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TEASER**SC. 1 - EXT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY**

PUSH IN on the Cutie Mark Crusaders club house as we hear <A GAVEL BANG>...

SC. 2 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - SAME

At the podium up front, SCOOTALOO bangs her gavel. A large poster of RAINBOW DASH hangs on the wall behind her.

1 SCOOTALOO
Order, order everypony! I hereby
call to order this meeting of the
Rainbow Dash Fan Club!

The room of FANS quiet down.

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ANGLE FROM OUTSIDE THROUGH THE WINDOW: it's RAINBOW DASH herself, spying on them through the open clubhouse window, enjoying the attention as always.

2 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
First order of business:
(run-on, quickly)
Let's-celebrate-the-one-and-only-
Rainbow Dash-"Yay"-she's-amazing-
now-if-there's-nothing-else-that-
concludes-this-meeting-of-the-
Rainbow-Dash-Fan-Club-thank-you-all-
for-coming-any-questions?

<GAVEL BANGS>. REVERSE: The RD fans stare at her, confused.

3 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Meeting adjourned!

OUTSIDE: Rainbow Dash is SUPER-confused.

INSIDE: Scootaloo PUSHES the confused crowd out the door, then goes back to the podium. She takes a DEEP BREATH, then hangs up a NEW POSTER right on top of Rainbow Dash's poster! (To be later identified, but design note: it's the WASHOUTS POSTER).

Rainbow Dash's jaw DROPS.

Scootaloo <BANGS THE GAVEL>, then stares up at the new poster with reverence.

4 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Now I'd like to call to order the
FIRST EVER meeting of the newest
and most exciting club... of which
I am the president, founding, and
only member... THE WASHOUTS FAN
CLUB!

Off Rainbow Dash's confused/offended face....!

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 3 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY

Picking up where we left off, Rainbow Dash bursts in...

5 RAINBOW DASH
Oh, hey Scootaloo, I was just in
the neighborhood and, oh, what's
this? Did I interrupt your fan club
meeting?

Scoot tries to hide the poster, taking it down ASAP and
hiding it behind the podium.

6 SCOOTALOO
Heeeey....! What are you doing here?

7 RAINBOW DASH
(accusatory)
I could ask you the same question!

8 SCOOTALOO
(fumfering)
Oh, you know... Stuff... Definitely
not starting a new fan club or
anything.

9 RAINBOW DASH
HA! It's no use pretending. I heard
everything when I was outside
eavesdropping like I do for every
meeting!

10 SCOOTALOO
You eavesdrop on every meeting?
That's... weird.

11 RAINBOW DASH
Well, sure it *sounds* weird when you say it out loud. And I probably shouldn't because eavesdropping is wrong-- but still... Why are you starting a new fan club?!

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Scoot tries to soften the blow but it sounds like she's breaking up...

12 SCOOTALOO
I just think maybe it's time for me to explore... other fan clubs.

Rainbow Dash gets behind the podium and unfurls Scootaloo's poster. She makes a confused face looking at it.

THE POSTER: a fiery-uniformed pony wearing two fireworks strapped to her back like a JETPACK, soaring through a ring of flames.

13 RAINBOW DASH
What is a-- "The Washouts?"

14 SCOOTALOO
Only the newest and greatest and ONLY stunt troupe in Equestria!

15 RAINBOW DASH
Stunt troupe!?

16 SCOOTALOO
How can I explain it...? Like the Wonderbolts, just TWENTY BAJILLION PERCENT COOLER.

17 RAINBOW DASH
Twenty bajillion?!

18 SCOOTALOO
They do all sorts of extreme stunts that focus on daredevilry and sheer guts, rather than boring old flight-and-formation junk.

19 RAINBOW DASH
Boring old flight and formation junk!?

20 SCOOTALOO
Are you just repeating everything I say?

21 RAINBOW DASH
Only because my brain feels like
it's strapped to one of those
rockets about to explode.

22 SCOOTALOO
Heck yeah-- so you do get it!
Aren't they awesome?

23 RAINBOW DASH
Scootaloo, you're the FOUNDING
member of the Rainbow Dash Fan
Club... you swore an oath to always
look up to me!

24 SCOOTALOO
And I'll always be your number one
fan, even if I'm not a fan of the
Wonderbolts.

Off Rainbow Dash's stunned reaction...

