DENNIS & GNASHER 4

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EXT. DENNIS'S FRONT GARDEN - DAY 1

WIDE SHOT: The Colonel, in his garden, looks over at Dennis's with mild interest as a terrified Double Glazing SALESMAN charges round and round Dennis's house, Ghasher on his tail.

1 GNASHER/ SALESMAN < GNASHI NG SOUNDS>/ AAAAAARRRGH!

> ON THE COLONEL at his fence. The Salesman WHOOSHES past and COV, Gnasher in pursuit. The Colonel calls after them

2 COLONEL

Spot of intel, possibly a tad late.

The Salesman and Ghasher race past again. The Salesman's jacket is now shredded.

GNASHER/ SALESMAN 3 < GNASHI NG SOUNDS>/ AAAAAAARRRRGH!

4 COLONEL He doesn't like double glazing.

> Salesman and Ghasher race past again. The Salesman's jacket is now gone, his shirt beneath hanging in tatters.

5 GNASHER/ SALESMAN < GNASHI NG SOUNDS>/ AAAAAAARRRRRGH!

6 COLONEL

Or sal esmen.

They race past again, Salesman now minus shirt, bare-chested.

GNASHER/ SALESMAN 7 < GNASHI NG SOUNDS>/ AAAAAAAARRRRGH!

8 COLONEL Just be thankful you're not wearing

spotty underpants.

They race past again. The Salesman's trousers are now gone. He's wearing spotty underpants.

GNASHER/ SALESMAN 9 < GNASHI NG SOUNDS>/ AAAAAAAARRRRGH!

10 COLONEL Ah.

The Colonel whips out a huge walkie-talkie.

EXT. SCHOOL GATE - DAY 2

> Outline of a phone in a bobbing black pocket. RINGTONE (D&G THEME). A hand reaches down and whips the phone out.

It's Dennis, heading out the gate with Curly and Pie Face.

11 DENNIS

(into phone; autopilot)
It wasn't me, I wasn't there, you can buy them red and black striped jumpers in any high street-(pause; a frown)
Colonel? What's wrong?

3 EXT. DENNI S'S STREET - DAY

A horrified Dennis, Curly and Pie Face bolt down the street.

12 CURLY

Is it bad?

13 DENNI S

Two words: first word, "spotty"; second word, --

They SCREECH to a stop at Dennis's front gate. Gnasher sits there, happily chewing on a pair of spotty--

14 DENNI S - - " under pant s."

The garden is a mess: beds trampled; lawn gnashed. The now naked Salesman perches quaking on a big overturned plant pot, wearing a second plant pot to cover his nether regions.

15 CURLY At least your Dad's not back yet.

DAD (OOV)
Dennis?! What on earth--?

REVEAL a shocked Dad behind them Dennis sags.

4 INT. DENNIS'S HOUSE - LIVING-ROOM - DAY

A scowling Dad sinks into a chair and kicks off his shoes.

17 DAD

--and <u>now</u> we have to get the whole house double-glazed just to buy off that salesman! You can't deny it, Dennis. That dog is getting worse.

18 DENNIS

Rubbi sh.

Dad picks up his slippers to put them on. They've been gnashed to bits. Dad grimaces and throws them away.

19 DAD He's becoming a real problem **DENNIS** 20 Naaaaaaaah. Dad opens his newspaper. There's a huge hole gnashed in it. He grimaces and tosses the newspaper grumpily at Dennis. DAD 21 Boredom, that's what it is. 22 **DENNIS** (re: gnashed newspaper) You don't even know this was Gnasher. Could've been rats, mice--Dad reaches for the TV Remote. When he lifts it into view, Gnasher is attached to it. Dad scowls and shakes the remote. Gnasher flies off, disappearing COV with a CRASH. 23 DAD He's bored, Dennis. He's got no one to play with while you're at school. Something has to be done. 24 DENNI S <GASP> Dad, you're a genius! Whips out phone, hits speed dial, barks into phone: 25 **DENNIS** Curly, Dad says I have to get a new pet to keep Ghasher company! 26 DAD What? I didn't say--Eh? 27 DENNI S Meet you at the pet shop in ten! WHOOSH, he's gone. Dad SIGHS and zaps the TV remote. REVEAL the TV opposite has a huge bite out of it. CRACKLE OF ELECTRICITY - DAD'S HORROR - then BOOM the TV explodes.

5 MONTAGE - IN DENNIS'S GARDEN

- 1) Gnasher in a blindfold. Dennis whips it off, REVEALING to Gnasher a rabbit in a hutch. Gnasher smiles, gnashes the hutch to bits and nuzzles up happily to the rabbit. The rabbit looks utterly terrified and scarpers with a WHOOSH.
- 2) Dennis whips a blindfold off Gnasher to REVEAL a parrot on a perch. The parrot spots the beaming Gnasher, looks terrified, deposits a large dropping, and flies off, a second dropping splatting on Gnasher's head as the bird disappears.

