

DOUBLE
TALK

Jennifer Lawrence & Joel Edgerton

TEAMING UP FOR THE SPY THRILLER *RED SPARROW*, THE OSCAR WINNER AND THE ACCLAIMED AUSSIE ACTOR TALK ACCENTS, WEIRD HABITS AND... THEIR SECRET BABY?

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Their new spy thriller *Red Sparrow* may be deadly serious—Jennifer Lawrence plays a Russian trained to use her sexuality as a weapon, and Edgerton is the CIA operative hoping to turn her into a double agent—but in real life they spend a lot of time joking around. “We wanted you to know we’re expecting a baby!” Lawrence jokes. Edgerton pats his belly and adds, “I don’t think it’s a baby, but there’s something in there.” The Kentucky-raised Oscar winner, 27, and the Australian actor, 43, chatted about set life and who’s weirder.

You filmed all around Eastern Europe.

What was that like?

LAWRENCE Freezing. It was a record-breaking winter! Everywhere I shoot, I seem to make it for their record-breaking cold winter.

EDGERTON But we had a lot of fun after work, going to dinners and such.

LAWRENCE The director [Francis Lawrence] and camera guys were from *Hunger Games*, so it was an O.G. [original gangster] crew. It was a hard group to get into, but Joel made it.

EDGERTON I felt like I was visiting someone else’s Thanksgiving dinner.

You both have accents in the film—Russian and American. Was that hard?

LAWRENCE It was daunting. I had to do a lot of homework. Once I got on-set and in costume, I was living and breathing her, so it was easier. Last night I tried to do it [again], and it came out sounding Jamaican!

EDGERTON I feel like Australians do American accents well because we all watched American TV growing up. Every afternoon I was glued to the TV watching *Brady Bunch*, *Happy Days*. By the way, Jen, you need to get an Australian accent now that we’re having a baby and raising it in Australia.

Which one of you is weirder?

LAWRENCE Joel. Genuinely. He came over for the Mayweather fight and had all these pens in his pocket, and I was like, “Why do you have so many pens?” And he goes, “And a breadstick!” And just pulled a breadstick out of his pocket and started eating it.

EDGERTON What’s weird about that?

LAWRENCE What’s weird about me? He’s got nothing. My weirdest habit is reading.

EDGERTON The weirdest thing about Jennifer is just howf----- normal she is.

LAWRENCE Oh no, now they’ll think I called myself normal and make fun of me on *Saturday Night Live*.

EDGERTON But you’re also deeply sophisticated as well.

LAWRENCE What? Write that down! I’ve always thought deep down that I was a little bit sophisticated too, but I was always afraid to ask. ●



Spy vs. Spy

“There’s a lot of stuff in this movie that’s disturbing,” says Lawrence (with Edgerton in *Red Sparrow*).