

= Sibling Rivalry (Family Guy) =

" Sibling Rivalry " is the 22nd episode of the fourth season of the animated comedy series Family Guy . It originally aired on Fox in the United States on March 26 , 2006 . The episode follows Stewie as he battles with his half @-@ brother , Bertram (voiced by Wallace Shawn) , who is born to two lesbians after Peter donates sperm . Meanwhile , Lois begins excessive eating after Peter undergoes a vasectomy and loses his interest in sex .

The episode was written by Cherry Chevapravatdumrong and directed by Dan Povenmire . The episode received mixed reviews from critics for its storyline and many cultural references . According to Nielsen ratings , it was viewed in 7 @.@ 95 million homes in its original airing . The episode featured guest performances by Randy Crenshaw , Gavin Dunne , Bob Joyce , John Joyce , Phil LaMarr , Rick Logan , Wallace Shawn , Tara Strong , Nicole Sullivan and Wally Wingert , as well as several recurring voice actors for the series .

= = Plot = =

After a pregnancy scare , Peter reluctantly agrees to get a vasectomy to prevent further repeats . Before the surgery , he agrees to donate sperm , should he and Lois ever decide to have another baby . While in the sperm bank , Peter accidentally destroys all the existing samples , and decides to replace them with his own to prevent himself from getting into trouble . Nine months later , a lesbian couple , who took away some of Peter 's sperm in order to conceive a child , gives birth to Bertram , Stewie 's half @-@ brother who first appeared in the episode " Emission Impossible " .

After the vasectomy , Peter loses his sex drive , much to the frustration of Lois , who embraces overeating as a substitute . Peter begins to ridicule Lois due to her weight , but stops shortly after they have sex and discovers they prefer " fat sex " , opposed to their regular sex . Peter attempts to make Lois fatter to feed his sexual urges . After becoming even more enormous , Lois suffers a heart attack during sex ; doctors remove all of the fat from her body , and she returns to her normal weight .

Shortly after birth , Bertram declares war with Stewie for control over the playground . They confront each other in the playground with F @-@ 117 Nighthawks and AH @-@ 1 Cobras , firing numerous bullets at each other . After the air battle ends with no winners , Bertram resorts to biological warfare , and infects Stewie with chickenpox . After recovering , Stewie confronts Bertram , and they engage in a sword fight in the play area . Stewie eventually wins by disarming Bertram , and later that night , is seen suspiciously digging a hole with Christopher Moltisanti , but the hole is actually for a young tree . Stewie explains to Christopher that Bertram admitted defeat to Stewie and ran away .

= = Production = =

The song performed after Lois ' pregnancy test comes back negative was written by Alec Sulkin and Alex Borstein , and sung by professional Hollywood studio singers . Orchestrations in this song were performed by Walter Murphy , and described by show producer Seth MacFarlane to be " wonderful " . The sketch of Peter challenging Lois to a race to Boston was removed from television broadcasting in order to save time . As Lois is slowly racing Peter to Boston , a Shania Twain song can be heard on the radio ; Dan Povenmire states on the DVD commentary that he often gets into trouble for adding pieces of music into an episode when they 're so short , yet cost so much . The producers of both Family Guy and the Ice Age series agreed to collaborate in the episode during its reference to Scrat from the Ice Age series .

There was discussion among the producers of the series regarding whether Bertram should be included in the storyline , as he had not appeared in any episodes for several years . An un @-@ used scene was intended for broadcasting which showed Stewie , while trying to find Waldo in an Abercrombie & Fitch catalog , saying to Brian " Oh , turn to the next page . I bet they put him in someone 's utility pocket " , but it was never used as it was not deemed funny enough for the episode . Originally , Peter singing " Milkshake " to inmates at a prison was going to be naked and

push his nipples from underneath , but broadcasting standards objected ; as a result , the show broadcasting Peter wearing underpants and pushing his nipples from the side . When Peter and Lois are in the restaurant and Peter leaves to " warn the chef of Lois ' arrival " , Lois was intended to say " If he won 't put something in me , I will " , but the gag was never broadcast .

