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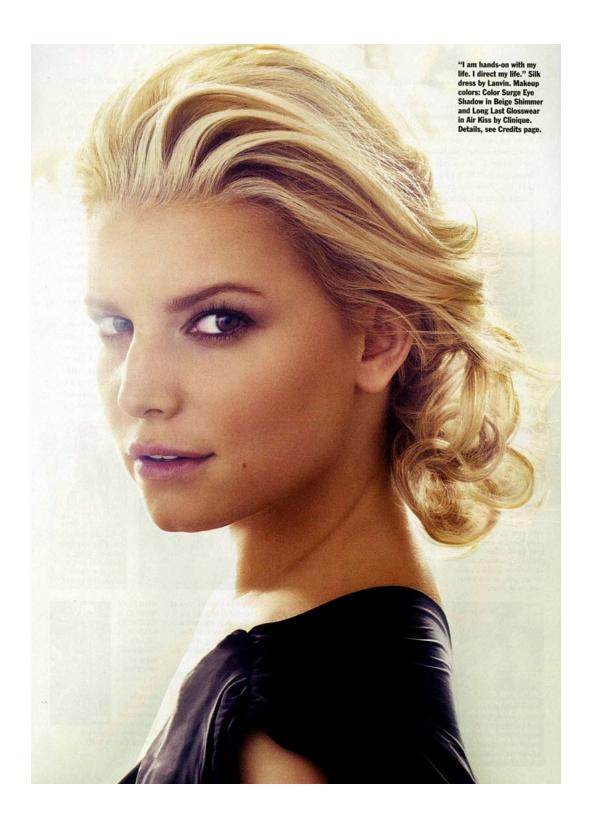
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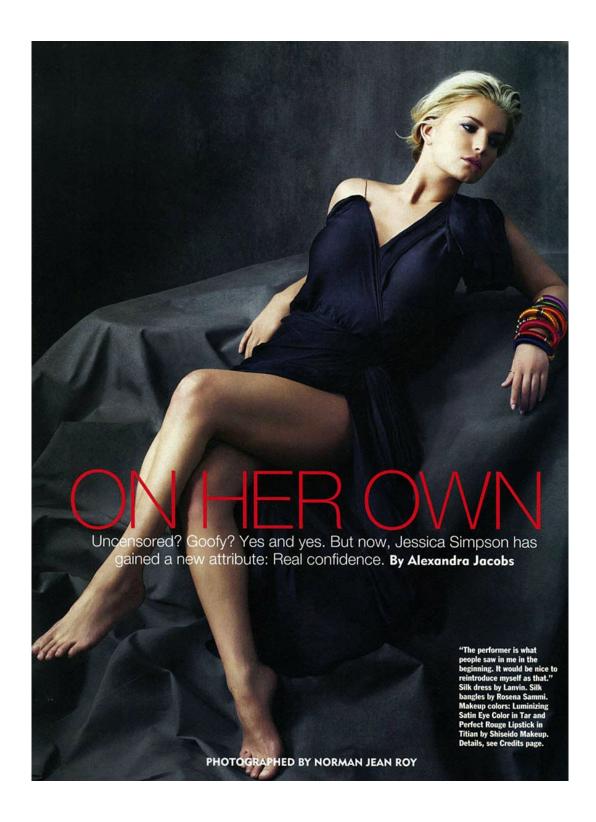
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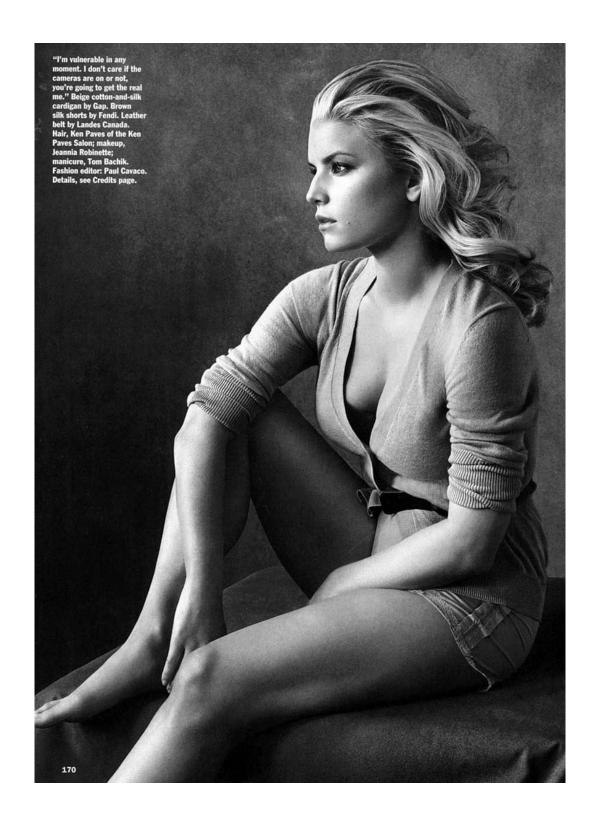
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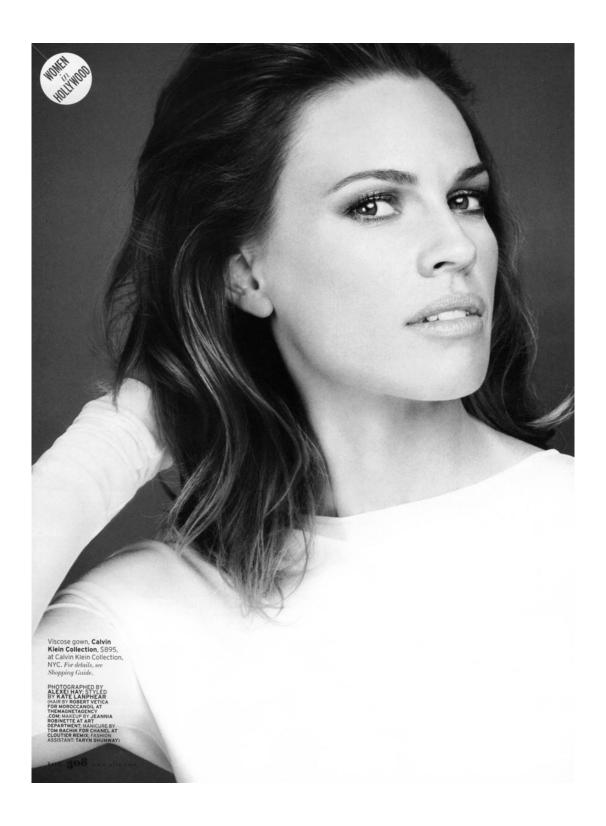
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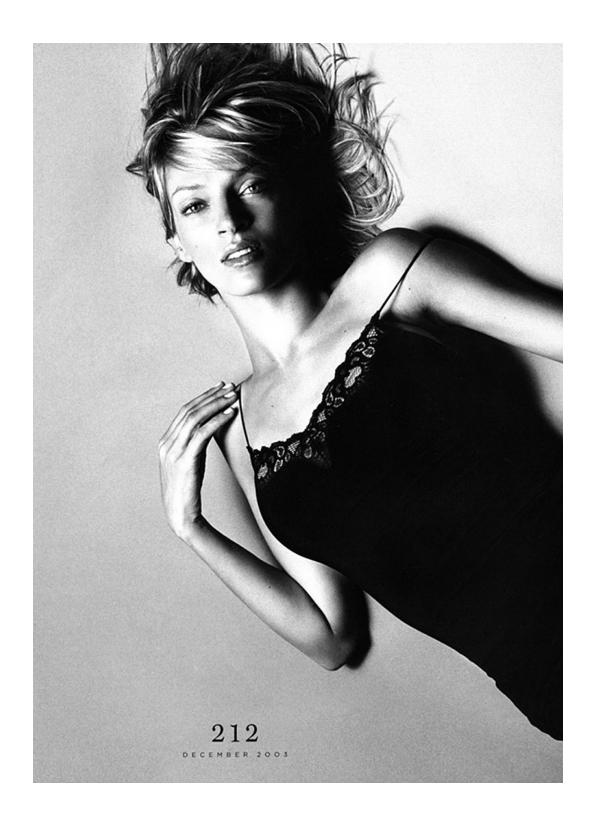
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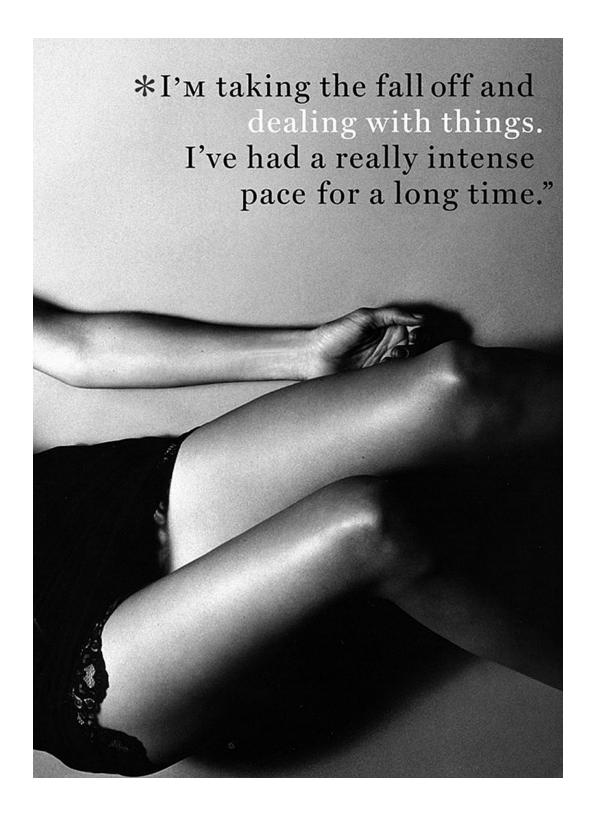
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#### LAST ACTION HEROINE

America's reigning Amazonian icon, Uma Thurman, muses on the physics of kicking and punching, starting over in life and love, and the chemistry between her and John Travolta in the new movie *Be Cool*. By Will Blythe Styled by Isabel Dupré. Photographed by Gilles Bensimon

Uma Thurman has a fat lip. She's touching it, tugging it, twisting it, trying to see just how fat it really is. Finally, she gets up from the table at a restaurant not far from her New York City apartment, goes to a nearby mirror, studies her lip, comes back to her seat, and says, "A lot of women would pay a lot of money for that." Thurman waits a beat and then says, "And I got it for free!" She laughs, the first of a great many, all of which seem fueled by a mixture of bemusement—this crazy world!—nervousness, and even courtesy. Ha-ha ha-ha!

