MY LITTLE PONY EQUESTRIA GIRLS:

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SHORT 2: "School of Rock"

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SC. 1- INT. NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM - DAY

Establishing. A field trip group of STUDENTS from Canterlot High wander around the cavernous main room of the museum. They are flanked by MARBLE PILLARS and DINOSAUR SKELETONS.

CUT TO:

SC. 2 - INT. NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM - ROCK CORNER - CONTINUOUS

Tall shelves of ROCKS and GEMS line the walls behind the docent, MAUD PIE. An “UNDER CONSTRUCTION” sign hangs in front of them and a few parts of the display are boarded up.

A sparse crowd of students stand facing her, including PINKIE PIE, RARITY, and TWILIGHT.

1 MAUD PIE
(monotone)
Welcome to Rock Talks with Maud. Are you ready for rocks?

Only one kid in the back gives a tiny response. Everyone else seems bored.

2 STUDENT (O.S)
Woo!

3 MAUD PIE
Me too. I’m thrilled that you are here at the Canterlot Natural History Museum to learn about rocks, minerals, fossils, and last but not least... landforms. Let’s not forget soil erosion, either.

Maud gestures to the display behind her.

4 MAUD PIE (CONT’D)
As you can see, our display is currently undergoing some metamorphic changes. It’s been rocky getting this new one off the ground and we’re all feeling the pressure. That’s a little rock business humour for you. Ha. Ha.

No one laughs, except Pinkie who is in fits of laughter. A kid YAWNS.

5 PINKIE PIE
Good one, Maud!

6 MAUD PIE
Thank you. Minerals are classified as naturally occurring substances formed in a geological process. They feature a crystalline structure in addition to specific physical properties and chemical composition.

Maud gestures to the rocks behind her.

7 MAUD PIE (CONT'D)
That's why there are more than four thousand types of minerals.
(beat)
Now for something really fun. I will point to the Sedimentary rocks.

Maud begins pointing at random rocks on the shelves.

8 MAUD PIE (CONT'D)
There. And there. That one. There.

Maud keeps pointing.

9 MAUD PIE (CONT'D)
And there. Look over there.

10 PINKIE PIE
(to Rarity and Twilight)
Ready for what we planned with Maud?

Rarity and Twilight smile and nod as if to say "let's do it!"

Rarity shoots a CRYSTAL SHIELD FORMATION behind Maud. It's an elaborate display of gem shards that glitter in the light as it spins!

11 MAUD PIE
Thanks to the rock cycle, we also have these gems. Friction heats up the rocks. Baked rock doesn't melt, it forms them into crystals. The rock cycle never stops. It never, ever stops.

The students begin to notice. A few of their jaws drop. They gather around Maud's corner. Finally, they are paying attention!

Maud gestures to a dusty, old MODEL VOLCANO behind her.

12 MAUD PIE (CONT'D)
But all of it starts with hot magma rising to the crust through volcanic pipes. You might know it as lava. Magma-nificent.

Pinkie Pie aims "sprinkle explosions" from the mouth of the volcano to make it appear as if it's erupting.

13 MAUD PIE (CONT'D)
And the process of fossilization is the reason we have these dinosaur bones. Imagine, if you will, that these colossal prehistoric beasts are walking through this museum right now.

Twilight puts her arms up like a puppeteer.

The dinosaur bones begin to levitate and move. They are walking right towards the rock display!

14 MAUD PIE (CONT'D)
Look at that. You don't have to imagine. *Dino*-mite.

15 STUDENT WALLA
Omigoodness!/That's amazing!/Cool!/Check it out!

Everyone cheers and claps at the spectacle.

16 MAUD PIE
And now for the peak of my presentation... plateaus.

17 PINKIE PIE
Look at Maud! She's ecstatic!

Off Maud's blank face...

CUT TO:

SC. 3 - INT. NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM - ROCK CORNER - SHORTLY AFTER

The crowd has dispersed. Twilight, Pinkie Pie, and Rarity walk up to Maud.

18 PINKIE PIE
That was an amazing rock talk, Maud!! I mean... *wowza*!

19 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm so glad we were able to help you out!

20 RARITY
(proud)
It really had that special something extra, didn't it?

21 MAUD PIE
Yeah. My fans really enjoy when I mix it up. But those new rock puns I added in cemented everything. I think I'm getting boulder.

A young BOY comes up, looking extremely nervicited. Total fan moment. He points to a BUTTON on his shirt that has a picture of Maud's face.

22 YOUNG BOY
As a proud member of the "Maud Squad" I just wanted to ask...

He holds out a TEXTBOOK to MAUD, squirming with excitement.

23 YOUNG BOY (CONT'D)
...will you sign my Geology Book?!

Maud nods and scribbles. Off Twilight and Rarity's surprised faces as we...

FADE OUT.