

= Brian the Bachelor =

" Brian the Bachelor " is the seventh episode from the fourth season of Family Guy . It originally broadcast on June 26 , 2005 and was written by Mark Hentemann and directed by Dan Povenmire . The episode sees Brian becoming a contestant on The Bachelorette and falling in love with the bachelorette , only to be let down by her ignoring him off ? camera . Meanwhile , Chris discovers his pimple , " Doug , " can talk , and the pair cause mischief across the city . Overall , the episode was received with positive comments by critics and news sources .

= = Plot = =

Peter , Joe and Quagmire drag Cleveland to a bar to get him to meet some women , as he 's still reeling from him and Loretta getting a divorce . It doesn ' t work so well , so when The Bachelorette comes to Quahog , Peter takes Cleveland to audition for the show . Cleveland gets nervous at the audition and in an effort to calm him , Peter removes Cleveland ' s clothes and then his own . The producers see this and Brian apologizes for what happened with Peter and Cleveland--Brian begins to explain how Cleveland and his wife recently divorced and how Cleveland 's confused about what he really wants in a relationship .

After meeting Brian , they recruit him to be a contestant . He signs up for the free martinis and food , but ends up falling in love with the reality starlet , Brooke Roberts . Quagmire and Brian are the final two contestants on The Bachelorette . When Brooke visits the Griffins , it is very catastrophic , but not nearly as bad as the dinner she had with Quagmire and his mom . Brian wins her heart and the final rose , but when the cameras are turned off , Brooke tells Brian that it was nice " working with him " , and it is apparent that the show really is scripted , as Brian thought . Brian quickly becomes obsessed with her and leaves several messages on Brooke ' s answering machine , even though she never gets back to him . Brooke Roberts is angry at Brian for stalking her . Afterwards , he gets a guitar and sings to Brooke . He finally stops stalking her when she throws the phone at him after he shows up at her apartment , upset that he became the very thing he was mocking in the beginning .

Meanwhile , Chris has a pimple on his face which he names ? Doug . ? Lois worries about Chris , as Doug tells Chris to make some mischief . He goes to the Swansons ' house and sets a bag of feces on fire on their porch , and writes ? That ' s enough , John Mayer ? in spraypaint on the wall of the Quahog Mini @-@ Mart . Lois sees Chris sneaking back into his room and is going to punish him but Chris tells her that Doug said he does not have to listen to her . This outrages Lois , deciding to go to Goldman 's Pharmacy the next day and get some astringent to get rid of Doug . However , the next day , as Peter and Lois head to Goldman ' s , they realize there has been a break @-@ in , and someone has destroyed Mort ' s entire stock of acne medication . That night , when Brooke comes over for dinner to meet Brian ' s family , Doug tells Chris to lift up Brooke ' s shirt . He does this , shocking and offending the family . Joe comes in , saying he has proof that it was Chris who vandalized , broke into Goldman ' s Pharmacy and stole Mort 's acne medication . Chris decides he no longer wants to listen to Doug after he made his mom cry , but Doug says he could make Chris punch himself , or even worse , shoot him in the brain . Chris finally winds up at the dermatology clinic , and a struggle ensues as Doug tries to shoot him in the brain , but Chris manages to overpower him and use cortisone on Doug , finally taking him out .

= = Production = =

When this episode was being produced , The Bachelorette was a bigger and more prolific program than when this episode was originally broadcast . In addition , ABC was not doing very well at the time of this episode 's production . The production staff encountered some trouble when deciding what Peter would be doing in the lobby with Cleveland during his Bachelorette audition ; although the series could never come up with ideas they deemed to be suitable , they intended for Peter to put his buttocks in an aquarium tank in order to embarrass Cleveland and make him want to leave .

This scene was not used , and the production staff used a scene of Peter putting his naked buttocks on Cleveland 's naked buttocks ; they also shortened this more detailed version and used the less @-@ detailed current version .

During Cleveland 's audition for The Bachelorette , an unused scene was created that showed both Peter and Cleveland naked , with Peter sitting on top of Cleveland and bouncing up and down , as if he and Cleveland were engaging in anal sex , but broadcasting standards prohibited the scene . Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane comments in the DVD commentary that Walter Murphy , who composes much of the music for Family Guy , goes back and forth from standard Family Guy music to Bachelorette @-@ style music during the episode . During the sequence where Brian and Brooke are talking in the barn , originally , the two horses in the background were intended to begin mating , but the sketch was never used . Nancy Cartwright , voice actor of Bart Simpson on The Simpsons , and Michael Bell , voice actor of Chaz Finster on Rugrats , provided their voices for the Snorks reference . The name of Quagmire 's cat was originally " Pussy " , but broadcasting standards objected . The episode was originally to feature a sequence showing Chris breaking entry into Goldman 's Pharmacy in order to destroy the acne medication wearing a Balaclava , but the scene was never shown . The promo features Quagmire in a limo finding the girl of his dreams , but the scene was also cut .

= = Cultural references = =

According to the commentary from the DVD , Chris ' talking pimple is a reference to Little Shop of Horrors . Chris shown waving his shirt above his head and being watched by Herbert through the window is a reference to 1978 comedy film National Lampoon 's Animal House . He @-@ Man from the Masters of the Universe media franchise is shown at the ranch during Brian 's time on The Bachelorette . The sequence of Peter and Lois at Mort Goldman 's pharmacy after the store vandalism is a reference to Fast Times at Ridgemont High , with Jeff Spicoli coming out of the restroom . Brian 's phone call to Brooke after she selects him as a final contestant makes references to the Billy Vera song At This Moment . Disney CEO Michael Eisner is featured after Brooke reveals that " it 's just TV " . He comes out to give Brian a " consolation prize " , which turns out to be a bill for the Bachelorette mansion .

= = Reception = =

As the most @-@ watched Fox program that night , this episode had an audience of 7 @.@ 29 million .

In a positive review of the episode in Family Guy , Volume 3 , Dan MacIntosh of PopMatters praised the performance of Chris :

" Chris ' best scenes occur during " Brian The Bachelor " , where he is shown developing an unlikely friendship with one of his facial zits . "

By contrast , Family Guy , Volume 3 , included a negative review by Francis Rizzo III (aka Turdboy) of DVD Talk :

" Among the more frustrating trends in the series is its willingness to stretch an unfunny joke to its very limits . When Stewie berated Brian for not finishing his novel for nearly two minutes , not once , but twice , in " Brian the Bachelor " , it tested my patience severely , and didn 't even make me smile . "