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Friendship Lesson: Pinkie Pie learns she needs to step back and let her sister's friendship happen naturally, because her idea of friendship isn't necessarily Maud's.

EXT. EQUESTRIA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE - DAY

Pan down Gothic UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS to find a grassy quad, where a stage has been set up under a banner: EQUESTRIA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE. Front and center is a PODIUM, where RUSTY TENURE (Distinguished) is finishing a speech...

1 RUSTY TENURE
Graduating from the Equestria
Institute of Science is no easy
feat. I am proud of each and every
one of you...

He glances over, revealing a wider view of the stage, along with a single chair: MAUD PIE (in a black gown and graduation hat).

2 RUSTY TENURE (CONT'D)
Er-- you, each of, no-- just you,
actually. Small class this year.

Below, the "audience" consists of a massive grassy area, empty except for the PIE FAMILY standing up front.

3 PINKIE PIE
Go Maud! Woo-hoo! NUMBER ONE!
NUMBER ONE!

4 RUSTY TENURE
Fillies and Gentlecolts, it is my
esteemed honor to present our
valedictorian, who, I'm told,
wishes to express her gratitude by
way of a valedictory address...
 (gesturing over)
...Maud Pi-- excuse me... "Doctor
Pie."

ON LIMESTONE AND MARBLE PIE, smiling. Pinkie pops up on either side as she blurts:

5 PINKIE PIE
Doctor Pie! DOCTOR PIE!!!

ON STAGE: Maud takes her spot behind the podium. In the audience, PA PIE puts a hoof around MA's shoulder as she sheds a tear of pride. Maud adjusts the microphone, then:

11 MAUD PIE
I have, but that wasn't a joke.

12 PINKIE PIE
GHASTLY GORGE?! That terrible awful
no-fun all-alone canyon in the
middle of nowhere?!

13 MAUD PIE
There, or Ponyville. Fifty-fifty,
I'd say.

Pinkie is mega-confused.

14 PINKIE PIE
But Ponyville is so "eeeeee!"

She holds her cheeks up to make the happiest face ever...

15 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
And Ghastly Gorge is so... "Urghhh."

She squashes her cheeks downward to be super sad.

16 MAUD PIE
It's going to be a rock-based
decision.

17 PINKIE PIE
...What about Supah Soul Sistah
Slippahs?

18 MAUD PIE
That's why I'm giving Ponyville a
chance.

Inspiration and defiance come to Pinkie Pie...

19 PINKIE PIE
Challenge accepted. Prove Ponyville
has better rocks than Ghastly
Gorge? Psh, no problem. We'll drop
your stuff at my place, and then
hold onto your world, cause it's
about. To. Get. ROCKED!

SO INTENSE, Pinkie is NOSE TO NOSE with Maud.

20 MAUD PIE
.....okay.

INT. GEM CAVE - DAY

Pinkie leads Maud into the mouth of the cave.

21 PINKIE PIE
Ghastly Gorge has rocks, sure, but
our Gem Cave is MAGICAL!

Glittering gems sparkle on the walls and floor. **We hear an angelic HARP SFX. REVEAL Pinkie Pie is making it.** Maud looks around.

22 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Ahhhhh? Ahhhhhhhhhh? OH! And look,
you never know who you'll see!

Approaching: RARITY (happy) and SPIKE (distracted by gems).

23 RARITY
Maud, darling, it's lovely to see
you again. Congratulations on your
rockterate-- all that schooling is
most impressive. What are you doing
now?

24 MAUD PIE
Talking to you.

25 RARITY
Ah. Right. Well if you see a
chartreuse gem about this size, I'm
desperate to find one.

26 PINKIE PIE
Ohhhh, for the dress you're wearing
to Countess Coloratura's album
release party?

27 RARITY
Indeed! I simply must make a
splash, you see, and nopony else
will have--(dialogue continues in
bg...)

28 MAUD PIE
Found it.

REVEAL Maud has found a chartreuse gem.

29 RARITY
Oh! Maud, you're the absolute best!
This will surely make my gown
unique.

30 MAUD PIE
Not exactly. It's a really common
gem.

With that, Maud kicks the wall by the chartreuse gem,
revealing several other identical gems.

