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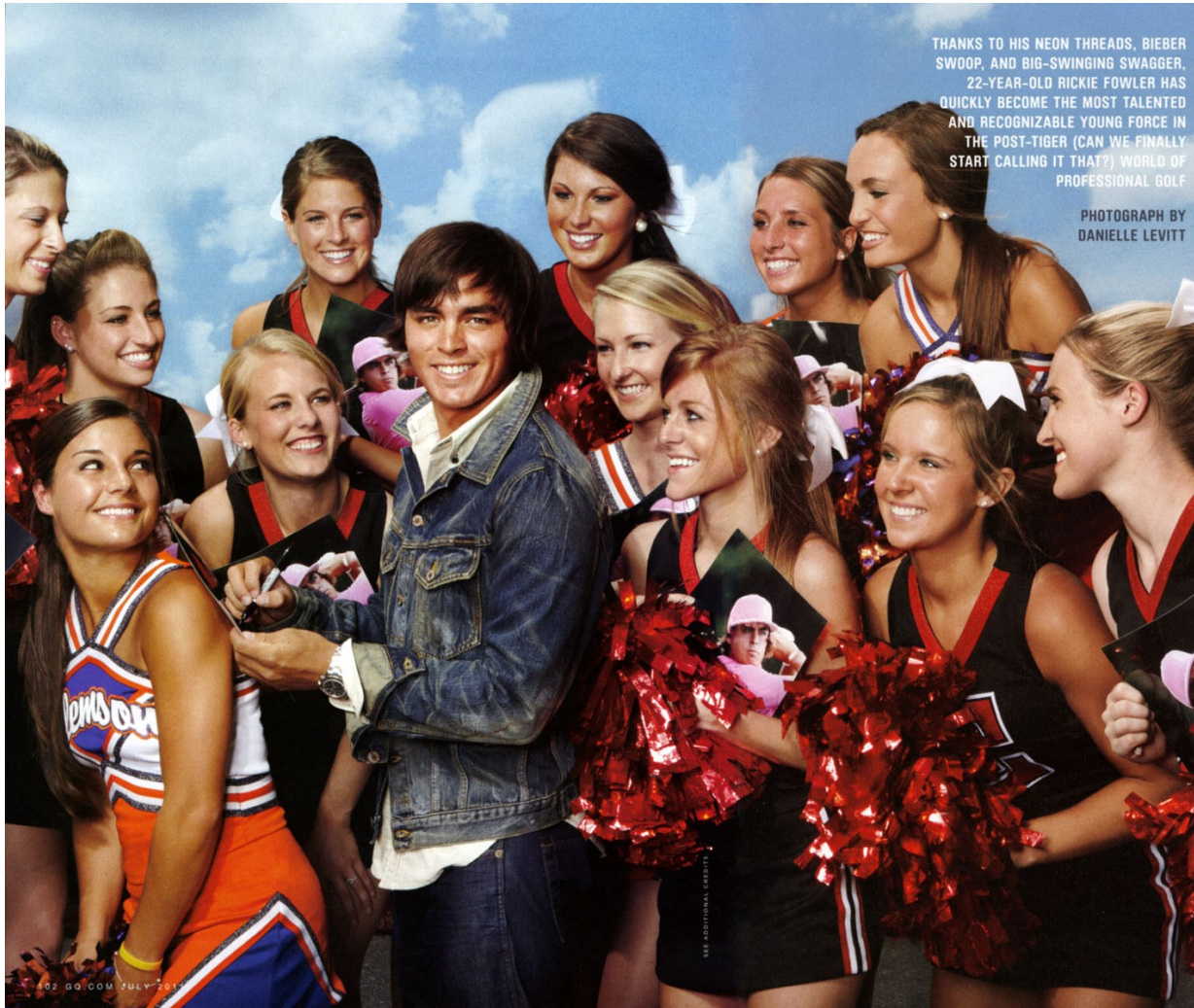
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THANKS TO HIS NEON THREADS, BIEBER SWOOP, AND BIG-SWINGING SWAGGER, 22-YEAR-OLD RICKIE FOWLER HAS QUICKLY BECOME THE MOST TALENTED AND RECOGNIZABLE YOUNG FORCE IN THE POST-TIGER (CAN WE FINALLY START CALLING IT THAT?) WORLD OF PROFESSIONAL GOLF

PHOTOGRAPH BY DANIELLE LEVITT



Back in April, just days before his Masters debut, 22-year-old Rickie Fowler sauntered into the media room at Augusta National wearing a hat. Not a fedora or a driving cap, it was more the sort you see on skate rats—oversize and flat-billed and, most appallingly, backward. Here stood Fowler—whom you'll maybe know for his Kool-Aid tones and teen-throbbly looks—confirming his alleged irreverence. Before he knew it, an Augusta member wordlessly plucked the hat off Fowler's head and flipped it around, as a schoolmaster might with a misbehaving child. "I think the older fans got the wrong impression," he says. "The story got turned to make me look like a punk kid."

Which seems to happen quite a bit. After all, look at the hair spilling down the neck, less golfer than dirt biker. (Fowler raced motocross growing up in California.) Or that grin, not unlike the one a too-tan rich kid might flash you from the end of the bar when you catch him checking out your girlfriend's ass. Or perhaps most obviously, the colors: fruit-snack purple, Oklahoma State orange. All of which makes it tough for Fowler to convince people that he's the deferral workhorse he turns out to be.

