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ACT I

TEASER: 1 1

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.
Celestia hasn't even raised the sun
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 3

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 Maude'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 4

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!

(then, serious)
It's part of a very important,
super-duper special tradition that
only the closest and bestest of
friends can share.

(then super excited)
We're going to make rock candy
necklaces together!

17 APPLEJACK 17
Making rock candy necklaces is a
super-duper special tradition?

18 PINKIE PIE 18
(then, wistful)
Uh-huh.

(MORE)

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

It started when Maude and I were fillies. We used to make them all the time 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.

19 PINKIE PIE (V.O.) 19
She taught me the Pie family rock
candy recipe. It has a secret
ingredient.
(then, a whisper)
It's rocks.

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

2) Pinkie Pie and Maude sit around an enormous pile of rock candy. Maude holds an extra long wooden needle between her hooves. Pinkie Pie picks up a piece of rock candy between her hooves and drops it onto the needle. As it slides down, she grabs hold of the top of the needle between her hooves, and Maude lets go of her end of the needle so the piece of rock candy can slide down onto a piece of string connected to the needle. Once the piece of candy has slid down the string, they repeat the process.

20 PINKIE PIE (V.O.) 20
And she showed me how to string the
pieces to make them into a
necklace.

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

21 PINKIE PIE (V.O.) 21
And once we were done we'd trade.

BACK TO:

5) INT. PINKIE PIE'S KITCHEN - PRESENT 6

22 PINKIE PIE 22
Maude and I have been trading rock
candy necklaces back and forth
since I moved to Ponyville.
They're a sign that we'll always be
best friends.

23 APPLEJACK 23
Aw, what a great tradition.

24 RAINBOW DASH 24
Hold on. Let me get this straight.
The "secret ingredient" is rocks?

25 PINKIE PIE 25
Yeah. I know. It seems pretty
obvious since it's called "rock"
candy and all.

(then)
But these are a special kind of
rock that Maude discovered.

26 FLUTTERSHY 26
What kind of a rock are they?

27 PINKIE PIE 27
I can't tell you that, silly.
(then, loud whisper)
It's a secret.

The others share looks as Pinkie Pie continues.

28 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 28
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 right ones.

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

29 RAINBOW DASH 29
What's a "Rocktorate"?

30 PINKIE PIE 30
It's only the highest honor anypony
who loves rocks and knows
everything about them can get!

31 RAINBOW DASH 31
But what *is* it?

32 PINKIE PIE 32
It's a fancy trophy made out of
rocks.

33 RAINBOW DASH 33
Sounds about right.

34 PINKIE PIE 34
I can't wait for you all to meet
her. I just know that my best
Ponyville friends and my best
sister friend are going to become
bestest friends and then we can all
take part in a very important,
super-duper special tradition that
only the closest and bestest of
friends can share.
 (then)
We can make best friend rock candy
necklaces together!

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

35 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)35
I know you're going to love her!
She expresses herself through
fashion 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.

36 RARITY 36
 (smooshed)
She sounds amazing! But, uh, won't
she start to worry if you aren't at
the train station when she gets
here?

37 PINKIE PIE 37
 (calmly)
She sure will.
 (then, realizing)
<GASP!> Why are we still hugging?!
I gotta get out of here.

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.

38 FLUTTERSHY 38
I sure hope Maude has an appetite.

39 TWILIGHT 39
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.

40 APPLEJACK 40
'Course she will! Never met a pony,
or a critter, who didn't love
Granny's famous apple-spice
muffins!

41 TWILIGHT 41
You're right, I guess I'm just a
little nervous. I really want Maude
to have a good time with us.

Applejack nods in agreement just as 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.

42 RARITY 42
Oh, it's just no use!

43 APPLEJACK 43
Whatsamatter, Rarity?

44 RARITY 44
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.

45 RAINBOW DASH 45
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?

46 RARITY 46
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.

47 FLUTTERSHY 47
I think you look lovely, Rarity.

48 RARITY 48
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.

49 TWILIGHT 49
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. Being able to make those rock
candy necklaces together is really
important to her.
(then, confident)
I'm sure everything will be fin--

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

50 PINKIE PIE 50
WE'RE HERE!!!!

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

51 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 51
OVER HERE!!

