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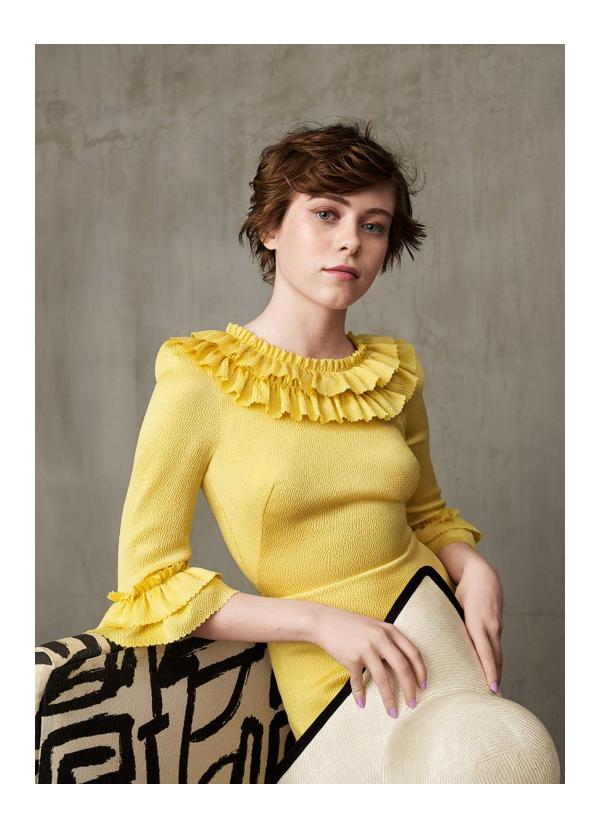
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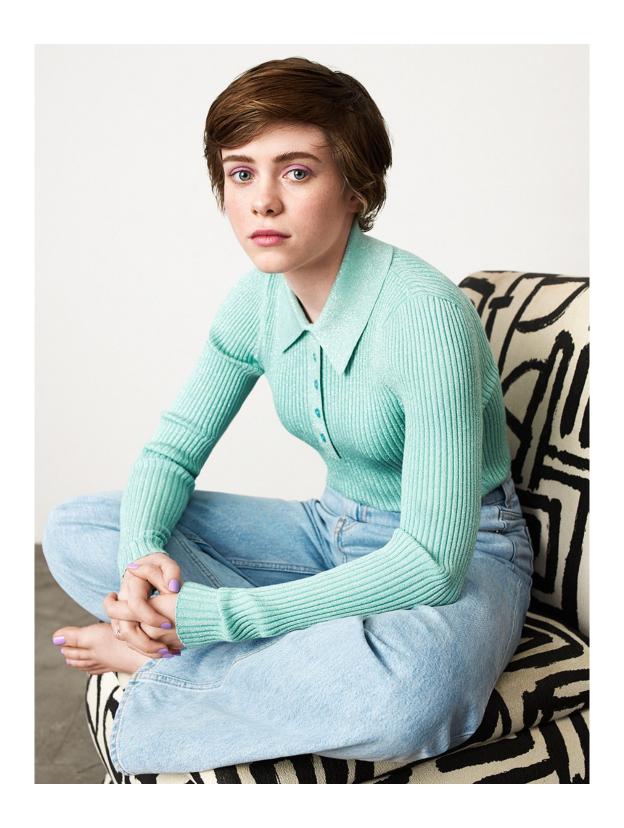
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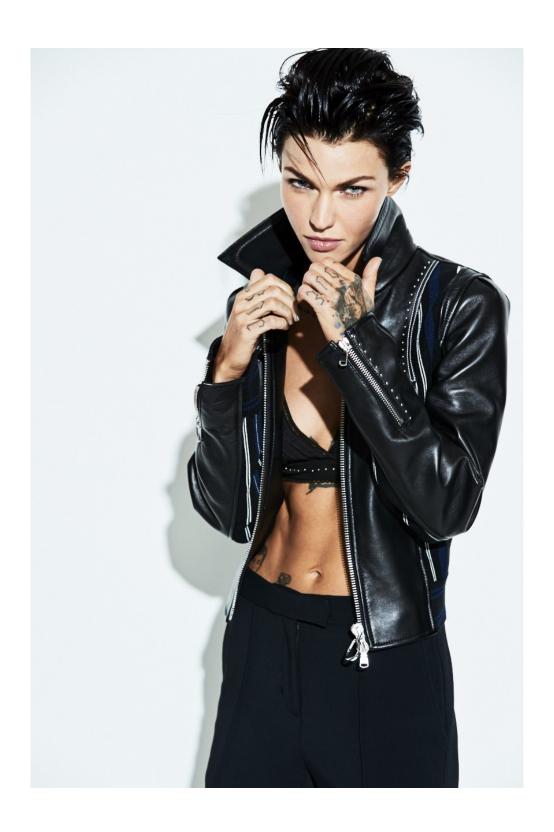
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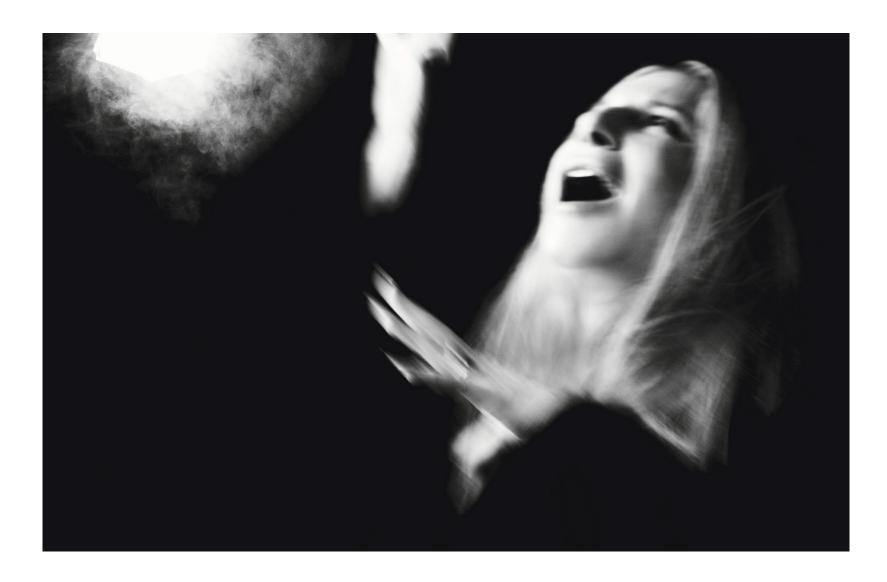
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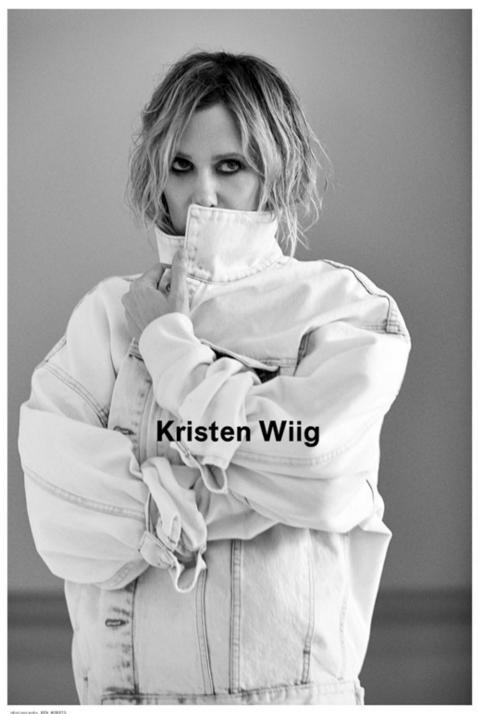
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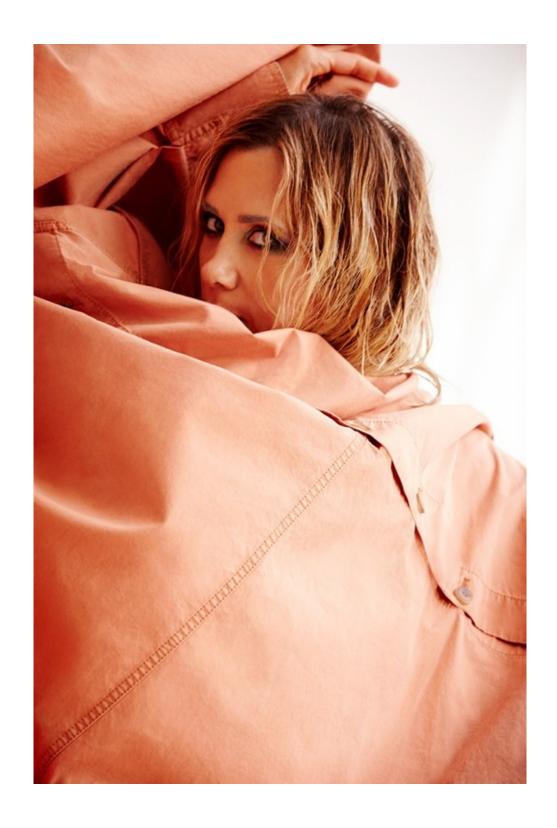


