

= Stewie Kills Lois and Lois Kills Stewie =

" Stewie Kills Lois " and " Lois Kills Stewie " is a two @-@ part episode of the sixth season of the animated comedy series Family Guy , which was originally produced for the end of Season 5 . Respectively , both are the fourth and fifth episode of their season , and they premiered in the United States on Fox on November 4 and 11 , 2007 . In the former , housewife Lois receives cruise tickets from anthropomorphic dog Brian , and invites Peter on the cruise with her . This upsets Stewie , and he ultimately appears to murder Lois while she is on the cruise , only to find out that she had survived the attack as the year passes . In the latter , Lois is able to expose Stewie as the villain that he is , but he soon accomplishes his dream of world domination .

" Stewie Kills Lois " was written by David A. Goodman and directed by John Holmquist , while " Lois Kills Stewie " was written by Steve Callaghan and directed by Greg Colton . Both episodes received relatively positive reviews for their combined story arc and cultural references . " Lois Kills Stewie " featured appearances by Patrick Stewart , Paula Abdul , Randy Jackson , Simon Cowell , and Willem Dafoe (although Dafoe did not provide his voice) and both episodes featured cameos by various recurring voice actors for the series .

= = Plot = =

= = = " Stewie Kills Lois " = = =

It is Lois ' birthday , and Brian gives her a pair of cruise tickets with the intention of traveling with her , but she invites Peter instead . Stewie is upset at not being invited on the cruise , and concocts a plan to embarrass Lois . Brian makes Stewie realize that he has never followed through with any of his plans , and he resolves to change this . Meanwhile , Peter proves to be a frequent embarrassment to Lois . A mortified Lois walks onto the promenade to be away from Peter , but is confronted by Stewie , who has traveled to the ship by speedboat , and shoots at her , sending her overboard .

Six days pass since Stewie has killed Lois and Joe informs Peter that he has called off the search for Lois since he and his police squad cannot find her . A year passes since then , with Peter not only trying to find someone new , but also talking Joe into posing as Lois so that her death doesn 't leave Chris emotionally scarred and Meg gaining more self @-@ esteem , while Stewie indirectly reveals to Brian what he had done . Disturbed by the revelation , Brian vows to bring him to justice . Stewie realizes that keeping the evidence of his crime as souvenirs is too risky , and disposes of his gun and his drawings depicting Lois being killed . After Peter reveals that Lois ' life insurance policy has recently been cashed , Joe , Quagmire , and Cleveland search the Griffins ' garbage and find Stewie 's souvenirs . Joe is convinced that Peter is the one who killed Lois , given that Stewie inherited Peter 's handwriting . At his trial in the murder , Peter is close to receiving life in prison , but Lois suddenly appears in the courtroom , and reveals that Stewie tried to kill her .

= = = " Lois Kills Stewie " = = =

Everyone is shocked that Stewie would try to murder Lois , but she insists that he is evil , and explains what happened ; after being shot at and falling overboard , she was rescued by a reverse merman , and became employed at a fat camp and later a diner , where she found a new boyfriend in a white supremacist also visiting the diner , as she had developed amnesia . She eventually regains her memory after a blow to the head at a supremacist rally , and returns to Quahog . While Lois explains her situation , Stewie escapes , captures and restrains his family when they return home , and shoots Cleveland dead when he visits . Stewie kidnaps Brian and forces him into driving him to the CIA , where he gains access to a supercomputer and takes control of the planet 's power grid , thus dominating the world .

After Stewie implements numerous draconian laws , Lois becomes angered and prepares to

assassinate him in order to save the world . After taking several weapons from Stewie 's secret weapons vault , she engages Stewie in a destructive battle in the Oval Office . Lois eventually gains the upper hand and prepares to shoot Stewie , but she cannot bring herself to do so , since he is her own child . Stewie takes the opportunity to disarm her and prepare to kill , but is shot dead by Peter before he can do so . They start to mourn over Stewie 's dead body , but it is then revealed that much of what has happened was actually a computer simulation . Brian wonders if a hypothetical external viewer of the simulation would feel cheated by what was ultimately a " dream sequence , " but Stewie argues that a computer simulation is totally different . Stewie then claims that he is not ready to kill Lois or take over the world , until the right time . As Brian and Stewie argue over the differences between " dream sequence " and " computer simulation , " Brian says Stewie ticks a lot of people off . Stewie claims that the computer simulation didn 't end like the final episode of The Sopranos where it just cut to black in mid @-@ sentence , but , just like in Made in America , the final episode of The Sopranos , the final scene cuts to black in mid @-@ sentence , followed by the end credits .

