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# MINI TROUPER

**A**ctor Verne Troyer yells and curses his way through the upcoming Mike Myers comedy "The Love Guru," as the hard-nosed coach of a Canadian hockey team. When he isn't bawling out his players or hitting on the hot owner (Jessica Alba), he's trading insults with Myers, who tosses little-person insults at the diminutive actor — and has them all tossed right back at him with an added spin and a quick punch to the crotch.

Troyer, best-known for his role as Mini-Me in the "Austin Powers" movies, clearly gives as good as he gets — and Myers loves it.

**You clearly have a very similar and silly sense of humor to Myers. Are there any jokes you ever object to?**

Not really. The way I look at it is, it's a movie. You've got to be able to have fun with it and laugh at it. If it were outside the movie, yeah, some of that stuff would be insulting.

**Do people in your community ever give you grief for appearing in a film where Myers refers to you as a Keebler elf, or pretends you're an Oscar statue?**

Like I said, get over it. I'm sorry; it doesn't offend me. Why should it offend you?

**My favorite scene in "The Love Guru" is where Myers, Alba and others come to your office for a meeting and it's scaled down to your size, so they're sitting on tiny couches and their heads scrape the ceiling.**

We used that set for a lot of interviews I did, with reporters sitting on the small couch while I sat at the desk. When I walk into that room, it's like stepping into a different world.

**And you get the last joke in the film: In a blooper during the end credits, an off-camera voice complains that the camera is only showing you and a bunch of**

**rear ends — which is all you see at your eye level.**

And I say, "Now you know what it's like" [laughs]. I just saw a screening two weeks ago. I didn't know they caught that on film.

**I'm sure people still bring up the reality show "The Surreal Life," where you were naked and urinating on camera in the corner of a weight room.**

Yeah, they do. I am tired of it. That's in the past. I did it and I'm just moving on. I had understanding and learning from that experience. It was not a great time in my life. I'm very happy right now. I've changed

a lot of things. I'm taking care of myself.

**You did your first voice work for a video game on Postal III and you've been a pitchman for the online game World of Warcraft. Are you still really into gaming?**

It's hard to stop. The new Grand Theft Auto just came out and I was up for two days.

**It's been five years since Mike Myers' last live-action film. Do you ever wish he wouldn't take so long?**

I do, as long as I'm in 'em. Write something else!

Michael Giltz