Just so you're clear on the matter of the fat lip, she explains, "I got this from my son [three-year-old Levon]. We were saying goodbye this morning"—you imagine her leaning in for a kiss—"and he butted me with his head."

Given the tabloid world that Thurman inhabits these days, you'd be excused for thinking the fat lip came from the shots the actress has been taking almost daily in the press. Here, for instance, is today's New York Post, splayed on the table before us—a cruel journalistic trick, to be sure—open to Page Six, the gossip column. Thurman eyes it warily.

"You're in here," you say. A report of an intense conversation that recently took place at a local diner between the actress and her estranged husband, the actor Ethan Hawke. During the last week alone, there has been a steady stream of Thurman items: She and her beau, hotelier André Balazs, supposedly bought Penthones publisher Bob Guccione's former estate in Stattsburgh, New York. They apparently danced so late into the morning at the London pub the Wellington that they were locked out of the Claridge's hotel.

And then, most notably, is this: the rumor of an upcoming marriage. Let us quote for the piquant flavor of that elegant tabloid style: Uma (Continued on page 190)



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This being March and the biggest, most delightfully eye-opening fashion issue of the season, ELLE brings you the spring trends that you'll most want to wear. From the new art movement—modeled in stunning tableaux by La Vie En Ross star Marion Cottillard—to sleek minimalist suiting. Technicolor splashes, and bohemian luxe, it's all here. Because we champion personal style above all else, we've also packed our pages with a long column of original thinkers. First up, actress Amy Adams offers a refreshingly candid—and witty—view into her less than enchanted upbringing and graceful ascent to the

top of the Hollywood heap. Next, photographer Carter Smith reunites the stars of his highly anticipated directorial debut, The Ruins, shooting indie darlings Jena Malone and Laura Ramsey against the desert backdrop of California, You'll also find the new breed of &ber-cool Gucci women flourishing under the helm of head designer Frida Giannini, and seven of the edgiest It Girls ruling downtown New York. As you're thinking about how you'll make your own strong statement this spring, just be sure to stop along the way and enjoy the roses—from Dries Van Noten to Balenciaga.

