

IT'S PONY

Short #6 "Vet" For VO

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Characters

ANNIE, PONY, DR. TOOSH, SHINY EQUINOVA ACTION FIGURE, KID

1	SHORT COLD OPEN	1	*
	Annie and Pony stand next to the <i>It's Pony</i> logo. Pony flips a switch and the sign lights up, then quickly shorts out.		*
1	ANNIE What happened?	1	*
2	PONY (matter of fact) It's Pony shorts.	2	*
2	INT. VET WAITING ROOM	2	*
	PONY is sat reading a magazine in the vet waiting room. ANNIE walks up to him.		
3	ANNIE Ready to go in?	3	
4	PONY Yup!	4	
3	INT. VET EXAMINATION ROOM	3	*
	Annie and the vet - DR. TOOSH - are looking at an X-ray of Pony's stomach. It's full of random items: a Shiny Equinova action figure, a credit card, a giant key and a set of dentures.		*
5	ANNIE How did all that stuff get in there?!	5	
6	PONY Ah, long story. Well, actually, a series of short stories.	6	
7	ANNIE Oh well I'm sure that Dr. Toosh doesn't have time for-	7	
8	DR. TOOSH The basset hound that was after you cancelled. I'm all ears.	8	*
9	ANNIE <SIGH>	9	*

10	PONY	10	
	Where to start...well, the action figure. Now that was a gift for Annie		*
MEMORY FADE (Whenever we memory fade, Pony makes the memory fade sound with his mouth.)			
11	PONY (CONT'D) <memory fade noise>	11	
4	INT. ANNIE'S BEDROOM (FLASHBACK)	4	
	Pony is holding an action figure of Shiny Equinova.		*
12	SHINY EQUINOVA ACTION FIGURE It's off to the galactic glue factory for you, Hero Horse!	12	* * *
13	PONY Annie's gonna love this. I can't wait to surprise her.	13	
14	ANNIE (O.S.) Pony! I'm home!	14	
15	PONY Akh! Gotta hide it!	15	*
Pony looks around him for somewhere to hide the gift. He passes over various obvious places: the wardrobe, a chest, under the bed.			
Annie enters the room just as we hear (OS) Pony <SWALLOW>.			
16	PONY (CONT'D) <PAINED SWALLOW>	16	* *
17	ANNIE Hey, Pony, what're you up to?	17	
Reveal Pony has an action figure shaped lump in his throat. He swallows it down. <GULP>.			
18	PONY Nothin'.	18	
19	SHINY EQUINOVA ACTION FIGURE (from Pony's stomach) I hope you choke on your space hay.	19	* * *
20	ANNIE Huh?	20	* *

21	PONY Oh - uh - excuse me. (pounds chest) Gas.	21	* * * *
5	INT. VET - BACK TO SCENE	5	
22	PONY <MEMORY FADE SOUND> Annie looks surprised.	22	* *
23	ANNIE Oh...wondered why you've been so villainous recently. Pony nods.	23	* * * *
24	DR. TOOSH And the giant key?	24	*
25	PONY Ah. That's a key to the city!	25	
26	ANNIE You got a key to the city?	26	
27	PONY Oh, no. Not this city. MEMORY FADE	27	*
28	PONY (CONT'D) <MEMORY FADE SOUND>	28	
6	EXT. TOWN HALL (FLASHBACK)	6	
	Pony stands by a lectern. We hear O.S. the CHEERS of a crowd. Pony is handed a giant key. He wipes away a tear.		
29	PONY I would like to thank the citizens of this great city for this honor. I have to go now, cuz it's a nine hour flight home and Annie's almost done with school. But before I do I will eat this wonderful candy key you've given me. Pony starts to move the key into his mouth as the crowd reacts.	29	

30 CROWD 30
What?!/ No, no, no, no!

We cut away before Pony puts it in his mouth.

7 INT. VET (BACK TO SCENE) 7

31 PONY 31 *
<MEMORY FADE SOUND> *

Annie stares at Pony deadpan.

32 ANNIE 32 *
(shakes head) *
<SIGH> *

33 PONY 33
They just don't make candy keys
like they used to. Still, that key
was a great way to ring in the new
year.

34 ANNIE 34
Pony, New Year's was 8 months ago!
You've had that key in your stomach
for 8 months?!

35 PONY 35
Hey, it's no worse than Dad's
pumpkin casserole.
(leaning over to the vet)
That's really hard to digest. Eh? *
Eh? *

Annie is looking at the X-ray.

36 ANNIE 36
Speaking of Dad, is that his credit
card? How'd that get in there?

37 PONY 37
Ah, the card. Well, it was a normal
Saturday afternoon...

MEMORY FADE

38 PONY (CONT'D) 38
<MEMORY FADE SOUND>

8 INT. LIVING ROOM (FLASHBACK) 8
Pony is playing the tuba whilst one of the chickens dances.

39 DR. TOOSH (O.S.) 39
Wait, wait, wait...

9 INT. VET (BACK TO SCENE) 9

40 DR. TOOSH 40
That's a normal Saturday afternoon?

41 ANNIE 41
For Pony? That's low-key.

42 PONY 42
So as I was saying...

MEMORY FADE

43 PONY (CONT'D) 43
<MEMORY FADE SOUND>

10 INT. LIVING ROOM (FLASHBACK) 10
Pony is playing the tuba whilst one of the chickens dances.

44 PONY (V.O.) 44
I was teaching Susan how to dance...

Pony continues to play a simple song that goes POMP POMP POMP POMP, as the chicken dances.

