

Attorney equally crazy in private, to say the least

The star of Boston Legal: I have never worked more than four months in a row

Hollywood - **The creator of Boston Legal, David Kelley, searched for an eccentric to play the role of the lawyer Alan Shore. The question is whether he realised what kind of a jackpot he hit with James Spader.**

The actor is as unique in private as he is on TV.

"I'm just coming from the adjacent production hangar..." Spader, 45, takes a long break while he very meticulously polishes his thick glasses. "We were supposed to film an outdoor scene." A new, long pause. "There were pigeons flying under the ceiling. Many of them. They had gone there in some hollow space."

Spader turns his look towards the ceiling of our interview room, which constitutes the meeting room of the Boston Legal fleet in Raleigh Studios in Manhattan Beach.

"That was the most tumultuous I have been around with."

He looks at the interviewer as if he had just revealed a secret on nuclear weapons.



"Loves to live well." James Spader is not totally different from the Boston Legal attorney Alan Shore, in private. Aftonbladet met the star during production in Raleigh Studios.

You have said that there is only one reason to work. Do you still have that attitude?

Spader's gaze is as the one Alan Shore uses when he is forced to express thoughts that he thinks are well beneath his dignity.

Lives well.

"No... Well... Yes... I mean... "

(Deep sigh)

"I get sucked into my own life so easily."

How do you mean?

"Sometimes we all have to pay rent, right?"

He tenses his gaze, as he did in the acclaimed "Secretary", and deepens his voice.

"Acting is psychotic."

Resulting question are brushed off as if it was a protest from Alan Shore's partner, Denny Crane. Suddenly he is no longer tongue-tied.

"I love to live well, to eat well. I have done that for a long time."

And?

"This is my job. Before I jumped into this show, I had never worked longer than four months in a row. That was one of the reasons why I took the job. It is like training for me."

In many cases you seem much like your character. Do you agree?

A new glance from Spader says, "You must be from Mars!"

"Alan is the kind of person who is worried and unhappy when he is praised for something he does well. He is a bit emotionally disordered. Am I that way?"

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