Fowler leapt to the PGA Tour in 2009, after his sophomore year of college. His whip-quick, homespun swing—eliciting exceptional power from his five-foot-nine frame—complements the audacious breeziness with which he tears around a course. He made enough runs up leaderboards last season to win Rookie of the Year and notch a slot on the Ryder Cup squad. All stand-alone impressive, but what can't be over-emphasized is the crackling charge this sort of presence gives a sport struggling to market itself in the absence of Tiger supremacy.

"I draw a younger crowd who can relate to me," says Fowler. "Some of the girl fans will message me online, saying, 'You're the reason I watch golf.' This isn't to say he's turned the course into a Justin Bieber concert. But if you find yourself amid the swarms of young women—more than you remember from your last time at a tournament—know that, yes, many of those female fans are, in fact, slipping Rickie their phone numbers. "But look, I've got a girlfriend," he says, cracking a diplomatic smile. "So I'm not calling them back. But it's flattering. Plus, the guys I'm paired with seem to like it." Hey, Rickie, I hope there's some girls out following you today...! — DANIEL RILEY

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FOR A MAN who spends workdays bedding maidens on wolf pelts and plucking figs from between their perky breasts, Peter Dinklage is oddly resistant to the term "stud." Confronted with this title, as bestowed by *GQ*, the actor proceeds to shout "STUD?!" for what seems like minutes. "I feel as much of a stud as... I can't come up with a metaphor. That's how lacking in studliness I am."

Tyrion Lannister (a.k.a. the Imp), Dinklage's persona on HBO's *Game of Thrones* (for which he won an Emmy this year), is one of those roles that actors dream of: a canny, complicated, debaucherous, bitter but ultimately softhearted sex machine. The show—a deeply entertaining feast of violence and sex based on George R. R. Martin's fantasy series *A Song of Ice and Fire*—is full of macho individuals

(women included) who can seem more like gorgeous chess pieces than full-blooded humans. That may be why Dinklage emerged not only as *Throne's* unlikely moral center and comic relief but as its breakout star. This is as much due to his serious acting chops (see *The Station Agent*) as it is to a career-long willingness to take the piss out of himself (see *Elf*). "Tyrion was made an outcast by his family, so he—how should I put it?—he doesn't give a shit," says Dinklage. "But he's also kind, in a way, and that's a relief in a show where everybody's constantly chopping each other's heads off." Does he find that, since Tyrion, women are looking at him differently? "I never know where women are coming from. I'm still figuring them out, and I'm 42 years old."—LINDY WEST

