

= Emanuelle Goes to Dinosaur Land =

" Emanuelle Goes to Dinosaur Land " is the twenty @-@ first episode of the fourth season of the American television comedy series 30 Rock , and the 79th overall episode of the series . It was written by supervising producer Matt Hubbard and directed by Beth McCarthy @-@ Miller . The episode originally aired on the National Broadcasting Company ( NBC ) network in the United States on May 13 , 2010 . Guest stars in this episode include John Anderson , Elizabeth Banks , Jon Hamm , Kristin McGee , Julianne Moore , Michael Sheen , Jason Sudeikis , and Dean Winters .

In the episode , Jack Donaghy ( Alec Baldwin ) becomes even more entangled in his love triangle between Avery Jessup ( Banks ) and Nancy Donovan ( Moore ) , and he turns for advice to Liz Lemon ( Tina Fey ) , who is focusing on her own romantic problems . When Liz cannot find a date to her ex @-@ boyfriend 's ( Sudeikis ) wedding , she revisits her old boyfriends ( Hamm and Winters ) in hope that a spark will reignite . Meanwhile , Tracy Jordan ( Tracy Morgan ) continues his journey to earn his EGOT .

" Emanuelle Goes to Dinosaur Land " received generally positive reviews from television critics . According to the Nielsen Media Research , the episode was watched by 4 @.@ 996 million households during its original broadcast , and received a 2 @.@ 5 rating / 7 share among viewers in the 18 ? 49 demographic . For his performance in this episode , Jon Hamm received a Primetime Emmy Award nomination in the category for Outstanding Guest Actor in a Comedy Series .

= = Plot = =

Liz Lemon ( Tina Fey ) is dateless for ex @-@ boyfriend Floyd DeBarber 's ( Jason Sudeikis ) wedding , and does not want to be alone . She revisits her old boyfriends ? Drew Baird ( Jon Hamm ) and Dennis Duffy ( Dean Winters ) ? but the visits do not go well . Later , at a party , Liz learns from Cerie Xerox ( Katrina Bowden ) , her office assistant , that she will be seated next to Wesley Snipes ( Michael Sheen ) ? a man whom Liz despises ? at Cerie 's wedding . As a result of this , Liz invites Wesley as her date to Floyd 's wedding . At the wedding , Wesley reveals that he has lost his job , and needs Liz to get him U.S. residency , and proposes marriage to her . After an unsuccessful conversation with Mike ( John Anderson ) , a friend of Floyd 's , Liz agrees to marry Wesley .

Meanwhile , Jack Donaghy ( Alec Baldwin ) is still in a dilemma in who to choose from between CNBC host Avery Jessup ( Elizabeth Banks ) and his high school sweetheart Nancy Donovan ( Julianne Moore ) . Avery decides not to be Jack 's date to Cerie 's wedding , and that while she is gone , Jack should think about whether or not he wants to be with her . As soon as Avery leaves , Nancy shows up at the 30 Rock building unannounced , and decides to spend the weekend with Jack . Liz tries to talk him out of going on a date with Nancy , after he asked her for advice . He decides to keep things platonic with Nancy , so that no problem ensues in his decision to choose between them , but Jack ends up sleeping with Nancy . The next morning , Nancy admits that the two spending the night together was a big deal , as Jack was the first man she slept with after her divorce . At Floyd 's wedding , Jack tells Nancy about Avery , and as a result , Nancy threatens to leave him forever once the ceremony is over . While Liz gives a reading , Jack texts her to stall , resulting in Liz reading inappropriate scripture recitations at the wedding .

Finally , Tracy Jordan ( Tracy Morgan ) informs " Dot Com " Slattery ( Kevin Brown ) and NBC page Kenneth Parcell ( Jack McBrayer ) that he wishes to be part of the film Garfield 3 : Feline Groovy . Dot Com and Kenneth tell Tracy that he should instead focus on his chances of getting an Oscar , as part of his EGOT quest . The two encourage him to audition for Hard To Watch , a story of an inner @-@ city boy living in the ghetto , something that Tracy can directly relate to . Tracy decides to audition for Hard To Watch , but realizes that playing the role may bring up too many repressed memories . Dot Com and Kenneth , along with Tracy , visit all the places from Tracy 's childhood in order to prepare him for the role , but this backfires when Tracy is brought to tears because of his past .

= = Production = =

" *Emanuelle Goes to Dinosaur Land* " was written by series supervising producer Matt Hubbard , making it his tenth writing credit after " *The Rural Juror* " , " *Hard Ball* " , " *The Collection* " , " *MILF Island* " , " *Reunion* " , " *Larry King* " , " *Cutbacks* " , " *Audition Day* " , and " *Anna Howard Shaw Day* " . The episode was directed by Beth McCarthy Miller , making it her twelfth for the series . " *Emanuelle Goes to Dinosaur Land* " originally aired in the United States on May 13 , 2010 , on NBC as the twenty-first episode of the show 's fourth season and the 79th overall episode of the series .