SC. 4 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

Rainbow Dash walks with the Mane 6 through Ponyville.

25 RAINBOW DASH
Can you believe she actually said
that!?

26 PINKIE PIE
Well, yeah, eavesdropping on every
meeting is kinda weird...

27 RAINBOW DASH
I mean she basically said that the
Wonderbolts aren't cool!
(trying to downplay it)
And it kinda sounded like she
didn't think I was cool either, but
psh, we all know that's crazy. I
mean, I am definitely not worried
about that. Nope. Not. At. ALL.

After a beat of silence...

28 FLUTTERSHY
No matter how much you pretend it
doesn't bother you, it must be hard
seeing her look up to someone else.

29 APPLEJACK
Well sure-- it'd be like if Apple
Bloom started lovin' bananas more
than apples! Hahaha!

<WHIP-CRACK> and punch in on Applejack.

30 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Y'all tell me if that ever happens,
you hear?

Meanwhile, Rarity tries to sound as mature as possible...

31 RARITY
The little ones grow up so fast...
I'll never forget the first time
Sweetie Belle said she didn't like
one of my designs-- although the
hat was a tri-folded sheer pillbox
with a silk sash cross-over, so she
was wrong and I corrected her.

Rainbow Dash's bravado bubble pops and she starts sulking...

32 RAINBOW DASH
But what could the Washouts
possibly have that I don't?!

Pinkie Pie pops up holding a WASHOUTS SHOW POSTER:

33 PINKIE PIE
Why don't you find out??

They all inspect THE POSTER: A helmeted/goggled pony in
bright red/orange flamed uniform getting into a cannon.

34 RAINBOW DASH
They're doing a show in Ponyville
this weekend!?

35 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Wow... they do look pretty amazing.

Off RD's glare:

36 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
I mean, I'm amazed at how unamazing
they look... trying so hard to be
amazing, is what I was saying.

37 PINKIE PIE
(sotto "whisper" that
everypony can obviously hear)
NICE SAVE, TWILIGHT!

<WASHOUTS ANTHEM> plays as we PUSH IN on the POSTER and...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 5 - EXT. A FIELD OUTSIDE OF PONYVILLE - DAY

...A GIANT WASHOUTS FLAG, blowing in the wind above a field (maybe re-use the venue from MLP607, "*Newbie Dash.*") The stands are packed.

The Mane 6 make their way up the bleachers, with Scootaloo coming with Rainbow Dash. They're looking for seats, but it's crowded. The top row has empties, but it's practically in the clouds.

38 APPLEJACK
Looks like all of Ponyville came
out to see this shindig.

39 SCOOTALOO
I knew we should have lined up last
night.

40 PINKIE PIE
I'm sorry for making us late-- who
would have guessed X-TREME
CHOCOLATE AIR SHOW CUPCAKES would
take an... x-tremely long time to
bake?

Pinkie scarfs down a chocolate cupcake with flame-shaped-frosting. As they settle in to their seats, Rarity notices a bird land nearby.

41 RARITY
We're so high in the sky, I almost
feel like we're part of the show.

42 SCOOTALOO
I wish!

43 RAINBOW DASH
Are you kiddin' me? Who'd want to
be part of this-- it's a total
Wonderbolts rip-of!

44 SCOOTALOO
What do you mean-- it hasn't even
started!

45 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah but look at what we're sitting
on... ring any bells?

Pinkie Pie puts an ear to the bleacher.

46 PINKIE PIE
None that I can hear.

47 RAINBOW DASH
Hellllllooo! The Wonderbolts have
bleachers too. We practically
invented sitting on bleachers.

Rarity and Applejack exchange an eye roll.

48 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
And look at that-- popcorn and
cotton candy? RIP-OFFFFFFF!

The ponies in front of them (Lyra/Bon-Bon?) give Rainbow Dash a look, then go back to sharing their popcorn. Then everypony's attention turns to the field as <ROCK INTRO MUSIC> begins. Scootaloo goes NUTS, causing Rainbow Dash to react, covering her ear.

