, and proceeds to expound a la Twilight on this amazing thing she read about dihedral angles increasing stability in banking turns that she really thinks will help them out and how she went ahead and made them all checklists to help increase their in-flight efficiency. She's always finding so much interesting information in books – in fact, some ponies call her "Reading Rainboom."

Spitfire pulls out a megaphone and yells at Dash from a foot away, blasting her mane back: "We all know how wings work, now get off the tarmac!" Dash slips into a submissive Fluttershy whisper, backing off as she explains that she was just trying to help because she cares about all of the Wonderbolts oh so much, but if they're busy now she can just come back later. Off Spitfire's look, she adds, "Or not at all."

Off Dash, slinking away – strike two...

SC. 15 - EXT. WONDERBOLTS HQ – MOMENTS LATER

Rainbow Dash sashays up to a couple of Wonderbolts exiting the barracks and, in her best high-society Rarity accent, tells them how much she loves the uniform, but that she's got some ideas that will not only improve their function but will look marvelous too! She tells them to just call her Rainbow Fash – "You know, for fashion." When somepony calls Dash's name, she looks around to find Spitfire beckoning her.

Dash approaches. Spitfire tells her she doesn't know what Dash is trying to do, but she better stop acting weird, straighten up and fly right. Dash is abashed and, in her normal persona, tells Spitfire the truth – she's trying to redefine herself so the other Wonderbolts will stop calling her "Trash." She points out her cutie mark and reminds Spitfire that she's the only pony who can perform a Sonic Rainboom. She doesn't deserve to be treated like this. Spitfire is honestly confused – "Treated like what? Like you're one of the team?" She tells Dash to look around – the Wonderbolts are all constantly ribbing each other. They're all competitive overachievers, just like Dash – it's how they got to be Wonderbolts in the first place. But, she explains, did Dash ever notice that the uniforms cover up their cutie marks? That's so that when they fly, they fly together, all of them the same. You know, *uniform*. She dresses down Dash for being preoccupied with individual recognition and so concerned about her bruised ego that she's wasting everypony's valuable time with these charades.

Off Dash, miserable – strike three...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 16 - EXT. PONYVILLE – THE NEXT DAY

The Mane 6 (minus Dash) and Spike walk through town as they talk about how excited they are to see Dash's first performance with the Wonderbolts. They wouldn't miss it no matter what, but they also want to give Dash support since her dream finally came true and it hasn't turned out anything like she thought yet. Pinkie Pie adds that she also is excited for the cotton candy.

Dash zips overhead and they all yell to her, asking where she's going – shouldn't she be getting ready for the show? Dash says that's exactly what she's doing, and boy, is it gonna be a doozy. The Mane 6 are gonna be knocked on their haunches when they see how awesome Dash is in her debut. The Wonderbolts will be too. Twilight suspiciously asks if that means Dash had a good day at practice yesterday. Dash tells her that actually, it went horribly. But she's got a plan guaranteed to turn it all around. With that, she flies off. The others exchange looks – this isn't good.

SC. 17 - EXT. BLUFF – LATER

Dash meets SCOOTALOO at a jump she's made near the track and goes over her plan. Pulling out a small storm cloud, she explains that she wants Scootaloo will take off on her scooter, hit the jump, fly into the air and kick the cloud onto the track. From there, Dash will use it to create the coolest, show-stopping, lightening effect anypony has ever seen. There's no way anypony will call her "Rainbow Trash" after they see this! Scootaloo asks if this is actually supposed to be part of the show, and Dash tells her it undoubtedly will be from now on.

SC. 18 - EXT. STANDS – MOMENTS LATER

Twilight, Applejack, Rarity and Fluttershy take their seats. As an ANNOUNCER tells the crowd to welcome the Wonderbolts, they worry that Pinkie and Spike will miss Dash's debut. The audience cheers as the Wonderbolts streak low in front of the stands in an ultra-tight formation, with Dash at the tail.

SC. 19 - EXT. CONCESSION STAND – SAME

Spike has a drink in his claw, yelling to Pinkie that they're missing it! She tells the cotton candy guy to go bigger, but hurry. Pan to a comically large cotton candy cone as Pinkie keeps telling him "Bigger!"

SC. 20 - EXT. STANDS – SAME

The other Mane 6 members yell Dash's name as she flies right over them. She gives a wink, then banks out of sight. In the bg, Pinkie can be heard yelling, "Bigger!"

SC. 21 - EXT. SKY – CONTINUOUS

Follow the Wonderbolts as they perform some amazing maneuvers. Dash is smiling with the anticipation of what's to come.

SC. 22 - EXT. BLUFF – SAME

As the Bolts crest the rise and fly over Scootaloo, Dash shouts, “Now!” Scoot jumps on her scooter, flies off her ramp and kicks the small storm cloud toward Dash.

SC. 23 - EXT. SKY – SAME

Unfortunately, Scoot’s kick causes the lightning to flash sooner than Dash expected and as Dash dives to avoid being struck she pinballs back and forth between several other clouds, tumbling uncontrolledly in comic fashion. The other Wonderbolts look back, wondering what’s going on, but don’t break formation as Dash finally bounces right back into the storm cloud, setting off another bolt of lightening that strikes her flank with a FLASH. Dazed and disheveled, Dash drops out of the sky toward...

SC. 24 - EXT. CONCESSION STAND – SAME

Pinkie Pie is finally leaving the concession stand with a cotton candy cone that’s 12 feet tall and 4 feet wide, trotting with the biggest smile ever on her face. She looks up to see Dash headed straight for her and cheers wildly.

Dash plows straight through the cotton candy, which explodes everywhere. She hits the ground and flat spins to a stop in front of the rest of the Wonderbolts, who’ve already finished the maneuver and landed. Dash lifts her head and woozily looks at her teammates: she’s got a pink cotton candy afro and beard on her head and a puff at the end of her tail. Pinkie jumps into frame screaming, “That was amazing!!” Dash looks blearily at Spitfire, who just shakes her head.

The Wonderbolts gather round Dash, lift her up and clean her off as the other Mane 6 hurry down from the stands. Spitfire asks what just happened. Dash apologizes and abashedly explains that she’s always been a standout flier, but since she got to the Wonderbolts, she’s only stood out for making mistakes. And everything she’s done to prove that she belongs here has only made it worse. She guesses that maybe she isn’t supposed to be a Wonderbolt after all. The other Bolts are confused – Is she crazy?? Everypony knows she’s the most talented flier in the group. And she’s saved all of Equestria like a dozen times. Of course she’s supposed to be a Wonderbolt!! They’ve just been waiting for a spot to open up. Dash asks if that means she’s still on the team, and Spitfire says, “Do you think we’d really pass up the chance to tease you for *years* about this catastrophe? I mean, it is epic!!” Everypony can’t help but laugh, Dash included.

SC. 25 - EXT. STANDS – NIGHT

The stands are empty, but Dash is still there, cleaning up the mess she made. Twilight and Spike show up to check on her – does she need any help? Dash cheerily says thanks, but this crazy mess is her responsibility and she’s got to do it herself. Spike asks why she’s in such a good mood then, and Dash simply replies, “Because I’m a Wonderbolt!”

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