

US MUSTS

A New Sob Story

Ugly criers, beware. **Emilia Clarke** and **Sam Claflin** have a heart-to-heart with *Us* about their weepy new film, *Me Before You*

"It's an incredibly moving story," Claflin tells *Us*.

Sam Claflin and Emilia Clarke tore through tissues galore on set of the romantic tearjerker *Me Before You*. "This is the first time I've done a film and didn't need assistance crying," admits Claflin, 29, who plays quadriplegic Will in the drama based on the 2012 novel (out June 3). "The story was enough!" But for Clarke — starring as Will's quirky caretaker, Louisa — sobbing on screen had its drawbacks. "I realized I look hideous," the single actress, 29, jokes. "In the future, I'm just going to pout and ask for some eye drops." *Game of Thrones*' Mother of Dragons and the *Hunger Games* alum, married to actress **Laura Haddock**, sat down with *Us*' Jamie Blynn.

Q: You have amazing chemistry in the film!



SC Fortunately, this little fella [points to Clarke] is incredibly

infectious. When she laughs, you can't help but laugh. When she cries, you cry. It's not hard to fall in love with her. There is a good person in there, and



occasionally she pops out. [Laughs.] **EC** Aww, thanks!

Q: Did you two hit it off instantly at your audition?

SC She had onion breath! **EC** I just finished filming *Terminator* and they filled me with protein powder, so I was on this weird cleanse that made my breath smell of garlic. I was actually eating raw garlic. On the day of our chemistry read, I was like, "I'm sorry if I smell." **SC** It was the first thing she said to me!

EC I was with my mom before and she was like, "You stink. You need to make it known that you're doing this weird thing."

Q: Sam, did you know Emilia from *Game of Thrones*?

EC He's a fan. He stole — **SC** I did not steal your *Game of Thrones* doll!

EC You did!

SC So day one of filming, she got this little Daenerys Targaryen bobblehead doll. Basically, she lost it, but she came on set and said, "Sam stole my doll!" So all the crew thought I was a thief. Then she found it and hid it in my bag. When I got home I went, "I did steal the doll . . . without touching it!"

Q: Sam, you play a disabled man struggling with depression. How did you prepare for the heavy role?

SC I did a lot of research. I watched so many documentaries and followed blogs. We also had people who were willing to share their own stories. Some were very uplifting and inspiring and some were not so much.

EC It was a real eye-opener, in general, for how you see disabilities and how you think people want to be treated, and how they really want to be treated.

SC In the film, one thing Will really appreciates about Lou is that she doesn't see the wheelchair, she sees the person. So often, people don't actually see there's a person sitting there.

Q: Of the two of you, who would be a better caretaker?

SC I was basically her caretaker because she was on crutches.

EC I broke my hip [by slipping and falling]. I was like, "Can I get a ride?"

SC She would sit on my lap and I would drive her around in my wheelchair.

Q: Emilia, your character is known for her eccentric outfits. What's been your biggest fashion faux pas?

EC I have an outfit I have been told I should regret. But I am like, "Nope." It's an entirely pink situation where I wore pink trousers, a pink jumper and then this pink see-through trench coat.

SC No offense, but I am going to agree with the people who are saying you shouldn't wear that! Why would you wear that in public?

Q: What movies always make you cry?

SC Aww, *Notting Hill*. Or *The Notebook*. I know that's an obvious choice.

EC *Stepmom* is one that really messes me up, where I get, like, messy crying. . . . **Julia Roberts** gets this cute little crease and that is it. Beautiful tears fall from her beautiful face.

SC I have never seen it. I'll have to have a night on my own with *Stepmom*. Grab the Kleenex!