31 MAUD PIE (CONT'D)
All these gems are common.

32 RARITY
(sputtering) Wha--me--common--?

33 PINKIE PIE
That's why this was just a--a
practice cave! You wanna see
unique? Come with me!

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER

Pinkie Pie and Maud are at a vaguely apple-shaped rock
formation on a far corner of the farm.

34 PINKIE PIE
Ehhhhhhhh?

APPLEJACK, BIG MAC, and APPLE BLOOM are nearby, planting some
seeds.

35 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
You'd think this was made by a
master sculptor right? Some kinda
rock-smith obsessed with apples.
But it's a naturally occurring
formation!

36 APPLEJACK
Uh, no it ain't.

37 PINKIE PIE
Uh, yes it ain't.

38 APPLEJACK
Big Mac made that.

39 BIG MAC
Eyup.

40 APPLEJACK
He's big into sculpture these days.

Big Mac hefts a large apple, then he chews it all around
until what remains looks like Princess Luna.

41 PINKIE PIE
That's amazing-- I had no idea!
(catching herself)
Uh, but... look at the rock itself,
see those striations? That's a
thing, right? The little lines...
there... those...?

Maud stares at them for a long time.

42 MAUD PIE
It's a pretty normal rock, Pinkie.

Pinkie shoots a panicked look to AJ, then holds her breath
and scrunches her face in a "not-panicked" face.

43 PINKIE PIE
Okay no more messing around. Time
to show you the real deal.
(tough, in Maud's face)
Think you can handle it?

44 MAUD PIE
.....Yes.

EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

Pinkie and Maud are standing outside the castle.

45 PINKIE PIE
It's a castle... MADE OF ROCKS?!
Did I just blow your mind? I think
I blew your mind.

Maud's expressionless face makes Pinkie less sure...

46 MAUD PIE
A lot of structures are made from
rocks, Pinkie. They're a very
stable building material.

Really trying to sell it, does an interpretive dance (burying
herself into the ground, bursting forth like a rainbow) as
she explains:

47 PINKIE PIE
But this place grew out of nowhere
after a magical key-filled gem
followed a rainbow and buried
itself in the ground! I mean HAVE
YOU EVER SEEN ROCKS LIKE THIS?

48 MAUD PIE
Yes.

49 PINKIE PIE
You-- have...?

50 MAUD PIE
We literally just saw them in the
gem cave.

A <DEFLATING BALLOON SOUND> and Pinkie crumples.

51 PINKIE PIE
Twilight's castle was supposed to
be my pièce de resistance!
(teary-eyed)
If this doesn't do it for you, I
guess you won't be moving to
Ponyville after all...

Maud stares. Pinkie's lip quivers.

52 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Ghastly Gorge is about to get a whole
lot funner with you around. And I bet
it's got all the great rocks.

53 MAUD PIE
Pinkie Pie. Rocks aren't the only
reason I'm considering Ponyville.

54 PINKIE PIE
But you said it's a rock-based
decision...

55 MAUD PIE
Rocks are obviously my passion and
if I'm going to study them alone
I'd like to study the most exciting
ones. But...

Pinkie Pie wipes her tears, intrigued and hopeful.

56 MAUD PIE (CONT'D)
I could handle some less exciting
rocks if it meant I'd have somepony
to talk to besides Boulder.

She pulls out Boulder and looks at him very closely.

57 MAUD PIE (CONT'D)
Conversations with him are a little
one-sided. Because he's a rock.

58 PINKIE PIE
Maud...? Are you saying you want...
A FRIEND?!

59 MAUD PIE
I didn't say that.

Pinkie furrows her brow, confused. Then, in a soft voice...

60 MAUD PIE (CONT'D)
...But I wouldn't mind one.

61 PINKIE PIE
<GASP>!!!! *Maudileena Daisy Pie*, if
you want a friend you've come to
the right pony! This'll be easy,
everypony loves you!

62 MAUD PIE
No they don't.

63 PINKIE PIE
Oh, so we need to find you a new
friend, I get it. Hm... there's got
to be somepony in Ponyville for
you. What are you looking for in a
friend? Name six qualities
assigning each one an importance
rating between one and seven, seven
being essential.

