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ACT I

TEASER:

1) EXT. PINKIE PIE'S HOUSE - EARLY MORNING

TWILIGHT, APPLEJACK, RAINBOW DASH, RARITY, and FLUTTERSHY gather outside PINKIE PIE's house.

1	APPLEJACK	1
	Has anypony heard from Pinkie Pie since yesterday?	

The ponies all shake their heads.

2	RAINBOW DASH	2
	I don't see what's so important we had to meet her here this early. The sun isn't even up yet!	

3	TWILIGHT	3
	Her message sounded urgent. I hope everything is okay...	

Twilight rings Pinkie Pie's doorbell at the same time that the ponies hear a <LOUD CRASH> from inside the house.

The door immediately BURSTS OPEN, and Pinkie Pie stands in the doorway wearing a pair of safety goggles and an oversized pink chef's hat.

4	PINKIE PIE	4
	Thank goodness you're all here! There's no time to lose!	

Pinkie Pie pulls and pushes the startled ponies through the doorway and into her house.

2) INT. PINKIE PIE'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy step into Pinkie Pie's house and onto a large multicolored pile of translucent rocks.

5	PINKIE PIE	5
	Careful!!	

Pinkie Pie pushes the ponies off the rock pile and nudges them further into the house where they bump into another pile of multicolored rocks.

6	TWILIGHT	6
	What's going on Pinkie Pie? What is all this?	
7	PINKIE PIE	7
	My sister's going to be here soon and I need your help taste-testing my rock candy recipes!	
	(a mile-a-minute)	
	There's tripple-blueberry-swirl, lemon-berry-punch, watermelon-dragon fruit, banana-peach, kiwi-coconut, peanut-butter-passion fruit, pink vanilla, chocolate strawberry, rainbow sugar burst, grapefruit-orange sunshine crunch, and rock salted caramel.	
8	APPLEJACK	8
	We're happy to help you, Pinkie Pie, but this seems like an awful lot of candy...	
9	RARITY	9
	Even for you.	
10	PINKIE PIE	10
	I may have gone a teensy bit overboard.	

We WIDEN TO REVEAL:

Pinkie Pie's house is filled floor to ceiling with piles of multi-colored rock candy.

END TEASER.

MAIN TITLE

ACT I

3) INT. PINKIE PIE'S HOUSE - LATER

Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy sit on the floor, exhausted and covered in tiny bits of rainbow rock candy.

Pinkie Pie bounces around, tasting pieces of rock candy while simultaneously attempting to make more batches.

11	PINKIE PIE	11
	Everypony ready for more?!	

Rainbow Dash clutches her jaw.

12	RAINBOW DASH	12
	My teeth hurt.	
13	APPLEJACK	13
	I think we've had plenty. Don't want to risk getting tummy-aches the day your sister's supposed to get here. (then) And shouldn't you be on your way to pick up Maude from the train station?	
14	PINKIE PIE	14
	Yes! (then) But you've only tried half of the flavors and we have to choose the perfect ones before she gets here so I have time to make more.	
15	TWILIGHT	15
	Maude is your sister, I'm sure she will love your rock candy. No matter what flavor it is. (then, looking around) And I'm pretty sure you've made enough. She's only staying for the week.	
16	PINKIE PIE	16
	It's not just for Maude, silly! I'm making candy for all of us so that we can make rock candy necklaces together! (then, wistful) Maude and I used to make them all the time when I lived on Rock Farm.	

FLASHBACK TO:

4) EXT. ROCK FARM - FLASHBACK - SERIES OF SHOTS - CONTINUOUS

A series of child-like drawings depict the following:

1) Pinkie Pie hovers over Maude, sneaking bits of sugar and watching as her older sister makes the rock candy. Maude pours sugar into a pot.

17 PINKIE PIE (V.O.) 17
 She taught me the top secret Pie
 family recipe.
 (then, a whisper)
 It's rocks.

Maude picks up two rocks and tosses them into the pot.

2) Pinkie Pie and Maude sit around an enormous pile of rock candy. As Maude strings tiny bits of candy onto her necklace, Pinkie Pie shovels large chunks of candy into her mouth.

18 PINKIE PIE (V.O.) 18
 And she showed me how to string the
 pieces to make them into a
 necklace.

4) Pinkie Pie finishes stringing a necklace full of multi-colored rock candy. She then exchanges it with Maude who shares the minimal rock candy necklace she's made. Pinkie Pie hugs her sister and then gobbles up the necklace.

19 PINKIE PIE (V.O.) 19
 And once we were done we'd trade.

BACK TO:

5) INT. PINKIE PIE'S KITCHEN - PRESENT

20 PINKIE PIE 20
 Maude and I have traded rock candy
 necklaces every month since I moved
 to Ponyville. They're a sign that
 we'll always be best friends.

21 APPLEJACK 21
 Aw, what a great tradition.

22 RAINBOW DASH 22
 Hold on. Let me get this straight.
 The "secret ingredient" is rocks?

23 PINKIE PIE 23
 Yeah. I know. It seems pretty
 obvious since it's called "rock"
 candy and all.

The others share looks as Pinkie Pie continues.

24 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 24
But now that Maude is heading off
to get her Rocktorate in Rock
Science, this may be our last
chance to trade them for a really
long time. Sure she'll have access
to lots of rocks, but she might not
be able to get her hooves on the
other ingredients.

