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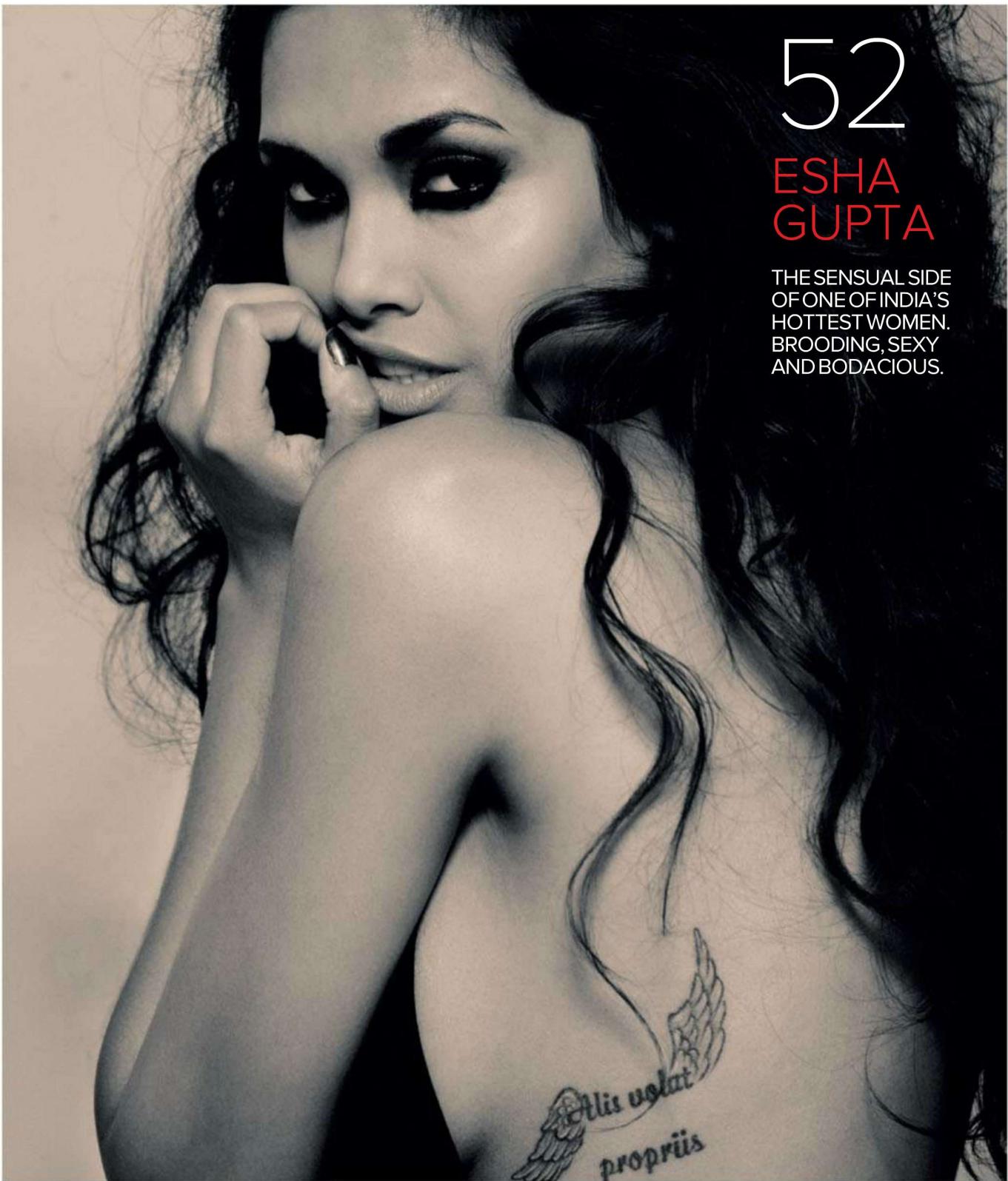


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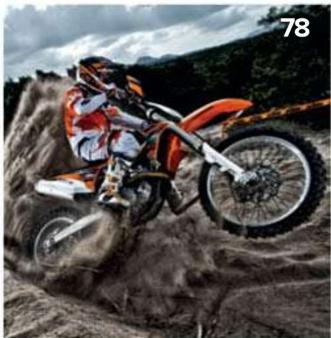
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Like numbers? Here goes: We've received a ton of comments—about 1,743—for the "365 Beers" article in our 05/2012 issue. That's about 23 percent more than usual for a single article. Some 40 percent of them were moans and groans about how beer-challenged we are as a country. Almost 9 percent were about how we managed to assemble all those different beers. The rest were abusive but informative—about all the beers we missed. All of this proves just one thing: Men are obsessed with their beer.

No surprise there, of course. We recognise the healing properties of that life-affirming golden amber. So, this month, we're telling you how to *treat yourself to a beer ice-cream* ①. You know, so you've got the spectrum of summer treats covered. In addition, we've got some great ways to *drink clear alcohol* ② without consequence or remorse. Why? Because when the sun's high, you should be too. Provided you survive that (if not, you still have to eat, right?), we've cooked up a table full of *ridiculously-easy-to-make grub* ③. If you're living on your own, this can be your weekly bible. And, best of all, it goes well with beer.

As the heat forces you indoors and into crowded cafés, we found it makes sense to stop bellyaching and go with the flow. So, we asked "experts" and girlfriends how men can *get some when we're bootlegging that WiFi* ④. It's a bit of a revelation. As is our idiot-proof guide to a complete wardrobe reboot. This month, we give you the easiest ways to look sharp—like God intended—without the stress of going to shopping hell. It'll give you *style ideas for every occasion*, be it alcohol rehab or an impromptu office Saturday get-together.

While on impromptu style, we're particularly excited about *Esha Gupta* ⑤ on our cover. She's one of the hottest women out there, and this shoot tells you why—striking, moody and very Esha. To be honest, when it comes to MAXIM's Covergirls, I'm very guarded (and possessive), because the ladies who adorn our covers are recognisable faces in all forms of media. MAXIM's shoots are *always about the woman*, not the celebrity, so it's a huge responsibility to show them for who they are. And we take that responsibility very seriously, as this shoot will tell you.

There's tons of other action in this issue, from the best new wheels to the most awesome entertainment coming your way... and everything a man needs, including the urge to collect useless knowledge. (Don't miss the freaky interview with Metallica's *Lars Ulrich*.) And just know that we've been obsessively trying to become beer's best companion, with quite a bit of success. Sit back with this magazine in one hand and a cold beer in the other, and you're already on your way to the best June ever.



We think up with the coolest way to "drink" beer... by turning it into a popsicle. Suck away, little boy.



Forget the dark, and head for the clear. These potent, summer-friendly cocktails will get you good and relaxed.



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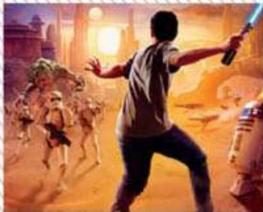
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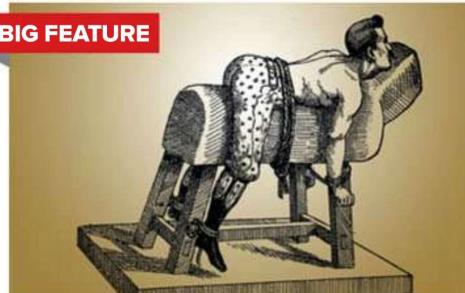
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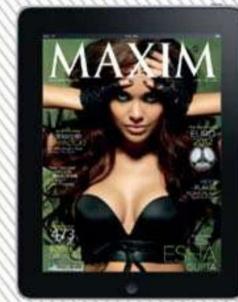
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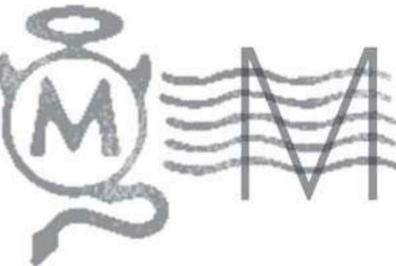
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**Aman B., Mumbai**

*Oh, we get it. You thought we were going to get her in a regular shoot—like a million other mags—all dolled up and fake. Sorry, buddy, that's not MAXIM. This was sexiness at its best, and this is one hot girl you're only beginning to see around here. Amy's done a ton of modelling, but she's never had a shoot about her. Get it now?*

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### BASH-ING UP

Thanks, MAXIM, for the "Pool Boom" article. It was just what I needed. I'm throwing a pool party for my birthday, but I have never organised one before. The article really spelled out what I needed to know. I do believe that this will be the most happening birthday bash ever!

**Samar C., New Delhi**

Happy birthday, man, and lots of luck loading drinks and undoing bikini tops! We worked our asses off putting that stuff together, and now we're three shades darker than we were. But we didn't find an e-invite with your mail. We're coming too, right?

### GIVE ME STRAWBERRY

I am a regular reader of your magazine and I enjoy your style section. It's different in every issue and pretty unpredictable. But the photos in the May issue were a little strange. I liked the clothes, but something about that guy wearing all that white freaked me out. You could have done something by the pool, right? It would have made him look like he was alive.

