

MY LITTLE PONY

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Meet the Parents

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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.

We OPEN ON Scootaloo floating up to Cloudsdale using a bunch of balloons tied to her scooter. As a rainbow-decorated house comes into view, her eyes go wide. She can't believe it – she's at the childhood home of *the* Rainbow Dash. As she takes pictures of the house, two ponies come out - Rainbow Dash's parents!! Bow Hotfoot is Rainbow Dash's dad. He's a hulking Pegasus with a rainbow mane. Looks like a retired football player with the personality of Ron Swanson. Very reserved. Very low key... except when it comes to his daughter. RD's mom is Windy Whistles. (Think the Target Lady from SNL. She's sweet, easily excited, and full of positive energy). RD's parents let Scootaloo in and Scootaloo fan-girls out. She finds Rainbow Dash's school, her home, her room, her toothbrush! When RD's parents show Scootaloo their wall-of-Rainbow Dash's-accomplishments (which actually takes up a whole room), Scootaloo asks where the Wonderbolt stuff is. RD's parents' eyes go wide. They had no idea their daughter was a Wonderbolt!

Later, Scootaloo finds RD at a Wonderbolt event and tells her that she has a huge surprise for her after the event! The WB's start their performance and Rainbow Dash is amazing... until she spots her parents who are cheering so loudly that their sound waves cause air turbulence that ruins the Wonderbolts' Lightning Formation. Rainbow Dash crash-lands next to them, "Mom, dad, you're here..." Windy and Bo gush over her. Rainbow Dash plays it cool, but then pulls Scootaloo aside and tells her she loves her parents 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!"

True to form, Rainbow Dash's parents show up at every Wonderbolt event, cheering loudly, setting off fireworks shaped like Rainbow Dash's head. They even show up at practice wearing bedazzled Rainbow Dash t-shirts that, with a press of a button, put on a Rainbow Dash-themed laser light show. Then, when Rainbow Dash is simply walking down the hallway at the academy, Bow and Windy get Scootaloo and the academy students to hold up signs that spell out long-winded sentences about how great Rainbow Dash is. Rainbow Dash is pretty embarrassed.

Hoping to get her parents to back off, Rainbow tells them she's about to get kicked out of the Wonderbolts because of their antics, "So maybe just cool it a bit with the cheering." But her parents stop showing up completely. Rainbow Dash feels bad, she didn't want her parents to feel like they couldn't come to her events – she just didn't want them to be so unrestrained. Scootaloo doesn't understand. She tells Rainbow Dash 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.

Rainbow Dash has a plan. Scootaloo convinces Bow and Windy to attend the Wonderbolts' next event. Meanwhile, Rainbow Dash talks with the Wonderbolts and convinces them to do a big "I LOVE MY PARENTS!" aerial display in honor of them at the next show. It works out perfectly. The display is bigger and louder and brighter than any Bow and Windy have ever seen and it's all for them -- and they're touched but also kind of embarrassed.