3) Dennis whips a blindfold off Gnasher to REVEAL a gorilla. Gnasher smiles. Gorilla smiles. Dennis smiles. Yay! Dad appears, spots gorilla. Horror! Gestures "Get rid of it!"

6 EXT. PET SHOP - DAY

A gloomy Dennis, Curly and Pie Face exit the Pet Shop.

28 DENNI S

Okay, we're done here. The Gnasher-Friendly Pet Pal does not exist.

They tramp of f, passing the Pet Shop window as they go (and masking its display from view).

29 DENNI S

It's a myth, a fairytale, a--

As one, they stop. Mouths drop open. They WHOOSH back to look in the pet shop window (again masking it from view).

30 DENNI S/ CURLY/ PI E- FACE

Whoah.

7 EXT. DENNIS'S GARDEN - DAY

Gnasher in a blindfold. He looks bored. Dennis, Curly and Pie Face stand beside him, Curly poring over a thick manual.

31 GNASHER <BORED YAWN>

32 DENNIS

Seriously, Gnasher, this is it. There's just something about him..

Dennis whips off Gnasher's blindfold. Gnasher looks to his left, and does a MASSIVE TRIPLE-TAKE. PULL OUT to REVEAL:

A super-reinforced fishbowl with a metal lid. In it is a creature that looks like a small fishy version of Gnasher.

33 DENNIS

The Abyssinian Wire-Finned Piranha.

Gnasher raises an intrigued eyebrow. He GNASHES FURIOUSLY at the bowl for a bit. The fish doesn't even flinch. And the bowl remains intact. Curly nods, impressed, manual in hand.

34 CURLY

Gnash-proof glass with titanium lid and integral oxygen supply. Nice.

Suddenly, the piranha GNASHES back at Gnasher, rolling its fishbowl around like a hamsterball. After a moment it stops. And eyes Gnasher with some interest. Beat. Gnasher smiles.

Then they're GNASHING MADLY at each other, fishbowl rolling around the garden, Gnasher all over it. Dennis smiles.

35 DENNIS

What does genius wear, boys?

36 CURLY/ PI E FACE A striped jumper, Den.

8 MONTAGE WITH MUSIC (GARDEN/GARDEN/DENNIS'S ROOM)

- 1) SLO-MO of Gnasher and piranha (in bowl) "running" together through long grass in the garden, tongues Iolling, sun above.
- 2) SLO MO of them rolling around, happily gnashing each other. Saliva flies, twinkling in the sunlight.
- 3) The pair in Dennis's room, watching a movie. Gnasher has a chummy "arm" round the fishbowl. REVEAL what they watch: a -like movie (shrieking crowds on a beach flee a cartoonish gnashing shark). Dog and fish smile and cosy in.

9 EXT. DENNI S'S STREET - DAY

The Colonel, at his fence, watches Gnasher and the piranha rolling round Dennis's garden. Dennis and the lads approach.

37 COLONEL

Ah, there you are, lads. Status Report 1600hrs: Operation Pet Pal a complete success. Zero casualties; minimal collateral damage; poops bagged and tagged: two.

He proudly displays two full paper bags (not transparent).

38 DENNIS Um.. great. Thanks, Colonel.

CURLY 40 Pretty much. "The Abyssinian Wire-Finned Piranha is almost completely omnivorous. However--" Coh, hang on, didn't see this bit... "--under no circumstances what soever should this fish ever be fed--" Ah. 41 DENNI S What? **CURLY** 42 ... "--pi es.--" CRASH ZOOM on the fishbowl: in it there is now a large pie, Pie Face's hand poised just above, having just dropped it in. The piranha WOLFS it. Curly's eyes WHIP back to the book: **CURLY** 43 "--which, in this species, have been known to cause--" Ah. 44 **DENNIS** Tell me. CURLY 45 "--extreme flatulence." The piranhalets rip a HUGE FART, rockets out the bowl, over the street, and in a first floor window in Walter's house. 11 INT. WALTER'S HOUSE/BATHROOM - DAY The piranha drops in the window into a full tub. Walter is in it, his eyes shut. He opens them frowns, looks about. A huge stream of fart bubbles GURGLES to the surface. He reaches for a bathside telephone and barks into it: WALTER 46 Mother, I may have to insist on fewer sprouts at dinner tonight. The door BURSTS open and Dennis, Curly, Pie Face and Gnasher barge in. Dennis has a large net, Curly has the fishbowl. A flustered Walter's Dad is just behind them 47 **WALTER** Aaaaaarrrrrgh! What on earth--?

