

= Five Short Graybles =

" Five Short Graybles " is the second episode of the fourth season of the American animated television series Adventure Time . The episode was written and storyboarded by Tom Herpich , Skyler Page , and Cole Sanchez , from a story by Patrick McHale , Kent Osborne , and Pendleton Ward . It originally aired on Cartoon Network on April 9 , 2012 . The episode guest stars Emo Philips as Cuber .

The series follows the adventures of Finn (voiced by Jeremy Shada) , a human boy , and his best friend and adoptive brother Jake (voiced by John DiMaggio) , a dog with magical powers to change shape and grow and shrink at will . This episode is a series of short stories ? concerning BMO (voiced by Niki Yang) , Finn and Jake , Princess Bubblegum (voiced by Hynden Walch) , the Ice King (voiced by Tom Kenny) , and Lumpy Space Princess (voiced by Pendleton Ward) ? all centered on a common theme of the five senses , hosted by a mysterious man named Cuber from the future .

The episode 's premise was conceived when Ward was forced to cut a scene involving a high @-@ five from a previous script . Ward enjoyed the scene so much that he decided to write an entire episode based around high @-@ fives . Originally , it was planned for live action footage of Ward to appear in the episode , introducing each clip . This , however , was later scrapped in favor of the character of Cuber . " Five Short Graybles " , along with other episodes of Cartoon Network programming , helped make the network the number one television destination for boys aged 2 ? 11 , 6 @-@ 11 , and 9 @-@ 14 on Monday nights , according to Nielsen ratings , and Oliver Sava of The A.V. Club applauded the various elements that the show was able to include in only an 11 @-@ minute episode .

= = Plot = =

The episode begins with a futuristic character named Cuber (voiced by Emo Philips) announcing to the audience that they will be watching five short vignettes that are all unified by one theme . Cuber challenges the audience to then guess the theme .

The first short focuses on BMO (voiced by Niki Yang) , who talks to itself in the mirror , pretending as if it is talking to another character called " Football " . BMO insists that it is a real , living boy , and attempts to demonstrate this to Football by brushing its teeth and using the toilet . Unbeknownst to BMO , Finn and Jake are watching the activity from outside a window . The focus then shifts to Finn and Jake , who attempt to experience the ultimate high five . Eventually , Finn places himself in a catapult , and Jake stretches himself into a slingshot , and the two launch themselves across Ooo .

The next vignette focuses on Princess Bubblegum (voiced by Hynden Walch) as she tries to create the perfect sandwich using bizarre science . After exhausting herself going to extreme and ridiculous lengths to produce and combine all the ingredients perfectly , she offers the sandwich to Cinnamon Bun (voiced by Dee Bradley Baker) , who merely shoves it into his pastry body and belches foodstuff onto the princess . The action then shifts to the Ice King (voiced by Tom Kenny) , who smells a stench in his ice castle . After mistakenly assuming that the smell was being caused by Gunter the penguin 's flatulence , the Ice King realizes that his armpits are actually the source of the smell . After taking a shower , he ponders aloud as to how he got so smelly . Gunter then proceeds to flatulate underneath his arms .

The final vignette focuses on Lumpy Space Princess (voiced by Pendleton Ward) as she attempts to win a talent show by singing a song entitled " These Lumps " . Before she can perform , however , a group of candy citizens steal her song . Lumpy Space Princess becomes enraged and throws a basketball into the audience , which hits an audience member and accidentally makes a basket in the process . Due to the impressiveness of this action , Peppermint Butler (voiced by Steve Little) names her the winner . Just then , Finn and Jake collide in mid @-@ air , producing a high five that reverberates across Ooo . The duo are named the winner , much to Lumpy Space Princess ' chagrin .

The episode comes to a close with Cuber revealing that the theme was the five senses : BMO saw

Football in the mirror , Finn and Jake touched each other 's hands , Princess Bubblegum made a tasty sandwich , Ice King smelled something foul , and Lumpy Space Princess heard music .

= = Production = =

" Five Short Graybles " was written and storyboarded by Tom Herpich , Skyler Page , and Cole Sanchez , from a story developed by series creator Pendleton Ward , Patrick McHale , and Kent Osborne . The episode was directed by Larry Leichliter . This was the first episode that Page worked on for the series ; he was so excited to be working on the series that after he finished the storyboard , he traveled to Hawaii as a personal reward . The episode can trace its genesis to a short , but humorous scene involving a high five that Ward had been forced to cut from an episode . Ward was unhappy about the edit , and later jokingly said via his Twitter that he would make an episode entirely about high @-@ fives . Although Ward was being facetious , the idea of using a high five as an overarching plot point was then used in " Five Short Graybles " .

Sanchez storyboarded the scenes with Ice King , as well as the scenes with Lumpy Space Princess . He later noted that the two sections were united by the fact that they both featured characters who were " being a little bit mean " to others . Originally , it was planned for live action footage of Ward to appear in the episode ; he would have introduced each clip , serving as a framing device . This idea , however , was eventually vetoed . Herpich came up with the idea to replace Ward with a futuristic man named Cuber , as well as the idea to give him dialogue so that he would sound like he was speaking a " dialect from thousand of years in the future " . According to Herpich , the word " graybles " is a supposed distortion of the word " fables " .

The episode guest stars Emo Philips as Cuber . He would later reprise his role for the fifth season episodes " Five More Short Graybles " , " Another Five More Short Graybles " , and the sixth season episode " Graybles 1000 + " . Every one of Philips 's voice recording takes was so different that Nate Cash , one of the series ' creative directors , had to piece together disparate recordings to make the final composition . The episode also contains the short song " These Lumps " , sung by Lumpy Space Princess . Ward himself had a difficult time singing this song was because he was trying to both sing the song on pitch and retain Lumpy Space Princess 's accent .

= = Reception = =

" Five Short Graybles " first aired on Cartoon Network on April 9 , 2012 . Together with other episodes of Cartoon Network programming , the episodes helped make the network the number one television destination for boys aged 2 ? 11 , 6 @-@ 11 , and 9 @-@ 14 on Monday nights , according to Nielsen ratings . The episode first saw physical release as part of the eponymous 2012 DVD , Jake vs. Me @-@ Mow , which included 16 episodes from the series ' first four seasons . It was later re @-@ released as part of the complete fourth season DVD in October 2014 .

Oliver Sava of The A.V. Club awarded the episode an " A " , describing it as " very weird " and " bizarre " . Sava wrote that it is " unbelievable that all of [the activity in the episode] happens in 10 minutes , which goes to show just how much material is packed into every episode of this series . " He also noted that Cuber revealing the uniting theme was " a reminder to all the adults in the audience that the show that ? s making them laugh so hard is targeted to kids in grade school " .