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Dashing Pvt. Benjamin star reveals movie left him broke



Armand Assante and
Goldie Hawn.

ARMAND ASSANTE — who shot to fame as Goldie Hawn's co-star in Private Benjamin — says the hit movie left him broke and out of work.

The 31-year-old actor claimed the movie shot him up the Hollywood ladder — where he suddenly found himself in competition with some of the biggest names in the business.

"I lost a lot of roles," Assante says. "One to Paul Newman, another to Clint Eastwood. I was competing against people you just can't compete with.

"Private Benjamin also left the impression I am French (he was born in New York City) — and that didn't help my career. It made it even tougher to get roles in Hollywood."

And Assante admits that at one point — despite his newfound fame — he was flat broke.

How do you go broke after a hit movie? Assante shrugs: "The way I spend money?"

But now he's turned the corner and is playing detective Mike Hammer in the film of Mickey Spillane's I, The Jury — which is being filmed on location in New York.

Assante complains though that the movie is being put together too fast. "We have to do six weeks' work in three," he says.

So quickly is the film being shot that he barely had time to get to know leading lady Barbara Carrera before they had to strip and jump into bed for a love scene.

A similar thing happened when he made Private Benjamin. He had to do a love scene with Goldie Hawn the first day, after meeting for just a few minutes.

He is playing his love scenes in real life with beautiful Karen McArn whom he met in a trendy Los Angeles restaurant.

Assante says he's not married because he's never met the right person. But now hugging Karen he confesses: "I am thinking about it. Karen is the first girl I have ever discussed it with."



A BAD alibi is like dead fish — it cannot stand the test of time. —
Movie detective Charlie Chan.

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