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TEASER

SC 1. EXT. CLOUDSDALE - MORNING

ESTABLISHING. Bright blue sky and puffy clouds surround the pegasus city in the sky. A rainbow streak blasts past and flies down to...

SC 2. EXT. PONYVILLE - CONTINUOUS

The streak soars toward a valley at the edge of Ponyville. It is RAINBOW DASH, and she catches up to TANK, adorned with helmet and whirlygig, pattering through the sky. Cloudsdale can be seen in the distance.

1 RAINBOW DASH
Look at that, Tank, Cloudsdale's
here! That means Ponyville is next
up for winter!

Tank has no reaction. Rainbow Dash looks down to see a herd of ponies running through...

SC 3. EXT. VALLEY/FOREST AREA - CONTINUOUS

The ponies are taking part in "The Running of the Leaves." Rainbow Dash flies above the herd as the ground shakes and the autumn leaves fall.

2 RAINBOW DASH
You're doin' awesome, everypony!
Keep it up! We need those leaves
off'a those trees!

She flies to a hilltop to watch. Tank joins her.

3 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Once we get autumn cleared
away...it'll be HELLOOOO WINTER!!

Tank just <YAWNS.> Rainbow Dash's brow furrows.

4 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Was that a yawn I just saw??

Tank <YAWNS> again.

5 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
How can you be tired when the most
exciting time of the year is right
around the corner!!
(MORE)

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

And don't forget the best
part...our first winter together!

Tank blinks slowly, eyes heavy. Rainbow Dash points to some pegasi starting to move big fluffy clouds over from Cloudsdale.

6 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

Come on, wake up! Once those ponies
bring in the big fat clouds full of
snowflakes, we'll have a ton of
snow for our extreme sledding!

CROSS DISSOLVE: An empty barren hillside transforms to a white-covered one. An imagined Rainbow Dash howls with joy as she sleds down wearing a helmet. Tank, riding in back, has no reaction.

7 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

And over there we can play horse
hockey! With no shoulder OR rump
pads!

CROSS DISSOLVE: The lake transforms to an ice covered one. Fantasy Dash carves up the ice while Fantasy Tank sits in goal, a goalie mask leaning against him.

BACK TO REALITY: Rainbow Dash looks at Tank excitedly, but he just yawns.

Just then, TWILIGHT SPARKLE joins the pair.

8 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Everything's looking great, don't
you think?

9 RAINBOW DASH

Almost everything. Does Tank look
alright to you?

Twilight inspects Tank a little more closely.

10 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Well...he does seem to be moving a
little slowly--

11 RAINBOW DASH

I know, right?

12 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

--and he looks kind of sleepy--

13 RAINBOW DASH

Totally!

14 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
--just like he always does. Looks
like the same old Tank to me!

15 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, heh-heh, I'm sure you're
right.

Twilight flies off. Tank yawns again. Rainbow Dash looks
really worried...

FADE OUT.

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT 1

SC 4. INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - LATER

Rainbow Dash and Tank are in FLUTTERSHY's cottage as she
examines him with a stethoscope. She listens to a heartbeat,
placing the scope on his back, then his chest, under his arm,
on a knee cap.

16 RAINBOW DASH
(impatient)
Well??

Fluttershy puts her hoof to her mouth (shh!) as she tries to
listen to Tank's slow heartbeat. Tank <YAWNS> again.

17 FLUTTERSHY
I suppose his heartbeat COULD be a
teensy, weensy, eensy bit slower
than usual...

18 RAINBOW DASH
Okay, so just give him a vitamin or
something.

19 FLUTTERSHY
I don't think he needs that--

20 RAINBOW DASH
Maybe we're just staying up too
late or something. Too many Daring
Do stories...

21 FLUTTERSHY
That's not it either...

22 RAINBOW DASH
Well, what's wrong with him then?

23 FLUTTERSHY
(smiling)
Nothing. He's perfectly fine!

Rainbow Dash blows a <SIGH> of relief.

24 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(matter-of-factly)
He's just going to hibernate.

Beat.

25 RAINBOW DASH
You do realize he's not a bear,
right?

Fluttershy crosses to a small bookshelf and takes out one of her books (all animal-themed). She opens it and we go...