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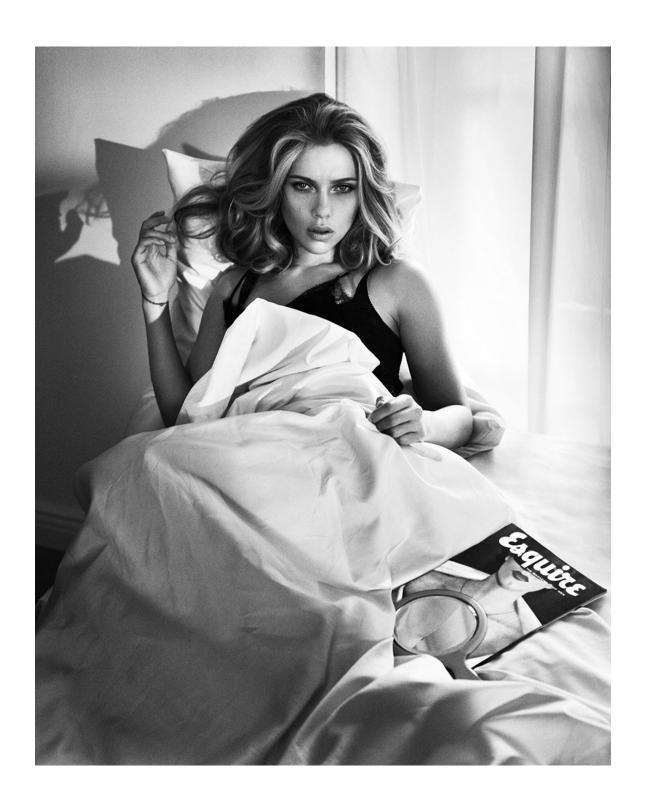
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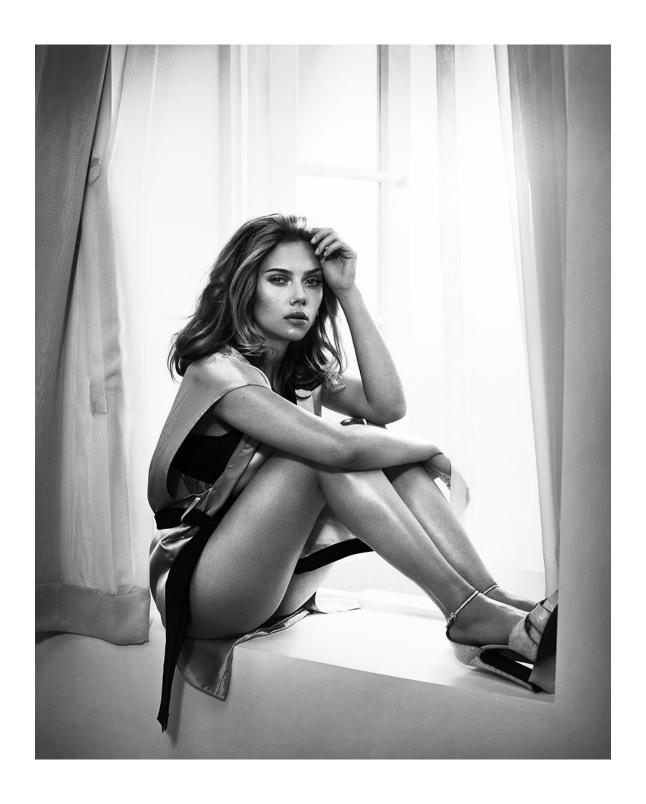
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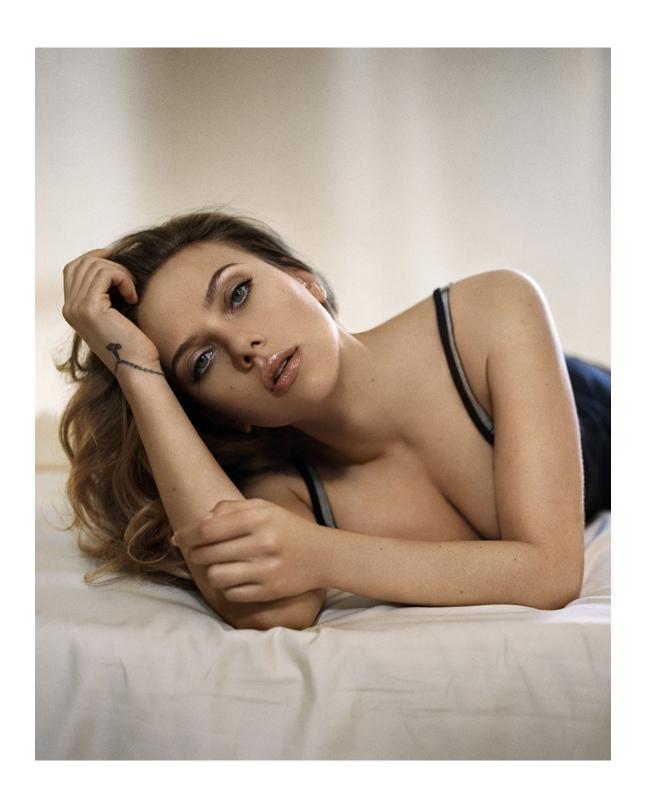
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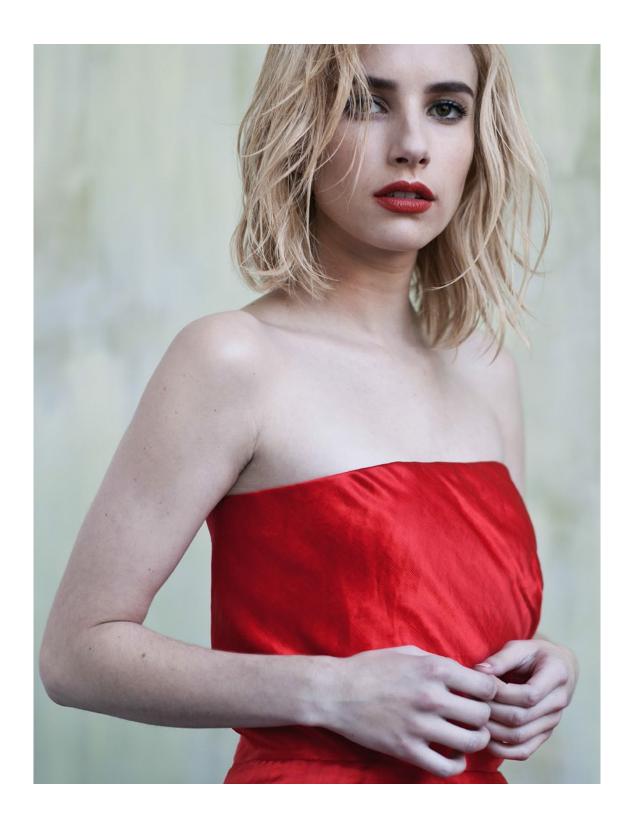
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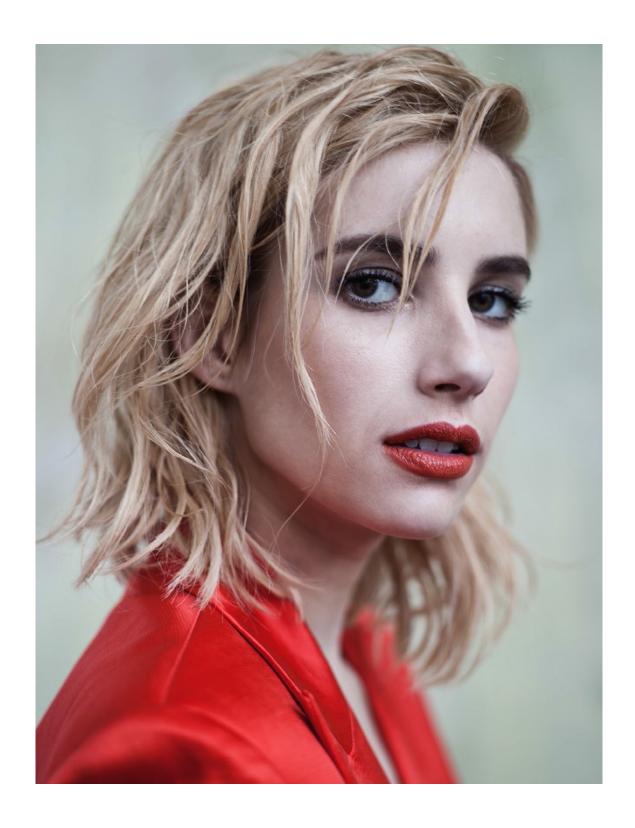
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he seemed less close to Nicki, the fame-hungry would-be reality star she portrays in this summer's ripped-from-the-head-lines crime caper The Bing Ring. Based on the true story of a group of image-obsessed teenage burglars who targeted the homes of Tinseltown's best dressed, the film, written and directed by Sofia Coppola, offered Emma the opportunity to play a completely different kind of character: a mildly villainous party girl who'd do almost anything for a taste of the kind of attention Emma's been dealing with for more than a decade. (It also gave her the chanceto utter the sure-to-be-timeless line, "Come on, let's go to Paris's I want to rob.")

