

= Hannah Banana =

" Hannah Banana " is the fifth episode of the eighth season of the animated series Family Guy . It originally aired on Fox in the United States on November 8 , 2009 . The episode follows baby Stewie after he sneaks backstage at a Miley Cyrus concert in Quahog , eventually discovering that she is actually an android and causing her to wreak havoc on the town . Meanwhile , Chris proves to his family that the Evil Monkey who lives in his closet is actually real , and eventually comes to realize that the monkey is actually friendly , well @-@ spoken and intelligent , when he begins spending more time with him than his own father .

First announced at the 2009 San Diego Comic @-@ Con International , the episode was written by Cherry Chevapravatdumrong and directed by John Holmquist . It received mixed reviews from critics for its storyline and cultural references . According to Nielsen ratings , it was viewed in 7 @.@ 73 million homes in its original airing . The episode aired during an " all @-@ Seth MacFarlane " line @-@ up , along with the live @-@ action special Seth and Alex 's Almost Live Comedy Show , and featured a guest performance by Candace Marie , along with several recurring guest voice actors for the series . " Hannah Banana " was released on DVD along with seven other episodes from the season on June 15 , 2010 .

= = Plot = =

Chris does poorly on a test at school and blames the Evil Monkey living in his closet , which he says prevented him from being able to study . His parents , Peter and Lois , are fed up with Chris talking about the Evil Monkey , saying it does not exist . Later , Stewie , a self @-@ proclaimed Hannah Montana fan , learns that Miley Cyrus is having a concert in Quahog . Tickets to the show are sold out mere seconds after being made available for purchase , leaving him unable to attend the show . Brian makes fun of Stewie for watching Hannah Montana , at one point , calling him " gay " . But seeing him cry about not being able to attend the show persuades him to help get tickets . Chris sets up a camera in his room to capture the creature . When he reviews the tape he finds no evidence of the Evil Monkey , and goes ahead with his plans on capturing him . The family is taken aback when Chris proves it is real by capturing the monkey , and showing it to them , but he turns out not to be evil after all . The monkey explains he was forced to move into Chris 's closet after his wife had an affair , and their divorce put him into a deep depression which made him lose his job , his money and his house altogether . He took refuge in Chris ' closet until getting back on his feet where he spent almost a decade in there , and pointing at Chris was only his way of trying to make conversation (he 's been trying to talk to Chris this whole time) . In addition , the angry face he gave was his way of thinking , and the trembling was due to a copper deficiency . The monkey apologizes for unintentionally terrorizing Chris , and wants to start over with him . Chris is at first unconvinced , but when the monkey helps him write a book report , he is surprised to receive a passing grade , and the two become great friends .

Brian and Stewie manage to sneak in backstage at the concert , where Miley asks why they 're here . Brian then explains that Stewie has a ' tumor ' shaped like a football , which convinces Miley to let them hang out with her backstage . Miley and Stewie quickly become best friends and they sing a song which Stewie wrote . Soon , Chris realizes that the Monkey has spent more time with him , like taking him to play baseball and going to a father and son BBQ in Monkeykid . Chris then says to Peter that he has never gave as much attention to him as the monkey has , so he grows to resent his own father . While having ice @-@ cream with Miley , Stewie notices a signal interference on her cell phone when handing it to her . He then realises something is strange about Miley . Upon spying on her , Stewie and Brian discover that she is actually an android after seeing an employee insert a USB drive on the control panel on Miley 's back . They both realized that Miley was created by Walt Disney Imagineering to become the perfect teen idol that can never fail . When Brian curiously asks if she can perform other tasks , Stewie agrees to reprogram Miley to have sex with Brian by gaining access to the control panel . However , it goes wrong and he accidentally sends Miley into a rage , forcing Stewie and Brian to run away from the monstrous Miley .

Peter and Chris set up traps for each other as they fight . Lois then gets sick of the boys fighting , so the monkey tricks Peter and Chris into coming to dinner together . Chris and Peter admit they don 't hate each other and vow to spend more time together . As they are doing this , they see Brian and Stewie running away from the chaotic Miley who is smashing vehicles , shops and houses . The monkey confronts her , and attempts to talk her out of her rampage (as well as her career) , but Miley ends up kidnapping him and takes him to the top of a nearby skyscraper . Fortunately , Peter is able to recruit his neighbor , Quagmire , to shoot her down in a biplane , and a battle with Miley starts escalating . The monkey falls out of her hands and he grips onto a narrow ledge with one hand . Miley 's skin , hair and clothes peel off , revealing her android skeleton and she tries to kill Peter and Quagmire with a rock , but fails . Eventually , she is pummelled off the top . Afterwards , the monkey falls off the ledge but is saved by Peter just before he hits the road far below . Stewie and Brian then see the broken Miley , where Stewie says Brian can now have sex with her , but Miley blows up seconds later . Monkey then moves out of Chris 's closet , and his friendly attitude also parts ways with him , saying he will " go where he 's needed " , and moves to Tom Tucker 's upside @-@ down @-@ faced son Jake 's closet as his new haunt .