CLOSE ON A PAGE, and an illustration of a really cute sleeping squirrel inside a tree (tree is cut lengthwise to show nest, Richard Scarry style).

26 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)
When the weather grows cold and
less food is available, many
animals hibernate to conserve
energy.

The pages turn through pictures of hibernating animals.

27 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.) (CONT'D)
It's like taking a really long nap
during winter. And then they wake
up in spring!

The book stops on tortoises hibernating.

28 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.) (CONT'D)
And see? Even tortoises do it. When
the time comes, Tank will leave and
dig into the ground.

ON RAINBOW DASH and FLUTTERSHY reading the book. Tank sits nearby, his eyes nearly closed.

29 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
But don't worry, he'll reappear
when the spring sun warms the
ground back up.

30 RAINBOW DASH
Come on, tortoises don't hibernate.
Somepony put that picture in there
as a joke.

31 FLUTTERSHY
(kindly)
It's not a joke.

32 RAINBOW DASH
Well then your book must be wrong.

33 FLUTTERSHY
Rainbow Dash, Tank needs to hibernate. It's healthy for him, just like sleeping is healthy for us.

34 RAINBOW DASH
(chuckling)
Whatever, okay, thanks. Come on, Tank.

She turns to go. Tank doesn't move.

35 FLUTTERSHY
Where are you going?

Rainbow Dash picks Tank up.

36 RAINBOW DASH
To get a second opinion from a REAL reptile expert...

SC 5. INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE, SPIKE'S ROOM - LATER

37 SPIKE
I told you Rainbow Dash---I'm a DRAGON!

Rainbow Dash holds Tank up next to Spike.

38 RAINBOW DASH
Come on, you're practically twins!

39 SPIKE
I'm purple!

40 RAINBOW DASH
But if you don't have to hibernate, why should Tank--?

41 SPIKE
Because he's a TORTOISE. And I'm a DRAGON.

42 RAINBOW DASH
Same family though, right?

43 SPIKE
No!

44 RAINBOW DASH
I'll take that as a yes.

45 SPIKE
(with a sigh)
Look, if Fluttershy says tortoises hibernate, then I guarantee tortoises hi--

46 RAINBOW DASH
(immediately annoyed)
Well what would you know?! You're a dragon!

She snatches up Tank and exits, leaving Spike stunned at her outburst. Finally, he shakes his head in disbelief.

47 SPIKE
(sotto)
Related to a tortoise. AS IF!
Hibernate?? PSHAW! ...hmm...
hibernate...I DO love naps...on
second thought maybe I should look
into that...

SC 6. EXT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - MOMENTS LATER

Rainbow Dash flies out and sees the preparations happening in the sky and on the ground.

48 RAINBOW DASH
No pony know you like I do, Tank.
All you need is some hard work to
get the ol' blood pumping.

She realizes she's talking to herself. And that's because...

Tank is SNORING AWAY, his legs dangling as he's suspended in the air by his whirlygig.

49 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Come on!

She grabs him and pulls him away...

SC 7. EXT. FIELD/FOREST AREA - LATER

Pegasi are guiding large puffy clouds from Cloudsdale in the distance. Nearer the ground, Rainbow Dash is flapping her wings and guiding one herself.

50 RAINBOW DASH
These things are heavy! Chock full
o' snowflakes. We're gonna have
such a killer time in the snow,
Tank! Tank? TANK?!

She looks back and sees him sound asleep on the tiny cloud he was pushing. Rainbow Dash is annoyed, but there is genuine concern behind it. She flies back to check up on him. PINKIE PIE walks up in winter gear and looks up at them.

51 PINKIE PIE
Awww...look at that cute wittle
Tanky! All snuggly wuggly, getting
ready to hibern---

52 RAINBOW DASH
(shouting)
DON'T! SAY! THAT! WORD!!!

53 PINKIE PIE
Which one? Snuggly? Wuggly? Tanky?
Hiber--

54 RAINBOW DASH
THAT ONE!

Tank is awakened by the yelling. Pinkie Pie is stung by Rainbow Dash's hostility.

55 PINKIE PIE
I was just saying how cute--

Other ponies start to notice the shouting.

56 RAINBOW DASH
IF YOU THINK HIB-- you know, that
napping thing-- IS SOOO CUTE, WHY
DON'T YOU GO DO IT?! SOMEWHERE FAR
AWAY FROM HERE!

