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### q feature: ANDRES ERICKSON

Andrés Erickson is Fine on His Own He Stars in the New Queer Drama, Bad Together By Jamie Booth

Growing up, there were signs that Andrés Ericksen would one day be an actor. "I took a liking to theater in third grade and pursued it in school every year after that," he recalls. "I'm honestly not sure what attracted me to the stage and screen, because I was typically pretty shy and had a lot of social anxiety."

After graduating high school in Oviedo, Florida, he made his way to Atlanta because it was the closest film hub to his family in the southeast. A typical day consists of waking up, having coffee with a side of existential crisis, and hopefully remembering to breathe.

In that way, he is a lot like Robbie, the character he plays in the new series, Bad Together. When we first meet his character, Robbie's just been dumped and is in that vulnerable where do I go from here? stage. In walks Cameron, a life of the party type, who appears to be everything Robbie is missing in life. But you know what they say: appearances can be deceiving.

How did you land the role in Bad Together? Andrés Ericksen: Jono Mitchell, the film's writer and director, sent me the script. His first twenty choices must have turned him down.

### Did you know right away that you wanted to be a part of the film?

A.E.: I appreciated Jono telling a story centered on a queer friendship as opposed to a romance. That's not something you typically see in media, and this specific dynamic felt refreshing to read.

I agree. It's an important film about friendship and how while most often, birds of a feather flock together, sometimes opposites attract.

A.E.: For their own reasons, Cameron and Robbie are both pretty lost at the start of the film. Both are in search of a genuine connection, and they both happen to be in the right place at the right time. Or the wrong time and place, depending on how you look at it.

### Why are they so bad for each other?

A.E.: I don't think either of them fully understands what they're looking for when they first meet, but they assume it's each other. Over time they try and push each other into their own personal boxes



that the other never asked to be put in. It's a quality that young romantic relationships sometimes have, but friendships are not immune either.

### Do you have a best friend?

A.E.: You mean in real-life? I do! We met one summer when our moms were both volunteer teachers. At the end of the day, we'd go to our moms' classrooms and wait for them to take us home. I think one day we both realized we were tired of waiting so we went downstairs to the indoor gym and began smacking a kickball around. Then we went to his house and I destroyed him in Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 4 on the Gamecube. The rest is history.

#### Is your friendship forever?

A.E.: I hope it's forever!

### If it got to a point where the friendship was causing you pain for some reason, would it be worth fighting for?

A.E.: He's like a brother to me, so I don't think there's anything that could permanently sever our relationship. I definitely think it'd be worth fighting for if there were some wrenches thrown in.

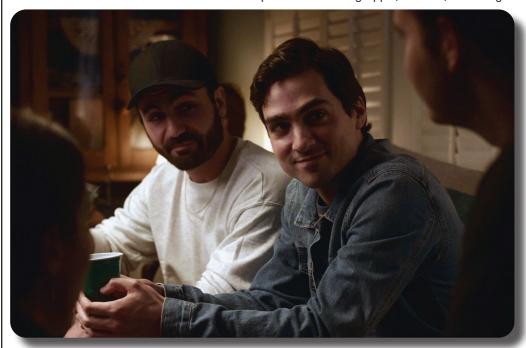
### Would you answer the same way if we were discussing a romantic relationship?

A.E.: That's a good question. I do think there's a difference. With friends, it's easier to take time apart, if needed. You aren't going to bed beside them every night. They don't have the same kind of grip on your heart that a romantic partner does. Of course, romantic relationships are never eternally easy. There will always be battles to fight through together. Committed love like that takes work.

#### What can we learn from Robbie and Cameron's rollercoaster relationship?

A.E.: That like romantic relationships, friendships take work to survive. And like romantic relationships, it's important to know when it's one is worth fighting for.

Bad Together is streaming now via Dekkoo Films, a subsidiary of the Dekkoo streaming platform. It is available for TVOD rental across numerous platforms including Apple, Amazon, and Google.





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### q life: with GABRIEL TABASCO

#### **New Recruit's Initiation**

Alex was a new recruit in the army. Thousands of other young men his age were required to do the military service as new conscripts. On their first day they went to their camp and after enlisting and collecting their uniform they went into a large hall filled with young men.

