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TEASER

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

TWILIGHT, APPLEJACK, RAINBOW DASH, RARITY, and FLUTTERSHY gather outside PINKIE PIE's house in the early morning. They all received urgent messages from Pinkie Pie asking them to come over right away.

Rainbow Dash grumbles about having to come over so early, while Twilight expresses her concern over Pinkie Pie's message. At almost the exact moment that Applejack rings her doorbell, Pinkie Pie opens her door wearing an oversized bright pink chef's hat. She urges the ponies to come quickly, pulling them inside her house.

2) INT. PINKIE PIE'S HOUSE – CONTINUOUS

Once they are all inside, Pinkie Pie tells the ponies there's no time to lose- she needs their help taste-testing her rock candy recipes before her sister MAUDE arrives. She directs their attention to countless piles of multicolored rock candy scattered around her house, bouncing from one pile to the next, rattling off all the different flavors. Before the ponies have a chance to object, Pinkie Pie adjusts her chef's hat, and tosses a small cube of rock candy into each of their mouths.

The ponies stare, wide-eyed, as Pinkie Pie continues to shovel more and more candy in front of them, admitting that she may have gone a *teensy* bit overboard.

FADE TO CREDITS.

ACT ONE

3) INT. PINKIE PIE'S KITCHEN – EARLY AFTERNOON

Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy sit on the kitchen floor, exhausted and covered in tiny bits of rainbow rock candy, while Pinkie Pie bounces around, tasting pieces of rock candy while simultaneously attempting to make more batches.

The ponies look on at Pinkie Pie in disbelief, telling her there's no way any of them can taste test any more candy. They tell her every flavor is delicious, and that she's made more than enough candy, even by Pinkie Pie standards, especially since Maude is only staying for the week. Pinkie Pie tells them the rock candy is for all of them- they are going to make rock candy necklaces with Maude!

In a flashback, Pinkie Pie goes on to tell them about how she and Maude used to make rock candy necklaces together back when she lived on Rock Farm...

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

(Note: The following will be done as crayon drawings to convey PP's child-like POV of the time spent with her big sister.)

A younger Pinkie Pie jumps up and down Rock Farm following Maude as they collect ingredients for their rock candy necklaces.

Pinkie Pie hovers over Maude, sneaking bits of sugar and watching as her older sister makes the rock candy.

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.

Before long, Pinkie Pie has eaten almost all of the rock candy, and there isn't any left for her necklace. Maude shares the minimal rock candy necklace she made, and Pinkie Pie hugs her sister and gobbles up the necklace.

5) INT. PINKIE PIE'S KITCHEN – PRESENT

Pinkie Pie tells her friends that every month, she and Maude have sent each other rock candy necklaces to eat. Now, however, Maude is getting her "Roctorate" in Rock Science and will be leaving for a year-long rock research trip. This is the last chance for Maude to visit Pinkie Pie and meet her friends before she leaves for her trip.

Pinkie Pie tells her friends how excited she is for them to meet her sister, and for them to all to become best friends so that they can share in this special ritual and make rock candy necklaces with Maude. When the ponies ask her about Maude, Pinkie Pie tells them, "You're going to love her! She's super into fashion, just like you, 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!"

The ponies are equally excited about meeting Maude and ask Pinkie Pie if she wants to bring her sister to their scheduled pet play date at Sweet Apple Acres later in the afternoon. Pinkie Pie tells her friends that Maude has a pet, and is sure her sister would love to be included.

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 play date and Maude's arrival.

Applejack and Twilight arrange an extravagant picnic, unsure of what foods Maude and her pet will enjoy most, while Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy attempt to entertain the animals, asking that they all be on their best behavior and make Maude feel included. Meanwhile, Rarity struggles with finding the perfect outfit that will impress a fellow fashionista like Maude.

The ponies have just finished getting everything ready when they hear Pinkie Pie's voice calling to them from across the farm, "WE'RE HERE!!!!!" The ponies and their pets rush to greet them, at the same time that Pinkie Pie, in her excitement, whizzes past them. When they catch up to her, Maude is nowhere to be found. When the ponies ask Pinkie Pie where her sister is, Pinkie Pie tells them, "She's coming! She's not quite as fast as me!" She tells them she asked her pet GUMMY to stay with Maude, just in case she got too far behind.