ANGLE ON SPEAKERS:

49 ANNOUNCER PONY (V.O.)
(echoing)
This is the time. This is the
place. This is the team...

50 RAINBOW DASH
(imitating)
"This is the..."
(trying to come up with a
good burn but fails)
...lame.

51 ANNOUNCER PONY (V.O.)
THIS IS... THE WASHOUTS!

ON THE FIELD, CONFETTI CANNONS <BOOM>. Pinkie nods, impressed...

52 PINKIE PIE
Quality confetti cannon work.

FLAMING HOOPS light up around the ground. Gears turn, activating an obstacle-course-like series of SMASHING PLATFORMS.

53 RAINBOW DASH
Whoa...

54 SCOOTALOO
Oh yeah.

A CANNON is wheeled out. Two FIREWORK FOUNTAINS explode and a GOGGLED, UNIFORMED WASHOUT gallops out onto the field. The crowd goes wild.

55 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
It's her! It's really her!!!

56 RAINBOW DASH
Who?!

57 SCOOTALOO
 (too excited to answer)
AHHHHHHH! WOOOOOO!!!

To Rainbow Dash's shock, the cannon fuse is lit and it BLASTS a UNIFORMED (helmeted) WASHOUT through the air (note: it's ROLLING THUNDER, who we'll meet later)!

Rolling Thunder tucks her wings, leaning her body through the air like a missile as she ROCKETS through the flaming hoops. She angles her wings, sending her skyward through another series of rings.

Rainbow Dash's jaw drops. Twilight Sparkles notices, amused, and closes it for her. It falls back open.

IN THE AIR, Rolling Thunder does a flip and angles back to the ground, where she tucks and SOARS right above the grassy field... heading into the CRUSHER COURSE.

Giant spiked platforms POUND the ground in asynchronous rhythm... and Rolling Thunder heads right toward them with a confident smile.

PUSH IN ON RAINBOW DASH...

58 RAINBOW DASH
...No way.

Rolling Thunder SOARS through the crusher course, barely dodging the crushing platforms. Dash finds herself nodding, getting pumped up...

59 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Come on... come on.....!

FLAME CANNONS fire-- but Rolling Thunder dodges them.

60 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I don't believe it!!!

One last spiked platform-- the biggest of all-- is closing... it inches shut as Rolling Thunder rockets toward it... but it's closing...

Rainbow Dash grabs Scootaloo...

61 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
She's not gonna make it... she's
not gonna make it...!

The platforms SLAMS SHUT!

62 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
AH!

But ROLLING THUNDER BLASTS OUT AT THE LAST SECOND! Dash loses it, jumping onto Scootaloo's shoulders and pumping her hoof in the air---

63 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!! THAT WAS
INSANE!!! WOOOOOO!!!

64 SCOOTALOO
I TOLD YOU!

65 RAINBOW DASH
(quickly composing
herself)
I mean... it was pretty cool.
(then to herself)
Who are these guys...?

CUT TO:

SC. 6 - EXT. A FIELD OUTSIDE OF PONYVILLE - AFTER THE SHOW

Down on the field, two exhausted Washouts meet up and take off their helmets/googles. Rolling Thunder ices her leg--on an actual block of ice.

IN THE STANDS, Ponies head for the exits. Except for Rainbow Dash, who leads Scootaloo through the crowd toward the Washouts.

66 SCOOTALOO
I can't just go up and TALK to
them!

67 RAINBOW DASH
You can if you're with me. After
all, one of the reasons there's a
Rainbow Dash fan club is because
I'm fearless... when it comes to
flying and social awkwardness.
Observe.

Rainbow Dash approaches the Washouts.

68 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Heyyyyyyy!

The Washouts turn and stare at Rainbow Dash. <AWKWARD COUGH>.

69 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Ah... so... as a fellow aerobatic
professional, I really enjoyed your
show. Heh, actually, you might
recognize me since I am...
 (sotto)
"pause for dramatic effect..."
 (then)
A Wonderbolt.

The Washouts <LAUGH>.

70 ROLLING THUNDER
Join the club!

Dash looks to Scootaloo like: ????. She just smiles.

71 RAINBOW DASH
Okayyyyyyy...

72 ROLLING THUNDER
No, I mean literally join the club--
we're the Washouts because the
Wonderbolts are what all of us
literally washed out of.

73 RAINBOW DASH
No way!

74 ROLLING THUNDER
The name's Rolling Thunder. I got
booted out of the Wonderbolt
Academy cause I couldn't stop
flying into storms. This here's
Short Fuse...