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

52 TWILIGHT 52
Where's Maude?

53 PINKIE PIE 53
She's coming!

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

54 RAINBOW DASH 54
Are you sure?

55 PINKIE PIE 55
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.

56 RAINBOW DASH 56
 (under her breath)
Is she even moving?

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

57 PINKIE PIE 57
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.

58 MAUDE 58
Sedimentary.

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

59 RAINBOW DASH 59
Huh?

60 MAUDE 60
This is a sedimentary rock.

61 TWILIGHT 61
 (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.

62 MAUDE 62
Not really. Sedimentary rocks are
really common in these parts.

Maude places the rock into her saddle bag and the others quickly reign in their over-the-top enthusiasm for the rock as Twilight quickly continues:

63 TWILIGHT 63
We're just so thrilled you could
come for a visit before your big
trip! Pinkie Pie has told us so
much about you!

Twilight proceeds to make the introductions.

64 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 64
I'm Twilight and this is Applejack,
Fluttershy, Rainbow Dash, and
Rarity.

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

65 FLUTTERSHY 65
We're ever so glad to meet you!

66 APPLEJACK 66
We're just gonna have the best
time.

67 RAINBOW DASH 67
This week is going to be awesome!

Rarity manages to speak over the others.

68 RARITY 68
Pinkie Pie tells me you share my
love for fashion!

69 MAUDE 69
 (monotone)
I'm really into expressing myself
through my wardrobe.

Rarity eyes Maude's very plain gray dress.

70 RARITY 70
I see. And what is the delightful
frock you're wearing now saying?

Maude stares blankly at Rarity.

71 MAUDE 71
It doesn't talk. It's a dress.

72 RARITY 72
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.

73 APPLEJACK 73
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.

74 APPLEJACK (CONT'D) 74
 (then, worried)
Oh. No. You didn't accidentally
leave him back at the train station
did you?

75 MAUDE 75
He's in my pocket.

Fluttershy brightens.

76 FLUTTERSHY 76
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.

77 MAUDE 77
(flatly)
It's a rock. His name is Boulder.

Pinkie Pie grins at her friends.

78 PINKIE PIE 78
Isn't he shiny?!

The ponies glance awkwardly at each other and nod politely.

79 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 79
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 8 8

ACT II 9 9

7) EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER 10

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.

80 APPLEJACK 80
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.

81 APPLEJACK (CONT'D) 81
Oh, um, that's not-

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

82 MAUDE 82
 (flat)
 It's crunchy.

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

83 PINKIE PIE 83
 Maude's right! They are crunchy!
 Yum!

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

84 RAINBOW DASH 84
 So, uh, Pinkie Pie tells us you
 like games?

85 MAUDE 85
 Boulder and I sometimes play a game
 called "camouflage." It's kind of
 like "hide-and-seek," but way more
 intense.

86 RAINBOW DASH 86
 Awesome.

The other ponies all nod enthusiastically.

DISSOLVE TO:

8) EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - MUCH LATER 11

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.

87 TWILIGHT 87
 Any luck?

The ponies shake their heads.

88 FLUTTERSHY 88
 I truly wish I had spent more time
 with Boulder, because I'm having a
 very hard time remembering what he
 looks like.

89 APPLEJACK 89
 It's like lookin' for a pebble in a
 a haystack.

90 RARITY 90
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.

91 APPLEJACK 91
 (under her breath)
Well, you don't have to make it
even harder!

Rarity lets out an <EXASPERATED SIGH.>

92 RARITY 92
I give up! This is impossible.

93 TWILIGHT 93
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.

94 PINKIE PIE 94
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.

95 TWILIGHT 95
Just a little longer, okay?

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

96 MAUDE 96
Found him.

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

97 PINKIE PIE 97
Already?! Where was he?

98 MAUDE 98
He was hiding in my pocket.

99 RAINBOW DASH 99
Oh. Come on!

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

100 FLUTTERSHY 100
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.

101 PINKIE PIE 101
A very *amazing* day!

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

102 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 102
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>.

103 APPLEJACK 103
She sure is... different from what
I expected.

104 RAINBOW DASH 104
We spent all day digging in the
dirt and he was in her pocket THE
WHOLE TIME?!

105 RARITY 105
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.

106 FLUTTERSHY 106
On the bright side, Boulder seemed
really sweet.

Rainbow Dash rolls her eyes.

