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TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

RAINBOW DASH walks toward the castle when a voice calls out from behind her.

1 SCOOTALOO (O.S.)
Hey! Rainbow Dash!

Dash turns to see an excited SCOOTALOO racing up.

2 RAINBOW DASH
Hiya Scootaloo! What's up?

3 SCOOTALOO
The Rainbow Dash fan club just decided - everypony's coming to see you when the Wonderbolts' new tour comes through Ponyville!

Dash <CHUCKLES> and starts back toward the castle; Scootaloo falls in beside her.

4 RAINBOW DASH
Well, it's great that you guys are going to the show, Scoot, but I won't actually be performing in it.
(off Scoot's sad face)
Reservists aren't in the shows unless one of the real Wonderbolts can't fly. I'll probably be working crowd control or something.

Scootaloo processes this information, then:

5 SCOOTALOO
You're still gonna be wearing a Wonderbolts uniform, though, right?

6 RAINBOW DASH
A Reservist one, yeah.

7 SCOOTALOO
(deciding)
That's good enough for me!

Scoot turns and is about to roll back the way she came when a ROARING SOUND is heard overhead, causing her and Rainbow Dash to look up for the source of the disturbance.

TRACK WITH THEM to FIND three Wonderbolts STREAKING across the sky in a V-formation.

The leader spots Rainbow Dash on the ground and nods to the others, then spirals down to the ground, landing right in front of the awestruck Scootaloo.

8 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Whoa!

SPITFIRE (the leader) pushes her goggles up, gives Scootaloo a small nod and steps up to Dash.

9 SPITFIRE
Rainbow Dash - glad we found you.
We need you in the show when we get
to Ponyville.
(clarifying)
Flying.

10 SCOOTALOO
But she's only in the Reserves!

Spitfire looks down and gives Scoot a wry smile.

11 SPITFIRE
Not anymore, kid...

Scootaloo looks up at Rainbow Dash with a face that's all eyes and teeth.

12 RAINBOW DASH
(to Spitfire)
You mean...

Spitfire starts to answer, but Scoot's excitement boils over as she can't help herself...

13 SCOOTALOO
Rainbow Dash! You're finally a full-
fledged Wonderbolt!!

14 SPITFIRE
(to Dash, pointing to
Scootaloo)
What she said.

OFF a WIDE SHOT as the truth of this sinks in for Dash...

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 2 - INT. CLOUDOMINIUM - DAY

Rainbow Dash zips back and forth trying to pack while the rest of the Mane 6 and SPIKE help her focus through her excitement and PINKIE PIE throws an impromptu party.

15 RAINBOW DASH
Anypony see my wing balm? I don't
wanna be stiff when I show up at
Wonderbolt headquarters.

Pinkie Pie blows a NOISEMAKER.

16 PINKIE PIE
Rainbow Dash is going to Wonderbolt
headquarters!!

17 SPIKE
(holds up polish)
Got it.

Spike throws the tin of polish to Dash, but it gets lost in the EXPLOSION when Pinkie's cannon GOES OFF.

18 PINKIE PIE
Because she's a Wonderbolt!

19 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Do you have time to tell us what
happened, Rainbow Dash?

20 RARITY
Yes, we must know every detail!

21 PINKIE PIE
Start from when you were a foal and
you first knew your destiny was to
become a Wonderbolt!

Dash tries to play it cool as she throws the polish in her pack, but is obviously over the moon.

22 RAINBOW DASH
Not much to tell, really. Spitfire
told me the Wonderbolts need me to
go on tour with them.

23 FLUTTERSHY
That's really great. I know how
long you've been waiting for a spot
to open up.

24 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, Fire Streak decided to retire and teach full-time. Cloudsdale Flight School will probably be churning out Wonderbolts with him there. But guess who was at the top of the Reserve list?

Pinkie POPS into frame and releases a clutch of balloons as she waves a hoof frantically.

25 PINKIE PIE
Ooh ooh! I know!! Pick me!!

26 RARITY
(ignoring Pinkie, to Dash)
So what do you do now, dear?

27 RAINBOW DASH
I have to report to Wonderbolts Headquarters this afternoon. It's only two days till the tour starts and I need to learn the routine.