'Take off your clothes,' someone ordered 'and strip down to your underwear'.

Alex saw that the room was filled with his peers in their underwear. The room was filled with men of literally all shapes and sizes. It was a buffet of men, with varying degrees of skin tone and body hair. 'Imagine all the penises,' he said to himself and wondered if they reflected the men they were attached to; a tall and slender man meant a long and thin penis or would there be surprises such as a short man with a very large and thick penis.

He did not need to imagine long. Soon he was called to the front of the room and in groups of five had to present themselves to a panel of army doctors.

'Remove your underwear,' barked the army doctor. The men did as instructed, all dropping their differing underwear to the floor where it sat by their ankles. 'Remove them completely,' shouted the doctor again. The men did so and put them in a pile on the floor.

Each man was approached by a doctor who felt each man's testicles and penis. Some of them, despite their nervousness at being naked in a roomful of men, could not help their flagpole stand

at half-mast. In the case of Alex. as he spied the other men naked and felt everyone stare at him. he grew a full-on erection which drew stares. hushed laughter and comments from the other men who were waiting while the doctors tried to ignore his erection.



The situation became a lot



more embarrassing when he, along with the other men, was asked to bend over the desk facing one of the three doctors who was taking notes. One doctor held a small torch and the other felt his finger, encased in a glove with some lubricant on it, probe his tight butthole. As it was tight the doctor had a little difficulty forcing his finger in.

The feeling was too strong and pleasurable for Alex, and he found himself crying out a little too loudly 'oh ooh ooh'.

'Be quiet. It will be over in a moment,' said the doctor. 'It cannot be that painful'.

On hearing his cries some of the other men looked over at him, wondering why he was making such strange noises. The doctors along with the men around Alex realized what happened with Alex's final cry, a little louder than usual, 'ooh ooh ooooooooh' he shouted.

And with the doctor's finger still in his anus he ejaculated all over the desk. As he was so horny his come reached almost the other side of the table, by the other doctor's notebook.

One of the doctors looked over at him and at the mess he caused. The other doctor did not know how to react and took his finger slowly out of Alex's butthole. The doctor who was taking notes had looked up just as Alex ejaculated and naturally thrust himself forward, somehow closer to the doctor.

He looked at Alex with a smirk. He had seen everything, but he mostly noted Alex's expression on the moment he came. Alex had a strange and bewildered expression, one of him not knowing what was happening and how he should behave but still strangely enjoying the odd experience.

The doctor and Alex locked eyes at the moment he ejaculated, and his mouth formed a perfect O. The doctor had never seen another man's expression as he was coming and was surprised how much in pain the man seemed for an act that was so pleasurable. He wondered if all men had a similar expression as they came.

Alex was breathing heavily as he had just come and lay crouched over the desk and was unsure of what to do and where to look. By that point, the whole room had played witness to his pleasure and his ejaculation. At first the men were looking at him perplexed, some who knew what his sounds meant kept looking and waiting to see what would happen next.

Others, towards the back of the room, were told the news and they turned their attention towards the front of the room where they saw a man of medium height and build begin to stand up and wipe himself down as he was fussed over by three doctors. The men around Alex were all trying not to laugh and began pointing and commenting.

For the duration of his induction Alex would be known throughout the camp as the man who came too soon.





### q opinion: DIRTY XMAS

with Isabella Fels

Hey beautiful boy in bed I really want you as my ted. And to keep you so well fed I want to nestle inside your lovely chest As we rest in peace And to let you slowly come Your dick is at the very top of my Christmas list You tower over me just like the tree. You give me so much power Even when your pissed with the fine champagne. And piss all over me You're my god You have such a hot bod Which I whip to good use You know how to belt out a strong jingle bells. I feel good with you I melt in your presence Just like all the Xmas chocolates That you delightfully lick off me I want you around for xmas lunch I love the way you munch and crunch You're as juicy as the raw sausages. As good as the stuffing As yummy as the cake I could put you on a plate Our love is first rate I really want to keep giving you lots more massages and







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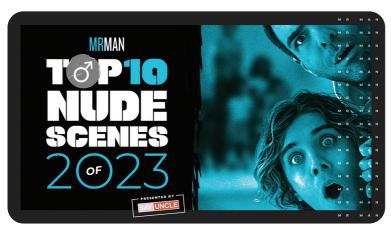
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Mick Wüst