64 MAUD PIE
Pinkie, it isn't hard to find
somepony I like, it's hard for me
to find somepony who gets me.

65 PINKIE PIE
I get you.

66 MAUD PIE
You're my sister. It's different.

67 PINKIE PIE
Maud. You are THE BEST. You never
know when the lightning of
friendship will strike! I mean
somepony could come barrelling
through that door at this very
moment and become your best friend!

They look at the closed castle door.

It remains closed.

Pinkie frowns.

68 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
You know I really thought somepony
was going to come barrelling
through that--

BOOM! The door flies open and STARLIGHT GLIMMER COMES BARRELLING OUT, running straight into Maud, knocking her over. Starlight's saddlebags, filled with books, spill out everywhere.

69 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
My fault--totally my fault. Are you
okay? I should have been watching
where I was going.
(noticing)
You look really familiar... have we
met before?

70 MAUD PIE
Yes.

71 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I knew it--!

72 PINKIE PIE
--WHAT--?!

73 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
--Don't tell me, don't tell me,
ummmmmmmmmmm...

Maud waits. In the BG, Pinkie is quietly bursting with excitement like a tea kettle.

74 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Yeah, see I was really hoping you'd
tell me while I pretended to
remember.

75 PINKIE PIE
How is this POSSIBLE?! AHH!

76 MAUD PIE
I travelled Equestria for my
rockterate dissertation...

FLASHBACK TO:

EXT. STARLIGHT'S VILLAGE - FLASHBACK

CLOSE ON: a pick chipping at a rock. It's Maud hard at work.

77 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (O.S.)
Excuse me...?

Maud keeps pick-pick-picking.

78 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Do you know a lot about rocks?

79 MAUD PIE
...Yes.

80 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Cool, um...

Starlight glances to... HER VILLAGE. Background Ponies walk the streets. They all have normal cutie marks.

81 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
(furtive)
Ever seen some kind of super-powerful stone that could store the cutie-mark magic of, say, an entire village?

Beat. Maud doesn't even look up.

82 MAUD PIE
Yup. In the big cave.

Starlight's eyes go WIDE.

BACK TO PRESENT:

EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

Pinkie Pie is frozen, mouth agape. Maybe the sound of her brain <SHORT CIRCUITING>, and then suddenly she forces <LAUGHTER> wayyyyyyy too loud and puts her arm around Maud.

83 PINKIE PIE
Hahaha! Hey I got an idea-- let's not tell anypony that part where you maybe for sure accidentally inspired Starlight to become super-evil. Am I right? Hahahahaha!
(so intense)
Tell. No. Pony.

Maud stares blankly at Pinkie's INTENSE face for a long moment.

84 MAUD PIE
Why? It's not like she enslaved
anypony recently. You're over it,
right?

Pinkie looks horrified but Starlight tries to hide a laugh.

85 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
(to Maud)
I knew I liked you for some reason.

Maud can't help it: the TINIEST smile flashes on her face.

86 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Well, great seeing you again. I
gotta run a few errands...

Starlight gives a theatrical sigh and repacks the last book
into her saddlebag. Pinkie slides right next to Maud and says
from the corner of her mouth:

87 PINKIE PIE
(barely understandable)
[Offer to help.]

88 MAUD PIE
What?

89 PINKIE PIE
[Offer to help!]

90 MAUD PIE
What?

91 PINKIE PIE
OFFER TO HELP!

92 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You want to help...?

93 MAUD PIE
...do I?

Pinkie is beside herself.

94 PINKIE PIE
Of course you do! Go!

95 MAUD PIE
Okay.

She and Starlight walk off together. Pinkie Pie watches them,
her face beaming with pride.

96 PINKIE PIE
They're totally gonna be best
friends and then Maud will choose
Ponyville and I'll get to wear
Supah Soul Sistah Slippahhhhs!

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

EXT. PONYVILLE MARKET - DAY

We find Starlight and Maud walking away from the market.
Starlight's got a bag of blue fabric, a bag of sticks and a
bunch of string.

97 MAUD PIE
...Rocks take on different
properties when interacting with
magic. You could rule all of
Equestria if you wanted to with the
right stone.