57 PINKIE PIE
How far are we talking? It can't be
too far because then I'll get tired
on the way there and need a nap
which would sorta defeat the
purpose.

Suddenly Rainbow Dash notices that the ponies are all staring at her.

58 RAINBOW DASH
 (to everypony)
What're you looking at?? Pinkie Pie
and I are just having a
conversation!

Twilight steps forward from the crowd.

59 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Look, Rainbow Dash, we all know how
upset you are about Tank hib---

60 PINKIE PIE
SHHHH!!!
 (whispering)
Don't say that word! That's what
started this all!

61 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
...er, we know how upset you are
about Tank...but you shouldn't take
your anger out on your friends--

62 RAINBOW DASH
 (angry)
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT ANGER? I
DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT ANGER!
I'M NOT UPSET! AND I'M NOT
ANGRY!!!! DO I LOOK ANGRY? C'MON
TANK--LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!

She flies off but Tank doesn't move. So she flies back in and starts his whirlygig and they both exit.

63 APPLEJACK
Geewhilickers! SOMEpony woke up on
the wrong side of the cloud this
mornin'!

SC 8. INT. RAINBOW DASH'S HOUSE - LATER

Rainbow Dash gives a dose of tough love to tired Tank.

64 RAINBOW DASH
Come on, Tank, I need you bright
eyed and bushy tailed, not sleepy
eyed and scaly tailed...
 (realizing)
...which...is exactly what you are.
But get up anyway!

We see her rising panic.

65 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
You CAN'T hiber--you know! What
about all the primo things we're
gonna do together this winter?

She paces.

66 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Building snowponies, starting
snowball fights, sippin' hot cider
by the fire...

Tank <SNORTS> out a loud snore. She gets right in his face.

67 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
DON'T YOU WANT TO DO THOSE THINGS
WITH ME?!?!

Tank jolts awake. He lets out a big <YAWN.> Rainbow Dash starts to pace again. She is feeling really helpless.

68 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Think, Rainbow Dash, think! Tank's
only hibernating because it's cold,
right? Well I'd rather have him
awake in the heat than asleep in
the cold...

She stops pacing.

69 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I'll just have to STOP WINTER!

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT 1

ACT 2

SC 9. EXT. FIELD/FOREST AREA - DAY

Rainbow Dash hides behind a cloud, scanning the other ponies working on winter. In a little saddlebag, Tank rests. But he is very tired, and now his teeth are chattering from the cold.

Rainbow Dash sees two pegasi hovering in front of some puffy clouds, confused on where to place them.

70 SUNSHOWER
Where do these clouds go?

71 OPEN SKIES
Over by Clear Skies.

72 SUNSHOWER
But there's Clear Skies everywhere?

73 CLEAR SKIES
Yo! Clear Skies right here!

In the BG, Rainbow Dash zips through unnoticed and stuffs one cloud after another into a HOLLOW TREE down below.

74 SUNSHOWER
(confused)
But there's Clear Skies over there too.

75 CLEAR SKIES
That's Open Skies.

76 SUNSHOWER
There's open skies everywhere!

77 OPEN SKIES
I'm not everywhere, I'm right here.

78 SUNSHOWER
So you're Open Skies, and you're Clear Skies...then what's all that?

79 OPEN SKIES AND CLEAR SKIES
Open, Clear Skies!

Sunshower FACEHOOFS.

80 OPEN SKIES
Hey! Where'd our fluffy clouds go?

81 CLEAR SKIES
Fluffy Clouds? He's over there!

Meanwhile, from Rainbow Dash's POV, an EARTH PONY picks up leaves near the HEAVING hollow tree. Rainbow Dash smiles, knowing that she has started the process of delaying winter. MUSIC UP on a song in the style of "Defying Gravity" from WICKED.

82 RAINBOW DASH
(spoken)
Stopping winter is gonna be a breeze!

She winks at Tank mischievously and flies off.

The earth pony notices something white sticking out of a hole in the trunk. As he edges closer to inspect...<BOOOM!!> The tree explodes, covering the pony in snow and cloud [NOTE: the snow shouldn't cover too big an area or it will defeat Rainbow Dash's purpose].

