

Fox joins group therapy with 'Abandon' comedy

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Fox has some abandonment issues.

The network has inked a first-look deal for "Living With Abandon," an independently produced single-camera comedy pilot.

Written by Richie Keen and Heath Corson ("Hooked") and directed by Keen, "Abandon" stars Todd Grinnell, Ed Quinn, Melissa Peterman, Rachel Specter and 14-year-old Nick

Dodani as the members of an abandonment support group who suffer a blow when their therapist commits suicide. Left to fend for themselves, the members band

together to solve one another's issues.

Keen is executive producing "Abandon," with Michael Binkow and Joe Revello serving as co-exec producers and Corson as supervising producer.

Keen and Corson originally took the idea for "Abandon" to Fox 21, where they had a script deal two years ago but ended up penning a different project. The two later pitched it to Fox, which has been

looking for ways to do comedy series on a budget.

Keen recently produced and helmed the indie comedy pilot "Below the Law." **THR**



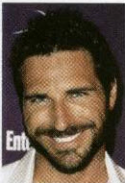
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Grinnell



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