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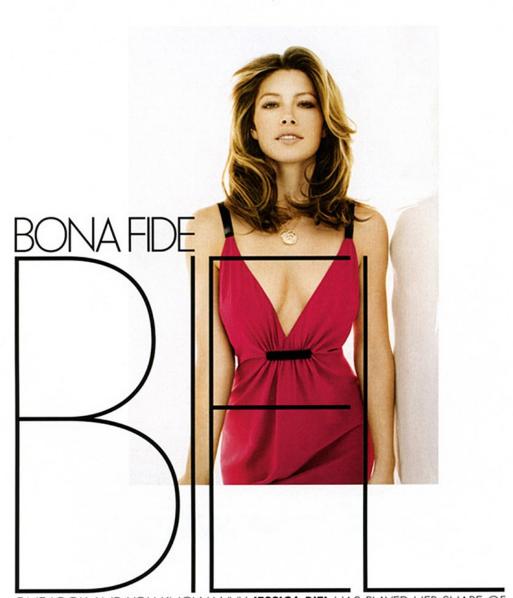
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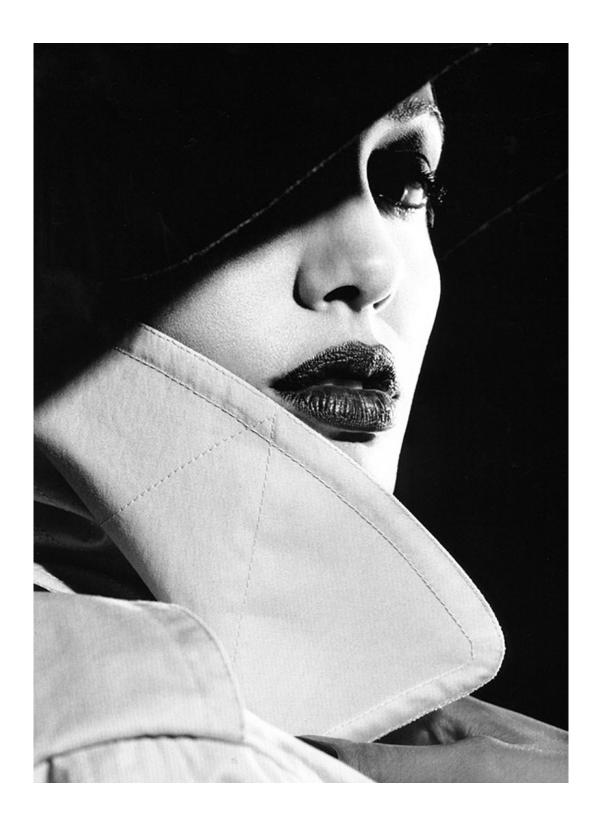
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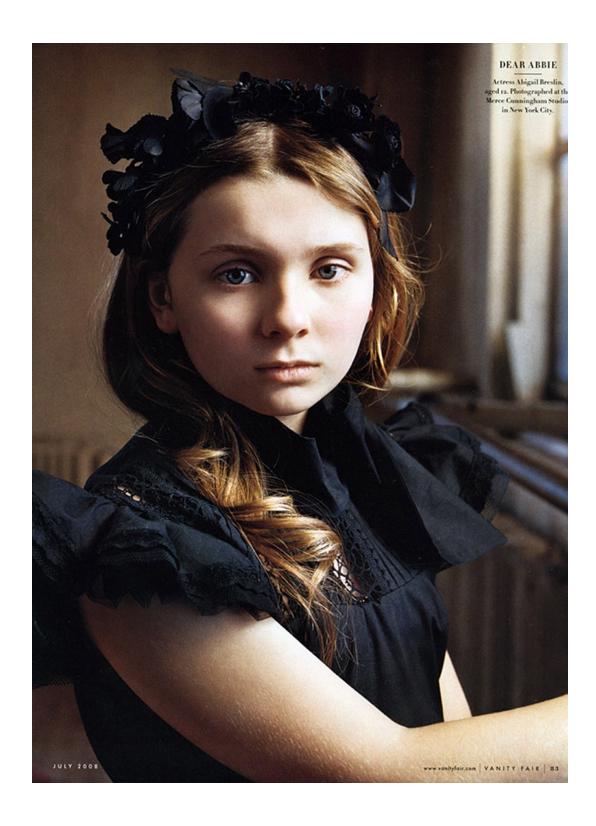
