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TEASER**SC.1 INT. PONYVILLE CAFE - DAY**

A SPOTLIGHT ON A BRICK WALL, a la *The Comedy Cellar* or *The Improv*. Silhouettes of ponies in the audience, watching MAUD PIE in the middle of a set...

1 MAUD PIE
What do you call an Alicorn with no
wings and no horn?
 (beat)
"Earth Pony."

2 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
AHHH HAHAAHAHAH!

3 MAUD PIE
But seriously, being an Earth Pony
isn't so bad. We've got magic
powers too. Like walking around...
and picking stuff up with our
teeth.

Long pause.

4 MAUD PIE (CONT'D)
That's sarcasm by the way.

5 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
Hahahahahaha!

In the audience, ponies look at each other, not sure whether or not to laugh... Except at one table, where PINKIE PIE pounds her hoof, rolling in hilarity.

6 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Ahhhh... haha ha... hoooo...
 (wiping tears)
...It's funny cause it's true!

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC.2 EXT. PONYVILLE CAFE - SAME

Maud and Pinkie step outside. <LAUGHTER> gets muffled as the door closes behind them.

7 PINKIE PIE
That was AMAZING! Your jokes! Your
super-funny delivery! Your..
your... your EVERYTHING!

8 MAUD PIE
How was my...
 (long pause)
...timing?

9 PINKIE PIE
Ha! You got me! C'mon! Let's
celebrate, sister style! We could
get matching stickers that say
"Sur-Pies!," then show them off at
the Ponyville Sticker Convention
that I could plan for tomorrow if
you want?

10 MAUD PIE
Actually I'm busy tonight.

Pinkie looks wounded.

11 PINKIE PIE
Again?! You're always busy!

Before Maud can answer, PP quickly composes herself like it's no big deal.

12 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
...which is GREAT! Hanging out with
new friends! You go, Maud! It's
super important for a strong sister
relationship that we spend time
with other friends too.

Pinkie Pie looks at Maud expectantly. Maud looks at her, deadpan. PP loses her steam a bit.

13 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
...It's just, well, we haven't hung
out in a really long time because
you always have other plans, like
three days ago when I wanted to
build whip cream pyramids and you
were meeting somepony-- but no,
never mind, it's totally fine.
Capital "N.B.D." No Big Deal.
 (MORE)

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

As long we get some serious sister
time before your birthday.

Maud continues to stare at her, giving nothing back.

14 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

Lowercase "b-t-dubs," there's no
particular reason I want to hang
out before your birthday... just,
you know, not planning anything
special.

15 MAUD PIE

Okay.

16 PINKIE PIE

What about tomorrow morning?

17 MAUD PIE

Okay.

Pinkie lights up and whoops with joy.

18 PINKIE PIE

Yay! Just you and me! Best Sister
Friends Forever!

19 MAUD PIE

Best Sister Friends Forever.

20 PINKIE PIE

I can't wait for tomorrow to be
today! EEEEEEEEEEE--!

CUT TO:

SC.3 EXT. GEM CAVE - THE NEXT DAY

PP's line continues into this scene--

21 PINKIE PIE

(continuing high pitched
glee sound)

--EEEEEEEEEE! Tomorrow is today!

She sproings into the gem cave...

SC.4 INT. GEM CAVE - MOMENTS LATER

...But it's empty. Nowhere to hide.

22 PINKIE PIE
Maud? MAUD?!
 (off the echo/silence)
Oh, really. We'll see about this.

SC.5 INT. STARLIGHT GLIMMER'S ROOM - LATER

CLOSE ON Starlight Glimmer's door. <KNOCK KNOCK>. Starlight opens it to reveal Pinkie Pie, dressed as a PINK *SUPER MARIO*-ESQUE PLUMBER (with a P on her hat instead of an M).

23 PINKIE PIE
It'sa me, Pinkie Pie! I'm here to
fix that leaky pipe you've been
complaining about.

24 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I guess my first question would
be... "whaa...?"

Pinkie nudges past Starlight.

25 PINKIE PIE
Anyway, while I'm here doing
plumber stuff, I might as well
ask... what are you up to right
now?

26 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I'm reading.

Pinkie walks over to the book and flips through the pages.

27 PINKIE PIE
Story checks out.
 (getting super-up close)
OR DOES IT?!?!?
 (soft)
It does.

Pinkie casually strolls over to Starlight's closet.