### q countdown: TOP NUDE SCENES

Counting Down... Hollywood's Top 10 Nude Scenes in 2023 By Charlie Rocafort

Man-on-man intimacy was on full display on television and film in 2023 with Hollywood upping the ante on how far they will go to shock viewers. "When we first kicked off our Top Ten Nude



Scenes of The Year ten vears ago, we could never have dreamed that mainstream celebrities like Ben Whishaw and Jonathan Bailey would engage in such intense gay sexual scenes or that a romantic comedy like Red, White, & Royal Blue would be so raunchy, or that a series like Elite would simply exist," says Jack Davis of Mr. Man, the world's leading online library of every

male nude scene in the history of film and television. Each year, MrMan presents the Manatomy Awards: the only award ceremony to recognize the past year's naked male achievements in entertainment. Here are the top ten scenes for 2023. The full uncensored videos can all be viewed on MrMan.com.







### #10: Taylor Zakhar Perez, Nicholas Galitzine in Red, White & Royal Blue

The pressure was on when Amazon Prime announced it was bringing this beloved gay romance novel to the small screen. Rising star Taylor Zakhar Perez perfectly embodies the president's son, while 2023 breakout star Nicholas Galitzine plays the prince of England. In the movie's hottest scene, Perez teaches Galitzine the gay ropes in bed, and Galitzine proves to be a guick study.

### **#9: Jack Armstrong in Patterns**

The LGBT British series Patterns made a splash online for its incredible nudity. Jack Armstrong takes the cake here, flaunting his breathtaking jock body in multiple scenes. Movie fans will not want to miss his shower scene, where he turns around to give viewers a peek at every inch of his bod.

### #8: Mauro da Costa, João Villas-Boas, João Caçador, João Reis Moreira in Will-o'-the-Wisp

Will-o'-the-Wisp is one of the many explicit gay films released in 2023. Portuguese film provocateur João Pedro Rodrigues delivers a sweeping narrative of a king looking back on the gay experiences of his youth, namely his time

as a firefighter that included some eye-popping homoerotic firehouse fantasies.















#### #7: Taylor Byron Barr, Eric Brody in Minx

After an iconic first season, the retro porn series had a lot to live up to in season two. Taylor Byron Barr and Eric Brody were up for the challenge. They flaunt their rippling abs and a whole lot more while tied up to railroad tracks during a porn photoshoot.

#### #6: Mauricio Hénao, Julián Cerati in Fake Profile

No one does a gratuitous Spanish-language drama like Netflix. This scandalous Columbian series is about a woman who moves in next door to a man who catfished her in order to torment him. Same girl. A recent trend in these sorts of shows is to round out the straight sex scenes with some gay action, and Julián Cerati helps Fake Profile meet its queer quota.

#### #5: André Lamoglia, Fernando Lindez in Elite

Much like the men it features, Elite just keeps topping itself. Anyone fearing that Manu Ríos's departure spelled trouble for this gay teens-gone-wild series can breathe a sigh of relief, because André Lamoglia and Fernando Lindez are here to pick up the slack. Lindez plays Omar Ayuso's lover who falls for Lamoglia after delivering pizza to his house.

### #4: Jordan Firstman, Sebastián Silva, Ricco Diamanti in Rotting in the Sun

Rotting In the Sun is one of the three X-rated gay movies that defined 2023. Sun takes viewers to a gay hookup resort, where fully naked men have real sex on the beach. Reallife comedian Jordan Firstman finds himself surrounded by studs, all ready and willing.

### #3: Josh Lavery, Daniel Gabriel, Vincent Andriano in Lonesome

Real-life out exhibitionist Josh Lavery loves showing off his incredible body on his Instagram, but he takes his sex positivity to the extreme with his critically acclaimed performance in this film about a small town Australian man cruising for men in the big city.

#### #2: Matt Bomer, David Tomlinson in Fellow Travelers

2023 has been the best year yet for gay representation in movies and television. Before hooking up with Jonathan Bailey in the historical romance Fellow Travelers, Matt Bomer gets aggressive with David Tomlinson in this exciting historical drama series.