75 SHORT FUSE
 (super-polite)
Nice to meet you.

76 RAINBOW DASH
What's your story?

77 SHORT FUSE
ANGER ISSUES!!! GET OFF MY BACK!

78 RAINBOW DASH
So... who's the leader?

79 ROLLING THUNDER
Only the most reckless ex-
Wonderbolt of all time...

They turn to see... A WASHOUT walking awesomely toward them in slow-motion, the field still billowing smoke in the background behind her.

Scotaloo <GASPS>, steadying herself.

The leader goes to take off her helmet and goggles.

Rainbow Dash's face-- NO WAY!!!

She reveals herself to be...

80 RAINBOW DASH
Lightning Dust!?

81 LIGHTNING DUST
Rainbow Dash.

A tense moment. Then Scotaloo leans into frame by Dash.

82 SCOOTALOO
Scotaloo-- I'm Scotaloo. Hi.

Rainbow Dash's eyes narrow... <ACT OUT MUSIC> and FADE OUT.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 7 - EXT. A FIELD OUTSIDE OF PONYVILLE - RESUME

Scotaloo watches with rapt attention as Rainbow Dash talks to Lightning Dust.

83 RAINBOW DASH
Lightning Dust... I should have known you were the brains behind a crazy idea like the Washouts. Or should I say "lack of brains."

84 SCOOTALOO
You really know my sister!?

Lightning Dust glares at Dash and says to Scoot...

85 LIGHTNING DUST
I do.

86 SCOOTALOO
OH MY GOSH THIS IS SO COOL!

87 LIGHTNING DUST
Your sister got me kicked out of
the Wonderbolts.

88 SCOOTALOO
Oh-- that's-- less cool-- um--

Scootaloo's eyes widen as Lightning Dust steps up to Rainbow Dash, maybe looking for a fight. Dash raises her chin, not backing down. They're eye to eye... but then Lightning Dust cracks a huge grin and embraces Dash in a tight hug.

89 LIGHTNING DUST
And it was the best thing that ever
happened to me! Great to see you,
"Wing Pony!" I heard you're a full-
fledged Bolt now!

90 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, well, I'm still--

91 LIGHTNING DUST
Mad at me? Look-- was it wrong of
me to endanger the lives of your
friends? Yes. But hey-- now I only
endanger these knuckleheads!

<CHUCKLES> from Rolling Thunder and Short Fuse.

92 LIGHTNING DUST (CONT'D)
Aww, come on now, you know you miss
me...

(to Scootaloo)
Me and her? We blew everypony out
of the sky.

93 SCOOTALOO
Really?!

94 LIGHTNING DUST
Actually yeah, literally-- it was
totally dangerous-- but we also had
fun, right? Two fastest times on
the Dizzitron...

95 RAINBOW DASH
If I remember correctly, I had you
beat by half a second...

96 LIGHTNING DUST
Only cause for my run, I cranked up
the dizziness factor!

Rainbow Dash squints like-- you got me. And then they share a
<LAUGH> at the memory.

97 RAINBOW DASH
Well, I'm glad it all worked out--
your show was pretty dynamite.

Lightning Dust approaches Scootaloo, who looks amazed to be
talking to her (new) hero...

98 LIGHTNING DUST
Wanna know the secret? We basically
ignore everything the Wonderbolts
ever taught us about safety.

Dash follows suit so they're on either side of Scootaloo--
fighting over her... *METAPHORICALLY SPEAKING!!!!!!*

99 RAINBOW DASH
Welllll, we do have safety rules for
a reason...

100 LIGHTNING DUST
Don't listen to her, kid. All their
"rules" were just ways of keeping
their little club exclusive so they
could feel good about themselves.

101 RAINBOW DASH
It's not about making anypony feel
bad-- it's about finding the best
flyers. The best of the best.

Dash misses the sad look on Scootaloo's face on hearing that,
or the way Scootaloo's eyes filled with hope on hearing
Lightning Dust's rebuttal...

102 LIGHTNING DUST
I started the Washouts because I
believe anypony can be the best of
the best.

Scootaloo's eyes sparkle in awe.