28 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Reading, eh... Are you sure there
is nopony hiding... IN YOUR
CLOSET?!

Pinkie throws open the closet hoping for an ah-ha reveal.
DUTCH ANGLE ON: an empty closet. The closet door SLOWLY
<CREAKS> back closed. A soft... <KER-CHUNK> when it shuts.

29 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Pinkie... is everything okay?

Pinkie Pie takes off her Plumber's Hat.

30 PINKIE PIE
I was just SURE Maud was here and I
wanted to tag along with the two of
you because we haven't done
anything together in forever!

31 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Weird... I thought she was hanging
out with YOU this whole time.

32 PINKIE PIE
If she hasn't been with her super
best sister friend and she hasn't
been with her super best unrelated
friend then... who's she with?

Starlight Glimmer shrugs, reassuring Pinkie:

33 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I wouldn't worry too much. Maud
probably just found a new rock
formation she's in love with.

34 PINKIE PIE
I guess... But Maud better not have
set-in-stone plans for her
birthday, because I'm planning the
best surprise party of all time!

SC.6 INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - LATER

Pinkie stands in line behind a nondescript pony (MUDBRIAR, who we'll meet soon). MRS. CAKE looks at her confused.

35 MRS. CAKE
Pinkie, why are you standing in
line? You work and live here.

36 PINKIE PIE
That's why I ESPECIALLY have to do
things the right way.

Pinkie steps up to the counter to lean in and loudly whisper:

37 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I've got a very important order for
a very important pony, and it's
gotta be tippy-top-super-duper-
secret, if you know what I mean...

Mrs. Cake opens her mouth to respond but before she can a voice from off-screen...

38 MUDBRIAR (O.S.)
Technically...? It's not your turn yet.

Surprised, Pinkie notices a STALLION (MUDBRIAR) next to her. He sounds like Maud Pie meets *Napoleon Dynamite*.

39 PINKIE PIE
Oh, I'm sorry. Didn't mean to cut in front of anypony.

Pinkie stares at him and he stares back. He stands there for a LONG time... doing nothing.

40 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Uh...Whatcha doin'?

He thinks about it.

41 MUDBRIAR
Talking to you.

42 PINKIE PIE
Riiiiight. Okay.

Mudbriar turns back to Mrs. Cake, still silent. CLOSE ON his pensive face. Pinkie rises into FRAME behind him.

43 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
It's just that we're trying to plan a party here, and you're taking a reaaaaally long time to...Uh... What are you doing, anyway?

Mudbriar blinks.

44 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Can I help with anything? Show you something? I work here. Really.

Mudbriar just stares at Mrs. Cake for a long time, then...

45 MUDBRIAR
.....Goodbye, Mrs. Cake.

46 MRS. CAKE
Goodbye, sweetie.

Pinkie gapes.

47 PINKIE PIE
Goodbye?!

48 MRS. CAKE
You're leaving too?

49 PINKIE PIE
 (ignores her, to Mudbriar)
THAT'S what you've been standing
here all this time to say?!

50 MUDBRIAR
I was deciding between "goodbye"
and "see you later."

Now it's Pinkie's turn to slowly blink.

51 MUDBRIAR (CONT'D)
They're very different. "See you
later" implies an event in the near
future wherein we see each other.
Goodbye expresses good wishes when
parting or at the end of a
conversation.

52 PINKIE PIE
Fascinating.
 (arm around him, towards
 door)
Have a great day!

He stops in his tracks.

53 MUDBRIAR
"Have a great day." That's a good
one. Maybe I'll use it next time
I'm talking to somepony whose day I
sincerely wish will be great.

Pinkie puts on her friendliest face as she shoos him outside.

54 PINKIE PIE
Okaybyeeee!

He turns back in the doorway--

55 MUDBRIAR
That's an interesting combination
of "okay" and--

She CLOSES THE DOOR on him. She gives her bangs an
exasperated exhale, turns, and sees MRS. CAKE IS GONE!
...only a note on the counter...

56 PINKIE PIE
 (reading)
"Out to lunch?" Oh come on!

SC.7 EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - MOMENTS LATER

Pinkie Pie exits, frustrated and ranting to GUMMY.

57 PINKIE PIE
It wasn't his fault. I mean he did
take a craaaazy amount of time to
say goodbye, or was it "see you
later?" Ahh, now he's got me doing
it!