**Rohan J., Bengaluru**

*Are you into dudes? Guys in white by the pool? Holy Mother. When we say "pool," we mean hot girls and cold beer. The entire concept of the shoot was to give it that subdued, rustic feel. Thanks, we succeeded.*

### AUTO MATE

The first issue of MAXIM I picked up was the one with Angela Jonsson on the cover (November 2011). I seem to be hooked because I'm an auto freak and you guys have stuff I don't find in any auto mag. And that giant picture of the Evos blew me away. That's some car, man! Plus, the "Autoporn" column is cool!

**Kaustav M., Chandigarh**

Join the club. That's one of our favourite parts of the magazine too. And we love the machines that ride our pages. We try to get a lot of the cooler stuff and leave the regular things to the auto "experts" and we're glad at least three people have noticed—you, us, and the mechanic who services our moped.

### PLACING PROBLEM

I will not lie: I love the girls in MAXIM and that's the reason I pick up this magazine. But I'm happy to say that I have discovered that the rest of your content is also what it should be. The big articles are interesting, and the smaller bits are entertaining. You should have more about sex, I think, because a lot of your readers are single, I imagine?

**Ishan P., Hyderabad**

*If by "sex" you mean "sex," okay. If by "sex" you mean "porn," okay. You'll be surprised to know we also have a lot of women readers. A lot of 'em. But point taken.*

## IT'S A VOLCANIC SUMMER

THE HEAT JUST WON'T EASE UP, WILL IT? PLAY ITS OWN GAME WITH THESE HOT (LITERALLY) SCENES. AND GET A CHILLED BEER.



**DANTE'S PEAK**  
(1997)



**VOLCANO**  
(1997)



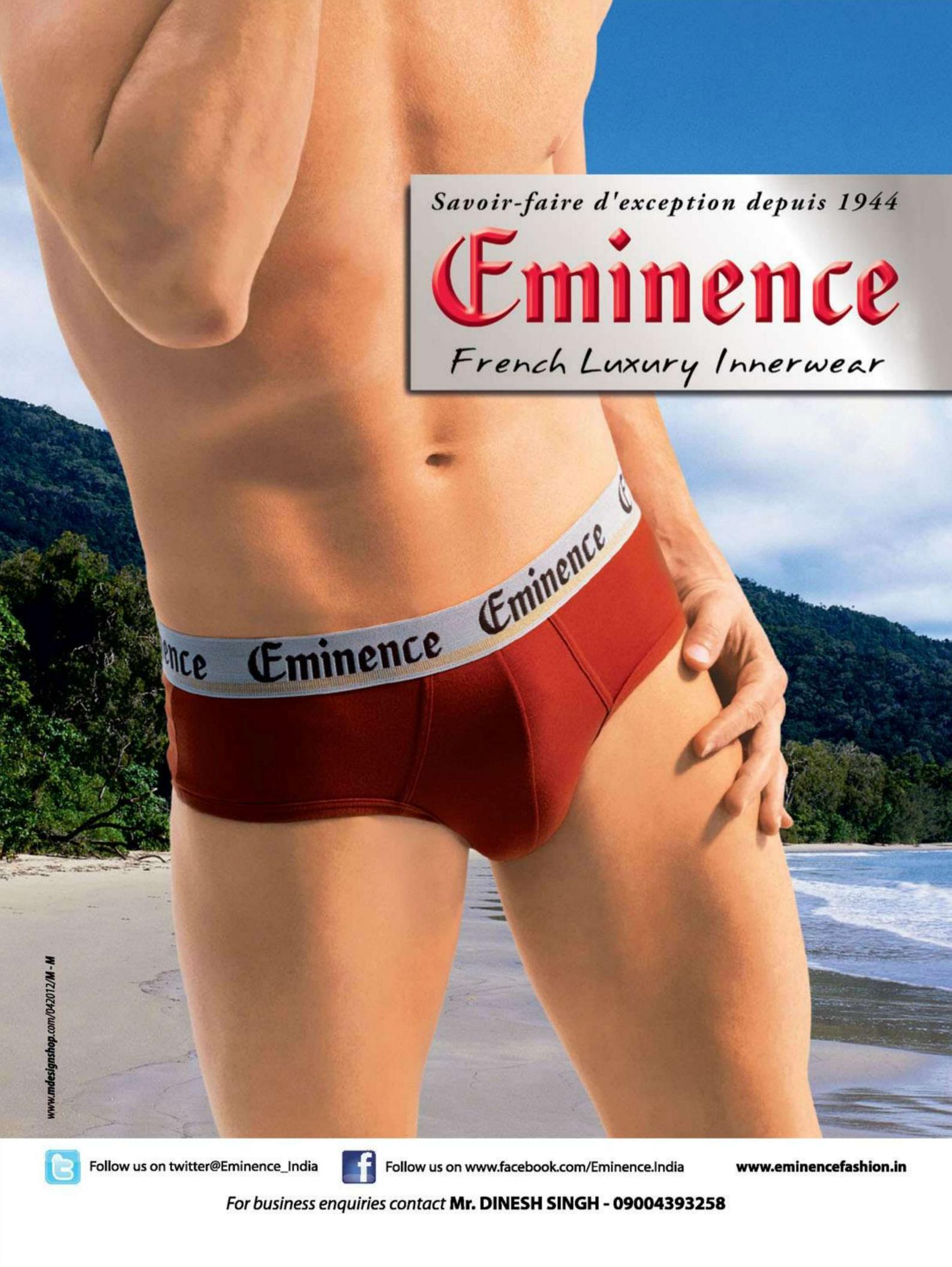
**SCORCHER**  
(2002)



**LAVA STORM**  
(2008)



**2012**  
(2009)

A close-up photograph of a woman's back and legs from the waist down. She is wearing red boxer shorts with a grey elastic waistband that has the brand name "Eminence" printed on it twice. Her right hand is resting against her right hip. The background shows a sandy beach, green hills, and a clear blue sky.

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# JOKE



## BOOT CAMP

Jayant always wanted cowboy boots so, seeing a pair on sale, he bought them, wore them home and said to his wife, Aarti, "Notice anything different about me?" She looked at him and said, "Nope." Frustrated, Jayant stormed off to the bathroom, undressed and walked back into the kitchen completely naked except for the boots. Again he asked Aarti, a little tougher this time, "Notice anything different now?" She looked up and exclaimed, "Jay, what's different? It's hanging down today, it was hanging down yesterday, and it'll be hanging down again tomorrow!" Furious, he yelled, "And do you know why it's hanging down, Aarti?" "Nope," she replied. "It's hanging down 'cos it's looking at my new boots!" Without changing her expression, Aarti replied, "You should have bought a hat, Jay!"

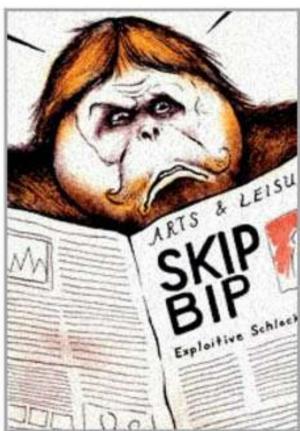
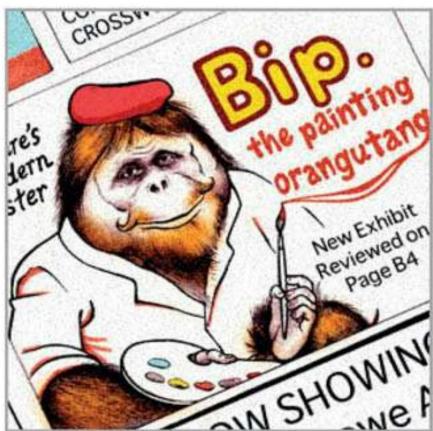
## WHO'S THE MAN?

Three men were sitting in a bar talking about how whipped they had their wives. The first two bragged about how they could get their wives to do anything. The third man said, "I have my wife so whipped that the other day I had her crawling towards me on her hands and knees." The other men asked him how he had done that. The man replied, "Well, I was lying under the bed and she crawled over and said, 'Come out and fight like a man!'"

## EYE POOPING

For decades, two heroic statues, one male and one female, faced each other in a city park, until one day an angel came down from heaven. "You've been such exemplary statues," he announced to them, "that I'm going to give you a special gift. I'm going to bring you both to life for 30 minutes, in which you can do anything you want." And with a clap of his hands, the angel brought the statues to life. The two approached each other shyly, but soon dashed for the bushes, from which shortly emerged giggles, laughter, and shaking of branches. Fifteen minutes later, the two statues emerged, wide grins on their faces. "You still have 15 more minutes," said the angel, winking at them. The female statue said to the male, "Great! Only this time, you hold the pigeon down and I'll crap on its head."

## A HARD LIFE... BIP...



"I'm too sexy for my hair!"



## GENDER BENDER

### "THINGY"

*Female:* Any part under a car's hood.

*Male:* The strap fastener on a girl's bra.

### "COMMUNICATION"

*Female:* The open sharing of thoughts and feelings with one's partner.

*Male:* Writing out a note before suddenly taking off for a weekend with the boys.

### "ENTERTAINMENT"

*Female:* A good movie, concert, play or book.

*Male:* Anything that can be done while drinking.

### "MAKING LOVE"

*Female:* The greatest expression of intimacy a couple can achieve.

*Male:* Call it whatever you want just as long as we end up having sex.

### "FLATULENCE"

*Female:* An embarrassing by-product of digestion.

