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Friendship lesson: While your parents’ unabashed support can be embarrassing, it ultimately gives you the encouragement to be the most amazing pony you can be.

TEASER**Sc. 1 - EXT. FOREST UNDER CLOUDSDALE - DAY**

Hooves dig into the ground as SCOOTALOO, APPLE BLOOM and SWEETIE BELLE struggle to shove something forward with their heads. Apple Bloom wonders if this is such a good idea. WIDEN to see that they are shoving back an enormous rubber band creating a giant slingshot. Scootaloo says she needs to go to Cloudsdale to learn everything she can about Rainbow Dash for her school report on an inspirational person. Apple Bloom says, “Right, I know that but--” Sweetie Belle cuts her off “--But I thought you already know everything about Rainbow Dash.” Scootaloo pulls out a scrapbook and says she knows everything about Rainbow Dash’s time in Ponyville, but her childhood in Cloudsdale is a mystery... that she’s about to solve. “Now come on, just a little further...”

The three ponies struggle to push the rubber band to its limit. It CREAKS as it stretches tight. Finally, the ponies attach it to a skinny tree that bows perilously. Only Apple Bloom seems concerned. Scootaloo climbs into the slingshot with her scooter. Apple Bloom says that she knows Scootaloo has to go to Cloudsdale for her report, but she just wonders if this is the best way to get there, “On a giant, homemade slingshot.”

Scootaloo looks back at the makeshift slingshot and dismissively says it’ll be fine. “Besides,” Scootaloo monologues, “Some things are worth the risk. Like visiting the childhood home of my hero Rainbow Dash, to discover more about her, and finish my report and most importantly deepen my connection to someone who has, and will always inspire--” SNAP! The tree cracks and the slingshot fires Scootaloo forward. Her lips flap as she screams the rest of her sentence: “Meeeeeee!”

Sc. 2 - EXT. SKY - CONTINUOUS

Scootaloo launches into the sky. Up... up she goes, through the clouds until she spots it... Cloudsdale. Her trajectory reaches its peaks and Scootaloo falls in an arc back down, crash-landing on the lawn of a rainbow-decorated house.

Sc. 3 - EXT. BOW & WINDY’S HOME - CONTINUOUS

Scootaloo can’t believe it – is she at the childhood home of *the* Rainbow Dash? Just then, a hulking Pegasus with a rainbow mane exits and asks Scootaloo, “Did you just slingshot onto my lawn?” Scootaloo’s eyes go wide at the sight of the rainbow mane. “Wait a minute, you’re Rainbow Dash’s dad, aren’t you?” The large pony doesn’t have to answer. Scootaloo already knows and she can’t hide her utter excitement. All she can do is GASP and SQUEAL!

END TEASER**ACT ONE**

Sc. 4 - EXT. BOW & WINDY’S HOME - SAME

We pick up where we left off on the front lawn, Scootaloo is still SQUEALING with excitement. A female pegasus exits and wants to know what’s going on. The large Pegasus fills her in that some strange little gal crash-landed on their lawn. Scootaloo explains that she came here to find out more information about Rainbow Dash for a school report. She says the report is supposed to be on a person that inspires her and no one inspires her more than Rainbow Dash. Scootaloo happily admits that she’s Rainbow Dash’s biggest fan.

Rainbow Dash’s dad stares at Scootaloo for a second, a cold look on his face. Finally he speaks. “Little trotter, what you say is impossible... because nopony is a bigger fan of our Rainbow Dash THAN US!” He excitedly introduces himself. His name is BOW HOTHOOOF (he looks like a retired football player with the personality of Ron Swanson, quiet, low key – except when it comes to his daughter). His wife and Rainbow Dash’s mom is WINDY WHISTLES. (Think the Target Lady from SNL. She’s sweet, easily excited, and full of positive energy). Windy and Bow are excited to meet someone who shares their passion for their daughter. They are more than happy to show Scootaloo around.

Sc. 5 - INT. BOW AND WINDY’S HOME - RAINBOW DASH’S BEDROOM - LATER

Rainbow Dash’s parents let Scootaloo in to their house and Scootaloo fan-girls out. She goes to RD’s bedroom (and quickly sneaks a moment to lie in her bed), she sees some of RD’s childhood toys, her old school pictures, her old report cards... Scootaloo takes pictures of everything (SNAP! SNAP! SNAP!) and puts them in her scrapbook.

Sc. 6 - INT. BOW AND WINDY’S HOME - KITCHEN - LATER

Later, Windy makes Scootaloo Rainbow Dash’s favorite dish and gabs on all about Rainbow Dash. Scootaloo can’t believe she’s eating Rainbow Dash’s favorite food, made by Rainbow Dash’s mom, while sitting in Rainbow Dash’s childhood kitchen!!! Scootaloo eats half of the food, the second half she glues into her scrapbook.

Finally, Bow tells Scootaloo that he wants to show her the most important room in the house. Bow and Windy take Scootaloo to...