She's so worked up she bumps right into somepony. Gummy
keeps walking OS.

58 MAUD PIE
Hello, Pinkie Pie.

59 PINKIE PIE
MAUD! How are you! I was just
inside NOT planning a secret
surprise party for you!

60 MAUD PIE
 (deadpan)
Okay.

Pinkie is so happy to see her.

61 PINKIE PIE
Want to hang out right now? I mean,
after all, I can see you're not
doing anything with anypony else...

Pinkie looks around to check and adds hopefully--

62 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Unless they're invisible or
reeeaally small...

Maud catches her subtext.

63 MAUD PIE
I'm sorry I haven't been around
much.

64 PINKIE PIE
(playing it off)
Psh, pft, what are you apologizing
to me for? I'm not upset, you silly
willy.

65 MAUD PIE
It's because I have a boyfriend
now.

Pinkie Pie's jaw hits the ground. Each reaction is a crazier,
bigger TAKE, while Maud's delivery is exactly the same.

66 PINKIE PIE
A WHAAAAAA?

67 MAUD PIE
A boyfriend.

68 PINKIE PIE
A WHAAAAAA?

69 MAUD PIE
A boyfriend.

70 PINKIE PIE
A WHAAAAAA?

71 MAUD PIE
A boyfriend.

Pinkie breaks into a huge grin.

72 PINKIE PIE
That's so exciting! MY sister! IN
LOVE!!!

73 MAUD PIE
Technically, we're "in like."

Pinkie Pie is bouncing off the trees she's so excited.

74 PINKIE PIE
Tell me EVERYTHING! Who is he?!
What's his favorite color? Does he
like ice cream? If he were a bird
what kind of bird would he be?
Wait. Is he actually a bird? I
don't know because you haven't told
me anything yet!!!

75 MAUD PIE
You'll like him. We have a lot in
common.

76 PINKIE PIE
Well, I love you, so I know I'm
going to love your boyfriend! I
can't wait to meet him!

77 MAUD PIE
You don't have to.

Maud looks OS. We PAN OVER to a rock.

Pinkie looks surprised, then beams to Maud.

78 PINKIE PIE
<gasp> He's a rock! And you love
rocks, so it's perfect.
 (then, whisper)
Is Boulder jealous?

79 MAUD PIE
No, behind the rock. Mudbriar, are
you back there...?

Maud's boyfriend steps out from behind the rock.

80 MUDBRIAR
Technically...? Not anymore.

PINKIE GASSSSSSPS in horror/disbelief/act break tension!

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC.8 EXT. PONYVILLE - SAME

...Picking up where we left off, Pinkie Pie's brain tries to process all this.

81 MAUD PIE
Pinkie Pie, meet Mudbriar.

82 MUDBRIAR
Technically? We've already met.

Pinkie Pie finally finds her voice...

83 PINKIE PIE
 (shocked)
You...?

84 MUDBRIAR
Yes.

85 PINKIE PIE
 (sad)
...You!?

86 MUDBRIAR
Yes.

87 PINKIE PIE
 (catching herself)
I mean... you!
 (VERY happy)
You! You! You!

88 MUDBRIAR
Yes. Yes. Yes.

89 PINKIE PIE
 (getting it together)
I'm sorry, let's start over. Hi!
I'm Maud's sister, Pinkie Pie.

90 MUDBRIAR
I know.

Awkward moment. Pinkie Pie frets for something to say. Maud and Mudbrair stare at her.

91 PINKIE PIE
So... how did... you two meet?

92 MAUD PIE
At a rock show.

93 MUDBRIAR
Technically? It was a rock and gem
show.

94 PINKIE PIE
Oh, so you're into gems?

95 MUDBRIAR
No.

96 PINKIE PIE
But you just said--

97 MUDBRIAR
We met between the rock and gem
show... And the stick show next
door.

Pinkie looks at Mudbriar funny. Maud explains for him...

98 MAUD PIE
Mudbriar is really into sticks.

Pinkie wracks her brain, trying to find common ground until--

99 PINKIE PIE
I'm... Really into sticks too!
They're great for hitting piñatas!

Pinkie reaches up and grabs a PINATA and stick from the top of the screen. She winds up to hit it...

100 MAUD PIE
(soft, admonishing)
Pinkie...!

Pinkie pauses, wondering what she did wrong... Then, realizing, offers the stick to Mudbriar.

