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Friendship Lesson: Even though Scoot already knows that you can't do anything if you don't believe in yourself, Dash helps her come to accept that believing in yourself doesn't mean you can do everything.

It's an exciting day in Ponyville! A touring EXTREME AIRSHOW has set-up on the outskirts of town! Rainbow Dash is psyched, but when we discover their most amazing stunt doesn't even require flying, nopony is more excited than Scootaloo. As a—ahem—"delayed flyer," she feels like this traveling group of daredevils is calling her name. The whole gang goes to the show, oohing and aahing at the aerobatic and ground-based stunts, until finally it's time for the big stunt, the Kaboominator: a crazy, rocket-propelled trick involving jumps and spins...the crowd goes wild! The trick looks dangerous, but Dash and Scootaloo love it... until the performer reveals herself to be LIGHTNING DUST. She's the leader of this ragtag bunch of misfits who call themselves The Washouts--because they all washed out of Wonderbolt Academy. There's Cannon Fodder (gets shot out of a cannon, too twitchy to fly), Smoke Bomb (can't see a foot in front of her face), and Short Fuse (rage issues). Lightning Dust does the trick, barely, and all of Dash's suspicions are confirmed. It doesn't just look dangerous, it is dangerous. Lightning Dust hasn't changed a bit... she's still too reckless and Dash tells her so. But Lightning Dust doesn't have to listen, her show is moving on to the next town. Dash feels good that at least she tried... UNTIL SCOOTALOO DECIDES TO JOIN THE TEAM!

Okay, look, RD gets it. Fortune, glory, speed... hey, *she* wants those things too, but she tells her protégé: "this is NOT the way to do it." Lightning Dust is dangerous. Every time she puts on a show, she's risking the lives of her crew and the spectators (though RD is a tiny bit torn: "the Washouts' tricks *are* super-amazing! BUT THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT!") Scootaloo feels like she's finally found her calling. She's appreciated, out from Dash's shadow, and doing amazing stuff even though she can't fly! Lightning Dust has even tapped her to perform the Kaboominator, telling Scoot her mantra: "if you believe in yourself, you can do anything!" Unable to convince Scoot to quit, Dash has no choice but to join the Washout Team and get Scootaloo out *from the inside* (The Mane 6 are dubious: "You sure this is the only way? You're not joining for the super-sweet crowd-adoring stunts? Etc." Dash: "Yyyyyyyeahhhhhh... lilbitaboth"). As a Washout working from the inside, Dash tries to "outcool" Lightning Dust in front of Scootaloo by doing some tricks "the safe way" but the results are unconvincing. Finally, she forces a vote to become the troupe's new leader (so she can kick Scootaloo out), but is humiliated when she gets no votes ("Not even you, Scootaloo?") Rejected by her sister, Dash is ready to give up until she overhears Lightning Dust say that she doesn't care if Scootaloo can do the big trick or not. "It's gonna be a great show either way." EVIL SNICKER, etc.

The day of the next air show. Scootaloo is all set to perform the big trick and totally ready to put herself in (fantastical and 100% S&P approved safe) MORTAL PERIL!!!! Standing at the top of a giant ramp, Rainbow Dash comes to Scootaloo with the distressing info that her new role model, Lightning Dust, doesn't care about her at all. Scootaloo hesitates, still wanting going to go through with the trick, so Rainbow Dash does the only thing she can. She does the trick BEFORE Scootaloo gets a chance. Off the sounds of the CHEERING CROWD, and a CRASH

OFFSCREEN we CUT TO: Later and Rainbow Dash in full body cast. The veil has been lifted, and Scootaloo realized Dash sacrificed herself for her sake. Scoot understands she'd have been a goner and tells Lightning Dust to move along without her—he “sister” believes in her whether she can do crazy reckless tricks or not.