107 RAINBOW DASH 107
He's a ROCK!

108 TWILIGHT 108
Come on, girls. I'm sure Maude was
just nervous about meeting all of
us.

109 APPLEJACK 109
Yeah. Maybe she was just acting a
little "off" because she's shy or
somethin'.

110 TWILIGHT 110
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>.

111 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 111
(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.

112 RARITY 112
It certainly couldn't hurt.

Twilight smiles.

113 TWILIGHT 113
I'm sure we'll be making those best
friend rock candy necklaces in no
time.

DISSOLVE TO:

9) EXT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - ESTABLISHING - NEXT MORNING

10) INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS13

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

114 RARITY 114
Why did I offer to make Maude a
custom garment without asking her
for a color palate first?

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

115 RARITY (CONT'D) 115
 (overly cheery)
Good morning! I'm simply thrilled
you're here, Maude.

116 MAUDE 116
 (monotone)
Me, too.

117 PINKIE PIE 117
Me, three!

118 RARITY 118
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.

119 PINKIE PIE 119
Choices! Choices! Choices!

Rarity notes Maude's disinterest in the fabrics.

120 RARITY 120
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.

121 MAUDE 121
I like this one.

Rarity laughs.

122 RARITY 122
Oh, my, Pinkie Pie didn't tell us
you were so funny.

123 MAUDE 123
 (flatly)
 What do you mean?

Rarity's smile fades.

124 RARITY 124
 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.

125 RARITY (CONT'D) 125
 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.

126 PINKIE PIE 126
 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.

127 RARITY 127
 Perhaps I could sew all of these
 together and make something you'd
 like?

128 MAUDE 128
 No, thanks. One is enough.

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

129 PINKIE PIE 129
 Doesn't Maude make the coolest
 scarves?

130 RARITY 130
 Yes, quite.

131 PINKIE PIE 131
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.

132 RARITY 132
I don't even think that dish towel
was clean...

CUT TO:

12) EXT. WOODS - LATE AFTERNOON 14

Fluttershy and Angel lead Pinkie Pie and Maude through the
woods. Fluttershy spots her friend HUMMINGWAY in a nearby
tree and approaches him.

133 FLUTTERSHY 133
Hello there Hummingway. I'm ever so
happy to see you. My friends and I
are taking a walk through the woods
to visit with all the woodland
creatures.

Hummingway <CHIRPS> back at her.

134 PINKIE PIE 134
What's he saying?!

135 FLUTTERSHY 135
He says hello, and he is happy to
see us.

136 PINKIE PIE 136
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.

137 FLUTTERSHY 137
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.
(MORE)

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

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.

138 MAUDE 138
I was looking at the rock.

139 FLUTTERSHY 139
Oh.

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

140 PINKIE PIE 140
Huumm-dee-humm-humm! Chirpy-chirp-chirp! Humm-humm-chirpy-humm-humm!
Can you hear me? Chirp-chirp-chirpy-chirp!

Pinkie Pie stops jumping and frowns for a beat.

141 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 141
I can't tell if I'm using the correct dialect.

A beat.

142 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 142
Oh well! Humm-humm-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.

143 FLUTTERSHY 143
Have you found more interesting rocks?

144 MAUDE 144
No. Just a snake.

145 FLUTTERSHY 145
 (hopeful)
Are you very interested in snakes?

146 MAUDE 146
Not this one. He's upsetting the
rocks.

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.

147 PINKIE PIE 147
Thanks again, Fluttershy! Start
thinking about which flavors you
want to put in your *best friend*
rock candy necklace!!

Angel grimaces.

148 FLUTTERSHY 148
Best friends? Oh, gosh. I'm not
sure we're even friends yet.

DISSOLVE TO:

15) INT. PONYVILLE LIBRARY - MORNING 17

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

149 PINKIE PIE 149
Maude is a total bookworm. She
loves poetry.

150 TWILIGHT 150
I've got lots of poetry! Do you
read anything by William
Shakesmare? Or Edgar Allen Pony?

151 MAUDE 151
I prefer to read my own poetry. I
find it soothing.

152 TWILIGHT 152
I'd love to hear some of it.

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

153 MAUDE 153
 (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 shoes 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.

154 MAUDE (CONT'D) 154
 (flatly)
Do you want me to read you some
more?

Twilight smiles weakly.