101 PINKIE PIE
You wanna go first?

Mudbriar snatches the stick and protects it.

102 MUDBRIAR
That is stick abuse.

Pinkie kicks the pinata OS.

103 PINKIE PIE
It is? I'm sorry. Ugh, this is awful, I am not being a very good sister. Let's start over. I'm Pinkie Pie, nice to meet you.

104 MUDBRIAR
Technically? We've already met.

Pinkie is feeling super-awkward. Maud rescues her, telling Mudbriar--

105 MAUD PIE
You should introduce Pinkie to your pet.

Mudbriar reveals a little stick and puts it down in the dirt. Pinkie smiles.

106 PINKIE PIE
Oh! Your pet likes fetch!

107 MUDBRIAR
This is my pet. So no.

Maud places BOULDER down next to the stick.

108 MAUD PIE
Look at them playing together.

109 MUDBRIAR
They're adorable.

Pinkie Pie is confused and whispers to Maud.

110 PINKIE PIE
It's just a stick...

111 MAUD PIE
Don't be rude.

Pinkie blushes.

112 PINKIE PIE
I'm sorry! I'm sorry! One more
time... I'm Pinkie Pie, nice to
meet you.

113 MUDBRIAR
Technically? We've already met.

114 PINKIE PIE
Hrnphhhhhhhhh--!

Pinkie Pie scrunches up her face and holds her breath...

HARD CUT TO:

SC.9 INT. STARLIGHT GLIMMER'S ROOM - LATER

Pinkie lets out her breath and throws herself on the floor in
agony.

115 PINKIE PIE
AHHHH! I don't get this guy!!!

Starlight watches her roll on the floor.

116 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Wait, did you just leave in the
middle of talking to them?

117 PINKIE PIE
Of course not! I said I'd see him
later, which...
(MORE)

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

"Technically is different than saying goodbye." Grahhh!

118 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I've never seen you this worked up, Pinkie Pie. It's sweet how much you care about Maud.

119 PINKIE PIE
This isn't about Maud. It's about Mudbriar! He's weird! He has an inanimate object for a pet!

120 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
So does Maud.

121 PINKIE PIE
Boulder has ten times the personality of some random stick! Mudbriar is not like Maud at ALL!

Pinkie Pie starts bouncing all over the room as she expounds on her point. Starlight ducks and weaves.

122 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Maud is hilarious, friendly, caring, and easy to talk to!

123 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Yup, that's Maud.

124 PINKIE PIE
But this guy is awkward, quiet, and kind of... strange!

125 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Um, that also sounds like Maud.

Pinkie <LAUGHS>.

126 PINKIE PIE
Very funny, Starlight! YOU should do stand-up comedy, too.

127 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
I'm serious.

128 PINKIE PIE
<chuckle> Good one! (then) Maud is nothing like Mudbriar. If she were, then we wouldn't be best sister friends forever.

Starlight sees she's getting nowhere here.

129 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Either way, Mudbriar should
probably be part of your party
planning, since he's Maud's
boyfriend, whether you like him or
not. And you will-- like him, I
mean. Eventually.

Pinkie hesitates.

130 PINKIE PIE
...I guess you're right.

131 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
If anypony can make this work, it's
you. Tell you what, I'll keep Maud
busy while you and Mudbriar plan
her surprise party.

132 PINKIE PIE
 (turns determined)
Deal.

CUT TO:

SC.10 INT. PINKIE PIE'S ROOM - LATER

Mudbriar follows Pinkie into her room as she begins filling
him in.

133 PINKIE PIE
Listen. Maud's birthday is in two
days and we have no time to waste.
You're not afraid of slides, are
you?

134 MUDBRIAR
No, why?

135 PINKIE PIE
No reason!

Pinkie pulls the secret switch and they both tumble...

SC.11 INT. PARTY PLANNING CAVE - LATER

...sliding down the slide and into...

136 PINKIE PIE
Welcome to my PARTY PLANNING CAVE!

Mudbriar dusts himself off and checks it out.

137 MUDBRIAR
Technically? This is more of a
cavern.

Pinkie ignores that, pulling out her files on Maud and begins
to run ideas past him.

138 PINKIE PIE
Here's what I'm thinking for Maud's
surprise party: edible rock candy
plates, gem-shaped ice cubes, a
pebble piñata--
 (off his look)
--uh, we'll skip that one.