Starlight stares horrified at Maud. A small smirk crosses
Maud's face. Starlight smiles back at her.

98 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You're joking.

99 MAUD PIE
Am I?

Maud's smile deepens. Starlight laughs.

100 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You're pretty funny. So, other than
rocks, what else are you into?

101 MAUD PIE
I don't know.

102 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I like kites.

Starlight gives a worried glance to see how that admission
lands. Maud doesn't react.

103 MAUD PIE
Cool.

Starlight looks relieved. They walk in comfortable silence.
ANGLE ON: Pinkie Pie at another booth. She sees they're not talking and a worried expression crosses her face.

CUT TO:

EXT. PONYVILLE SQUARE - DAY

ANGLE ON THE SKY: two pieces of wood magically join to form a cross, then a piece of blue fabric levitates and attaches itself. Below, Maud watches as Starlight uses magic and explains:

104 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
The trick with an SLK is not to
make the spars too heavy, but if
they're too light you got no
ballast and then good luck tacking
against the AoI.

Maud stares.

105 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
 (soft)
I really like kites.

106 MAUD PIE
They're starting to grow on me.

107 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
Hello?!

They turn, seeing Pinkie Pie in a PIZZA DELIVERY UNIFORM.

108 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Pizza delivery! Maud and Starlight,
you're here too? WHOA what a
coincidence, cause I was just
delivering this pizza to, um...
you!

She passes a pizza box to DERPY, who shrugs and eats a slice.

109 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Sooooooo howwwwwww's it gooooooing?

Pinkie cranes her neck as Starlight hides the kites.

110 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Just hangin' out--

111 PINKIE PIE
Well if you're just "hangin' out"
you should use this time to bond
and talk about your feelings! For
example: do you "feel" like you're
becoming friends?

Maud and Starlight exchange a look. (Maud's is unreadable, obvi).

112 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Yeah, no, we're not doing this.

113 PINKIE PIE
I'll start. I feel like I love that
you two are becoming fast friends!

Maud gives Starlight a "let's go" look.

114 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I mean your friendship could be the
friendship that makes Maud move to
Ponyville! No pressure, Starlight!

But then Pinkie Pie looks around-- the girls are gone!
Pinkie gallops off, shouting and searching.

115 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Hello? Where did you two go? Wait
for me!

EXT. GEM CAVE - LATER

Along the forest path, Maud leads Starlight toward the cave.

116 MAUD PIE
We're almost there. Sorry about
that. My sister doesn't get half
way excited.

117 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Oh I know. She calms down
eventually.

They share a look.

118 STARLIGHT/ MAUD
(Laughs)/ Ha.

Starlight laughs. **Maud stops. REVEAL** they're in front of the cave.

119 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Lead the way, Dr. Pie.

Maud cracks a tiny smile and leads her in to the cave.

INT. GEM CAVE - LATER

Gems sparkle all around them.

120 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Why do you find rocks so
fascinating?

121 MAUD PIE
Each one tells a story.

122 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Rocks can't talk.

Maud's own logic thrown back at her.

123 MAUD PIE
.....I know.

She smiles at Starlight. Starlight smiles back.

124 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
But they are good listeners, right?

125 MAUD PIE
(softer, remembering...)
Yes. Also, rocks don't exclude you
if you're... different than other
ponies.

Starlight understands what she means.

126 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
That, I get.

Starlight considers a gem up close, reflected in every face.

127 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
They're beautiful and strong and
they don't judge you or make you
feel "less than" in any way. I
think I'm starting to really like
rocks.

Maud's expression changes 10 degrees toward happiness.
Starlight knocks on a particularly nice wall of granite.

128 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
It's hollow?

129 MAUD PIE
It's granite. Hollow granite is
highly unusual...

Starlight uses magic and breaks through the wall, REVEALING:

INT. MASSIVE UNDERGROUND LAKE - SAME

A huge cavern with an underground lake, a lost world complete with waterfall and greenery everywhere. Maud's jaw actually drops.

130 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Wowwwwww. Have you ever seen
anything like this?

131 MAUD PIE
....no.

Pinkie Pie pops up between them.