"The way Nicki looks, what she wears, really does define her," Emma says. "I think a lot of her aspirations come from her mother, who was a Playboy centerfold and was supportive of her to the point where there were

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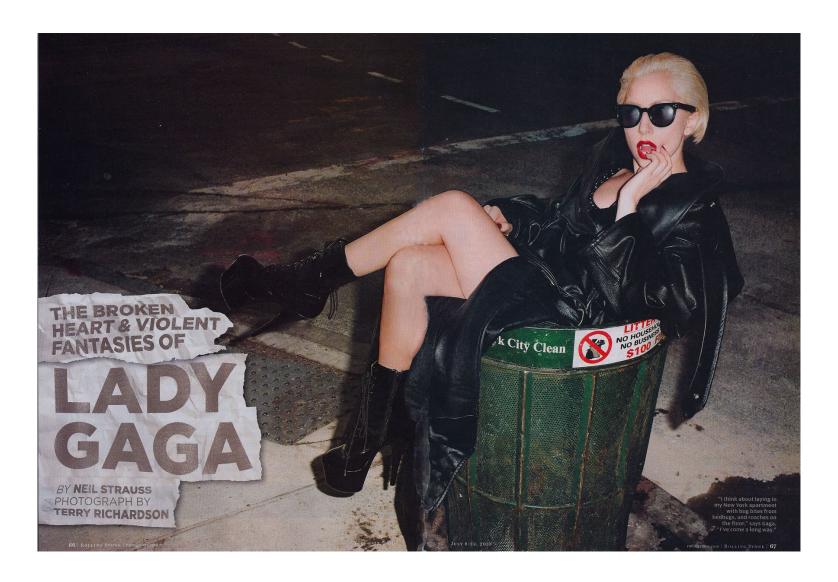
One thing that's very clear is that Emma did not take the part out of a desire to become, as she puts it, "the bad girl" In true Emma fashion, her decision was much more mindful than that. "I had to accept that the media would be really sensationalistic about my role," she explains, "but when people see the movie, they'll understand that's not what the part is about. And I know that Sofia wasn't interested in me for those reasons I had to really earn the part." Over e-mail, the filmmaker confirms that Emma did indeed make an audition video in which she read a scene "wearing at on of lip gloss She's a smart, serious, polite young lady and continued > 100.