103 LIGHTNING DUST (CONT'D)
In fact... Rolling Thunder is gonna
be out for a while...

104 ROLLING THUNDER
Caught the ol' hind leg in the
Crushinator Jaws of Smash-a-lot,
patent pending.

105 LIGHTNING DUST
There's a spot on the team if you
want to join up-- for ol' times
sake.

Scootaloo <GASPS>!

106 RAINBOW DASH
I appreciate the offer, but I'm
already a Wonderbolt.

107 SCOOTALOO
 (disappointed)
You mean a Boring-bolt.

With that Scoot sulks off. Rainbow Dash looks after, annoyed.

108 RAINBOW DASH
Looks like somepony needs to be
reminded what REAL awesomeness
looks like--Wonderbolt style! See
you round, Lightning Dust.

Rainbow Dash heads off after Scoot. Lightning Dust calls
after them with a grin:

109 LIGHTNING DUST
Good luck with that. Say hi to
Spitfire for me!

CUT TO:

SC. 8 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - LATER

BLUE SKY AND CLOUDS. A tight formation of Wonderbolts RIPS
through an impossible-seeming series of twists and turns in
the air, punching holes through clouds, leaving trails across
the blue sky.

They land one by one, skidding to a stop inches from
Scootaloo, who watches the whole thing, kinda bored.

110 RAINBOW DASH
Let me explain what you just saw:
precision through speed, excellence
through precision, and honor
through excellence.

111 SCOOTALOO
You sound like a Wonderbolts
brochure.

Behind her unnoticed, SOARIN was about to hand her a
WONDERBOLTS BROCHURE, but instead turns away and pockets it.

112 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Where are the flaming hoops? The
rocket-skates? The Crushinator Jaws
of Smash-a-lot, patent-pending?

113 SPITFIRE
I can answer that.

Spitfire steps toward Scootaloo, her shadow moving across her
face, intimidating her...

114 SPITFIRE (CONT'D)
You know what happens when
something goes wrong with the
Crushinator Jaws of Smash-a-lot?

115 RAINBOW DASH
(a la Spitfire, adding...)
"...Patent pending?"

116 SPITFIRE
(right in Scootaloo's face)
You end up in a full-body cast
drinkin' through a straw.

Scootaloo <GULPS>. Rainbow Dash wasn't expecting this level
of intensity.

117 SCOOTALOO
But with enough practice...

Rainbow Dash shakes her head-- no, just stop talking! But--

118 SPITFIRE
Practice! Well la-dee-doodle-da!
Let me give you a different
scenario. You're probably saying to
yourself, "I'm young, I'm strong--
I'm gonna go out there and "stunt"
some "tricks" with my new friend
Lightning Dust. Well, I'm here to
tell you if you play that game,
you're gonna find out it's pretty
hard to stunt tricks in a full-body
cast drinkin' through a straw.

119 RAINBOW DASH
I think she gets the point--

120 SPITFIRE
--I'M NOT FINISHED!
(gentle, inviting)
Listen, I get it, kid. I used to be
just like you. Tellin' myself: "I'm
gonna touch the sky!"

121 SCOOTALOO
I don't-- I don't say that--

122 SPITFIRE
Well WHOOP-DEE-DOODLE-DOO! You
think you got it made in the
shade?! Well things are gonna be
pretty shady indeed when you can't
go out in the sun cause you're in a
full-body cast drinkin' through a
straw. DO I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR?!

Scootaloo nods super-quickly. Rainbow Dash encourages her to
nod faster and she does.

123 SPITFIRE (CONT'D)
Excellent. Have a hat.

Spitfire places an ill-fitting Wonderbolts cap on Scootaloo's
head.

SC. 9 - EXT. WONDERBOLT ACADEMY - LATER

We find Rainbow Dash walking Scootaloo away from the academy.

124 RAINBOW DASH
Sorry if that was a little...
intense.

125 SCOOTALOO
(still shaken up)
A little?

126 RAINBOW DASH
I just want to make sure you don't
get hurt. That way you can follow
in my hoofsteps. Everypony's dream,
right?

Scootaloo, kind of annoyed says sarcastically:

127 SCOOTALOO
Thanks, super-talented flyer, for
clearing up what I should do.

Rainbow Dash obliviously doesn't catch the sarcasm:

128 RAINBOW DASH
Hey, clearing things up is one of
my specialties. Now come on, wanna
go rip up all your Washout posters
into tiny pieces and throw 'em off
a cliff?