Sc. 7 - INT. BOW AND WINDY’S HOME - SHRINE ROOM - LATER

...the room-of-Rainbow Dash’s-accomplishments. When Bow opens the door a “Heavenly Choir” sound efx plays. The room is filled from top to bottom with Rainbow Dash childhood keepsakes. Awards, pictures, jerseys, shoes... *everything*. It’s like a religious moment for Scootaloo. Then the door shuts, turning off the “Heavenly Choir” sound effects. Bow says he installed the sfx in the door himself. “Pretty great, right?” He opens and closes the door and the sfx turns on and off.

Scootaloo looks around, amazed. Windy shows Scootaloo a scrapbook that sits on a shelf. She’s been keeping it since RD was born. The two compare and trade Rainbow Dash memorabilia like trading baseball cards. “I’ll give you one Rainbow Dash in diapers picture for one of your Rainbow Dash saves Ponyville headline.” Scootaloo: “Deal!”

After looking around, Scootaloo asks where all the Wonderbolt stuff is. RD’s parents are confused, Wonderbolt? Scootaloo, “Don’t tell me you don’t know that Rainbow Dash is a Wonderbolt!” The parents are shocked. They had no idea! Scootaloo is shocked that they’re shocked! She says they have to come see for themselves.

Sc. 8 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - FLYING FIELD - DAY

The next morning at the Wonderbolt Academy Flying Field, RAINBOW DASH is training with the other Wonderbolts, working on their Lightning Bolt formation. The WB's shoot up into the sky and are about to drop down, attempting to leave a lightning bolt streak behind them. But mid flight, the loudest cheers they've ever heard interrupts their training. Rainbow Dash looks in the bleachers and spots her parents who are cheering so loudly that their sound waves cause air turbulence. The WB's have to abort their formation. As they land, The Wonderbolts wonder who those fans are. Just then Bow and Windy approach with huge smiles on their faces. Rainbow Dash smiles back, sheepishly, “Mom, Dad, you're here...”

Windy and Bow gush over her. Rainbow Dash plays it cool, but then pulls Scootaloo aside and tells her that she should have talked to Twilight Sparkle and the other ponies. They all know that she has a delicate relationship with her parents. She loves them very much and they're really close, but there's a reason she didn't tell them she's a Wonderbolt. They can get a little crazy with excitement, “And now crazy is here!”

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

Sc. 9 - EXT. CANTERLOT ARENA - DAY

At the Wonderbolt Spring Showcase, Scootaloo, Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle squish in next to Bow and Windy. Scootaloo introduces RD's parents to the rest of the Cutie Mark Crusaders. Scootaloo says she so excited to be here to witness Rainbow Dash's parents see Rainbow Dash fly at a Wonderbolt event for the very first time. She snaps a Polaroid and puts it in her scrapbook. Windy still can't believe that their daughter is a Wonderbolt and they never knew. They never bothered to come to Wonderbolt events because the only reason they'd go is if Rainbow Dash was there! Scootaloo fills them in on how Rainbow Dash became a Wonderbolt, going through pictures in her scrapbook. Everyone is impressed with how much Scootaloo knows about Rainbow Dash, they know she's going to do great on her report.

Moments later, Rainbow Dash and the Wonderbolts come out and the crowd cheers (NOTE: for the crowd scenes we'll mostly be on RD's parents and the few ponies in the audience near them.) Bow and Windy cheer so wildly that some of the other ponies nearby move away. The Wonderbolts put on an amazing performance. When it ends, fireworks unexpectedly go off nearby. The fireworks are shaped like Rainbow Dash's head. All the Wonderbolts are shocked. ANGLE ON Windy and Bow who are setting off the fireworks from the bleachers. They cheer for RD as they drop charges into their mortar cannon. More fireworks explode, adding on to the fireworks picture of Rainbow Dash that includes a sash that reads “Best daughter ever!” PAN from Rainbow Dash's smiling fireworks face to Rainbow Dash's real embarrassed face. The Wonderbolts give Rainbow Dash a strange look. Rainbow Dash shrugs.

Sc. 10 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE STREET - LATER

Later, Scootaloo takes the parents to a Wonderbolt signing event. As Rainbow Dash signs headshots for fans, her parents cheer her on: “Dot that I! Dot that I! Woohoo! Number one name signer, right here!” The other Wonderbolts look bewildered. Rainbow Dash looks embarrassed and apologizes to them. She says her parents can be a little obnoxious. Just then, Bow and Windy begin leading a CHEER: “Rainbow Rainbow she's our gal, signing pictures -- holy cow! Come on, everyone join in! Rainbow, Rainbow she's our gal...” The whole line of ponies join in on their chant. After the cheer ends, her parents display their bedazzled Rainbow Dash t-shirts that, with a press of a button, puts on a Rainbow Dash-themed laser light show. Scootaloo thinks it's amazing! Rainbow Dash looks more annoyed.

Sc. 11 - INT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - LOCKER ROOM

In the Wonderbolt Academy locker room, a sweaty Rainbow Dash hangs her towel up in the locker when her parents (with Scootaloo in tow) suddenly appear behind her! They CHEER Rainbow Dash on for hanging up her towel better than anypony has ever hung up a towel ever! Rainbow Dash is finally fed up. She tells her parents that this is ridiculous -- they are too supportive! "How the heck do you even compare who is better or worse at hanging up a towel?!" This is exactly why she didn't tell them she was a Wonderbolt -- they're just too much!

