

Members of 'N Sync take a whack at acting, keeping it 'On The Line' without vulgarity



Rod (Joey Fatone) gives Kevin (Lance Bass) a hard time about his bad luck with women.

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In the romantic comedy "On the Line", 'N Sync's resident nice guy Lance Bass plays a shy businessman trying to find his true love.

The movie follows the struggles of advertising agent Kevin Gibbons (the multi-talented Bass) as he tries to overcome the confidence issues that have been with him since high school. Gibbons, who has a history of girl problems (mostly due to the fact that he's too chicken to make the first move), finds himself on the "L" train with his dream girl (newcomer Emmanuelle Chriqui). After having an amazing conversation with her, he almost gets up the guts to ask for her name and phone number, but instead thanks her for a nice commute and lets her get away. The rest of the movie is spent trying to track her down, which turns out to be pretty difficult since he knows virtu-

ally nothing about her.

Bass did a wonderful job as the lead in this movie, especially considering that it was his first major acting role. He has had a guest appearance in the television show "7th Heaven" and a don't-blink-you'll-miss-him cameo in "Zoolander," but even with this limited acting experience, he was very believable as the sensitive and charming Gibbons.

Starring in the movie along with Bass is another member of 'N Sync, Joey Fatone. Fatone was great as Gibbons' obnoxious, and at times gross, wannabe rock star friend, although I have a feeling that the part wasn't much of a stretch for him to play. Fellow 'N Syncers Justin Timberlake and Chris Kirkpatrick (you knew they'd show up sometime) also make brief appearances at the end as hair and makeup artists. Their poking fun at themselves and Kirkpatrick's French accent are hilarious and make a great

addition to this movie. Besides the boys from 'N Sync, this movie also co-stars Chriqui as the "L" train girl, GQ and James Bulliard, who play Gibbons' friends, and Jerry Stiller, Dave Foley and Tamala Jones as Gibbons' colleagues. Al Green also makes an appearance as himself. Overall, the acting in this movie is not too bad. But there are times when you almost wish that they had redone a scene because it wasn't quite up to par.

If you think that this movie sounds a little on the cheesy side, you're right. But that is one of the good things about it. With the almost complete lack of swearing, sex and violence, this movie is way below the level of Hollywood vulgarity that many moviegoers have come to expect. But "On the Line" is a good choice for anybody who is looking for a sweet, charming romance that does not include Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

Houston, we have a problem: apes are invading our land



Thade (Tim Roth) puts Leo (Mark Wahlberg) in his place during a rebellion against the apes.

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"Planet of the Apes" begins in space in the year 2029. Captain Leo Davidson (Mark Wahlberg) is aboard the ship Oberon on a mission to navigate untraveled territory in the galaxy. The crew is training chimpanzees and other apes to operate spacecrafts so they can enter the possibly dangerous areas before humans do.

When one of the chimps is released into space and contact is lost, Leo makes the rash decision to go out after him. Leo discovers the cosmic force that destroyed radio contact between his chimp and the Oberon. His craft begins to malfunction, and he finds himself crash-landing on an unknown planet.

With his ship at the bottom of a lake, he swims to shore relatively unharmed. However, he is greeted by a flock of nomadic people fleeing from an unknown threat. So, naturally Leo follows only to discover the people are running to escape a group of apes looking capture them. Leo, along with the majority of the others, are shackled and placed in a caged cart drawn by harnessed humans, used as horses.

When he arrives in "town," he finds it is the apes that live as humans do today, and humans have been sold into slavery. They are

bought and traded like cattle. Luckily, he and a beautiful nomadic woman named Daena (Estella Warren) are purchased by an ape named Ari (Helena Bonham Carter), who believes humans are intelligent and should be treated as equals.

Ari is adored by General Thade (Tim Roth), the most evil ape on the planet. However, his demeanor and ignorance disgust her. In my opinion, Ari begins to fall in love with Leo after he and Daena escape Ari's father's household. Accompanied by a house slave, Leo, Daena, and Ari begin their quest to find Daena's family and get Leo home. Their destination is the "forbidden zone," where the apes' history and secrets are held.

When the party reaches the zone, Leo finds that the zone is actually the remains of the Oberon. Leo has traveled forward through time to the planet of the apes. It was the chimps on board that overthrew the humans after the crash. Now Leo and the nomadic people must find a way to defeat the apes or live in peace together, but how?

I really enjoyed this film, but I have always loved science-fiction films. Although I have not seen the original, I feel I was still able to appreciate the film. So regardless of whether you've seen the original "Planet of the Apes" or not, I'd definitely recommend seeing this one.

Horoscopes

by Leah Boeringa

Aries (March 21- April 19): All good things must come to an end. Something you treasure in your life will soon be gone. Do not despair, it is for the best. Remember, change is the essence of life. Your theme song this week: "Perfect Stranger" by the Dropkick Murphys.

Taurus (April 20- May 20): Keep your chin up and don't let the holiday blues get you down. If you do not suffer from wretchedness of the holiday sort, get busy spreading your joy to others around you. Your theme song this week: "You Gotta Die For Your Government" by Antiflag.

Gemini (May 21- June 20): You are about to experience something that could very well be the most electrifying thing you have ever

done. Remember to stay clear of fallen power lines. Your theme song this week: "Your Boyfriend Sucks" by the Ataris.

Cancer (June 21- July 22): Money seems to be all you are concerning yourself with lately. You need to step back and reflect on the truly important things in your life. Your theme song this week: "Alien She" by Bikini Kill.

Leo (July 23- August 22): Yes, it is cold and rainy, but you should spend an afternoon outside in the fresh air. Remember to wear plenty of layers in order to avoid getting sick. Your theme song this week: "Rock the Casbah" by The Clash.

Virgo (August 23- September 22): Are you ready for a change?

Yes... then be prepared! No... then you had better lock yourself in a dark closet because change is on its way... and it's coming for you! Your theme song this week: "About a Girl That Don't Want Me" by Diesel Boy.

Libra (September 23- October 22): You have been feeling left out of many things lately. Inside jokes go way over your head and people who should be friendly toward you seem to be making fun of you behind your back. No worries, it's all in your head... psycho. Your theme song this week: "Clove Smoke Catharsis" by AFI.

Scorpio (October 23- November 21): It may not seem like the case right now, but you are doing a great deal to help those around you. They will be responsive and let you know how much they appreciate it. Your theme

song this week: "Room Without a Window" by Operation Ivy.

Sagittarius (November 22- December 21): You have a spring in your step and a mule in your cart. The world is your toaster and all is well. If you get bored, stop shampooing for a week and see what happens. Your theme song this week: "All My Best Friends Are Metal Heads" by Less Than Jake.

Capricorn (December 22- January 19): Avoid eating poultry at all costs. In fact, you should probably avoid meat products in general. Actually, you should not eat anything but rye bread for at least two weeks. Also, buy a new vacuum cleaner. Your theme song this week: "Take the Reins" by Tsunami Bomb.

Aquarius (January 20- February 18):

You have something in your possession that is coveted by many. You should do one of two things with this item. A) Lock it away in a dark room guarded by Dobermans so no one can take it from you; or B) make it into a necklace and wear it around all the time, flaunting your highly sought-after object like a Christmas tree ornament. Your theme song this week: "Oi to the World" by the Vandals.

Pisces (February 19- March 20): Expect to meet a special person this week. He or she could be a new love interest or simply a future best friend. Or someone who is willing to loan you lots of money so you can take that trip to Greenland you have always dreamed of. Your theme song this week: "Everybody's Girl" by the Dwarves.