This episode was filmed on March 10 , 2010 . Saint Cecilia 's Catholic Church in Greenpoint , Brooklyn served as the church for Floyd and Kaitlin 's ( Kristin McGee ) wedding . This episode of *30 Rock* was actress Julianne Moore 's fourth appearance as Nancy Donovan on the show , and was actress Elizabeth Banks ' sixth guest spot . Comedian actor Jason Sudeikis , who played Floyd DeBarber in this episode , has appeared in the main cast of *Saturday Night Live* ( *SNL* ) , a weekly sketch comedy series which airs on NBC in the United States . Tina Fey , the series creator of *30 Rock* , was the head writer on *SNL* from 1999 until 2006 . This was Sudeikis 's eleventh appearance on the show . Actor Michael Sheen made his third appearance as Wesley Snipes . In addition , actors Jon Hamm and Dean Cain reprised their roles as Drew Baird and Dennis Duffy , respectively , as former boyfriends of Liz Lemon .

This was the third time the show referenced Tracy Jordan trying to get his EGOT . This plot first began in the December 3 , 2009 , episode " *Dealbreakers Talk Show* " in which Tracy finds a diamond encrusted " EGOT " necklace and sets a new life goal to achieve EGOT status by winning four major awards : an Emmy , a Grammy , an Oscar , and a Tony . In " *Emanuelle Goes to Dinosaur Land* " , Tracy decides to do the movie *Hard To Watch* , in hopes that he can get an Oscar for his performance .

== Cultural references ==

Tracy decides to play the Garfield character ? an orange tabby cat ? in an upcoming film *Garfield 3* : *Feline Groovy* . When Liz visits Drew , in hopes that he can be her date to Floyd 's wedding , Drew is surprised to see Liz , but tells her that he was thinking about her when he saw " this gorgeous woman ... putting glasses on her daughter 's Mr. Potato Head . " Later , at a park , Liz visits Dennis , in which she sees that he is building a strange contraption . Dennis tells her that he is trying to recreate and improve on the Balloon boy incident , a reference to the October 2009 hoax in which two parents claimed their son was on board a helium balloon that had floated away , but later turned out to be a publicity stunt . At Floyd 's wedding , Wesley , who is English , tells Liz that he does not want to go back to England , as he does not want to witness the 2012 Summer Olympics , which is scheduled to take place in London , explaining " Did you see the Beijing opening ceremonies ? We don 't have control over our people like that . " The episode 's title is a reference to the *Emmanuelle* series of erotic films .

== Reception ==

According to the Nielsen Media Research , " *Emanuelle Goes to Dinosaur Land* " was watched by 4.996 million households in its original American broadcast . It earned a 2.5 rating / 7 share in the 18-49 demographic . This means that it was seen by 2.5 percent of all 18- to 49-year-olds , and 7 percent of all 18- to 49-year-olds watching television at the time of the broadcast . This was a decrease from the previous episode , " *The Moms* " , which was watched by 5.420 million American viewers . During its original broadcast , " *Emanuelle Goes to Dinosaur Land* " ranked fourth in its 9 : 30 p.m. slot , behind ABC 's *Grey 's Anatomy* , CBS ' *CSI : Crime Scene Investigation* , and Fox 's *Fringe* . Jon Hamm received a Primetime Emmy Award nomination for Outstanding Guest Actor in a Comedy Series at the 62nd Primetime Emmy Awards for his work in this episode , but lost it to actor Neil Patrick Harris for his guest appearance on *Glee* . " *Emanuelle Goes to Dinosaur Land* " received generally positive reviews from television critics .

Bob Sassone of AOL 's TV Squad liked the episode because of its " non @-@ stop one liners and great guest cameos . " Sassone 's only complaint was that the Jack , Nancy , and Avery love triangle be over , pointing out that he was sick of seeing Jack running around trying to keep Avery and Nancy from seeing each other . IGN contributor Robert Canning said that " we got one of the best episode titles of any show this year " , and was favorable to the guest spots from Jon Hamm , Dean Winters , and Michael Sheen , observing " [ t ] he episode joyfully gave us three great pairings for Liz to deal with , each presenting their own unique set of laughs . " In conclusion , Canning gave the episode a 9 out of 10 rating . Linda Holmes for National Public Radio said that " Emanuelle Goes to Dinosaur Land " was " very funny " , and commented that her favorite scene was when Liz visited Drew in hopes that the two can get back together .

The A.V. Club 's Nathan Rabin commented that this episode might have been the " best Tracy [ Jordan ] episode of the season " explaining that Tracy Morgan " delivered one genius non sequitur after another describing the comically over @-@ the @-@ top horrors of his childhood . [ ... ] The insane , eminently quotable one @-@ liners were flying so fast and so furious that I could barely keep up with them . " In regards to Jack 's love triangle , Rabin opined that this arc " could easily have worn out its welcome long ago " but that Alec Baldwin , Julianne Moore , and Elizabeth Banks " have kept lively and vibrant . " In conclusion , he gave it an A ? grade rating . Meredith Blake , writing for the Los Angeles Times , was positive about Liz getting engaged , noting that she has become a woman , and concluded that " it will no doubt be one of television 's most memorable weddings " if Liz and Wesley get married . Nick Catucci of New York magazine said that " Emanuelle Goes to Dinosaur Land " was good , " [ m ] aybe the best episode ever . " TV Guide 's Adam Mersel said that Banks played her role " perfectly " , but that he was still not convinced that Sheen 's Wesley is the right man for Liz .