

= Training Day (Archer) =

" Training Day " is the second episode of the animated comedy Archer . It was written by Archer creator and co @-@ executive producer , Adam Reed , and directed by Mack Williams . In the episode , Archer 's mother Malory assigns her son the task of training Cyril to be an agent . Meanwhile , secretary Cheryl and human resources representative Pam take advantage of Malory being temporarily blinded by an allergic reaction .

" Training Day " was produced at Floyd County Productions and animated at Radical Axis studio in Atlanta , over the course of approximately one month . FX had initially planned on airing the series alongside the fifth season of It 's Always Sunny in Philadelphia in 2009 , but production constraints led to it being pushed back to January 2010 . The episode features cultural references to the films Rain Man and James Bond , and stand @-@ up comedian and actor Dane Cook . In its original broadcast , the episode was met with 1 @.@ 8 million viewers and positive reviews .

= = Plot = =

After Archer recklessly foils an Irish terrorist 's attempt to assassinate a British nobleman , Malory begins to suspect that Lana 's feelings for her son are resurfacing . Hoping to readjust Lana 's desires so they are steered towards her current boyfriend , Cyril , she promotes Cyril to a field agent and assigns Archer the job of training him . Archer briefs Cyril of his multiple training tactics , including learning Krav Maga and using concealable weapons which have a tendency to malfunction " for , like , no reason . " One of his sessions involves trying to kill an assassin (portrayed by Archer 's butler , Woodhouse) and using a dance partner (played by a prostitute Archer has befriended) as a human shield . During the session , however , Cyril accidentally poisons the prostitute and both he and Archer pronounce her deceased .

The pair put the prostitute in Archer 's trunk and drive off , hoping to dispose of the body in an undisclosed location . On the way , however , Archer reveals he is aware of Malory 's plan and has been attempting to discourage Cyril from becoming a field agent , presumably due to his own feelings for Lana , and had orchestrated the whole fiasco to this end (revealing the prostitute was merely tranquilized) . At this point , the car is rammed by a pursuing vehicle . Cyril believes this is part of Archer 's hoax , until their pursuer opens fire on them . In a true show of his character , Archer threatens to eject from the car and leave the hysterical Cyril behind . Their mystery attacker then ceases fire and reveals herself to be Lana , who has discovered Archer 's assignment and decided to put a stop to it . Despite Cyril 's concern about being caught with a dead hooker , Lana reveals she is only upset he felt the need to keep secrets from her , so she punishes Cyril by forcing him to buy interracial pornography from " the sweet old Korean lady " at the video store . Archer releases the prostitute in the trunk after Cyril and Lana depart , who reveals she was not in on the plan . Archer is forced to not only pay her obscene amounts of money as collateral , but also give her his car , leaving him stranded .

Meanwhile , Malory becomes temporally blinded after having an allergic reaction to zucchini . Seeing this as an opportunity to help themselves , secretary Cheryl and human resources representative Pam hack into the ISIS computer mainframe from Malory 's office and alter their files , allowing them better health care and other perks they can not afford themselves . The whole time , Malory rants about how disgruntled she is about her own and others ' life choices .

= = Production = =

" Training Day " was written by Archer creator and co @-@ executive producer Adam Reed , while the series ' animation director Mack Williams directed it . In 2009 , FX network had officially greenlit production of the series , ordering six episodes and an additional four scripts . Over the course of approximately one month , " Training Day " was produced at Reed 's Floyd County Productions studio in Atlanta , Georgia , and animated at the Radical Axis Studio , also located in Atlanta .

FX originally planned on pairing Archer with the fifth season of the network 's situation comedy It 's

Always Sunny in Philadelphia on Thursday nights in the Fall . However , the network learned of the month @-@ long production period needed to create the necessary six episodes , and realized that there was not enough time to have all of the episodes ready before Philadelphia began its new season . FX instead decided to release a sneak airing of the pilot episode " Mole Hunt " on September 17 , 2009 , without any promotion or announcement , and began broadcast of the first season with " Training Day " on January 14 , 2010 .

= = Cultural references = =

The episode featured multiple cultural references . While discussing his training , Cyril asks Archer if he will teach him the art of karate . In response , Archer negatively compares karate to the stand @-@ up comedian and actor Dane Cook . Archer explains that Cyril shall be trained by a former member of Mossad in order to perform Krav Maga , an eclectic hand @-@ to @-@ hand combat system developed in Israel .

While Archer and Cyril are being shot at by an unknown vehicle behind them , Archer refers to Cyril as " Rain Man , " a 1988 drama film starring Tom Cruise and Dustin Hoffman . Cyril believes that Archer is calling himself a better spy than James Bond from the James Bond film series , to which Archer pronounces " I don ' t like to invite that comparison but ... yeah , basically . " Several critics have noted satirical comparisons between Archer and the Bond films . Reed , himself , based the Archer character on Bond , perceiving Bond as misogynistic and racist .

= = Reception = =

In its original broadcast on FX , " Training Day " was watched by 1 @.@ 8 million viewers , according to Nielsen ratings . 1 @.@ 2 million of these viewers were aged between the ages of 18 and 49 , the core demographic for Archer . A re @-@ airing of the pilot episode " Mole Hunt " preceded it and attracted a slightly smaller amount of viewers , with 1 @.@ 4 million viewers , only 950 @, @ 000 being between 18 and 49 .

" Training Day " received generally positive reviews from television critics . Annie Wu applauded the episode in her review for TV Squad . Wu dispensed that the best part was the writing , and acted as " a prime example of how ridiculously rapid @-@ fire the conversations can get . " She singled out the scene where Archer gives an " oddly specific " situation as to when he would utilize a gun hidden in his underwear . Wu opined that she " loved " Jessica Walter 's performance as Malory , declaring that she " wins this episode " with lines such as " Immigrants ! That 's how they do , y 'know . Just drive around , listening to raps and shooting all the jobs . "

Brian Zoromski of IGN rewarded the episode a 9 @.@ 0 out of 10 , signifying it as " Outstanding . " Zoromski called the voice cast " absolutely excellent , " writing that H. Jon Benjamin 's delivery as Archer was " brilliantly over @-@ the @-@ top , from his drunken outburst and almost @-@ accidental stopping of a terrorist , to his education of all things spy @-@ related , " and noted that both the series satirical themes and character development were " alternately obvious and subtle " and " Archer 's biggest strength . " Salon.com 's Heather Havrilesky called the exchange between Archer and Cyril concerning the latter 's martial arts training a " [zinger that flies] by pretty quickly . "