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*Friendship lesson: You can't force two ponies to be friends. You need to step back and let it happen naturally... because your idea of friendship may not be the same as somepony else's'.*

### **TEASER**

#### **EXT. PONYVILLE TRAIN STATION – DAY**

Starting with a wide shot of all of Ponyville, we hear Pinkie Pie emitting a high-pitched, excited “eeeeeeeeee!” sound, which continues as we dissolve to the TRAIN STATION, where we find on her on the platform going, “eeeeeeee!” An incoming train CHUGS to a halt, the doors open, and out steps MAUD (sporting a simple, traveling saddlebag). Pinkie’s “eeeeeeee” reaches a body-trembling fever pitch. She explodes, charging Maud and embracing her in a HUGE HUG. Maud: “I’m excited to see you too, Pinkie Pie.”

As they walk along the platform, Pinkie helps Maud with her stuff and tells her all the amazing things they can do while she’s visiting for official rock business. Who knew Ponyville was chock full endangered rocks? Maud: “Nopony knew. That’s why I’m here.” Pinkie Pie can’t wait to take her beloved sister to do all her favorite things, but they have to start RIGHT AWAY because they have so little time! Maud: “Actually, Pinkie...I’m thinking of moving here.” Off of Pinkie Pie literally exploding with excitement we...

### **END TEASER**

### **MAIN TITLES**

### **ACT I**

#### **EXT. PONYVILLE TRAIN STATION - SAME**

Pinkie Pie cannot believe it! Maud moving to Ponyville would be a dream come true! Pinkie: “We can get matching bunk beds and slippers and stay up late braiding each others’ manes!” Maud puts the brakes on that train of thought... She said she’s *considering* a move to Ponyville but she’s also considering the Ghastly Gorge, which Pinky remembers as “that terrible lonely canyon in the middle of nowhere?” Maud deadpans: “Yeah, so either there, or Ponyville. 50/50 I’d say.” Maud tells her it all depends on the rocks, and certain other factors she doesn’t want to get into. Well, PP takes that as a challenge. She’ll show Maud how great the rock selection in Ponyville is! COME ON!!!

#### **INT. CAVE - LATER**

Like a realtor, Pinkie Pie tries to sell Maud on the benefits to moving to Ponyville by showing her the jewel-studded cave. Maud looks around, but doesn’t seem that impressed with what she sees. Then they notice that RARITY is also there, looking for gems with SPIKE. They say hi and Rarity starts to talk about how she’s looking for the perfect chartreuse gem. PP: “Oooh, for the dress you’re wearing to Countess Coloratura’s album release party?” Rarity says that’s the one and she and PP start to gab away, but RY stops herself. RY: “I won’t bore you with the details. I’m sure Maud here can’t wait to get back to her, uh, rock studies.” But to everypony’s surprise, Maud tries to strike up a conversation with Spike. Maud: “So, uh, you come here often?” Spike says all the time! He likes to help Rarity out, plus when he gets hungry he can just do this! Spike plucks a gem off the wall and eats it. Maud is shocked. Spike *eats* rocks?! Spike says kind of? Dragons eat gems, sooo... Maud: “How dare you.” Maud’s eye starts to twitch and PP quickly drags her out, telling her there are plenty of other places to see!

#### **EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER**

Pinkie Pie and Maud are at a vaguely apple-shaped rock formation on a far corner of the farm. APPLEJACK, BIG MAC, and APPLE BLOOM are nearby, planting some seeds. Pinkie Pie excitedly explains that you would think that apple rock was made by a master sculptor but it’s not! The apple rock is a naturally occurring formation! Isn’t that amazing?? But Maud doesn’t seem to be interested. Instead, she tries to talk to Apple Bloom. She picks up right where she left off with her on Hearthswarming Eve: “...have you dreamed about turning into any more things?” But Apple Bloom doesn’t quite remember what she’s talking about. Maud looks hurt but says it wasn’t important. Pinkie Pie tries to save the situation by talking about the soil quality this season, and the striations in the apple rock. But Maud isn’t having it. To Pinkie’s horror, she seems BORED WITH ROCKS. Desperate to win Maud over to Ponyville, she takes her to:

