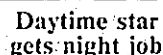


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Last year, Charles 'Shaughnessy' (Shane, *Days of Our Lives*) said he was frustrated with the stigma attached to daytime actors.' It wasn't that he wanted to leave the daytime forum, he just wanted the chance to do other projects. Ironically, his daytime exposure recently helped get him parts in a new CBS pilot tentatively titled *McHale and Groom* and the CBS movie *Days*.

"The daytime stigma is still there, but there is a slight consent. I recently did a pilot for CBS, but the way I got in to see them was kind of a strange twist of good fortune," says Shaughnessy.

The head of casting at Universal Studios was sick in bed one night and she just happened to see me on the *Soap Opera Digest Awards*. I was sitting at the table looking distraught when I didn't win. She thought that I looked like the kind of person who might be right for this pilot. So she found out who I was and called my agent. That's how I got the job," Shaughnessy explains.

In *Dayo*, Shaughnessy's character, Ben Connors, is the husband of Grace Connors (Delta Burke).

"Della is a lovely person and we had fun working together," says Shaughnessy. "The movie is a sweet, charming, family movie. It's quite a change from all the 'disease of the week' and 'I killed my daughter' movies."

So what has Shane been doing on Days during all this time?

...The last thing I know, he was in his wheelchair banging his fist on a table saying, 'I will walk. Dammit,' and then the next minute he is never heard from for four weeks," laughs Shaughnessy.

"I think they [the producers of *Days*] were a bit miffed when I went off to do the pilot, so it's like 'you sit and stew in your wheelchair and think about what you've done and when you are sorry you can come back,'" jokes the actor.

And that's a big "if" in the world of prime time, the pilot is picked up, we may be saying goodbye to Shane. But for now, Shaughnessy's happy with his daytime gig and plans to be around for a while.

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