Twilight, Applejack, Fluttershy, and Rarity nod in understanding, while Rainbow Dash shares a look of confusion.

25 RAINBOW DASH 25
What's a "Rocktorate"?

26 PINKIE PIE 26
It's only the highest honor anypony
who loves rocks and knows
everything about them can get!

27 RAINBOW DASH 27
But what *is* it?

28 PINKIE PIE 28
It's a fancy trophy made out of
rocks.

29 RAINBOW DASH 29
Sounds about right.

30 PINKIE PIE 30
I can't wait for you all to meet
her and become best friends and
then we can make best friend rock
candy necklaces together!

Pinkie Pie jumps around excitedly before embracing them all in a big group hug.

31 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 31
I know you're going to love her!
She's super fashionable, just like
Rarity! And she's really smart and
loves reading, just like Twilight!
And she's honest and loves forest
things and is good at games
and...well...she's AWESOME!

Pinkie Pie continues to hug the ponies tightly, squeezing them into an uncomfortable ball of squished faces.

32 RARITY 32
 (smooshed)
 She sounds amazing! But, uh, won't
 she start to worry if you aren't at
 the train station when she gets
 here?

33 PINKIE PIE 33
 <GASP!> I gotta go!

Pinkie Pie releases her friends from her grasp. They remain smushed together for a beat before <POP!> they separate.

DISSOLVE TO:

6) EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATE AFTERNOON

Twilight and OWLOWISCIOUS, Applejack and WINONA, Rainbow Dash and TANK, Rarity and OPAL, and Fluttershy and ANGEL excitedly prepare for their pet playdate and Maude's arrival.

Rarity tries on several different outfits, while Applejack and Twilight unpack an elaborate picnic, and Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy attempt to keep the pets from eating everything before Maude and Pinkie Pie arrive.

34 APPLEJACK 34
 I sure hope Maude's got an
 appetite!

35 TWILIGHT 35
 Me, too. I just wish we'd asked
 Pinkie Pie if Maude has a favorite
 food... I hope she likes the snacks
 we brought.

Applejack sets a large basket of muffins on the picnic blanket, and all the pets look on hungrily.

36 APPLEJACK 36
 'Course she will! Never met a pony,
 or a critter, who didn't love
 Granny's famous apple-spice
 muffins!

37 TWILIGHT 37
 You're right, I guess I'm just a
 little nervous. I really want Maude
 to have a good time with us.

Rarity approaches wearing an oversized, extravagant hat covered in sparkling rocks.

As she gets closer to Twilight and Applejack, a large, bedazzled rock from her hat falls off and lands in the basket of apple spice muffins.

38	RARITY	38
	Oh, it's just no use!	
39	APPLEJACK	39
	Whatsamatter, Rarity?	
40	RARITY	40
	I simply cannot find anything suitable to wear and there's no time to make something new!	

Rainbow Dash nudges Tank and Winona away from the muffins.

41	RAINBOW DASH	41
	I doubt she'll notice what anypony is wearing, since we'll probably be too busy playing games and stuff so what's the big deal?	
42	RARITY	42
	Hmph! The big deal, is that it will be very difficult to show Maude what a strong fashion presence we have in Ponyville if the most fashion-forward pony here can't keep her hat from falling apart!	

Angel hops toward the picnic blanket, about to snatch a muffin, just as Fluttershy replaces them with a small bowl of carrots.

43	FLUTTERSHY	43
	I think you look lovely, Rarity.	
44	RARITY	44
	Thank you, dear. I guess I'm being a bit silly. But Pinkie Pie said Maude is quite the fashionista. I just want be sure I'm dressed to impressed.	

Twilight sets the last plate of food down on the picnic blanket.

45	TWILIGHT	45
	I think we're all a little nervous about Maude's visit. She's Pinkie Pie's sister and it's obvious Pinkie really wants us to hit it off.	

(MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

(then, confident)

I'm sure everything will be fin--

Suddenly, Pinkie Pie's voice rings out from across the farm.

46 PINKIE PIE 46
WE'RE HERE!!!!

The ponies and their pets rush to greet them, at the same time that Pinkie Pie whizzes past them.

47 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 47
OVER HERE!!

This time, the ponies wait for Pinkie Pie to meet them.

48 TWILIGHT 48
Where's Maude?

49 PINKIE PIE 49
She's coming!

Pinkie Pie points one hoof in the direction she came, and the ponies strain their eyes to look for MAUDE.

50 RAINBOW DASH 50
Are you sure?

51 PINKIE PIE 51
She's not quite as fast as me! I
asked Gummy to stay with her in
case she got lost.

The ponies look again, and this time they make out Maude's silhouette, with GUMMY clamped on to her backside.

Several beats pass as the ponies wait for Maude and Gummy to catch up to them.

52 RAINBOW DASH 52
(under her breath)
Is she even moving?

Pinkie Pie waves at Maude enthusiastically, beckoning her over to them.

53 PINKIE PIE 53
WE'RE OVER HERE MAUDE!

Maude and Gummy finally approach the ponies, and before the ponies can introduce themselves, Maude slumps down to the ground, sniffs the dirt for several beats, and digs up a large gray rock.

Maude abruptly stands up and holds out the rock.

54 MAUDE 54
Sedimentary.

Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy look at Maude in confusion.

55 RAINBOW DASH 55
Huh?

56 MAUDE 56
This is a sedimentary rock.

57 TWILIGHT 57
(a little too impressed)
Wow. I had no idea.
(then, to the others)
That's really fascinating, isn't
it, girls?

