

# ANDY LEA & MIKE WARD'S BIG STREAM

**COME AS YOU ARE (NR)**  
(Digital now)

★★★★  
DON'T be put off by the storyline. Come As You Are may be the funniest, warmest comedy of the year.

It's about three Colorado men who have a problem getting sex - like you do - only these three have various disabilities, which makes it even harder to get off with women.

Our three unlikely heroes hatch a plot to flee their overbearing parents and go on a road trip to Canada, where there is a brothel that specialises in helping blokes like them.

Remarkably, it's based on the real story of Leeds-based Asta Philpot.

There are tons of laughs along the way with pitch-perfect performances from Grant Rosenmeyer, Ravi Patel and Hayden Szeto as the differently abled virgins and Gabourey Sidibe (of Precious fame) as their laconic driver.

Rosenmeyer is the star of the movie as Scotty, who is paralysed from the neck down. "Apart from my mouth," he says, "the only part of me that works is my junk."

Near-blind Ravi Patel is Mo. Naturally, at one point he gets to drive the van.

Completing the team is Hayden Szeto as former athlete Matt, now also in a wheelchair.

His tragic secret will unfold later. Director Richard Wong

# Virgins take a rude trip!

## COMEDY OF THE YEAR



ALL ABOARD: Trio of unlikely heroes and their laconic driver

knows when to let the scenes run. I bet there was a lot of improv as the lead actors spark off each other.

There is high emotion but there is, erm, a satisfying finish.

By this time, you will have forgotten that this is a film about disability.

You'll laugh a lot, cry a bit and think for a few days afterwards. What more can you ask?  
**DENIS MANN**



DEAD SLOW: Alfre Woodward as prison boss

## Execution tale is a real killer...

**CLEMENCY (15)**  
(Curzon Home Cinema now)

★★★★  
ALFRE Woodward plays a US prison boss slowly falling apart as she oversees her 12th execution. And we do mean slowly.

The pace is glacial as everyone involved agonises over their part in the state-sponsored killing of a man.

Woodard is a fine actor. She can convey meaning in the smallest gesture. And there is strong support. You suspect the ponderous approach is deliberate to create a mood of impending doom.

But I just wanted Clemency to give me a break. Dead Man Walking? More like Dead Man Crawling. **DENIS MANN**

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**Fantasy Island on DVD**

OUT this week on DVD and Blu-ray is supernatural thriller Fantasy Island. Starring Michael Peña, Maggie Q and Lucy Hale, it's set in a tropical resort where you get to have your fantasies come true - only to see them turn into living nightmares.

For a chance to win one of six DVDs we're giving away, tell us in which of these Netflix crime dramas Michael Peña also starred: (A) Narcos: Mexico (B) Better Call Saul (C) Ozark

Email your answer (with "Fantasy Island" as the subject), plus your name, address and mobile number, to starcompetitions@dailystar.co.uk. Entries close at midnight this Sunday, July 19. Normal Daily Star rules apply. The Editor's decision is final.



OFF TARGET: Spooky soldier tale misses badly

## IT'S BATTLE OF THE BILGE

**GHOSTS OF WAR (18)**  
(Digital now)

★★★★  
WHAT happened here? Ghosts of War is an efficient war horror film, then it suddenly goes off the rails.

Five US soldiers turn up to guard a French château in World War Two. It was previously held by the Nazis who did what Nazis

do to the owners and their kids. The family want revenge from beyond the grave, so we get the usual horror devices to make you jump out of your skin. It works, in a formulaic sort of way.

But after an almighty twist about an hour in your yelps of fear will turn into snorts of derision. Avoid. **DENIS MANN**

## Now available on all leading platforms

**CURSED (18)**  
(Netflix from today)

★★★★  
THIS 10-parter takes a story as old as time (well, more or less) and adds an inventive twist.

The ancient tale of Arthur, Merlin, the sword and all that sorcery gubbins has been re-imagined as "a coming-of-age story whose themes are familiar to our own time: the obliteration of the natural world, religious terror, senseless war, and finding the courage to lead in the face of the impossible".

So there you go. It's

told through the eyes of mysterious Nimue (Katherine Langford), who's destined to become the Lady of the Lake. Peter Mullan also stars. **MW**

**PIRANHAS (15)**  
(Digital from tomorrow)

★★★★  
YOU know it's going to end badly for the Piranhas the first time we see them.

They are teen wannabe gangsters, sliding into a life of crime amid the grime of the backstreets of Naples.

We see them sell their first drugs, snort their first line,

steal their first pistol, take their first life.

There are lots of scooters, too, and moody rides through Neapolitan scenery, so it's not all bad.

Piranhas, an Italian production with subtitles, is at its best when charismatic Nicola (Francesco De Napoli) hangs out with his 15-year-old mates, learning the ropes via video games and YouTube. The easy money brings glamour, designer clothes and gangster chic furniture for mum.

But the tragic arc is all too obvious and

director Claudio Giovanessi resorts to Mob clichés well before the bloody end. **DENIS MANN**

**WE HUNT TOGETHER (18)**  
(DVD)

★★★★  
IN this excellent, edgy thriller Eve Myles and Babou Ceesay play mismatched murder cops on the trail of a psycho and her sickeningly brutal pal.

Hermione Corfield is Freddy, a disturbed young woman who's persuaded ex-soldier Baba (Dipo Ola) to help her settle a few old personal scores. **MW**



TWISTED: Peter Mullan stars in Cursed