129 SCOOTALOO
Sure. I'll meet you there...

Off Scootaloo's determined face...

CUT TO:

SC. 10 - INT./EXT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY

PUSH IN on the CLUBHOUSE for a beat before... RAINBOW DASH
comes in for a landing.

130 RAINBOW DASH
Hey Scootaloo--! I was just
thinking about ways to raise
awareness for your original fan
club--the one about me. How about a
silent auction where every item is
just a picture of me-- ha, just
kidding, that sounds really
egotistical. Maybe just my
autograph would be better.

By now she's entered the clubhouse and finally looks around,
done daydreaming about how awesome she is... and there's no
one there.

131 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Scootaloo? Huh. Guess I beat her
here. I am pretty fast.

Dash looks up at the poster of The Washouts and frowns.

132 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Suppose I could get started without
her.

Dash reaches up and takes down the Washouts Poster, but
there's another Washouts Poster underneath.

She tries again, and again there's another Washouts poster. Off her confused expression we...

TIME CUT TO:

LATER - Dash pulls down the last in a series of Washout posters and finally gets to the poster of her.

133 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Finally!

Dash looks around and realizes she's been there awhile.

134 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
What is taking Scootaloo so long?

She sticks her head out the window and sees Twilight Sparkle flying by. She calls out to her.

135 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Hey, Twilight! Where you going?

136 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(hesitant)
Oh. Um... Hi. I was just... going to watch The Washouts' practice?

137 RAINBOW DASH
(rolls her eyes)
Seriously? Ugh. You haven't seen Scoot, have you?

138 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
She was headed over to see the Washouts too. A while ago.

Off Dash's look of shock...

SC. 11 - EXT. SKY - DAY

Dash and Twilight fly together toward the show field.

139 RAINBOW DASH
I just don't think Scootaloo gets how dangerous the Washouts' stunts and tricks are.

140 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Really? I think that's the whole draw. It's exciting.

141 RAINBOW DASH
The Wonderbolts are exciting too.

142 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Of course they are.

143 RAINBOW DASH
It just seems like the harder I try
to convince Scoot of that, the more
she likes the Washouts.

144 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I know it's hard to see her idolize
somepony else, but she's her own
foal. You just have to be a good
role model and teach her what's
safe and what isn't, then hope she
makes the right decisions.

145 RAINBOW DASH
I just don't want her getting hurt.

PUSH IN ON TWILIGHT, feeling bad.

146 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Are you sure she's the one getting
hurt that you're worried about?

Off Rainbow Dash's hurt face...

SC. 12 - EXT. FIELD OUTSIDE OF PONYVILLE - DAY

Washouts practice! Lightning Dust is planning a stunt on a
coach's whiteboard with little X's and O's. Short Fuse comes
over, eating a sandwich...

147 SHORT FUSE
Wow, you're really working hard on
this new stunt.
(after taking a bite)
ARE YOU KIDDING ME!?? WHAT KIND OF
SORRY EXCUSE FOR A TOMATO SANDWICH
IS THIS!???

They look up, hearing the <ROAR> of... Rainbow Dash, soaring
above them. She skids to a landing, Twilight following
behind.

148 RAINBOW DASH
Hey guys. Don't mean to interrupt,
but you haven't seen Scootaloo have
you?

149 LIGHTNING DUST
What if we have?

150 RAINBOW DASH
Well, then you could take me to her
so I can apologize for trying to
get her to not like you guys.

151 LIGHTNING DUST
(chuckles)
Oh, we're not worried about that.

Rainbow Dash is confused. Lightning Dust gestures over to one of the Washouts in full uniform, goggles, and helmet. She takes off her helmet to reveal...

IT'S SCOOTALOO AND SHE'S A WASHOUT!

Off Dash's look of horror we...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 13 - EXT. FIELD OUTSIDE OF PONYVILLE - RESUME

Dash stares at Scootaloo in shock.

152 RAINBOW DASH
No! Absolutely not! Lightning Dust,
I'm sorry, but I can't let her do
this.

153 SCOOTALOO
I don't need you to stand up for
me.

154 RAINBOW DASH
Obviously you do, because you can't
see it's dangerous. And nopony
loves extreme awesomeness more than
me. But remember what Spitfire
said?