11 INT. VET (BACK TO SCENE) 11
Annie and the vet watch Pony. His eyes are closed and he sways back and forth as he goes...

45 PONY 45
Pomp, pomp, pomp, pomp, pomp-

Annie tries to get Pony's attention but he just keeps going. *

46 ANNIE 46
Pony? Pony. Pony! When does the card come in? *

47 PONY 47
It's about to happen. Pomp, pomp, pomp, pomp *

12 INT. LIVING ROOM (FLASHBACK) 12

Pony continues to play.

48 PONY (V.O.) 48

Susan was really nailing her footwork when suddenly, out of nowhere, Dad's wallet started floating towards me.

Dad's wallet rises up and floats towards Pony. He drops the tuba.

49 PONY (V.O.) 49

I tried to escape but it kept coming!

Pony runs through the apartment, but the magic wallet flies after him.

50 PONY (V.O.) 50

I ran and ran but it was no good. The wallet opened and Dad's card flew out and--

We cut away just as the card flies towards Pony's open mouth.

13 INT. VETS (BACK TO SCENE) 13

51 ANNIE 51

Pony! What are you talking about?!

52 PONY 52

Ohhh, oh, wait, sorry, yeah. That's what I told Dad happened. *

53 ANNIE 53

So what really happened?

No memory fade. Quick cut away to...

14 INT. LIVING ROOM (FLASHBACK) 14

Pony on the couch singing as he scoops ice cream with the credit card and eats it.

54 PONY 54

Scoopy-doop-doop I'm a scoopy-doo--
ACH!

He swallows the card.

15 INT. VET (BACK TO SCENE) 15

Annie and the vet look astounded.

55 ANNIE 55

Right. Well, that explains the
action figure...

56 DR. TOOSH 56

The key..

57 ANNIE 57

And the card. That just leaves...

58 PONY 58

The dentures? Ah, I remember it
like it was yesterday...

MEMORY FADE.

59 PONY (CONT'D) 59

<MEMORY FADE SOUND> Ah, you know
the drill...

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16 INT. VET WAITING ROOM (FLASHBACK) 16

Pony waits in a chair. We don't see Annie.

Pony looks around, bored. Picks up a magazine. Flicks through
the pages. WHISTLES, leans back on his chair. He catches eyes
with a SMALL KID staring at him.

Pony makes a funny face. The kid <LAUGHS>. Pony makes another
funny face, the kid <LAUGHS> some more. Pony does the thing
where he passes his hoof in front of his face and changes his
expression each time, the kid loves it.

60 KID 60 *

(continues under Pony)
<LAUGH>

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61 PONY 61 *

(playing Peek-a-boo)
AHHHH, HEY!/AHHHH, THERE YOU ARE!/
AND THERE YOU ARE!

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Pony starts doing a peek-a-boo thing where he covers his face
and then reveals a funny face. He does it a few times, but
then, as his face is covered, the kid's MOM takes him away
and an OLD WOMAN with a cat sits in the same seat. When Pony
pulls his hooves away from his face, he's shocked to see the
child has turned into an old lady.

62	PONY (CONT'D)	62	
	And there you aH!!<Startled cry!>		*
	The woman is startled and launches her cat into the air.		*
	The cat sets off a Rube Goldberg series of events: It runs blindly into a dog which BARKS loudly, making a startled PET OWNER spill some water from their fish tank onto another PET OWNER's head, who accidentally throws their turtle in the air, landing on an OLD MAN's stomach who blows his dentures out of his mouth, straight into Pony's mouth. Pony <GULPS> as he swallows the dentures.		
63	PONY (CONT'D)	63	*
	<PAINED GULP>		*
	Annie exits the bathroom. The scene is totally back to normal, except for some startled looking pet owners and an old man looking for his teeth.		
64	ANNIE	64	
	Ready to go in?		
65	PONY	65	
	Yup!		
17	INT. VET (BACK TO SCENE)	17	
66	DR. TOOSH	66	
	Wow.		
67	ANNIE	67	
	(stunned)		
	Pony that was 5 minutes ago!		
68	PONY	68	
	Huh. Well, let's get that stuff out so I can give Annie her present and return Chester's teeth.		
69	DR. TOOSH	69	
	OK. I'm gonna need my stethoscope.		
	He looks around.		
70	DR. TOOSH (CONT'D)	70	
	It was right here...		
	Pony's stomach GURGLES. He burps.		
71	PONY	71	*
	<BURP>		*

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<SIGH>

ANNIE

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END.