132 PINKIE PIE
There you are! I have been looking
everywhere for you. I thought you
went your separate ways but you
can't imagine how happy I am to
find you both together and to
witness one of your firsts as
friends!

Pinkie snaps a photo.

133 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Your first time discovering a new
place together! I can't wait til
your old and eating pistachios
together telling your grandfoals
this story about your lifelong
friendship!

Maud and Starlight look at her like "Yeah that's not gonna happen."

PUSH IN ON PINKIE'S THOUGHTS: There are many Pinkies bouncing on her brain like it's a bounce house.

134 PINKIES
Oh no!/ They're not bonding!/
They're not having as much fun as
we are and we're not real!/ But
this situation is!/ We have to do
something!

She starts walking and does a really theatrical trip,
purposefully kicking a rock and causing a small CAVE-IN that
blocks the way out.

135 PINKIE PIE
Whoaaaaa, oh no! My accidental
clumsiness has trapped us here,
where you'll no doubt be forced to
bond until somepony rescues us!

Maud sighs, annoyed.

136 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Oh we don't have to wait for that!
There's got to be a spell that
would--

137 MAUD PIE
Allow me.

KEY-YA! Using her super strength, Maud leaps and PUNCHES INTO
THE CEILING a la ep "Maud Pie."

EXT. FOREST PATH - MOMENTS LATER

Ka-Boom! Maud explodes out in a shower of dirt. Starlight
emerges from the hole after her.

138 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
That... was... AWESOME.

Maud smiles. Suddenly, bells are put around their necks like
they're cattle. They're confused.

139 PINKIE PIE
I'm thinking you wear these around
your necks at all times so I don't
lose you again, you sillies! That
way I can track your progress as
friends! Ooh, and tomorrow we have
could have a FRIENDSHIP BRUNCH!
What's your favorite kind of
omlette-cupcake?

140 MAUD PIE
Breakfast and lunch are separate
entities, Pinkie Pie.

141 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Yeah, um...I don't know if I can...

142 PINKIE PIE
You'll change your minds when you
smell the yummy food. Come on!

Pinkie sproings away. Starlight and Maud follow, bells ringing like cows. Starlight magically RIPS THEM OFF, and sends them flying over the horizon where a mushroom cloud blows up.

143 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
"Oops."

Maud cracks a smile.

INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - PINKIE'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Maud gets into bed while Pinkie Pie zips around her bedroom.

144 PINKIE PIE
Tomorrow's gonna be great!

145 MAUD PIE
Pinkie Pie...

146 PINKIE PIE
The problem is, while you two were alone, I couldn't get data points on your friendship probabilities: were you making Starlight smile? How was Starlight's smile to frown ratio? Anything over 5/1 is GREAT! Oh and how many times did YOU smile like this?

Pinkie Pie smiles with a HUGE GRIN bordering on creepy.

147 MAUD PIE
Zero times.

148 PINKIE PIE
Oh Maud, don't be so hard on yourself. You've got the best friendship maker in Ponyville on the case. I'll be by your side the whole time. Speaking of which, your bells fell off, silly!

Pinkie holds up the bell and tries to put it around Maud's neck. Maud inspects the bell PP just gave her.

149 MAUD PIE
Pinkie Pie, I appreciate what
you're trying to do, but...

150 PINKIE PIE
 (happy)
Buttttttttttttttttttttt...?

Pinkie waits, so happy and expectant. Maud stares.

151 MAUD PIE
...Nevermind.

Pinkie and Maud get in bed together and cozy up under covers, which should be the cutest thing in the world.

152 PINKIE PIE
Don't worry, Maud. When you see
this brunch, you'll realize
everything's gonna be okay.

153 MAUD PIE
Thank you for everything.

154 PINKIE PIE
You're welcome! Goodnight!

PP instantly zonks out <SNORING>.

PUSH IN on Maud, awake. Looking at PP fondly. Thinking...

EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - PINKIE'S HOUSE - MORNING

The sun comes up.

INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - PINKIE'S HOUSE - THE NEXT DAY

Pinkie Pie wakes up in a flash!