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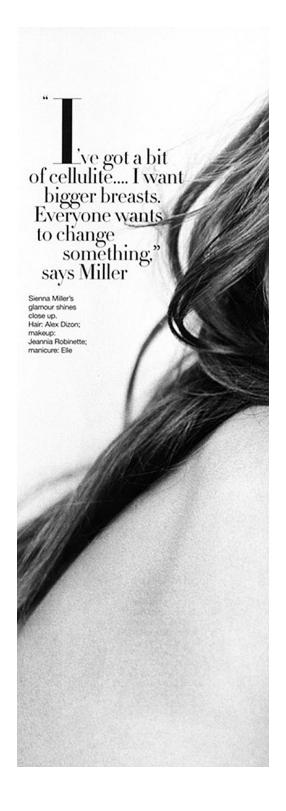
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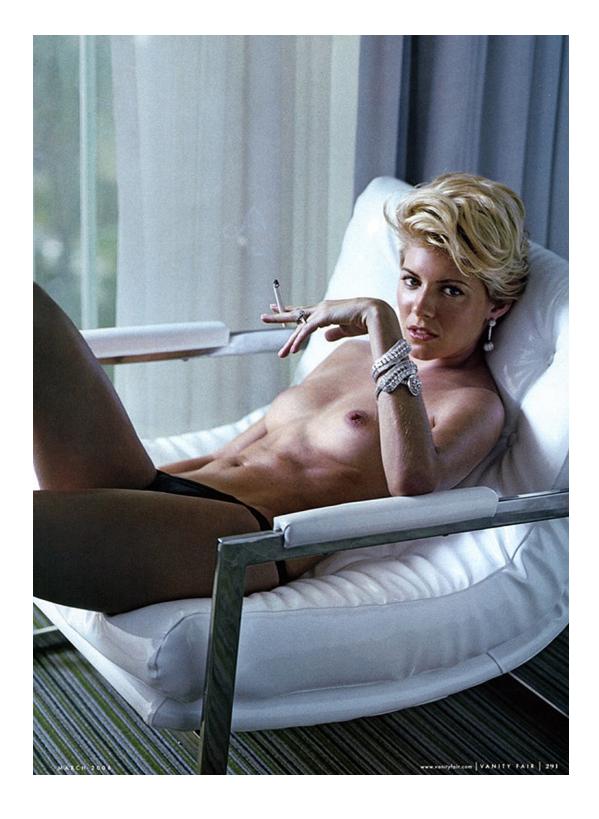
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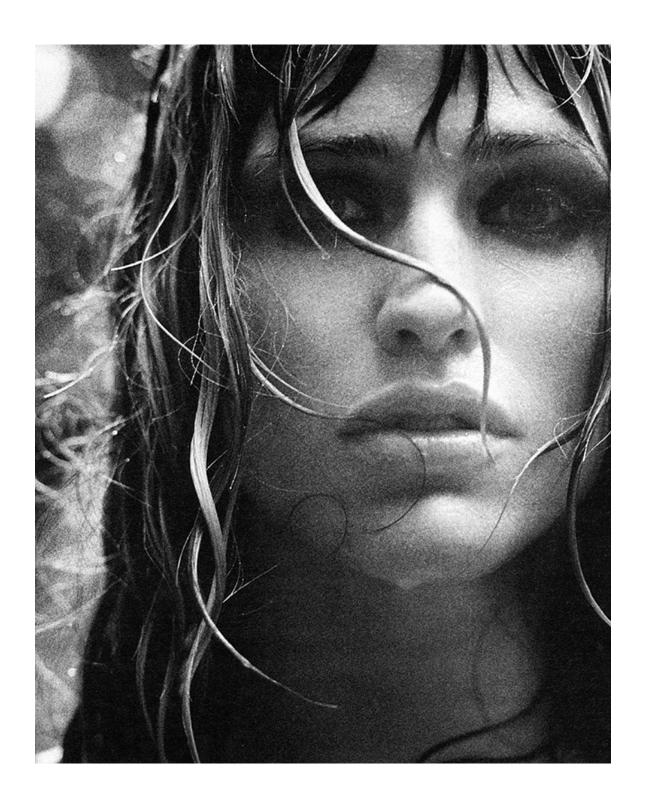