The others <AD-LIB AGREEMENT>, gathering around the rock to examine it.

58 MAUDE 58
Not really. Sedimentary rocks are
really common in these parts.

The others quickly reign in their over-the-top enthusiasm for the rock as Twilight quickly continues:

59 TWILIGHT 59
We're just so thrilled you could
come for a visit before your big
trip! Pinkie Pie has told us so
much about you!

The ponies all nod enthusiastically in agreement and gather around Maude, excitedly talking OVER ONE ANOTHER. She looks a bit overwhelmed by their attention.

60 FLUTTERSHY 60
We're ever so glad to meet you!

61 APPLEJACK 61
We're just gonna have the best
time.

62 RAINBOW DASH 62
This week is going to be awesome!

Rarity manages to speak over the others.

63 RARITY 63
Pinkie Pie tells me you share my
love for fashion!

64 MAUDE 64
(monotone)
I'm really into expressing myself
through my wardrobe.

Rarity eyes Maude's very plain gray dress.

65 RARITY 65
I see. And what is the delightful
frock you're wearing now saying?

Maude stares blankly at Rarity.

66 MAUDE 66
It doesn't talk. It's a dress.

67 RARITY 67
Yes. Of course. I just meant...

Rarity trails off into a nervous giggle. She looks to the others to interrupt the awkwardness of this exchange, then breathes a sigh of relief as Winona suddenly <BARKS> and JUMPS excitedly around Maude and Applejack.

68 APPLEJACK 68
Oops. Guess we forgot to make some
introductions.
(then)
This here is Winona, and that's
Owlowiscious, Tank, Opal, and
Angel! Pinkie Pie told us you have
a pet too.

Applejack looks around.

69 APPLEJACK (CONT'D) 69
(then, worried)
Oh. No. You didn't accidentally
leave him back at the train station
did you?

70 MAUDE 70
He's in my pocket.

Fluttershy brightens.

71 FLUTTERSHY 71
You have a pocket pet? Like a tiny
mouse? Or a baby bird? Or a trained
butterfly?

Maude removes a SMALL GRAY PEBBLE from her pocket and sets it on the ground in front of the other ponies.

72 MAUDE 72
(flatly)
It's a rock. His name is Boulder.

Pinkie Pie grins at her friends.

73 PINKIE PIE 73
Isn't he shiny?!

The ponies glance awkwardly at each other and nod politely.

74 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 74
This is going to be the best, most
awesome, funnest week ever! I can't
wait for us all to become bestest
friends!

Pinkie Pie's friends share looks of concern as we...

END ACT I

ACT II

7) EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER

The Mane 6 sit on their picnic blanket with their pets, along with Maude and her pebble pal.

Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy look on at Maude in confusion as she picks up a sandwich, takes it apart, and places a small piece of bread in front of her rock, while quietly nibbling on a piece of lettuce.

75 APPLEJACK 75
Maude, would ya care to try one o'
my Granny Smith's famous apple
spice muffins?

Applejack offers Maude the basket of muffins and Maude reaches in and pulls out the glittery rock that fell from Rarity's hat earlier that afternoon.

76 APPLEJACK (CONT'D) 76
Oh, um, that's not-

Maude sniffs the bedazzled rock, and pops it into her mouth.

77 MAUDE 77
 (flat)
 It's crunchy.

Pinkie Pie grabs a muffin from the basket and shoves it into her mouth.

78 PINKIE PIE 78
 Maude's right! They are crunchy!
 Yum!

Rainbow Dash snorts sarcastically, and Twilight nudges her and gives her a pleading look.

79 RAINBOW DASH 79
 So, uh, Pinkie Pie tells us you
 like games?

80 MAUDE 80
 Boulder and I sometimes play a game
 called "camouflage." It's kind of
 like "hide-and-seek," but way more
 intense.

81 RAINBOW DASH 81
 Awesome.

The other ponies all nod enthusiastically.

DISSOLVE TO:

8) EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - MUCH LATER

Covered in dirt and surrounded by pebbles that all look exactly the same, Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy share pained expressions as they search the ground.

82 TWILIGHT 82
 Any luck?

The ponies shake their heads.

83 FLUTTERSHY 83
 I truly wish I had spent more time
 with Boulder, because I'm having a
 very hard time remembering what he
 looks like.

84 APPLEJACK 84
 It's like lookin' for a pebble in a
 haystack.

85 RARITY 85
More like, "in a pile of pebbles."

Rarity tilts her head down to sort through a large pile of rocks in front of her and a rock from her hat falls down into the pile and breaks into several pebble-sized pieces.

86 APPLEJACK 86
(under her breath)
Well, you don't have to make it
even harder!

Rarity lets out an <EXASPERATED SIGH.>

87 RARITY 87
I give up! This is impossible.

88 TWILIGHT 88
We can't give up now. It will hurt
Maude's feelings if we all stop
playing. Besides, look how much fun
Pinkie Pie is having.

The ponies all glance at Pinkie Pie, who is bouncing from one large rock to the next, following Maude around the farm.

Maude remains silent and expressionless, meticulously searching through a pile of pebbles.

Pinkie kicks up a rock with her hoof.

89 PINKIE PIE 89
IS THIS IT?

Maude slowly lifts her head up, squints her eyes at Pinkie Pie's rock, and shakes her head.

