

= Jack Gets in the Game =

" Jack Gets in the Game " is the second episode of NBC 's second season of 30 Rock and twenty @-@ third episode overall . It was written by Jon Pollack and directed by one of the season 's producers , Don Scardino . It first aired on November 8 , 2007 in the United States . Guest stars in this episode include Fajer Al @-@ Kaisi , Will Arnett , Kevin Brown , Grizz Chapman , Erin Hilgartner , Marceline Hugot , Matt Lauria , Jean Morgan , Chris Parnell , Sherri Shepherd and Rip Torn .

In this episode , Devon Banks (Will Arnett) finds out that Jack had a heart attack , which occurred in " Hiatus " , and decides to use this to his advantage ; Tracy Jordan (Tracy Morgan) is still trying to fix his marriage to Angie Jordan (Sherri Shepherd) ; and Jenna Maroney (Jane Krakowski) begins to see the positive side of being overweight . This episode received generally positive reviews .

= = Plot = =

Jack realizes that his boss Don Geiss (Rip Torn) is hinting that he will retire and believes that he , Jack , is a definite candidate to take over Don 's job , as the CEO of General Electric . Jack 's only other opposition is Devon , who has returned from the west coast , only now with a fiancée who happens to be Kathy Geiss (Marceline Hugot) , Don 's daughter . Upon returning , Devon , who is secretly gay , finds out from Kenneth Parcell (Jack McBrayer) about Jack 's secret heart attack . At a gathering at Don 's house , the pair face off against one another during a game of football .

Tracy is still struggling with his marriage to Angie , who had thrown him out of their family home . Later in this episode , the pair reconcile , but only if Tracy allows for Angie to follow him to make sure that he isn 't having an affair .

Jenna becomes attached to her newly gained fat when a mishap during a sketch , on TGS with Tracy Jordan , brings her large amounts of attention from the public . Liz Lemon (Tina Fey) is still re @-@ adjusting to life outside of a relationship .

= = Production = =

Chris Parnell , who played Dr. Leo Spaceman in this episode , has appeared in the main cast of Saturday Night Live , a weekly sketch comedy series which airs on NBC in the United States . Tina Fey was the head writer on Saturday Night Live from 1999 until 2006 . Various other cast members of Saturday Night Live have appeared on 30 Rock . These cast members include : Rachel Dratch , Fred Armisen , Kristen Wiig , Will Forte , Jason Sudeikis and Molly Shannon . Tina Fey and Tracy Morgan have both been part of the main cast of Saturday Night Live . Alec Baldwin has also hosted Saturday Night Live thirteen times , the second highest number of episodes of any host of the series .

The " Me Want Food " t @-@ shirts which Jenna and Liz see in the NBC store , at Rockefeller Center , were made available from the NBC Universal website shortly after the episode aired . Shortly after the episode " MILF Island " aired , similar t @-@ shirts were manufactured , featuring the MILF Island logo .

= = Reception = =

" Jack Gets in the Game " brought in an average of 6 @.@ 6 million American viewers . This episode achieved a 3 @.@ 0 / 8 in the key 18 ? 49 demographic , a series high in that category . The 3 @.@ 0 refers to 3 @.@ 0 % of all 18- to 49 @-@ year @-@ olds in the U.S. and the 8 refers to 8 % of all 18- to 49 @-@ year @-@ olds watching television at the time of the broadcast , in the U.S. This episode was the highest @-@ rated program , in its timeslot , among the men 18 ? 34 demographic .

Robert Canning of IGN thought that this was a " solid episode " , and that Will Arnett 's character "

was even more entertaining in this episode " compared to his appearance in the episode " Fireworks " . He added that " there was little to complain about " , and rated it 8 @. @ 9 out of 10 . Matt Webb Mitovich of TV Guide said that he " preferred this episode of 30 Rock " compared to the previous episode , " SeinfeldVision " . Jeff Labrecque of Entertainment Weekly asked his readers " do you feel like Liz Lemon took a back seat , and if so , did you mind ? " , adding that " [Alec] Baldwin and [Tracy] Morgan get the laughs , but like the Tracy Jordan Meat Machine [from " The Rural Juror "] , 30 Rock requires three distinct flavors . Don 't be afraid to sprinkle in the Lemon . "

For their work in this episode , Arnett and Rip Torn were nominated for the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Guest Actor in a Comedy Series .