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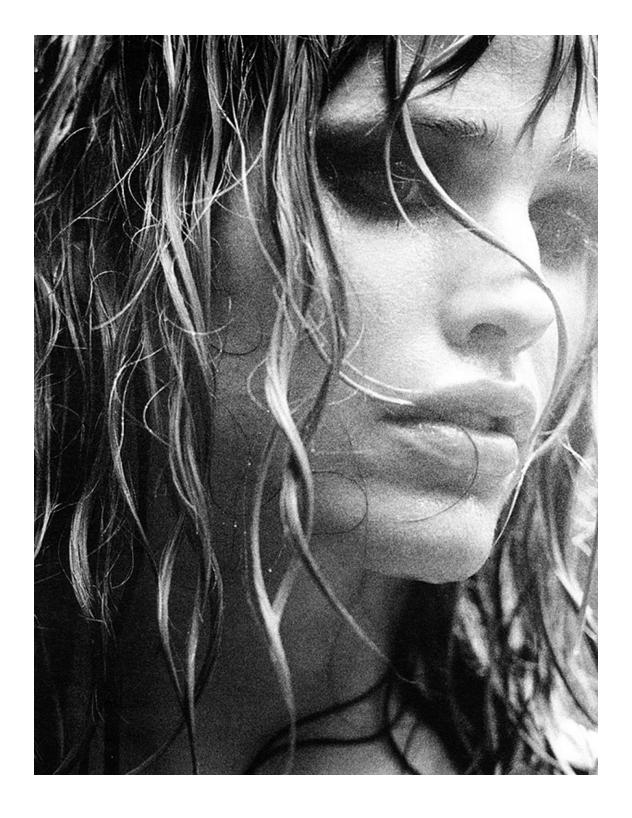
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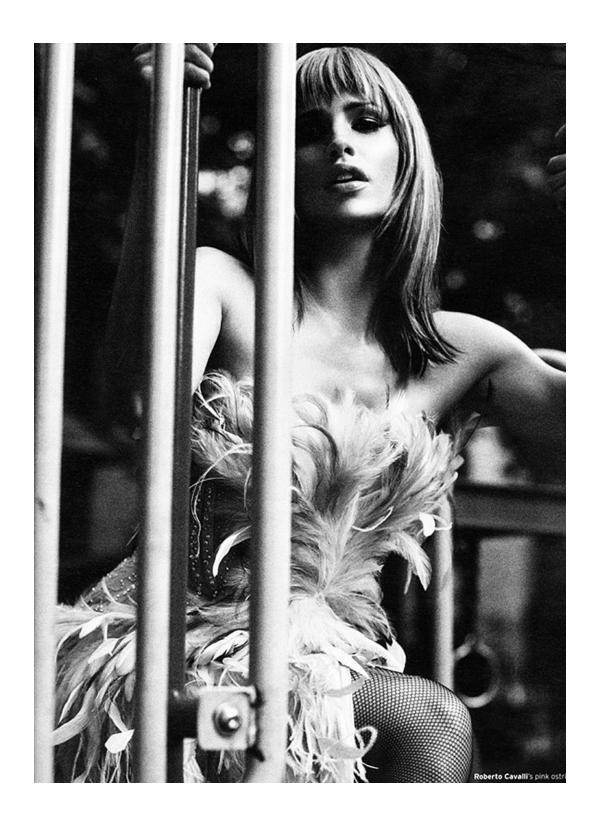
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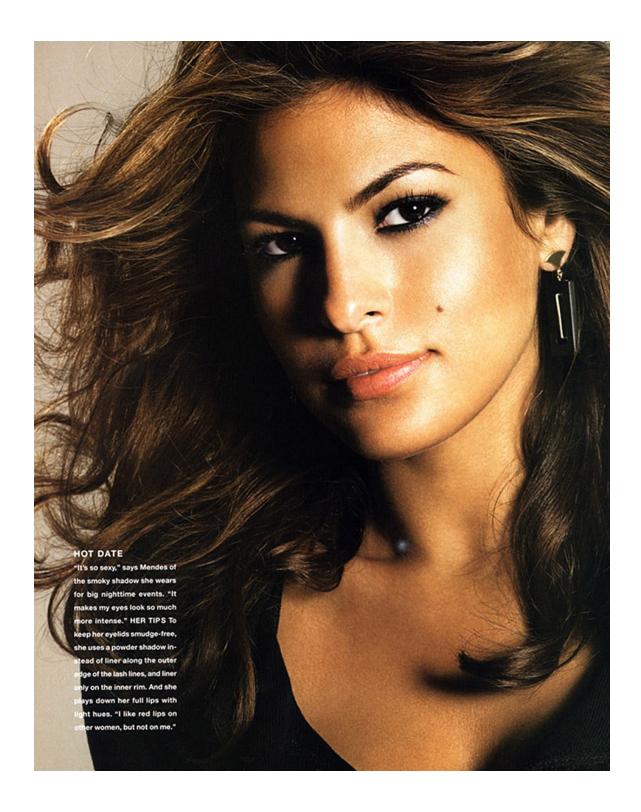