= = Production = =

" Stewie Kills Lois " and " Lois Kills Stewie " are the 102nd and 103rd episodes of Family Guy respectively . They are the fourth and fifth episodes of the sixth season of the show . " Stewie Kills Lois " was written by executive producer and former Futurama and South Park writer David A. Goodman . The episode was directed by John Holmquist . " Lois Kills Stewie " was written by recurring voice actor and future showrunner Steve Callaghan , and directed by Greg Colton . Colton and Callaghan previously worked on the season 5 episode " Whistle While Your Wife Works " .

Before the airing of the episode , a 100th episode tribute special , hosted by MacFarlane , aired on Fox . The special showcases various clips of MacFarlane 's favorite moments from the last 99 episodes of the show . It also included MacFarlane asking people questions related to Family Guy .

" Stewie Kills Lois " and " Lois Kills Stewie " , along with the final five episodes of the fifth season and the first seven episodes of the sixth season , were also released on DVD under the title " Volume 6 " by 20th Century Fox in the United States and Canada on October 21 , 2008 , five months after they had completed broadcast on television . The DVD release also features bonus material including deleted scenes , commentaries , and a ' making of ' feature .

Both episodes aired before the 2007 ? 2008 Writers Guild of America strike , and were the last episodes to air before it . In November 2007 , Variety reported that MacFarlane had joined the strike and refused to complete more Family Guy episodes . A spokesperson for Fox said : " Our hope is that he returns to work and completes his non @-@ writing obligations on those episodes " . Fox aired two new episodes during November 2007 . The following episode , " Padre de Familia " , was the first of these two episodes to air . The strike ended on February 12 , 2008 and the series resumed airing regularly .

In addition to the main cast , actors Patrick Stewart and Phil LaMarr , and American Idol judges Simon Cowell , Randy Jackson and Paula Abdul guest starred in the episode . The episode also featured the recurring voices of actress Jennifer Tilly and Patrick Warburton , and writers Danny Smith and John Viener in minor appearances . Future showrunner Mark Hentemann also made some appearances .

= = Cultural references = =

When Stewie becomes disappointed that Lois did not take him on the cruise , he relates that he has not expressed it much since he saw The Lake House . Peter and Lois watch the sunset ; Lois noting that she feels like Kate Winslet 's character in Titanic , but Peter believes that she was portrayed by Philip Seymour Hoffman . Leonardo DiCaprio is also referenced in the scene .

The cliffhanger ending where Lois returns to reveal Stewie as her attempted killer is a tribute to part one of the Star Trek : The Next Generation two @-@ parter " The Best of Both Worlds " with similar cliffhanger music and " To Be Continued ... " title cards . Since they 're both Trekkies , Seth

MacFarlane and David A. Goodman had wanted to use the cliffhanger music from " The Best of Both Worlds " if they ever got up to 100 episodes of Family Guy . Paramount wouldn't give them the rights , however , so composer Ron Jones , who wrote the music for " The Best of Both Worlds " and several other episodes of Star Trek : The Next Generation , wrote and recorded the music heard in the episode .

While looking for Stewie , Joe and other police officers travel to the Fortress of Solitude , where the maid Consuela works for Superman . Stewie is seen participating on American Idol in a cutaway , singing " Lost in Your Eyes " before judges Simon Cowell , Randy Jackson and Paula Abdul .

American Dad ! characters Stan Smith and Avery Bullock make a crossover appearance in " Lois Kills Stewie " when Stewie hacks into the supercomputer . This crossover is extended on the Volume 6 DVD when , before the confrontation , Brian and Stewie first bump into Stan and Bullock in the restroom . The episode concludes with a reference to The Sopranos as the screen blacks out on Stewie criticizing the series ' finale .