Back on Twilight and the others.

90 TWILIGHT 90
Just a little longer, okay?

The ponies nod and are about to resume their search when Maude approaches holding Boulder.

91 MAUDE 91
Found him.

Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy try to conceal their relief.

92 PINKIE PIE 92
Already?! Where was he?

93 MAUDE 93
He was hiding in my pocket.

94 RAINBOW DASH 94
Oh. Come on!

Rainbow Dash kicks a rock so hard it flies across the farm.

95 PINKIE PIE 95
Ooh! Fun! Let me try!

Pinkie Pie kicks a rock, and it flies high up in the air before landing on Rarity's hat. Rarity grimaces.

Angel bounces up to Fluttershy, rubs against her, and yawns dramatically.

96 FLUTTERSHY 96
I don't mean to interrupt, but we really should get these little critters home. It's getting awfully late and they've had a very busy day.

97 PINKIE PIE 97
A very *amazing* day!

She doesn't notice Angel shooting her a "you can't be serious" look.

98 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 98
Maude and I better get going too. I want her to taste the rock candy we're going to use for our...
(sing-songy)
...best friends necklaces!

Maude drags her feet after Pinkie Pie as she bounces away. Gummy is latched onto Maude's backside again.

Once the two ponies are out of earshot, Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy all let out a collective <SIGH>.

99 APPLEJACK 99
She sure is... different from what I expected.

100 RAINBOW DASH 100
We spent all day digging in the dirt and he was in her pocket THE WHOLE TIME?!

101 RARITY 101
You want me to tell you what my
outfit is saying right now?
 (then, over-dramatic)
"I'm ruined. Ruined!"

She frets over a rip in her now very dirty dress.

102 FLUTTERSHY 102
On the bright side, Boulder seemed
really sweet.

Rainbow Dash rolls her eyes.

103 RAINBOW DASH 103
Yeah. For a ROCK!

104 TWILIGHT 104
Come on, girls. I'm sure Maude was
just nervous about meeting all of
us.

105 APPLEJACK 105
Yeah. Maybe she was just acting a
little "off" because she's shy or
somethin'.

106 TWILIGHT 106
Exactly. It must be awfully
intimidating to meet all of us at
once, especially since we're
already such good friends.

The other ponies <AD-LIB AGREEMENT>.

107 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 107
 (a suggestion)
Maybe if we spent some time with
her one-on-one to try and get to
know her better?

The others consider this suggestion for a moment.

108 RARITY 108
It certainly couldn't hurt.

Twilight smiles.

109 TWILIGHT 109
I'm sure we'll be making those rock
candy necklaces in no time.

DISSOLVE TO:

9) EXT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - ESTABLISHING - NEXT MORNING**10) INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS**

Opal watches as Rarity furiously sorts through extravagant, multicolored fabrics and string.

110	RARITY	110
	Why did I offer to make Maude a custom garment without asking her for a color palate first?	

Opal tosses aside the fabrics and begins a different search.

111	RARITY (CONT'D)	111
	Where did I put those decorative rocks? She does seem to enjoy them more than most ponies...	
	(then)	
	I really shouldn't have used so many for my hat.	

Opal stares blankly at Rarity, then starts grooming herself.

112	RARITY (CONT'D)	112
	You're right, Opal. I've designed garments for the creme de la creme of Equestria. I'm sure I'll be able to make Maude something that speaks to her <i>mimimalist</i> fashion sensibilities!	

Rarity finishes sorting through her fabrics and lays out several different options for Maude to choose from.

The <DOORBELL RINGS> and Rarity leads Maude and Pinkie Pie into her home.

113	RARITY (CONT'D)	113
	(overly cheery)	
	Good morning! I'm simply thrilled you're here, Maude.	

114	MAUDE	114
	(monotone)	
	Me, too.	

115	PINKIE PIE	115
	Me, three!	

116 RARITY 116
Where shall we start? Concept?
Color schemes? I've chosen a few
fabrics I think would be stunning-

Maude glances at the ornate fabrics with disinterest, while
Pinkie Pie bounces around her excitedly.

117 PINKIE PIE 117
Choices! Choices! Choices!

Rarity notes Maude's disinterest in the fabrics.

118 RARITY 118
Of course, if you don't see
anything that speaks to you, I'd be
happy to--

Maude presents Rarity with a splotched gray rag.

119 MAUDE 119
I like this one.

Rarity laughs.

120 RARITY 120
Oh, my, Pinkie Pie didn't tell us
you were so funny.

121 MAUDE 121
(flatly)
What do you mean?

Rarity's smile fades.

122 RARITY 122
Oh, well, it's just, I believe that
is a dish towel...

Maude stares blankly at Rarity still holding the towel. She
looks over at Pinkie Pie who has a big grin on her face.

123 RARITY (CONT'D) 123
But, it, uh, does, erm, go well
with your complexion. I'm sure I
could work my magic and turn it
into something fabulous.
(then)
Give me a moment won't you?

Rarity exits leaving a beaming Pinkie Pie behind with Maude.

124 PINKIE PIE 124
Rarity and my sister working
together to design something
amazing. This is the BEST DAY
EVER!!

Rarity returns with a pile of gray dish towels just like the one Maude picked out.

125 RARITY 125
Perhaps I could sew all of these
together and make something you'd
like?

126 MAUDE 126
No, thanks. One is enough.

Maude tosses Rarity's dish towel around her neck and in one quick motion, ties it into a scarf.