*Male:* An endless source of entertainment, self-expression and actual male bonding.

## Make Us Laugh, Funnyman!

A writer, an aspiring actor and a comedian, **KARAN TALWAR** shows us how to roll!

✗ Trust is letting a cannibal give you a blowjob.

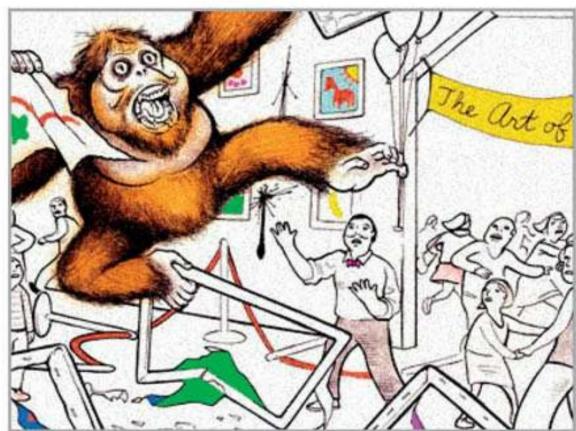
✗ Men work out to get laid. Men in prison work out to not get laid.

✗ Without the internet, my smartphone is just an expensive paper weight.

✗ I was 16 when I realised MENSA wasn't a group of crazy women bleeding from their vaginas.

✗ I am pretty sure the guy who came up with Velcro got the idea from two bearded men making out.

BY NICHOLAS GUREWITCH



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MY WIFE'S AWAY FOR A BIT. HOW DO I FEED THE KIDS? I'VE EXHAUSTED THE TAKEAWAY MENUS.

Bhanu P., New Delhi

Or did you finally find the note expressly forbidding you from getting takeaway? Anyhow, realise that kids can't be trusted to keep their mouths shut, so open the fridge, cursing. Find some kind of sauce in a jar, then empty it into a pan and heat it up. In a moment of inspiration, chop a single mushroom and add it to the pan. Serve with pasta, then spend the next 15 years reminding everyone about that time you made dinner "from scratch," describing it as though you'd floored Anthony Bourdain. And vow never to cook again.

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## FOULS SUFFERED

That's the most by a team during the Euro 2012 qualifiers.

The team?

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA.

He turned around because it wasn't just the nose that was growing!



## IS THERE ANY FOOLPROOF WAY TO BEAT A LIE DETECTOR TEST?

Raj S., Hyderabad

Actually, there are quite a few! And though we tried to get more than eight people in India to tell us, we did not get an answer. So we bugged our American mates to help. They called former FBI agent Joe Navarro, who says the easiest method is one that has worked for both Russian and American spies: Simply challenge whatever the polygrapher says. "The machine doesn't detect deception—it tests your reaction to words. If it says you're lying, just argue, 'I don't care what the machine says; I am not lying. And I will not be bullied into a confession,'" explains Navarro. Alternatively, you can try to convince a doctor that you have anxiety as a result of having to take the test. If you're prescribed psychotropic drugs such as Ativan, the meds will render the polygraph totally useless, and man will persevere against machines. Disclaimer: MAXIM is not responsible for any stupidity that stems from scientific discourse. Plus, no matter what you try, nothing works if you're stupid.

## WHY THE HELL AREN'T THERE ANY SINGLE A OR B BATTERIES?

Ankit M., Pune

Ah, but there are. According to the folks at Duracell, as electronic equipment miniaturised in the 1950s, the A battery was phased out. Today, the A is part of the big lantern battery, and B batteries are used to power bicycle lights and headlamps for recreational activities like caving. So unless you're active and adventurous—and okay with stepping in piles of bat shit—you really have no need for B batteries.



IF YOU CHOKED A SMURF,  
WHAT COLOUR WILL IT  
TURN? IT'S BLUE, ANYWAY.

Vishal R., Mumbai

In the hopes that we aren't aiding any kind of Smurf homicide plot, we turned to some cell biology experts for a serious answer. They almost died laughing, but said, "Purple. If a Smurf has the same blood chemistry as a human, oxygen deprivation would cause it to appear purple or even black—its ordinarily red tongue, however, would be blue." So you have to peek inside its mouth to make sure you're doing it right.

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**CLAIRE COFFEE**  
LOVES SPORTS, BUT NOT AS MUCH AS SHOWING OFF HER HOT BOD. BLESS HER!

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*The San Francisco-born hottie grew up doing ballet, tap and jazz, but is great at club dancing too. Plus, she's into sports. And she's smoking. Ergo, we're in love.*

**Men always do the courting. Do you ever approach guys?**

In real life, I do a lot of reconnaissance and then kind of choose the guy I'm going to go after. Not like stalking, but I just want a little background info. That might be why I haven't had many bad dates.

**You were a musical-theatre major. Would you care for a bedroom-window serenade?**

Never! When I was in fifth grade, a boy put a rose on my desk and I threw it away. The attention makes me nervous.

**Ok, so no songs or flowers. Where can we take you out?**

For a first date, I think drinks are perfect. You can get a little flirty, have some cocktails, and learn a lot about a guy by what he orders.

**So what's a good drink versus a bad drink?**

I like guys who order whisky or beer. A guy who knows too much about wine is a big "no."

**What about going to a stadium?**

I'd definitely be into that! But I'm really competitive, so even if my date supported the opposing team, I think it would be fun to get all riled up—and it would be good for the sexual tension.

**What type of men are you usually attracted to?**

I like difficult and ambitious guys, where I'm not the priority in their life. I hate that I like the chase! But I think I have a whole new take on relationships: If you find someone who makes you laugh and you can stand to be around in the morning, you're doing way better than most.

**What'd be a dating deal-breaker?**

If a guy uses the wrong *your* or *you're*, he's done.

**If things go well, we mind our grammar and we order the right drinks, will we get a kiss?**

Oh, we're totally making out. Just don't bring your toothbrush. I'm not a sleepover girl.

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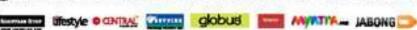
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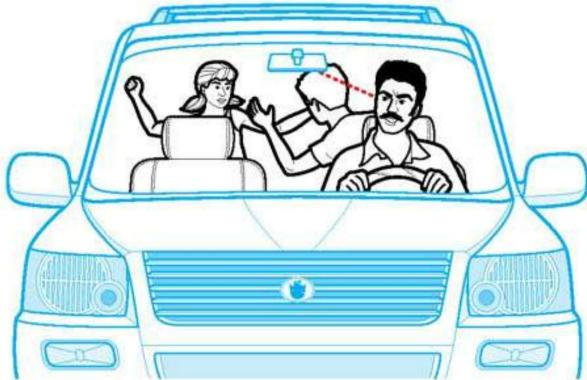
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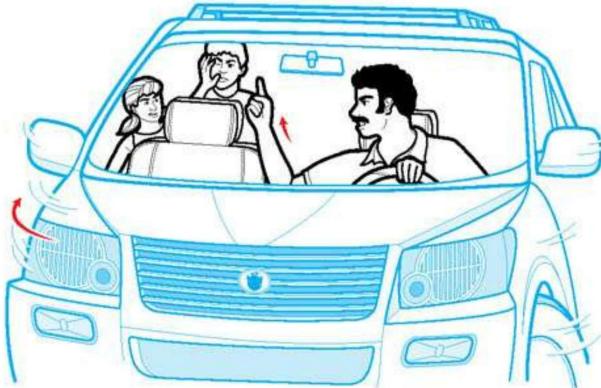
# WHO'S THE DADDY?

With Father's Day looming on June 17, here's our guide to learning all the tricks and secrets only a Papa could know. Just remember that every kid is smarter than his dad... true for any generation after yours!

**WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, THE TOUGH GET INTO A CAR TO ENDORSE VEHICULAR DISCIPLINE.**



While driving, acknowledge that children in the backseat are being unruly and make threats to "turn this car around and go straight home."



Repeat warning louder while swerving dangerously between lanes. Add mysterious and impossible threat of "Don't make me come back there!"



While vigilantly keeping eyes on the road, hold steering wheel tightly with the left hand. With the right, reach back and flail wildly behind you.



After making contact with as many knees as safety allows, ignore renewed yelling, hunch over wheel, and maintain a grim silence for the next 300 km.

**WORD TO THE ON-THEIR-WAY-TO-WISE: IF CHILDREN DON'T LISTEN, DON'T CRY. PLEASE. AND THE WATCHWORD: PATIENCE.**



## A COOL DAD MUST HAVE COOL GEAR!

You are what you are thanks to your dad. So it's time you thanked that man the way he truly deserves it. This Father's Day, give him the time of his life with one of these goodies.



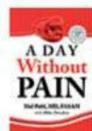
### BEER BELT

Now, what can be a better gift than a belt wrapped around your dad's bulging waistline where he can comfortably hang his beer bottles? Plus, if he's wearing them, he'll be sharing them. Really, it's actually a gift for you. [rockyflatsgear.com](http://rockyflatsgear.com)



### RADIATION-BLOCKING UNDERWEAR

His tool brought you into this world. It deserves to be protected. (Even though he doesn't want another you hanging around.) Oh, it saves his gonads from the sun's harm-rays. [urbanoutfitters.com](http://urbanoutfitters.com)



### A DAY WITHOUT MOM

The equation, genius, is that: Your mom, *his wife*. If you think that's rude, remember that every married man deserves some time off from reality. The upside is that he'll probably refuse. The downside? He'll refuse. (You can't buy this, mate!)