28 PINKIE PIE
You're leaving already?! But we barely started your congratulations party! I haven't even thought about your going away party yet.
(thinking)
Though I assume you'd want at least fifty balloons, and cupcakes with each of the Wonderbolts on them, and a banner, and a marching band--

29 RAINBOW DASH
(looking around)
Pinkie, I'm not leaving Ponyville. I just have to train for this show.

30 FLUTTERSHY
(hands her goggles)
I hope everything goes well. It sounds like an awful lot of pressure, having to learn everything so quickly.

31 APPLEJACK
Yeah, good luck, Dash!

32 RAINBOW DASH
Luck? Save that for the rest of the team.

(MORE)

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

Now that my awesomeness has finally been recognized, the other Wonderbolts will have to keep up or eat my cloud-trail.

33 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Everypony knows you're a great flier, Rainbow Dash, but so are the rest of the Wonderbolts - It might be more challenging than you think.

34 RAINBOW DASH

You're right. I mean, do I show up wearing sunglasses or not? Sunglasses are automatically cool, but anypony can put them on. Maybe I'd stand out more if I didn't.

OFF Dash, beaming, as the others gather tighter around her...

SC. 3 - EXT. WONDERBOLTS HQ - LATER

A compound in the clouds (landing strip, outlying buildings, etc. as seen in Ep. 307). Spitfire leads Dash toward the barracks, pointing things out along the way.

35 SPITFIRE

Team briefings are every morning--

36 RAINBOW DASH

--At oh seven twenty. Because there were twenty ponies in the original EUP Guard that became the Wonderbolts.

37 SPITFIRE

Right. And I know you've seen the Academy bunks, but these are the official Wonderbolts' barracks--

38 RAINBOW DASH

--Built by Admiral Fairweather himself!

Dash makes to race over excitedly, but Spitfire holds her back with a hoof.

39 SPITFIRE

Don't forget rule number one, newbie - always check both ways before crossing the runway.

Spitfire looks left and right, then precedes across. Dash follows her glances, confused.

40 RAINBOW DASH
Sure, but nopony else is here!

41 SPITFIRE
They will be. And most of the Wonderbolts like to make a flashy entrance, so stay alert.

42 RAINBOW DASH
Right. No problem...

Spitfire leads them into...

SC. 4 - INT. WONDERBOLTS HQ - BARRACKS - CONTINUOUS

A common area in front with several bunks in the bg and a door to a kitchen off to one side. Dash notices a display case with a military cap and other memorabilia inside.

43 RAINBOW DASH
Whoa! Is that General Flash's cap?!

Dash races over to check it out, enraptured. Spitfire saunters up behind her.

44 SPITFIRE
And the original crest with the Wonderbolts' motto on it.

45 RAINBOW DASH/SPITFIRE
"Altius volantis."
(translation)
"Soaring higher!"

46 RAINBOW DASH
(geeking out)
WOW!!
(trying to rein it in)
I mean... cool.

Spitfire gives Dash a knowing look.

47 SPITFIRE
Okay, newbie, we've got a show in two days, which means you've gotta hustle your haunches to learn this routine. You've got five minutes to get dressed and get outside to meet the rest of the team.

48 RAINBOW DASH
(snapping to attention)
Yes, ma'am! I'll have all the moves
down by the end of the day.

49 SPITFIRE
Let's hope so. We're all expecting
you to make quite an impression.

Spitfire exits. OFF Dash...

SC. 5 - INT. WONDERBOLTS HQ - BARRACKS - MOMENTS LATER

Dash stands in front of a mirror in her full Wonderbolts regalia, admiring her reflection.

50 RAINBOW DASH
Lookin' good!
(then, nervous)
Okay, you're about to take your
first flight as an actual
Wonderbolt. No pressure. Just gotta
go out there and knock 'em off
their hooves.

She rolls her head and shakes the nerves out of her legs, then takes one last look in the mirror.

51 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
(more confident)
Okay, Wonderbolts, get ready to
meet your most awesome member ever!

She steps out to...

SC. 6 - EXT. WONDERBOLTS HQ - TARMAC - CONTINUOUS

Dash sees Spitfire, MISTY FLY and a few Others across the tarmac, and heads over in her coolest Rainbow Dash strut.

52 SPITFIRE
(alarmed)
Hey! Look out!!

Dash turns just in time to see SOARIN and FLEETFOOT bearing down on her. She has to dive out of the way to avoid being hit, and lands in a garbage can.