SONG:

Rainbow Dash sings a song about how she will keep winter from coming.

83 RAINBOW DASH
*When life gives you lemons/
You can choose to make lemonade/
But life gave me Tank, here/
So my choice has been long made.*

*No winter will come to Ponyville/
I'll do it on my own/
I'll keep Tank right by my side/
I will not be alone!*

She flies to some pegasus ponies shaking snow from clouds. As she sings, she orders them to different positions in the sky and pantomimes that they should flap their wings to create wind.

84 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
*Weather makers, Pegasi/
You make our seasons in the sky/
I don't wanna sabotage you/
But you see it's what I've got to
do!*

*I'll put this winter right on hold/
I won't allow any more of this
cold!*

WIDEN to reveal she has created a snow loop, where the snow falling from the clouds is blown from one pegasus to the next until it falls back into the top of the cloud.

85 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
*I'll skip to spring and the sunshine
too/
You won't miss winter, I promise
you!*

Rainbow Dash zips off.

86 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
*We won't have winter, not today/
I won't have it any other way!/
I'm sorry ponies, this has to be/
I need my friend and he needs me!*

*No winter will come to Ponyville/
I'll do it on my own/
I'll keep Tank right by my side/
I will not be alone!*

When the APPLES have their backs turned, congratulating themselves on clearing all the leaves from the trees on the farm, Rainbow Dash zips through with a blast of "rainbow tinged" wind.

87 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
*Earth ponies, on the ground/
Raking up leaves from all around!*

The Apples turn back around, utterly confused, seeing all of their hard work scattered across the field again.

88 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
*But it's no use, I'll use my speed/
To keep those leaves right here
indeed!/
It just won't happen, try as you
might/
I'll keep it warm all day and night!*

*Just leave it be, don't do a thing/
I'll take autumn straight through to
spring!*

Rainbow Dash soars through the sky. She ZOOMS in front of a flock of GEESE, disorienting them and rerouting them back north!

89 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
*I gotta do what I gotta do/
I might be wrong I know/
But Tank, he's number one to me/
So winter's got to go!*

*Those ponies work so hard, I know/
They badly want their snow/
But Tank, he's number one to me/
So winter's got to go!*

She sees unicorn ponies using their magic to help freeze the giant lake, so she flies through the clouds, poking holes in them.

90 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
*Unicorn magic can't stop me/
I'll break the clouds, let the sun
shine free!/
We don't need you at all today/
So take your horns, go home, go
away!*

REVEAL the holes she has made let the sun through...right above the iced-over ponds, melting them back to water.

91 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
*I'm bigger than weather/
It's so plain to see/
No pony can stop this!/
We'll stay winter free!*

Rainbow Dash settles on a cloud out of sight, and the song slows down. She nestles Tank back into the saddlebag and sings the last chorus to him.

92 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
*I gotta do what I gotta do/
I might be wrong I know.*

She nuzzles him sweetly.

93 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
*But Tank, you're number one to me/
So winter's got to go/
Yes winter's got to gooooo...*

94 SUNSHOWER (O.S.)
Here comes the next shipment! Move those clouds over!

END SONG as Rainbow Dash glances down and sees...

SC 10. EXT. FIELD/FOREST AREA - CONTINUOUS

The ponies are STILL bringing in snow and clearing out leaves, as if she hadn't done a thing! There's snow falling out of clouds. The lake is frozen again!

95 RAINBOW DASH
For every hoofstep back I put them,
they go three hoofsteps forward!
What am I going to do???

She panics, quickly scanning the skies. More ponies are bringing in clouds from Cloudsdale. She hears Pinkie Pie and Fluttershy near the frozen lake down below.

96 FLUTTERSHY
I'm so glad Cloudsdale had enough
water and we didn't have to send
ours up this season. Those
tornadoes are an emotional tornado!

97 PINKIE PIE
And that means more frozen lakes
for my favorite thing -- actually,
like seventeen things are tied for
my favorite thing, but this is one
of them --
 (sing-songy)
ICE SKATING!!

Pinkie Pie does a big twirl and falls flat on her rump.
Fluttershy <GIGGLES>.

Up above, Rainbow Dash thinks.