Dennis SLAWS the door on him and turns to Walter in his bath.

WALTER'S DAD
Ehm, hello, Walter, sorry about
this. They said they had to--

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49 DENNI S Okay, Walter, listen to me: there's no easy way to say this but --**CURLY** 50 There's a hungry, flesh-eating fish in your bat h! 51 DENNI S Actually, that was pretty easy. Respect, Curly. 52 CURLY Cheers, Den. I try. 53 WALTER Are you all insane? Get out at once before I call the police! He reaches for the bathside telephone and jams the handset to But it's not the handset, it's the piranha. his ear. 54 **WALTER** AAAAAAAAARRRRRRGH! He drops the fish (it PLOPS back in the water) then leaps out the bath into a towel held by a coy, eyes-averted Pie Face. But the piranha follows, jumping out and onto Walter's head. Dennis brings his net down over Walter and the fish. 55 **DENNIS** Hah! Got cha! But now a half-naked Walter is trapped in the net with the crazed fish. It gnashes round and round Walter, shredding most of the towel (though leaving Walter's modesty intact). **WALTER** 56 <SCREAM NG> The piranha finally gnashes through the net and flops to the floor. With one deft little kick, Dennis flips it up, and it PLOPS back in the bowl Curly has. Curly slams the lid on. Onasher pads up to the fish, grinning. The pair high-five. 57 **DENNIS** There you go. No harm done, eh? ON WALTER, still trapped under the net, almost naked, hair and towel in tatters. He looks absolutely livid.

A van with a Pet Shop logo waits on the road, back door open. An unhappy Dennis and Gnasher stand with Dad and Walter.

EXT. DENNIS'S HOUSE - DAY

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58	DAD Once again, Walter, I am <u>so</u> sorry about this. We're <u>all</u> sorry.
59	WALTER Well, I do sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this matter.
60	DAD And we sincerely appreciate you "suing us without mercy till we end up homeless, destitute and scavenging for scraps in dustbins". Very kind of you.
61	WALTER Not at all.
	Two PET SHOP MEN exit the house carrying the fishbowl with the piranha. They pass Gnasher. Gnasher and the piranha's eyes meet. The men pause. A tear runs down Gnasher's cheek.
62	GNASHER <sti fled="" sob=""></sti>
63	DAD Maybe they can have a moment to say goodbye though, eh?
64	WALTER Don't be absurd. Disgusting thing. Deserves <u>everything</u> it gets. Chop chop!
	As the men carry the piranha into the back of the van, the fish glares at Walter, EYES NARROWING, TURNING RED WITH FURY.
	As the van drives off, Gnasher buries his head into Dennis.
65	GNASHER <full-on now⊳<="" sobbing="" td=""></full-on>
66	WALTER Golly, that <u>was</u> fun!
13	EXT. BEANOTOWN ROAD - DAY
	The Pet Shop Van rounds a corner and stops. The back door opens to REVEAL the two Pet Shop Men with the fishbowl. Behind them, the driver turns round and grins. It's Gran.
67	GRAN <laugh⊳ are="" or="" smoove="" td="" we="" what?<=""></laugh⊳>
	The two Pet Shop Men whip off disguises to REVEAL that they are in fact Curly and Pie Face. Both grin.

14 EXT. TREE HOUSE - DAY

MUSIC BLARES from inside the tree house.

68 DENNIS (OOV)

And this year's award for outstanding performance in a fishthemed rescue caper goes to...

15 I NT. TREE HOUSE - DAY

MUSIC BLARES. The party decorations are out. A grinning Dennis addresses Curly, Gnasher and the piranha in its bowl.

69 DENNIS

... Curly!

Dennis and Ghasher applaud Curly who takes a mock bow.

Over by the main door, Pie Face sits with Paul the Potato. Both wear party hats. Pie Face looks wistful.

70 PIE FACE

And once again, the little potato behind the scenes gets nothing...

He gives Paul a conciliatory pat and takes out a pie. As he does, the piranha rolls up, eyeing the pie. Pie Face smiles.

71 PLE FACE
Ch well, I know I shouldn't, but--

He unscrews the fishbowl lid, drops the pie in and quickly screws the lid back on again.

72 PIE FACE 'Least you can't escape this time.

The piranha makes to eat the pie, but something OOV catches his eye. He double-takes. His eyes narrow. He glares through the open doorway at the street outside where he sees:

Walter at an upstairs window of his house.

The piranha seethes, EYES TURNING RED. He looks from Walter to the pie and back to Walter again. The piranha smiles...

ON DENNIS, CURLY AND GNASHER

73 DENNI S

So... I ong as nobody <u>ever</u> finds out we still got the piranha, we have absolutely nothing to worry about.

74 PIE FACE (OOV)

Um.. Den...