The can topples over and rolls, with her in it, to a stop in front of Spitfire and the rest of the Wonderbolts, who can't help but laugh as she sits there, dizzy and covered in garbage.

53 MISTY FLY
Whoa! Most awesome entrance by a
newbie ever!

Soarin and Fleetfoot land as Dash gets to her feet and shakes
the trash off her mane and back.

54 SOARIN
Are you okay, Rainbow Dash?!

55 FLEETFOOT
More like Rainbow *Crash!*

CHUCKLES from the others at this as we PUSH IN on Rainbow
Dash, blushing with embarrassment, as we...

MEMORY TRANSITION TO:

SC. 7 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE - THE PAST

YOUNG RAINBOW DASH flips and soars and flies through the sky
on her approach to a cloud filled with other young pegasi.

56 YOUNG DASH
Okay, flight school. Get ready for
Rainbow Dash!!!

Young Dash zooms in, but misjudges her landing and tumbles
head over hooves to the feet of the TEACHER. YOUNG HOOPS and
YOUNG DUMB-BELL stand nearby.

57 YOUNG HOOPS
More like Rainbow Crash!

LAUGHTER as Dash looks up and we PULL WIDE to see she's in
the middle of the class of Young Pegasi, all laughing as they
intone over and over again.

58 YOUNG PEGASI
Rainbow Crash, Rainbow Crash,
Rainbow Crash!

Off the woefully embarrassed expression of Young Dash we...

RETURN TO:

ADULT DASH - in the present, but with a similar expression.

DASH shakes off the memory, and some garbage, as she looks to
Soarin, angry.

59 RAINBOW DASH
Hey! You guys buzzed me on purpose!

60 SPITFIRE
(stepping up)
Not quite. You forgot rule number
one, newbie -

61 EVERYPONY
(chanting)
"Always check both ways before
crossing the runway."

Dash realizes it was her fault but doesn't want to back down.

62 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, well, I was just... testing
you guys.

The others all give her "yeah, right" nods.

63 SPITFIRE
All right, nopony got hurt and
we've got a lot to do, so let's
forget about this and get flying.

As the ponies take to the air, Misty Fly pats Dash good-naturedly on the back.

64 MISTY FLY
Classic rookie move, Rainbow Crash.
That was amazing.

She beams at Dash, who gives a weak smile in return. OFF
Dash, hesitantly taking flight...

SC. 8 - EXT. WONDERBOLTS HQ - SKY - QUICK CUTS

A series of quick shots shows Dash struggling to overcome her
disastrous debut.

-Six Bolts fly in a double chevron formation, but Dash is
flying a little low.

65 SPITFIRE (O.S.)
Higher, Crash! You're breaking
formation!

-The Bolts weave in and out of each other's space, practicing
a crossing pattern. Dash zooms along, when Soarin enters
frame from her left, on a blindside collision course.

66 SOARIN
Check your nine, Crash!

Dash whips around to see Soarin closing in on her. She zips out of the way just in time, but is obviously flustered. She physically tries to shake it off, then zips back into line.

Dash and two other Bolts zoom toward camera in a three-pronged formation. As they bank, ANGLE ON Spitfire, megaphone in hoof:

67 SPITFIRE
Tighter, Crash! Get in there!

68 RAINBOW DASH
(frustrated)
My name's not Crash!

Dash edges toward the pony near her, but she's rattled and gets too close. Their hooves CLICK and they go spiralling off in different directions, knocking the third pony out of position too.

69 WONDERBOLT #1
You coulda fooled me!

OFF Dash, pulling out of her spin and trying to mentally recover...

SC. 9 - INT. WONDERBOLTS HQ - BARRACKS - DUSK

The Wonderbolts minus Spitfire file into the barracks after a long practice. Dash enters last, dejected, but puts on a game face when Fleetfoot turns to her.

70 FLEETFOOT
Hey Crash, I know it was a tough day today, but don't worry, you'll get the hang of it.

71 RAINBOW DASH
(extra bravado)
Tough day? Please. If I can pull off a Sonic Rainboom, I can learn this routine. I'll have it down cold tomorrow. Probably even come up with a couple of improvements.

Spitfire enters and spots Dash.

72 SPITFIRE
Rainbow Dash, over here, please.

Dash trots over, worried by the tone of Spitfire's voice.