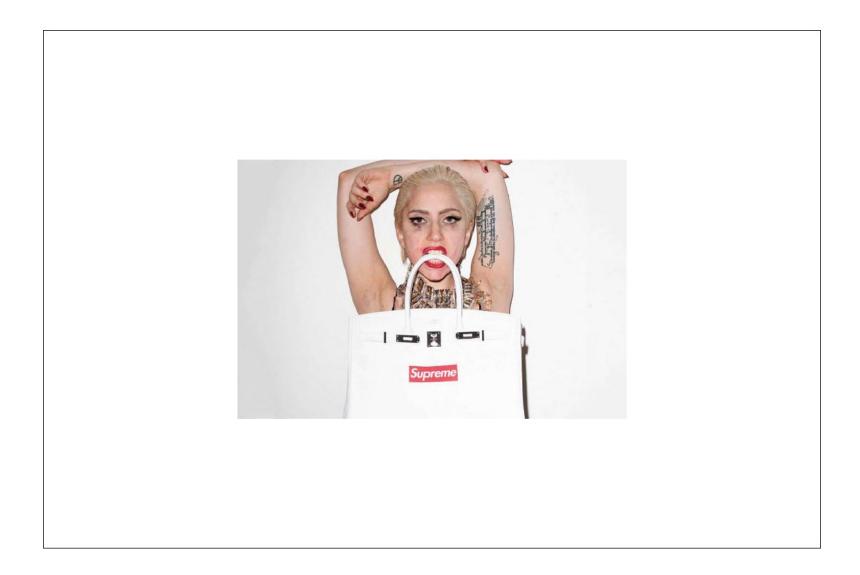
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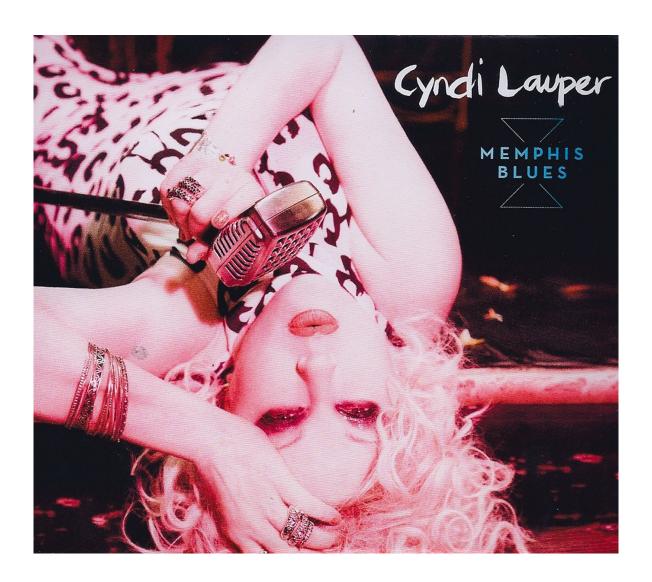
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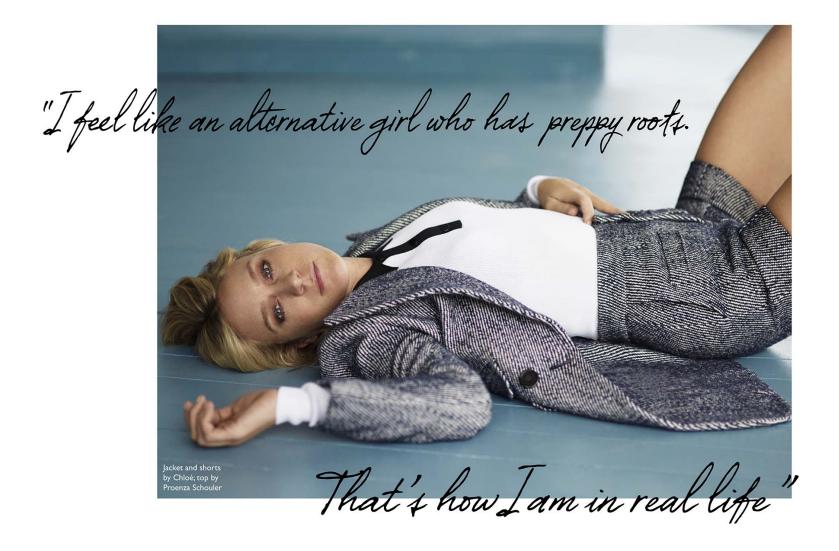
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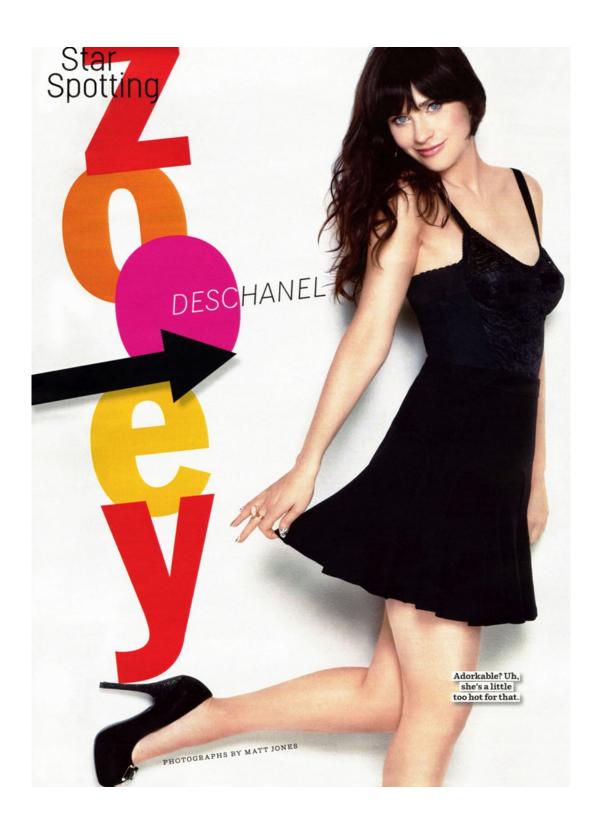
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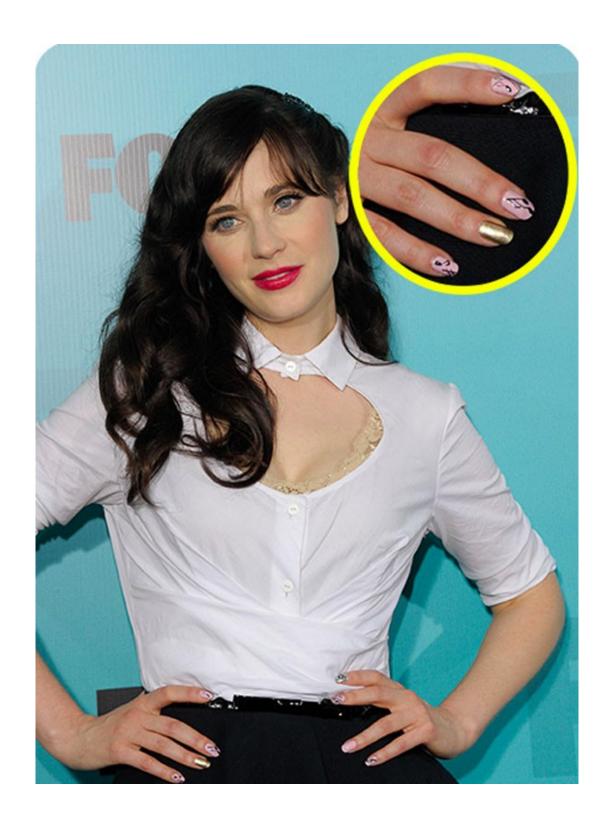
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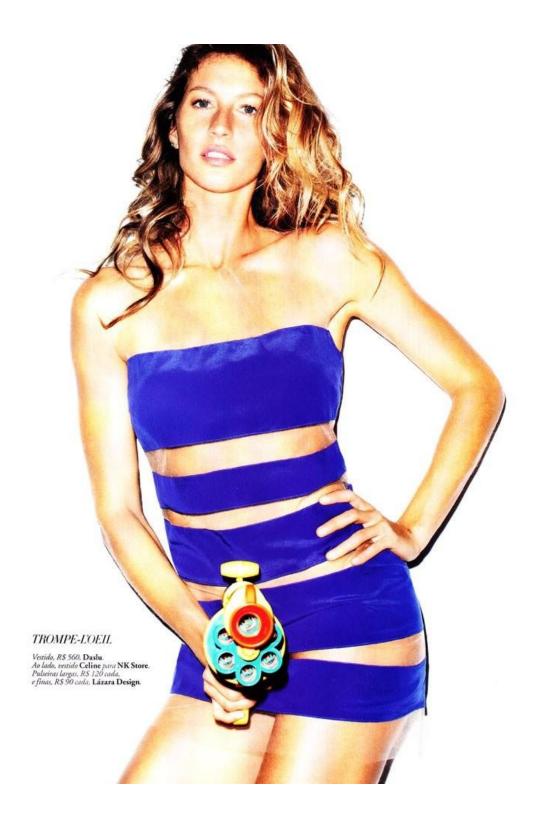
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COSMO UPFRONT

You can tell when Minka Kelly enters a room by watching the men already in it. Almost in unison, their heads rise and—inner dude barometers detecting some

change in the air—swivel in the same direction. Their eyes pivot. Jaws don't drop, exactly, but they fall slack.

That's what happens when the 31-year-old actress walks into the courtyard of Locanda Verde, a trendy Italian restaurant in

Manhattan, for breakfast. Two graphicdesigner types are having a meeting, and a stocky middle-aged guy is yammering into his BlackBerry in a corner. When Minka arrives, her auburn hair and soft brown eves catching the sun, the men trail off and try not to stare. "It's beautiful out here," Minka says, sliding into a table under a cascade of low-hanging leaves. She's wearing dark skinny jeans and a beige loose-knit cardigan over a white tank. If she notices the men noticing her, she doesn't let on.

Of course, by now, she's used to being watched by more than just leering guys. She first got everyone's attention in 2006, when she landed her big acting breakthrough on Friday Night Lights. Her nuanced portrayal of Lyla Garrity-high-school cheerleader, born-again Christian, occasional bad girl, and all-around mega-babe-was praised by critics and fans. Soon after that, she was named the Sexiest Woman Alive by Esquire in 2010. Most recently, she appeared as a gorgeous coed in the horror flick The Roommate, which came out earlier this year.