139 MUDBRIAR
Can I make some suggestions?

140 PINKIE PIE
Suggest away! That's why you're
here. You and me, planning
together. Friends.

141 MUDBRIAR
I have a vision board of everything
Maud loves, and none of those
things are on it.

Pinkie crosses her arms, skeptical.

142 PINKIE PIE
Let me see this "vision board."

143 MUDBRIAR
I don't have it. I'm en-visioning
it.

He closes his eyes and mumbles, "envisioning..."

144 MUDBRIAR (CONT'D)
Just as I thought. Maud doesn't
like surprises.

Pinkie Pie gets next to him, trying to see whatever he sees.

145 PINKIE PIE
Where does it say that? It doesn't
say that! Maud loves surprises!

Mudbriar slowly flips through Pinkie's dossier on Maud.

146 MUDBRIAR
Technically? There is not a single
thing in this book she would like.

Pinkie is starting to loose it.

147 PINKIE PIE
CAN YOU PLEASE BE MORE SPECIFIC?

Mudbriar directs her attention to a page in Maud's file.

148 MUDBRIAR
Maud wouldn't like these rainbow
streamers. She's into neutral
colors.

Pinkie is incredulous.

149 PINKIE PIE
Maud is wild! Maud is capital-P
Pizzaz-- a rainbow bursting through
every smile!

Mudbriar is confused.

150 MUDBRIAR
Doesn't sound like the Maud I know.

151 PINKIE PIE
Well since I've known her my ENTIRE
LIFE I think I'm the expert here.
But fine...If you don't believe me,
just ask her.

Mudbriar nods and turns to go. Pinkie suddenly leaps to
block his way as she realizes...

152 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
WAIT NO! It's a SURPRISE party--
you can't ask her!

He shrugs.

153 MUDBRIAR
I guess we'll never be able to
settle this, then. Oh well.

Pinkie's eyes narrow.

SC.12 EXT. GEM CAVE / MAUD'S HOUSE - LATER

Pinkie Pie and Mudbriar join Maud, who's flying kites with
Starlight outside the entrance to the gem cave.

154 PINKIE PIE
Heyyyyyyyyyy you two! Mudbriar and I
have just spent the BEST time
bonding and now we're really
starting to make some headway
becoming besties, except for one
teensy weensy disagreement that
maybe you could settle, Maud. See,
Mudbriar here seems to think that
you wouldn't like bright rainbow-
colored streamers! Isn't it funny
how wrong he is!?

Maud thinks it over.

155 MAUD PIE
I don't have very strong feelings
about streamers, but if I did, I
suppose I'd rather have ones that
were more... neutral colors.

156 PINKIE PIE
See?! WAIT, WHAT!??

Pinkie stretches Maud's face.

157 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
WHO ARE YOU?!?!?

158 MAUD PIE
I'm Maud.

159 PINKIE PIE
Lemme get this straight-- if you
WERE to go to a party, not your
party of course, some other party,
what kind of things would you like?

160 MAUD PIE
I don't really like parties.

Pinkie is losing it, she can't understand what is happening.

161 PINKIE PIE
What have you done with my sister
Maud?!?!?

162 MAUD PIE
I'm the same Maud I've always been.

Shaking her head like this can't be possible, Pinkie backs
away, confused and hurt.

163 PINKIE PIE
Then I guess... I have no idea who
you are....!

She turns to Mudbriar with tears in her eyes.

164 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
You can be in charge of that
"surprise" thing we were planning.
You obviously know Maud best. I
would only drag you down with bad
ideas.

Before Maud can react, Pinkie gallops away crying.

165 MUDBRIAR
 (calls)
See you later!

SC.13 EXT. PONYVILLE - MOMENTS LATER

Pinkie Pie gallops though Ponyville...

166 PINKIE PIE
If I don't know my own sister, who
else don't I really know?!

Cartoony visions of the heads of THE MANE 6 swirl around her,
their voices overlapping and echoey...

167 FLUTTERSHY (V.O.)
I'm not shy. And I hate animals.

168 RARITY (V.O.)
Fashion? Not for me, Darling.

169 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
Pthew, an apple a day is downright
disgusting.

170 RAINBOW DASH (V.O.)
Slow and steady wins the race.

171 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (V.O.)
I don't know how to read!

As Pinkie runs, visions of her friends <LAUGH> around her.
Gummy appears among the swirling chaos.

