

= Leggo My Meg @-@ O =

" Leggo My Meg @-@ O " is the twentieth episode of the tenth season of the animated television series Family Guy . The episode originally aired on Fox in the United States on May 6 , 2012 . In this episode , Meg travels to Paris with her friend Ruth after being treated badly in school , but her exciting adventure comes to a halt when she gets kidnapped . Brian and Stewie embark on an action @-@ packed mission to find her before it is too late . This plot is a parody of the film Taken .

This episode was written by Brian Scully and directed by John Holmquist . It received mixed reviews from critics for its storyline and cultural references . It was viewed by 5 @.@ 64 million U.S. viewers in its original airing , according to Nielsen ratings . The episode 's guest stars were Omid Abtahi , Bill English , Ralph Garman , Mark Hentemann , Jerry Lambert , Rachael MacFarlane , Natasha Melnick , Kim Parks , Julius Sharpe , Danny Smith , Alec Sulkin , Fred Tatasciore , John Viener and Lisa Wilhoit .

= = Plot = =

After being assaulted with dodgeballs by Connie D 'Amico and other girls during gym class , Meg talks to her friend Ruth about how much she hates being at school and wonders if she can tolerate the rest of the semester . She then learns that Ruth is going to spend a semester in Paris and is invited to join her in the program . Using the money she has saved from part @-@ time jobs , Meg is able to enroll in the program . The family sees her leave as she enters the airport . Once she and Ruth land in Paris , they meet a man who offers to share a cab with them as they go to their apartment . When the two of them arrive at the apartment , a group of men arrive and kidnap Ruth while Meg is talking to Peter on the phone . When she tells Peter what she witnessed , he tells her to hide under the bed . She complies , but the men find and take her anyway . After Peter talks to the kidnappers , one of them tells him " Drakkar Noir " before hanging up . After that , Peter calls " Lois , Meg 's dead ! "

The Griffins call the FBI to hopefully get Meg back , but the FBI say that a person must be missing for 96 hours before they could take action (eventhough , the FBI agents admit it 's not likely they 'll find her alive after she 's been missing that long) . Concerned by it , Brian and Stewie get to Paris themselves to take matters into their own hands and save Meg . They find out where the men took Meg , who is about to be sold as a sex slave . At the auction , Stewie dresses up as a slave and Brian dresses as an Arab to get in , and Stewie is sold to Brian (for \$ 500 @,@ 000) . However , Brian cannot afford to pay for Stewie , and the guard uncovers their disguises . They are chained to a pipe downstairs , but Brian breaks free and overpowers the guard . They then follow Meg and her captors to a yacht traveling down the River Seine . On board , Meg is delivered to an Arab emir waiting in the master stateroom . After Meg refuses to be his sex slave , The emir reveals he bought her not to be a sex slave but to be his son 's wife . The king introduces his teenage son , the young prince of the kingdom , who calls Meg a " goddess " and asks her to marry him or if she declines he will have her flown back to America on their private jet . Meg agrees to marry him , But Stewie then kills the prince , uses a neuralizer on Meg , and takes her to a French hospital for treatment before taking her home safely .

Back at home , the family is happy to see Meg , who admits remembering nothing between the proposal and being in a French hospital . Lois tells Meg that they found Ruth with her tongue cut out . Peter states that he has saved Meg 's mail then reveals that to be a joke as Meg had not received any mail .

= = Production and cultural references = =

The episode was written by Brian Scully and directed by John Holmquist . Danny Smith , Alec Sulkin and Wellesley Wild served as executive producers , and James Purdum and Domonic Bianchi as supervising directors .

Guest stars and recurring actors Omid Abtahi , Bill English , Ralph Garman , Mark Hentemann ,

Jerry Lambert , Rachael MacFarlane , Natasha Melnick , Kim Parks , Julius Sharpe , Danny Smith , Alec Sulkin , Fred Tatasciore , John Viener and Lisa Wilhoit made appearances throughout the episode .

Some cultural references were included in this episode . The plot of this episode is based on the film Taken . Peter 's phone call to the kidnappers is a reference to the film .

= = Reception = =

In its original broadcast on May 6 , 2012 on Fox , " Leggo My Meg @-@ O " was watched by 5 @. @ 64 million viewers according to Nielsen ratings , and aired on the same night as MacFarlane 's other show American Dad ! . It gained a 2 @. @ 7 / 7 rating share in the 18 ? 49 demographic group , having the same rating as Desperate Housewives , and beating American Dad ! . The ratings decreased from the previous episode , " Mr. and Mrs. Stewie " .

The episode received average reviews from critics . Kevin McFarland of The A.V. Club gave the episode B- rating . He said the episode " [was] filled with more laughs than [he] predicted " . While stating that Meg 's humor comes from the same place each time , he enjoyed the action scenes in the episode . Carter Doston of TV Fanatic gave the episode a 2 @. @ 5 / 5 rating . He noted that the episode leaned on Taken too much , however he enjoyed some funny moments in it . He stated that " the story seriously follows the same arc as the movie , just in 20 minutes . They find the Eastern Europeans who sold her to slavers , go on a car chase to rescue her and enter into a shootout on a boat to rescue her . " He continued , " Of course , there are jokes thrown in , and some humorous deconstructions of action movies and of the movie it parodies . For example , the ' car chase GPS ' scene . "