73 RAINBOW DASH
Yes, ma'am?

74 SPITFIRE
I'm glad you're still here.

75 RAINBOW DASH
(perking up)
Oh yeah? Did you want some ideas on
how to make the show extra awesome?

76 SPITFIRE
Not quite. I know you've been a
Reservist for a while, but the
Bolts have a few of their own rules
you might not know about - like
worst flier of the day has to clean
up the whole compound.

She points to a push broom and trash can in the corner.

77 SPITFIRE (CONT'D)
Better get to it, Crash.

Spitfire exits as the other Bolts look on.

78 RAINBOW DASH
(dejected, under her
breath)
My name's not Crash.

OFF Dash, crushed...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 10 - EXT./INT. CLOUDOMINIUM - CONTINUOUS

Dash lands outside her home, head hanging. She enters and
flips the lights on to see the place decorated in Pinkie
party chic and the rest of the Mane 6, Spike and the Cutie
Mark Crusaders gathered in the middle of the room.

79 EVERYPONY
Surprise!!

80 RAINBOW DASH
Whoa!

Scotaloo nods to the other CMCs and they unfurl a homemade banner with a picture of Dash in her Wonderbolts uniform and several lightning bolts drawn on it.

81 CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS
Hooray Rainbow Dash! Our favorite
Wonderbolt!

The Mane 6 smile at the CMCs, then Twilight steps forward.

82 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We know you're probably tired,
Rainbow Dash, but Pinkie wanted to
throw you a real party.

83 PINKIE PIE
Your Best Day EVER party!!!

84 RAINBOW DASH
(awkward)
Hehe. Yeah. It was something, all
right.

85 APPLEJACK
Well, we can't wait to hear all
about it.

86 RAINBOW DASH
And I'd love to tell you. I really
would. But I am pretty beat. <BIG
FAKE YAWN> You know, from all the
excitement of my big day.

Dash's friends know her, and can tell something's up.

87 FLUTTERSHY
Um, is something wrong, Rainbow
Dash?

88 RAINBOW DASH
What could be wrong? I'm finally a
Wonderbolt, which means everything
has to be totally perfectly
awesome.

89 RARITY
Oh dear, something is wrong. What
happened, darling?

Dash can't lie to her friends, but tries to downplay the situation.

90 RAINBOW DASH
I told you, it's nothing. I mean,
maybe some of the Wonderbolts
started calling me "Rainbow
Crash"...

91 FLUTTERSHY
Oh no! Isn't that the same terrible
nickname those bullies in flight
school used to call you?!

92 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(off Dash's nod)
Why would they call you that?

93 RAINBOW DASH
(beat, reluctant)
Well, I kinda fell into a garbage
can.

The other Mane Six react - that's pretty bad.

94 PINKIE PIE
Well, look at the bright side - at
least they didn't call you Rainbow
Trash!

95 APPLEJACK
(ignoring Pinkie)
So you started off on the wrong
hoof. I bet every new Wonderbolt
has a tough first day.

96 RARITY
What you need is to find a positive
way to stand out, darling. As soon
as you're known for something else,
that old nickname will be
forgotten.

97 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Rarity's right. Why don't you think
of the Wonderbolts like us - we're
a team, but we all stand out in
different ways.

An idea strikes Rainbow Dash, emphasized by Pinkie Pie
exploding a confetti-laden balloon over her head.

98 RAINBOW DASH
That's it!

99 PINKIE PIE
I know, right? Popping balloons is
even more fun than blowing them up!

100 RAINBOW DASH
No, I mean I know how to turn
things around with the Wonderbolts!
I'm gonna stand out in a different
way - just like you guys! Goodbye,
Rainbow Crash, hello, Captain
Awesome!!

OFF the rest of the Mane 6, unsure of what this means...

SC. 11 - INT. WONDERBOLTS HQ - BARRACKS - NEXT MORNING

Fleetfoot and a few other Wonderbolts walk into the barracks to make their morning power smoothies. They flip on the light to find Rainbow Dash standing in the middle of the room and the whole place decked out with streamers and balloons. Dash blows a noisemaker and starts bouncing around the room doing her best Pinkie Pie impression.

101 RAINBOW DASH
Good morning, everypony! Who's
ready for a fantastic day of
flying? I know I am!!

ON the other ponies, dumbfounded. Dash keeps going.

