

= Natural Born Kissers =

" Natural Born Kissers " is the twenty @-@ fifth and final episode of The Simpsons ' ninth season . It originally aired on the Fox network in the United States on May 17 , 1998 . Homer and Marge discover that the fear of getting caught while making love is a turn on and start making love in public places . This episode is rated TV @-@ 14 in the United States , and was at one point rated M in Australia . It was the first episode written by Matt Selmán and was the only episode to be directed by Klay Hall . Some networks list the episode by the title , " Margie , May I Sleep With Danger ? " .

= = Plot = =

It is Homer and Marge 's eleventh wedding anniversary and Grampa does not arrive at the Simpson house to babysit the children , spoiling Homer and Marge 's evening together . Later that evening , Homer and Marge attempt to have sexual intercourse , but lack enthusiasm . The following day , it is discovered that the refrigerator 's motor has burned out so Homer and Marge make their way to a hardware store to buy another one . On the way , the car gets stuck in the muddy driveway in the middle of farm country . Homer and Marge rush into the nearest barn to avoid a sudden storm . A farmer discovers the barn door is open and suspects trespassers . He enters the barn , nearly catching Homer and Marge , who are hiding in the hay loft , but leaves after failing to locate them . When the coast is clear , Homer and Marge have inspired sexual intercourse in the hay loft .

Homer and Marge think their marriage has been recharged and go for a romantic weekend at a Bed and Breakfast , but soon fall into their old patterns . However , a maid walks in on them and they conclude they are both aroused when they risk being caught during intimate moments , so they have sex behind window curtains in a room full of people . Their love life is recharged and one day they begin to have sex on the same miniature golf course windmill where Bart was conceived . This time they come too close to being caught having public sex , and while they manage to escape , they have to flee through Springfield in the nude . In the end , the two are seen in a football stadium , and a naked photograph of Homer and Marge appears in the local newspaper . The next day , Bart and Lisa see the picture and their parents begin to explain sex to them . Before they go into detail , however , they decide to go back to the miniature golf course .

In a subplot , Bart and Lisa stay at the Springfield Retirement Castle with Grampa , and they discover a metal detector in his closet . While Bart uses it to look for pirate treasure , they uncover an alternate ending to Casablanca . The Old Jewish Man reveals that he was once a studio executive who tried to add the happy ending to the film . He pays Bart and Lisa to re @-@ bury it .

= = Production = =

" Natural Born Kissers " was the first episode written by Matt Selmán , who partly based it on his parents ' marriage . The episode was the only time that show runner Mike Scully ever got a call from Fox where they suggested not doing the episode . They were worried about the sexual content , the nudity , and how it was going to be handled . They disliked several of the phrases used in the episode , such as the term " ass forkin ' " . In an interview , Matt Groening said : " The network censors couldn 't believe it , and neither could I : the cow at the peephole while Homer and Marge make love in a hayloft ; neighbors groping Homer when he and Marge are caught nude inside the windmill at the Sir Putts @-@ A @-@ Lot mini golf course ; Homer dangling naked from a hot @-@ air balloon , his ass dragging against the glass of a Crystal Cathedral @-@ like church . " The producers fought the censors and in the end , very little of the script was modified . Marge 's buttocks is also shown on television for the first time . Marge and Homer in the golf course is a reference to the season three episode " I Married Marge " , although in that episode they are in a castle , rather than a windmill .

= = Cultural references = =

The airplane restaurant " Up , Up and Buffet ! " is based on a submarine shaped restaurant that was near the Fox studio named " Dive ! " . A supposed alternate ending to the 1942 film Casablanca is shown in the episode , and the Old Jewish Man gives Bart and Lisa a copy of It 's A Wonderful Life with a " killing @-@ spree ending " . The song " Spanish Flea " plays during the radio commercial for Divorce Specialists . The song " Rock the Casbah " by The Clash plays over the end credits .

= = Reception = =

In its original broadcast , " Natural Born Kissers " finished 29th in ratings for the week of May 11 ? 18 , 1998 , with a Nielsen rating of 8 @.@ 8 , equivalent to approximately 8 @.@ 6 million viewing households . It was the fourth highest @-@ rated show on the Fox network that week , following The X @-@ Files , King of the Hill , and Ally McBeal .

Matt Groening listed the episode as being his eighth favorite episode , and the aroused cow is one of his all @-@ time favorite act break jokes . The authors of the book I Can 't Believe It 's a Bigger and Better Updated Unofficial Simpsons Guide , Warren Martyn and Adrian Wood , wrote , " a superb episode which actually makes Marge and Homer 's love life seem very real ; everyone needs a bit of spice now and again , and they find theirs . The balloon trip is hysterical , and the attempts to explain their behaviour to a very worldly @-@ wise Bart and Lisa are magnificent . " The episode was part of a DVD boxed set release called The Simpsons Kiss and Tell : The Story of Their Love , and in his review of the release , Andy Dougan of the Evening Times characterized the episode along with " Large Marge " , " Three Gays of the Condo " , and " The Way We Weren 't " , as " four of the funniest episodes of recent series " . The DVD release was also reviewed favorably by Louis R. Carlozo in the Chicago Tribune , where the episode was seen as " more ridiculous " than " Large Marge " .