## The Visible Horse

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Scott - 12

Male - Seriocomic

(This shorter monolog by the same character as in the previous, longer selection, focuses upon Scott's pained memory of his father who was killed in a car accident. The same background information mentioned above with the previous selection applies to this monolog as well.)

Can I tell you something? It's kinda scary. 'Member I told you I'd wish my dad back from being dead, right? Anyways, last night I snuck a star candle, shaped like a star, matches and such. This was way late, okay? I got out my magic rock I showed you, this picture of me and my dad camping, and my dad's T-shirt I stole from the dirty clothes a long time ago. See, sometimes I miss my dad at night, is all. Only when I lit it, the match goes pooooosh, man, this helluva huge flame from this little, tiny match, right? And my lamp goes out. I go, "Shit!" The candle, it goes poooosh! It was waaay bright. And check this: I didn't light it with the match, and it wouldn't blow out. So heck, if magic comes, you're stuck with magic, right? I go, "Yo, spirits, I want my dad back." Right? I go, "Yo, spirits" three times. Three's magic. Nothing. So I go, "Yo, Jesus, I want my dad back." I go, "Yo, Jesus" three times. Then I go, "Magic rock, full of gold, make my dad appear." See, my dad, my dad, he knew, he knew it was magic, right? And the candle, right? The candle goes out. It was dark, heck, not even my night light - I don't even know what

happened, but it was waaaaaay dark and scary. And then I hear something, whoa, it was bath Cohnthh ... Cchhhhh ... Cchhhhh I was freakeat "Cohnth ... Cchhhh ... I mean, what is that? "Cchhhh," I go, "Oh, shit!" "Ccchhhh." Anyways, I keep a flashight under my bed. Only when I stick my head under, ! feel hab I'm not shitting. Thwonk! There's green glowing from under my bed, and it's my dad, yes! Hoding my flashight. I go, "Dad! What are you doing here?" And my darr, he goes, "Cccchhhh." And he spits out this head a lain ball. It was, like, this big. Then he reaches up to me, right? And he goes, "Help me out."