

THIS IS JAI.
HE IS WEARING
A SUIT.
AND A
PARACHUTE.
ANY
QUESTIONS?

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ABOUT THE SUITS:
AFTER YEARS
OF EXPERIMENTING
WITH BIG
PATTERNS AND
BRIGHT COLORS,
DESIGNERS
ARE FINDING NEW
LIFE IN STRIPPED-
DOWN, DARK-
AS-NIGHT TWO-
PIECE SUITS.



ABOUT JAI

Twenty-eight years old and known best for busting Bruce Willis's balls in *A Good Day to Die Hard*, Jai Courtney has a few things going on in 2015. He's in *Unbroken*, the World War II POW drama in theaters now. He's in the *Terminator* reboot (playing the lead role originated by Michael Biehn). He's in *The Water Diviner*, a World War I-era movie directed by fellow Australian Russell Crowe. And he's currently filming *Man Down*, a postapocalyptic thriller. (He plays military types in all of them; hence the parachute and assorted military hardware.) Here we have a drink—or three—with Courtney as he steels himself for the year ahead.

—ANNA PEELE

JAI COURTNEY: How long will this interview be?

ESQUIRE: It'll be over once we stop having fun. We can have an interview safe word.

JC: "I'm not having fun anymore."

ESQ: I saw a bunch of your films over the weekend. Objectively, *A Good Day to Die Hard* is not the best *Die Hard* movie.

JC: Definitely not the



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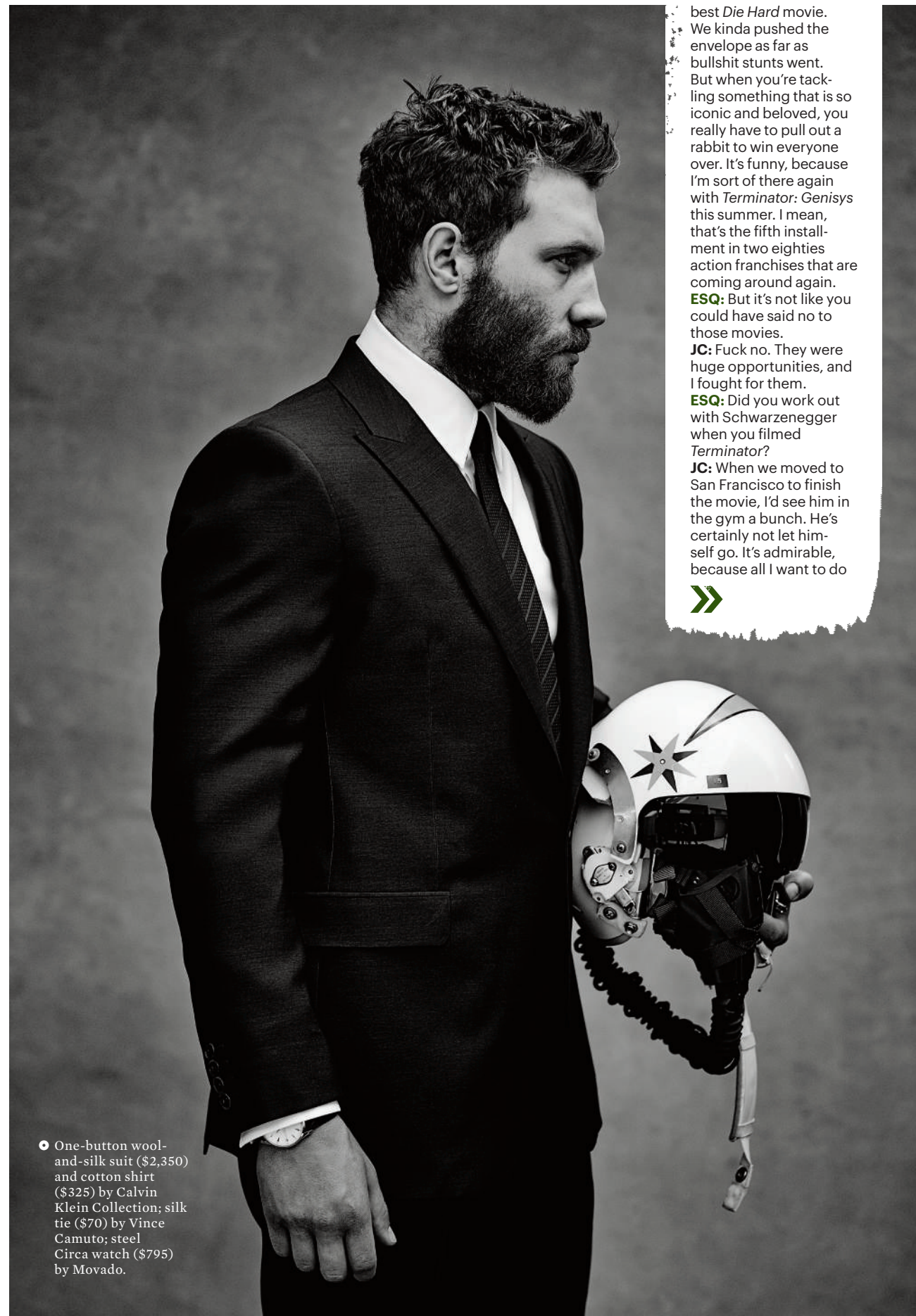
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ESQ
STYLE