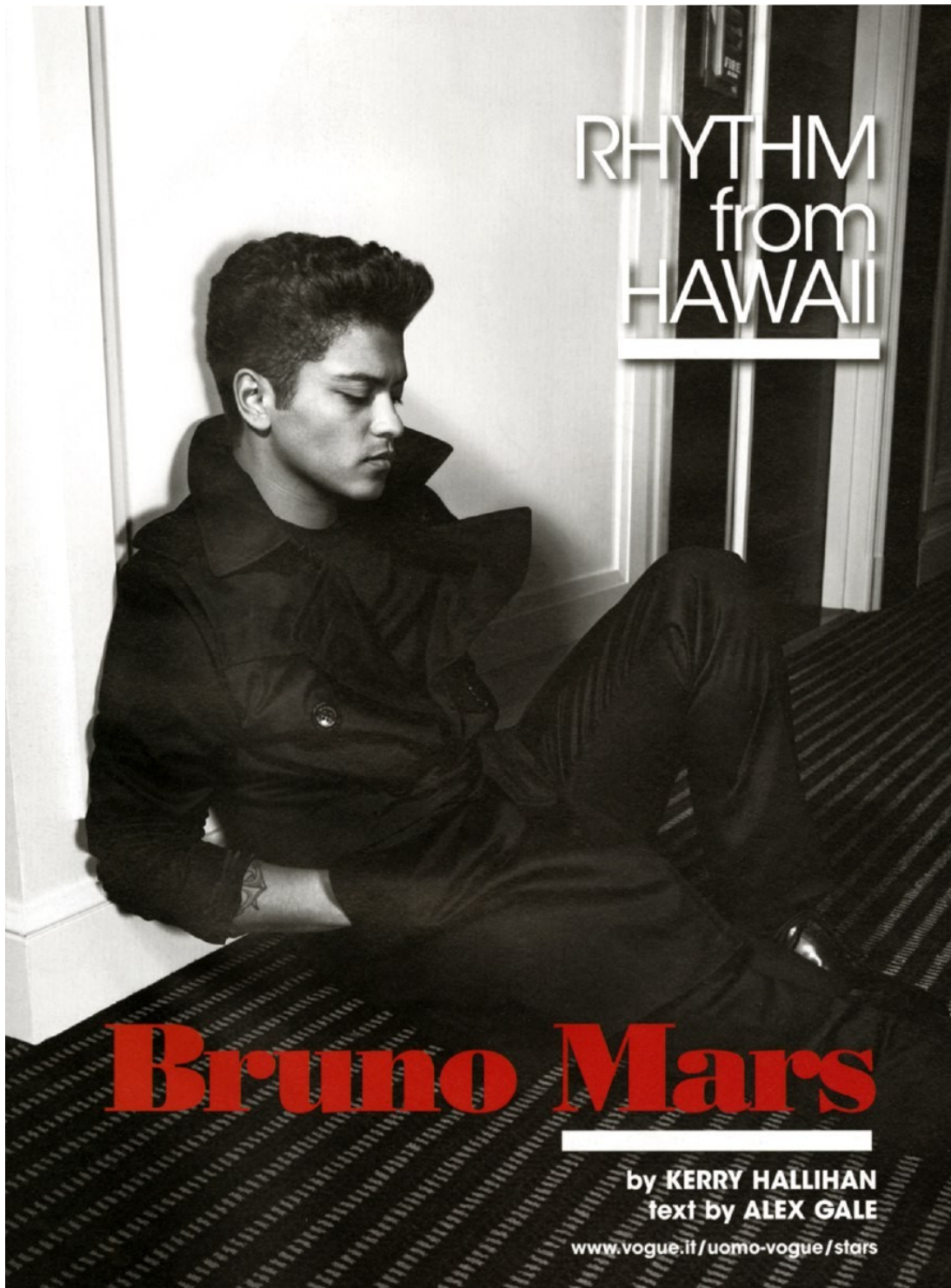
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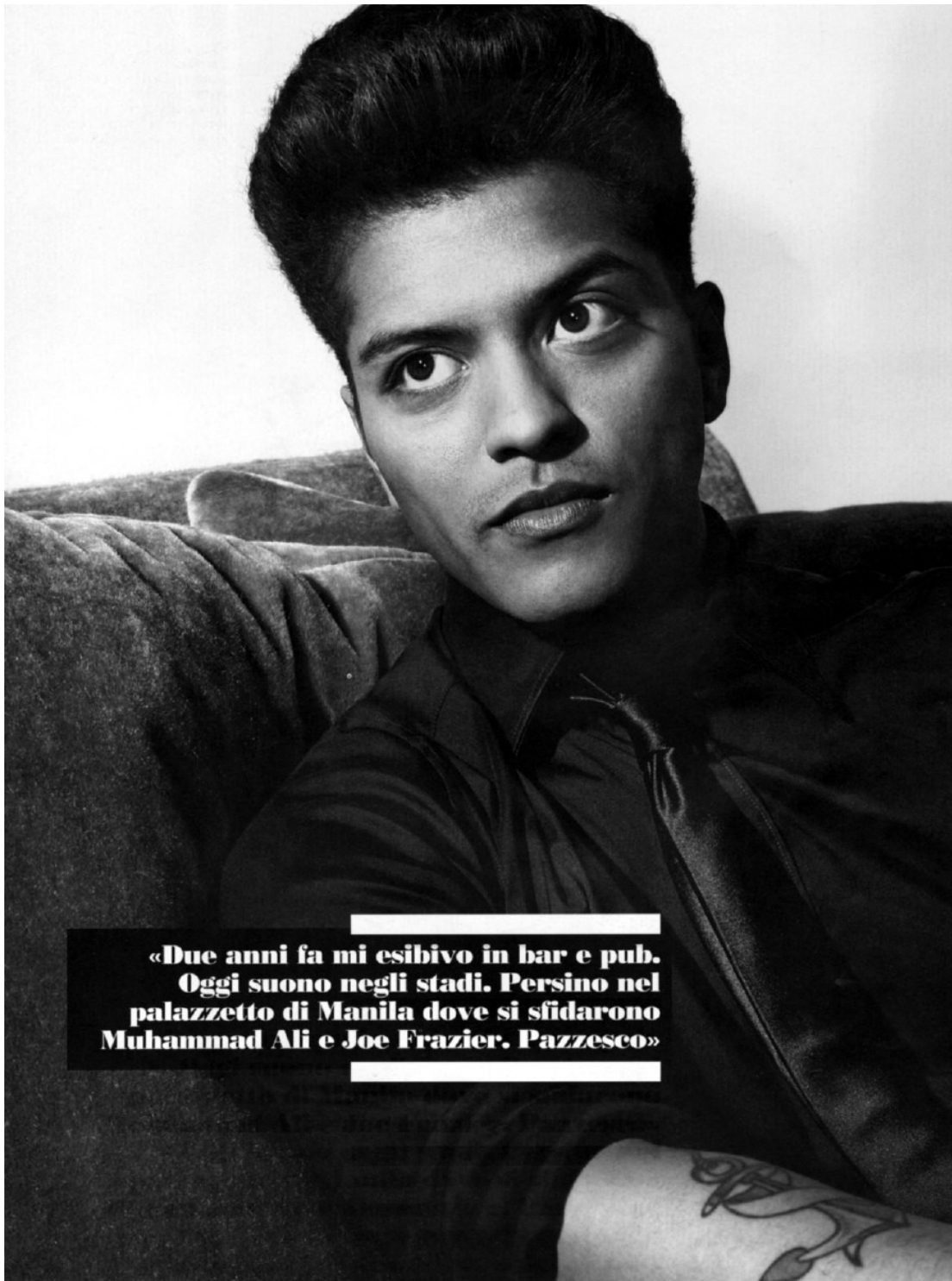