**EXT. TWILIGHT’S CASTLE – LATER**

Pinkie and Maud are standing outside the castle. Pinkie tells Maud this place is sure to blow her mind! Because it’s a CASTLE made of rocks! Trying really really hard to sell it, PP talks a bit too loud, even for her. PP: “This place grew out of nowhere after a magical key-filled gem followed a rainbow and buried itself in the ground, isn’t that AMAZING?! Have you EVER seen ROCKS like THIS?!?!” Maud corrects her: they’re not technically rocks; they’re hardened mineral crystals. Pinkie Pie deflates. Twilight’s crystal castle was supposed to be her piece de la resistance! If these rocks don’t do it for her, Pinkie guesses Maud won’t be moving to Ponyville after all. Seeing her sister so distraught, Maud confesses, in her Maud way, that rocks weren’t the only reason she was considering Ponyville. New discoveries are amazing but they’re not as exciting unless you have somepony to share it with. A quiet moment as... her meaning dawns on Pinkie Pie. She gasps! “MAUD, YOU WANT A FRIEND!?!?” Maud says that’s not what she said, but then softly says she wouldn’t mind finding a friend. But she guesses Ponyville isn’t the place for that. She’d have better luck at the Ghastly Gorge. After all, it is full of endangered rocks she can study. She might even meet somepony: “A stranded hiker. Or a ghost. Somepony who will have to talk to me because there isn’t anypony else.” Pinkie frantically tries to convince her that there’s got to be SOMEPONY she’ll click with in Ponyville! But Maud says no, she’s been trying all day, she might as well get going to the gorge. Suddenly—STARLIGHT GLIMMER rushes out of the castle. She and Maud bump into each other and Starlight’s saddlebags spill open. As they’re picking up stuff, both SG and Maud realize... haven’t they met before? Maud kind of smiles, saying, yeah, a long time ago: “How have you been?” There’s clearly a friendly spark. PP almost loses her mind: “YOU TWO KNOW EACH OTHER?? YES! YES! FRIENDSHIP IS MAGIC!!!”

**END ACT I****ACT II****EXT. TWILIGHT’S CASTLE – PICKING UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF**

As Pinkie helps repack Maud’s bag, she asks Starlight and Maud how they know each other. Maud reminds Pinkie she travelled all around Equestria working on her Rockterate dissertation. FLASHBACK TO:

**EXT. STARLIGHT’S VILLAGE - FLASHBACK**

Maud is chipping away at a stone with her pick. In the background is... STARLIGHT’S VILLAGE. Starlight Glimmer comes by and, noticing Maud might know a lot about rocks, asks her if she knows any super-powerful stones that could trap cutie-marks and enslave a village? Maud doesn’t even look up and says, “There’s one down by the river.”

**EXT. TWILIGHT’S CASTLE - BACK TO SCENE**

Pinkie Pie LAUGHS SUPER LOUD: “Let’s just skip that part where you maybe accidentally inspired Starlight to become super evil hahahaha!” Starlight suggests to Maud they go hang out somewhere quieter so they can catch up. Maud agrees, as long as Pinkie Pie doesn’t mind? PP is beside herself: of course they should go. GO! As they leave together, PP is so proud of herself. “They’re going to be best friends and then Maud will totally choose Ponyville ...”

**EXT. THE LAKE – LATER**

Maud and Starlight walking along the sand at the lake. WHIP PAN to bushes across the way, where PP peeks out with binoculars, finishing her previous sentence: “...but I should probably just make sure.” We see Maud and Starlight walk in the surf. They stop. Maud digs around and finds a rock. She gives it to Starlight, who throws it into the lake. Maud does the same with another rock. Pinkie Pie reacts: They’re not having any fun! They’re barely even talking! It’s up to Pinkie Pie to fix this so that Maud can make a friend.

Pinkie Pie bounces down to the lake and pretends like she’s surprised to see Starlight and Maud there. She tries to get them to talk to each other by playing ice breaker games. “Everypony say what their favorite muffin flavor is on three!” Starlight politely plays along but Maud seems the tiniest bit annoyed.

**EXT. MEADOW – LATER**

Starlight and Maud are flying each flying a kite on opposite sides of the meadow. They seem to be enjoying themselves until... Pinkie Pie floats in on a balloon. She pops it and lands in the middle of them. Fancy meeting them here! But they’re so far apart this can’t possibly count as spending time with a friend. Pinkie pushes them

closer together and their kites tangle and fall to the ground. Starlight laughs at Pinkie but Maud is getting even more annoyed.

#### **INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - STARLIGHT'S ROOM - NIGHT**

Starlight and Maud are just quietly reading on their own. Suddenly, the doorbell rings. Of course, it's Pinkie Pie (dressed as a pizza delivery pony). PP: "Whaaat? Maud, you're here?" Maud: "Pinkie, you knew I was here. I told you where I was going when I left your house." Pinkie: "Oh. Well, I just happened to be working my other job as a pizza delivery pony and GASP! We're all here now! Sooooo, what are you doing??" Starlight says they're just hanging out. PP says since they're just hanging out, they should use this time together to bond and talk about their feelings! PP: "Let's all do it! I'll start. I feel like I love being with you two all the time. Think of us as a tricycle... I'm the third wheel that gives it so much stability!" As Pinkie Pie goes on and on about her feelings, Starlight and Maud share a look.

#### **INT. SUGAR CUBE CORNER - THE NEXT MORNING**

Pinkie Pie is talking to Applejack about Starlight and Maud's blossoming friendship. She thinks they're getting somewhere but it might not be enough to convince Maud to move to Ponyville. She needs to do something to put this friendship over the top. GASP! Pinkie knows just what to do. Ultimate BFF Brunch!!