102 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I just couldn't be more excited for
the big show tomorrow. Are you guys
excited? I'm excited! Actually, I'm
always excited! Some ponies even
call me "Dynamic Dash" because I'm
so full of energy all the time!

Dash pauses and looks hopefully at Fleetfoot, who just blows confetti out of her mane.

103 FLEETFOOT
Wonderbolts don't get excited,
Crash. You gotta keep a level head
to fly the way we do.

Dash crinkles her nose in frustration, then changes tacks, slipping into an Applejack drawl.

104 RAINBOW DASH
Well, of course I know that! But
the truth of the matter is, you
should be excited.
(MORE)

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

It's the dream of near every little Pegasus pony to grow up and fly with the Wonderbolts, and here y'all are doing it.

105 FLEETFOOT

So are you.

106 RAINBOW DASH

True. And go ahead and call me "Forthright Filly" if you want, but shucks, I like to tell it like it is. And I believe a pony oughta appreciate hard work paying off like this, because being a Wonderbolt is something special.

107 WONDERBOLT #2

(unmoved, walks past her)

We know.

Off Dash, stymied - strike one...

SC. 12 - EXT. WONDERBOLTS HQ - MOMENTS LATER

Spitfire stands on the runway going over the details of a maneuver with a pair of Wonderbolts. Dash approaches, carrying a book.

108 RAINBOW DASH

(a la Twilight)

You know, I was just reading about how dihedral wing angles can help increase stability in banking turns. It made me think that pre-flight checklists could really help increase our efficiency, so I went ahead and made them for everyone.

She pulls a checklist out of the book and holds it out to Spitfire.

109 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

I'm always finding so much interesting information in books. In fact, a lot of ponies call me "Reading Rainboom."

Dash smiles hopefully at Spitfire, who pulls out a megaphone and yells at her from a foot away, blasting the checklist from her hoof and blowing her mane back.

110 SPITFIRE
We all know how wings work, newbie,
and we already have checklists! Now
get off the runway!

Dash slips into a submissive Fluttershy whisper as she
hesitantly backs away.

111 RAINBOW DASH
I'm so sorry. I was just trying to
help because I care about all of
the Wonderbolts oh so much.
Yesiree, just call me "Care Mare."
(off Spitfire's glare)
Um, but if you're busy now I can
just come back later.
(the glare intensifies)
Or, you know, not at all.

Off Dash, slinking away, head down - strike two...

SC. 13 - INT. WONDERBOLTS HQ - LOCKER ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Rainbow Dash sees Soarin and another Wonderbolt walk up to
their lockers.

112 RAINBOW DASH
(to herself)
Okay, third time's the charm.

She sashays over to them, doing her version of Rarity's high-
society accent.

113 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I must tell you how much I just
love those uniforms! Why, ever
since I was a foal I've admired the
mixture of bold lines and classic
contours. They don't call me
"Rainbow Fash" for nothing!

114 SOARIN
(dumbfounded)
Uh...

115 RAINBOW DASH
(scrambling not to lose
him)
The "Fash" is for fashion.

116 SPITFIRE (O.S.)
Crash!

Dash turns to see Spitfire beckoning from in front of Dash's locker. Dash trots over.

117 SPITFIRE (CONT'D)
I'm not sure why you're acting like this, but you need to stop.

118 RAINBOW DASH
(normal voice, covering)
I was just, you know, trying to show everypony all the awesome ways I can contribute to the Bolts.

119 SPITFIRE
I know you're excited to find your place on the team, but just focus on the routine for now, okay?

120 RAINBOW DASH
Yes, ma'am.

121 SPITFIRE
Maybe this will help motivate you.

Spitfire reaches behind her and pulls out a bomber jacket. She holds it up so Dash can see it's embroidered on the left side of the chest.

122 RAINBOW DASH
(reading)
"Crash."

Dash takes it reluctantly, a look of horror on her face.

123 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Couldn't you just put my regular name on it?

124 SPITFIRE
That's not how it works around here. We all have our nicknames on our jackets.
(yelling to Soarin)
Right, Clipper?

125 RAINBOW DASH
Clipper?

126 SOARIN
Right, boss!

127 SPITFIRE
So now it's official. Welcome to the Wonderbolts, Crash!

Spitfire CHUCKLES and trots off. As Dash stares down at the embroidered "CRASH" patch...