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# BEER-CICLE

YOU CAN DO MORE WITH BEER THAN JUST EMPTY IT IN YOUR MOUTH-HOLE. (BUT DO THAT TOO.)



Twice the brain freeze, three times the fun!

## THIS IS THE ICE-CREAMING OF BEER

Suck on your *cerveza* (that's Mexican for beer)! It turns out that lagers—especially those Mexican lagers with a limy touch—are perfectly suited for fun-time freezing. Great for the sweltering heat, huh? Just pour beer into a popsicle mold, squirt in some lime juice, and let your freezer do the rest. Any beer is game, even a strong beer. Just keep it away from the kids. Or, what the hell, give 'em one to shut 'em up.

## MICHELADA

Think of a michelada as a go-to hair of the Chihuahua. Pour the suds and ice into a salt-rimmed glass and squeeze in a half-lime's worth of juice. Now bring out the spice! Add dashes of Worcestershire sauce and chili sauce. Pop in a dash of ground pepper and delay your headache for another hour. Need more? Swig with a shot of tequila.

## CHAVELA

Basically a michelada with tomato juice (or V8 vegetable juice works in a pinch), so follow the same deal, but also add 90 ml of the red stuff. Feeling freaky? Add some carrot instead of the tomato juice and have awesome eyesight even though you're cross-eyed.

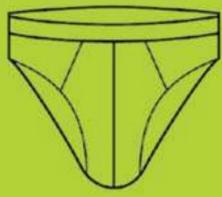
## CHELADA

How do you add an extra dose of "Oh, yeah" to your beer? Turn it into a chelada! Pour the brew into an ice-filled (and preferably salt-rimmed) glass and squeeze in an entire lemon's worth of juice. Add a lime wedge to garnish and let everybody know you're serious about this party (and your life-giving beer). You'll feel like you swallowed an air-conditioner, dude!

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*what's your size?*



EURO

# WACKY WARFARE

Hey, they can't all be AK-47s. The history of weaponry also includes fart spray and stabby dolphins.



## 1 Chilli Con Catastrophe

Some dudes here have cooked up eye-frying chilli grenades made from bhut jholokia (still one of the most potent in the world). Can we get a side of samosas with that?

## 2 Death By Fabulousness

In 1994, a US Air Force research lab drafted a three-page proposal for an aphrodisiac that could be dropped on enemy troops and make them "sexually irresistible" to each other. So what stopped the US Government from approving the \$7.5 million project? To date, no chemical has ever been found that causes gayness. (Well, except smooth armpit sweat.)

## 3 Patriotic Puking

Trust the US to come up with this stuff. And then to actually use it. Their Homeland Security Department unleashed the LED Incapacitator, or "pukelight," a high-intensity flashlight that causes vertigo and projectile vomiting. At last, the power of strobe lights and beer!

## 4 Deadly Dolphins

Unable to afford food, a heartbroken dolphin trainer for the Russian navy sold his pets. The bad news: He sold them to Iran. The really bad news: They had reportedly been trained to attack enemy frogmen with harpoons attached to their backs. Nyet, Flipper, nyet!

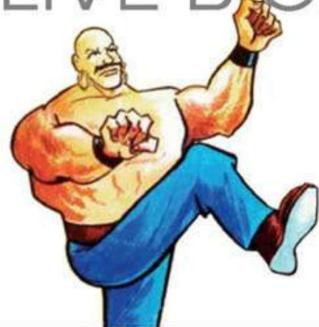
## 5 Rack Attack

If rumours are to be believed, Al Qaeda may have considered deploying "radical" plastic surgeons to fit suicide bombers with explosives-filled butt and breast implants. We knew staring at cleavage was risky, but really not Red Alert risky.

## 6 World War Phew

And we're back to the US. Some of these glorious bastards tried to turn flatulence into a weapon! Made of volatile sulphur compounds, the "Who, me?" bomb was designed for the French to spray on German officers. Right, as if Germans are scared of anything scatological.

# LIVE BIG!



We had a dream and met **Sabu**, Chacha Chaudhary's trusty sidekick and a native of planet Jupiter. Sabu is fun, but he gave us some serious gyan on how to improve our sorry lives. (Thanks, Mr. Pran, for making 15-ft giants part of our childhood!) Caution: We woke up, as will you. But this works.

## AT THE WORKPLACE

 If your boss asks you why you're coming in late, you say it's 'cause you stayed late. If you put your foot to the butt at your job, you should get credit for it. Come in at lunchtime eating your lunch. Eat some greasy nonsense like *pakoras* and walk into the office sucking on your fingers. Sit at your desk and finish your lunch before you do your work. That way he knows how much you're willing to take, and not a bit more. Plus, he knows, "This guy brings the ruckus to the job."

## IN THE BEDROOM

 If you're freaky when it comes to sex, you want the ladies to know beforehand. You want to put that out front because nothing kills the mood like fear. When you bring a lady to your house, leave the stuff lying around—handcuffs, oils, whatever it is—so she knows what she's getting into. If she's cool, you have fair room to try the stuff. She screeches? Tell her: "That's how I play in the bed, because I'm wild. But you won't regret it." She's either gonna love it, or smack your face and walk. Either way, you got a hit.

## AT A PARTY

 Now, here's a good chance to bring it in a good way. You wait your turn at the bar, then say to the bartender, "Dude, can I talk to you for just a minute?" Then talk about everything but don't ask for a drink. Be so grown-up that you scare him into begging you to have a drink, and that too on the house. As you're leaving, say "That tasted great, but I don't remember pissing in it." Then, run.



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## Homeward Ho!

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### MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED

If you like to move it, move it, then join the gang, 'cos it's migration time. Alex and the pack are back after four years and they bring you the maddest journey ever. Of course, the penguins are back too—like you could get rid of them! The smug mammals (not humans, these animals) are on their way home to America but they have a teeny problem. They're stuck in Europe and the police is waiting to fry them. This animated flick packs great comic punches, weird animal romances, and some of the most awesome comic voices—Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer, Sacha Baron Cohen and more. Plus, if you're one of those looney toon fanatics who just can't get enough of the wise-ass characters and wanna get into the movie, it has a game out, too.

**WHY WATCH?** It's in 3D, so the closer, the better. Animation just gets much better in three dimensions. And don't forget the amazing voice actors, who can make you laugh no matter how messed up your month is. Most important, aren't you dying to know if the giraffe and the hippo get it on or not!

## TIME TO GET RAW-DY

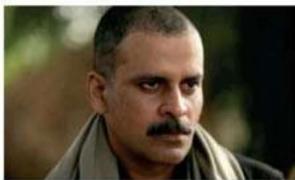
WHAT IS IT ABOUT WALL-BUSTING PUNCHES AND SIZZLING ITEMS THAT WE LOVE SO MUCH? WAIT... THEM.



### ROWDY RATHORE

Okay, we'll be the first to admit it. We thought we'd seen enough of the entire larger-than-life action and cut-scene cinematography. And, at first look, no one needed another *Dabangg*. But Prabhudheva has a knack of putting the right mix in the fray. And, going by the Telugu movie it's a remake of, we have a movie that's going to blow us away. Akshay Kumar returns to an all-out action potboiler after more than a decade and Sonakshi Sinha recreated her near-iconic voluptuous small-town belle characterisation. Bring on the flying villains.

**WHY WATCH?** Kumar in an action flick is fun to watch. Earthy hottie Sonakshi is a role she plays to near-perfection. Two sizzling item numbers, one of them by the Goddess of Hotness, Kareena Kapoor! Need more reason? Try the "review" columns in newspapers. Those spoilsports will give you the A-Z list.



#### GANGS OF WASSEYPUR

Crude, ruthless, crass and brutal—gentlemen, presenting the gangs of Wasseypur! Based on a coal mafia-controlled town in Jharkhand, this Anurag Kashyap flick is as tough as the sweat on your back in June.

**WHY WATCH?** An impressive cast—Shabana Azmi and Manoj Bajpal being the most notable. Plus, it's Kashyap, man.



#### TERI MERI KAHAANI

Mush delivered. Spread over three eras, this couple meets in three different lives—from Pakistan to India to England. And no one really knows when and if they'll end up together.

**WHY WATCH?** Sorry, Priyanka Chopra, but we have to say your super legs! And if you wanna make up for dragging your girl to all those action flicks. It's polite.

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### SHANGHAI

That's one hell of a movie title, right? You think kung fu, but you get *mu shu*. This one's a Dibakar Banerjee flick, and a commentary on politics, its bastard antics and everything in between. There are traces of the by-products of the Anna Hazare movement. (Remember him?) If you're one of those people who needs a crash course in appreciating powerful performances, you've hit paydirt: There's Bengali cinema pro Prosenjit Chatterjee, who makes his Bollywood debut, and regular peppy role delivery specialists Emraan Hashmi and Abhay Deol. This flick shows us the mirror and makes us see our ugly face.

**WHY WATCH?** Deol plays a Tamilian bureaucrat, Hashmi a porn filmmaker and Chatterjee a politician—imagine the intensity. Plus, there's a hot item number by Brit model Scarlett Mellish Wilson.