155 TWILIGHT 155
Sure.

156 MAUDE 156
I've written thousands.

157 PINKIE PIE 157
She's soooo prolific.

158 MAUDE 158
This next one is about rocks.

159 TWILIGHT 159
 (forced)
Sounds great!

160 MAUDE 160
They're all about rocks.

Twilight keeps her smile plastered on her face.

161 TWILIGHT 161
 (hopeful)
Nothing about magic or Equestrian
history or--

162 MAUDE 162
Just rocks.

163 PINKIE PIE 163
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.

164 MAUDE 164
(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.

165 APPLEJACK 165
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.

166 MAUDE 166
I think this one is done.

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

167 APPLEJACK 167
Oh, uh, yep! That's a very
interestin' method you've got
there!

168 MAUDE 168
Should I peel another one?

169 APPLEJACK 169
NO! I mean, naw, I'm sure there's
plenty o' apples in it already.

170 PINKIE PIE 170
Can we taste it now?!

171 APPLEJACK 171
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.

172 PINKIE PIE 172
WOW! That's the best apple cider
I've ever had!!

173 APPLEJACK 173
What do you think, Maude?

174 MAUDE 174
(monotone)
It tastes like apples.

175 PINKIE PIE 175
(to Applejack)
Told you she was super honest.
(then)
Just like you!

176 APPLEJACK 176
(forced)
We're practically twins.

DISSOLVE TO:

17) EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER 19

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.

177 RAINBOW DASH 177
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.

178 PINKIE PIE 178
 THAT WAS AMAZING!!

Rainbow Dash flies over to Maude.

179 RAINBOW DASH 179
 Whoa! That was pretty impressive.
 How'd you do that?

Maude shrugs.

180 MAUDE 180
 I threw it.

181 RAINBOW DASH 181
 Guess you won this one, Maude.

182 MAUDE 182
 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 20

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

183 PINKIE PIE 183
 Great! You're all here! Maude is
 off looking for rocks, so this is
 the perfect time for us to set
 everything up!

184 TWILIGHT 184
 Set what up?

185 PINKIE PIE 185
 Everything we'll need to make our
 best friend rock candy necklaces,
 silly!

The other ponies look around at each other guiltily.

186 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 186
 What's wrong?

187 TWILIGHT 187
 Umm, well, I'm not sure it's the
 best time to make best friend rock
 candy necklaces.

188 PINKIE PIE 188
Why not?

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

189 RARITY 189
Well, dear, you see...

190 FLUTTERSHY 190
You're ever so thoughtful to share
your special bonding ritual with
us, but...

191 PINKIE PIE 191
But what?

192 RAINBOW DASH 192
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.

193 APPLEJACK 193
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.

194 APPLEJACK (CONT'D) 194
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.

195 PINKIE PIE 195
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

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

196 RARITY 196
I feel awful, just awful.

197 FLUTTERSHY 197
Maybe we should have just pretended
we were friends with Maude.

198 APPLEJACK 198
No, ma'am. That would've been
dishonest.

199 TWILIGHT 199
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.

200 RAINBOW DASH 200
Maybe. But who really knows? That
pony is a riddle wrapped in a
mystery inside an igneous.

201 RARITY 201
Don't you mean "inside an enigma"?

202 RAINBOW DASH 202
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.

203 PINKIE PIE 203
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.

204 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 04
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.

(Note: the obstacle course resembles a hamster cage/indoor playground with colorful inter-connecting tubes and tunnels)

205 TWILIGHT 205
Pinkie Pie, what is this?

206 PINKIE PIE 206
I call it - Pinky-Rainbow-Rari-Twi-
Apple-Flutter-Maude Fun Time!

207 RAINBOW DASH 207
Huh?

208 PINKIE PIE 208

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!

(then)

You'll need these.

Pinkie Pie gives each of the ponies a pair of safety goggles and a helmet.

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209          RAINBOW DASH          209
Like I said, "Huh?"
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210 PINKIE PIE 210
Probably better for me to show you!
Watch this!

Pinkie Pie adjusts her safety goggles, secures her helmet, and climbs inside a translucent tunnel, partially filled with apple sauce.

211 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 11
(mouth full)
Applesauce tunnel for Applejack.

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

212 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)12
Pretty, shiny stuff for Rarity.

Pinkie Pie then climbs out of the pit of fabrics, to a wall made of books, and crashes through it.

213 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)13
Reading material for Twilight.

