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**Jensen:** It was all title and no award, to be honest. They named us that in the magazine but we didn't get a trophy or anything like that.

#### Do you feel like sex symbols?

**Jensen:** Obviously it's really flattering to be called that, but it's hard to kind of wear that title, a little awkward.

**Jared:** We've both come to learn that Hollywood will paint you whatever colour it wants to paint you and you don't have much say in it. I hear the sex symbol thing, laugh, shrug it off and go back to work.

#### So you don't look in the mirror and think 'God, I'm sexy'?

**Jared:** [Laughs] Absolutely not!

**Jensen:** Are you kidding?

#### Have the producers of *Supernatural* ever pressurised you into whipping your tops off on the show?

**Jared:** That happened more on other shows I've done, like *Gilmore Girls*. Eric Kripke [*Supernatural's* creator] is more committed to having our characters being normal guys rather than turning it into a skinfest.

**Jensen:** The thing is, when you get skin on camera it distracts you from what's going on. It becomes the focal point of the scene. 'Oh look at his chest, look at his abdominals' or 'Look at her boobs'... It's too much of a distraction.

**Jared:** Out of 180 days filming, I only had my shirt off once. Our characters spend so much time in motel rooms so there'd be plenty of opportunities for them to say: 'In this scene you're shirtless'.

**Jensen:** You'll get the odd director who'll come in and say: 'You know what'd be really great would be if you could start the scene with your shirt

off.' That'd be just as corny as saying: 'Can you shed a tear at this point?'

#### That's a shame... Not about the tears, but the fact you won't go topless more often!

**Jared:** A shame for you, maybe. I'm a little self-conscious about my body. That's why I love to wear hoodies because you can get cosy and eat some food and your belly doesn't show.'

#### Jared, you've worked with Paris Hilton and the Olsen Twins. Does that level of fame appeal to you?

**Jared:** Not at all, but it's easy to avoid it. I see through all that bullshit. I mean, you hear Nick Lachey saying stuff like 'I don't wanna be famous, I'm just a normal guy'. Meanwhile he's at every nightclub in Los Angeles, he eats at The Ivy every day. These people go 'Man, I wish I could avoid this shit'. Then don't eat in Malibu with your shirt off or go jogging down Sunset Boulevard in crotchless underwear.

**Jensen:** Some people will go to the opening of an envelope. They live their lives in the public eye and they get off on it, they need it. They need that kind of adoration. If their name isn't in the tabloids once a week they feel like a failure. I choose to live more of a private life, as does Jared. We just don't believe in that thing of 'it doesn't matter what they're saying so long as they're talking about you'.

#### How do people treat you when you go home to Texas?

**Jensen:** Every situation is different. You get people who freak out on you, who get all nervous, their hands are shaking and clammy. Then you get someone who is like: 'Yo man, I like your show, it's cool.'

**Jared:** I've noticed, and not just in Texas, that we have a much larger male audience which is really cool for me after *Gilmore Girls*. It is cool to have guys come up and be like 'Man, your show kicks ass'. I don't want to be like Freddy Prinze Jr, just doing stuff for a bunch of little girls.

#### What's the weirdest thing a fan has ever said or written to you?

**Jensen:** I've gotten spells sent to me in the mail. They write: 'Here is a spell for good health.' Do I do them? Hell, no! They freak me out. There are oils in the package and crushed herbs - very Blair Witch.

**Jared:** I haven't received any spells. The weirdest thing anyone has ever said to me is nothing at all. They just stood there with this dead stare on their faces, like a deer in the headlights. I was like: 'Did you die on me?'

**Jensen:** It always amuses me when people come up and say: 'Where do I know you from?' Do I then go through my resume or just joke that we were in the same English class?

#### The show has been compared to *Buffy*...

**Jared:** That was a great show and obviously went for several seasons and had a huge fan base, but I like to think that our show is different. I think it is less campy. Plus we don't have supernatural powers like Angel or Willow. Our show is more of a blue collar, in-your-face scary horror.

#### What scares you?

**Jensen:** I can't think of a specific phobia. I am not scared of heights, drowning or flying. If something does scare me then it pisses me off so I want to figure out why and I want to ►