127 PINKIE PIE 127
Doesn't Maude make the coolest
scarves?

128 RARITY 128
Yes, quite.

129 PINKIE PIE 129
Ooh. We'd better get going.
Fluttershy's going to introduce
Maude to all the woodland
creatures!

Before Rarity can respond, Maude and Pinkie Pie exit. Disheartened, Rarity lays down in a pile of glittery fabrics.

130 RARITY 130
I don't even think that dish towel
was clean...

DISSOLVE TO:

11) EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - LATE AFTERNOON

Fluttershy and Angel wait outside to meet Pinkie Pie and Maude. Angel sits with his arms crossed and a sour expression on his face.

131 FLUTTERSHY 131
Please try to give Maude another
chance, Angel. She is Pinkie Pie's
sister, and it's so very important
to her that we all get along.

Angel grumbles, but nods his head just as Pinkie Pie and Maude arrive.

Fluttershy smiles warmly at them.

132	FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)	132
	I'm ever so glad you could come	
	today. I truly hope you love all	
	the woodland creatures here as much	
	as I do.	

Maude nods her head.

133	PINKIE PIE	133
	Maude loves critters! This is going	
	to be so much fun!	

Angel and Fluttershy lead the way, with Pinkie Pie bouncing along and Maude following slowly several paces behind them.

12) EXT. WOODS - SHORTLY AFTER

Fluttershy spots a HUMMINGBIRD in a nearby tree and approaches him.

134	FLUTTERSHY	134
	Hello there little hummingbird. My	
	friends and I are taking a walk	
	through the woods to visit with all	
	the woodland creatures.	

The hummingbird <CHIRPS> back at her.

135	PINKIE PIE	135
	What's he saying?!	

136	FLUTTERSHY	136
	He says hello, and he is happy to	
	meet us.	

137	PINKIE PIE	137
	I wish I could speak hummingbird!	

Fluttershy glances back at Maude who has stopped to look at a SPIDER crawling across a rock.

Fluttershy heads over to Maude and smiles at the spider.

138 FLUTTERSHY 138
These spiders only live in
Ponyville, and even though they may
look a tiny bit scary, they are
actually very sweet and help keep
other, more dangerous insects away.
They don't usually come out during
the day, and I'm very glad you were
able to meet one.

Maude looks up at Fluttershy.

139 MAUDE 139
I was looking at the rock.

140 FLUTTERSHY 140
Oh.

Maude walks back towards Pinkie Pie who is jumping around excitedly, trying to talk to another HUMMINGBIRD.

141 PINKIE PIE 141
Chirp-chirpy-chirp! Chirypity-
chirpy-chirp! Hello! Hummingbirds!
Can you hear me? Chirp-chirp-chirpy-
chirp!

Pinkie Pie stops jumping and frowns for a beat.

142 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 142
I can't tell if I'm using the
correct dialect.

A beat.

143 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 143
Oh well! Chirp-chirp-chirp!

DISSOLVE TO:

13) EXT. PONYVILLE WOODS - SERIES OF SHOTS - CONTINUOUS

Fluttershy, Angel, and Pinkie Pie continue to walk through the woods, with Maude following several paces behind.

Fluttershy, Angel, and Pinkie Pie come across a BROWN BEAR.

Fluttershy looks behind her for Maude, who has stopped walking and is staring at a hole in the ground.

Fluttershy approaches Maude.

144 FLUTTERSHY 144
Have you found more interesting
rocks?

145 MAUDE 145
No. Just a snake.

146 FLUTTERSHY 146
(hopeful)
Are you very interested in snakes?

147 MAUDE 147
Not this one. He didn't have the
correct ratio of spots to stripes.

Maude turns and walks away. Fluttershy looks to the bear who just holds up his hands and shrugs.

DISSOLVE TO:

14) EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - EARLY EVENING

Maude and Pinkie Pie wave good-bye to Fluttershy and Angel.

148 PINKIE PIE 148
Thanks again, Fluttershy! Start
thinking about which flavors of
rock candy you want to put in your
necklace!!

Angel grimaces.

149 FLUTTERSHY 149
Oh dear.

DISSOLVE TO:

15) INT. PONYVILLE LIBRARY - MORNING

Twilight, Maude and Pinkie Pie poke around the shelves.
Twilight uses her magic to pull out books that catch her eye.

150 TWILIGHT 150
So, Pinkie Pie tells me you love to
read as much as I do. What do you
like? I'd be happy to let you
borrow anything you see that
interests you.

151 MAUDE 151
I like poetry.

152 TWILIGHT 152
I've got lots of poetry! Do you
read anything by William
Shakesmare? Or Edgar Allen Pony?

153 MAUDE 153
I prefer to read my own poetry. I
find it soothing.

154 PINKIE PIE 154
Maude writes the best poetry ever!
You should read some to Twilight!

155 TWILIGHT 155
Yes, please! I'd love to hear some
of your poetry.

Maude retrieves a plain brown notebook from a satchel. She
flips it open, clears her throat, and reads aloud.

156 MAUDE 156
(monotone)
*Rocks, these are my rocks.
Sediments. Make me sentimental.
Smooth and round. Asleep in the
ground. Shades of brown. And gray.
Everyday. I dig for rocks. I don't
wear socks. I need no horseshoes
when I'm with you. Boulder. You
don't weigh a ton. Your smile is a
big gray sun. Made of moon rocks.*

Pinkie Pie applauds loudly and Twilight's mouth hangs open.

