

= Stewie Loves Lois =

" Stewie Loves Lois " is the first episode of the fifth season of the animated comedy series Family Guy , an episode produced for Season 4 . It originally aired on Fox on September 10 , 2006 . The episode features Stewie after his teddy bear , which has been destroyed by an unfamiliar dog at the park , is repaired by his mother , Lois , causing him to become overly affectionate of her . Meanwhile , Peter gets a prostate exam from Dr. Hartman , but believes that he has been raped instead , and decides to prosecute his doctor in court .

The episode was written by Mark Hentemann and directed by Mike Kim . It received mostly mixed reviews from critics for its storyline , and many cultural references . According to Nielsen ratings , it was viewed in 9 @. @ 93 million homes in its original airing . The episode featured guest performances by Ellen Albertini Dow , Dave Boat , Phil LaMarr , Kevin Michael Richardson and Anne @- @ Michelle Seiler , along with several recurring guest voice actors for the series .

= = Plot = =

Quahog becomes the subject of a flu epidemic , and Peter goes to see Dr. Hartman for a vaccine . Although the vaccines are in short supply and must be saved for the elderly , Peter manages to get one anyway (by pretending to fall onto the syringe) . While looking through Peter 's papers , Hartman realizes that Peter has not had a prostate exam . Peter agrees to get one , despite not knowing what it involves . Upon receiving the procedure , Peter feels sexually violated and proceeds to tell Lois about his ordeal , and she is rather unsupportive and finds it amusing , up to the point to calling him a " fucking idiot " . He then suffers a mental breakdown and tells his friends about the incident , at which point they reveal that Dr. Hartman also " raped " them . Peter decides to sue Hartman in a court of law , and Lois is unable to talk him out of it .

In the courtroom , Peter exaggerates the story . The judge is not convinced , and even recalls his own prostate exam being uneventful . However , after further prompting from Peter , the judge " remembers " being abused and declares Hartman guilty , revoking his license . As Peter celebrates his victory at The Drunken Clam , his frequent need to urinate causes concern among his friends , where Seamus informs him that his prostate may be infected . However , his lawsuit makes it unlikely that any doctor would treat him , and indeed , not one does . Peter visits Dr. Hartman in disguise and unsuccessfully tries to trick him into giving the exam , but the doctor decides that his Hippocratic Oath requires him to go ahead with the examination anyway . Peter 's constant urinating turns out to be due to a minor infection and blockage caused by Mr. Sulu somehow being up Peter 's rectum . In the epilogue , Dr. Hartman 's license is reinstated .

Meanwhile , Stewie plays at the park with his teddy , Rupert . A vicious dog grabs Rupert from him and tears it to shreds . Lois runs after the dog , retrieves Rupert , and repairs him , causing Stewie to rethink all the bad thoughts he 's had of Lois . Stewie becomes enamored with her , which she takes as refreshing at first , but eventually , she becomes exhausted and frustrated at his increased dependency and even has a nightmare of murdering him . Taking Brian 's advice , she starts ignoring his demands for attention (faking he got sick from pills and claiming to be dying) , until he injures himself falling down the stairs ; Lois tries to apologize for her behavior , but Stewie is so disgusted by it that it causes him to hate her once again .

= = Production = =

When Stewie is fantasizing about murdering and harming Lois , he performs several karate and kung @- @ fu moves . This is a reference to an individual whom Mark Hentemann , a writer for Family Guy , used to know . He was the boy who would come to school , car washes or other events and tell stories about the people who he had been in physical fights with . During the scene when Stewie describes Lois as being the female version of Bonnie Hunt , MacFarlane comments that he feels bad about that joke , as just before it was broadcast ? Hunt telephoned him on his mobile phone and told him about how much she enjoyed the show , however the gag was not removed due

to its expected airing date being so close to when the telephone call was made . On the uncut version of this episode , there is a scene where Peter sleepily mistakes Stewie 's mouth for Lois 's genitals , muttering , " Oh , you are so ready ! " The edited TV version does not have this part , but leaves in the first half , in which Peter sleepily mistakes Stewie 's nose for Lois 's nipple .

For a reason which was not specified , the sound of Lois 's footsteps when going down the basement stairs during her dream of killing Stewie , had to be overcome by Stewie talking more often . This line of Stewie making general conversation in the same scene , was altered several times due to lack of laughter from the audience . MacFarlane comments that the scene of Peter standing up to his teacher who was giving the class a test , is a reference to " 80 's TV bullshit " .

In addition to the regular cast , actress Ellen Albertini Dow , voice actors Dave Boat , Phil LaMarr and Kevin Michael Richardson , and actress Anne @-@ Michelle Seiler guest starred in the episode . Recurring guest voice actors Lori Alan , Alex Breckenridge , writer Mike Henry , writer Danny Smith , writer Alec Sulkin and writer John Viener also made minor appearances . Recurring cast members Adam West and Patrick Warburton guest starred in the episode as well .

= = Cultural references = =

During the scene when a car is about to fall off a cliff , Robin the Boy Wonder appears and attempts to save the people . However , upon arrival , he is criticized as he will not be able to save them : this is a reference to the portrayal of Robin from the 1960s Batman series . Throughout the episode , other references are made to fictitious super heroes . In total , three references were made to Star Trek , all of which involve Star Trek actor George Takei 's character , Mr. Sulu . When Peter has a flashback about passing his college test he is running around with the song " I 'm Free " by Kenny Loggins playing in the background . This is a reference to the movie Footloose . When Peter is recounting what Hartman did to him , he goes into a flashback in court , and everything turns black and white and grainy : this is a reference to The Accused , starring Jodie Foster . During one of the kitchen scenes , Brian teases Stewie singing " Stewie loves Lois ! " Stewie retorts by singing , " Brian loves Olympia Dukakis ! " To which he replies , " Oh yeah , I do . "

When Stewie imagines how a holiday in Hawaii would be with Rupert , he references the classic Calvin and Hobbes series .

Lois makes a reference to Barbara Bush after waking up from her dream of killing Stewie . She claims " I 'm just like that Texas woman who gave her son brain damage by holding him underwater , I 'm just like Barbara Bush " . When the fisherman is telling Peter about the serious consequences of not getting a prostate exam , he shows Peter a picture of band Primus , to which Peter asks him why he carries such random pictures around with him .

The closing credits are a reference to All in the Family , an American sitcom that originally aired on CBS in the 1970s . At the beginning of the credits , the voice of Peter says " Family Guy was recorded on tape before a live audience " as ' footage ' of the city of Quahog is shown .

= = Reception = =

IGN 's Dan Iversen commented that " the Stewie / Lois story was really kind of funny " , noting that the scene was " a nice window in on parenting " . He describes the scene of Stewie shouting at Brian in Spanish as being " very funny " . However , Iversen criticized the episode , noting that the scene of Peter giving his story in court went from just " creepy and awkward to just plain disturbing " . The episode received a final rating by Iversen of 4 @. @ 5 / 10 . 9 @. @ 93 million people watched this episode in the US on its first airing ranking # 2 on FOX that night behind The Simpsons , this episode was the highest rated of season five .