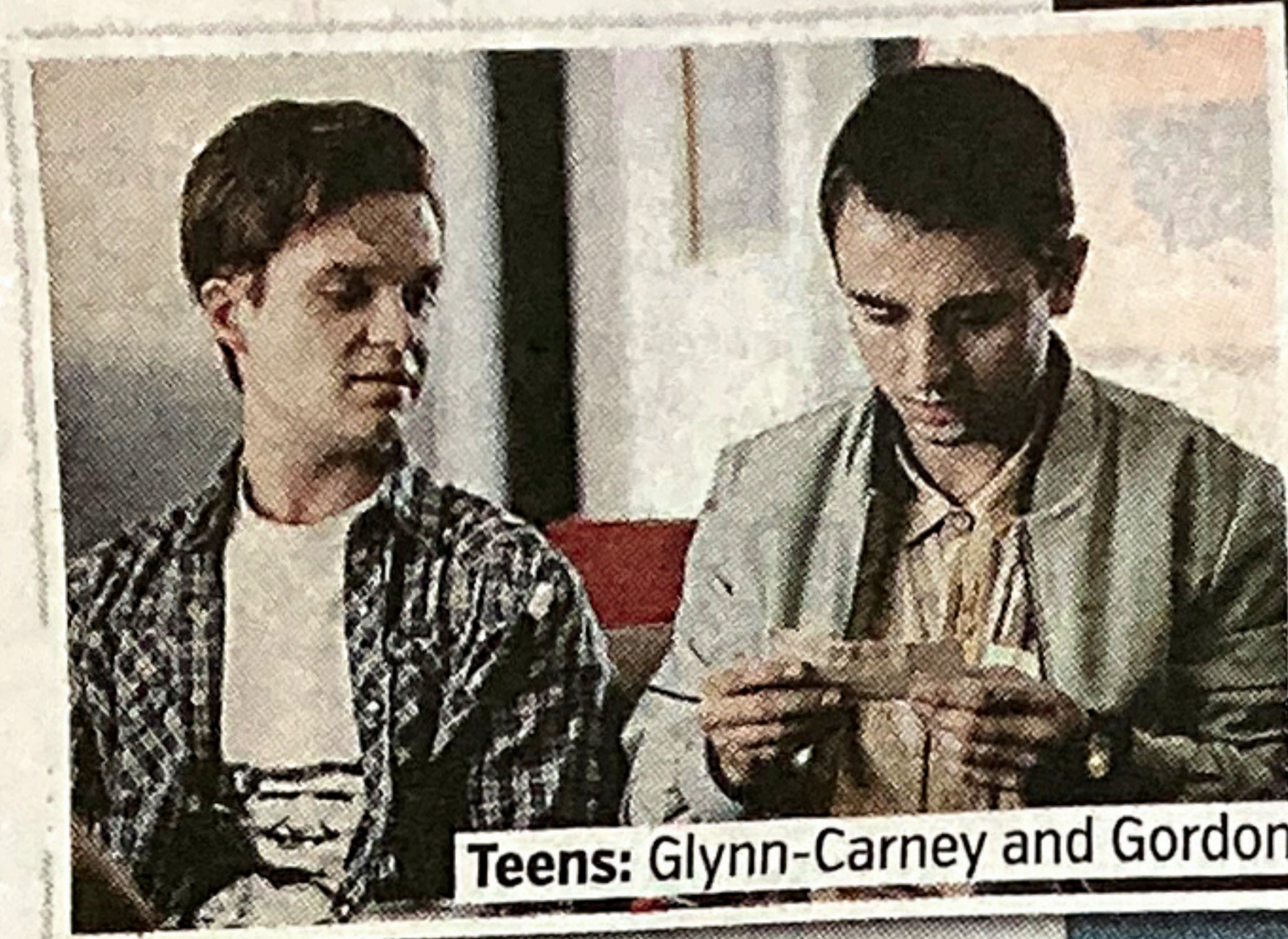


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Teens: Glynn-Carney and Gordon

ON MUSIC...