155 PINKIE PIE
Friendship brunch! Maud--!

...But Maud is gone. Pinkie whips off the covers, revealing the bell sitting on the bed, next to a note, which we hear in VO:

156 MAUD PIE (V.O.)
Pinkie Pie. Thank you for all your
help.
 (MORE)

MAUD PIE (V.O.) (CONT'D)
But my decision should come down to
rocks. And Ghastly Gorge has the
better rocks. I won't even time for
friends. Sorry it didn't work out.
Maud.

157 PINKIE PIE
Maud!

Pinkie Pie goes galloping for the stairs.

158 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Maud, wait!!!

She gets downstairs and comes face to face with Maud but it's
only a balloon in the shape of Maud's face. It's next to a
balloon of Starlight's face. It pops. On Pinkie Pie's
saddest face:

159 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
...Maud...

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - STARLIGHT'S ROOM - MORNING

Starlight snoozes peacefully. Pinkie Pie bursts in.

160 PINKIE PIE
WAKE UP!!!

Starlight pulls the blankets over her head.

161 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Starlight--!

Starlight peeks out.

162 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
If this is about brunch, I um...

Starlight falls back asleep.

163 PINKIE PIE
Maud is gone!

Starlight sits up.

164 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Gone? Already...?
(hiding her hurt)
I guess Ghastly Gorge really does
have the best rocks.

Pinkie Pie droops until her body is flat on the floor.

165 PINKIE PIE
I tried so hard. Why couldn't you
two just be friends?

Pinkie Pie starts sobbing.

166 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Pinkie Pie... I like Maud.

167 PINKIE PIE
You do...?

Pinkie Pie, still upset and teary eyed, sits up.

168 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Yeah, she's weird.

169 PINKIE PIE
Hey!

170 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
No, in a good way. She's cool and
and, I don't know-- real. And we
were becoming friends, but you've
been, kinda, sorta, getting in the
way?

171 PINKIE PIE
<GASSSSSSSP>!????

172 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You're right-- too harsh. Let's go
with: "Ruining everything all the
time?" (Off Pinkie's eyes growing
larger) Ngh... that's worse. What
I'm just trying to say is that you
didn't need to be there all the
time to make sure we liked each
other.

Pinkie looks down again. Starlight feels awful.

173 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
(trying to save this)
Ta-da. Friendship lesson...
learned.

174 PINKIE PIE
I have to go.

Pinkie takes off like a shot.

EXT. GHASTLY GORGE - DAY

High above the gorge, a crack in the ground, enormous.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. TRAIL DOWN THE GORGE - DAY

Getting darker as we descend.

From somewhere, we hear the <TINK-TINK-TINK> of a pick-ax.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. CANYON BASE - DAY

Shaded from the sun, the base of the gorge is dotted with rocks and crags.

The <TINK-TINK-TINK> of the pick-ax is louder...

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. WINDY TUNNEL - DAY

In a windy tunnel cavern, we find Maud chipping away at a rock, fighting off the wind, DEEP in the gorge.

The wind stops. Maud takes a moment to consider her empty surroundings.

She sighs.

Then suddenly a gust of wind blows away one of her samples. The small red rock tumbles along the gorge base.

Maud follows it... her head down, tracking the trail it left in the dirt.

She passes large holes in the gorge walls. Scary YELLOW EYES open inside each one as she passes, but she doesn't notice.

Head down, she walks right up to one of the dark holes.

She leans right down to the dirt, where there's an odd-shaped orange rock with green stripes.

175 MAUD PIE
Emerald-Jasper? Must be my lucky
day.

Above Maud, YELLOW EYES emerge from the shadows, revealing a
QUARRAY EEL-- unnoticed by Maud, AND WE CUT TO:

EXT. GHASTLY GORGE - TRAIN STATION - LATER

The dilapidated train station couldn't possibly be in
service, until A TRAIN steams to a halt.

The doors open, revealing Pinkie Pie. She takes a determined
step out of the train car.

Immediately the doors slam closed, startling her, as the
train ZOOMS away as fast as it can.

Pinkie, alone now, looks around.

A murder of crows flutters out of the abandoned station.

176 PINKIE PIE
Spoooooooooky.

EXT. GHASTLY GORGE - MOMENTS LATER

Pinkie walks to the ledge.