#### **EXT. PONYVILLE SQUARE – MOMENTS LATER**

Pinkie Pie has decorated the Ponyville Cafe for the ultimate brunch. Banners, streamers, balloons. A table for two in the center with a huge pancake in the shape of Maud and Starlight's faces. Pinkie fully believes this should do it. "Maud and Starlight'll be besties by the time they finish eating their manes!" But then, Starlight shows up by herself. She holds up a ridiculously ornate glittery invite: "Um, you wanted me to come?" Pinkie Pie: "Sure did! But where's Maud?" Off of Starlight's shrug we CUT TO:

#### **INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - PINKIE PIE'S ROOM - LATER**

Pinkie Pie and Starlight come in to find a note from Maud on the counter, held in place by a boulder. "Dear Pinkie, I've decided to move to the Ghastly Gorge. My new apartment doesn't allow pets. Please take care of Boulder while I'm gone." Pinkie Pie GASPS!

#### **END ACT II**

#### **ACT III**

#### **INT. SUGAR CUBE CORNER - PINKIE'S ROOM - LATER**

Pinkie doesn't understand! She tried sooo hard to make Maud want to move to Ponyville, but maybe that was the problem. She needed to try harder. Starlight says actually maybe the problem was that Pinkie was trying *too* hard. Pinkie asks what Starlight's talking about? Starlight: "Well, you were kind of always there." **FLASH BACK TO THE FRIEND "DATES" WE SAW EARLIER**, but this time from Maud and Starlight's POV. AT THE LAKE, they're actually digging up rocks and SKIPPING STONES, and talking about interesting things that friends talk about: Maud says one of the reasons she likes rocks is that you don't have to act happy all the time with them. Starlight says she totally gets it, then Pinkie Pie interrupts their moment by bouncing into scene. Then, at the meadow, Starlight's V.O. explains that Starlight and Maud were perfectly content to fly kites in silence, but then Pinkie floated in and crashed their kites. Then, at Starlight's hang out, Maud and Starlight were both reading books on their beds, but they planned on telling each other about their stories until Pinkie Pie invited herself and made them talk about their feelings. Which made Maud very uncomfortable anyway. BACK TO SCENE: Starlight tells Pinkie that Maud isn't just a copy of Pinkie Pie, and Maud can make friends in her own way, if Pinkie would just let her. Pinkie, tearfully looks out the window: "This is all my fault..."

#### **EXT. GHASTLY GORGE – DAY**

Sure, it's "daytime," but the Ghastly Gorge is a spooky, tree-shaded place. From somewhere, we hear the tink-tink of a pick-ax. Dissolve through a few empty B.G.s of a trail down the canyon until we find Maud DEEP in the gorge, chipping away at a boulder. Dissolving to later, she packs her bags with samples and climbs out of the gorge along that path. She enters a small cabin, where she unpacks the rocks. The largest one, she considers it, then puts it in a chair at a table with OTHER ROCKS who are... playing cards. Then Maud gets in bed and goes to sleep.

**EXT. GHASTLY GORGE TRAIN STATION– NIGHT**

The dilapidated train station couldn't possibly be in service, until we see a TRAIN steam to a halt. Only one pony disembarks. Pinkie Pie, who stands on the platform marveling at how spooky the place is. A murder of crows flutter out of the abandoned station as the train departs, leaving her alone.

**INT. MAUD'S CABIN – THE GORGE – NIGHT**

From O.S., Pinkie yells “Maud, where are you!” which wakes Maud up. She turns to one of the rocks and addresses him as George, telling him he sounded just like her sister. Then she laughs, he's such a joker! (Maud's gone full-Wilson out here alone). Pinkie yelling for her again makes her open the window and see—PINKIE PIE! Maud tells her she shouldn't have come: “I'm having a great time on my own, Pinkie.” But Maud's self-conscious glance back at her rock-filled room, where they're perched everywhere, watching her like the birds at the end of THE BIRDS... she quietly repeats, yeah, she's fine out here on her own (filled with doubt!).

Pinkie apologizes for everything: she thought she knew everything about making friends, but that's not true... because she didn't even know her own sister. She owns up to ruining everything by crashing their hangout time and trying to force a friendship her way, which wasn't Maud's way. Maud doesn't need an ambassador; she can make friends on her own. “So, please give Ponyville another chance. But more importantly... give me another chance... to leave you alone.” End on Maud thinking it over as we CUT TO:

**EXT. GRASSY FIELD – DAY**

Starlight is flying a kite, alone. On the sky, where 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. Starlight: “You're back.” Maud nods: “...we don't need to talk about this, do we?” Starlight: “No way, we're fine.” Maud appreciates that, and asks if Starlight wants to skip stones after this. Just the two of them. Starlight says sure.

PULL BACK AND PAN AWAY from the girls who continue flying kites in unison, to reveal PINKIE PIE, watching them with binoculars. Pinkie SQUEALS: “YES!!! MY SISTER'S TOTALLY MOVING TO PONYVILLE!” She startles Maud and Starlight, who glare back at her. “Sorry, sorry, I'm leaving. I promise. I'm not even here.”

**END SHOW**