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Friendship Lesson: Pinkie Pie learns that if she wants Starlight and Maud to be friends, she needs to let them go off and bond on their own!

At the Ponyville craft fair, Pinkie Pie helps Maud set up her Pet Rock booth. When Maud chases away a couple of potential customers because she can't bear to part with her pet rocks, Rarity (who has the next booth over) whispers to Pinkie: "Your sister understands the point of a craft fair is to sell crafts, right?" Pinkie explains that rocks have been Maud's only friends, other than Pinkie, for as long as she can remember. Secretly? Pinkie had an ulterior motive for bringing Maud to the craft fair: she has a sneaking suspicion that Maud and Starlight might hit it off. Rarity stifles a laugh and when she realizes Pinkie is dead serious she very politely offers an, "Oh. That might work..." Pinkie hears the doubt in Rarity's voice, but come on: "Have I ever been wrong about friendships? No! I haven't!" Excited, Pinkie leaves Maud so she can find Starlight. Around the fair, she runs into the rest of the Mane 6, but nopony's seen Starlight. And moreover, um, they're not so sure that Starlight and Maud will hit it off. Starlight is so full of life and Maud is... Maud. But Pinkie's confidence cannot be swayed; she's the best friendship matchmaker in Equestria. When she finally finds Starlight, she's delighted to see... SHE'S TALKING TO MAUD! (Starlight actually knows a lot about rocks - she had to learn which ones were strong enough to be imbued with magic in order to contain a whole town's cutie marks - but whatever, point is, she likes rocks.) Pinkie is so excited. She knew it! The other ponies are still a bit skeptical. Just because Starlight can talk rocks with Maud doesn't mean they're going to be BFF's.

Determined to nurture the budding friendship, Pinkie suggests a bunch of activities the three of them can do together: try a new restaurant, catching raindrops with their tongues, making it rain gumdrops and catching it with their tongues, start a band... The whole time Pinkie snaps pictures of the three of them and all the friendship "Firsts" (first shared milkshake, first raindrop caught on their tongue, first rock band jam sesh, etc). Starlight and Maud try to enjoy the activities but every time they try to talk, Pinkie interrupts with a new activity. At one point she literally comes to a two-wheeled cart ride bringing a third wheel. After a while, Starlight and Maud have had enough. They decide they don't really want to hang out anymore. They just weren't meant to be friends. Maud breaks the bad news: "Sorry Pinkie Pie, but this time... you were wrong."

Distraught, Pinkie tells her friends they were right after all, Maud and Starlight aren't meant to be. And what's even worse... Pinkie's friendship sense was wrong! Her entire identity is in a fugue state. "Maybe I join the Wonderbolts!?" The Mane 5, who have been quietly observing say that actually, *they* were wrong. Maud and Starlight did have the makings of being friends and the problem might have been that Pinkie wasn't letting them do their thing. The girls brace themselves for Pinkie to be upset, but instead... she's so grateful! Her friends helped her see that her friendship sense was right, which means there's still a chance for Starlight and Maud! She finds them and apologizes, cause, you know... maybe they'd be friends if she wasn't in the way the whole time. Silly Pinkie! Maud and Starlight hang out. Pinkie's nowhere in sight... until the girls walk by a bush and we reveal she's in there with binoculars, but this time *secretly* documenting all their firsts!