

= Pee (South Park) =

" Pee " is the thirteenth season finale of the American animated television series South Park . The 195th overall episode of the series , it originally aired on Comedy Central in the United States on November 18 , 2009 . In the episode , the boys visit Pi Pi 's Splashtown waterpark , where so many people urinate in the pools that the entire park becomes engulfed in tsunamis of urine .

The episode was written and directed by series co @-@ creator Trey Parker , and was rated TV @-@ MA L in the United States . " Pee " served as a parody of the disaster film genre , particularly the movie 2012 which was released five days before " Pee " was broadcast . According to Nielsen ratings , the finale episode was seen by 2 @.@ 87 million households , making it the highest rated cable show of the night . The episode received generally mixed reviews .

= = Plot = =

Cartman , Stan , Kyle , Kenny , Butters and Jimmy arrive at Pi Pi 's Splashtown waterpark . Cartman is distraught to discover that most of the park 's attendants are people of different races , while Kyle is disgusted to learn so many people freely urinate in the pools . Based on his observance of more minorities at the park than white people , Cartman calculates there will be no white people left by the year 2012 , and interprets this as a sign that Mayans accurately predicted the world would end the same year , and that the new world will be " made up of minorities . " Annoyed by Cartman 's racism , Kyle points out that since white people do not make up the majority of the park 's attendance , then they are the new minority , but Cartman refuses to believe it , ignorantly thinking that a minority is someone who is " black or brown . " At the same time , a scientist tests the park 's water and discovers it is 98 percent urine . He urges Pi Pi , the park 's Venetian owner , to immediately close and evacuate his park , claiming the high urine content will soon trigger a cataclysmic event . Pi Pi dismisses the warning , but the park is soon overcome by tsunamis of urine and volcanic eruptions . Hundreds drown in the subsequent flood , including Kenny , but the other boys manage to survive .

The park is quarantined , and the scientist advises against a mission to rescue those trapped inside , fearing their exposure to " pee contamination " has turned them into dangerous , hate @-@ filled mutants . To prove his theory , the scientist urinates onto a test monkey , which clearly becomes annoyed and enraged . An antidote to this reaction is then tested on other monkeys , but proven unsuccessful when the monkeys still become angered when urinated on . Meanwhile , Cartman clings to debris to stay afloat , while the other boys have reached higher ground . Cartman is rescued by the occupants of an inflatable raft . Noticing he is the only white person in the raft , Cartman assumes he is the " last of his species , " and that his envisioned 2012 scenario has occurred three years early . He imagines a world in which he must speak in minority slang , is paid lower wages , and eventually forced to live in a concentration camp .

The other boys find Pi Pi , who informs them the park can be drained of the inundation if someone can swim through the pee to reach an emergency release valve . Kyle reluctantly agrees to do the job as he said at the start of the episode that he could hold his breath for the longest , but is horrified to learn he must drink some of the pee in order to offset the fluid pressure he will encounter at the depths . Outside , an antidote that keeps the monkeys calm during yet another urination test is discovered : bananas . Back inside the park , Kyle reluctantly drinks a jarful of pee in preparation for his plunge into the flood . Just after he finishes the jar , helicopters arrive as part of the rescue mission . Just as Kyle complains that eating a banana would be the only ordeal more disgusting than what he has just been through , he is ordered at gunpoint to consume the antidote , much to his anger .

= = Production = =

" Pee " , the South Park thirteenth season finale , was written and directed by series co @-@ founder Trey Parker , and was rated TV @-@ MA L in the United States . Since the episode takes

place in a waterpark , all animation had to be drawn from scratch . The episode was conceived a mere week before its initial broadcast , and the animation was almost completely unfinished two days before airing . Parker and Matt Stone had the idea of a waterpark @-@ themed episode for a long time and reminisced about Water World in Denver , Colorado during the episode 's production . Initially , the name of the park in the episode was Pi Pi 's Urine World . " Pee " first aired on November 18 , 2009 in the United States on Comedy Central . The episode marked the third time during the thirteenth season that Kenny was killed , a running gag throughout the series . He also died during the season premiere , " The Ring " and during " W.T.F. " During one of the final scenes , an alien holding a banana is visible among the crowd in the background . The alien was placed in the episode as part of a contest offered by the show 's official website , in which viewers who could find and identify the alien in the episode could enter a contest , with the winner getting an animated version of himself or herself placed in the South Park opening credits .

