

= Quagmire 's Dad =

" Quagmire 's Dad " is the 18th episode of the eighth season of the animated comedy series Family Guy . It originally aired on Fox in the United States on May 9 , 2010 . The episode features Quagmire after his father , Dan Quagmire , returns to Quahog and states he is " a woman trapped in a man 's body " . Dan has decided to have sex reassignment surgery to become physically female . Meanwhile , Brian travels to a seminar and , upon returning , has a sexual affair with " Ida , " whom he does not realize is Quagmire 's post @-@ operative father .

The episode was written by Tom Devaney and directed by Pete Michels . It was rated TV @-@ 14 for intensely suggestive dialogue (D) , strong coarse language (L) and intense violence (V) . It received generally mixed reviews , in addition to receiving some criticism for its portrayal of transgenderism , including from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) and the Parents Television Council . According to Nielsen ratings , it was viewed in 7 @.@ 22 million homes in its original unedited airing . The episode featured a guest performance by Wally Wingert , along with several recurring guest voice actors for the series . " Quagmire 's Dad " was released on DVD along with ten other episodes from the season on December 13 , 2011 .

= = Plot = =

Peter and Joe visit Quagmire and are introduced to his father , Lieutenant Commander Dan Quagmire . Expecting to see the inspiration for Quagmire 's wanton sexual behavior , they are surprised by Dan 's stereotypically gay mannerisms and begin texting each other of how gay Dan is . The following morning , Quagmire invites Peter and Lois to the Naval Ball being held to honor his father , but soon begins arguing with Peter about his father 's sexuality . At the ball that night , members of the Navy bombard Quagmire with compliments about his war @-@ hero father , most of which can be taken as double entendres about Dan 's alleged non @-@ heterosexuality . Concerned that his dad may be gay , Quagmire confronts him and Dan states that he is not gay , but is instead " a woman trapped in a man 's body " and that he plans to have a sex change operation during his stay in Quahog . At first Peter and Lois conflate gender identity and sexual orientation , then at Lois ' suggestion , Peter waits with Quagmire during the operation . The surgery is a success , with Quagmire 's Dad emerging as the newly named Ida Davis , an attractive blond woman . That night , Ida and Quagmire join the Griffins for dinner . As the dinner begins , however , Quagmire becomes frustrated when the Griffins turn the conversation towards Ida 's surgery and other related topics , and storms out of the room . At Quagmire 's home , Quagmire tells Ida that he is not sure he can deal with her new gender identity . Saddened , Ida leaves Quagmire 's home and decides to stay at a nearby Marriott Hotel .

Meanwhile , Brian has been out of town attending a seminar on creating a web series and is unaware of what has transpired . On his way home , Brian stops at the Marriott , meets Ida , and starts having drinks with her . Quickly bonding , they retire to Ida 's room for sex , with Ida leaving first , then Brian after telling the barman to bill the drinks to her room . The next morning , Brian shares his newfound love with Peter and Lois before showing them a picture of Ida on his cellphone . Peter and Lois go into hysterics , while Brian , unaware of Ida 's operation , believes they are just jealous . After Stewie tells him that Quagmire 's father has had a sex change and reveals Ida 's name , Brian realizes that he has had sex with Quagmire 's transsexual father and vomits for 29 uninterrupted seconds before the two of them panic . At the same time , Ida returns to Quagmire 's home and apologizes , and Quagmire returns the favor , reconciling their relationship . Ida tells Quagmire that she met someone , and when she says it was Brian , whom Quagmire despises , he becomes furious . Brian is traumatized after finding out about Ida and , when he hears Quagmire come inside the house , he tries to hide under Peter and Lois ' bed , but Quagmire finds him easily , because Brian 's feet were sticking out from under the bed , and brutally beats him , thus threatening to blow his head off if he goes near Quagmire 's house . Brian gets the final word ? " Hey , I fucked your dad . " ? and angrily slams the door shut .

= = Production and development = =

The episode was written by Tom Devanney and directed by series regular Pete Michels . It is the second episode of the season Devanney and Michels worked on , the first being " Brian 's Got a Brand New Bag " , before the conclusion of season 8 . The episode saw the introduction of Quagmire 's father , Lieutenant Commander Dan Quagmire , a former officer with the United States Navy who later becomes Ida Quagmire . The character was voiced by main cast member , series creator and executive producer Seth MacFarlane . Series regulars Peter Shin and James Purdum served as supervising directors , with Andrew Goldberg and Alex Carter working as staff writers for the episode . Composer Ron Jones , who has worked on the series since its inception , returned to compose the music for " Quagmire 's Dad " . The original design of Ida Quagmire was created by MacFarlane , and designed to resemble English actor Paul Bettany . It was later adapted upon by Pete Michels .

" Quagmire 's Dad " , along with the eleven other episodes from Family Guy 's eighth season , was released on a three @-@ disc DVD set in the United States on December 13 , 2011 . The sets include brief audio commentaries by various crew and cast members for several episodes , a collection of deleted scenes and animatics , a special mini @-@ feature which discussed the process behind animating " And Then There Were Fewer " , a mini @-@ feature entitled " The Comical Adventures of Family Guy ? Brian & Stewie : The Lost Phone Call " , and footage of the Family Guy panel at the 2010 San Diego Comic @-@ Con International .