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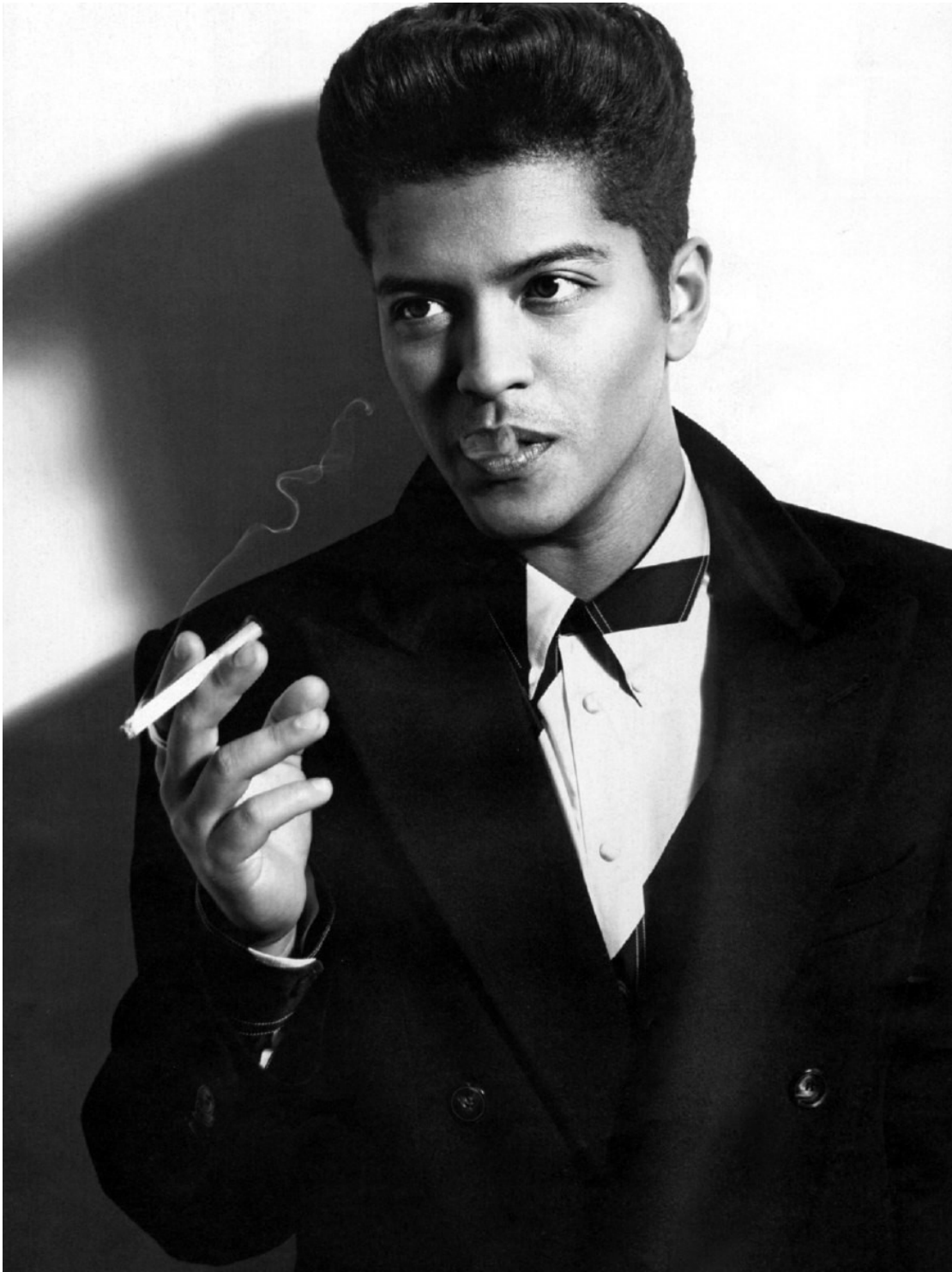