#### FERRARI KI SAWARI

Sharman Joshi finally has his first solo movie. The entire movie revolves around two things—Ferrari and cricket. And since you love both, we suggest you watch this Boman Irani, Sharman Joshi and Vidhu Vinod Chopra flick.

**WHY WATCH?** It's a sports comedy, the first of its kind for Bollywood. It has an item number by Vidya Balan, but...



#### THAT'S MY BOY

Adam Sandler—his nasal crap belongs in Madagascar 3—is at it again! Little Donny knocks up his crush and becomes a dad at 14 (yeah, when you were still being toilet-trained). Some 30 years later, the father-son duo unite amid nonsense.

**WHY WATCH?** Super-hot Leighton Meester, and a lucky teenage dude getting laid. Wait, that's illegal, right?

**AND THE SCREENS WEPT WITH YOUR ABSENCE...** These other wonders are out there.



#### MAGIC MIKE

Two stripper dudes are living it up. Who cares? Enter Olivia Munn. Yeah, now you wanna watch it for sure!



#### ROCK OF AGES

Based on the '80s glam rock scene, this is Tom Cruise doing some hilarious shit. This had better come here.



#### YOUR SISTER'S SISTER

It's not based on incest, perv. Just your regular guy stuck with two girls. Only, the two girls are hot sisters. Not twins.



#### PIRANHA 3D

It's got a million babes in skimpy bikinis (in 3D, dude!). Who cares if they're snacks for little bitch fishes?



#### SNOW WHITE & THE HUNTSMAN

Not a fairytale, it's a dark thriller. Charlize Theron takes on Kristen Stewart! Yeah.



#### BEL AMI

Based in 19th century Paris, Robert Pattinson—he's not white here—gets to bed almost every girl in his way!

# IS IT BETTER WITH A MONKEY?



June is full of awesome action movies, but we'd be failing our duty if we didn't ask the all-important question: Would they be improved with a healthy dose of chimp appeal? Like life itself.



#### PROMETHEUS

Okay, so we know this Ridley Scott flick is one of the biggest movies of the year. And as the genius behind the original, *Alien*, has been teasing us with the promise of this being an *Alien* prequel, we won't go into full-nerd detail. But our money's on at least some acid-blooded shenanigans before the credits (and heads) roll. And while it would obviously be better with an alien, what about with a monkey?



#### ABRAHAM LINCOLN: VAMPIRE HUNTER

Produced by Tim Burton, this is a somewhat unusual take on the famous US president. Yes, he still has a kick-ass hat and a truly astonishing beard, but now he's fighting an army of the undead. And while we're always up for some silliness, we have to ask—would this be even more venerable with a monkey?



#### G.I. JOE: RETALIATION

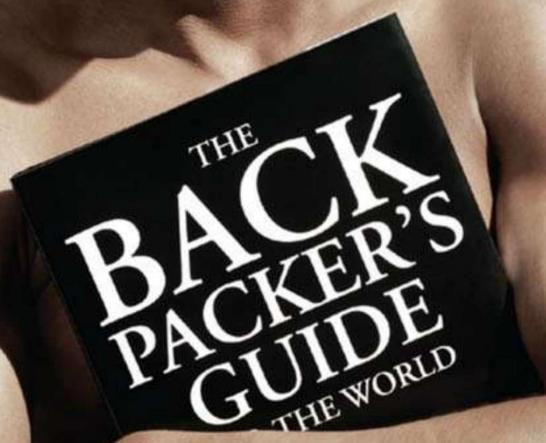
With Cobra in the White House, the Rock and Bruce Willis being badass, and more ninjas than you can shake a box of ninja snacks at (ninja snacks are a thing, right? We get ninjas and Scooby-Doo mixed up), we're pretty excited at this shoot-'em fest. Grenades and Adrianne Palicki are great, but... is it better with a monkey?

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SHE GIVES YOU THE FEELING YOU'VE SEEN HER SOMEWHERE. **KANISHKA**, FRESH INTO MOVIES FROM THE STAGE, KNOWS HOW TO GIVE MEN SLEEPLESS NIGHTS.

This effervescent Kolkata babe can charm you into doing anything. Anything! Kanishka says being sexy is all about being comfortable in your own skin. But if you're going to hit on her, make sure your breath is fresh and your hands firmly in your control. As much as she hates men with bad breath, she also hates creepy touches. (She was surprisingly unperturbed by our straying eyes, though. Like you can blame us!) She's also into a man who can make her laugh, so read up our *Stash* section now. Kanishka still loves her stuffed animals and says she'll never be able to get rid of 'em. Which means the hair on your back will not gross her out. At least we hope not.

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# RIVER MONSTER MAN

MAXIM GOES ON THE HUNT FOR FRESHWATER BULL SHARKS WITH THE WORLD'S WILDEST FISH HUNTER, JEREMY WADE. CAUTION: HOOKING IS EASIER THAN PULLING IN.



"Quick, take the photo before he jumps back in!" said the catfish.



A fishing show hosted by a 55-year-old Brit guy should air at around 3 am, but Animal Planet's *River Monsters* has a cult following and when you meet the catch-happy host, it's easy to see why.

"The fascination of rivers, to me, is the fact that we don't know what's there," says biologist, extreme angler, and, now, TV star Jeremy Wade. "The sea has nice, clear water. You send a cameraman in, and they can come back with lovely footage. You can't do that with rivers."

Wade has had more pressing problems with murky water, of course. While hunting for snakeheads in Thailand, he nearly found himself on the wrong end of a homemade speargun. "We were supposed to be in a nice, clear lake," he smiles ruefully. "But we ended up going to a place with bad visibility. I lost contact with the guide. His spear would have gone right through me if he'd released it in my direction." Fortunately, that specimen was caught without incident, but Wade hasn't always been so lucky: A head butt to the chest from an arapaima several years ago caused him to seriously wonder if his heart had been irreparably damaged. "They're incredibly powerful," he says of the seven-foot fish. "They'll kill each other by head butting. I had very deep bruising. It was still hurting six weeks later. I kept thinking, Bloody hell, this fish has actually shortened my life!"

On another trip, in the Congo, he impaled his finger on a catfish spine. "The pain was so intense. It's barbed all the way up, so you can't just pull it out. The Congolese boatman was shouting at me, 'Let go of the fish, let go of the fish!' and then he just ripped it out. If he hadn't, I'd probably still have that fish attached..."

The guide chips in about a client who was hit in the chest by a giant tarpon that leapt out while they were travelling at 65 kmph. He had to have his busted spleen removed.

Wade has many different types of lures, from spinners to jerkbaits to sinking worms, to catch everything from snakeheads to freshwater bull sharks. On this day, in a spreading slick of chum and lady fish, the sharks have yet to show in the Florida Everglades. Would it help to throw in Girl Scout cookies? "You know," says Wade, "we

might have more luck with actual Girl Scouts."

Cookies are a luxury compared to the food he's been forced to ingest in more remote places. "I ate crocodile in the Congo. It had very crunchy scales. It was served in the dark and didn't know what it was, just that it was really not nice. Also in the Congo, they have this stuff called manioc. It's like an elongated potato, and you have to soak it to get rid of the cyanide it contains. If you don't soak it enough, you get goitres—it's awful. Our director thought someone had vomited in our room, but it was just a packet of this stuff. I've eaten raw coconut grubs—giant maggots with beetle-like heads—and they definitely tasted better than manioc!"

Having spent more time in the Congo than most foreigners, Wade has mixed feelings about the country. "The process of getting there is so tough—if you're not careful you'll have no mental or physical energy left. It's the best fishing I've had, but it's a very difficult environment. I simultaneously had the feeling that I must go there again and I must never go there again."

He's not kidding about the fishing: The Congo is the only place in the world you can catch one of Wade's favourites, the Goliath tiger fish. "It's a huge piranha! It's got the same mechanical jaws that can cut a clean lump out of something," he says. "People are fascinated with piranhas and great white sharks, but it is surprising how few people know about this fish. If you find a 36-kg Goliath, its teeth are going to be the same size as a 450-kg great white's."

It's a bit weird to hear Wade talk about all these exotic creatures. When you grow up in the UK—a country where the most dangerous thing you're likely to catch in a lake is gonorrhea—the last thing you expect is to meet someone who's faced off with piranhas, saltwater crocodiles, and electric eels.

"Electric eels are nasty," Wade mutters. "They can produce a shock around 500 volts. It can shock you through the water without even touching you. If you're paralysed facedown in the water, you're going to drown. This fish could kill you in knee-deep water!"

It's getting dark, and after several hours and no sharks, Wade reluctantly calls it a day. "Do we need a smaller boat?" one wants to ask dejectedly, but Wade's enthusiasm for the beasts he hunts is undaunted. "People are fascinated with predators—we're hardwired to be," he yells as the boat accelerates out into the more open water.

"The reason is simple: We're all descended from people who paid attention to things that were potentially dangerous. The ones who didn't, didn't get to leave descendants!" Even small fishy ones.



## CINEMATIC MONSTERS

Look at these ugly monsters and thank your evolutionary genes. (Okay, maybe not yours.)



The Piranha can chew through your guts in seconds. Acidity blockers.



The Anaconda can swallow a horse, but has a taste for Jon Voight.



