

**LAND O MUSE**  
**EPISODE 4: PLAYING POKEY**

YET ANOTHER BEACH

BUBU BEAR lies prone upon the beach. His paw moves to his head. He groans. He sits up.

BUBU BEAR  
Where am I? Who am I? What's that  
awful smell?!

A small distance down the beach lies a dead beached whale, its mouth wide open. DARK GUY exits the whales mouth. He walks up the beach toward Bubu Bear.

DARK GUY  
Oh, there you are! I've been  
looking all over the whale for you.  
I was so absorbed in my memory...I  
mean, uh, story...that I didn't  
notice that we beached.

BUBU BEAR  
Do I know you?

DARK GUY  
Does anyone REALLY know anyone?  
(beat)  
Ah! I get it. We haven't been  
properly introduced. Well we can  
take care of that problem right  
now. My name is, uh...truth is I've  
been in the whale so long that I've  
forgotten... So, uh, what's your  
name?

BUBU BEAR  
I - I - I can't remember.

DARK GUY  
You poor thing, the whale can do  
that to you. Or maybe...no...it  
couldn't be that.

BUBU BEAR  
(frightened)  
Couldn't be what?!

DARK GUY  
You may have hit your head when the  
whale beached. You could have a  
concussion! If you don't get  
medical attention soon, you'll  
(echoed)  
die!

Bubu Bear is shocked. Then he faints.

DARK GUY

Oh No! He's fainted! Could be a coma! And while he was in my care. I feel so responsible. What can I do? What can I do?

The tide comes in quickly and water starts to cover Bubu Bear's legs.

DARK GUY

And the tide is coming in. Higher ground! I have to get him to higher ground.

Dark Guy, grunting and groaning, drags Bubu Bear into the jungle.

DARK GUY

He's so heavy. Oh! If he pulls through I'm putting him on a diet. Oh!

Dark Guy stops and wipes his brow.

DARK GUY

This is as far as I could drag him, it'll have to do. I think we should be safe here.

Behind him, obscured by the jungle, there is a large predatory cat and a big snake hanging from a tree.

DARK GUY

So, why do I feel like I'm being watched?

Bubu Bear groans, stirs.

DARK GUY

Oh! He's not in a coma?

Bubu Bear sits up, facing Dark Guy.

BUBU BEAR

The pain, my head.

Bubu Bear opens his eyes. Behind Dark Guy, he sees the large predatory cat and the big snake hanging from the tree.

BUBU BEAR

Aiyaaaaaaa!

Bubu Bear faints.

DARK GUY  
 Oh No! His condition is worsening.  
 It's a coma for sure. He might  
 even be dead. HELP! HELP!

The hand of POKEY(an insane clown) comes out of the jungle  
 and pokes Dark Guy in the side.

POKEY (O.S.)  
 G'day!

DARK GUY  
 Aieeeeeee!

Dark Guy faints.

Pokey exits the jungle and as he does so it becomes  
 apparent that the large predatory cat and the big snake  
 hanging from the tree were part of a circus poster.

Pokey pokes the prone Dark Guy once more.

POKEY  
 Gee. I hope he isn't dead. Tee  
 Hee.

INSIDE POKEY'S LAIR

Bubu Bear lies, eyes closed, on a couch. Pokey's hand pokes  
 him. Bubu Bear opens his eyes. He looks around. Alarmed,  
 he sits up.

BUBU BEAR  
 How did I get on this couch? What  
 happened to the whale?

Pokey's hand pokes Bubu Bear.

POKEY (O.S.)  
 G'day.

BUBU BEAR  
 Eeek! Stop that.

Bubu Bear slaps the poking hand away.

BUBU BEAR  
 Who are you?!

POKEY  
 Allow me to introduce myself...  
 MAESTRO!

The music swells.

POKEY  
 (sings)  
 Ohhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh...

The music stops.

POKEY  
 (spoken)  
 I'm Pokey the Clown and I'm here to  
 rescue you.

BUBU BEAR  
 Rescue me. From what? I seem  
 pretty safe here, unless, uh,  
 you're dangerous?

POKEY  
 Me? I'm harmless. A bit of a gamble  
 but harmless as the game named  
 after me.

BUBU BEAR  
 You've got a game named after  
 you?!

POKEY  
 Yep. Wanna play?  
 (poke)  
 Hunh?  
 (poke)  
 Wanna play?  
 (poke)

Bubu Bear slaps the poking hand away.

BUBU BEAR  
 Eeek! I said stop that!

Pokey turns away, disappointed.

POKEY  
 You're no fun. I even had a  
 surprise for you. But now I don't  
 know if...

Bubu Bear puts a paw on Pokey's shoulder.

BUBU BEAR  
 Listen. The past few days I've  
 met so many new people, gone so  
 many new places. I'm tired.  
 Tired of surprises, unless...

POKEY  
 Unless?

BUBU BEAR

Unless you can surprise me by helping me get home? If you could do that I would be so grateful.

POKEY

You would?

BUBU BEAR

If you could do that I would even play your game with you.

POKEY

That would make me sooooo happy.

BUBU BEAR

Good. You're a clown, you should be happy. You deserve to be happy.

POKEY

Alright. I'll help! I'll help you get home.

BUBU BEAR

Hooray!

(singing)

I'm going ho-ome. I'm going ho-ome.

There is a knock at the door.

POKEY

All you have to do is answer that door.

BUBU BEAR

I just have to answer the door?!

POKEY

That's right.

BUBU BEAR

Ok.

Bubu Bear crosses to the door.

BUBU BEAR

(singing)

I'm going ho-ome. I'm going ho-ome.

Bubu Bear opens the door. Two SHADOWY MEN stand in the doorway.

SHADOWY MAN  
Australian Customs. We have orders  
to take one Bubu Bear into custody.

The shadowy men pull Bubu Bear through the doorway.

BUBU BEAR  
Hey wait...he said...

POKEY  
I sa-aid I was a bit of a  
gamble...a-a-and...it looks like  
the house wins again! The crowd  
goes wild!

Pokey imitates crowd sounds. He pokes his hands wildly  
about. The music starts. He does the Pokey dance.

FADE OUT