

= Peter @-@ assment =

" Peter @-@ assment " is the 14th episode of the eighth season of the animated comedy series Family Guy . It originally aired on Fox in the United States on March 21 , 2010 . The title of the episode , like Season 4 's Peterotica and Petergeist , is a portmanteau between " Peter " and " Harassment " . The episode follows Peter after he becomes a paparazzo , and begins to annoy the citizens and local celebrities in Quahog , and eventually breaks his glasses . Peter then becomes the target of sexual lust by his boss at the Pawtucket Brewery , Angela , who finds him attractive without his occasional eyewear . Continually refusing to have relations with her , Peter tries to avoid Angela , but she fires him and attempts suicide , leaving him with no other choice but to acknowledge her deep @-@ rooted sexual desires .

The episode was written by Chris Sheridan and directed by Julius Wu . It received mostly mixed reviews from critics for its storyline and many cultural references , in addition to receiving some criticism from the family of Terri Schiavo for its opening act . According to Nielsen ratings , it was viewed in 6 @.@ 65 million homes in its original airing . The episode featured guest performances by Max Burkholder , Richard Dreyfuss , Carrie Fisher , Jim Goldenberg , Max Hodges , Maurice Lamont , Harvey Levin , Jack Samson , Will Shadley , Anthony Skillman and Steve Urquilla , along with several recurring guest voice actors for the series . " Peter @-@ assment " was released on DVD along with ten other episodes from the season on December 13 , 2011 .

= = Plot = =

Attending a play being held at the Little Clam Pre @-@ School about Terri Schiavo , the Griffin family wait eagerly to see Stewie appear in the starring role as " The Plug . " Succumbing to stage fright , however , Stewie wets himself , and begins crying , with Peter recording it all on video tape . Panning the camera down to another row in the auditorium , Peter notices actor Richard Dreyfuss , and begins recording him , while pestering him with personal questions . Deciding to sell the video to TMZ , Peter quickly becomes enthralled with being a Paparazzi , and decides to buy a professional @-@ grade video camera . He then begins recording other town celebrities , including Tom Tucker , Mayor Adam West , and Ollie Williams , the latter whom smashes Peter 's camera , as well as his glasses . Unable to fix them in time for work the next day , he decides to wear contacts instead . Once he arrives at work , his boss , Angela , notices something different about his appearance and develops a sexual attraction for him . Angela begins hitting on Peter , enlisting him to do various odd sexual favors for her . This culminates in her inviting Peter to her house one evening , which Peter realizes as an attempt to have sex with him . Peter fears of going against her will result in being fired , and agrees to visit Angela . He then enlists his neighbor , Quagmire , to go with him , and hides inside Peter 's clothing , planning to have sex with Angela , in the place of Peter . He soon backs out , however , when he finds Angela to be unattractive , leading Peter to have to refuse to have sex with her , and eventually being fired from his job .

Deciding to drink away his sorrows , Peter begins watching an old film featuring Robert Mitchum , in which he slaps a woman . Mitchum then breaks the fourth wall and tells Peter to stand up for himself . Deciding to use physical violence against Angela , Peter drives to her house , and discovers his boss attempting to commit suicide in her garage by inhaling the exhaust from her car . Quickly resuscitating her , Angela confesses that she has no hope in life , after not having been with another man for more than ten years . Deciding to help her out by getting her a date with another man , Peter disguises himself as a high society Englishman named " Reginald Knickerbocker . " The two then have dinner together , before Angela brings her date back to the house and tries to seduce him , while still threatening to kill herself if he refuses . Peter , as Reginald , reluctantly agrees , rekindling her will to live . Seeing through his disguise , Angela then rehires Peter . Later , at The Drunken Clam with Quagmire and Joe , Peter then reveals that he had actually secretly paid Mort Goldman to have sex with his boss .