155 LIGHTNING DUST
Ugh, not the whole "full-body cast
drinkin' through a straw" lecture.

Scootaloo nods like, "yeah, I can't believe it either."

156 RAINBOW DASH
Let's go, we're leaving.

Scootaloo surprises Dash when she stands up for herself:

157 SCOOTALOO
Just because we're practically
sisters does NOT mean we're the
same pony.

158 RAINBOW DASH
I never said that-- You--

159 SCOOTALOO
--Based on your definition of what
makes somepony great, the best of
the best, I have some bad news:
I'll NEVER be great, or a
Wonderbolt because I CAN'T FLY. Is
that what you wanted to hear?

Rainbow Dash feels the sting of what she says.

160 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
...But not being able to fly
doesn't mean I can't do something
awesome, like strapping my scooter
to a multi-stage liquid-fuel rocket
and jumping twenty wagons lined up
in front of a roaring crowd...

161 LIGHTNING DUST
...which incidentally is what
she'll be doing in the show
tomorrow.

Twilight steps up.

162 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Scootaloo, are you sure that's what
you really want to do?

163 SCOOTALOO
Absolutely.
(to Dash)
And there's nothing you can do to
stop me!

Hurt, Rainbow Dash casts a look to Twilight. Then...

164 RAINBOW DASH
You're right. I can't stop you.
You're your own foal and you have
to make your own decisions.

165 SCOOTALOO
Well, I already have.

Lightning Dust literally takes Scootaloo under her wing, guiding her away from Rainbow Dash, who watches sadly. Lightning Dust glances back with a smirk and WINKS, which only makes Rainbow Dash shake her head, defeated. OFF HER DEFEATED FACE...

SC. 14 - EXT. FIELD OUTSIDE OF PONYVILLE - DAY OF THE SHOW

Crowds begin filling the stands. The Mane 6 (minus Rainbow Dash) look for seats, a la the first show, going up to the top.

166 PINKIE PIE
I'm sorry for making us late again--
who would have guessed Scootaloo's
Super-Difficult-Stunt-Special
Cupcakes would have been so...
super-difficult to bake?

Pinkie scarfs down a cupcake with frosting-in the shape of Scootaloo's scooter. As they settle in to their seats, Rarity sees the same bird from before land next to her.

167 RARITY
Not you again...

Fluttershy leans past her and offers it a treat. It nuzzles her and flies away.

168 APPLEJACK
Looks like all of Ponyville's here,
again... except for Rainbow Dash.

169 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No pony has seen her all day...?

They shake their heads, no. <ROCK INTRO MUSIC> begins.

170 ANNOUNCER PONY (V.O.)
(echoing)
This is the time. This is the
place. This is the team. THIS IS
THE WASHOUTS! And here to introduce
the most dangerous stunt we've ever
performed, it's your fearless
captain... Lightning Dust!

Lightning Dust charges onto the field through a shower of firework sparks.

171 LIGHTNING DUST
First things first-- just a
reminder from our lawyers... do not
try this at home!

<LAUGHTER>. Before everypony's eyes, the last of 20 WAGONS
are wheeled into place with a GIANT RAMP at either end.

172 LIGHTNING DUST (CONT'D)
In just a moment, the newest member
of the Washouts will be ROCKET-
SLEDDING down that hill, up that
ramp, and over all twenty wagons,
to land on the other side... in one
piece...
 (sly smile)
...if she's lucky.

173 APPLEJACK
Psh. I wonder what kind of nut they
found to try a stunt like that!

CUT TO:

SC. 15 - EXT. TOP OF THE HILL - SAME

Scootaloo on her scooter at the top of the giant hill
overlooking the crowd, as Lightning Dust lands nearby.

174 SCOOTALOO
Lightning Dust? I have to tell you,
I actually started Equestria's
first Washouts Fan Club-- as far as
I know-- so this is a real honor,
ma'am, umm, do I call you ma'am?

175 LIGHTNING DUST
You land this jump, you can call me
whatever you want.

176 SCOOTALOO
I'm ready.

Lightning Dust opens a case and reveals a GIANT CARTOONEY
ROCKET. Scootaloo's eyes widen as Lightning Dust straps it on
her scooter.

177 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Wow, that sure is...