She tells her parents that she's tired of them being so proud of every little ridiculous, insignificant thing she does and asks them to leave. Her parents are devastated. Bow: "First of all, great job yelling at us, sweetie. No one (SNIFF) can make their parents feel more worthless than (SNIFF) you... hooray..." Windy (LIP QUIVER): "Your father's right (LIP QUIVER). Your words were direct, clear, and (LIP QUIVER) ...so painful (holding back tears) great job." The two exit, simultaneously CRYING because of and GUSHING over Rainbow Dash.

Scootaloo can't believe what she just witnessed. She looks more heartbroken than Bow and Windy. She tosses the scrapbook on the ground, says she'll find somepony else to do the hero report on, and storms out. The book flips open to a picture of Rainbow Dash and her parents. Rainbow Dash feels terrible.

END ACT TWO**ACT THREE****Sc. 12 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - LATER**

Scootaloo is trying to leave but Rainbow Dash catches up and stops her. Rainbow Dash says she knows what she did was mean, and she shouldn't have snapped at her parents, but that's exactly why she didn't tell them she's a Wonderbolt.

Rainbow Dash tells Scootaloo about her past: "Hold onto your wings, because what I'm about to tell you will rock you to your very core... Believe it or not there was a time that I wasn't the best at everything." Rainbow Dash opens up Scootaloo's scrapbook to one of the pictures from her childhood. In the picture it looks like RD's standing on a first place podium, having just won some competition.

She says, "See this picture, it looks like I won. But, that's not even close to the truth." As Rainbow Dash narrates, the picture comes to life and we FLASHBACK to...

Sc. 13 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE TRACK - DAY

...that very awards ceremony. Rainbow Dash is on a podium by the track, but when we WIDEN OUT, we see that she is at the very *bottom* of a twenty-pony podium. She's not receiving a winner's medal, but instead she's being handed a participation sticker (that immediately falls off). Her parents snap pictures and cheer wildly as if she's the winner. "Woohoo! Greatest participant ever!!" Rainbow Dash is all smiles until the pony next to her asks her why her parents are cheering her on for being a loser. Rainbow Dash suddenly seems embarrassed.

In VO, Rainbow Dash explains to Scootaloo that her parents were always over-the-top, enthusiastic about everything she did no matter how good or bad she was at it or how insignificant the event. In QUICK CUTS we see...

Sc. 14 - INT. CLOUDSDALE - VARIOUS

Bow and Windy cheering for Rainbow Dash at various events: they cheered her on when she came in seventh at her first long-flight competition. They cheered her on when she was the first person out during the spelling bee (“Woohoo. First one done!”). They cheered her on for perfect attendance. Heck, they even cheered her on when she accidentally walked into the middle of a medal ceremony looking for the bathroom!

Sc. 15 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - BACK TO SCENE

As the flashback ends, Rainbow Dash explains to Scootaloo that her parents supported her so much that it took her a long time to realize that she wasn’t as good as she thought she was. It was something that held her back for a long time. Rainbow Dash says she feels bad, it’s not that she doesn’t want her parents to come to her events – she just doesn’t want them to be so unrestrained.

Scootaloo doesn’t get it. She wishes she had the kind of support Rainbow Dash’s parents give her! Besides, isn’t it that support that made Rainbow Dash the awesome, confident pony that she is today? Rainbow Dash realizes Scootaloo is right. Her parents are AWESOME. And she’s horrible – how can they be so proud of her? Rainbow Dash suddenly gets an idea. She tells Scootaloo that she’s going to need her help.

Sc. 16 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - FLYING FIELD

Scootaloo leads a blindfolded Bow and Windy to the flying field. They commend Scootaloo on her blindfold-tying ability but they can’t help but wonder what this is all about? They’re both surprised when the blindfolds come off and they find they’re the only ponies in attendance. Rainbow Dash appears and tells her parents that this is a very special, private Wonderbolt event put on just for them.

It turns out Rainbow Dash had talked with the Wonderbolts and convinced them to do a big “I LOVE MY PARENTS!” aerial display in honor of them. The display is bigger and louder and brighter than any Bow and Windy have ever seen and it’s all for them. When it ends, Rainbow Dash lands and asks her parents what they thought. They tell Rainbow Dash it was amazing, but also a little embarrassing. Rainbow Dash gives them both a big hug! SNAP! Scootaloo takes a picture of the family hugging and puts it as the last image in her scrapbook. DISSOLVE TO:

Sc. 17 - INT. PONYVILLE - CLASSROOM - THE NEXT DAY

Scootaloo finishes her presentation on Rainbow Dash. “And that’s why Rainbow Dash is the most inspirational person in my life...” The teacher says it’s a bit of a puff piece but very well researched. She gives Scootaloo a B. Just then we hear WILD CHEERING and WIDEN to see Rainbow Dash, Bow and Windy in attendance cheering Scootaloo on! Scootaloo loves it!

THE END