

= Road to Germany =

" Road to Germany " is the third episode of the seventh season and the fourth episode of the ' Road To ... ' series of the American animated television series Family Guy . It originally aired on Fox in the United States on October 19 , 2008 . In the episode , Mort accidentally goes into Stewie 's time machine and is sent to Warsaw , Poland on September 1 , 1939 . Brian and Stewie realize Mort has gone back in time , and go in the time machine to save him .

The episode was written by Patrick Meighan and directed by Greg Colton . Brian Blessed , Gregory Jbara , Martin Savage , Jeff Witzke and Robert Boomfield guest star in the episode . " Road to Germany " was seen by approximately 9 @.@ 07 million viewers during its original broadcast , and it received positive reviews from television critics . In 2009 , the episode , along with I Dream of Jesus and Family Guy , received an Emmy Award nomination for " Outstanding Comedy Series " .

= = Plot = =

While the neighbors are watching the Oscars at the Griffins ' house , Mort needs to use the bathroom so desperately that he runs into what he thinks is a portable toilet in Stewie 's room . The " toilet " turns out to be a time machine , and Mort is sent to the past . Realizing that Mort does not have a return pad that would be able to bring him back to the present , Stewie and Brian take one of the return pads and go back in time to save Mort . They end up in Warsaw , Poland and find Mort in a synagogue . He believes he is in Heaven as he sees dead family members there . It does not take long for them to realize that the date is September 1 , 1939 , the day of the Nazi invasion of Poland and when World War II started .

The three cannot return to the present right away since the " return pad " to Stewie 's time machine fails to activate . They decide to go to England where Mort , who is Jewish , will be safe from the Nazis . While attempting to cross the border , German officers find out that Mort is Jewish (while doing a poor impersonation of a Catholic priest) , resulting in their being chased by the Nazis . Mort , Stewie and Brian make a getaway on a motorbike , followed by an elaborate undersea pursuit in a hijacked U @-@ boat . The chase scene on the motorbike re @-@ enacts the skateboard chase scene in Back To The Future . Like Biff , the Nazi officers ' car ends up slamming into a manure truck (" Das Poop ! ") . The three make it to England safely , and see Churchill . Stewie examines the return pad and discovers it has run out uranium fuel . Brian states that the only place they can find the needed uranium in this time is at a " secret " nuclear testing facility in Berlin , Nazi Germany . The three join the Royal Air Force and fly a Lancaster bomber as they participate in a dogfight against a squadron of Luftwaffe Me @-@ 109 fighters , eventually reaching Berlin . After finding the nuclear research lab , Stewie disguises himself as Hitler , while the other two disguise themselves as Nazi Officers , and obtains the needed uranium . They then run into the real Hitler , who orders their execution , but they escape on the return pad back to their time (Hitler offered to spare them if they performed a charming musical number , but Mort cuts the eager Stewie and Brian off at the first line) .

The group arrives back in Stewie 's room 30 seconds before Mort originally entered the time machine . To keep these events from repeating themselves , Stewie kills the Mort that traveled with them by shoving him into the time machine and then blowing it up . The original Mort then enters the room and , now lacking the time machine " toilet " and seeing Stewie and Brian in Nazi uniform , soils himself instead .

= = Production = =

" Road to Germany " is the third episode of Family Guy ´ s seventh season . It was written by Patrick Meighan who had written Road to Rupert . The episode was directed by series regular Greg Colton , who had worked on Brian Goes Back to College , No Meals on Wheels and also 8 Simple Rules for Buying My Teenage Daughter . Peter Shin and James Purdun acted as supervising directors . John Viener worked as an executive story editor . Seth MacFarlane , Chris Sheridan ,

David A. Goodman and Danny Smith were executive producers . Alec Sulkin , Wellesley Wild and Mike Henry acted as supervising producers . Richard Appel , Brian Scully , Mark Hentemann and Steve Callaghan worked as co - executive producers . After reading the script aloud , Jewish executive producer David A. Goodman said , " I 'm going to get kicked out of my temple " .

