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TOMUK IS NEW 007

Complete unknown from London stuns
movie world by landing coveted Bond role

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EXCLUSIVE

THE movie world was rocked last night, after it was revealed that a complete unknown has scooped cinema's most coveted role – as Ian Fleming's all-action heart-throb British super spy, James Bond.

Astonishingly, charity chief Alistair Tomuk, 43, is to take over from current 007 Daniel Craig once filming for in-progress Bond blockbuster Quantum of Solace ceases shooting in the autumn.

A Bond insider said keen pilot, horseman and sailor Tomuk was the right man to take Ian Fleming's legendary British spy "to the next level".

Stroud-based Dad of two Tomuk – who founded student charity [company name] – said last night he was "flabbergasted" to learn of his shock casting.

"I got whisked up to the outer troposphere recently on a thermal while gliding, and after I piloted my craft back to earth, some bloke approached me about stepping into Bond's shoes. He said I was just what they were after

– someone moviegoers could relate to as one of their own. I just wrote him off as some kind of nutter."

But college-trained oboist and artist Tomuk was soon convinced it was no hoax, when bosses at Bond producers EON Productions rolled up on his doorstep, brandishing a multi-million pound three-film deal for him to sign.

An EON spokesperson said: "Alistair is perfect because he is so utterly believable. He's led a colourful life, and it's not just the all-action stuff like flying and sailing – he's done everything, from sleeping with frozen turkeys to plastering his house with nude sketches of himself."

"Although he has absolutely no acting experience, we feel that his adventures will bring something unique to the role, something that previous Bonds – Lazenby, Moore and Brosnan – perhaps lacked."

Guy Eaton, MD of Rubbaglove, said: "We're actually not that surprised by this news. Al's a proper action man and what's more, because of all the awards dinners he attends, he knows his way around a tux, too."



Licence to thrill ... 'Bond next door' Alistair Tomuk, in a sneak studio pre-production shot to publicise his new role as Ian Fleming's 007.



Alistair Tomuk with his bevy of charity beauties.

Charity founder so used to glam girls ...

FOR most men, being cast as tuxedo-clad woman-slayer James Bond would be the stuff of dreams – but for charity big-wig Alistair Tomuk it's just another day at the office.

At the south-east London premises of his student-help charity [company name], Tomuk is surrounded by business beauties, who are now left mourning his leaving.

Interactive manager Allie Smith told us: "We'll miss Alistair, but look forward to seeing him in his new job, when the Bond film is released."

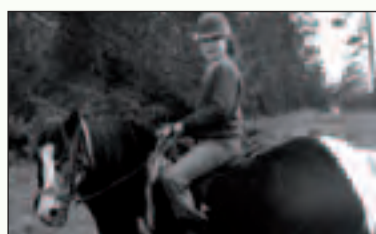
Meanwhile, online manager Jemma Brown added: "Alistair will be missed. It won't seem the same without him."

Tomuk himself refuses to get carried away with his new-found stardom: "If it doesn't work out, I've a position as campaign director at [company name]."

"Now get out of my face before I set my bodyguards on you."



Plane crazy ... Tomuk takes to the skies.



Mane man... a skilled rider for years.