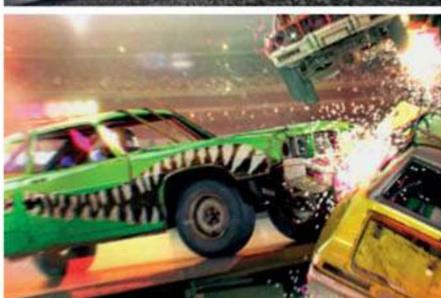
He's huge and angry. Godzilla, the super hybrid dino-lizard, is real scary.



Man! The big, black ape, King Kong, sure can bring the ruckus!

# GEARS MEET CLAWS

THIS MONTH'S GAMING PROVES THAT ACTION COMES IN ALL FORMS OF FLESH, PLASTIC AND METAL.



## DIRT SHOWDOWN

**Forget about those weak racers. This is one place where road rage will save you.**

Every now and then, a game comes along that forces you to rethink an action racer. *Dirt Showdown*, from the guys who brought you the *Dirt* series, is one of them. The game lets you tear up a demolition derby, race regular circuits and wreck around freestyle, all without a shred of decency. It incorporates the dirt and Gymkhana action of the previous editions, but with a lot more metal carnage—all of it visually awesome and challenging in terms of gameplay variation. This is something you don't get from the pure racing titles, and while the gaming engine will feel familiar to *Dirt* enthusiasts, it is raw and crude, with plenty of opportunity to kill cars, retrace your drifting moves and return to the action for more head-on collisions.



## UEFA EURO 2012 DLC

**The pitch is virtual. And fantastic.**

As Euro 2012 gets underway, this DLC pack for *FIFA 12* seeks to get you into the thick of action, and does a good job of incorporating the “teams,” even if that means real European football fans will be a little pissed at the many, many games each team must play. But gameplay is fast, the graphics on the money and, well, once you see Gerard Piqué shoulder-butt someone, it's worth it.

## LEGO BATMAN 2: SUPERHEROES

**Square, simple and solid.**

Blunt edges and sardonic plays encompass the Dynamic Duo—Batman and Robin for uninitiated fools—in this title. They team up with Superman, Green Lantern and other superheroes from DC to rid Gotham City of the evil combine of the Joker and Lex Luthor. Hey, if these two bastards are at it, every superhero will need help. A whole lotta fun going on.

## STARHAWK

**Terrain and time be damned.**

The successor to 2007's *Warhawk*, *Starhawk* has a new single-player campaign with its own story. This is pretty much like a short aside, though, and basically kind of prepares you for the kick-ass, extensive multiplayer. So, if your second controller is collecting dust, find someone to play with. The battles are huge and full of gripping vehicular combat on land and in the air. Space, now taken.

## PROTOTYPE 2

**When the gloves come off, the gigantic claws come out. Solo slasher action.**

*Prototype 2* follows 2009's slick and sick *Prototype* and brings back a virus-savaged New York with all the enemy-absorbing abilities of the original. It shifts the focus to a new protagonist, James Heller, and, as you may have guessed, there's an even deeper plot than before.

The story picks up some time after the events of the original and introduces James Heller, who returns from a war in Afghanistan to find his wife and daughter indirectly slain by Alex Mercer. In a moment of video game irony, Mercer turns Heller into the next human-consuming, one-man war machine. Sure, there's no turning back and off Heller goes on his quest for vengeance.

The gameplay in *Prototype 2* betters the original because Heller has been written with a deeper character, his story is more cinematic and it has been told in killer cut scenes that look like they were ripped out of a Frank Miller graphic novel. Functionally, the physics has gotten a shot in the arm this time around. Heller's upgrades are more linear, emphasising all the weapons and abilities a mutating man can have, not just the one you've chosen to spend your points to upgrade.

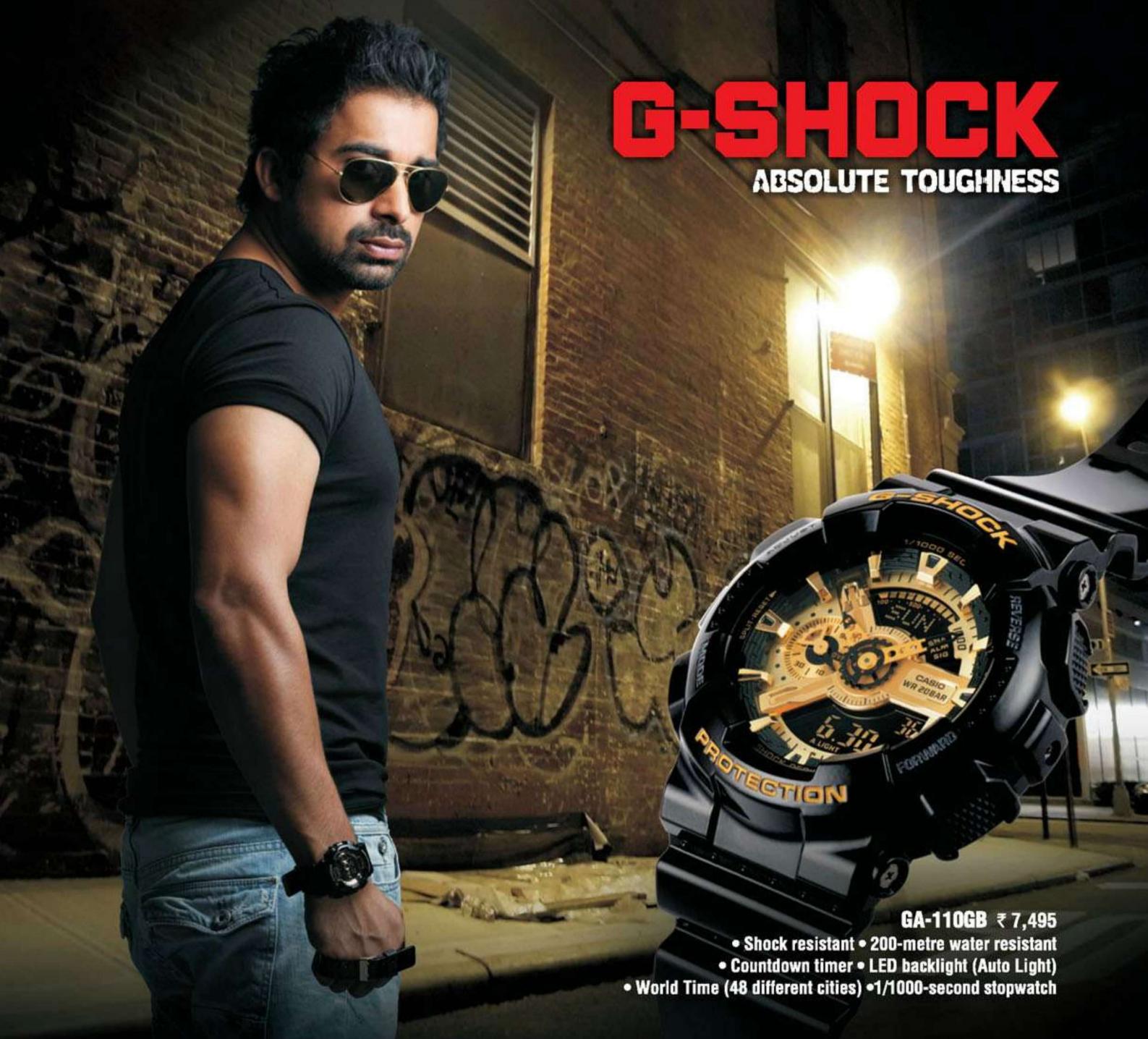
Conversely, the open world landscape offers more choice than before, allowing Heller to choose missions and side quests that will either progress the storyline or beef up his abilities. And it's recommended that you do buff those abilities. It's like that old proverb, once you've ripped a turret off a chopper and used it to mutilate a tank, you can't go back. We think Sun Tzu said that.

The game ensures this is the New York of the original, and if you're a fan of the open world games, you'll enjoy the parkour-meets-battle sequences. But it is Heller's story, thick with revenge and doublecross, that really cooks.

"The woman has to stop telling me to get a manicure."

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# A ZY ON TROLS

**Every rock dude knows Metallica were legendary partyers back in the day. Is there any one moment that still stands out?**

The recording of *The Black Album* was probably the most insane on the debauchery front. We were in LA for about nine months, at the same time that Guns n' Roses were recording their *Use Your Illusion* albums. Los Angeles in the early '90s was ground zero for any kind of outrageous hard-rock behaviour. It all started and ended in the corner booth of the Rainbow Room on the Sunset Strip! It was a pretty crazy convergence: Music, alcohol, drugs, debauchery, porn. At that time, the porn world and the music world were kind of like bedmates—if you were mixing with anyone other than your own group, it was the porn world. We had a lot of fun, and I have good memories from that time. I'm glad I lived it... and I'm glad I don't have to live it again.

**Hulk Hogan recently said you once asked him to be Metallica's bassist. What the...?**

I think I'll say: See the previous answer. There are some things that get a bit hazy back there. I have—this is scary—the best memory of any of us, and I still have to file that one under "hazy." That could've been one hell of a beefy bass line... Listen, you know me—I'm up for anything! Don't take my inability to remember as a negative thing. That sounds sensational.

**You're starring in Hemingway & Gellhorn, a movie about Ernest and his third wife. Are you looking to move into acting?**

I don't know if I'm moving into acting as much as acting's moving into me. I don't chase this type of stuff—I don't have people

out scouring the Earth for parts for a drummer in a heavy metal band to star in!