172 PINKIE PIE
Not you too Gummy!

173 GUMMY (V.O.)
(a la ep 100)
...We are all prisoners in a cage
of loneliness. Friendship is only
an illusion. *C'est la vie, toujours
misérable.*

COUNTER DOLLY ZOOM ON Pinkie Pie, the full horror of this
revelation finally dawning on her--

174 PINKIE PIE
MAYBE I DON'T EVEN LIKE CUPCAKES!!!

She <SCREAMS>, running of to the horizon as we FADE OUT.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC.14 EXT. THE PIE FAMILY ROCK FARM - MORNING

It's sunrise on the rock farm. A rooster <CROWS>.

SC.15 INT. PIE FAMILY BEDROOM - MORNING

Pinkie Pie's eyes snap open.

175 PINKIE PIE
(so happy)
Good morning!
(then, remembering)
Oh, wait... bad morning.

She <SIGHS> and pulls the pillow over her head.

A TRAY OF BREAKFAST slides in through the door, being nudged
by MARBLE PIE, who gives Pinkie a sad look, then leaves.

Moments later, LIMESTONE PIE peeks in the door. She looks at
Pinkie fondly, then yells:

176 LIMESTONE PIE
GET UP, PINKIE PIE! IT'S TIME TO
WORK!

SC.16 EXT. THE ROCK FARM - DAY

In the dirt field between the house and barn, Pinkie Pie walks with Marble Pie. They trail behind Limestone, all three idly picking up rocks and looking underneath them.

177 PINKIE PIE
You're probably wondering why I
came back to the family farm in the
middle of the night last night.

178 MARBLE PIE
Mmm-hmm.

179 PINKIE PIE
I don't know anypony in my life
anymore so I came home to start
over. We probably have nothing in
common so you don't have to talk to
me if you don't want to...

Marble looks at her sadly. Pinkie Pie's lip quivers. Marble opens her mouth to speak but--

180 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I understand. I'm not even crying,
it's just so hot out here, my eyes
are sweating.

181 LIMESTONE PIE
Buck up, Pinkie Pie!

Limestone joins them.

182 LIMESTONE PIE (CONT'D)
Sometimes life is sad. Sometimes
you have to stay on the farm and
help your parents while your
younger sisters move away and have
fun lives. That's just the way it
is.

Pinkie Pie slumps lower than low.

183 PINKIE PIE
You're right. It's hopeless. I
mean, thought I knew Maud, but it
turns out I don't know anypony.
I've been looking at Equestria
through cupcake-colored glasses
this whole time.

She grabs GLASSES from OS - the lenses are actual CUPCAKES.
She looks through them, sighs, and drops them - <SPLAT>.

184 LIMESTONE PIE
Yep.

Marble shoots Limestone a look-- come on. Limestone shrugs. Marble gives her an even sweeter look-- please? Limestone sighs.

185 LIMESTONE PIE (CONT'D)
C'mere...

Limestone takes Pinkie and Marble over to a dirt patch with a small gray rock in the middle.

186 LIMESTONE PIE (CONT'D)
I'm looking at a sparkling bright blue and white rock. See it?

187 PINKIE PIE
You mean that lumpy gray one?

188 LIMESTONE PIE
No, the beautiful blue and white one, right there.

She points at the LUMPY GRAY ROCK.

189 PINKIE PIE
I would not describe that as beautiful, blue, or white, but... okay.

Meanwhile, Marble Pie looks from the rock to Limestone to Pinkie Pie, then suddenly she understands.

190 MARBLE PIE
Mmm-hmm!

Pinkie Pie is still confused, so Marble CRACKS OPEN the rock, which turns out to be A GEODE! The hollow inside is encrusted with blue and white gems.

191 PINKIE PIE
Mmmmmmm-hmmmmmm.

192 MARBLE PIE
Mmm-hmm.

193 LIMESTONE PIE
This is a geode, Pinks. You and I were talking about the same thing.

A <GASP> as the light dawns for Pinkie!

194 PINKIE PIE
...You're right!

195 LIMESTONE PIE
Obviously.

196 PINKIE PIE
Who cares if other ponies think
Maud is quiet and awkward and, I
don't know, "off-putting--"

197 LIMESTONE PIE
HEY! Nothing wrong with being off-
putting.
(afterthought, re: Marble)
Or quiet.

198 MARBLE PIE
Mmm-hmm.

199 PINKIE PIE
Exactly! Just because I see a
different part of Maud than her
boyfriend doesn't make me wrong.
Or him. What matters is we both
love the sides of her we do see!