98 RAINBOW DASH
 (sotto)
Cloudsdale...THAT'S IT, TANK! If I
can't stop winter in Ponyville,
maybe I can stop it at the source!

Tank yawns and closes his eyes for a nap in his saddlebag as
Rainbow Dash takes off for Cloudsdale.

SC 11. EXT. CLOUDSDALE - LATER

Rainbow Dash stealthily zips through town, hiding behind
cloud columns.

SC 12. EXT. CLOUDSDALE, WEATHER FACTORY - MOMENTS LATER

She waits outside of the big weather factory for the
lunchtime horn to sound. <T000000000000T>

99 RAINBOW DASH
Lunch hour! Perfect!!

PEGASI come out in droves. Rainbow Dash watches them leave
and sneaks O.S.

SC 13. INT. WEATHER FACTORY, ENTRY - MOMENTS LATER

Rainbow Dash enters, very 'Mission Impossible'-esque. As some
more ponies walk by, she presses up against pillars, hides
behind a door. She grabs one of their LAB COATS and HELMETS
when they aren't looking and disguises herself.

A SECURITY PONY at a desk gets up and walks off down the hall. She dashes behind his desk, then slowly raises her head. Looks right. Looks left.

SC 14. INT. WEATHER FACTORY - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Rainbow Dash looks across the hall and sees a set of double doors with a SNOWFLAKES & CLOUD image over the top.

SC 15. INT. WEATHER FACTORY - WINTER LAB - CONTINUOUS

RAINBOW DASH'S P.O.V.: We see the entire winter room. It looks like the factory floor of a car company.

100 RAINBOW DASH
The winter lab! We're in, Tank!
Now, just gotta figure out a way to
shut it down!

ON TANK, wearing his own mini yellow helmet and lab coat. He yawns. Rainbow Dash looks at the snowflake tables.

101 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Sabotage snowflakes? I think we
gotta go bigger than that...

She sets Tank on a snowflake table.

102 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Wait here.

She looks past the snowflake tables and over to a VACUUM TUNNEL SYSTEM where snowflakes flow through (her eyes follow the tunnel system) and deposit into waiting clouds on a CLOUD ASSEMBLY LINE.

Next to the assembly line are ice-cream-maker looking cloud machines with water funnels at the top, and big holes where clouds are spun out, leading to a conveyor belt.

On the belt are different clouds, each opened and waiting to be filled. Some clouds towards the end of the belt are stuffed with snowflakes.

Giant skids stacked with clouds wait near the loading dock.

103 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Hmm...we could get rid of these
clouds...but that's still not big
enough...

She looks past the conveyor belt and over to an ENORMOUS WATER TANK, filled to the brim with fresh water.

At the bottom of the tank are numerous spouts connected to hoses leading to the cloud machines.

104 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Slam dunk! With no water, they
can't make clouds or snow! They
can't make WINTER!

Tank chatters his teeth and blinks slowly. Rainbow Dash zips over to the giant water tank.

105 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I hate to do this to these weather
ponies, but desperate times call
for desperate measures!

She pulls the hoses off of the spouts.

106 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Oops! Looks like these were a
little loose.

She then shuts off the EMERGENCY OVERRIDE and hits the half dozen buttons over the spouts. They flash green, and water starts to pump out of the hoses onto the floor. The water tank slowly empties.

107 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
And there goes winter...down the
drain!

Rainbow Dash does a quick turnaround to dash out of the room, but slips on the wet floor! She slides toward Tank!

108 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
WHOOAAAHHHH!!

She <SLAMS> into a GIANT DRUM OF SNOWFLAKES. It topples over and she is completely covered in crushed up snowflakes. When she pops her head up UNINJURED she looks like a fluffy snowpony!

109 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I can't see!

Tank watches safely on the table.

As she climbs out, she tries to rub the ice out of her eyes. As she walks, she comes to a door and opens it. It's the wind tunnel room!!

110 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
WAAAA AAAAAHHHHH OOOHHHH!!!

Tank watches at the same table, wind blowing in his face. Rainbow Dash is BLASTED across the floor and into...

SC 16. INT. WEATHER FACTORY - LIGHTNING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Inside the dark room are bottles and bottles of LIGHTNING BOLTS. Rainbow Dash slides in with a <CRAAAAASH!!>

111 RAINBOW DASH
AAAAAAHHHHHHH!!!

SC 17. EXT. WEATHER FACTORY - CONTINUOUS

From outside, pegasi notice water, snowflakes, and rainbows starting to pour out of the factory.

