

= Movin ' Out (Brian 's Song) =

" Movin ' Out (Brian 's Song) " is the second episode of the sixth season and the 100th overall of the animated series Family Guy . The episode originally aired on Fox in the United States on September 30 , 2007 . It was written by John Viener and directed by Cyndi Tang . In the episode , Peter convinces Brian to move in with his girlfriend Jillian and Stewie tags along to help pay the rent . Meanwhile , Meg and Chris get jobs at the convenience store where Chris befriends the manager , prompting Meg to do all the hard work .

The episode title is a reference to the Billy Joel song " Movin ' Out (Anthony 's Song) " and the film Brian 's Song . This episode marks the end of Brian and Jillian 's relationship , which started in season five .

" Movin ' Out (Brian 's Song) " was met with generally positive reviews from critics , who praised it for having a continuous storyline . Critics also praised Drew Barrymore 's performance as Jillian and considered it sorrowful that her character was written out of the series . The episode was viewed by 7 @. @ 95 million viewers in its original airing , according to Nielsen ratings . " Movin ' Out (Brian 's Song) " was released onto DVD along with five other episodes from the season on October 21 , 2008 .

= = Plot = =

Brian turns down a chance to see Disney on Ice with Jillian , so she decides to give his ticket to Peter . After Peter and Jillian spend the entire day together and greatly enjoy each other 's company , Peter convinces Jillian to either force Brian to let her move in with him or leave him . An angry Brian agrees to get an apartment with Jillian . Much to his surprise , Brian has a good time living with Jillian , but he comes to the realization that there is no way he can pay the rent by himself and he decides to allow Stewie to move in with them , who now makes money with his own paper route . When Brian does not tell Jillian that Stewie is helping with the rent , Stewie quickly gets in the way of Brian and Jillian 's happiness living together . After arguing with Brian one night while he is having sex with Jillian , Stewie reveals that he is paying half the rent , prompting Brian to admit he never wanted to move in with Jillian at all . Heartbroken , Jillian leaves Brian , who blames Stewie for ruining the relationship until Stewie tells him it 's himself that ruined the relationship . After many failed attempts to lift a saddened Brian 's spirits , Stewie convinces Brian to try to get Jillian back . Brian goes to her apartment , only to find that she has now moved in with Mayor West . As the two go their separate ways , Brian moves back in with the Griffins , where he manages to move on with his life .

Meanwhile , Meg is given a job at a local convenience store . Meg is extremely happy with her job and she decides to help Chris get a job there , too . Chris immediately becomes friends with the store owner , Carl , and he is given a large promotion which Carl originally promised to Meg . When Meg takes issue with this , she is fired . Lois , to whom Meg has told of her plight , explains the situation to Chris and tells him to stand up for Meg by getting her job back . Chris is able to do this after bribing Carl by withholding his opinions of movies he and Carl normally discuss until Carl re @- @ hires her . Meg , in turn , rejects working at the store again , as she only had Chris get her job back to see if he would stand up for her .

= = Production = =

" Movin ' Out (Brian 's Song) " was written by series regular John Viener and directed by series regular Cyndi Tang . Brian 's girlfriend Jillian was introduced in season five and this episode marked the end of what the staff called " the Jillian arc " . Executive producer David A. Goodman praised Drew Barrymore 's voice work as Jillian , saying that " she did such an amazing job with the voice " , and was sorry that this was her final episode . The episode was at the time the only Family Guy episode to list the executive producer credits at the end of the episode , because MacFarlane wanted " to wrap it up in kind of a sad way and do it the old @- @ fashioned way . " In the original

draft of the episode , Jillian had moved in with Quagmire at the end . It was later changed to Jesus , and then to Mayor West , which was kept for the episode .

The episode includes a gag in which Quagmire rapes Marge Simpson , and the two later end up in the Simpson family 's house , where Quagmire kills the family by shooting them . The network executives believed the joke was " personal " and told MacFarlane that he could not do a gag with The Simpsons . MacFarlane responded , saying that they had made fun of Family Guy several times , to which the executives replied that they wanted to " end the feud " . MacFarlane , however , claimed that there was no feud and told them : " You are afraid of [Simpsons executive producer] James L. Brooks . [...] And that 's why we can 't do it . " Fox eventually cut the gag , which left the episode without a joke at the end of the first act . Brooks and Al Jean were reportedly very upset with the gag , and because of it , Fox told both the Family Guy and The Simpsons staff that they could no longer make fun of one another . However , the gag was included on the DVD set and broadcasts on Adult Swim . It also aired on Global in Canada .

= = Reception = =

In its original broadcast on September 30 , 2007 , " Movin ' Out (Brian 's Song) " was viewed by 7 @. @ 95 million viewers and dropped in 26 % from the season premiere , " Blue Harvest " . The episode acquired a 4 @. @ 2 Nielsen rating in the 18 ? 49 demographic . It was the second most watched episode on Fox that night , only behind The Simpsons episode " Homer of Seville " . " Movin ' Out (Brian 's Song) " finished fourth in its timeslot in total viewership , behind ABC 's Desperate Housewives , CBS 's Cold Case and NBC 's Sunday Night Football .

In a simultaneous review of the shows in Fox 's Animation Domination block , Genevieve Koski of The A.V. Club praised the episode for having " some actual plot and continuity " . She concluded her review , writing : " Jillian has been a pretty good addition to the Family Guy universe , and I think I 'm actually sad to see her and Brian break up . " She graded the episode B + , the second highest grade of the night . Ahsan Haque of IGN wrote that the episode " managed to rise about the generic plotline and deliver a pretty solid half @- @ hour of entertainment that told a cohesive (and somewhat sad) main story , with just enough gags to fill in the rest of the time . " Haque graded the episode 7 @. @ 8 out of 10 , and wrote that it was " definitely sad to see the end of the Brian and Jillian relationship , especially considering the great performance put on by Drew Barrymore . " Brad Trechak of TV Squad called it " a fairly pedestrian episode with a few cute gags " .

= = Home release = =

" Movin ' Out (Brian 's Song) " , along with the five other episodes from Family Guy 's sixth season , were released on a three @- @ disc DVD set in the United States on October 21 , 2008 . The set included brief audio commentaries by the staff for each episode , a collection of deleted scenes , the 100th episode special and animatics . It also included several featurettes , such as the making of the 100th episode , " I 'm Huge (and The Babes Go Wild) " music video and the staff 's favorite scenes .