FADE UP SFX of Dumb-Bell, Hoops, and the rest of the young ponies from Dash's memory calling her "Rainbow Crash," over and over again, growing in volume until it becomes an ECHOING TAUNT: "Rainbow Crash! Rainbow Crash!..." Finally...

QUICK FADE OUT OF SFX as Dash grits her teeth and tosses the jacket into her locker.

128 RAINBOW DASH

(determined)

If I don't come up with something unforgettable to add to the routine, I'm gonna be Rainbow Crash for the rest of my life.

With that she slams her locker door as we...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 14 - EXT. PONYVILLE - EDGE OF TOWN - THE NEXT DAY

The Mane 6 (minus Dash), Spike and the Cutie Mark Crusaders walk and talk as they approach stands set up in a field.

129 PINKIE PIE

I can't wait to see Rainbow Dash's first performance as an honest to goodness Wonderbolt!

130 SPIKE

I know! I'm almost as excited as Pinkie Pie!

131 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

We all are, Spike.

132 SCOOTALOO

This is gonna be so amazing!!

133 PINKIE PIE

I hope there's cotton candy!

134 FLUTTERSHY

We should all remember to be extra supportive for Rainbow Dash, too.

135 RARITY
Excellent point, dear. It's simply dreadful that she's had such a rough start after finally achieved her dream.

136 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Rainbow Dash is a pretty resilient pony. I'm sure she's shaken off her tough first day and turned it around by now.

Dash zips overhead, looking around manically. Applejack spots her.

137 APPLEJACK
Speaking of - hey Dash!

Dash pulls up, hovering as she appraises them.

138 RAINBOW DASH
Perfect! Hey, can I borrow Scootaloo?

139 SCOOTALOO
Me? What for?

140 RAINBOW DASH
(cagey)
I just need some help and figured the president of the Rainbow Dash fan club was the right pony for the job.

141 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I thought the Wonderbolt Reserves were here to help.

142 RAINBOW DASH
(cagey, manic)
Oh, they're all busy doing, um... official Reserves stuff. But don't worry, with Scootaloo's help, everything's gonna be awesome. Better than awesome. The awesomest!

143 RARITY
(unsure)
Does that mean practice went well yesterday?

Dash pushes Scootaloo away in a hurry, talking back over her shoulder.

144 RAINBOW DASH
You better hurry. You're gonna want
good seats for the show! Trust me!

Dash zips off with Scoot as the others exchange suspicious looks.

SC. 15 - EXT. BLUFF - LATER

Dash carries Scootaloo under the arms as she alights on a small bluff near a makeshift ramp.

145 SCOOTALOO
What are we doin' up here, Rainbow Dash?

146 RAINBOW DASH
I just need a small favor from you that's really gonna make this show something special.

Dash pulls a small storm cloud from behind a rock and pushes it to the end of the ramp.

147 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Now, the Wonderbolts are going to fly over this ridge right before the finale of the show. I'll fly by last, and when I signal you, you zip up the ramp on your scooter and kick the storm cloud out into my path.

148 SCOOTALOO
What?

149 RAINBOW DASH
(not listening)
That kick will shoot off a lightning bolt right behind me, making me look totally awesome! And then I'll do some incredible Rainbow Dash flying with it to create the coolest, show-stoppingest, lightning-tastic light show anypony has ever seen!

150 SCOOTALOO
Are you sure about this?

151 RAINBOW DASH
(nodding frantic)
It's gonna be so awesome!
(MORE)

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
No pony will ever call me "Rainbow
Crash" after this.

ANGLE ON: the stands below. Dash sees ponies filing in.

152 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Oof, gotta go! Be ready for me,
okay, Scootaloo?

Dash flies off.

153 SCOOTALOO
(unsure)
Um, okay?

OFF this...

SC. 16 - EXT. STANDS - MOMENTS LATER

Twilight, Applejack, Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle, Rarity and Fluttershy shuffle in and take their seats.

154 ANNOUNCER (V.O.)
Mares and gentlecolts, and foals of
all ages, look to the skies and
prepare to be awestruck by the
incredible flying prowess of... the
Wonderbolts!!

155 FLUTTERSHY
Oh no! I hope Spike and Pinkie Pie
are done getting their snacks or
they're going to miss Rainbow Dash!

The audience CHEERS as the Wonderbolts streak past the stands
in an ultra-tight diamond formation, with Dash at the tail.