112 PONY WALLA
Whoah!/Check that out!/Yikes!/
What's going on?!

SC 18. INT. WEATHER FACTORY - WINTER LAB - CONTINUOUS

Rainbow Dash backs out of the lightning room, trying to shield her face from the bouncing lightning bolts. She's also got the wind now to contend with, which has picked up snow flurry and is blowing it around the room.

Lightning bolts bounce off every surface, zipping through the winter lab! Just as she can open her eyes, one comes flying straight at her.

113 RAINBOW DASH
AAAAHHHH!!!!

She jumps out of the way but accidentally hits the master switch to turn on all of the cloud making machines. They fire into high gear, spewing out puffy clouds!

114 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Let's get outta here!

She dodges lightning bolts and flying clouds to get Tank. She slides him carefully into her saddlebag.

As she turns to leave, a lightning bolt hits the button on the vacuum tunnel machine. She and Tank get sucked in and comically zip through the hamster-tube tunneling before they spit out into one of the big cloud machines. The cloud machine starts to huff and puff, expanding in size!

SC 19. EXT. PONYVILLE - FIELD/FOREST AREA - CONTINUOUS

Ponies have stopped their work and are now looking to the distance in awe as Cloudsdale is starting to tremble. Steam-like clouds seem to be leaking out of the factory as it becomes more and more pressurized.

Applejack, Pinkie Pie, Fluttershy, Rarity, and Twilight huddle together.

115 APPLEJACK
What in Celestia's name is goin' on
up there?!

116 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I don't know, but I'm sure it's not
supposed to be doing that!

117 RARITY
Has anypony seen Rainbow Dash?
Surely, she'll know what to do!

Just then, a <WHISTLING SOUND> like a teapot comes from Cloudsdale. Pressure inside the factory is building.

118 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Prepare yourselves, everypony...

She looks absolutely terrified.

119 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Winter is coming.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT 2**ACT 3****SC 20. EXT. FIELD/FOREST AREA - CONTINUOUS**

The factory sounds continue to intensify, the whistling louder and higher, more steam clouds leaking out.

Twilight senses what's coming.

120 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
EVERYPONY!! LOOK OUT!!

The ponies all start to flee the open field and seek protection.

SC 21. INT. WEATHER FACTORY - WINTER LAB - CONTINUOUS

The cloud machine that Rainbow Dash is stuck in continues to chug away, faster, and growing in size as the hamster tunnel sucks up snow and water and ice and everything else. <ALARMS> BLARE!

A beat of ominous silence...

SC 22. EXT. WEATHER FACTORY - CONTINUOUS

Cloudsdale ponies peek out from shelter...

<KABOOM!!!> A GIANT PUFFY SNOWBALL shoots off into the sky!

SC 23. EXT. PONYVILLE - SKY - CONTINUOUS

121 RAINBOW DASH
 (freaked out)
-----AAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!

The massive snowball falls toward Ponyville. OVERHEAD ANGLE as Rainbow Dash rides it like Slim Pickins on the A-bomb from DOCTOR STRANGELOVE.

SC 24. EXT. FIELD/FOREST AREA - CONTINUOUS

The ponies look up and see a huge ball of snow coming their way. The glittery ball pans by the ponies, reflecting in their eyes.

122 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Whooo.....

123 PINKIE PIE
Oooooaaaaa.....

124 RARITY
Oooooaaaaaaa.....

125 FLUTTERSHY
Ooooohhhhhhhh!

126 APPLEJACK
Hot diggity!

Rainbow Dash rides the huge snowball down toward the fields nearby. She sails over the heads of her friends. [NOTE: nopony is below in the impact zone.]

The snowball HITS THE GROUND IN A WASH OF WHITE! Ponyville is instantly transformed into a winter wonderland, with the "shrapnel" of snowflakes falling gently to the ground.

The Mane Five race over as Rainbow Dash climbs out of a hole in the snow and shakes her head. Little Tank shakes his head to show he's all right.

127 RAINBOW DASH
You okay, Tank?

Tank <YAWNS.>

128 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Rainbow Dash! Are you all right?