MARTIN COMPSTON: Andrew O'Hagan's novel *Mayflies* is based on his experiences and his pals' passions, films and music. Me and my pals missed Britpop, Oasis and Blur. Music was s*** when we were growing up - it was f***ing Hear'Say and Pop Idol. And then, all of a sudden, Arctic Monkeys come out and it just changed everything.

TONY CURRAN: The first band that comes into my head from my teenage years is The Jam. I f***ing loved The Jam. I bumped into Paul Weller in London, literally bumped into him as I was coming out of somewhere on Old Compton Street. I was going to see him in Finsbury Park that night. He had two boxes. The guy dresses like a legend so he had these two shoeboxes. I went, 'Sorry mate.' He was like, 'It's all right, mate. It's all right.' I couldn't speak. I was like, 'It's your man!'

MC: Bizarrely, Arctic Monkeys tie in with *Mayflies*. The *Big Issue* wanted me to preview their new album so I was out with them in a field in Budapest when the offer for this part came through at 2am. I was like, 'Am I tripping?' I called Tony in LA. I said, 'Is this really happening?' He said, 'Yeah, wee man, it's real. Read the scripts.' I was like, 'I'll call you tomorrow when I'm sober.' A week later I was on set with Tony.

ON MOVIES...

MC: I was an Indiana Jones fanatic. I remember my mum at a party saying, 'He refused to answer to



Changed it all: Arctic Monkeys' Alex Turner



Young at heart



Intense: Tracy Ifeachor's Iona

Heartfelt: Ashley Jensen's Anna

Old friends, new troubles: Tony Curran, left, and Martin Compston in BBC1's *Mayflies*

BBC1 DRAMA *MAYFLIES* EXPLORES A FRIENDSHIP FORGED BY FILMS, FOOTIE AND MUSIC. STARS TONY CURRAN AND MARTIN COMPSTON RECALL THEIR TEENS TO **PAUL SIMPER**

any other name but *Indy* for a year.' I thought she was talking pish and she'd embellished the story a bit. I said, 'Come on, Mum.' So she went up and got this photograph and it's me standing, this tiny wee guy with my fedora on and leather jacket and whip.

TC: I've always been a huge Jimmy Cagney fan. There's a film, *Angels With Dirty Faces*, where he's walking to the electric chair. He's told the priest that he's not going to squeal but then he loses it. I get goosebumps talking about it. Later the priest informs the kids, 'He squealed.' He wasn't the heroic figure they thought. That always touched me.

MC: The big quote from a film that meant a lot to me as a kid was from *Stand By Me*. It's that final line where Richard Dreyfuss types, 'I never had any friends later on like the ones I had when I was 12. Jesus, does anyone?'

ON FOOTBALL...

MC: At one primary school assembly, me and my pals sang 'Sack the board!' when Celtic were going bust and we didn't have a stadium. All the teachers were trying to get us to sit down. We were having our own little protest, as if the Celtic board was going to hear us in Greenock.

TC: I'm also a Celtic fan. I remember the 1988 Scottish Cup final. We were getting beaten 1-0 by Dundee United and the dream of the double was over.

Five minutes later we'd won it. I was thrown about in this heap. I was there with my friend from New York, Sean Conaghan, who is a bit like Jimmy, Martin's character in *Mayflies*, and it's like Jimmy and Tully's relationship. That was one of the moments when I fell in love with Celtic.

MC: I was a teenager for the 2000 Celtic v Rangers 6-2 when Martin O'Neill came in as manager. Henrik Larsson scored the most beautiful goal I've ever seen live. I was there with my brother. In the west of Scotland we don't show any emotion to each other except when you're at the football. There are moments of pure gold.

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT *MAYFLIES*

Mayflies is a story about the enduring power of teenage friendship. We meet Jimmy [Line Of Duty's Martin Compston] and Tully [Outlaw King's Tony Curran] in Glasgow in 1986 forming a bond based on music, movies and rebellion, all culminating in an epic weekend in Manchester. Thirty years later and the two are drawn back together when Tully calls up Jimmy with news that will test their friendship to its limits. Ashley Jensen also stars as Tully's wife, Anna, and Tracy Ifeachor is Jimmy's wife, Iona. Tom Glynn-Carney and Rian Gordon play the younger versions of Tully and Jimmy.

Mayflies starts on BBC1 on Wed, Dec 28