" Road to Germany " is the fourth episode of the " Road to " hallmarks of the series , which have aired in various seasons of the show , and the first to be directed by Colton . The episodes are a parody of the seven Road to ... comedy films starring Bing Crosby , Bob Hope , and Dorothy Lamour . The director who directed every previous Road to episodes Dan Povenmire left Family Guy soon after , following the conclusion of the fifth season , to create his own series , entitled Phineas and Ferb , which has since been nominated for seven Emmy Awards .

" Road to Germany " , along with the first eight episodes of the seventh season were released on DVD by 20th Century Fox in the United States and Canada on June 16 , 2009 , one month after it had completed broadcast on television . The " Volume 7 " DVD release features bonus material including deleted scenes , animatics , and commentaries for every episode .

= = Cultural references = =

The episode begins with a swing band version of the orchestral theme from the 1980s miniseries The Winds of War and War and Remembrance . When Brian , Stewie , and Mort are chased by Nazis , a recreation of the chase scene , including music , from Back to the Future occurs where Stewie rides a makeshift skateboard , escapes and has the Nazis crash into a truck of manure . Also , the entrance into Warsaw mirrors Marty 's arrival in 1955 Hill Valley . When Stewie picks up a Nazi uniform there is a McCain @-@ Palin button attached . Stewie and Hitler re @-@ enact the famous " mirror " scene from the Marx Brothers film Duck Soup . The U @-@ Boat sequence is an adaptation of U @-@ 571 when Stewie decides to throw trash out of the submarine in order to stop the U @-@ Boat that was chasing them . Furthermore , the U @-@ boat crashing scene is a reference to the multiple police car chases (and subsequent crashes) from The Blues Brothers . The submarine scene also features a melody of ' Wishing Well ' by Terrence Trent D 'Arby . The scene where the Hawk Men defeat the Nazi air force is a parody of the film Flash Gordon , with its original soundtrack by Queen . Stewie , Brian and Mort 's escape from their crashing plane is a recreation of the raft scene from Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom . The Hebrew wedding scene plays a song titled " Through Poland to a Jewish Village " . The scene in the uranium lab where the scientist shows Stewie " one hundred Luftballons " followed by one popping is a reference to the song " 99 Luftballons " where 99 red balloons trigger a nuclear war .

= = Reception = =

In its original broadcast in the United States on October 19 , 2008 , Road to Germany was watched by 9 @. @ 07 million viewers and was the most watched show in Fox 's Animation Domination block that night , beating The Simpsons , American Dad ! and King of the Hill . The episode acquired a 4 @. @ 7 Nielsen rating in the 18 ? 49 demographic , finishing second in its timeslot after ABC 's Desperate Housewives . The episode also acquired a 6 @. @ 1 rating in the 18 ? 34 demographic , finishing first in its timeslot .

Road to Germany received positive reviews . Ahsan Haque of IGN rated the episode 9 @. @ 6 saying , " Featuring gorgeous CGI animation , a genuinely exciting storyline , and some hilariously offensive humor , this Stewie and Brian centric episode of Family Guy easily stands out as one of the best episodes of the show in years . " Alex Rocha of TV Guide was much more critical stating , " it seemed that the show has taken a slight fall back . After having great episodes the past few weeks to get this current season started on a roll , we have witnessed another average , even sub @-@ par episode . " In his review of Family Guy , volume 7 , Francis Rizzo III of DVD Talk called the episode " hugely memorable " , and stated that it " features some of the finest animation the series has ever produced " .

According to Seth MacFarlane , Road to Germany was one of three episodes (Along with I Dream

of Jesus and Family Gay) submitted for consideration for " Outstanding Comedy Series " in the 61st Primetime Emmy Awards in 2009 . " We picked three of our edgier shows as a choice , " he explained , " Ya know , we figured if we are going to be damned , let 's be damned for what we really are . " The series was ultimately nominated for the award , the first time in 48 years an animated series was nominated for the same category .