When Rainbow Dash looks around, she sees that her entire plan has backfired, and Ponyville is covered in three times as much snow as usual!

Winter has definitely arrived...ahead of schedule!!!

Rainbow Dash smacks her forehead and falls back into the hole.

129 RAINBOW DASH
No.

SC 25. INT. RAINBOW DASH'S HOUSE - LATER

Rainbow Dash lays forlornly on her bed, in a warm cozy robe. Tank is beside her in his own little robe, warming up, too.

130 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
Knock, knock...

Rainbow Dash slowly looks over. All her friends are standing there, in her room. (Twilight has given them the spell to walk on clouds.)

Pinkie Pie walks through the cloud wall, bypassing the door. Rainbow Dash doesn't seem to care about any of it. She only has eyes for Tank.

131 FLUTTERSHY
How are you feeling, Rainbow Dash?

132 RAINBOW DASH
Whatever.

Rarity huddles with Twilight.

133 RARITY
(whispering)
Poor thing looks so sad! Just what
are we going to do?...

134 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(whispering)
I don't know what we CAN do. She's
been in total denial about Tank
hibernating. And then she snapped
and became so angry about it. And
now, well...

Applejack approaches Rainbow Dash.

135 APPLEJACK
Buck up, sugarcube, you just ain't
yourself these days.

136 RAINBOW DASH
Whatever.

137 RARITY
You've lost your sparkle Rainbow
Dash!

138 PINKIE PIE
I hate to say this...but well...
you've become...a party pooper!

139 RAINBOW DASH
Didn't you hear me? I said
whatever.

Rainbow Dash's eyebrows furrow.

140 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I don't know if you're up here to
cheer me up or what, but I'm fine.

Twilight Sparkle and Fluttershy look at each other.
Fluttershy takes a deep breath.

141 FLUTTERSHY
(quietly)
Let me handle this.
(loudly)
Rainbow Dash, your winter is going
to be PETLESS!

There's a silent beat, then Rainbow Dash makes a <CHOKING
SOUND.>

Then she ERUPTS IN TEARS!!

142 RAINBOW DASH
(sobbing)
WAAAAAAAAAHHHH!!!

The ponies are all taken aback by her over-the-top emotional outpouring.

143 RARITY
(to Fluttershy, a little
frightened)
What ever did you do that for?

144 FLUTTERSHY
Because she'll never get past this
until she lets it all out.

145 RAINBOW DASH
(wailing)
WAAAAAHHHH!!!! TAAAAANNNKKKK!!!!

146 APPLEJACK
(uncomfortably)
Uh, it's okay! Tank'll come back in
a few months!

147 RAINBOW DASH
(wailing)
MONTHS?! WAAAAAHHHH!!! I DON'T WANT
HIM TO GOOOOO!!!!!!!!!! WAAAAAHHHH!!!

148 APPLEJACK
All right, all right. There there.

Rainbow Dash continues to <WAIL> in the background as the ponies plan their next step.

149 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Nice goin', Fluttershy. How do we
get her to stop?

150 RARITY
This is such a tragedy! Good thing
she doesn't wear mascara!

151 RAINBOW DASH
WAAAAAHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

152 FLUTTERSHY
She's got to be about done now.
Can't be too much left in there.

Suddenly it's quiet. They turn and see Rainbow Dash <SNIFFLING>. Fluttershy goes and sits next to her on the bed.

153 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Feeling better?

154 RAINBOW DASH
(sniffling)
Uh-huh.

All of sudden, Rainbow Dash dramatically falls back into her pillows.

155 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
(crying)
WAAAAHHH! WAAAAAAHHHHHH!!! NO,
TANK, NO!!!!!!!

156 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh, for Pete's sake!

Fluttershy's lip starts to tremble as she watches Rainbow Dash cry. Then she begins to <CRY!>

157 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, you poor, poor thing!

After a moment, Rarity starts to sniffle, too!

158 RARITY
I can't bear to see Fluttershy cry!

...and that gets Pinkie Pie <CRYING>!

159 PINKIE PIE
(crying)
It's...just...heart wrenching!

Twilight Sparkle can't believe her eyes. She looks over at Applejack.

160 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You, too?