157 MAUDE (CONT'D) 157
(flatly)
Do you want me to read you some
more?

Twilight smiles weakly.

158 TWILIGHT 158
Sure.

159 MAUDE 159
I've written thousands.

160 PINKIE PIE 160
She's soooo prolific.

161 MAUDE 161
This next one is about rocks.

162 TWILIGHT 162
(forced)
Sounds great!

163 MAUDE 163
They're all about rocks.

Twilight keeps her smile plastered on her face.

164 PINKIE PIE 164
I should let Applejack know we're
going to be a little late. You
could be here awhile.

Twilight keeps smiling her forced smile as Pinkie dashes off.
Maude begins to read another poem.

165 MAUDE 165
(reading aloud)
*Rock. You are a rock. Gray. You
are gray. Like a rock. Which you
are. Rock.*

DISSOLVE TO:

16) INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES KITCHEN - AFTERNOON

Applejack, Pinkie Pie, and Maude are brewing apple cider.
Applejack stirs a large pot of boiling cider while Pinkie Pie
bounces around the kitchen enthusiastically, and Maude sits
quietly attempting to peel an apple.

Applejack glances over at Maude.

166 APPLEJACK 166
How's it going with that apple
Maude? About ready to toss it in?

Maude holds up the apple she's been working on, all that
remains is the core.

167 MAUDE 167
I think this one is done.

Applejack tries to hide the look of horror on her face at
Maude's maimed apple.

168 APPLEJACK 168
Oh, uh, yep! That's a very
interestin' method you've got
there!

169	MAUDE	169
	Should I peel another one?	
170	APPLEJACK	170
	NO! I mean, naw, I'm sure there's plenty o' apples in it already.	
171	PINKIE PIE	171
	Can we taste it now?!	
172	APPLEJACK	172
	Sure, why not? Come on over, Maude. This here's the best cider in all of Equestria!	

Applejack pours a ladle full of cider into two cups and hands one to Maude and one to Pinkie Pie.

Pinkie Pie gulps hers down immediately, while Maude sips slowly on hers.

173	PINKIE PIE	173
	WOW! That's the best apple cider I've ever had!!	
174	APPLEJACK	174
	What do you think, Maude?	
175	MAUDE	175
	(monotone) It tastes like apples.	
176	PINKIE PIE	176
	(to Applejack) Told you she was super honest. (then) Just like you!	
177	APPLEJACK	177
	(forced) We're practically twins.	

DISSOLVE TO:

17) EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

Pinkie Pie looks on as Maude and Rainbow Dash are having a rock throwing contest. Rainbow Dash picks up a large rock with her snout, and hurls it with all her strength.

The rock zooms through the air and the three ponies all strain their eyes to see where it lands.

178 RAINBOW DASH 178
Let's see you beat that!

Maude effortlessly picks up an even larger rock with her snout and throws it so far that Rainbow Dash has to fly around scanning the area to see where it lands.

Pinkie Pie jumps up and down with excitement.

179 PINKIE PIE 179
THAT WAS AMAZING!!

Rainbow Dash flies over to Maude.

180 RAINBOW DASH 180
Whoa! That was pretty impressive.
How'd you do that?

Maude shrugs.

181 MAUDE 181
I threw it.

182 RAINBOW DASH 182
Guess you won this one, Maude.

183 MAUDE 183
I'm not really into "winning".

Rainbow Dash stares at Maude like she is completely insane.

DISSOLVE TO:

18) EXT. PINKIE PIE'S HOUSE - MORNING

Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy gather outside Pinkie Pie's house looking a bit downtrodden. Pinkie Pie opens the door excitedly.

184 PINKIE PIE 184
Great! You're all here! Maude is
off looking for rocks, so this is
the perfect time for us to set
everything up!

185 TWILIGHT 185
Set what up?

186 PINKIE PIE 186
Everything we'll need to make our
best friend rock candy necklaces,
silly!

The other ponies look around at each other guiltily.

187 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 187
What's wrong?

188 TWILIGHT 188
Umm, well, I'm not sure it's the
best time to make best friend rock
candy necklaces.

189 PINKIE PIE 189
Why not?

Twilight hesitates and looks to the other ponies to step in.

190 RARITY 190
Well, dear, you see...

191 FLUTTERSHY 191
You're ever so thoughtful to share
your special bonding ritual with
us, but...

192 PINKIE PIE 192
But what?

193 RAINBOW DASH 193
I'm sure you and Maude are really
great friends and all it's just...

She trails off, unable to say what needs to be said.

194 APPLEJACK 194
The truth is, we've all been trying
really hard to get closer to Maude,
but, well, maybe some ponies just
don't click the way others do.

The other ponies reluctantly nod in agreement.

195 APPLEJACK (CONT'D) 195
We wouldn't feel right making
something that means we're best
friends if, well, we aren't.

The others reluctantly nod in agreement.

Pinkie Pie slumps. Her hair may even go a bit flat.

196 PINKIE PIE 196
Oh. Okay. If anypony needs me I'll
be in here trying to figure out
what to do with 200 pounds of rock
candy.

She heads back into her house and closes the door.

Off her friends sullen expressions we...

END ACT II

ACT III

INT. TWILIGHTS LOFT - LATER

Twilight, Applejack, Rarity, Fluttershy, and Rainbow Dash pow-wow in the middle of the room.

