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Rainbow Dash is excited for the monthly meeting of the one and only Rainbow Dash fan club, led, as it is every month, by Scootaloo, the president and founding member. It's always been a source of pride to Dash, having her "little sister" look up to her like that, so imagine how it feels when Scootaloo ends the meeting early because she needs the time for her NEW fan club, dedicated to the newest and coolest troupe of aerobatic daredevils, THE WASHOUTS.

Dash is confused. If Scoot was going to idolize any group it should be The Wonderbolts – Dash would be happy to share her fan club time with them. Scoot explains the Washouts are even better. They do all sorts of extreme stunts that focus on daredevilry and sheer guts, rather than boring old flight-and-formation precision—cause hey, not everypony can fly, right? Rainbow Dash gets it, but guts or no, the Wonderbolts are the best in Equestria at what they do and it doesn't get any cooler than that, right? Scoot, "I guess. If you like that kind of thing." With that, Dash decides she needs to check out the Washouts for herself. At the show, Dash starts to see what Scootaloo means. The Washouts are brash and exciting and the maneuvers they pull off are show-stopping feats of utter daring. It's hard not to get swept up in the spectacle and Dash soon finds herself cheering even louder than Scoot. But afterward Dash discovers that every member of the team was ousted from the Wonderbolts or the WB Academy for not being able to follow the rules and this rag-tag group of adrenalin junkies is lead by the most reckless ex-Wonderbolt of all time, LIGHTENING DUST!

Knowing that Lightening Dust is their leader takes the shine off of the Washouts' thrilling show, but in a chilly exchange Dash still congratulates her on her performance – it was certainly something to see. Dust wastes no time, smugly claiming the key to the Washouts' success is to ignore everything the Wonderbolts ever taught her. Their "rules" weren't made for a different pony like her. Maybe she doesn't fly the way they'd like her to, but she still made something of herself. It's clear that Dust's attitude strikes a chord with Scootaloo who becomes more enamored than ever. Concerned, Dash takes Scoot to Wonderbolt practice the next day where she and the rest of the team try to relate what they know of Dust's reckless past in an effort to sway Scoot's attitude, but their stories only serve to increase her fascination. Worried there's no way she can convince Scoot to drop her new idols, Dash considers giving up until she discovers that Scoot has decided to become a Washout herself!

Dash tries everything to convince Scoot that she's fallen in with a bad crowd – even forming her own stunt crew, "The Dashies" to show Scoot some non-reckless stunts, but Scoot is unimpressed, "Yeah, 'The Dashies' are about 20% less cool." Finally, Scoot confronts Dash and tells her to stop. The Washouts are her kind of ponies who for one reason or another might not have made it as a Wonderbolt, but became awesome anyway. Maybe she'll never fly, but that doesn't mean she can't strap her scooter to a rocket and soar through the air to the roar of a crowd – which is exactly what her routine in the Washouts is going to be. Dash realizes all of her efforts to dissuade Scoot have just had the opposite effect and decides to back off. But when the day of the show arrives Scoot has second thoughts. It's clear the Washouts' routines are reckless

and a little scary (Lightning Dust: “That’s the point!”) Tied to her rocket, Scoot looks out at the crowd and thinks that maybe the Washouts aren’t for her – unfortunately, the fuse is lit and her rocket goes hurtling into space. Luckily, there’s no way Dash wasn’t going to keep careful tabs on her sister and swoops in at the last minute for the save. Grateful that Dash will always be there for her no matter what, Scoot realizes her first idol was her best one and decides to retire from the Washouts and go back to dedicating all of her time to the Dash fan club.