Dennis turns. Pie Face stands there, pale and aghast.

75 DENNIS
Pile Face? That's your face.
Why're you wearing your face?

16 EXT. DENNIS'S GARDEN - DAY

Four horrified faces appear at a window in the tree house: Dennis, Curly, Pie Face and Gnasher. They look down to see:

The fishbowl rolling along a branch below, propelled by the crazed piranha, piece of pie bobbing uneaten beside it.

The fishbowl rolls off the end of the branch, bounces off the wall between Dennis's house and Walter's, onto the road (cars

81	DENNIS Um Pie Face, he just wants to give you a "really sorry" hug.						
	The fish drags Pie Face forward again. Walter recoils.						
82	WALTER Aaarrrrgh! Get out! Now! Before I call the police!						
	He turns to go. As he does, the fish FARTS, shooting out the neck of Pie Face's top and COV. Walter turns back, appalled.						
83	PIE FACE Um pardon me?						
	All grimace at the smell, Walter as if he's about to be sick.						
84	DENNIS/CURLY/PIE FACE/GNASHER Whoah!/That's ripe!/Phewee!/GNYUCK!						
85	WALTER You are all disgusting! <u>I</u> need to use the lavatory! You will be gone by the time I come out or else!						
	He stomps out.						
DENNIS Okay, where'd the fish go?							
	Pie Face looks up. There's a small hole in the ceiling.						
87	DENNIS What's up there, Curly?						
88	CURLY That would be the "lavatory".						
89	DENNIS <sigh> Of course it would.</sigh>						
19	INT. WALTER'S HOUSE/BATHROOM - DAY						
	Walter enters and locks the door. MAD Va004 TcCKING from Tj side1						

20 INT. WALTER'S HOUSE/UPSTALRS LANDING - DAY Dennis, Gnasher, Curly and Pie Face outside the bathroom WALTER (COV) <BLOODCURDLING SCREAM>

The boys wince. Gnasher grins. Bathroom door flies open.
WALTER

98 DENNI S Okay, let's go get that fish! They turn back to Walter's house... and stagger in shock. DENNI S/ CURLY/ PI E- FACE/ GNASHER 99 AAAAAAAAAAARRRRRRGH! The house is completely filled with water. Items - chair, TV, hoover - float past windows. Curly reaches for the door. 100 **DENNIS** No! We can't let it escape and go for Walter again. I got an idea! EXT. WALTER'S HOUSE/ROOF - DAY 25

Dennis, Gnasher, Curly and Pie Face in scuba gear, poised by a chimney overflowing with water. Dennis has the fishbowl.

-- SCREECH to a halt (fish included) as they become aware of:

A somewhat vacant Pie Face, sitting in the bath, about to tuck into a pie. Dennis rolls his eyes and mimes to Pie Face: "[grabbing motion] the [gestures to fish]!"

Light dawns in Pie Face's eyes: "Ch yeah." He makes a grab for the fish. It dodges, lunges for the pie in his other hand, scoffs it, FARTS, and rockets away on a jet of bubbles.

The piranha jets around the room, bouncing off several walls, straight through a TV set, before SMASHING into a photo of Walter on the wall. It bares evil teeth at the photo, then--

BAM the open fishbowl slams against photo and wall, trapping the piranha inside. It's Dennis holding the bowl. He grins.

But the fish just chews straight through Walter's photo and the wall behind, then immediately gnashes its way back into the room through yet another photo (of Walter as a baby).

Curly taps Dennis's shoulder and points to a window.

Walter, toilet roll in hand, marches along the street outside! He's almost at the front gate!

Then the piranha spots Walter, too. Its eyes narrow and TURN RED. It takes a deep "breath", lets rip a HUGE FART, and rockets full-tilt at the window, straight for Walter.

At the very last second, Gnasher dives into view in front of the window. In his paws is the toilet bowl, the wide bowl part of it positioned directly in the piranha's path.

The fish rockets into the toilet bowl, WHOOSHES (unseen) round its S-shaped bend and shoots out the end straight into--

- --a U-shaped piece of pipe held up by Curly. The piranha ZOOMS through this pipe and round its U-shape bend, which redirects the fish back the way it came, straight towards--
- -- Dennis who dives like a goalkeeper to catch the fish in the fishbowl. Pie Face slams the lid on. The pair high five.

27 EXT. WALTER'S HOUSE - DAY

Long shot, side-on, of the house. Walter opens the front door as the back door also opens. Water gushes from both.

106 WALTER AAAAAARRRRRGH!

Walter is washed down the street and COV by a big tidal wave. Dennis and co (with fishbowl) are washed out the back door.

ON THE TORRENT as it rages down the street, finally subsiding to REVEAL Walter sitting in the bath, toilet on his head.