177 PINKIE PIE
(a la 207)
It's Ghastly Gorge! Dun dun dun!

Pinkie heads down the trail.

EXT. GHASTLY GORGE - THE NARROWS - LATER

Pinkie Pie passes the yellow-eyed eel caves, not noticing
them, enduring a gust of wind.

178 PINKIE PIE
Maud tracks!

She follows the trail, her nose in the dirt like a
bloodhound, until she BUMPS into something. She looks up,
revealing... a QUARRAY EEL, gigantic and scary. It growls.

179 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Excuse me, Mr. Quarry Eel. My
sister's trail leads right into
your mouth, so if you don't mind...

Pinkie pries open its jaws.

In its mouth, Maud is standing there completely unharmed and unfazed. She holds up the rock.

180 MAUD PIE
Hello Pinkie Pie. I found Emerald-Jasper.

181 PINKIE PIE
AHHHH!

Pinkie Pie cartoonishly jumps on the eel who spits Maud out. She is completely nonplussed.

182 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Oh my gosh are you okay Maud? That was crazy! That eel almost ate you!

Maud, covered in slime, stares at Pinky.

183 MAUD PIE
What eel?

THE EEL ROARS!

184 PINKIE PIE
We gotta get out of here!

It snaps its jaws just as PP shoves Maud out of the way. They gallop back toward the main trail...

185 MAUD PIE
You didn't need to come.

As Maud and PP pass each one, eels SNAP from their caves like whack-a-moles.

186 MAUD PIE (CONT'D)
I'm having a great time on my own.
I even made a new friend.

187 PINKIE PIE
It is a rock?

188 MAUD PIE
.....yes.

AN EEL ROARS as it lunges for them, teeth out-- when suddenly... WIND BURST! Maud and Pinkie are blown backwards. They cling to a boulders.

189 PINKIE PIE
(shouting over wind)
I owe you an apology.

Debris and branches cartoonishly smack PP in the face throughout this:

190 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I thought I knew everything about making friends <OW>! But that's not true... because I didn't even know my own sister. LOG!!!

They duck a giant LOG caught in the breeze.

191 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I ruined everything by crashing your fun time and trying to force a friendship my way, which isn't your way.

192 MAUD PIE
This way.

193 PINKIE PIE
That's what I'm saying.

194 MAUD PIE
(indicating over there)
No, this way.

Maud pulls herself behind a giant rock and the wind breaks.

OUT IN THE GORGE NARROWS, the eels see no sign of the girls and slither back into their holes.

Behind the rock, Pinkie Pie and Maud catch their breath.

195 MAUD PIE (CONT'D)
They're gone.

196 PINKIE PIE
You don't need me as an ambassador.
You can make friends on your own.

Maud stares at her sister.

197 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Please give Ponyville another chance. But more importantly... give me another chance... to leave you alone.

Maud thinks it over and we CUT TO:

EXT. GRASSY FIELD - DAY

BLUE SKY. A kite enters frame.

Starlight is flying a kite, alone.

ANGLE BACK ON THE SKY, where we watch her kite ripple in the wind. Clouds drift behind it.

And then ever so slowly, another kite enters frame and joins it. The two kites soar together on the same breeze, dancing in the wind like we're in a Miyazaki film.

On the ground, Starlight looks over to see Maud.

198 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You're back!

Maud nods.

199 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
For good?

Maud nods. Starlight smiles. Then...

200 MAUD PIE
...we don't need to talk about
feelings, do we?

201 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
No way, we're fine.

They smile at each other. A pleasant moment of kite-flying.

202 MAUD PIE
Maybe after this we could skip some
rocks. Just the two of us.

203 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Totally.

Pinkie Pie pops up between them, arms around them, SQUEALING!

204 PINKIE PIE
YES! MY SISTER'S TOTALLY STAYING IN
PONYVILLE!

Starlight glares. Maud... "glares" aka stares.

Pinkie holds up two pairs of....

205 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Supah Soul Sistah Slippahs?

Continued glares.

206 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Sorry, sorry, I'm leaving. I
promise. I'm not even here. Sorry!

IRIS OUT.