156 RARITY
Don't worry, Fluttershy. Nothing
would keep Pinkie Pie from missing
this.

157 APPLEJACK
Except maybe cotton candy.

SC. 17 - EXT. CONCESSION STAND - SAME

Spike has a drink in his claw, backpedaling toward the stands
as he yells to Pinkie, who waits at the counter:

158 SPIKE
C'mon, Pinkie, the show's starting!

159 PINKIE PIE
One second!
(to unseen worker)
Just a little bit bigger, please,
but hurry!

PAN TO: the Concession Pony, who swirls around what is already a comically large cotton candy cone.

160 PINKIE PIE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Bigger!!

SC. 18 - EXT. STANDS - SAME

Back with the other Mane 6 and CMC members as they "Ooh" and "Aah" with the rest of the crowd. The Bolts come out of a loop and bank toward the stands.

161 EVERYPONY
Rainbow Dash!/Go Dash!/Yay!

Dash gives a wink as she flies over them, then the team banks out of sight.

162 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That was amazing! She's doing
great!

163 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
Bigger!!

SC. 19 - EXT. SKY - CONTINUOUS

Follow the Wonderbolts as they split into two groups of three that bank off in opposite directions, then loop around and weave through each other's path with extreme precision. The two lines arc out and curve back in to meet again, but this time each pair that meets up in the middle twists up in a climbing helix.

Dash is flying like she normally does and is in perfect formation with the rest of the team. When each pair reaches the apex of their climb, they fall off to opposite sides into a power dive. CLOSE ON: Dash, as she reaches the top of her climb and nods to Scootaloo.

164 RAINBOW DASH
Here we go!

SC. 20 - EXT. BLUFF - SAME

Scotaloo sees Dash nod and starts flapping her scooter toward the ramp.

165 SCOOTALOO
I hope this works!

Scoot builds up speed, flies up the ramp and tailwhips the small storm cloud toward Dash.

SC. 21 - EXT. SKY - SAME

The rest of the Bolts are either in their dive or starting to land. Dash's partner falls to the outside, away from the bluff, while Dash zooms straight toward the storm cloud. Unfortunately, Scoot's kick causes the lightning to FLASH sooner than Dash expected and Dash is heading toward trouble.

166 RAINBOW DASH
Whoa! Not yet!

Dash lurches sideways to avoid an arcing lightning bolt, which causes her to clip the edge of the bluff. From there she careens through a tall tree, scaring a flock of birds loose. Dash bounces off several branches as she falls through the tree, and rights herself in time to get peppered by the flock of birds.

SC. 22 - EXT. STANDS - SAME

The other Wonderbolts look back as they land in front of the stands, drawn by Dash's GRUNTS and GROANS and the GASPS from the crowd. ANGLE ON: The Mane 6 members in the stands.

167 RARITY
Oh no!

SC. 23 - EXT. SKY - SAME

The run-in with the birds sends Dash into a cloud bank, and when she comes out she's headed right for the bluff again. She bounces off that and bumps into the original storm cloud again. It shoots another bolt of lightning that strikes her flank with a FLASH.

168 RAINBOW DASH
Ahh!

Dazed, disheveled and smoking, Dash drops out of the sky, spiralling toward...

SC. 24 - EXT. CONCESSION STAND - SAME

Pinkie Pie is finally leaving the concession stand with a cotton candy cone that's 12 feet tall and 4 feet wide, trotting along with a gigantic smile on her face.

169 PINKIE PIE
I hope I'm not too late. I don't
know what took that guy so long.

ANGLE ON: The Concession Pony, exhausted and sweaty, in front of an empty cotton candy machine.

BACK ON: Pinkie, as she looks up to see Dash headed straight for her and lights up.

170 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Yay, Rainbow Dash!! Go, you
Wonderbolt, you!!

Dash plows straight through the cotton candy, which EXPLODES everywhere. She hits the ground, bounces and flat spins to...

SC. 25 - EXT. STANDS - CONTINUOUS

...where she spins to a stop in front of the rest of the Wonderbolts. Dash lifts her head and woozily looks at her teammates: she's got a pink cotton candy afro and beard on her head and a puff at the end of her tail. Pinkie jumps into frame, holding her empty cotton candy cone and screaming:

171 PINKIE PIE
That was amazing!!

Dash looks blearily at Spitfire, who just shakes her head.