**You're also shooting a 3D film. Is it a concert movie?**

It's set against a concert, but with a narrative going on because, you know, a 3D Metallica movie—that's a lot for anybody to sit through. I wouldn't wish that upon your worst enemy.

**Is there anything in *Some Kind of Monster*, the Metallica documentary, you wish had been left out?**

I'm definitely guilty of poking sometimes. I'm Danish, and Danish people sometimes like to stick their finger in somebody else's shoulder and push them a bit. I sometimes think that the metal community is just so fucking serious and up its own ass. Once in a while it needs a little poke, and I don't mind being that guy. Nobody else seems to do it. Sometimes I read, "Oh, Lars Ulrich, what an asshole," or, "Lars Ulrich can't play drums." I laugh at all of that. People sit there and say these awful things in those chat forums. I think it's really funny when someone sits there and says something that he's typed with his dick, or some 12-year-old who hasn't figured out how to jerk off yet is sitting there typing insults about somebody he's never met. The whole thing's pretty hilarious.

**What was it like filming in the dreaded San Quentin prison for the "St. Anger" video?**

Very intimidating—trust me. It's surreal being inside San Quentin and looking out at the surrounding area where every morning I drive my kids to school. I now know which chimney is the exhaust pipe from the gas chamber. It's truly, truly bizarre.

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Yet another groovy number from the band, and Khalifa surprisingly doesn't rap about weed this time!

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The beats really make you dream of beaches and sand. A true-blue summer refresher with knockers.

### Take Care DRAKE FT. RIHANNA

Yep, it's a weird video! But Drizzy and Riri are hitting some hard beats in this one.

### Bharat Mata Ki Jai SHANGHAI

You can't sit idle on this song. Hard-hitting lyrics and even harder beats.

### Aafaton Ke Parindey ISHAQZAADE

Amit Trivedi is at it again, and singer Suraj Jaglan has totally taken it to Level 2!

### Satyamev Jayate SATYAMEV JAYATE

The track's got us hooked and we just can't help humming it. You will too.

### Climax USHER

Save this one for the day when you miss your ex. Nice melody and pretty spiffy vocals.

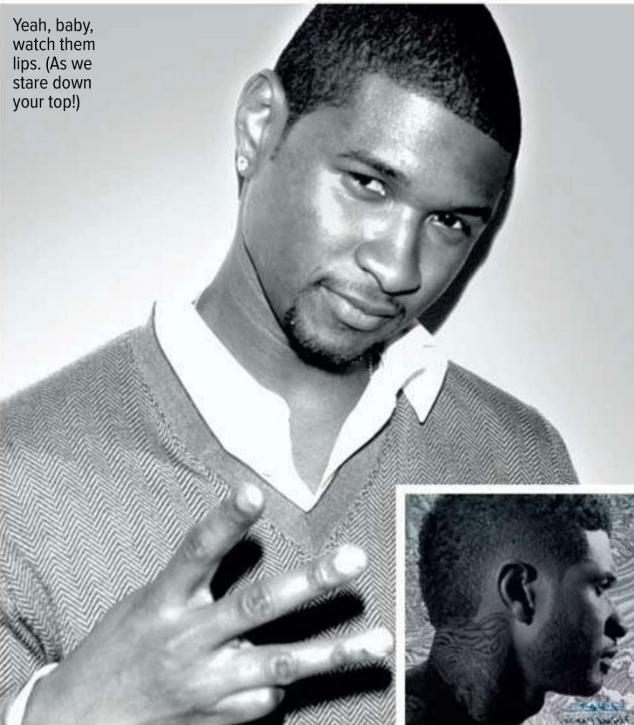
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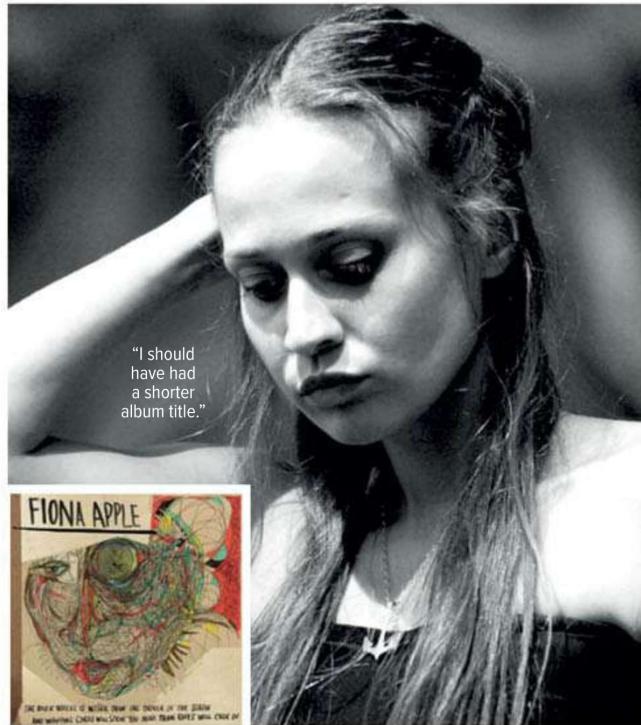
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#### >> USHER

##### **Looking For Myself**

Guys, it's time for some "revolutionary pop"! Yes, that's what Usher has tagged his new album. The first track "Climax" is damn trippy, a kind of a slow jam, and is already being downloaded into obsession. Usher cuts through the chase and lets loose. The cooing must stop.



#### >> FIONA APPLE

##### **The Idler Wheel...**

An album title that's way too long to fit in anywhere is not the only thing that'll make you take this on. After more than half a decade, the sexy musician is back with a harder, more vibrant sound. Plus, she's always been a real livewire when she plays gigs, so let's hope a live version is coming soon.

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#### >> MAROON 5

##### **Overexposed**

The band has notoriously called this one the "poppiest," and we can say they actually meant "peppiest." Right? Well, that's what "Payphone" which features the expletive-loving Wiz Khalifa, sounds like. It's not subtle, but we can see you dancing to it, even if you dance like a girl.



#### >> JUKEBOX THE GHOST

##### **Safe Travels**

The Philadelphia rockers' third album, hot on the heels of their 2010 release, has upbeat novel sounds. The crusty vocals are backed by some super-cool drum work, while the strings uplift the tempo. Fun, easy on the ears and pretty good for lazy Sundays or most days in the office.



#### >> THE OFFSPRING

##### **Days Go By**

'Tis the season of Pause to Play! After over four years, the punk rockers are back with *Days Go By*. Noodles claims that this one is the band's "most rocking" stuff, as was expected with the inclusion of drummer Pete Parada. It is fast, furious and just loud enough to piss off the guy in the next cubicle.



#### >> MYSTERY JETS

##### **Radlands**

Haven't heard of them? You will. This English band is making the airwaves with their straight-up rock 'n' roll vibe, powered by a cleaner sound, and an engaging tempo that strangely reminds you of a faster Coldplay. The drummer, Kapil Trivedi, balances Blaine Harrison's banging vocals.

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## << THE SMASHING PUMPKINS

### Oceania

The Pumpkins are back, and are dishing out new recipes that are tasty enough to swallow whole. After writing off the entire "album" concept and releasing tracks on the internet (thanks, Billy!), the band's finally listened to non-3G and low-bandwidth fans, and released their seventh album. *Oceania*—which feels like a continuation of their previous record *Teargarden by Kaleidyscope*—is a few notches lower in intensity, but makes that up by being "spacey and dreamy," in the words of guitarist Jeff Schroeder. The tracks are instrumentally engaging, but a little less heavy than the typical Pumpkins sound. So, more people will like it.



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# *sintful* SURRENDER

*She's so sizzling that you'll be left begging for more.  
Make way for the newest sensation in town as Esha Gupta  
shows you how it's really done!*

*Photographs JATIN KAMPANI*

There is something about Esha Gupta that instantly strikes you. Yes, she is incredibly beautiful and, yes, she has an awesome body. But what is most eye-catching about her is the ease with which she exudes sex appeal. She is hot and it is there, effortless and brazen. You don't expect her to not be sexy. And as the supermodel tiptoes into moviedom, you don't expect her to not make her mark. Go ahead and feel the heat as Esha calls the shots, in her most daring, dramatic and darkest shoot ever. Bad was never so good. You're welcome.

*Hi, Esha! Welcome to MAXIM. Your shoot has been giving us sleepless nights and we're sure to remember this for a long time to come. How do you feel being a citizen of Maximland?*

It feels amazing. MAXIM is the one magazine that defines sexiness and every man in India dreams about the MAXIM Covergirl. And I feel awesome to be one of them! Finally!

*We love it when hot women like you give us compliments! You've shot for many magazine covers before, so how different was shooting with MAXIM? It was so much fun. I mean, so many*

magazines try to do sexy shoots but with MAXIM, the sexiness is always different. It's like the girl on the cover is staring at every man out there but yet the men can't get her. There is sensuality with desirability, and a little bit of a tease.