But it's Minka's next gig that will solidify her role in mainstream Hollywood (not to mention as a sex symbol):

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MINKA ANGEL

Turns out, this gorgeous babe is as tough as the character she plays on the new Charlie's Angels. The star reveals how she overcame a crazy childhood, scored her role on Friday Night Lights, and found true love with America's favorite baseball player.

By Jonah Weiner

When you talk to Minka, you learn

just how tough she really is and that acting is more than a simple career choice for her-it's deeply tied to her sense of survival, which she developed during her turbulent childhood. She used acting as a way to avoid being an outcast at school, assuming a tough-girl persona to fend off bullies. And she used it as a way to deal with her home life. It was her way to placate a boyfriend of her mother's who she says mistreated her. "You speak with a little baby voice," she explains, crossing her

She'll play one of the bombshell crime

fighters in the television reboot of

Charlie's Angels. "She radiates this

beauty and gentleness," says Drew

Barrymore, who is co-executive-pro-

ducing the show. "I got excited about seeing her be fucking tough too!"

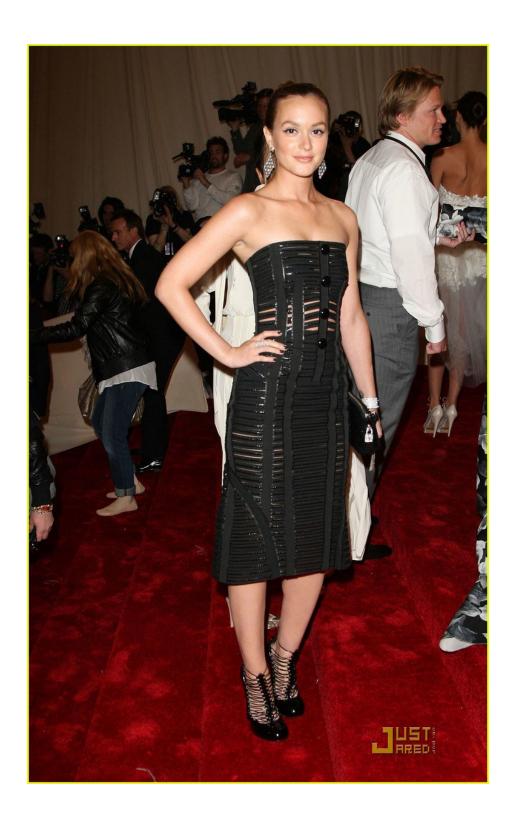
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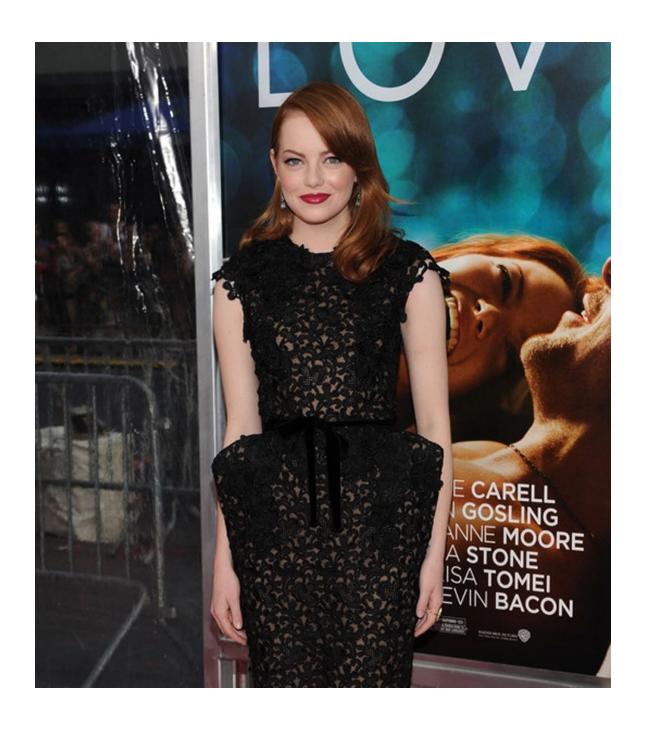
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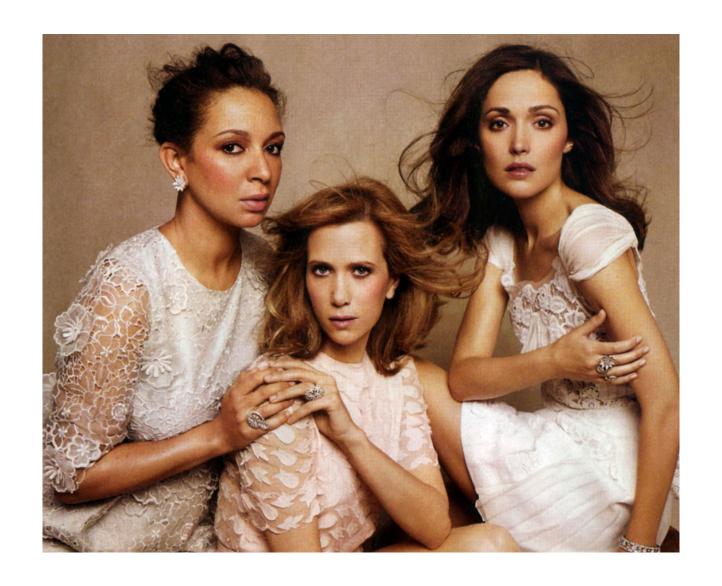
