

Solution to DVD Collection

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I was trying to think of a puzzle that could use the concept of the “Kevin Bacon Game” and this is what I came up with...

The puzzle starts with a list of movies. As you read down the movies, you may note that some of the sequential ones have a common actor (i.e. “Men In Black” and “Rules of Engagement” both have **Tommy Lee Jones** as an actor. The best website to determine the commonality would probably be IMDB’s “common cast” search—<http://imdb.com/common-search>. You may also notice that the actors alternate male/female. Once you get the pairing of movies to actors, you next take the list of actors and find movies that sequential actors appeared in. (i.e. Tommy Lee Jones and Connie Nielsen were both in “The Hunted” (IMDB’s “people working together” search is a good resource — <http://imdb.com/name-search>). You now repeat to get a list of actors, then repeat to get two final movies (“Excess Baggage” and “Batman Returns” both of which puzzle’s answer appeared in—**CHRISTOPHER WALKEN**).

Men in Black (1997)

Tommy Lee Jones

Rules of Engagement (2000)

Hunted, The (2003)

Gladiator (2000)

Connie Nielsen

Devil's Advocate, The (1997)

Benicio Del Toro

Diner (1982)

Mickey Rourke

Nine 1/2 Weeks (1986)

Sin City (2005)

Fantastic Four (2005)

Jessica Alba

Idle Hands (1999)

Excess Baggage (1997)

Object of My Affection, The (1998)

Paul Rudd

Knocked Up (2006)

Clueless (1995)

Summer Catch (2001)

Brittany Murphy

Happy Feet (2006)

Alicia Silverstone

Gods and Monsters (1998)

Brendan Fraser

Encino Man (1992)

Blast from the Past (1999)

Coal Miner's Daughter (1980)

Sissy Spacek

North Country (2005)

A League of Their Own (1992)

Geena Davis

Stuart Little (1999)

Michael Keaton

Patriot Games (1992)

Samuel L. Jackson

Shaft (2000)

Jackie Brown (1997)

City Hall (1996)

Bridget Fonda

Single White Female (1992)

Batman Returns (1992)

Matrix, The (1999)

Keanu Reeves

Johnny Mnemonic (1995)

Dangerous Liaisons (1988)

101 Dalmatians (1996)

Glenn Close

Reversal of Fortune (1990)

Michelle Pfeiffer

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975)

Jack Nicholson

A Few Good Men (1992)

The Witches of Eastwick (1987)

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975)

Susan Sarandon

Thelma & Louise (1991)