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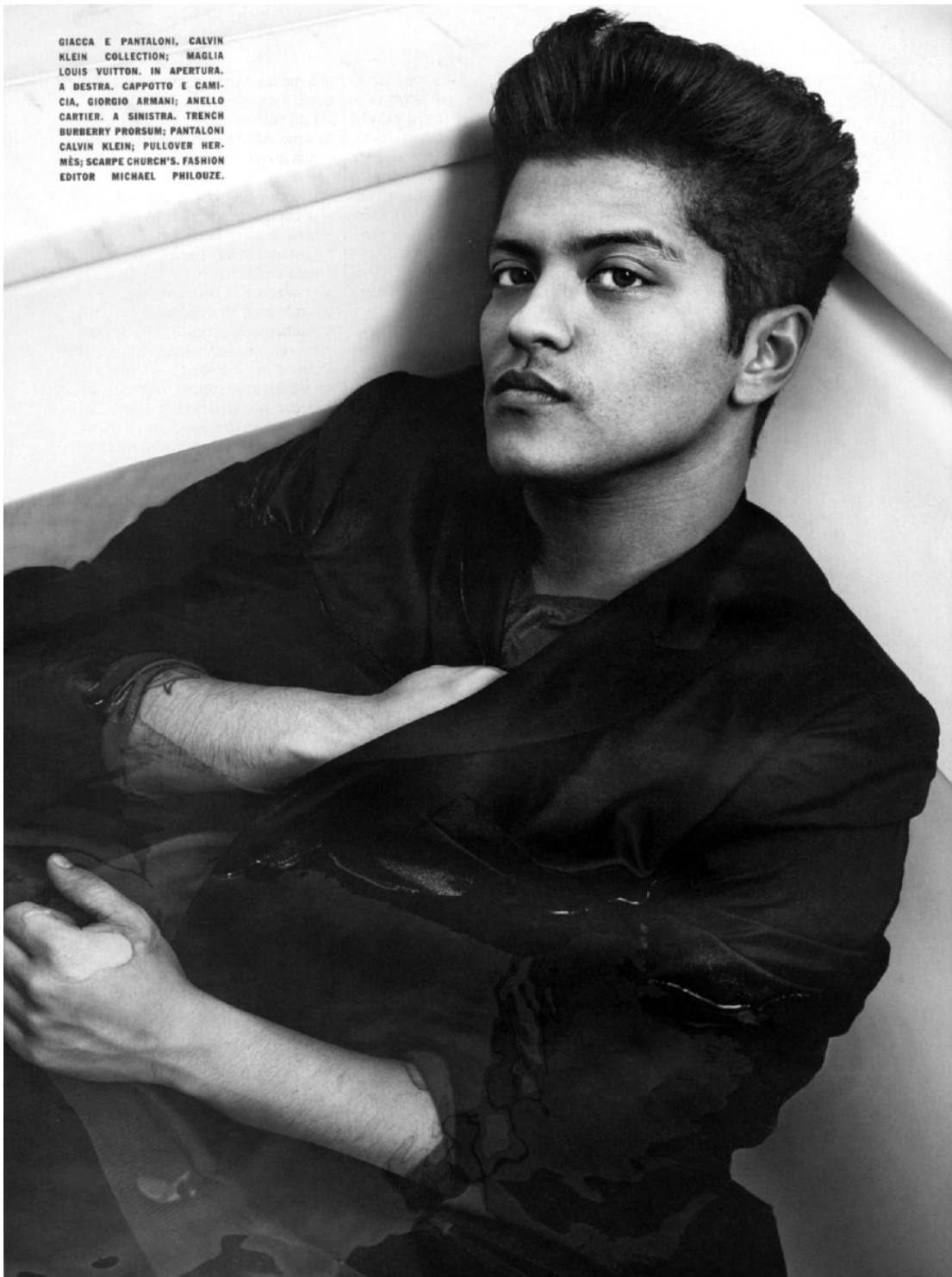
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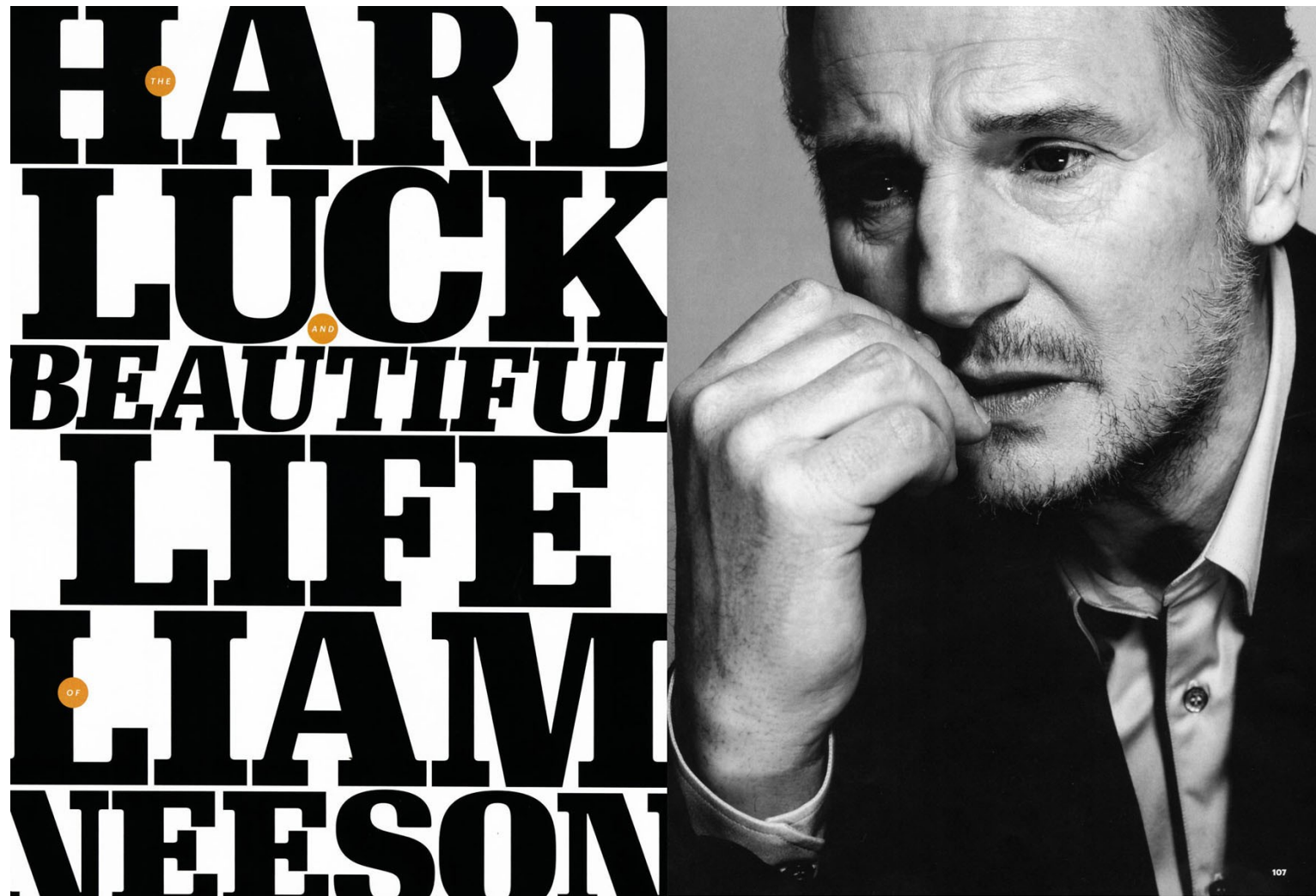
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MISSION TO MARS