Two-button
mohair-and-wool
suit (\$3,440) and
cotton shirt (\$520)
by Prada; silk tie
(\$205) by Erme-
gildo Zegna.



One-button wool-
and-silk suit (\$2,350)
and cotton shirt
(\$325) by Calvin
Klein Collection; silk
tie (\$70) by Vince
Camuto; steel
Circa watch (\$795)
by Movado.

best *Die Hard* movie. We kinda pushed the envelope as far as bullshit stunts went. But when you're tackling something that is so iconic and beloved, you really have to pull out a rabbit to win everyone over. It's funny, because I'm sort of there again with *Terminator: Genisys* this summer. I mean, that's the fifth installment in two eighties action franchises that are coming around again.

ESQ: But it's not like you could have said no to those movies.

JC: Fuck no. They were huge opportunities, and I fought for them.

ESQ: Did you work out with Schwarzenegger when you filmed *Terminator*?

JC: When we moved to San Francisco to finish the movie, I'd see him in the gym a bunch. He's certainly not let himself go. It's admirable, because all I want to do



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is get old and drop the weights and get fat. You know, not *fat fat*, but just—I don't want to care one day. Fuck, I want to eat that bread so bad.

ESQ: Who cares? Eat a piece of bread.

JC: Yeah, but I'm on a strict thing.

ESQ: Have half a piece of bread. See how you feel.

JC: Definitely can't smoke in here, can I?

ESQ: No, but I doubt anyone would care.

JC: I think they won't, will they? [*He lights a cigarette.*] I'll just do it until I get told not to.

ESQ: She's coming.

JC: She's going to tell me I can't smoke here. [*He hides the cigarette under the table.*]

WAITRESS [*Looking at the smoke rising from the cigarette he is clearly holding*]: Anything else here?

JC: I think we're all right. [*The waitress leaves.*]

ESQ: Told you. So you're here on a break from filming *Man Down* with Shia LaBeouf, right?

JC: And Gary Oldman. I'd met him once before, at an industry thing. I'd



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introduced myself to Russell Crowe—this was before we worked together—and we had an exchange for a second and he kind of moved on. Then I got a tap on the shoulder, and it was Russell and he goes, “We’re going to smoke a joint if you want to join, mate.” And I was like, “Fuck yeah, I do.” So we smoked that, and maybe half an hour later I found myself chatting to a few other people, and Gary Oldman was one of them. And I was like, *This is a trip, dude*. What a fuckin’ legend... What’re we doing now, anyway? Are we going to another bar?

ESQ: You want to go out?

JC: Fuck it, yeah. I mean, you’ve made me have three fucking Bloody Marys. I’m drinking now.

The following six hours were off the record, so we cannot reveal which movie star Courtney says smokes “dick-sized” cigars indoors with impunity; or which very famous actor once fellated Courtney’s pinkie finger; or how together we pulled a very good prank on a friend of Courtney’s. But we can tell you this: He is a generous storyteller, a world-class ballbuster, and a credit to the good people of Australia.



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