The episode featured a musical number sung by Cartman called " Not My Water Park " , in which he despairs over the number of minorities at the waterpark . He also reminisces about the park before the ride instructions were also read in Spanish . The day after " Pee " was originally broadcast , three different kinds of T @-@ shirts and hooded sweatshirts based on the episode were made available on South Park Studios , the official website of South Park . One featured Butters standing next to a puddle of urine saying , " 1 in 3 People Admit They Pee in Pools " . The second included Cartman and his quote from the episode , " Your world is cold and void of any humanity " . The third featured Stan , Cartman , Kyle and Kenny wearing bathing suits and standing in front of a Pi Pi 's Splashtown logo .

= = Cultural references = =

The episode is a parody on the disaster film genre , which has been parodied in previous South Park episodes , like " Pandemic " , the twelfth season parody of the film Cloverfield . " Pee " included a particularly large number of references to 2012 , a science fiction film about the end of the world as predicted by the Mayan calendar , which was released only days before " Pee " was originally broadcast . The episode parodies many common elements of such disaster films , including scientists struggling to figure out the source of the problem . The destruction of rides and park amenities by the tsunami of urine is a reference to the destruction of historical monuments in 2012 , and other such disaster films by Roland Emmerich , the director of 2012 , Independence Day and The Day After Tomorrow . " Pee " also includes several references to the 2012 phenomenon , the prediction that cataclysmic events would occur in the year 2012 , which is said to be the end of the Mayan Long Count calendar . The scene in which Kyle is forced to drink three cups of urine in order to prevent his body from enduring the effects of fluid pressure before swimming down to drain it all out , is a parody of a scene in the 1989 film The Abyss , where the protagonist inhales a liquid breathing medium before venturing into the ocean depths . There is also a reference to the film Alive (1993) when Randy comes to rescue the children on a helicopter . He is holding a baby red shoe , just as Nando Parrado at the end of the movie .

= = Reception = =

In its original American broadcast on November 18 , 2009 , " Pee " was watched by 2 @.@ 87 million overall households , according to the Nielsen ratings , making it the most watched cable show of the night . It beat the second highest @-@ ranked cable show , Bravo 's Top Chef , by about 600 @,@ 000 households . The episode received generally mixed reviews . If Magazine writer Carl Cortez , who was critical of the second half of season thirteen , said " Pee " ranked as one of the best episodes of the season , and said it included several " classic South Park moments " . Cortez called it a " wonderfully twisted spoof " of disaster films and called the script " pretty biting stuff ... without being wholly offensive " . Ramsey Isler of IGN said the emergency staff subplot working on a cure was not " quite perfect parody " . But he praised Kyle in the ending scene , as well as the way South Park found a new , literal twist on " toilet humor " by featuring rivers and tsunamis

of pee . Sean O 'Neal of The A.V. Club said that the episode was overly offensive , rather than an ironic commentary on racism . Although O 'Neal said previous South Park episodes like " With Apologies to Jesse Jackson " were effective , " Pee " and its references to minority park attendees and the Italian waterpark owner " came off less like ironic racism and more as good , old @-@ fashioned , butter @-@ your @-@ cornbread @-@ with @-@ it racism " .

= = Home release = =

" Pee " , along with the thirteen other episodes from South Park 's thirteenth season , was released on a three @-@ disc DVD set and two @-@ disc Blu @-@ ray set in the United States on March 16 , 2010 . The sets included brief audio commentaries by Parker and Stone for each episode , a collection of deleted scenes , and a special mini @-@ feature Inside Xbox : A Behind @-@ the @-@ Scenes Tour of South Park Studios , which discussed the process behind animating the show with Inside Xbox host Major Nelson .