= = Production and development = =

The episode was written by Family Guy executive producer Chris Sheridan , who joined the show in its first season , writing the second episode of the series " I Never Met the Dead Man " . It was directed by series regular Julius Wu , who joined the show in its fifth season , directing the episode " The Tan Aquatic with Steve Zissou " . Series regulars Peter Shin and James Purdum served as supervising directors , with Andrew Goldberg and Alex Carter working as staff writers for the episode . Composer Walter Murphy , who has worked on the series since its inception , returned to compose the music for " Peter @-@ assment " . Actress Carrie Fisher , who is most famous for her role as Princess Leia in Star Wars , first joined the series as Peter 's boss , Angela , in the fourth season episode " Jungle Love " . Fisher has been given high praise for her portrayal of the character , with The Hollywood Reporter calling it one of her " 5 Most Iconic Roles . "

" Peter @-@ assment " , along with the eleven other episodes from Family Guy 's eighth season , was released on a three @-@ disc DVD set in the United States on December 13 , 2011 . The sets include brief audio commentaries by various crew and cast members for several episodes , a collection of deleted scenes and animatics , a special mini @-@ feature which discussed the process behind animating " And Then There Were Fewer " , a mini @-@ feature entitled " The Comical Adventures of Family Guy ? Brian & Stewie : The Lost Phone Call " , and footage of the Family Guy panel at the 2010 San Diego Comic @-@ Con International .

In addition to the regular cast and Fisher , voice actor Max Burkholder , actors Richard Dreyfuss , Maurice Lamont , Anthony Skillman , and Steve Urquilla ; producer Jim Goldenberg ; reporter Max Hodges ; media reporter Harvey Levin ; and voice actors Jack Samson and Will Shadley guest starred in the episode . Recurring guest voice actors John G. Brennan and Ralph Garman , and writers Danny Smith , Alec Sulkin and John Viener also made minor appearances .

= = Reception = =

" Peter @-@ assment " was broadcast on March 21 , 2010 , as a part of an animated television night on Fox , and was preceded by The Simpsons and Family Guy creator and executive producer Seth MacFarlane 's spin @-@ off series The Cleveland Show . It was also followed by the short @-@ lived live @-@ action series Sons of Tucson . It was watched by 6 @.@ 65 million viewers , according to Nielsen ratings , despite airing simultaneously with Desperate Housewives on ABC , The Amazing Race on CBS and Celebrity Apprentice on NBC . The episode also acquired a 3 @.@ 5 / 8 rating in the 18 ? 49 demographic , beating The Simpsons , The Cleveland Show and Sons of Tucson , in addition to significantly edging out all three shows in total viewership . The episode 's ratings decreased slightly from the previous week 's episode , " Go Stewie Go " .

Reviews of the episode were mostly mixed , calling the storyline " a string of poorly executed jokes with some mild successes sprinkled here and there . " Ramsey Isler of IGN also called out the episode as " a mashed together mess of two stories that would have worked much better separately , " in addition to praising actress Carrie Fisher in her returning role as Angela . In a subsequent review of Family Guy 's eighth season , Isler listed " Peter @-@ assment " as being " full of the lowest of the lowest @-@ common @-@ denominator " jokes " , with heavy reliance on toilet humor and the characteristic cutaway gags that have steadily gotten more random and less funny . " In a simultaneous review of The Simpsons episode " Stealing First Base " and The Cleveland Show episode " Once Upon a Tyne in New York " that preceded " Peter @-@ assment " , Todd VanDerWerff of The A.V. Club called the storyline a " junk drawer , " criticizing the writers ' overuse of jokes , " in the hopes some of them [would] land . " Jason Hughes of TV Squad also criticized the storyline , saying the interaction between Peter and Angela " went to pretty uncomfortable levels , " while praising the episode for " [showing] us that harassment can and does go both ways . "

In reaction to the opening musical number about Terri Schiavo , Schiavo 's brother , Bobby Schindler , Jr . , said , " My family was astonished at the cruelty and bigotry towards our beloved sister , and all disabled people that we witnessed in this show . My first thought was how this attempt at satire must have been enormously difficult and painful for my mother . " He continued , " The depiction of Terri in the Family Guy episode on March 21 is not only inaccurate , it seems to

take the position that certain people are simply not worthy of receiving medical care because they are viewed as burdens on the health care system . " In addition , Schindler has also stated that he hopes to soon enlist the aid of other advocacy groups to protest the episode , " and perhaps see some sponsors end support of the show . " Other pro @-@ life activists , including Jill Stanek , wrote of the opening , " Last night 's episode of Family Guy opened with a truly shocking scene [...] This is the same television series that had an abortion episode canceled in August 2009 . Creator Seth MacFarlane 's goal is [to] get buzz by being offensive . "