161 APPLEJACK
Nope. I'm good.

Rarity, Fluttershy, Rainbow Dash, and Pinkie Pie huddle together in a big tear-pile.

162 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Look, everypony, I know how hard it
is to say goodbye--

163 PINKIE PIE
(to Twilight)
I'm mostly sad because you're NOT
sad!

164 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What?? Me?? What about Applejack?
She's not crying. Aren't you sad
about that?!

165 PINKIE PIE
Applejack cries on the inside,
Twilight!

166 APPLEJACK
(nonchalant)
It's true.

Twilight Sparkle stands with Applejack, shaking her head.

167 RAINBOW DASH
(through tears)
It's all right, Fluttershy. It's
all right...

Twilight Sparkle and Applejack exchange a look.

168 APPLEJACK
You think she's done or just
gettin' a third wind?

169 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I don't know....Rainbow Dash?

Rainbow Dash snuffles, and the other ponies take note,
ceasing their bouts of crying as well.

170 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Are you okay?

171 RAINBOW DASH
(sniffling)
I think so.

Twilight and Applejack join the others.

172 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I feel better. Really, I do.

All the ponies look at each other and smile, some wiping away
tears.

173 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Thanks, everypony. I don't know
what I'd do without you.
(turning to Tank)
Or him...

Her face curls up for a fresh round of tears--

But Twilight quickly cuts it off:

174 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Just remember, Rainbow Dash, Tank
NEEDS this. It's healthy for him.
And you'll see him again when
spring comes.

Rainbow Dash studies Tank, who is looking at her, sweetly,
but tired.

175 RAINBOW DASH
Oh, Tank. I'm sure gonna miss you.

Tank rubs his head against her. They all share a big hug.

FADE TO:

SC 26. EXT. FIELD/FOREST AREA - MORNING

The Mane Six, minus Rainbow Dash, have convened in the
wintery wonderland. They are dressed in their winter gear.
Ponyville ponies are having a great time playing in the snow.

176 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, guess we're starting winter
with a bang.

177 APPLEJACK
The fun's come early! Yee-haw!!

178 PINKIE PIE
(to Twilight)
You think we could mess up winter
every year? It's way less work!!

179 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I don't think Rainbow Dash could
handle it--

180 RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)
Oh, I don't know...

The ponies see Rainbow Dash coming up to them, with Tank in
her saddlebag.

181 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Riding that entire season from
Cloudsdale to Ponyville was pretty
awesome, wasn't it, Tank?

Tank just <YAWNS.> The ponies are glad to see her in better
spirits.

182 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I thought you guys might like to
say goodbye to Tank. He's ready to
hibernate.

183 PINKIE PIE
You're using the word! She's using
the word!!

Pinkie Pie throws her arms around Rainbow Dash, full of
excitement.

184 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
And when Tank finishes hibernating,
I'm going to throw him the biggest
Welcome Home party ever!! Or wait--
should it be a "Welcome Above
Ground" party? Or a "Happy Wake-Up"
party? Maybe an "It's about time"
party?

185 RARITY
And I'll design him a verrry
special suit just for the occasion -
-whichever one it ends up being!

186 APPLEJACK
I'm glad you're feelin' a lil'
better, Rainbow Dash. You had us
worried for a bit there!

187 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah. Me too.

Rainbow Dash clears away some snow beneath a tree and lowers
Tank to the ground.

188 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
So, you really want to do this
hibernation thing, huh?

Tank looks at her sweetly and...smiles?!

She kneels down and digs a small hole for him. Tank looks
back at everypony.

189 PONIES
Goodbye Tank!/We'll miss you!/Enjoy
your nap!

Tank looks up at Rainbow Dash. She kneels down and nuzzles
his nose.

Tank turns around and heads into the hole, digging the dirt
back in place behind him, covering up the hole.

190 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well? Ready for some winter fun?

All the ponies look at Rainbow Dash just to make sure she's okay. She reclines against the tree and whips out a Daring Do book. A little tear runs from her eye which she swipes away quickly.

191 RAINBOW DASH
(smiling)
I'm just gonna hang here and read to him a bit. That lil guy can never get to sleep without a bedtime story.

The others head off to play in the snow as Rainbow Dash cracks open the book and starts to read...

FADE OUT.

THE END