197 RARITY 197
I feel awful, just awful.

198 FLUTTERSHY 198
Maybe we should have just pretended
we were friends with Maude.

199 APPLEJACK 199
No, ma'am. That would've been
dishonest.

200 TWILIGHT 200
I have a hunch Maude is feeling the
same way we do. If we didn't tell
Pinkie Pie the truth that we hadn't
all become the best of friends, I
think Maude would have.

201 RAINBOW DASH 201
Maybe. But who really knows? That
pony is a riddle wrapped in a
mystery inside an igneous.

202 RARITY 202
Don't you mean "inside an enigma"?

203 RAINBOW DASH 203
Nope. I mean igneous.
(then, explaining)
It's a kind of a rock.
(then)
Ask me how I know that.

A <KNOCK> at the door interrupts their conversation.
Twilight opens it to reveal a smiling Pinkie Pie.

204 PINKIE PIE 204
I've done it! I've come up with
just the thing to bring everypony
closer together!

Pinkie Pie dashes O.S.

The other ponies look at each other skeptically.

Pinkie suddenly re-enters.

205	PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)	205
	Uh, hello? Don't you want to see	
	what it is?	

The others follow her out of the loft.

DISSOLVE TO:

20) EXT. EDGE OF THE EVERFREE FOREST - SHORT WHILE LATER

The ponies arrive at the edge of the Everfree Forest and share looks of concern and surprise at the sight before them.

Pinkie Pie has created an elaborate OBSTACLE COURSE.

206	TWILIGHT	206
	Pinkie Pie, what is this?	

207	PINKIE PIE	207
	I call it - Pinky-Rainbow-Rari-Twi-Apple-Flutter-Maude Fun Time!	

208	RAINBOW DASH	208
	Huh?	

209	PINKIE PIE	209
	It combines everypony's interests into one giant activity that we can all enjoy together and that will totally bring all my bestest friends together as bestest friends so we can all make best friend rock candy necklaces!	

210	RAINBOW DASH	210
	Like I said, "Huh?"	

211	PINKIE PIE	211
	Probably better for me to show you! Watch this!	

Pinkie Pie climbs up a rock wall and slides down on a long vine towards a tunnel.

212 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 212
Rocks for Maude.

She eats her way through a translucent tunnel filled with apple sauce.

213 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 213
(mouth full)
Applesauce tunnel for Applejack.

At the end of the tunnel, Pinkie Pie reaches a pile of Rarity's expensive fabrics, and she proceeds to toss them up into the air.

214 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 214
Pretty, shiny stuff for Rarity.

Pinkie Pie then crashes through a wall made of books.

215 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 215
Reading material for Twilight.

Pinkie Pie then rushes up to a SLEEPING BEAR and TICKLES it, then bounces past a den of HISSING SNAKES.

216 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 216
Critter time for Fluttershy.

She then juggles a fresh batch of cupcakes.

217 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 217
I threw in the cupcakes for yours truly.

Pinkie Pie finishes her demonstration and rushes back over to her friends.

218 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 218
What are you waiting for?! Come and try it! There's something in it for everypony!

219 APPLEJACK 219
I don't know, Pinkie, some of this looks a little dangerous.

The ponies all nod in agreement. Maude looks hesitant.

220 PINKIE PIE 220
Please! Just give it a try, I promise it's super fun!

The ponies look at each other for a beat before Maude steps up and starts to climb the rock wall.

221 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 221
 See! Maude's doing it!

Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy reluctantly join Maude and start to climb the rock wall.

222 APPLEJACK 222
 I've got a bad feelin' about
 this...

Pinkie Pie watches her friends and sister for a beat as they struggle to make their way through the ridiculous obstacle course she's constructed.

223 PINKIE PIE 223
 So you guys must be feeling pretty
 best friendly about now, huh?

224 TWILIGHT 224
 Pinkie Pie, I don't think this is
 really going to work--

225 PINKIE PIE 225
 You're right. It's missing
 something? Ooh! I know!

Pinkie Pie jumps O.S. and returns with a large rock, a bucket of water, a hummingbird nest, and a shovel.

She continues jumping on and off screen, adding more and more elements to the obstacle course.

As they ponies attempt to eat their way through the tunnel of applesauce, they hear a loud scream.

226 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 226
 AHHH!! HELP!!!

They look up and see Pinkie Pie, now hanging on a vine high over their heads, about to slip onto the rock wall she built.

Pinkie Pie lets go of the vine and lets out another <LOUD SCREAM> as she starts to fall.

Pinkie Pie loses her grasp on the vine and starts to fall down toward a large, sharp wall of rocks.

Before any of the ponies have time to act, Maude zooms back up the rock wall and with her back legs, pounds it into dust.

Pinkie Pie lands safely on the rock dust.

The ponies stare at Maude in amazement.

227 RAINBOW DASH 227
What? How? What?

Maude hugs her sister.

228 MAUDE 228
Pinkie Pie, what were you thinking?

229 PINKIE PIE 229
I guess I wasn't.

Twilight opens her mouth to speak, and is surprised when Maude speaks up first.

230 MAUDE 230
I know how important it is to you
that *your* friends become *my*
friends. But I just don't think
it's going to happen. And I'm
afraid that the longer I stay, the
harder it will be for you, knowing
that we don't have the special bond
you wanted us to have.
(then)
I think it would be best if I just
go back to Rock Farm and spend the
rest of the week there.