It's one of the tritest battle cries a modern musician can utter: "I keep it real!" That's pop whiz Bruno Mars—real name Peter Gene Hernandez—speaking, and boy, it gets worse. "The last few months," he says, "it's been a rocket...to Mars!" *Zing!* But before you write off his enthusiasm as rookie bluster, consider the 25-year-old Hawaiian's life before 2011. Here's a guy who impersonated Elvis professionally at age 3; a guy who fronted a lounge band called Sex Panther. He's built his career on earnest cheeseballery, and he ain't stopping it now. In the past nine months—on the strength of the saccharine lyric *You're amazing just the way you are*—Mars has scored triple-platinum sales, landed seven Grammy nominations, and for fun authored the hook from Cee Lo's "Fuck You." As he says, he's just keepin' it real. Though maybe a little *too* real. In September, Mars was busted for cocaine possession at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Vegas. "I'm not gonna preach that I'm a role model," he says. "I'm a fucking musician! But I've learned people are watching, so don't do nothing stupid." He's just hoping to keep his nose clean (so to speak), acknowledging that there's no backup plan. "My jump shot sucks," he says.—A.R.

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A halter maillot can be just as seductive as a bikini, especially in a floral print that's flamenco in spirit. J.Crew cashmere cardigan, \$158; jcrew.com. Pret-à-Surf rose-print bathing suit, \$350; Opening Ceremony, NYC. Louis Vuitton ring. Dior handbag. Details, see In This Issue.

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HEAT OF THE NIGHT

As they hit the town, her vibrantly embroidered shift captures the festive mood in the air (can't you picture the beaded hem swaying to a spicy salsa beat?). Prada cotton dress, \$2,325; select Prada boutiques. Shot on location at Maria's Tropical Drinks, San Juan.

