

= Peterotica =

" Peterotica " is the 24th episode from season four of the animated comedy series Family Guy . The episode was originally broadcast on April 23 , 2006 , and was written by Patrick Meighan and directed by Kurt Dumas . The title of the episode is a portmanteau of " Peter " and " Erotica " .

The plot follows Peter 's brief career writing erotic novels . After Peter asks Carter Pewterschmidt for publishing money , Carter is sued by a man who has a car accident while listening to an audiobook of one of Peter 's novels ; the settlement forces Carter into bankruptcy . Peter attempts to help Carter accept life as a middle @-@ class citizen , then decides to work with Carter so they can both become wealthy , but gives up after multiple failed attempts . Carter soon gets his fortune back when his wife returns to him , and he resumes hating Peter . Meanwhile , Stewie attempts to train for the Olympics , despite discouraging comments from Brian .

= = Plot = =

Peter , Joe , and Cleveland accompany Quagmire to a sex shop called Pornoslovakia . Peter buys an erotic book entitled Much Ado About Humping and finds it disappointing . Peter writes a letter to the author including an example of what he would consider a better writing style for an erotic novel , which impresses his friends when he reads it to them . Encouraged by their enthusiasm , Peter decides to write his own erotic novel , which is received well by all who read it. The novels he authors are converted into audio books read by Betty White , and published by Peter 's father @-@ in @-@ law , Carter Pewterschmidt . While listening to one of Peter 's audio books , an aroused driver tries to take off his shirt while driving and crashes his car into the Kool Aid Guy 's house . The man sues Carter , who is liable as the publisher . Carter immediately loses his fortune . Blaming Peter for his penniless state , Carter arrives at the Griffin house intending to shoot Peter . Lois persuades Carter to spare him , and Peter agrees to let Carter live with them until he has income .

Barbara divorces Carter and marries Ted Turner . Peter attempts to teach Carter how to live as a " regular person " , but Carter does not acclimate well . Peter and Carter attempt to make money , robbing a train after several other failed attempts , but the robbery is unsuccessful also . Carter punched Peter into the Kool Aid Guy 's house after many repairs . As Peter and Carter begin to accept that they will never be rich , Barbara returns and informs Carter that they are rich again , because she has divorced Ted Turner and taken half his assets . Despite Peter 's help , Carter abandons him . Lois informs Peter she refused \$ 10 million that her parents offered her ten years ago because money would just complicate things ; as she explains this , Peter fantasizes about killing her .

Meanwhile , Stewie trains in gymnastics to participate in the Olympics , but an accident during training leaves him with a shard of glass in his forehead .

= = Production = =

" Peterotica " was written by Patrick Meighan and directed by Kurt Dumas . The episode ran into multiple objections from broadcasting standards and the show 's producers . For instance , the original title of the episode was " A Connecticut Yankee and King Arthur 's Butt " , but broadcasting standards objected . A sequence showing all of the different erotic novels written by Peter was edited for the television version ; one entitled " Catcher in the Eye " was removed from the television version as broadcasting standards disliked the cover , which implied her eye was a target for semen during ejaculation . The scene of Peter reading his new erotic novel to Lois was never cut from airing , although the producers of Family Guy had some trouble with it , as it is the second semen joke of the episode . When Lois ' father , Carter , sits down at the breakfast table , Lois states : " Daddy , did you remember to clean up ? " Originally , she was meant to say , " Daddy , did you remember to wipe yourself ? " , but broadcasting standards objected , so it was modified to " Daddy , did you remember to clean yourself ? " However , standards still objected , so it was changed to its current version .

Stewie is seen practicing for the Olympics and is disturbed by Chris ; this scene was originally meant to be the start of a subplot in which Stewie would build a machine to make Chris intelligent . Although it would be successful , Chris would become more clever than Stewie . The subplot was scrapped because it was deemed not funny enough . The gag in which Peter is a landlord over a rat family in the Griffin family basement was removed from television broadcasting for timing purposes . The " thinking grenade " sketch , in which Peter uses live grenades to help him think , was originally intended to be used in " PTV " in a scene in The Drunken Clam , but there were no windows in the Clam nearby for Peter to throw the grenades through , so instead of adding windows to the building 's design for that episode , the gag was moved to this episode . The " naughty flapper girl " gag was included in the original draft of the episode .

= = Cultural references = =

The episode features multiple references to popular culture . The song Quagmire sings in the sex shop is a part of " Make ' Em Laugh " from the 1952 musical film Singin ' in the Rain . The erotic book Peter buys at the sex shop is Much Ado About Humping , a parody of the William Shakespeare play Much Ado About Nothing . The four porn books shown on screen are references to works of literature : Angela 's Asses to Angela 's Ashes by Frank McCourt , Catcher in the Eye to Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger , Shaved New World to Brave New World by Aldous Huxley , and Harry Potter and the Half @-@ Black Chick to Harry Potter and the Half @-@ Blood Prince by J. K. Rowling .

After returning from the porn shop , Peter is shown watching an episode of Blind Justice . The lawyer who attempts to sue Carter is forced into a battle with a rancor in a scene that mirrors Luke Skywalker 's fight with the Rancor in the 1983 film Return of the Jedi . When Peter and Carter are trying to make money , they start their own sitcom called Quahog Creek , a ripoff of WB 's Dawson 's Creek . The theme song " I Don 't Want to Wait " uses misinterpreted lyrics of the actual theme song performed by Paula Cole . While Peter and Carter try to steal money from Lois ' purse , Peter balances on a unicycle and hums Aram Khachaturian 's " Sabre Dance " . When waiting in line at the movies , Peter tells Carter about a new movie , The Picnic , starring Jude Law and Renée Zellweger . The song used is " Roll to Me " , by Del Amitri .

A reference to The Simpsons ' appearance in The Tracey Ullman Show is made when the Griffins are shown as characters in the show . Family Guy producer David A. Goodman comments that , contrary to what some think , the show was not trying to criticize The Simpsons , but rather trying to show the differences in voices and character appearance .

= = Reception = =

In a review of the Family Guy , Volume Four DVD collection , Mike Drucker of IGN singled out " Peterotica " and " PTV " as " new classics . " In a review of the episode , Bob Sassone of TV Squad commented on the scene where Peter acts as a landlord over a rat , writing , " to be honest , I 'm not even sure what the hell was going on there , it was so disturbing . " Geoffrey D. Roberts of Real Talk Reviews criticized the episode , writing that " the story is thin and the laughter absent . " The episode sparked controversy over a depiction of the Charwoman cleaning character , a character used by Carol Burnett in The Carol Burnett Show that was used in the episode without her consent . Burnett sued , but the case was later dismissed .