

= Long John Peter =

" Long John Peter " is the 12th and the final episode of the sixth season of the animated series Family Guy . It originally aired on Fox in the United States on May 4 , 2008 . Written by Wellesley Wild and directed by Dominic Polcino , " Long John Peter " served as the final episode of the season , which was cut short due to creator Seth MacFarlane 's participation in the 2007 ? 2008 Writers Guild of America strike . In the episode , Chris falls in love with a lovely vet intern Anna and turns to Peter for some advice .

" Long John Peter " was watched by 7 @.@ 68 million viewers in its original broadcast , according to the Nielsen ratings . Actress Amanda Bynes guest starred as Anna , and Bryan Cranston and Mae Whitman made minor appearances in the episode . " Long John Peter " received generally positive reviews from critics , and was praised for its action sequence featuring Peter and a British man having a pirate fight on their cars .

= = Plot = =

The Griffin family are waiting for the examination results of Brian at the veterinary office of Dr. Jewish , as Brian had apparently had stomach pains prior to the events in the episode (Brian had eaten one of Stewie 's used diapers ? which he claimed that he had mistaken for Indian cuisine) . Chris spots a young intern named Anna and develops a crush on her . While there , Peter finds a parrot and decides to keep it , leaving a dog wearing a top hat and a mustache in its place . Peter begins taking the parrot everywhere he goes , showing it off to his friends , Quagmire , Cleveland , and Joe , who , in turn , begin making suggestions as to how Peter could change his appearance to appear more " pirate @-@ like " because of the resemblance between Peter and a pirate , who are known for keeping parrots as pets . Peter takes the advice given to him by his friends by dressing up in pirate clothing , gathering up a crew of other " pirates " , and going by the name " Long John Peter " . Peter begins taking the pirate act to the extreme , even robbing a British man 's car filled with sugarcane , tobacco , and spices . In the " battle " for the spices , Peter 's parrot is severely injured and eventually dies .

Meanwhile , at the vet where Dr. Jewish breaks the bad news about Peter 's dead parrot , Chris and Anna hook up and begin dating . The relationship goes smoothly until Peter berates Chris for treating her too well . Peter tells him that women like bad boys , so Chris calls Anna a " bitch " on their next date , thinking that will improve the relationship . Instead , she breaks up with him . After hearing what happened , Lois , furious at Peter , orders him to try to comfort Chris , but Peter fails to cheer up Chris when Peter gives him a bullfrog which died when Peter poked holes on its back . When Lois tells Chris that the only person he should turn to in this situation is himself , Chris beats Brian with a chair as an excuse to return to the vet , sees Anna there , and apologizes to her . Anna forgives Chris and they renew their relationship , while Brian collapses to the floor in pain . Brian asks for help but Stewie comes in and kicks Brian in his stomach , before leaving him there .

= = Production = =

" Long John Peter " was written by Wellesley Wild and directed by Dominic Polcino . According to consulting producer Tom Devanney , Wild came up with the pirate story when he had been out of work for four weeks . Creator Seth MacFarlane pitched the structure of the Chris and Peter story , which is , according to executive producer David A. Goodman , the same story as in MacFarlane 's pilot The Life of Larry . Actress Amanda Bynes guest starred as Chris 's love interest Anna , and Goodman praised her performance .

In addition to Bynes and the regular cast , actor Bryan Cranston and actress Mae Whitman guest starred in the episode . Recurring guest voice actor John G. Brennan , writer Chris Sheridan , writer Danny Smith , writer Alec Sulkin , actress Jennifer Tilly , and writer John Viener made minor appearances . Actors Patrick Warburton and Adam West guest starred in the episode as well .

= = Cultural references = =

" Long John Peter " contained several pop culture references . When Chris sees Anna for the first time , he starts singing the song " Crazy for You " , which was originally performed by Madonna in the film Vision Quest (1985) . When Peter is fighting a British man , the title music from The Sea Hawk (1940) , composed by Erich Wolfgang Korngold , is used . The episode imagines what it would be like if Michael J. Fox , who has Parkinson 's disease , would star as Zorro . In a trailer for a film , the tune from Coldplay 's " Clocks " is played .

= = Reception = =

In its original broadcast on May 4 , 2008 , " Long John Peter " was watched by 7 @. @ 68 million households , according to the Nielsen ratings . The episode finished second in its timeslot , after ABC 's Desperate Housewives . " Long John Peter " acquired a 3 @. @ 9 rating / 10 share in the 18 ? 49 demographic , and a 4 @. @ 7 rating / 7 share in the 18 ? 34 demographic . The episode dropped in 9 % from the previous episode , " The Former Life of Brian " , which received a 4 @. @ 3 rating in the 18 ? 49 demographic and a viewership of 8 @. @ 42 million .

Since airing , " Long John Peter " has received generally positive reviews from television sources and critics . Ahsan Haque of IGN wrote that " Long John Peter " was " thoroughly entertaining from start to finish , and is a great way to end this short season on a high note . " He praised the action sequence , calling it " truly inspired " and " extremely well scripted " , and graded the episode 8 @. @ 9 out of 10 . Brad Trechak of TV Squad stated that " the pirate segment of the episode wasn 't very good and seemed out of place " , though he also praised the action scene . He enjoyed the plot line about Chris and Anna , and called the episode " a high note " . Genevieve Koski of The A.V. Club wrote that " the pirate gag was fine enough , in that it resulted in an amusing land @- @ battle sequence " and " Chris ' storyline resulted in some of the best Family Guy laughs I 've had in a while " . She graded the episode A- .