The ponies all share shocked expressions.

231 MAUDE (CONT'D) 231
It was nice to meet you all. Makes
me happy knowing Pinkie Pie has
such good friends.

Maude walks away leaving behind a disappointed Pinkie Pie.

232 PINKIE PIE 232
(softly)
But we never even got to make *our*
rock candy necklaces...

22) INT. TWILIGHT'S HOUSE - MORNING

Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy gather at Twilight's house.

233 TWILIGHT 233
I can't believe Maude cut her trip
short.

234 RARITY 234
I can't believe we nearly lost
Pinkie Pie to that ridiculous
obstacle course.

235 FLUTTERSHY 235
Thank goodness Maude was able to
reach her in time!

236 RAINBOW DASH 236
Did you see how fast Maude moved?!

237 RARITY 237
And the way she smashed those rocks
into sand! How in Equestria did she
do that?

238 FLUTTERSHY 238
Pinkie Pie was in trouble. She's
Maude's sister and her friend.
She'd move mountains for her if she
had to.

Twilight considers this for a moment, then brightens.

239 TWILIGHT 239
That's it!

Twilight <JUMPS> up and rallies the ponies.

240 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 240
I think I've finally realized what
we all have in common with Maude.
Something that creates a special
bond between us. Something that
just might be worthy of rock candy
necklaces.

Off her friends interested looks we...

DISSOLVE TO:

23) INT. PONYVILLE STATION - TRAIN - EARLY AFTERNOON

Maude and Pinkie Pie sit next to each other on the train.

241 MAUDE 241
Thank you for coming with me. I
don't know how long I'll be gone on
my rock research trip. I'm glad I
still get to spend some time with
you before I go.

242 PINKIE PIE 242
Me, too. I'm sorry I put so much
pressure on everypony to bond and
become best friends. I only wanted
my friends to get to know my
amazing older sister.

The sisters hug as the train pulls into the station.

24) EXT. ROCK FARM TRAIN STATION - LATER

Pinkie Pie and Maude get off the train. They register surprise as they are greeted by Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy.

243 PINKIE PIE 243
What are you doing here?!

Twilight approaches Pinkie Pie.

244 TWILIGHT 244
Pinkie Pie, we're so sorry we hurt
your feelings by not bonding with
Maude right away. And Maude, we're
sorry that you felt the only way to
spare Pinkie Pie's feelings was to
leave Ponyville early.

The other ponies nod in agreement.

245 APPLEJACK 245
We've seen how much you care about
Pinkie Pie, first-hand.

246 FLUTTERSHY 246
She's ever so lucky to have such a
wonderful big sister who loves her
so much.

247 RARITY 247
We know there's nothing you
wouldn't do for her!

248 TWILIGHT 248
Pinkie Pie's happiness means as
much to us as it does to you, and
we're sorry we couldn't see it
sooner-- the thing that makes us
click and creates a special bond
between us is how much we ALL love
Pinkie Pie!!

Pinkie Pie blushes.

249 PINKIE PIE 249
Aw, shucks.

250 TWILIGHT 250
That's a pretty great thing to have
in common if you ask me. What do
you think, Maude?

The other ponies look to Maude for a response.

Maude smiles the tiniest of smiles.

251 MAUDE 251
(flatly)
Sure.

It's clear Pinkie Pie's friends aren't sure how to interpret
Maude's reply. They look a bit disappointed.

252 PINKIE PIE 252
What's wrong?

253 RARITY 253
Sorry, darling, I think we all
thought she'd be a bit more excited
about all this.

254 PINKIE PIE 254
Are you kidding me?!

She grabs Maude's face in her hooves.

255 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 255
I've never seen her more excited in
my entire life!

256 MAUDE 256
It's true. I am really excited.
(then)
I don't know if you've noticed but
I don't show my enthusiasm for
things with quite the same way my
sister does.

257 RAINBOW DASH 257
We noticed.
(then, with a smile)
And we're totally cool with it.

The others <AD-LIB AGREEMENT> and Pinkie Pie pulls them all
in for a group hug.

DISSOLVE TO:

25) EXT. ROCK FARM - SHORT WHILE LATER

An overjoyed Pinkie Pie jumps around them as the ponies finish up their rock candy necklaces.

258	TWILIGHT	258
	Maude, we'd like to give you something to take on your trip, so that you remember your friends from Ponyville...	

The ponies each present Maude with six rock candy necklaces.

259	MAUDE	259
	Thank you.	
260	PINKIE PIE	260
	Try not to eat all the candy before you leave! Don't want to start your trip with a tummy ache.	

She and Maude exchange necklaces. Pinkie Pie immediately starts to devour hers.

Seeing that her sister is distracted, Maude discretely removes a small box and places the necklaces inside.

261	TWILIGHT	261
	What's that?	

Maude opens the box so only Twilight can see inside. Twilight peers into the box to see numerous, uneaten rock candy necklaces made for Maude by Pinkie Pie.

262	TWILIGHT (CONT'D)	262
	Are those all the necklaces Pinkie sent you?	

Maude nods "yes".

263	TWILIGHT (CONT'D)	263
	You haven't eaten any of them?	

264	MAUDE	264
	I don't really like candy. (then, with a small smile) But I do love Pinkie Pie.	

Twilight shares a smile with her new friend as we...

FADE OUT.