The ponies strain their eyes, and off in the distance they see MAUDE and Gummy, slowly walking toward them. After what seems like hours, Maude finally approaches them, but much to their surprise, she is not at all how Pinkie Pie described her. Despite Pinkie Pie's enthusiastic waves, calling her sister over to them, Maude continues to walk slowly, shuffling her hooves in the dirt, her expression, completely devoid of emotion.

The ponies run to introduce themselves, but their exuberant greetings are met with Maude's very muted and lackluster, "Hi." Furthermore, Rarity's dramatic, fashion-forward welcome-to-Ponyville ensemble is completely lost on Maude, who arrives wearing a dull grey and black dress.

In an effort to break the awkward silence, Twilight asks Maude if Pinkie Pie mentioned their pet play date, wondering if she brought her pet with her. Maude replies, with no enthusiasm whatsoever, "He's in my pocket." She removes a small grey pebble from her pocket and holds it out for the ponies to see. "This is Boulder," she says in her monotone voice. Pinkie Pie exclaims that this is going to be the best week ever and they are all going to become just the bestest friends ever with Maude.

Pinkie Pie's friends exchange looks of concern as we FADE OUT.

ACT TWO

7) EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – LATER

The Mane 6 sit on their picnic blanket with their pets, along with Maude and her pebble pal, Boulder. Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy look on at Maude with confusion as she places a small piece of bread in front of Boulder, while quietly nibbling on a piece of lettuce. When Applejack offers Maude an apple from her orchard, Maude accepts the apple, but proceeds to only eat the peel. Oblivious to Maude's quirky behavior and the awkward silence,

Pinkie Pie shovels cupcakes into her mouth while talking excitedly about how much fun they are all going to have.

Rainbow Dash suggests they all play game, and asks Maude if she and Boulder have any suggestions. Maude tells them that she and Boulder sometimes play a game called, "camouflage," which she compares to "hide and seek." The ponies all agree Maude's game sounds fun...

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 continue to search for Maude's pebble pal Boulder. They have been playing Maude's game for hours and have been unable to identify Boulder amidst all the other rocks.

Throughout the game, Maude remains silent and expressionless, diligently searching through hundreds of pebbles, while Pinkie Pie bounces from one large rock to the next asking, "Is this it?!"

Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy are ready to give up, but Twilight encourages them all to keep playing so as not to hurt Maude's feelings. They agree to keep playing a bit longer just as Maude appears holding Boulder up for them to see. With no enthusiasm whatsoever, she tells them, "Found him."

The ponies attempt to conceal their relief that the game is finally over, as Pinkie Pie and Maude decide to return to Pinkie Pie's house. After they leave, the other ponies discuss Maude's unusual behavior. Rainbow Dash takes particular offense to Maude's game, finding it hard to believe Maude can really tell the difference between Boulder and a plain pebble. Twilight rallies the ponies, reminding them how important it is to Pinkie Pie that they get to know Maude. She tells them that perhaps Maude is just a bit shy. After all, it must be intimidating to meet all of them at once, especially since they are all already best friends. She suggests they try to spend some one-on-one time with her over the next few days to see if they can get a better read on her.

DISSOLVE TO:

9) EXT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE – THE NEXT MORNING

10) INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS

Rarity anxiously awaits Maude and Pinkie Pie's arrival- she has offered to make a custom garment for Maude, and furiously sorts through extravagant,

multicolored fabrics and string, searching for the perfect pattern. Opal sits beside her, and as Rarity struggles to find the right material, she expresses her concern to Opal that Maude is perhaps not as “fashion-forward” as Pinkie Pie made her out to be. She vows to be optimistic, declaring that regardless of Maude’s fashion sense, she will make her a beautiful outfit.