### #1: Ben Whishaw, Franz Rogowski in Passages

This erotic movie made headlines before even being released, when director Ira Sachs rejected the MPAA's NC-17 rating, calling it homophobic and "...a form of cultural censorship that is quite dangerous." Out actor Ben Whishaw shines in this film that exemplifies his dedication to bringing gay male sexuality to big and small screens.

Uncensored videos of all ten scenes can be viewed now at https://www.mrman.com/top10-of-the-year-2023

### q handy hints: 5 SUMMER CASH BOOSTS

### 5 savvy ways to boost your cash over the summer break

While others are doing the slip, slop, slap, make your summer break really count by padding your pockets with extra cash – both now and for the longer term.

The silly season needn't be financially flippant. In fact, it's a great time to cast an eye over your money affairs and make improvements that boost your cash position.

Here are some tips for starting the new year with a healthier bank balance:

### 1. Embrace labour shortages

With unemployment below 4 per cent, many employers are desperate for workers. Can you be one of them? That could involve doing more hours in your existing job, or taking on a second job.

Casual roles typically attract penalty rates for weekend and late night shifts – such as working in retail, hospitality or tourism, all of which are in strong demand over the holiday period.

Alternatively, leverage your professional skills as a tutor, consultant or trainer.

Don't forget to keep records of your expenses – you may be able to claim tax deductions for travel between multiple jobs, laundry expenses for washing custom uniforms, mileage for on-the-job travel etc.

#### 2. Revisit investments

Investments have winners and losers – when something is doing poorly, something else is flourishing. Great investors know this and continually follow the money.

While recent headlines have been dominated by the doom and gloom of inflation and rising interest rates, many investments have actually performed very well. Now may be time to rebalance your investments and use some of those gains.

House prices have skyrocketed in 2023 in most areas, particularly capital cities, meaning property owners have a lot more equity to leverage. Many shares are paying strong dividends on the back of healthy profits. Some savings accounts are now delivering higher returns than inflation.

All of these could be bringing in more income with which to strengthen your overall financial position.

#### 3. Make space and money

With the Christmas countdown firmly on, people will be looking for gifts. And given the current squeeze on household budgets, many will turn to quality second-hand items rather than buying new to save some dollars.

Tap into this trend to make extra space AND earn extra money simultaneously by sorting through your cupboards, garage, garden shed and other hidey holes.

Popular items may include:

- Unused clothing
- Homewares
- Kids toys, books and bicycles
- Antiques
- Board games

You could even compile multiple items to make your own gift hampers and sell them online or

through car boot sales – using unwanted gifts you received last year, unopened perfumes and soaps, non-perishable foods and beverages, potted plants etc.

The only limit to how and where you sell unwanted goods is your imagination.

#### 4. Get planning

Boosting your bottom line isn't just about bringing in more money. The other side of the coin revolves around reducing your outgoings and getting better value for what you do spend.

Doing so typically involves planning ahead:

- If you are going away, turn off your hot water system and other non-essential appliances that drain power. Cancel or pause subscriptions that won't be used in your absence.
- Take advantage of real sales know your prices so you spend less.
- Start next year's shopping: Embrace post-Christmas sales to buy festive goods and gifts that can be stored and take the pinch off next year's budget.
- Spend gift cards: Don't let them expire in a drawer or the bottom of your handbag. Treat yourself as they were intended, or spend them instead of cash on your Christmas shopping.
- Leverage your time off to plan or complete study, so you can seek a payrise in the new year with your new qualifications.

Remember: even the best of plans are worthless if you don't follow through and put them into action.

#### 5. Tackle your taxes

Have you done your tax return? Surprising numbers of people don't lodge their annual return by October each year.

It means that any refund is delayed, or any tax debt may accrue interest and late fees. Plus, this delay adds unnecessary stress when you should be enjoying time with those nearest and dearest to you.

Once you have lodged, consider how best to use any refund you receive – investing, topping up your super (which may attract additional tax benefits) or paying down debt will be far more lucrative than going on a spending spree!

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### q advice: BOOMER BOSS INSIGHTS

### 5 things you need to know about your boomer boss to get ahead

Count yourself lucky if working with a boomer boss. Born from 1946 to 1964, they are loaded with experience and wisdom. But that is not the half of it. They are the post-war babies. Their parents knew hardship and loss, and that cannot be passed down. They witnessed the first moon landing and unparalleled social change. Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Gandhi, the Beatles, Elvis, and Buzz Aldrin are just some of their idols.



