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Logline: Even though she thought she knew everything about making new friends, Pinkie Pie learns that you can be friends with somepony even if you have nothing in common.

Pinkie Pie absolutely completely one hundred percent LOVES having Maud around. Ever since her move to Ponyville (adjacent), they've been able to hang out all the time. Except lately, Pinkie Pie's been a bit disappointed because it seems like whenever she wants to surprise Maud with a fun activity, Maud has other plans. Finally, Maud agrees to visit with Pinkie...But can Maud bring a friend? Pinkie has no problem with that. She's all about friends – the more the friendlier! But when Maud introduces her pal...Pinkie Pie just does not get this pony. He's quiet, dry, and honestly... kind of awkward? And Pinkie Pie NEVER feels awkward! Aside, she asks Maud: "Who is this guy?" Maud deadpans: "He's my boyfriend." GASP x 100000!

Pinkie redoubles her efforts to get along with Maud's beau, attempting some uncomfortable (yet hilarious) one-on-one time. Things only get worse when Maud asks her sister to plan a surprise party for him. That would require knowing more about this guy, and Pinkie can't even make small talk with him! She turns to her friends for advice, laying it out: "Maud likes this guy, but he's impossible to like!" Do they know what she means? Apple Jack is the one who puts it plainly: Of course! Because, well, that's kind of what it was like when they met Maud for the first time. Pinkie's friends all felt like they had nothing in common with Maud. Pinkie Pie laughs that off because Maud's nothing like this new guy—she's hilarious and outgoing and an all-around-bag-of-greatness (her friends are like, "whatever you say!"). Pinkie finally resolves that if Maud is happy with the guy, Pinkie will be happy with the guy. Besides, she hasn't met a pony she can't throw a party for!

BUT, as Pinkie Pie tries to make inroads and figure out what kind of party would be best, studying Maud and her plus one together (hiding in a very-obvious blind like Jane Goodall), she starts to doubt herself. Maybe this guy is like Maud. Which means... Maybe Pinkie has nothing in common with Maud either! If she can't connect with this guy, does she even KNOW her own sister? They have nothing in common either! IN FACT, none of the Pie sisters are ANYTHING alike! A SELF-DOUBT CRISIS!!!

Pinkie makes up a lame excuse to Maud and bails on party planning (all she's managed to assemble is a pile of rocks) because she "has no idea who this guy is, or who YOU are, Maud!" Pinkie rushes off. ("So this is a Pinkie Pie party," Maud's boyfriend observes, "I expected more rocks.")

Feeling like a confused failure, Pinkie Pie returns home to the rock farm to do some soul-searching. Reaching out to her other sisters for guidance, she reconnects with Limestone and Marble. Her siblings couldn't be more different from her – and yet they still manage to have a blast together. Or in Pie Family terms: A rock collection is much more fun when it's a bunch of different rocks together. Pinkie's sisters show her that just because they're nothing alike doesn't mean they don't love each other and can't be friends.

With that in mind, Pinkie Pie rushes back to Ponyville to give befriending Maud's beau one last shot. With her new understanding of being friends with ponies who are completely different than herself (and accepting/loving a sister who is completely different too!), she surprises Maud and her new guy pal with the best party ever: Pinkie-style!