Rarity finally decides on several different options for Maude to choose from (each fabric more bedazzled than the last), when Maude arrives with Pinkie Pie, just as blasé as the day before. As Pinkie Pie bounces around Rarity’s house, admiring her fancy fabrics and telling them both how great it is that they’re all becoming best friends, Maude barely shows any emotion at all. When Rarity shows her the different options for her outfit, Maude replies with a shrug, “Those are shiny,” leaving Rarity at a loss for words.

Struggling to salvage the situation and make Maude something she will love, Rarity pulls every fabric she owns, shoving hundreds of patterns in Maude’s face to get a reaction, only to have Maude admit to her, “I don’t really do colors.” Against her better judgment, Rarity makes Maude a very plain black dress, almost exactly like the one she is wearing. Even this does not get a reaction out of Maude, who simply replies, “Thanks.”

As Pinkie Pie and Maude prepare to leave an exhausted and disheartened Rarity to re-organize all the fabrics she didn’t use, Pinkie Pie tells her friend, “This was the best day ever! I’m so glad you two are getting along! Maybe when Maude gets back from her research trip, the two of you can design another dress together!”

Maude and Pinkie Pie leave and Rarity collapses into a large pile of metallic fabric and beads, muttering, “I hope Fluttershy has better luck with her.”

11) EXT. FLUTTERSHY’S COTTAGE – LATE AFTERNOON

Fluttershy and Angel wait outside to meet Pinkie Pie and Maude. Since Pinkie Pie told her how much her sister loves animals, Fluttershy has offered to introduce Maude to some of the woodland creatures in Ponyville.

Angel sits with his arms crossed and a sour expression on his face, clearly not looking forward to spending another day with Maude. Fluttershy gently reminds him that first impressions are not always correct, and that they should all give Maude another chance, since she’s Pinkie Pie’s sister and it’s very important to her. Angel grumbles but nods his head just as Pinkie Pie and Maude arrive.

12) EXT. PONYVILLE WOODS – SHORTLY AFTER

Fluttershy leads Pinkie Pie and Maude to meet some of the woodland creatures that live near her cottage, and as usual, Maude’s slow stride puts her way behind

them. Fluttershy spots a beautiful hummingbird and attempts to introduce him to Maude, only to discover that Maude has become distracted by a large, scary-looking, spider crawling along a rock. Seeing an “in” with Maude, Fluttershy starts to give Maude some info about the spider. “I was looking at the rock,” Maude replies.

Maude continues to show little enthusiasm for all the creatures Fluttershy introduces her to, and is only marginally more interested in the insects, bats, and of course, the rocks, that they come across.

13) EXT. FLUTTERSHY’S COTTAGE – EARLY EVENING

Pinkie Pie and Maude leave a confused Fluttershy and an annoyed Angel to contemplate the events of the afternoon. Fluttershy agrees that Maude’s visit is not going the way she expected it to, and worries that they may not have as much in common with Maude as Pinkie Pie thought they would. She remains hopeful, however, that the others will have an easier time getting to know Maude.

DISSOLVE TO:

14) INT. PONYVILLE LIBRARY – MORNING

Twilight has invited Maude to the Ponyville library, since according to Pinkie Pie, both Twilight and Maude share a love for literature. As Twilight asks her about her favorite books, offering to help her check out anything that looks interesting to her, Maude tells Twilight she prefers reading her own poetry- out loud. Encouraged by Maude’s uncharacteristic candidness, Twilight asks her if she would mind reciting some of her poetry for her. In response, Maude spews off a line of freestyle slam poetry about different shapes and shades of rocks, all the while maintaining a monotone voice.

DISSOLVE TO:

15) INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES KITCHEN – AFTERNOON

Applejack has asked Pinkie Pie and Maude to come help her brew apple cider, hoping Maude shares her sister’s enthusiasm for sweets. While Pinkie Pie bounces around the kitchen asking Applejack which ingredients they need, Maude lamely tries to peel the skin off an apple, and ends up peeling the entire apple.

Applejack watches Maude attempt to peel another apple in the same fashion, and in an effort to stop Maude before she destroys another apple, she tells Pinkie Pie and Maude she’d love it if they would help her taste the cider to make sure it’s ready. Pinkie Pie jumps for joy, expressing how wonderful the apple cider is, while Maude looks at Applejack and tells her, “It tastes like apples.”