= = Production and development = =

" Hannah Banana " was written by series regular Cherry Chevapravatdumrong and directed by John Holmquist , before the conclusion of the eighth production season . Commenting on the original development of the episode , series creator and executive producer Seth MacFarlane stated , " [The episode] was the result of our ongoing desire to let the series stagnate , and kind of evolve things that may have run their course . There 's only so many times you can do the Evil Monkey jumping out of that closet , before the joke gets old , and I think often times there 's a fear to mess with what works , and change things permanently . [...] We literally retired the Evil Monkey in this episode , and got a great episode out of it , which was worth it , and kind of evolved the series in a way . " Singer and actress Candace Marie provided the voice of Miley Cyrus . Marie received the role when her producer alerted her of the audition , and she eventually received a call from the Family Guy casting director a month later . Even though the episode mocked Cyrus , Marie did not think she would upset any of Cyrus ' fans . She added that she is a fan herself , and " was very impressed by the way Family Guy developed the episode , " and thought it was " a huge compliment for them to refer to Miley as the " perfect popstar . " " After voicing Cyrus , Marie was called back to Family Guy to voice Meg 's friend Beth for " several upcoming episodes . " Marie described Beth as a girl that is " rarely addressed in conversation but loves to chime in whenever she can . " The song in the episode sung by Cyrus was written by Chevapravatdumrong , and composed and performed by Family Guy composer Walter Murphy .

The episode aired as a part of an " all @-@ Seth MacFarlane " line @-@ up , after the episode " Brian 's Got a Brand New Bag " and the live @-@ action special Seth and Alex 's Almost Live Comedy Show . " Hannah Banana " , along with the seven other episodes from Family Guy 's eighth season , were released on a three @-@ disc DVD set in the United States on June 15 , 2010 . The sets included brief audio commentaries by Seth MacFarlane and various crew and cast members for several episodes , a collection of deleted scenes , a special mini @-@ feature which discussed the process behind animating " Road to the Multiverse " , and mini @-@ feature entitled Family Guy Karaoke . In addition to the regular cast , series regular , writer and executive producer Danny Smith voiced the Evil Monkey . Recurring guest voice actors Chris Cox , actor Ralph Garman , writer Alec Sulkin and writer John Viener made minor appearances throughout the episode .

= = Cultural references = =

In the opening scene of the episode , Chris alerts his parents of a failing grade he received at school on a science test , causing his mother to suggest he receive help on his homework . Chris then asks his father , Peter , for help who ends up rejecting him , leading Chris to blame his bad grades on the Evil Monkey , and announces that he will prove the monkey is real . Peter then

suggests that his son would have to do a better job than God when he created actresses Ellen Barkin and Kelly McGillis .

Later that day , Stewie is shown watching television in the family room , with a narrator announcing a Hannah Montana marathon , as well as a concert in Quahog , Rhode Island , causing him to become excited . A scene from an episode of Hannah Montana is then shown , featuring Miley Cyrus , as well as her father , singer @-@ songwriter Billy Ray Cyrus .

Deciding to sneak into the concert , Brian agrees to dress as rapper Kanye West , and is forced to sing one of his songs by a security guard . Despondent , Brian then begins singing the theme song to 1972 NBC sitcom Sanford and Son . The scene is not shown on TV ; Stewie and Brian sneak into the concert in the televised version .

As the monkey begins bonding with the family , including having a conversation about actress and comedian Sarah Silverman , Chris realizes his deep hatred of the monkey . Deciding to help Chris on his homework , the monkey scraps a lame attempt by Chris to write an essay about the 1951 novel *The Catcher in the Rye* by American author J. D. Salinger , and instead writes an A + essay titled , " The Slave Trade Allegory of Curious George . " The two then begin their own personal bonding , and eventually decide to go fishing , leading Chris to catch the comic book superhero Aquaman , before beating him to death and eating him .

In the conclusion of the episode , Miley Cyrus begins destroying downtown Quahog , causing the monkey to attempt to stop and reason with her . Not realizing that Stewie had unsuccessfully reprogrammed her , the monkey is then kidnapped , and taken to the top of a nearby skyscraper , in a parody of the 1933 film *King Kong* . Cyrus is then shot down by Quagmire and Peter while piloting a biplane , before the two rescue the monkey from certain death . After being shot during several passes , Miley 's robotic skeleton is partially revealed making her resemble a T @-@ 800 from " Terminator " .

= = Reception = =

In a slight improvement over the previous episode , the episode was viewed in 7 @.@ 73 million homes in its original airing , according to Nielsen ratings , despite airing simultaneously with Sunday Night Football on NBC , The Amazing Race on CBS and Desperate Housewives on ABC . The episode also acquired a 4 @.@ 0 rating in the 18 ? 49 demographic , beating Seth & Alex 's Almost @-@ Live Comedy Show , The Cleveland Show and the Family Guy episode " Brian 's Got a Brand New Bag " , in addition to significantly edging out all three in total viewership .

Reviews of the episode from television critics were mostly mixed , who found it to be " a thorough examination of both Miley Cyrus and the evil monkey in Chris ' closet , " but , " things got ridiculous . " Television critic Ahsan Haque of IGN gave the episode an 8 @.@ 5 out of ten , and called it a " much better episode than Brian 's Got a Brand New Bag , with some clever sight gags , an annoyingly catchy musical number , and the revelation of the Evil Monkey 's true reasons for hiding in Chris ' closet . " In a simultaneous review of all four MacFarlane programs , Todd VanDerWerff of The A.V. Club gave the episode a C- stating , " Turning Miley Cyrus into a Small Wonder parody was fitfully amusing , but the rest of the Hannah Montana material was ridiculously non @-@ specific , filled with the kinds of jokes everyone made about Cyrus a few years ago . " VanDerWerff praised the action sequence at the end of the episode , however , calling it " high quality stuff for the show . " Jason Hughes of TV Squad stated of the Evil Monkey 's role in the episode , " I don 't think I ever wanted this character fully explored or seen by anyone else in the house [...] The character lost some of its mystique and charm . "