In addition to the regular cast , voice actor Wally Wingert guest starred in the episode . Recurring guest voice actor Ralph Garman , and writers Chris Sheridan , Danny Smith , Alec Sulkin and John Viener made minor appearances . Recurring guest voice actor Patrick Warburton reprises his role of Joe Swanson .

The bit of Peter and Joe texting each other exists in two versions : one with Peter texting Joe back but was autocorrected , or using the term " phoque " to describe how gay Quagmire 's father is .

= = Cultural references = =

After announcing that his father is being honored by the Navy , Quagmire says his father was his greatest hero growing up . Peter then claims that his own hero while growing up was DC Comics superhero Aquaman , in addition to his alter ego Arthur Curry . When Quagmire introduces his father to Peter and Joe , Nancy Sinatra 's single " These Boots Are Made for Walkin ' " begins playing on Quagmire 's stereo while Dan Quagmire dances down the stairs . Upon emerging from her surgery , Ida asks what Quagmire and Peter think of the operation and Peter , as he had suggested to Quagmire during the surgery , sings the hit single " Walking on Sunshine " by Katrina and the Waves .

= = Reception = =

In a slight decrease from the previous week , the episode was viewed in 7 @.@ 22 million homes in its original airing , despite airing simultaneously with Desperate Housewives on ABC , Celebrity Apprentice on NBC , and the television film Jesse Stone : No Remorse on CBS . The episode also acquired a 3 @.@ 8 rating in the 18 ? 49 demographic , beating The Simpsons , The Cleveland Show and American Dad ! in both ratings and total viewership .

Reviews of the episode were generally mixed . Ramsey Isler of IGN noted his enjoyment of Dan Quagmire 's character traits : " I 'll give the writing team credit for this little plot twist , as I 'm sure we were all expecting the elder Quagmire to be even more of a womanizer than his son . " Regarding the episode 's treatment of LGBT issues , Jason Hughes of TV Squad stated , " there 's a gold mine of material to dig into for satire and comedy ; comedy which will likely offend as many people as the real issues do . " Todd VanDerWerff of The A.V. Club called the scenes between Quagmire and his father " surprisingly well @-@ done " while noting , " the scenes where the mockery seemed a little too mean @-@ spirited were definitely out of the show 's worst sections of its toolkit " .

The episode was criticized for its portrayal of transgenderism , particularly regarding the way Ida was treated by other characters . Food Ida prepared for the dinner party at the Griffin house was thrown out and Brian 's learning of her sex @-@ reassignment surgery after he had sex with her caused him to " violently " vomit for 30 unbroken seconds . Speaking with LGBT media website AfterElton.com in January 2010 , series creator Seth MacFarlane mentioned the episode in response to concerns over how his animated series have portrayed LGBT characters . " It always distresses me when I hear that the gay community is upset with us , because that 's one group of people I hope would know we 're on their side . I can safely say that the transsexual community will be very , very happy with the ' Quagmire ' episode that we have coming up in a couple of months . It 's probably the most sympathetic portrayal of a transexual [sic] character that has ever been on television , dare I say . " In a subsequent review , AfterElton.com writer Brent Hartinger graded the episode negatively . While noting that the episode deserves credit for making important points about transgender people , he found its inclusion of the vomiting scene and Lois and Peter 's transphobic remarks about Ida to be " shockingly insensitive " . Hartinger continued , " Frankly , it 's literally impossible for me to reconcile last night 's episode with MacFarlane 's words , unless I come to the conclusion that the man is pretty much a complete idiot . " The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation , an LGBT media watchdog organization , released a statement about the episode , noting that " GLAAD shares the serious concerns being voiced from members of the community and GLAAD 's Entertainment Media Team is addressing these with Fox . Next steps will be decided at that point . " In a September 2010 interview in Details , MacFarlane expressed surprise at the negative reaction , stating " I don 't meet a lot of stupid homosexuals . " He repeated that he still felt Ida was a " very sympathetic portrayal of a transsexual character " . He also defended Brian 's vomiting after discovering he had sex with someone who had undergone sex reassignment surgery noting Brian 's character is heterosexual and " If I found out that I had slept with a transsexual , I might throw up in the same way that a gay guy looks at a vagina and goes , ' Oh , my God , that 's disgusting . ' " .

The Parents Television Council , a conservative campaigning group and frequent critic of MacFarlane 's work , named " Quagmire 's Dad " as its " Worst TV Show of the Week " citing Dan Quagmire 's " outrageously stereotyped gay " character , violence and sexual innuendo . The PTC specifically cited the innuendo @-@ laced dialogue throughout the episode , a " straight 30 straight seconds [sic] " of vomiting after Brian learns of Ida 's previous identity , Quagmire 's erection while embracing Ida and the violence of the final scene .