DISSOLVE TO:

16) EXT. PONYVILLE – LATER

Maude and Rainbow Dash are having a rock-throwing contest. Rainbow Dash picks up a large rock, and hurls it with all her strength. The rock zooms through the air and the ponies strain their eyes to see where it lands. Rainbow Dash chuckles and tells Maude, "Let's see you beat that!" In response, Maude effortlessly picks up an even larger rock, casually tosses it with one hoof, and throws it so far that Rainbow Dash actually has to fly around scanning the area to see where it lands. Pinkie Pie jumps up and down, cheering them both on and shouting, "THAT WAS AMAZING!"

Feeling a little bitter, but very impressed, Rainbow Dash attempts to congratulate Maude on her victory. Maude just shrugs. "I'm not really into winning," she answers. Rainbow Dash just stares at her like she is completely insane.

DISSOLVE TO:

17) EXT. PINKIE PIE'S HOUSE – MORNING

Pinkie Pie is hoping to surprise her sister, and asks Maude to go out and look for nice rocks in an effort to get her out of the house for a little while. She has invited all her friends over and is planning on having them all make rock candy necklaces with Maude when she returns.

No sooner has Maude left, than Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy show up outside Pinkie Pie's door, looking a bit rundown. Pinkie Pie greets them excitedly and reveals her plan for them to surprise Maude with the rock candy necklaces. The other ponies look guiltily amongst themselves and when Pinkie Pie asks them what's wrong, they admit they're not sure they're ready to share in this special bonding ritual between Pinkie and her sister.

When Pinkie Pie presses further, asking why they don't want to make best-friend rock candy necklaces, Applejack steps forward and admits they don't feel like they have much in common with Maude. The other ponies agree, that as hard as they've tried, they just can't seem to find something to bond over.

Pinkie Pie's face falls for a beat, but then she has a great idea and tells her friends to wait there and not to worry- she knows just the thing to bring them all together! Pinkie Pie dashes out of frame as the others look skeptical.

18) EXT. PINKIE PIE'S HOUSE – SHORT WHILE LATER

Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy are still waiting for Pinkie Pie, when Maude returns with a small bag of rocks she's collected. Maude

greet the ponies with her usual lack of enthusiasm, just as Pinkie Pie shows up, telling her friends and sister she has just invented the best, most awesome activity ever, and they should all follow her right away!

Everypony, including Maude, looks a bit apprehensive at Pinkie Pie's manic behavior, but they all follow her anyway. To the ponies' surprise, Maude even seems to pick up her speed a bit.

19) EXT. EDGE OF THE EVERFREE FOREST – SHORT WHILE LATER

The ponies arrive at the Everfree Forest and cannot believe their eyes. In almost no time at all, Pinkie Pie has constructed an elaborate labyrinth-style obstacle course, taking all of their individual interests and mashing them up into one activity.

Maude and the other ponies stare in horror as Pinkie Pie attempts to demonstrate her fun activity. She climbs up a rock wall, eats her way through a tunnel of applesauce, searches through a pile of Rarity's expensive fabrics for one sewing needle, throws the needle into a haystack, slides down a river of books while reciting slam poetry, tickles a sleeping bear, bounces past a den of venomous snakes, and juggles a fresh batch of cupcakes.

When Pinkie Pie finishes her demonstration, her friends and sister all let out a huge sigh of relief that she didn't get hurt, and are all a bit hesitant when she asks them to join in. Pinkie Pie insists that this is the best activity ever, since there's something in it for everypony.

Not wanting to disappoint her, the ponies attempt to follow her crazy instructions, but as Pinkie Pie watches them, she begins adding more and more ridiculous elements to the game. Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, Fluttershy, and Maude look up from the obstacle course and see Pinkie Pie, 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 a loud scream as she starts to fall.

ACT THREE

20) EXT. THE EVERFREE FOREST – MOMENTS LATER

Pinkie Pie loses her grasp on the vine and starts to fall down toward a large, sharp wall of rocks, and before any of the ponies have time to act, Maude zooms up the rock wall and pounds it into a large pile of sand. Pinkie Pie lands safely on the sand and hugs her sister tightly.