172 SPITFIRE
Way to go, Rainbow Crash.

OFF Dash's head plopping to the ground...

SC. 26 - EXT. STANDS - MOMENTS LATER

The stands are emptying as the Wonderbolts gather around Dash. They lift her up and clean her off as the other Mane 6 approach.

173 SPITFIRE
You gonna tell us what just
happened, newbie?

174 RAINBOW DASH
(completely dejected)
I am so sorry.

175 SPITFIRE
I should hope so. You changed the routine without consulting me and put other ponies at risk. I've drummed flyers out of the Bolts for less.

176 RAINBOW DASH
I know and I'm ready for whatever punishment you want. You guys were right to call me Rainbow Crash. I've always been a standout flier, but since I joined the Wonderbolts, I've only stood out for making mistakes.

(sigh, head down)
It's been my dream my whole life, but I guess maybe I'm not Wonderbolt material after all.

177 SOARIN
Are you crazy?!

Dash looks up at Soarin, surprised.

178 SOARIN (CONT'D)
You're the most talented flier we've ever had.

179 RAINBOW DASH
But--

180 FLEETFOOT
And you've saved all of Equestria like, a dozen times!

181 RAINBOW DASH
I--

182 SPITFIRE
Of course you're supposed to be a Wonderbolt! We've been waiting for a spot to open up ever since you joined the Reserves.

Dash is having serious problems processing what she's hearing.

183 RAINBOW DASH
But... you guys... all called me
Rainbow Crash.

The Bolts just look at her like she's nuts.

184 SOARIN
Yeah, so? My nickname's Clipper.
Know why they call me that?

185 RAINBOW DASH
Um, you're as fast as a ship?

186 SOARIN
Because I clipped my wing on a
flagpole as I was landing on my
first day.

187 RAINBOW DASH
Huh.

188 FLEETFOOT
Flatfoot. My first day I misjudged
my landing and came down right on
Spitfire's hoof.

Other Wonderbolts raise their hooves and say their nicknames
without explanation.

189 WONDERBOLT #1
Slowpoke.

190 MISTY FLY
Daisy.

191 WONDERBOLT #2
Hoof 'n' Mouth.

Dash looks to Spitfire hopefully.

192 SPITFIRE
You don't want to know what they
call me.

Dash raises her eyes at this. Spitfire looks around and sees
civilians, so she leans in and whispers in Dash's ear.

193 RAINBOW DASH
(aghast)
Whoa, that's so much worse than
Crash.

194 SPITFIRE
Right?

195 RAINBOW DASH
(dreading the answer)
So, does that mean I'm still on the team?

196 SPITFIRE
(nods)
But if you weren't a newbie, I wouldn't be inclined to be so lenient. You think you can be part of this team and not constantly try to showboat?

197 RAINBOW DASH
I promise. I spent my whole life trying to be a standout flier, but now that I'm a Wonderbolt, it's time to be okay with fitting in.

198 SPITFIRE
Fine. But you're on probation for a month. Got a problem with that?

199 RAINBOW DASH
No, ma'am.

200 SPITFIRE
(smiling)
Good. Because I really didn't want to miss the chance to tease you *for years* about this catastrophe! I mean, that crash was epic!!

Everypony can't help but laugh, Dash included. OFF the rest of the Mane 6, watching their friend with pride...

SC. 27 - EXT. STANDS - NIGHT

The stands are empty, but Dash is still there, cleaning up the mess she made. Twilight and Scootaloo approach.

201 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Hey Rainbow Dash, we just wanted to check on you. Are you doing okay?

202 RAINBOW DASH
(big smile)
I'm doing great, thanks!

203 SCOOTALOO
Sure you don't need any help?

204 RAINBOW DASH
Nah. This mess is my responsibility
and I've gotta clean it all up
myself. And after this, Spitfire's
got me cleaning the Wonderbolts
compound for the next month.

205 SCOOTALOO
So why are you in such a good mood?

Dash stops sweeping and points to her uniform.

206 RAINBOW DASH
Duh! Because I'm a Wonderbolt!

OFF Twilight and Scootaloo, smiling as Dash starts sweeping
again, beaming as she does so...

END