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aving awkwardly discovered a lump on his testicle during a sexual act, Jonah (Ryan Kwanten) is quickly thrust into the doctor's office to hear some difficult news. I know what you're thinking. And no, this is not an Australian attempt at Jonathan Levine's 50/50. While cancer comedies are in vogue, Peter Templeton's directorial debut (with a screenplay from Michael Lucas) steers away from the predictable and heads into the romantic comedy genre.

Given only a short time before treatment that will most likely leave him sterile, Jonah searches for a suitable mother to spawn his offspring. Haphazardly negotiating his way through embarrassing encounters, Jonah is helped by his housemate Stevie (Sarah Snook). Though she's not interested in motherhood, the cinematic cupid-like gods serendipitously change that and send the two friends into new territory.

Not Suitable for Children works as a grown-up comedy for twenty-somethings. Excess initially surrounds their partygoing lifestyle, but logically changes with the diagnosis. Both serious and playful in tone, the film admirably throws in a decent amount of sex scenes. Kwanten is fine as Jonah, but relative newcomer Sarah Snook steals the show with warmth, wit and vulnerability.

Not Suitable for Children is in cinemas now.