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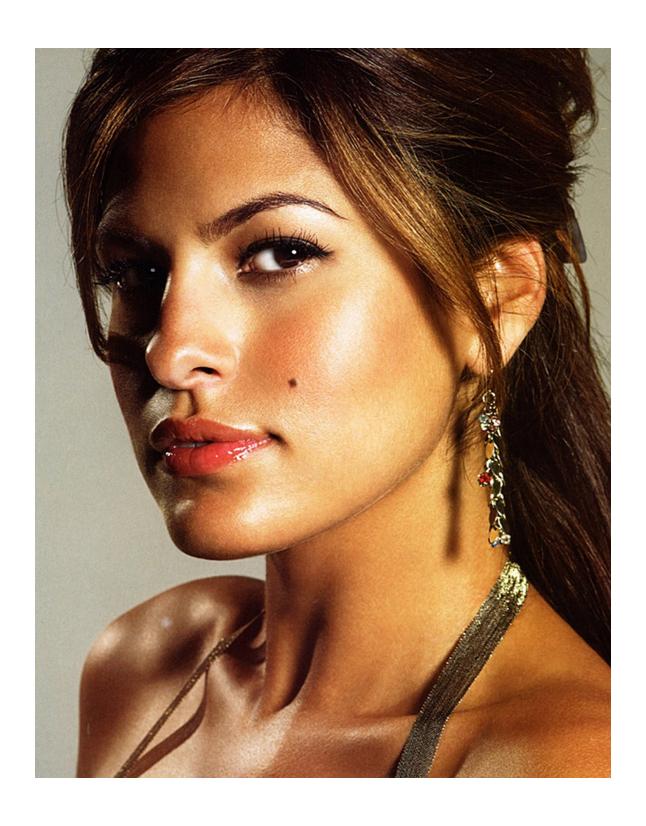
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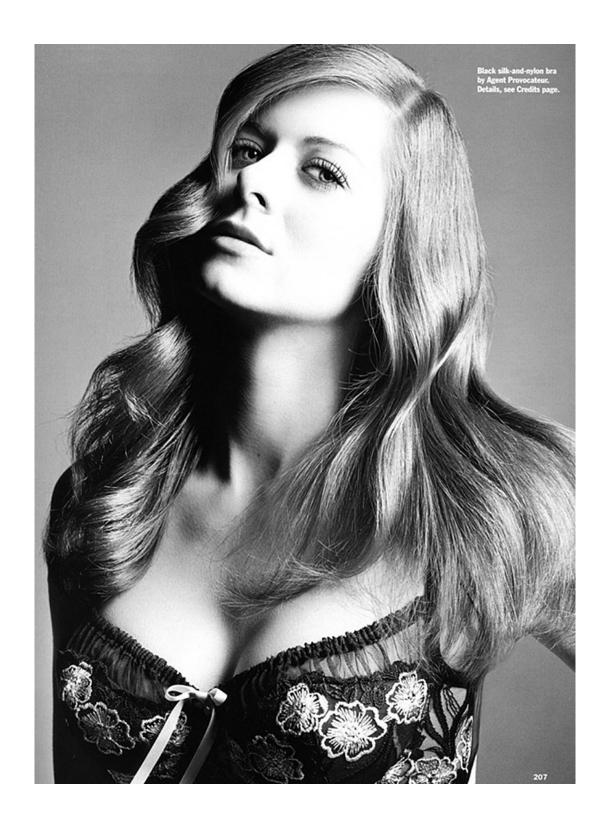
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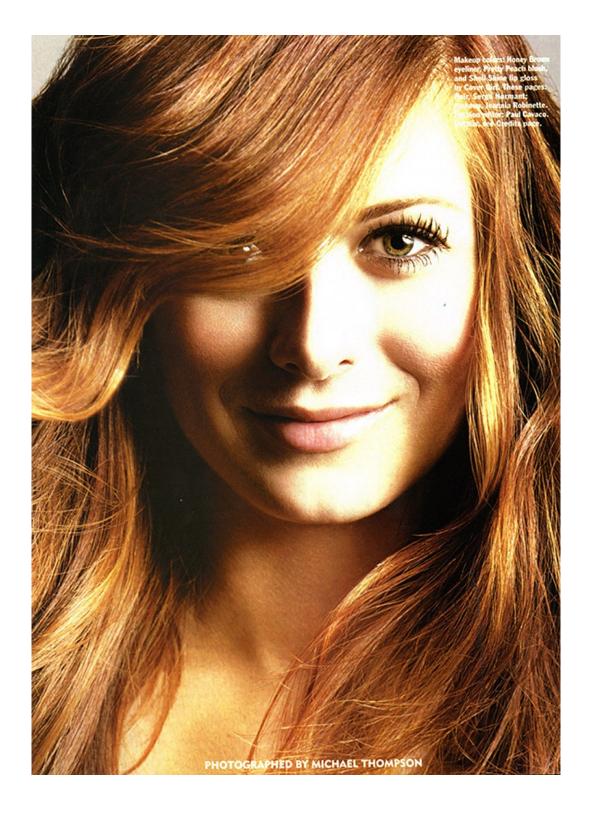
