

SHY GUY

No offense, fans! But Orlando Bloom is ready to put *Pirates* behind him

Shy is the name of **Orlando Bloom's** character in the gritty thriller *Haven*, and it's also a fair description of the actor. British-born Bloom, 29, talked to *Scoop* about his embarrassment doing love scenes, keeping his own love life private—and Marlon “Hottie” Brando.

Your costar Zoë Saldaña tells us that kissing you was “gross.” How could she?

I hated kissing Zoë too! I was like, “Take your tongue out of my mouth, please. Your boyfriend is standing right there.” Most people think kissing beautiful costars must be great. But it's always awkward, man.

***Haven*, about doomed teenage love on Grand Cayman, is darker than your big blockbusters. Did that appeal to you?**

Some people have said it's too hard-core for teenage audiences. But it deals with [real] issues. You go on vacation, sit by the pool, go to the bar. . . . In this movie you get to see the underbelly of . . . the Cayman Islands.

You've reportedly split with Kate Bosworth.

People always ask me whether [we're] together or not. It's still nobody's business.

Fair enough. Can you give us an update on *Pirates of the Caribbean*?

We're in the middle of part 3. I've *loved* working on *Pirates*, but I'm looking forward to new projects. When you do a movie that's so successful, people think that's all you've done. “Oh, he's that pirate guy!”

Or “that heartthrob guy”?

That doesn't bother me. Name any of my heroes, and they were hotties. Brando was a pinup, so was James Dean, Paul Newman. I'm not going to [rest] on my “teen hottie” laurels. I have aspirations to do more than that. [Still] they're very loyal fans, those teenage girls! I definitely appreciate them.

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Bloom calls movie kisses “technical and strange.”

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