The ponies stare at Maude and Pinkie Pie in amazement, both relieved that Pinkie Pie is safe, and shocked at how quickly Maude jumped to her rescue.

Pinkie Pie tells her friends and sister she only wanted to create the perfect bonding activity so they could all become best friends and make rock candy necklaces together. Maude apologizes to Pinkie Pie and the other ponies- she knows how important it was to Pinkie Pie that they all get along, but she feels like they just don't have anything in common. She tells them that she never wanted to hurt Pinkie Pie, and worries that the longer she stays, the harder it will be for her sister knowing that they weren't able to click the way she wanted them to. Maude decides to return to Rock Farm before leaving for her research trip, and heads back to Pinkie Pie's house to collect her things.

As Maude walks away, Pinkie Pie laments that they never even got to make rock candy necklaces.

21) INT. TWILIGHT'S HOUSE – MORNING

While Pinkie Pie helps Maude pack, Twilight invites Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy over to her house to think of a way to make this up to her. The ponies all feel terrible that Pinkie Pie put herself in danger trying to make them all bond, and that Maude decided to leave Ponyville early.

Rainbow Dash tells the others she can't believe how fast Maude moved to save Pinkie Pie- she's never even seen Pinkie Pie move that fast! The others agree, and realize that this is the first time any of them have seen any real emotion out of Maude. Fluttershy comments that it's too bad they never got to make those rock candy necklaces, especially since it was so important to Pinkie Pie.

Twilight tells the ponies that she realizes now what they all have in common, and has an idea of how they can make it up to her.

21) INT. PONYVILLE STATION – TRAIN –EARLY AFTERNOON

Maude and Pinkie Pie sit next to each other on the train on the way back to Rock Farm. Maude tells Pinkie Pie she's glad her sister agreed to come with her, since it will be a while before they see each other again. Pinkie Pie apologizes to Maude that she put so much pressure on all of them to bond- she only wanted her friends to get to know her amazing older sister.

The sisters hug as the train pulls into the station.

22) EXT. ROCK FARM TRAIN STATION – LATER

Pinkie Pie and Maude get off the train and are greeted by Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy, who took a hot air balloon to beat them there!

The ponies apologize to Pinkie Pie for hurting her feelings by not bonding with Maude right away, and tell Maude how sorry they are that she felt the only way to spare Pinkie Pie's feelings was to leave Ponyville early. They can see now how special the bond between Pinkie Pie and Maude is, recognizing how much Maude loves her sister, and how badly she wants her to be happy. They apologize that they couldn't see it sooner- the thing they have in common is how much they **all** love Pinkie Pie!

The ponies share a group hug and head back to Rock Farm where Pinkie Pie's friends have another surprise waiting...

23) EXT. ROCK FARM – SHORT WHILE LATER

Back at Rock Farm, Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy have brought all of Pinkie Pie's rock candy with them and are ready to make rock candy necklaces for each other. Pinkie Pie is overjoyed, and her enthusiasm even gets a small smile out of Maude.

The ponies enjoy an afternoon of making rock candy necklaces, while Pinkie Pie struggles not to eat all the candy before finishing her necklace.

Pinkie Pie and her friends all make a rock candy necklace for Maude so she has something to remind her of her best friends when she's on her trip. They share another group hug, and Pinkie Pie jokingly tells her sister to try not to eat all her candy before she leaves.

As Pinkie Pie becomes distracted by a large lump of rock candy lurking under the table, Maude discretely removes a small keepsake box and places the necklaces inside. Twilight notices the box and asks her about it. Maude cracks another small smile, as Twilight peers inside the box to see numerous, uneaten rock candy necklaces made for Maude by Pinkie Pie over the years. Twilight looks at Maude in confusion, to which she replies, "I don't really like candy." The tiniest smile crosses Maude's face as she continues, "But I do love Pinkie Pie." Pinkie Pie bounces up to them, cheeks full of rock candy. Twilight and Maude smile at the antics of their mutual friend as we...

FADE OUT.