

= Da Boom =

" Da Boom " is the third episode of the second season of the animated comedy series Family Guy and the tenth episode of the series . It originally aired on Fox in the United States on December 26 , 1999 . The episode features the Griffin family after a nuclear holocaust occurs , due to Y2K on New Year 's Eve . The family then travels in search of food , and eventually decide to establish a town around a Twinkie factory . Peter then takes over the town , establishing himself as mayor , but eventually becomes power hungry , and is overthrown .

The episode was written by Neil Goldman and Garrett Donovan and directed by Bob Jaques . The episode featured guest performances by Patrick Duffy , Victoria Principal , Jack Perkins , Will Sasso , and Joey Slotnick along with several recurring voice actors for the series . This is the first episode that aired to feature Mila Kunis as the voice of Meg Griffin .

= = Plot = =

On December 31 , 1999 , Quahog prepares for New Year 's Day (which is the last New Year 's Day of the millennium) , and the family has been invited to Joe 's millennium party . At a store , a man in a chicken suit asks Peter if he wants a coupon , but Peter refuses , recalling the time he got a bad coupon from Ernie the Giant Chicken and started a massive fistfight . The man warns Peter that the world will end because of the Y2K problem , so Peter locks himself and the family in their basement in hazmat suits . Just after midnight a nuclear holocaust occurs , destroying much of the world and mutating , injuring , and killing many people . The Griffins remain unharmed , and as they look for survivors , they discover that Joe has been melted into his driveway , his son Kevin has been vaporized , and Quagmire and Cleveland have fused together and are now called " Clevemire " (or " Quagland ") , and Tom Tucker and Diane Simmons have eaten Tricia Takanawa . Starving , Peter immediately eats all the dehydrated meals , without adding water .

Peter recalls that the snackfood Twinkies are the only food that can survive a nuclear holocaust , so the family travels to Natick , Massachusetts in hopes that the Twinkie factory has survived . On the way , Stewie is exposed to nuclear waste and mutates into an octopus @-@ like creature . Upon their arrival at Natick , they discover the factory is still standing and in perfect condition . Expecting to be able to live off of the snackfood , they establish the town of New Quahog around the factory . Peter proclaims himself mayor , and Joe and Clevemire join him to form a ruling council . One year later , New Quahog has become a fresh new community , complete with houses and wells . Peter has successfully reigned as mayor despite many mistakes , such as giving people jobs picked out of a hat rather than based on the person 's skills . However , when Brian points out how New Quahog is a peaceful place with no violence , Peter realises that they are completely defenseless and uses the pipes from the city 's water irrigation system to make guns and other weapons , outraging the citizens . Meanwhile , Stewie , who has continued to transform into an octopus , suddenly lays hundreds of eggs in the basement of their house .

Despite Peter 's insistence that he is fit to continue to be the leader of the new community , the townspeople run him out of New Quahog , and his family follows him . The citizens proceed to burn the guns Peter had made with the pipes in the middle of the town square , but as the final gun is thrown onto the pile , hundreds of newly spawned Octopus @-@ Stewies hatch and begin to destroy the city , with the townspeople unable to protect themselves from the mutants . As the family walks away , oblivious to the town 's destruction , they decide to continue to a Carvel factory in Framingham .

The episode ends with a live @-@ action parody of Dallas , in which Pam Ewing (Victoria Principal) wakes up and tells her husband Bobby (Patrick Duffy) about a dream she had of a strange episode of Family Guy . Bobby comforts her , but pauses and then asks " What 's Family Guy ? " , and the two turn and look with confusion into the camera .

= = Production = =

" Da Boom " was the third episode of the second season of Family Guy , and the first for director Bob Jaques . It first aired on December 26 , 1999 . The episode was written by writing team Neil Goldman and Garrett Donovan , who had written episodes for the show in the first season including " Mind Over Murder " .

This was the first episode to have Mila Kunis providing the voice of Meg . Lacey Chabert , the original voice of Meg , left the series due to time constraints with her acting role in Party of Five , as well as schoolwork . Kunis won the role after auditions and a slight rewrite of the character , in part due to her performance on That ' 70s Show . Seth MacFarlane , the show 's creator , called Kunis back after her first audition , instructing her to speak slower , and then told her to come back another time and enunciate more . Once she claimed that she had it under control , MacFarlane hired her .

Ernie the Giant Chicken was introduced in this episode . He is an anthropomorphic chicken who serves as a rival to Peter . He has a long , unexpected fight with Peter , which interrupts the main storyline . This has become a running gag , having reappeared in episodes such as " Blind Ambition " , " Internal Affairs " , " No Chris Left Behind " and " Meet the Quagmires " . He is voiced by regular show writer Danny Smith .

In addition to the regular cast , actress Victoria Principal , comedian and actor Will Sasso , reporter , commentator , war correspondent , anchorman Jack Perkins , voice actor Joey Slotnick , and character actor Patrick Duffy guest starred in the episode . Recurring guest voice actress Lori Alan , writer Danny Smith , and actor Patrick Warburton also made minor appearances .

= = Cultural references = =

The live @-@ action sequence in the episode is a reference to the episode of the CBS soap opera Dallas that erased the death of Bobby Ewing (Patrick Duffy) , which turns out to be a dream of Pamela Ewing (Victoria Principal) . Randy Newman appears singing everything he sees in a musical moment . The plot includes references to the Y2K bug . Peter takes away Trix from the Rabbit , which is a reference to commercials for Trix cereal . Chris tells E.T. to run when he thinks Peter is the government coming for him . When travelling to find food they are stopped and there 's a reference to Family Feud . Stewie 's line , " Game over man ! Game over ! " is a nod to the science fiction film Aliens . Arriving at the Twinkie factory , Peter uses the same words to describe what he sees that Dr. Ellie Arroway used in Contact when witnessing a celestial event in a foreign galaxy .

= = Reception = =

The episode received positive reviews . Ahsan Haque of IGN rated the episode a 10 / 10 , saying " Overall , this episode easily ranks as one of the best episodes in the series . Almost every joke succeeds , and the far @-@ fetched alternate reality storyline thoroughly entertains . Despite the fact that all of the events in the episode are revealed to be a dream , it doesn 't take away from the high degree of amusement provided . "