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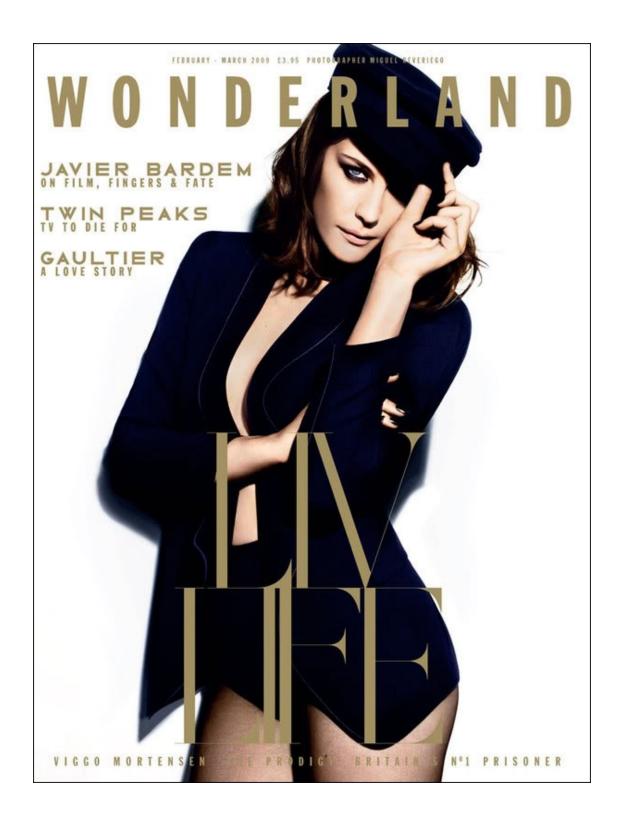
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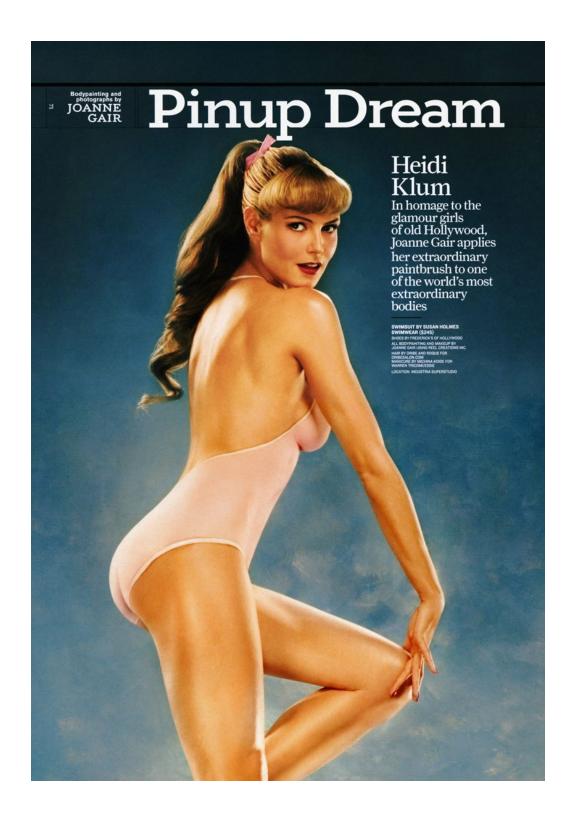
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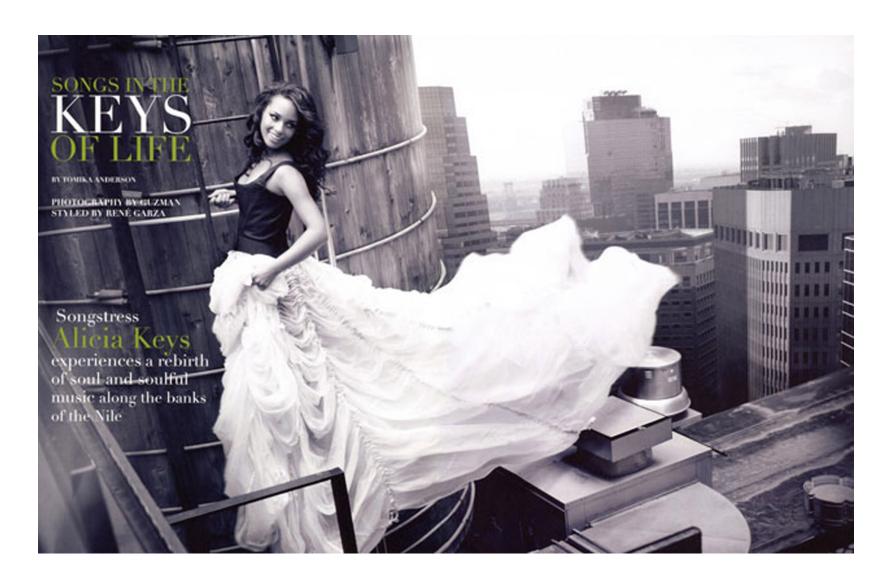
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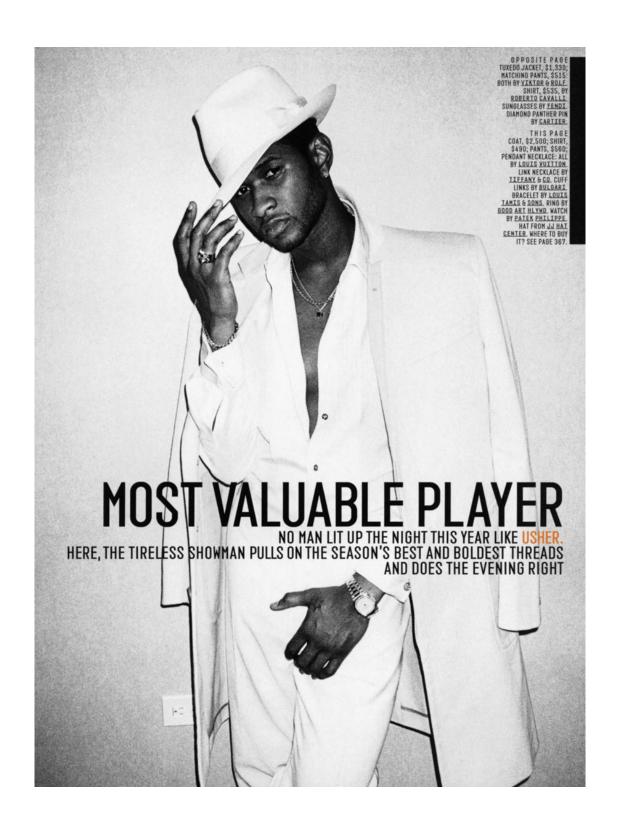
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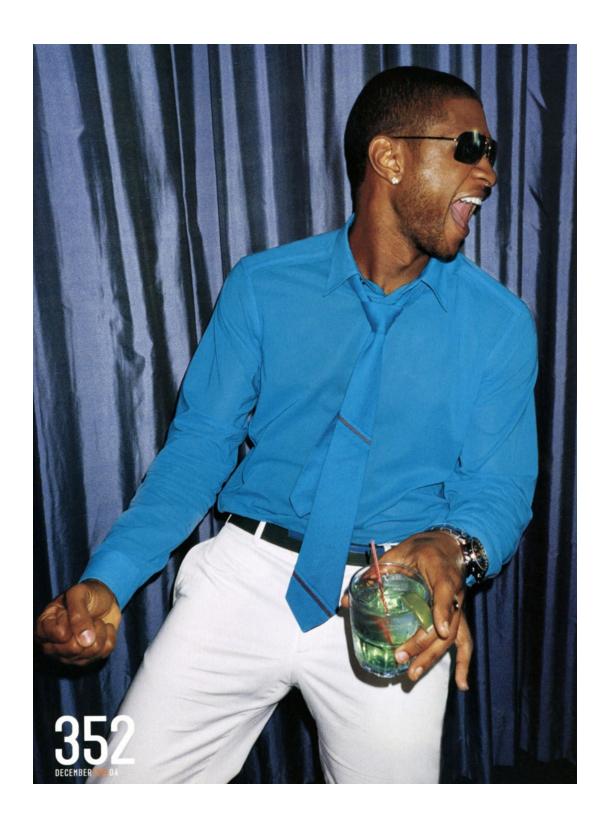
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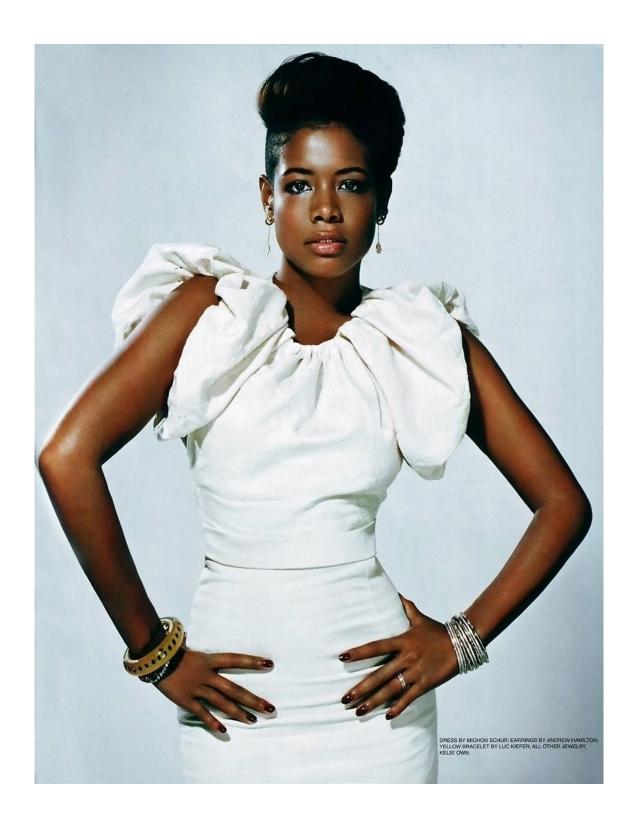
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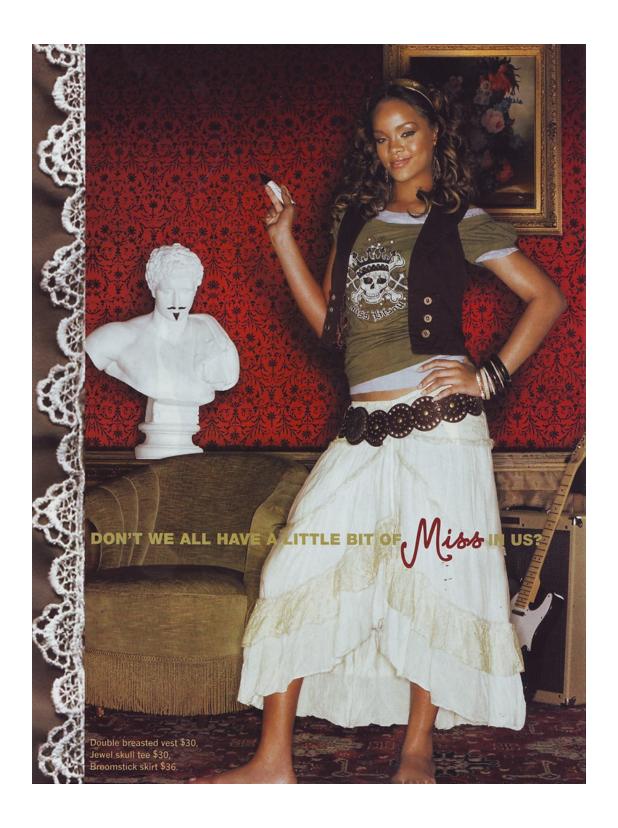
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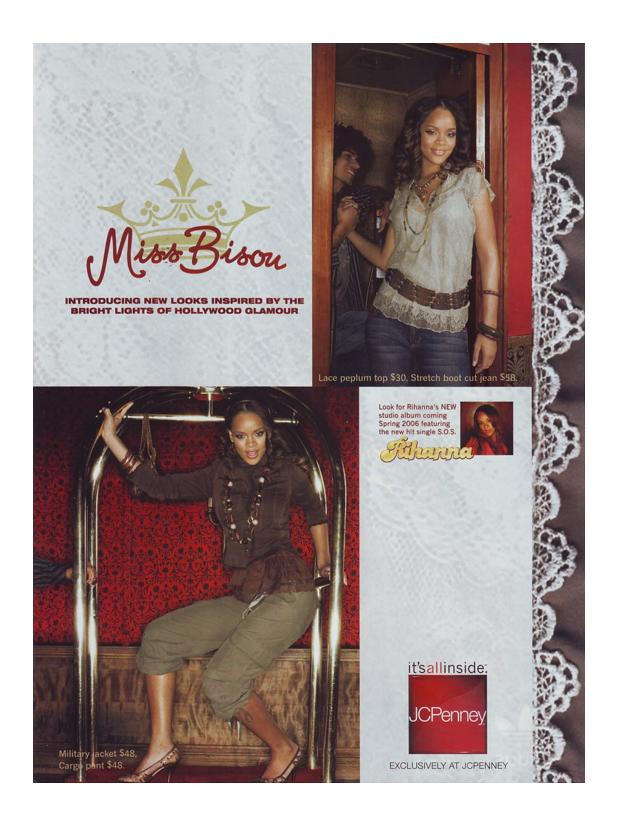
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