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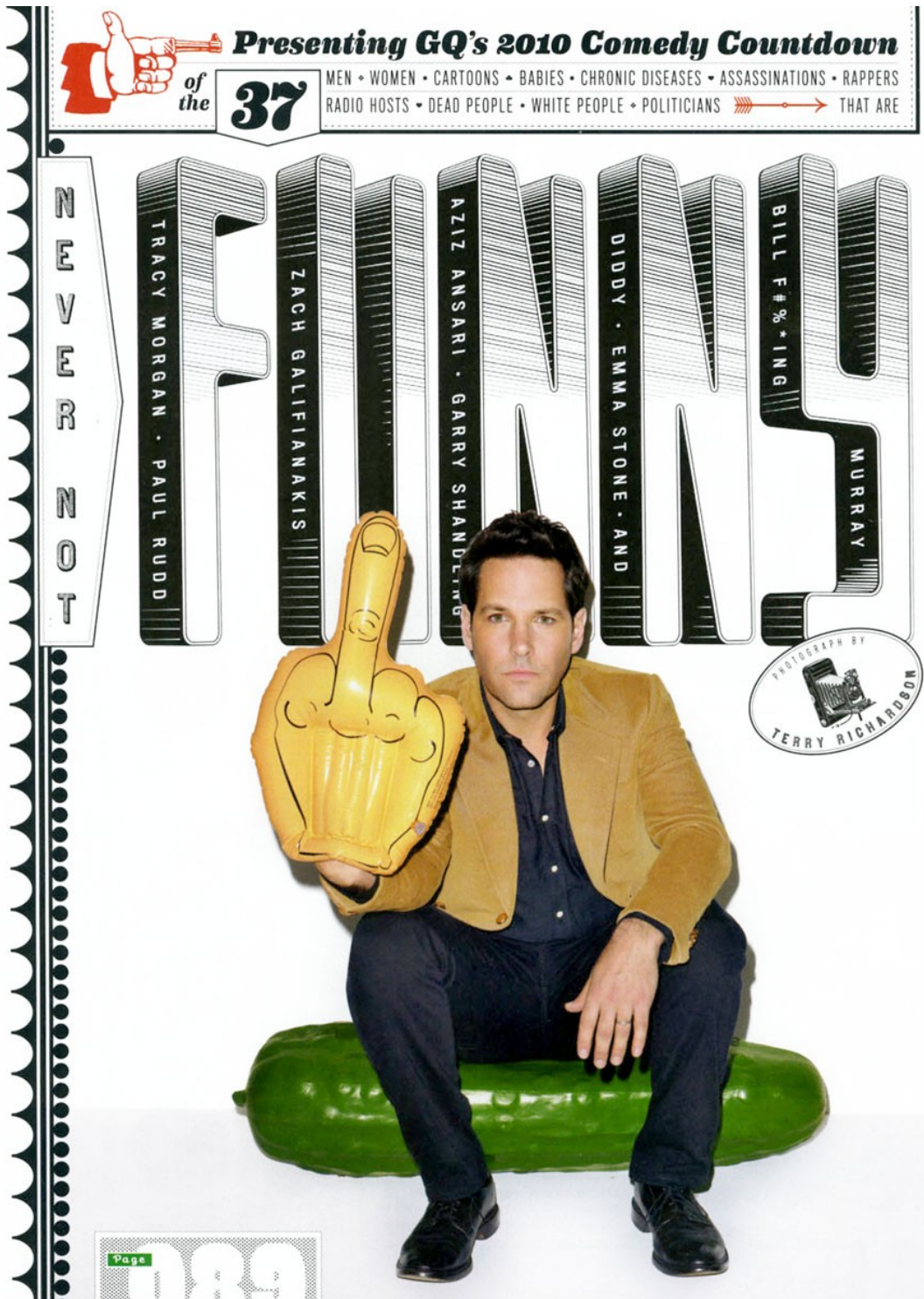
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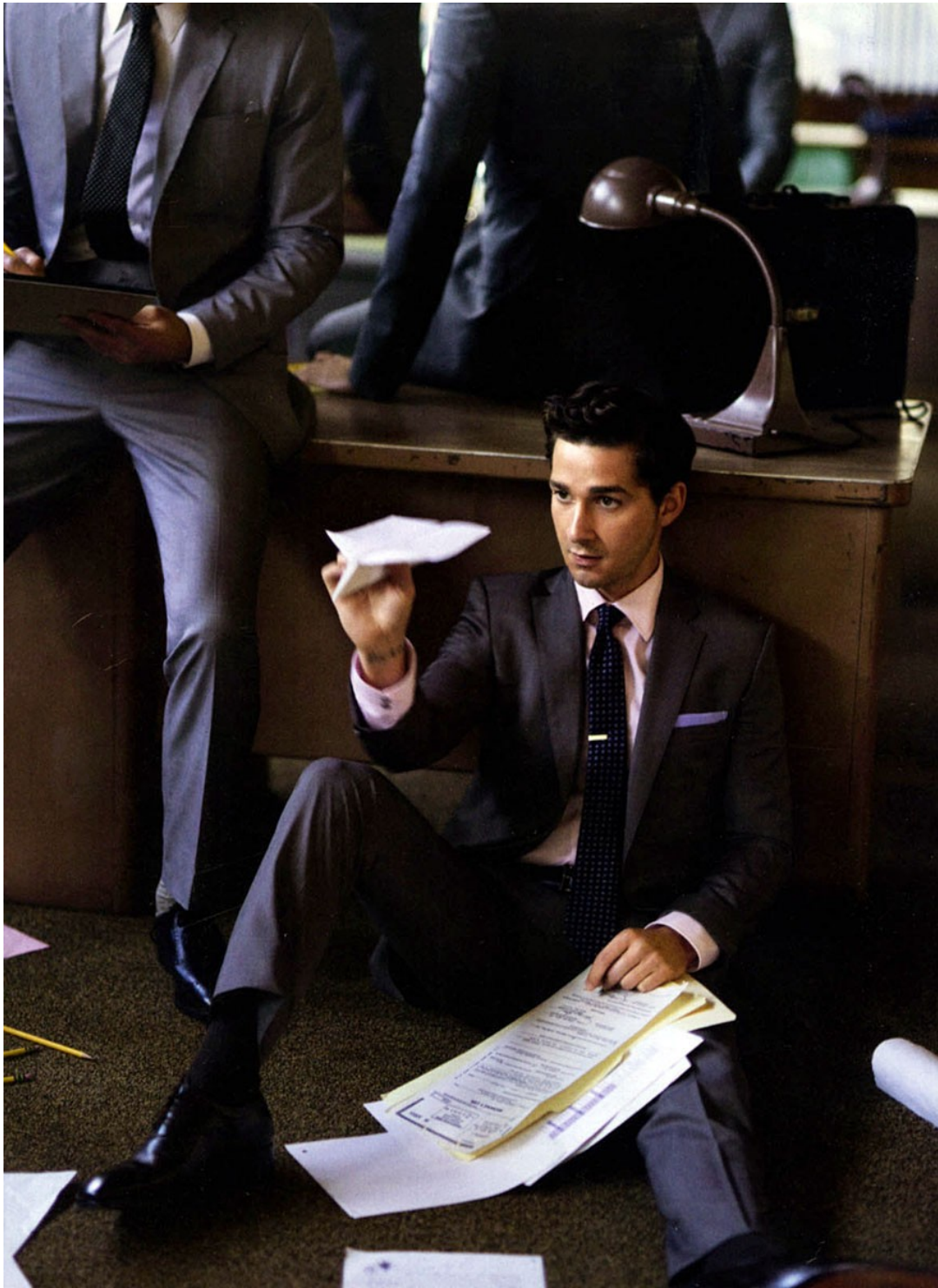
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Finally, an answer to the black-on-white, gray-on-white, everything-on-white *Mad Men* blitz of the past few years. The key to going all dark is sticking with textured materials (that's a wool flannel suit, cashmere tie, and brushed-cotton shirt), as opposed to the shiny numbers preferred by Grammy attendees. Some further advice: If you're going to wear sunglasses with this look, take them off when you go inside—you're not Johnny Cash.
* where to buy it? see page 115.

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After surviving a religious cult and years of druggy disarray, Christopher Owens emerges with **GIRLS**, the best new band of the year

THIS IS WHAT I'm talking about!" Christopher Owens slams his hand down on a wooden tabletop in a San Francisco diner, sloshing chicken soup out of his bowl. The singer-guitarist for Girls, the fledgling band responsible for the year's most captivating—if not outright best—debut album, is referring to a moment two years ago, after he and partner Chet JR White posted their band's first song, "Last for Life," on MySpace. A fan had approached Owens at a Los Angeles show, opening her diary to a page on which she had transcribed the lyrics and elaborately pasted pictures of her and her friends all around them. Stirred by the memory, Owens straightens up, pulling his dirty-blond hair into a pile on top of his head. "I don't care about your band if you're like, 'It's really cool because it sounds like my guitar is being played by a cat, and I'm squealing and knocking things over, and oh my God, what a blast,'" he says with uncharacteristic fervor. "I want to make music where the person will remember the lyrics, they can sing along, and it has a positive effect."