Boomer bosses are tough with high standards. With the economic cry for higher productivity, there could be a call to action for a little bit more of that, please. Whether it's your existing boss or via matrix reporting, the chances are you will experience a boomer boss somehow. Do yourself a favour and get close. It will help you get ahead!

1) Communication is likely to be formal. Use salutations and the person's name. Respect for position matters, so if dealing with a doctor or professor, use their title' they earned it! Addressing an email as, 'hiya' won't cut it. It may indicate a lack of respect or that you don't take them seriously.

Equally, there is no generation that uses business language quite like the boomer. If you think their business communication lacks emotion, you are right; it is supposed to. Stripped of fluff and straight to the point, boomer bosses communicate with clarity. Don't take their direct communication personally; relish it.

Rather than dallying, they are more likely to pick up the phone in seeking answers. Preferring face to face or phone conversations instead of email and texting, as it is easier for resolutions. Also, what you see as confrontation, or a difficult conversation is just a normal day at the office for them.

2) They respect authority and follow the rules. Hence why punctuality is important for them. If a meeting starts at 8 am, it's 8 am, not 8.05 am. I have known boomer bosses to shut meeting room

doors right on the dot of the start time. If you have courage, knock to enter, but your excuse better not be traffic. Their mindset is, why didn't you leave earlier?

Adherence to deadlines is non-negotiable. If you are part of their team, be sure to uphold your end of the bargain. Being responsible and reliable is at their core. As is their work ethic. If a job requires more effort and extra hours, it's done, and with no expectations of accolades or rewards.

- 3) They take pride in the job, making details imperative. Proofread emails and documents and fact-check! Errors are spotted in a heartbeat. With no reliance on word processors and google back in the day, that's how they were trained. Pride is also reflected in personal presentation. Ensure it is professional, and leave scruffy sneakers for home.
- 4) Relationships are everything. Guaranteed, they know the barista's name at the coffee shop. Wondering how they skip the coffee queue that's how, the original influencer! This follows through to all-life relationships with dentists and mechanics for life.

It is the Rolodex you want to be a part of, for they are networked through experiences and reputation, not likes. Their family values provides the strong link to relationships. They are used to a family structure, growing up with the message that supporting each other is essential.

5) Loyalty is a big-ticket item for a boomer. It signifies dependability and to be counted on. Changing jobs and companies was frowned upon in the boomer's formative working life. If you had a job, you were grateful and held onto it. Unemployment during the 80s ranged from 6% to 10%, with inflation in 1982 at 11.07% and interest rates as the undesirable guest in January 1990 at 17.5%.

So, as an aside, if you are lamenting the unfairness of our current economic times and your boomer boss is staying silent- this is why. They suffered worse and made it through. Perhaps seek their learned advice- but don't be shocked or upset if they say they saved their money and didn't use Afterpay.

As a final note, don't be too quick to dismiss your boomer boss's technical skills. You might be born into the digital era, good for you, but try going from zero. That's a significant embracement of change. They know how to adapt.

There are many extraordinary albeit generalised values in every generation. Let us foster those characteristics in ourselves that we admire in others. Your baby boomer boss brings a wealth of virtues to choose from. Consider which ones to assist you in getting ahead at work and in life.

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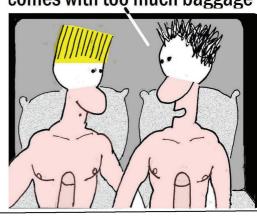
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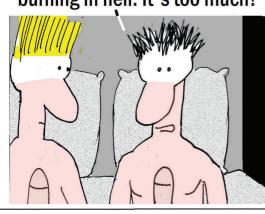
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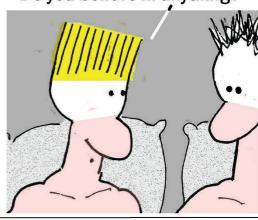
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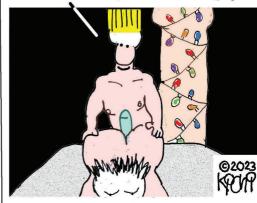
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