

BLUE ROCK

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EXT. BACKYARD - SLUMS - DAY

MAGGIE PIE is daydreaming when HECTOR joins her.

MAGGIE PIE (13) sits on top of a concrete wall overlooking the slums. Her neighbor HECTOR (7) comes in and sits beside her. The sun is going down.

MAGGIE PIE  
Why you always in my space,  
Hector? (beat) Can't you go  
somewhere else?

HECTOR  
I'm alright.

MAGGIE PIE  
You didn't bring your radio by any  
chance, did ya?

HECTOR  
No..but, I got this?

Hector shows Maggie Pie a blue rock.

MAGGIE PIE  
What is that?

HECTOR  
It's a magic rock.

He hands it to Maggie Pie.  
You make a wish and whatever you  
wish for, comes true.

MAGGIE PIE (SARCASTIC)  
I wish.

HECTOR  
Yeah. Make a wish. But you have  
to do it like this...

Hector takes the blue rock and cups it between his palms.  
He closes his eyes and whispers. He hands it back to  
Maggie Pie.

Now you?

MAGGIE PIE  
What did---did you just wish  
something just then?

HECTOR  
Uh-huh.

MAGGIE PIE  
What did you wish?

HECTOR  
You can't say the wish too loud  
cause then it won't come true.

MAGGIE PIE  
Alright. How many wishes I get?

HECTOR  
Infinity.

MAGGIE PIE  
Really? This really must be a  
special rock.

HECTOR  
Blue. It's a special blue rock.

MAGGIE PIE  
Right. Special blue rock.

Maggie cups the rock between her palms, closes her eyes and  
whispers her wish.

She wipes a tear from the corner of her eye and hands the  
blue rock back to Hector.

HECTOR  
Your wish will come true, Maggie  
Pie. It will come true.

MAGGIE PIE (SHE SMILES)  
As visible as you always are,  
you're sweet.

HECTOR  
I'm not candy.

MAGGIE PIE  
Yes, you are, sweet like candy.

Maggie Pie tickles Hector who laughs.  
We should get going before it gets  
too dark and we need to be careful  
for that lose dog. You hear about  
that?

HECTOR  
Uh-huh. It bit someone.

MAGGIE PIE  
That's right. We better head on in  
before it bites us.

HECTOR

Okay. I will wish the dog won't bite you.

MAGGIE PIE

But you're not supposed to say your wish out-loud, remember?

HECTOR

It's okay, don't worry. Just you and me know....for protection. The blue rock will protect us.

MAGGIE PIE

Thank you, Hector.

HECTOR

You're welcome.

MAGGIE PIE

Let's head---

WILLIS

There you are you stupid shit, been looking all over for you! Dad's gonna have your ass!

WILLIS (14) grabs Hector by the shirt and stands him up.

MAGGIE PIE

Hey! Let him go! You can just tell him, you don't need to grab 'em.

WILLIS

Be quiet Maggie Pie, this don't concern you none.

MAGGIE PIE

You're on my property so it does concern me and I said don't put your hands on him.

Pause.

Willis stares at Maggie Pie defiantly but let's Hector go.

Hector runs off.

WILLIS (TO HECTOR)

Make sure you head straight to the house. That damn dog is running wild! (beat) (to Maggie Pie) What are you doing?

MAGGIE PIE

Not important. Stop bullying your little brother, doesn't he have enough troubles.

WILLIS

He does but if I don't shape him up my father will and that's worse.

MAGGIE PIE

Why ya'll so damn physical? We hear shouting coming from your trailer some nights.

WILLIS

Just the way it is. (beat) Best be going.

MAGGIE PIE

I didn't mean to yell at ya, Willis. Just don't like it when...oh...forget it.

WILLIS

You call that yelling?

Willis chuckles.

That was a soft serenade to what I know. How come you haven't been in school?

MAGGIE PIE

Haven't been well.

WILLIS

What's wrong with ya?

MAGGIE PIE

Nothing anybody needs to worry on.

WILLIS

Okay, I'll leave you to it.

MAGGIE PIE

Right.

Willis stares at Maggie Pie. He kisses her abruptly.

WILLIS

Sorry. I gotta get back. I didn't---

MAGGIE PIE

Go.

They exchange awkward looks before Willis jogs off  
...blue rock.