200 LIMESTONE PIE
(GASP)
Are they in love?

201 PINKIE PIE
"In-like." Oh Limestone, thank you.
I don't know what I'd do without
you. Both of you. Pie hug! Pie hug!

She brings them in tight. Marble blushes. Limestone growls.

202 LIMESTONE PIE
Okay, okay. You're crushing me to
gravel, Pinkie Pie!

Pinkie lets go.

203 PINKIE PIE
I really owe Mudbriar an apology.
(growing shock)
And I owe Maud a party! I just hope
I'm not too late!

Pre-lap <TRAIN WHISTLE SOUND> and CUT TO:

SC.17 EXT. PONYVILLE TRAIN STATION - DAY

Pinkie dashes off the incoming train even before it's fully stopped at the station. She runs up to an incidental pony--

204 PINKIE PIE
(ala Scrooge on 12/25)
You, Pegasus! What day is it? Has
the party happened?
(off the pony's confusion)
The party, THE PARTY!!!!??

Everypony stares at her.

205 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Don't you know what I'm talking
about? WHY DOESN'T ANYPONY KNOW
ABOUT MAUD'S SURPRISE PARTY!?

Pinkie stops as she realizes...

206 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Oh right, it's a surprise.

SC.18 EXT. PONYVILLE SQUARE - DAY

Mudbriar hangs some drab-looking neutral-colored streamers above a pile of rocks. He's having trouble hanging an especially high one on a branch, holding it in his teeth...

207 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
Hey! Wanna hear a joke? "What do
you call an Alicorn with no wings
and no magic?"

Mudbriar is surprised and pleased to see Pinkie Pie.

208 MUDBRIAR
"...Earth pony."

She nudges him up to reach the tree branch where he hangs the streamer. Mission accomplished, she lowers him down and he considers her. From her mane, she pulls out...

...A BRANCH.

209 PINKIE PIE
Here. I was really unfair to you,
and I'm sorry. I guess I always saw
my sister a certain way and never
considered what other ponies liked
about her.
(MORE)

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

But you know Maud too, so I'm ready
to listen to your ideas, if you
still want to be co-party planners.

A long moment as Pinkie worries... maybe he'll say no.
Mudbriar puts his nose down near the branch, inspecting it.

210 MUDBRIAR
Technically? This isn't even an
olive branch. It's a *quercus*, most
likely *castaneifolia*.

211 PINKIE PIE
OH COME ON!

Mudbriar is startled.

212 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(gritting her teeth)
Keep it togethr-- sorry, sorry, I'm
workin' on it, I'm workin' on it...

And then Mudbriar offers a hoof.

213 MUDBRIAR
And I love a good *quercus*. Friends?

214 PINKIE PIE
Friends. Now, do you have any ideas
for the party?

Pinkie looks to Mudbriar expectantly.

215 MUDBRIAR
There is one...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC.19 EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - LATER

Starlight, TWILIGHT, RAINBOW DASH, RARITY, FLUTTERSHY,
APPLEJACK, SPIKE, and other INCIDENTALS (including Gummy)
have gathered in the town square for the party. Suddenly the
door to one of the houses opens and...

216 EVERYONE
SURPRISE!

Maud is in the doorway, except... it's not actually Maud.
It's a crudely-drawn cutout of her.

Even weirder: nopony seems to mind!

The <MUSIC> starts and everyone begins mingling.

SC.20 EXT. HILLTOP NEAR TOWN - SAME

REVEAL: Looking down at the party from a hilltop, Maud stands with Pinkie Pie and Mudbriar.

Maud is very pleased.

217 MAUD PIE
This is my favorite party ever.

218 PINKIE PIE
I wish I could take credit for it,
but this is all your amazing
boyfriend's idea. He said the best
present would be not having to
attend your own surprise party.

Maud actually laughs. She looks at Mudbriar.

219 MAUD PIE
I like you.

220 MUDBRIAR
I like you too.

Pinkie pops up between them both.

221 PINKIE PIE
I like you three.

Then, to Pinkie Pie...

222 MUDBRIAR
Technically? It wasn't a surprise
because she could see the pre-party
preparations from up here.

223 PINKIE PIE
"Technically?"
(big grin)
...You're right!

She hugs them both.

FADE OUT.