Pinkie Pie pushes past the scattered books, and rushes toward a SLEEPING BEAR and TICKLES it, then bounces past a den of HISSING SNAKES.

214 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 14
Critter time for Fluttershy.

She then juggles a fresh batch of cupcakes.

215 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 15
I threw in the cupcakes for yours
truly.

Pinkie Pie tosses the cupcakes aside and approaches a large, unstable mountain of jagged rocks.

216 TWILIGHT 216
Uh, Pinkie Pie, what is *that*?

217 PINKIE PIE 217
A ROCK SLIDE, of course!
 (then)
For Maude!
 (then)
First you climb, then you slide!

218 APPLEJACK 218
I've got a bad feelin' about
this...

As Pinkie Pie climbs higher up the mountain, her hoof catches between two large, jagged rocks.

She tries to pull it free, causing an enormous boulder from the top of the mountain to loosen.

The ponies look in horror as the large rock starts to roll down towards Pinkie Pie.

Still trying to free herself, Pinkie Pie looks up and screams.

219 PINKIE PIE 219
 AHHH!! HELP!!!

Before any of the ponies have time to act, Maude zooms through the obstacle course, jumps to the top of the rock slide, and uses her hoof to pound the large, rolling rock into a pile of dust.

Maude slides down to Pinkie Pie and gingerly frees her hoof from the rocks.

The ponies stare at Maude in amazement.

220 RAINBOW DASH 220
 What? How? What?

Maude hugs her sister.

221 MAUDE 221
 Pinkie Pie, what were you thinking?

222 PINKIE PIE 222
 I guess I wasn't.

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

223 MAUDE 223
 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.

224 MAUDE (CONT'D) 224
It was nice to meet you all. Makes
me happy knowing Pinkie Pie has
such good friends.

225 PINKIE PIE 225
(softly)
But we never even got to make *our*
rock candy necklaces...

Maude starts to walk away leaving behind a disappointed
Pinkie Pie.

226 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 226
(then)
Wait, Maude! I'll come with you!

Pinkie Pie runs after Maude, leaving Twilight, Applejack,
Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy to stare at each other
in disbelief.

227 TWILIGHT 227
I can't believe Maude cut her trip
short.

228 RARITY 228
I can't believe we nearly lost
Pinkie Pie to that ridiculous
obstacle course.

229 FLUTTERSHY 229
Thank goodness Maude was able to
reach her in time!

230 RAINBOW DASH 230
Did you see how fast Maude moved?!

231 RARITY 231
And the way she smashed that huge
rock into dust! How in Equestria
did she do that?

232 FLUTTERSHY 232
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.

233 TWILIGHT 233
That's it!

Twilight <JUMPS> up and rallies the ponies.

234 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 234
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 a very
important, super-duper special
tradition that only the closest and
bestest of friends can share.

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.
Maude has her saddlebag with her.

235 MAUDE 235
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.

236 PINKIE PIE 236
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.

237 PINKIE PIE 237
What are you doing here?!

Twilight approaches Pinkie Pie.

238 TWILIGHT 238
Pinkie Pie, we're so sorry we hurt
your feelings by not bonding with
Maude right away.
(MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

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.

239 APPLEJACK 239
We've seen how much you care about
Pinkie Pie, first-hand.

240 FLUTTERSHY 240
She's ever so lucky to have such a
wonderful big sister who loves her
so much.

241 RARITY 241
We know there's nothing you
wouldn't do for her!

242 TWILIGHT 242
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.

243 PINKIE PIE 243
Aw, shucks.

244 TWILIGHT 244
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.

245 MAUDE 245
 (flatly)
Sure.

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

246 PINKIE PIE 246
What's wrong?

247 RARITY 247
Sorry, darling, I think we all
thought she'd be a bit more excited
about all this.

248 PINKIE PIE 248
Are you kidding me?!

She grabs Maude's face in her hooves.

249 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 249
I've never seen her more excited in
my entire life!

250 MAUDE 250
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 in quite the same way my
sister does.

251 RAINBOW DASH 251
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 25

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

252 TWILIGHT 252
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.

253 MAUDE 253
Thank you.

254 PINKIE PIE 254
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 from her saddle bag and places the necklaces inside.

255 TWILIGHT 255
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.

256 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 256
Are those all the necklaces Pinkie
sent you?

Maude nods "yes".

257 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 257
You haven't eaten any of them?

258 MAUDE 258
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.

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