178 LIGHTNING DUST
Dangerous? Nahh. Well-- maybe a
little.

179 SCOOTALOO
Has anypony tested this before?

180 LIGHTNING DUST
You'll be the first.

Scootaloo <GULPS>. Then her eyes bug out at seeing Lightning Dust open TWO ADDITIONAL CASES, revealing TWO EVEN BIGGER STAGES TO THE ROCKET, which she begins attaching.

181 SCOOTALOO
There's MORE!?

182 LIGHTNING DUST
Hey, you're not getting cold hooves, are you? A true FAN would never back out.

183 SCOOTALOO
I'm not backing out... I'm just... thinking about drinking through straws.

Lightning Dust yells down to the other Washouts:

184 LIGHTNING DUST
Light it up!

FWOOSH! The wagons burst into flame making the jump even scarier...

185 SCOOTALOO
Okay, now I'm thinking about backing out!

186 LIGHTNING DUST
Too late.

187 SCOOTALOO
This is crazy!

Lightning Dust grins, pulling out a RED-BUTTONED DETONATOR.

188 LIGHTNING DUST
That's the point!!

Before Scootaloo can protest, the fuse is lit and the rocket scooter BLASTS OFF DOWN THE HILL!

The crowd GASPS!

Scootaloo closes her eyes as she tears up the ramp and into the air and everypony realizes... SHE'S NOT GONNA MAKE IT!

But at the last second, A STREAK OF BLUE swoops along the top of the hill, past Lightning Dust, down the hill, up the ramp, and catches up to Scootaloo...

Who is suddenly CAUGHT/SAVED by RAINBOW DASH!

...just as the rocket scooter crashes into the ground and skitters away.

189 RAINBOW DASH
I know I was supposed to let you
make your own decisions, but that
doesn't mean I can't swoop in and
save you.

Dash carries them both to safety. Lightning Dust lands nearby.

190 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I could never let anything bad
happen to a fan.
 (turning to LD)
UNLIKE SOME PONIES!

Lightning Dust sees how mad Rainbow Dash is, but tries to play it off.

191 LIGHTNING DUST
Aw, come on, you're not mad just
because I endangered the lives of
your loved ones - AGAIN!?

The crowd turns against the Washouts with <BOOS>. On the sidelines, Rolling Thunder and Short Fuse exchange a look.

192 SHORT FUSE
Aww, they're booing?
 (SUDDENLY FURIOUS)
I HATE GETTING BOOED!!!

Lightning Dust flies next to them. <LOUDER BOOS>.

193 LIGHTNING DUST
Show's cancelled anyway!

Rainbow Dash smirks, then looks confused as the Washouts all climb into a cannon. Lightning Dust looks back at her.

194 LIGHTNING DUST (CONT'D)
Rivals for LIFE!

Lightning Dust presses a RED BUTTON DETONATOR and KA-BOOM!
All three of them are shot over the horizon.

ANOTHER ANGLE: As the Mane Six rush up to Rainbow Dash and Scoot.

195 SCOOTALOO
I'm sorry for joining the
Washouts... Lightning Dust wasn't
who I thought she was. There's
awesome and then there's crazy!

196 RAINBOW DASH
I'm the one who should be
apologizing... for not acting like
somepony who deserves a fan club.
I've been lucky to have somepony
who thinks I'm the coolest, but
there's nothing cool about making
you feel like you'll never be as
awesome as me.

Twilight gives Rainbow Dash a knowing smile.

197 SCOOTALOO
Awww....

198 RAINBOW DASH
I think we should cancel the
Washouts Fan Club, because I know a
fan club that could use some new
members.

Scootaloo grins:

199 SCOOTALOO
The Rainbow Dash Fan Club!

But Dash shakes her head-- that's not what she means. Off
Scootaloo's confusion...

SC. 16 - INT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DAY

Rainbow Dash BANGS the gavel and calls a meeting to order:

200 RAINBOW DASH
Welcome to the first ever meeting
of a newest fan club for the
awesomest, previously UNDER-
appreciated pony in Ponyville...
with founding member and president
Rainbow Dash presiding... it's the
Scootaloo Fan Club!

REVEAL: the CMC Clubhouse is packed. Everypony cheers for Scootaloo. Overjoyed, she gives Rainbow Dash the squeeziest hug of all time and we...

FADE OUT

END.