

Just Need a Little Help Now and Then

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“Of all the things I ever lost, I miss my mind the most.”

A while back, my sister Rosie and I were talking about some of our favorite old movies and how we liked the originals much better than the more modern remakes that seem to star Special Effects over the characters or the plot. “With one exception,” she said. I actually liked the updated version of *The Shining* better. I never did like Jack Nicholson.”

“Oh yeah,” I said, “the one with Timothy Dalton. I saw him recently in a sweet little movie called *The Outsider*, with, uh ... the pretty blonde gal who was in *King Kong*.”

“Jessica Lang?” she said. “I don’t like Jessica Lang.”

“No, the other one. The one with all the dinosaurs.”

“Oh, she said. “I didn’t see that version. Anyway, the guy who was in *The Shining* wasn’t Timothy Dalton, but I can’t think of his name.”

“Oh, no wait. You’re right,” I said. “It wasn’t him. It was the guy who played his partner – years ago – in some series about airplanes.” “Yes, that’s the one,” she said. “But it wasn’t Timothy Dalton, I think it was Tim Daly.”

“Oh, you’re right. Except it wasn’t Tim Daly, it was his partner.”

This describes the sorts of conversations that take place between my sister and me these days. But there is hope. There is the Internet!

So when I got home I looked up Tim Daly, whose partner in the TV series *Wings* was Steven Weber. Steven Weber played the crazed husband in the remake of *The Shining*. And then I looked up *King Kong* to find the name of the pretty blonde actress who was in the version I was referring to. Her name is Naomi Watts.

And Naomi Watts and Tim Daly starred in the movie I saw recently called *The Outsider*. Timothy Dalton and Jessica Lang had nothing to do with it.

I’m not really losing it. I just need a little help now and then. Oh, thank heaven for the Internet!