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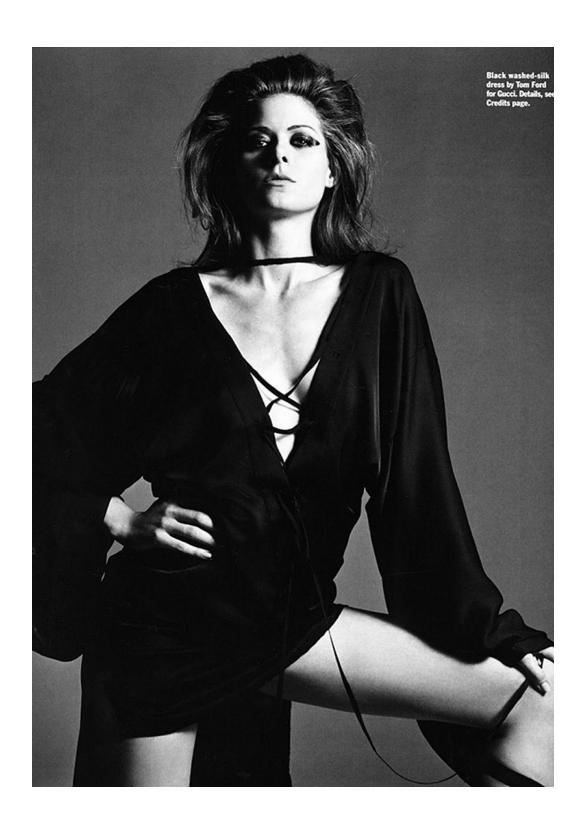
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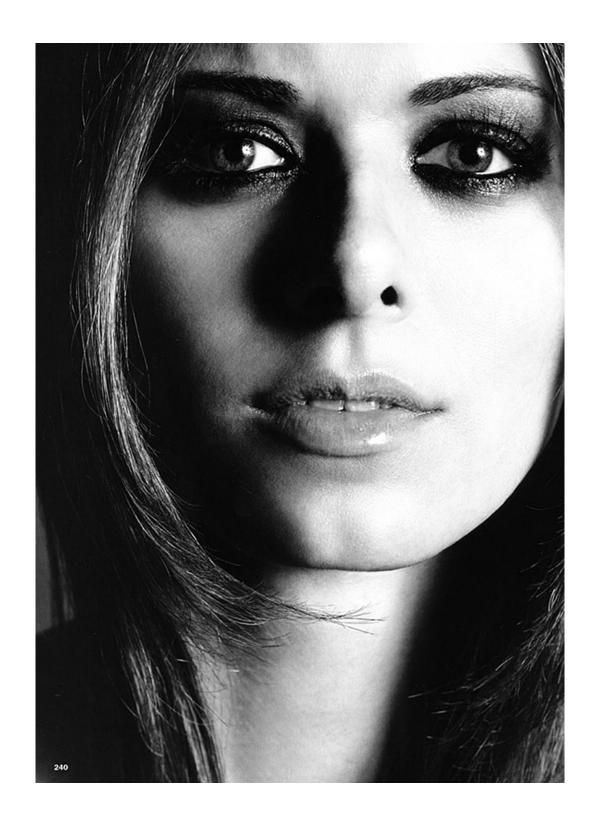
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