

= Blind Ambition (Family Guy) =

" Blind Ambition " is the third episode of season four of Family Guy , which was first broadcast on Fox on May 15 , 2005 . In the episode , Peter swallows an excessive number of nickels , causing him to become blind . He later becomes a hero after unwittingly saving Horace the bartender from a fire at his bar , The Drunken Clam , and then retains his sight . Meanwhile , Quagmire is forced to refrain from perverse sexual behavior or risk being driven out of the neighborhood following his arrest for spying on Lois in a ladies ' lavatory .

= = Plot = =

At the bowling alley , Mort Goldman bowls a perfect game and becomes an overnight celebrity . Lois arrives to pick Peter up from the bowling alley , but discovers Quagmire spying on her from the ceiling of the ladies ' toilet . Quagmire is beaten up then arrested , but released shortly after by Joe . On his return , Lois , Bonnie and Loretta reveal that they 're petitioning the city of Quahog to have Quagmire removed from their neighborhood . As Peter and the other guys are defending Quagmire , Ernie the Giant Chicken attacks Peter and starts a fight that causes huge casualties inside and outside of Quahog . After the fight , Peter returns to the neighborhood to return to the conversation and tells the women that , " Quagmire 's a good guy , he 's just a little mixed up , that 's all ! " Eventually , the women agree to let Quagmire stay in the neighborhood so long as he manages to control his perverse behavior . Quagmire 's taught self @-@ control through operant conditioning by Peter and his friends , and is eventually allowed out in public . Soon , however , he is distracted by women playing in a fountain in the shopping mall and panics , running into a CCTV camera operation room monitoring women 's changing rooms . Discovering that a lady in a fitting room is having a heart attack , he appears to rush to her aid , performing CPR and saving her life . Quagmire is congratulated for his heroism , but his intention had been to molest the woman while she was unconscious (which he reveals by asking " What the hell is CPR ? ") .

This upsets Peter , who is jealous of his friends ' success . In the hope of becoming famous , Peter attempts to set a world record for eating the largest number of nickels , but develops nickel poisoning and loses his vision . Attempting to drown his sorrows , Peter visits his local bar , The Drunken Clam , with his guide dog , unaware that the bar is on fire (caused by God trying to impress a woman) . Discovering the bartender Horace trapped under debris , Peter saves his life and is proclaimed a hero by local newsman Tom Tucker . When told that he saved Horace from a burning building , Peter replied with disbelief , " That freakin ' place was on fire ? ! " For his inadvertent bravery , Peter is awarded a medal by the mayor and receives an eye transplant , the replacement eyes coming from a homeless man dragged to death when Peter accidentally tied his guide dog around the man 's neck thinking it was a parking meter . The end of this episode is an unconnected parody of the closing throne room scene from Star Wars Episode IV : A New Hope .

= = Production = =

During Family Guy 's third season , the show was cancelled by its network . In preparation in case the show was revived and began broadcasting again , five short scripts were written in 2001 for future episodes . Blind Ambition was developed from one of those scripts . A number of scenes in the episode were removed before broadcast and one , the reappearance of Ernie the Giant Chicken , had originally been set to broadcast in " The Cleveland ? Loretta Quagmire " . The scene was moved to this episode because " The Cleveland @-@ Loretta Quagmire " already contained a lengthy fight sequence and overran its time allowance . Several of the removed scenes focused on gags showing Peter and his friends attempting to rehabilitate Quagmire , one of which saw Brian Griffin transporting a fork @-@ lift truck load of porn magazines away from Quagmire 's house . Since the episode aired , a selection of action figures have been created of Peter acting as Gary , The No Trash Cougar .

Show producer David Goodman received many telephone calls complaining about the scene where

Peter attempts to seduce his son Chris , mistakenly believing him to be his wife , Lois . The scene was believed by some viewers to be encouraging child molestation . The show also received at least one letter of complaint regarding the scene where Quagmire watches Lois going to the toilet ; screenwriter Chris Sheridan comments on the DVD commentary that the number of complaints about this scene exceeded one . It is prohibited on Fox to use the term ' Jesus Christ ' without actually referring to the person himself , and so in the scene in which God vaporises a person and exclaims " Jesus Christ " , it was necessary for Jesus to physically appear before the two run away in order for the scene to be suitable for television airing .

In addition to the regular cast , actor Gary Cole , actress Gina Gershon , actor Judd Hirsch , voice actress Rachael MacFarlane and actress Lisa Wilhoit guest starred in the episode . Recurring guest voice actors Lori Alan , actor John G. Brennan , writer Danny Smith , and actress Jennifer Tilly made minor appearances .

= = Cultural references = =

Stewie discovers the Keebler Elves after crashing into the tree , who plan to kill their competition : Snap , Crackle and Pop , with the help of Judd Hirsch 's nuclear weapon , which Peter views while peeking through a ball return at the bowling alley . Later on in the bar , Crackle and Pop are seen discussing an attack by the Keebler Elves which apparently resulted in Snap 's death .

Beforehand , a ship crashes through Quahog buildings , a reference to Speed 2 : Cruise Control .

In one cutaway scene , W. Frederick Gerhardt 's Cycleplane crashing is parodied .

Peter discusses Scrubs with Horace in the bar , a show for which both Neil Goldman and Garrett Donovan have written .

The entire scene in which Peter receives his award from Mayor West is a reenactment of the ending of the original 1977 Star Wars film , A New Hope ; Lucasfilm permitted the reproduction of the characters , music and sounds .

The airplane that defeats Ernie the Giant Chicken in the fight is a mirror reference to the climatic scene in Raiders of the Lost Ark .

Stewie being launched into a tree is a reference to The Brady Bunch .

= = Reception = =

PopMatters ' Kevin Wong gave the episode a positive review , feeling it was better than the two previous episodes of the season . He commented on the fight scene between Peter and Ernie the Giant Chicken as " a cartoon action sequence to end all cartoon action sequences : vehicles explode and limbs flail as Peter and the chicken beat each other senseless . " " Blind Ambition " was criticized by Mike Drucker of IGN , who found that " the long fight with the chicken in Blind Ambition was funny once before , but borderline tiring here " . However , Drucker also noted that the Star Wars ending was " one of my favorite jokes in the series " .