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STOP COMPLAINING ABOUT BEING A VIRGIN

Comedian Steve Carell had an idea about a nerdy guy who plays poker with three buddies and is unable to keep up with their sex talk. The premise grew into the 2005 summer comedy The 40-Year-Old Virgin. Screenwriter and star Carell subscribed to the theory that men will laugh at other men in pain. Steve insisted that an excruciating scene, where some body waxers ripped off his ample chest hair, be real. During the one and only take, the other guys on the set tried to stop from snickering while the women offered him Advil. But one lady had no sympathy. When Steve complained about how hard the shoot was, his wife reminded Carell that he wrote the scenes that required him to spend hours kissing beautiful women, while she stayed at home with their kids and she didn’t want to hear it.