The unsafe homeless man with whom Peter was seen leaving a youth @-@ baseball team in Stewie 's flashback was originally based on John Wayne Gacy , but people claimed he didn 't look scary enough , so Povenmire changed the character completely to that of a homeless man . The idea of Stewie and Bertram laughing as they go down the slide during their sword fight was pitched by Povenmire 's wife and , although negative about the idea at first , Povenmire included it in the episode because the original sketch not going so well . During Peter and Lois ' " fat sex " , Peter repeatedly states " almost , almost " ; originally , there was going to be approximately twice as many of these , but they were never included in the episode . The DVD version of the episode shows Peter arriving at the sperm bank and saying to the receptionist : " I have an appointment to banish a White Russian from my Kremlin " , to which she replies with " This is a sperm bank , you don 't have to use innuendo " , and Peter concludes the conversation with " Where do I splooge ? " .

In addition to the regular cast , actor Randy Crenshaw , actor Gavin Dunne , actor Bob Joyce , actor John Joyce , voice actor Phil LaMarr , actor Rick Logan , actor Wallace Shawn , voice actress Tara Strong , voice actress Nicole Sullivan , and voice actor Wally Wingert guest starred in the episode . Recurring voice actors Ralph Garman , writer Mike Henry , writer Chris Sheridan , writer Danny Smith , writer Alec Sulkin , and writer John Viener made minor appearances . Actor Patrick Warburton appeared in the episode as well .

= = Cultural references = =

When in the children 's park , Stewie quotes " Did ya get me my Cheez Whiz , boy " and a man throws one to him , this is a reference to The Blues Brothers . Stewie and Brian attempting to find diversity in an Abercrombie and Fitch catalogue is a reference to the children 's books series Where 's Wally ? , as well as to a lawsuit alleging a lack of diversity in Abercrombie and Fitch 's hiring practices . Before the battle between Stewie and Bertram , Stewie says " On my signal , unleash hell . " This is a reference to the opening scene of Gladiator . An Ice Age reference is made when Scrat , a character from the films attempts to steal Peter 's nuts . When Stewie invades Bertram 's camp at the end of the episode Bertram quotes Star Wars Episode IV : A New Hope repeating the line Darth Vader says when he senses Obi @-@ Wan Kenobi on the Death Star . When Peter names his kids , Peter mentions the kids from various shows that are currently airing at Nick at Nite . When Brian mentions this , Peter begins naming Street Fighter characters . Brian again points out this fact , after which Peter names various colors . Sauron , the villain from the Lord of the Rings is shown as the Eye of Sauron in a scene where he is trying to find his lost contact lens . A cutaway scene features Peter in a jail surrounded by inmates who force him to strip , squeeze his boobs together , and sing the chorus from Kelis 's 2003 hit ? Milkshake . ? This is possibly an homage to the scene after the credits in the movie Dodgeball : A True Underdog Story in which Ben Stiller does the same thing in his fatsuit .

After Bertram 's defeat , the scene cuts away to Stewie and Christopher Moltisanti from The Sopranos digging a hole . The viewer is led to assume that the hole is for Bertram but really it is for a tree Stewie and Christopher are planting . Then Stewie states that Bertram admitted to defeat and ran off after which Christopher calls Bertram a " mook . "

= = Reception = =

" Sibling Rivalry " was watched by 7 @.@ 95 million viewers , making it the 77th most @-@ watched program of the week . In a review of the episode , Bob Sassone of TV Squad noted " If there 's one reason I 'm glad I watched tonight 's episode it 's because I learned exactly how a vasectomy is done , " adding that " Peter is going to have a vasectomy , so he decides to freeze his sperm before he does it . This leads to a hysterical , yet truly gross , scene where Peter knocks over

an entire shelf of sperm samples , and has to refill them , um , himself . " Geoffrey D. Roberts of Real Talk Reviews reviewed the episode negatively , writing " many viewers will probably be disappointed with an episode about sibling rivalry between Stewie and newfound half @-@ brother Bertram . Both share the same goal ? to rule the Universe . With Bertram nothing more than a whinier version of his half @-@ brother , it turns out one Stewie Griffin is more than enough . "