That's more of an imperative than a desire for Owens. After spending his childhood in an apocalyptic, sexually perverse cult called the Children of God (an offshoot of the late-'60s hippie fringe group the Jesus Movement), he has struggled his entire adult life to reconnect with the world from which he was once so fanatically sheltered. The 30-year-old has lived amid such extreme volatility that he hasn't had the luxury

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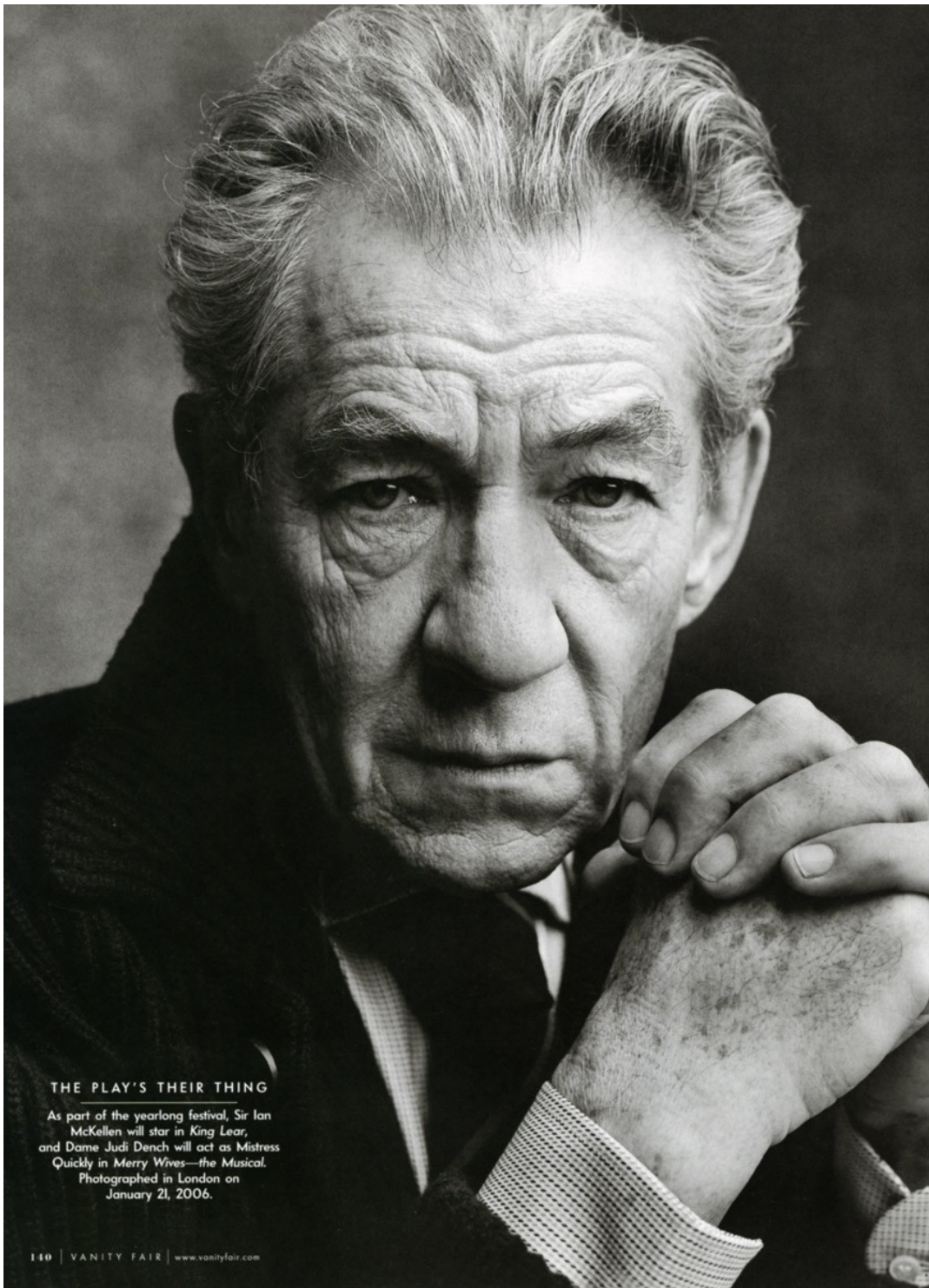
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THE PLAY'S THEIR THING

As part of the yearlong festival, Sir Ian McKellen will star in *King Lear*, and Dame Judi Dench will act as Mistress Quickly in *Merry Wives—the Musical*. Photographed in London on January 21, 2006.

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Scenes From an Indie MARRIAGE

How could Noah Baumbach and Jennifer Jason Leigh make such a biting, brutal movie? Pure love and togetherness, that's how.

By EMILY NUSSBAUM

JENNIFER JASON LEIGH met Noah Baumbach in 2001, she tells me. Leigh was living in the West Village at the time; she had a night off from the lead role in *Proof*, so she'd gone out alone to catch a show. The play was Neil LaBute's *The Shape of Things*, a tale of sexual gamesmanship among artists that might throw most ordinary folks off human relationships entirely.

Instead, Leigh ended up going to dinner with Baumbach and his friend Josh Hamilton, Leigh's co-star in *Proof*, who were also attending the LaBute play. Leigh and Baumbach began dating; they married in 2005. "The world feels free to ask about it," the actress tells me about the transition into marriage, as we eat at Les Deux Gamins, not far from the apartment the couple is renovating. "I mean, you signed the thing! You bought the house. But in a way, it's not that weird for me, because I do love it; this was always my childhood idea

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