

= The Fat Guy Strangler =

" The Fat Guy Strangler " is the 17th episode of the fourth season of the animated television series Family Guy . It originally aired on the Fox network on November 27 , 2005 . In the episode , Lois discovers she has a long @-@ lost brother , Patrick , who was institutionalized after seeing his mother being seduced . Lois gets him released , but after a childhood flashback induced by Peter , Patrick becomes traumatized and starts murdering overweight people . The episode was written by Chris Sheridan and directed by Sarah Frost , whilst guest stars were Bob Barker , Dave Boat , Max Burkholder , Barclay DeVeau , Robert Downey Jr . , Margaret Easley , Kim Parks , Will Sasso , Anne @-@ Michelle Seiler and Tara Strong .

= = Plot = =

Instead of going to his physical , Peter goes out with Brian , Quagmire , Cleveland , and Joe . When Lois finds out , she takes him to the doctor herself . The doctor pronounces him healthy , but fat . Peter takes this badly , even smashing a picture of Lois ' family . Trying to salvage it , Lois discovers another child in the picture : a boy . She telephones her father Carter , who tells her she doesn 't have a brother and quickly terminates the call , but she persists : she breaks into her parents ' house . She finally learns that her brother Patrick has been shut away in a mental hospital for decades , ever since he suffered a nervous breakdown as a young child , upon walking in on his mother having an affair with Jackie Gleason .

Meanwhile , Peter announces to the family that he is fat and decides to create the " National Association for The Advancement of Fat People " (NAAFP) . Peter hosts the first meeting of the association , but it is unsuccessful due to those attending munching junk food the entire way through .

Believing Patrick to be sane , Lois authorizes his release , and arranges for Patrick to stay with the family . Patrick soon announces he has a wife , Marion , although she is imaginary and nobody else other than him can see her . This leads Brian and Stewie to believe he is crazy . Lois attempts to overlook the evidence , and instead tries to persuade Peter not to encourage people to be fat . Peter unintentionally traumatizes Patrick later by dressing up like Ralph Kramden and repeatedly using one of Kramden 's catchphrases " Pow , right in the kisser ! " which brings back memories of Gleason telling him to get out . This triggers Patrick to start killing fat people .

Lois ' father , Carter , calls her and tells her how dangerous Patrick is , but she assures him Patrick is safe , although she becomes worried after seeing on the news that a fat man has been murdered . Lois remains in denial as more murders are committed , even though Brian tries to convince her that Patrick is the killer .

Peter brings the fat men back to his home to protect them , but after learning from Brian that Patrick is the killer , a chase between the fat men and Patrick ensues . Brian , still at the house , shows Patrick 's room to Lois , where several of his victims are either deceased or had been left for dead , and photographic evidence of Patrick killing them . Lois continues to make crazy excuses , still wanting to believe her brother is a sane person , but ultimately she snaps out of her denial and realizes that Patrick is dangerous . Lois and Brian pursue Patrick and Peter into the woods , where Patrick is strangling Peter . Patrick quickly releases Peter after Lois threatens to stab Marion , his imaginary wife . Patrick apologizes , telling Lois that he never meant to hurt her , and the two agree he should be sent back to the mental hospital , where Lois and the family plan to visit him once a month .

= = Cultural references = =

Patrick was traumatized as a child by Jackie Gleason after seeing him seduce his mother , Barbara , in front of him . While at the mental hospital , Stewie makes a reference to the movie Sling Blade . Brian makes a reference to season @-@ three Family Guy episode " To Love and Die in Dixie " . Lois is shown watching the game show The Price Is Right . The cavemen who " invented singing "

perform an a cappella version of Billy Joel 's " The Longest Time . "

= = Production = =

The origins of the episode and the character of Patrick began when Robert Downey , Jr. telephoned the show production staff and asked if he could produce or assist in an episode creation , as his son is a fan of the show , so the producers came up with the character of Patrick for Downey . Show producer Seth MacFarlane believes Downey " did a great job , " and brought a " very kind of half crazy , and maybe just eccentric personality to that character that really worked out great . " When Patrick makes his second appearance in season 10 's " Killer Queen " , he is not voiced by Downey . Instead , he is voiced by Family Guy writer , and recurring guest voice actor , Danny Smith . Bob Barker voiced himself presenting The Price Is Right ; but the actual sequence took years to make . Barker has provided his voice for the show twice , although MacFarlane has never met him . John Veiner voiced Bobby McFerrin falling down a flight of stairs . The ball @-@ in @-@ a @-@ cup scene is commented upon by MacFarlane , where he states that " the voice @-@ overs work , the drawings work " and that Walter Murphy " did a great job of creating a piece of deliberately annoying music . " Several jokes had been pitched for Peter 's words after killing an evil dragon , but all were dropped , as they weren 't deemed funny enough by production staff .

MacFarlane notes that he was surprised they were allowed to do the pickle gag , which consisted of Stewie placing a cucumber on the sofa where Patrick 's imaginary wife is sitting , but inserting it into her imaginary vagina (to see if it would turn into a pickle) , but suggests that maybe broadcasting standards did not fully understand the scene . The music song by the overweight people at a funeral for a murdered obese man was only shown on the DVD version and not televised , for timing purposes , and for potential boredom to viewers . The musical composition was recorded at Fox studios on the Gary Numan stage . George W. Bush is portrayed hiding in a tree house and Brian informing by Brian of Hurricane Katrina . Bush was offered the opportunity to voice himself , but declined .

A deleted scene had been made which showed the family traveling on board an airplane on which Peter , rather than using the airplane toilet as " he is too fat to get out of his seat , " urinates in his seat , but unknowingly urinates on Brian in the process , as he is in a dog cage below Peter 's seat . If this scene had been used in the episode , it was intended for Brian , after throwing a rock aimed at Peter 's head , to say " that 's for pissing on me ! "

= = Reception = =

In a review of the episode , TV Squad commented positively about the storyline , noting that " Unlike The Simpsons tonight , Family Guy actually did work their two storylines together . Their first big one , was about Peter 's ever increasing weight problem . He skips out on going to his physical , so that he and Brian can go meet the guys at an all @-@ you @-@ can @-@ eat steak restaurant . " In a review of Family Guy , Volume 4 , Nancy Basile regards " The Fat Guy Strangler " as one of her favorite episodes , as well as " PTV . " Basile moves on to comment that " Being prejudiced against fat people just isn 't talked about , but this episode sheds a harsh light on that problem . At times the episode tries to show people who are fat as being victims of unfair bias , but other times just out and out makes fun of them . "