SOPRANOS: PILOT (SHORT SHEET) 10.26.08
beated by Nicholas Jarecki

1. Set up Tony, he narrates his life to someone in vo, has a problem w junior whacking pussy in friend artie's restaurant. Motif of ducks in his pool. Meadow will go to a party in LA if she is good. AJ is fat.

2. Tony's meets his mother at her house. She is domineering, needs nursing home.

3. VO continues. A guy won't pay a debt. Chris and tony chase him through the streets, beat him up.

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5. Tony gets an MRI, Carmela standing over him. He fights with carmela about a supposed mistress.

6. Intro father Phil and Carmela's life. They have dinner at the house. Meadow sneaks in, falls, mom grounds her from the awards party in LA.

7. Tony goes to Shrink, says wishes he was Gary Cooper, strong silent type. He can't be there. Depressed over ducks, he storms out.

8. Tony talks to Heche who posits a solution to the big pussy problem: close the restaurant for a minute.

9. Tony and mom fight at nursing home. He has another panic attack, passes out.

10. Back at shrink, Tony tells Melfi business is no fun anymore. She prescribes prozac.

11. Back at the house, Mom and meadow fight over her grounding.

12. Tony visits artie's restaurant and gives him ticckets for a fancy vacation to solve the problem. People want Tony to contribute to business league, he says, so he got these for free. Take 'em and go for a while.

13. Later after he leaves, Artie's wife enters and makes him agree to give the obviously hot tickets back.

14. Melfi waits for a table at a restaurant with a male friend. She sees Tony w mistress walk in the restaurant and get seated right away. Tony gets her good table.

15. Later in the day Tony returns to the same restaurant with his wife. We see he is duplicating his life with wife and mistress.

16. Chris sees pussy arrested on TV, knows that a hit feels imminent, dials a payphone.

17. Tony tells Carmela he's in therapy and she's happy. They discuss Meadow and award show, he's hardline, says stay disciplined.

18. Chris tells Tony pussy's back, Tony has an idea...

19. In Melfi's office, Tony says he is feeling better. Melfi tells Tony it's not the prozac yet, but talk helps. Tony is surprised. They talk more about the ducks from his pool in the opening, they relate to fear he's losing his family. He cries.

20. Later at Meadow's school sporting event Tony meets up with some shady dude. Carmela doesn't show.

21. Tony drives Meadow by a cathedral on the way home, says grandfather worked on that, important to be special in life, don't sneak out, have a work ethic. Meadow is argumentative but compliant.

22. Later, Tony and Chris watch Artie's rest blow up from outside in a car. Tony "solved" the problem.

23. Carmela tells Meadow she can go to the awards show, Meadow says maybe wants to study and be special.

24. Later at a barbeque Artie complains about his restaurant blowing up. Tony says look on the bright side.

25. In car on the way to bbq Uncle Junior tells Tony's mom Livia he might have to whack Tony, he knows he messed up hit on big pussy. She doesn't answer, he smiles. They all arrive at bbq. Tony waves. Fade out.