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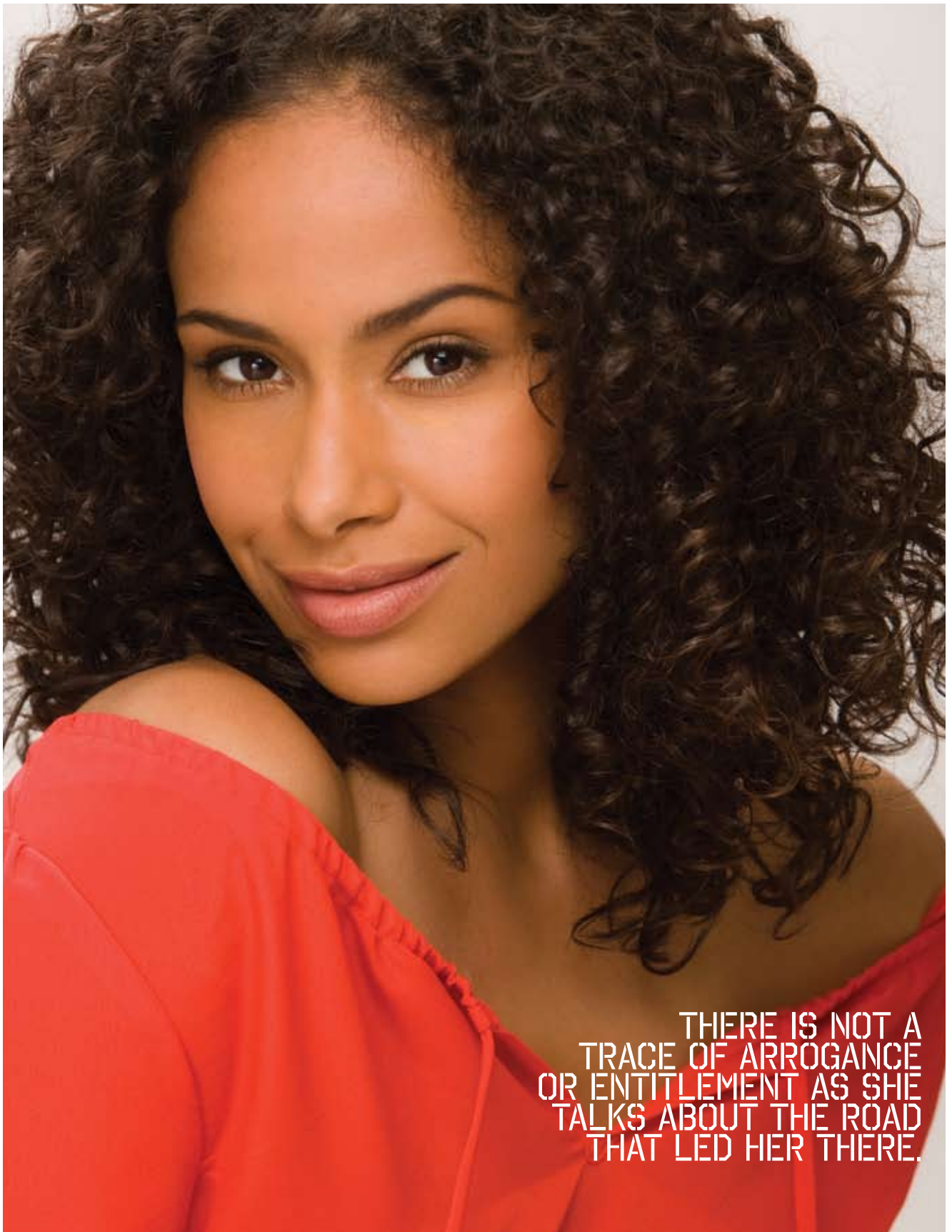
SHANNON KANE

Sweet, funny and soft-spoken, one might forget that Shannon Kane just nabbed the Breakthrough Actress Award from the 2010 Capri International Film Festival for her performance in Brooklyn's Finest. There is not a trace of arrogance or entitlement as she talks about the road that led her there. One of the few women of color in her high school, Shannon did not let it define her. She quickly learned she had to work hard to get what she wants. She was on the honor roll, excelled in sports and taught dance at a local studio. Her determination paid off and she was granted the Gilmore Scholarship for Dance, which took her to Western Michigan University. While in school, Shannon knew her passion was acting. Not one to let opportunity come to her, Shannon left the cold winters of Michigan for Los Angeles – the city where dreams come true.

Kane quickly landed a co-star role on CSI: Miami, sharing the screen with several season actors. From there, she booked roles on Entourage, The Young and the Restless and finally a recurring role on All My Children.

When asked what her dream role would be, Shannon replied with a laugh, "Lori Barton". Lori Barton is her most recent role in the film SWAT: Fire-Fight, releasing in 2011, for which she attended (and graduated from!) rigorous tactical training. Shannon welcomed the challenge to do her own stunts, shoot 9mms and tackle a gunman. "I have never felt that much power." Kane said. "To explore that as a woman is powerful. You have to learn to trust your costars completely. There is no room for error."

As an actress, Shannon says she is able to portray many emotions, personalities and choices – she doesn't have to decide who she wants to be, because she can always be someone different! Shannon has lived her life as if no obstacle is too much to conquer, if you take each one as they come. Being a woman of color, she knows there are fewer roles written, less opportunity. To Shannon, that means she has to be motivated and hold tightly to her morals. I'd say she is on the right track!



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