

# Hemo2Homo Connection: The 21 Review

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## The Hemo2Homo Connection Movie Review



**Homo:** I know we decided to see this movie because it's the 21st anniversary of your pet virus, but I didn't spend my hours counting cards. I spent them counting the minutes I would never get back. I'm beginning to think that anything these days with Kevin Spacey is sure to suck.

**Hemo:** Damn, I haven't bought my ticket yet- I'm thinking about folding this hand. The prequel craze is on tilt, anyway, and I for one do not need to know what happened before Jim Carrey's 23, thank you very much.

**Homo:** No, bleeder. This one is based on a true story -- a book I read and enjoyed. But Hollywood took out all the reality.

**Hemo:** Isn't that what Hollywood's there for?

**Homo:** 21 is about a numbers genius from MIT who gets co-opted into becoming a member of a gang of card counters, one of which is the sexiest girl in school...



**Hemo:** I bet the Crips were shaking in their boots.

**Homo:** This gang flies *over* Compton on their way to Vegas, where they enjoy weekends of winning lots of money for Kevin Spacey. You can always count on Hollywood to make something better than reality.

**Hemo:** So why on Earth would a gang of pale-faces make money for Kevin Spacey?

**Homo:** Because he needs the dead Benjamins for Harvard and, apparently, the poor genius doesn't know how to fill out a form for a student loan.

**Hemo:** Well, he was probably too old to get a basketball scholarship.

**Homo:** What? No, nimrod: Kevin Spacey is the professor *leading* the gang, not a student member of the gang. It's the boy who becomes seduced by Vegas.



**Hemo:** What about the sexy girl?

**Homo:** They have a G-Rated love scene.

**Hemo:** Let me guess... it happens in a hot tub at the Palms? I already saw that on the Real

(Lame) World. So life is good for the pretty boy gang member, and...

**Homo:** Until he finally- shocker!- has a real bad night at the tables...

**Hemo:** ...and gets obsessed with the number 21, right? He puts all of Kevin Spacey's winnings -- plus everything he owns and cares about -- on the number 21 on the Roulette wheel... it spins, the ball pops around... and then... *BAM!* The number 23 comes up. Jim Carrey is the pit boss, you have to see the movie twenty-one times to notice him in the background, hence the name of the film.

**Homo:** Then Laurence Fishburn ties him to a chair and beats him up.



**Hemo:** The Crips to the rescue! I'm about to move All-In on this one and buy that ticket. It's the only way I'll understand 22 when it comes out.

**Homo:** No! Cash out now! Although *21* really makes me wonder what they'd do with *our* inspiring, real-life story of two guys with AIDS reviewing movies. And how we'd have to promote it: Did you see that Jim Carrey had to dress in an elephant outfit at American Idol to promote Horton Hears a Who?

**Hemo:** I missed that major step down from talking out of one's bunghole. I bet Hollywood would call our story *Homo Hears a Hemo*. It would be about a world of gay men who ignore the plight of the platelet-challenged...

**Homo:** ... until the pink homo with big ears- me!- stands by his side. Cradling the fragile hemo close to his chest.

**Hemo:** Yes! Brother to brother, they stand back to back, fending off the haters and counting out their life-saving HIV pills instead of cards.

**Homo:** And Hollywood film producers would count their cash and continue the fine tradition of turning a great book into a crappy film.

**Hemo:** Speaking of great books, our review of *The Hours* really made My Pet Virus. **Now available at your local bookstore!**

**Homo:** Sales a bit slow?

**Hemo:** You nailed it. So, what's your final say on the movie *21*? Do you think people without AIDS will respond the same way you did?

**Homo:** Yes. And I'd rather play Russian Roulette in a giant pink elephant costume than have to see this one again.



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