

Spec Script Coverage

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Series: Parks and Recreation, Episode Title: "Fat Pants"

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Link: <https://andything.files.wordpress.com/2011/05/fat-pants1.pdf>

Log-line: The Pawnee Parks and Rec staff is given an opportunity to come up with a TV-fitness advertisement idea regarding the town's obesity problem. Leslie works with Ann and wants the focus to be on Mark's "Fat pants," from his overweight childhood, while Tom and Andy team up to write music about abs. Meanwhile, Ron and April make their campaign about doing nothing.

Notes: The writer has a great handle on *Parks and Rec*, the characters, all of their voices, and its pacing. The spec is very good and I can see this having been an episode. In fact, there's a scene in which Ron watches April answer the phone and act super distant to the caller, and I can't tell if this writer ripped that from something that actually aired, or if the show actually used this writer's idea..Either way, I feel like I saw that scene for real.

Some criticism I have is in respect to Tom's storyline with Andy. By the end of the episode, Tom is angry with Andy for not having fit his business plan successfully. Then that's the end of it. I think we can show him being perturbed, but by the end of the episode we should show them getting along again.

Recommendation: This writer could deserve a shot at being a staff writer for *Parks and Rec*. He services the stars, writes in their voices, he's concise with his jokes, has original ideas, and he deepens the relationships amongst the characters. I would also recommend him for a freelance assignment.