The news anchor , Tom Tucker , copies Dennis Miller 's signature phrase from Weekend Update on Saturday Night Live , saying , " Well , folks , that 's the news , and I am outta here ! " while drawing a circle on a paper .

" Stewie Kills Lois " features the recurring gag of the Kool @-@ Aid Man bursting through the courtroom wall at an inopportune time , exclaiming " OH YEAH ! ! " after a series of people in the courtroom say " Oh no ! ! " in turn . The Kool @-@ Aid Man then slowly backs out of the hole in the wall in embarrassment . This time , the judge implores the people of the court to please stop saying " Oh no ! , " because , as he puts it , " The f * * kin ' Kool @-@ Aid guy 's gonna keep showing up ! ! "

" Lois Kills Stewie " also mocks the varying quality of direct @-@ to @-@ video Disney films in general , in which a cutaway shows Jafar , the main antagonist in Aladdin , undergoing an eye exam . In addition , Lois is seen wearing John Rambo 's combat outfit from Rambo III in her final battle against Stewie .

= = Reception = =

Ahsan Haque of IGN rated " Stewie Kills Lois " a 9 / 10 , while rating " Lois Kills Stewie " a 9 @. @ 4 / 10 , saying " For the hundredth episode of Family Guy , Seth McFarlane and friends tackle the subject of one of Stewie Griffin 's greatest ambitions ? his not @-@ so @-@ secret desire to kill his mother . For the disturbed fans waiting for some form of a matricidal manifestation , you can feel comfort knowing , without spoiling too much , that the youngest Griffin absolutely means business and ensures that he doesn't fail this time around . [...] There are some tense courtroom moments , a birthday celebration with the gift of Lionel Richie , a cruise ship , machine guns , and the reappearance of the Kool Aid Man that help round out this carefully crafted and well @-@ told cohesive storyline . With the amount of cheap manatee jokes kept to a reasonable level , this episode also manages to find an excellent balance between comedy and storytelling . It 's a fantastic way to celebrate the Family Guy one @-@ hundredth episode milestone . [...] With the writers ' strike in full effect , it seems that this might be the last new episode of Family Guy we 'll be seeing for a while . It 's a bittersweet way to end the abruptly short season as the quality is reminiscent of the series ' brilliance from the early years and it seems like the show was really starting to hit its stride for the season . Hopefully the series will be able to live up to the high bar set by this two @-@ part classic upon its eventual return . "

Richard Keller of TV Squad gave " Stewie Kills Lois " a much more negative review . He pointed out that the episode was hyped because before the episode aired a retrospective premiered featuring clips from the last 99 episodes , he stated that the episode was a huge disappointment . He stated that he did not find the episode funny , but rather disjointed , with little story and too many cutaway gags and flashbacks . In his review of " Lois Kills Stewie " , Keller gave a much more positive review . He did mention that the end of the episode was somewhat predictable , as they had killed Cleveland and Stewie . He commented positively to some of the jokes of the episode , and in the overall he mentioned he liked the two episodes , but he was not so keen of the ending of the

episode .

On her review of " Stewie Kills Lois " , Genevieve Koski of the The A.V. Club rated the episode a B + . She commented that it was " a bit weird " that the show was focusing on Stewie 's desire to kill Lois , since in the last couple of seasons the Stewie and Brian dynamic had taken precedence , while Lois was being more foil to Peter than Stewie . She felt that most of the cutaway humor felt familiar and that there was no real moment that would deserve any callback status in future episodes . She did praise the cliffhanger , stating that she was intrigued about how the storyline would turn out . She also praised the storyline and liked how it was able to create drama . In her review of " Lois Kills Stewie " , Koski rated the episode a B , calling the end of the story a bit predictable as she thought that the deaths of Lois , Cleveland and Stewie were a one time joke . She praised and disliked some jokes and gags in the episode , including Stewie demanding praise for his macaroni picture of an owl and Lois ' salvation via merman , respectively . She commented that the fight sequence was extended and highly choreographed .

" Lois Kills Stewie " was voted # 9 , and " Stewie Kills Lois " was voted # 8 on BBC Three 's list of Top Ten Family Guy Episodes .