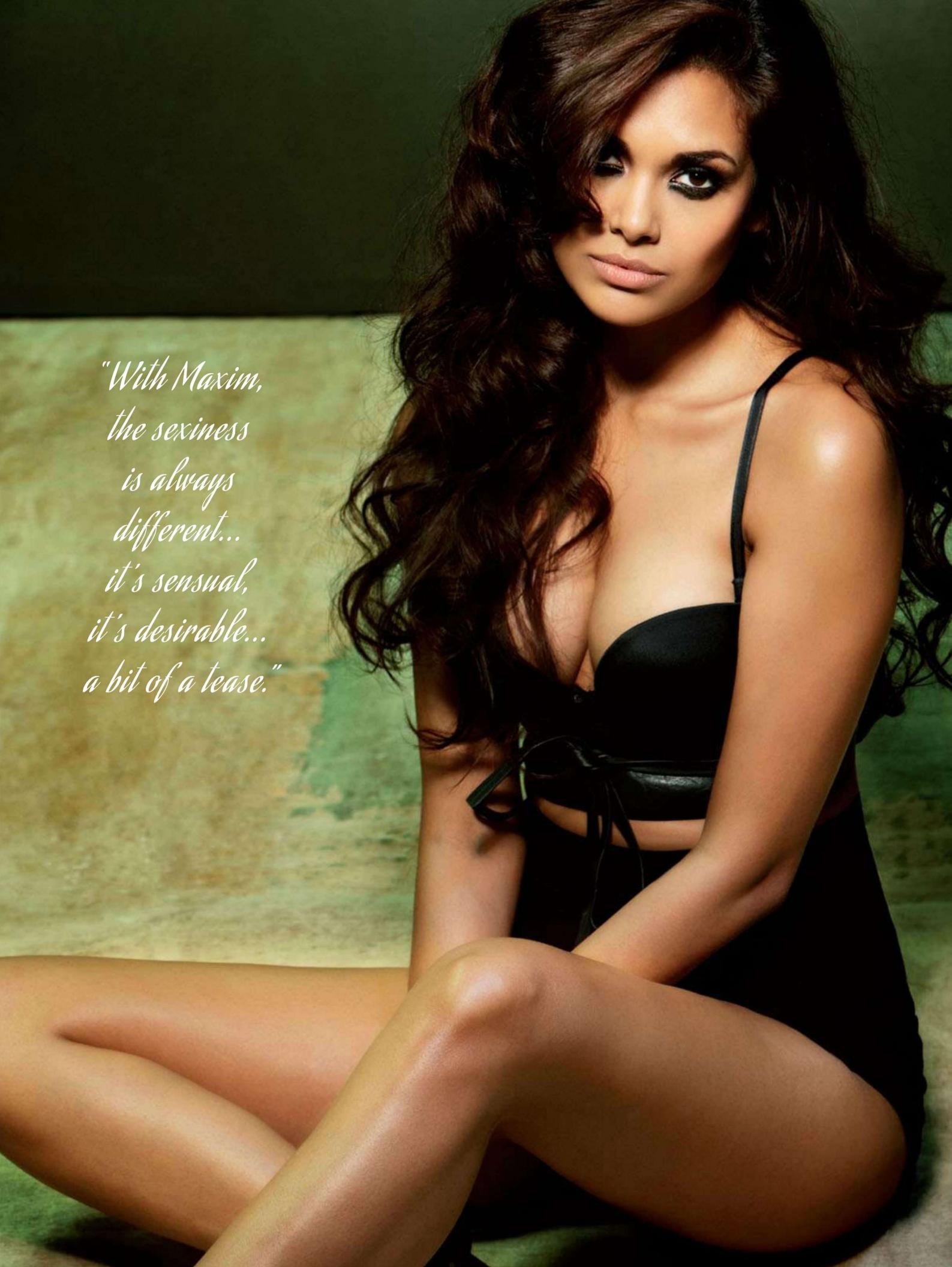
*Whoa! You just nailed it! Now, in between looking at your hot shots, we did some reading up on you and found that there isn't much known about your growing-up years. Mind telling us? Actually, I am very protective about my family and personal life and don't want any unnecessary spotlight to fall on them. But I can tell you that my growing-up*

years were just like any normal girl's. I was very studious and would even cry before every exam 'cos I'd be so nervous. So, from school to college, my journey has pretty much been simple, and just like all the other girls'... before I became a model. And now an actress.

*We're glad you became a model and we're even gladder that you're in the movies. But were you not apprehensive about starting from scratch in the movies? For us, it sounds like a pretty big risk!* Yes, it is a big risk. But then you have to take risks to achieve anything in life. I was reading about Steve Jobs the other day...

even he had to struggle so much. He dropped out of college because he had no money and would sleep on the road. Everything in life is a risk but if you never give up and work hard with determination, you will eventually find your way. I never thought I would be famous. I just wanted to be successful. At one point, I wanted to be a lawyer! But I am very happy with the way my life is going right now.

*While we're on movies, tell us who you think is the hottest woman in the industry today.* I think Kareena Kapoor is extremely hot. Hotness is not just about the body but about the eyes and

A full-page photograph of a woman with long, dark hair, wearing a black, strapless, lace-up lingerie set. She is sitting on a textured, light-colored surface, possibly a couch or chair, with her legs crossed and resting on the surface. Her gaze is directed towards the camera from over her right shoulder. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting her skin and the texture of her hair.

*"With Maxim,  
the sexiness  
is always  
different...  
it's sensual,  
it's desirable...  
a bit of a tease."*

she exudes hotness with her eyes. She can act well, emote beautifully and is a total stunner.

Bah, eyes. But you're right. And we love Kareena, too! What about Angelina Jolie? You've often been called her Indian version (so we hear). What's your take on that? Angelina has been listed as the hottest woman on earth in numerous polls around the world. So, for me, to be compared to her is a huge compliment. But at the same time, I am not someone who likes comparisons. I don't want to be like anyone else. I'd rather be called Esha Gupta than someone else's lookalike. Maybe you could say I look like my mother. I'd be happy with that!

No, we know you're the one people will be making comparisons with. You have a super hot body which we just can't get over. What's the secret? I do eat a lot but I work out regularly. And I have to thank my genes for high metabolism. I come from a city which is known for its street food and I have a major weakness for it. I get all kinds of cravings and I eat as much as I can. But then, I am conscious enough to exercise, too. Although I feel I am young and can afford to eat, right?

Oh, totally. We love a girl who doesn't mind digging into a pizza with us. So, let's go out on a date. Tell us, how do we go about it? Just man up and come and ask me straight out. I like men who just honestly come and say what's on their mind, instead of beating around the bush. I like guts! Be upfront and I, too, will give you an honest reply minus any sugar-coating.



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So... you will say no to our face? Damn our luck! We had already thought of post-date ideas. Anyhow, how far do you think one can go on the first date?

To each her own, really! If you think that nothing substantial can work out between you two, then go all out. But keep things slow if there is a connection. And if the guy is too boring, then split the bill and call a cab!

Is there a specific kind of man you find attractive?

I don't know how to answer that 'cos I've always been attracted to different kinds of men. But, yes, the guy has to be witty. If he can make me smile, then the romance can happen. But if he is stuck up, then things will never work out. I want him to be real and make me laugh. As for looks, they only play out later.

We could make you laugh... if you're into crass, dirty jokes! But what would you do if an unknown guy asked you for a dance at a party? I might just go ahead and dance. If he asks decently, then why not? It's just a dance, after all. And I have done it before.

Wait while we pray. (Thank you, God! Now gift us about 400 million more women like Esha.) If you could,

what are the three things you would change about us Indian men?

Firstly, Indian men need to respect every woman, even if she is not their mother or sister. Secondly, I'd like to change the bias that the society has towards men. If a man is single and having fun then he is a cool casanova, but if a woman does it then she is considered characterless. And lastly, Indian men show off a lot. They need to stop doing that.

We don't show off because we are poor. How do you define hot?

It is all in your eyes and face. It is about how you look at the other person. I am not saying that the body is not important, but, for me, hotness is how you feel about yourself.

What's the best compliment you've ever got? And who gave it to you? My dad is a typical army guy who does not really compliment me much. But I remember, once I was dressed in Indian attire and he suddenly told me that I looked a lot like my mother. I was pleasantly surprised!

We'll take some tips on charm from him. They say the world is coming to an end this year. If God allowed you to take three people with you to heaven, who would you take?

I'll take my parents and my sister as they are my life! And if I am allowed, I'll take all my dogs, too!

Sure, heaven welcomes dogs. Free entry. The one word you'd use to describe MAXIM?

I'll take two—Smoking Hot!

Thank you. Right back at you, of course! 



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**Hottest party outfit**  
Fitted jeans and high heels

**Hottest colour**  
Red

**Hottest destination**  
Rome, Italy

**Hottest movie scene**  
Antonio Banderas and  
Angelina Jolie in *Original Sin*

**Hottest food**  
Penne Aglio Olio

**Hottest body part**  
My waist

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# THE ULTIMATE



# EURO 2012

## CHEATSHEET

Read this before you head out to the pub to watch the match.  
You don't play and it's not smart to embarrass yourself further.

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## They Make THE SQUAD



### RUSTLESS HEARTS

Playing more than two tournaments at the European Championships is tough, but six players have actually played four Euros: Lothar Matthäus, Peter Schmeichel, Aron Winter, Alessandro Del Piero, Edwin van der Sar and Lilian Thuram.



### MATCH MAGICIANS

Edwin van der Sar of The Netherlands and Lilian Thuram of France hold the record of playing the most matches at the European Championships. Both have played 16 matches each.



### AGE NO BAR

Ivica Vastic scored Austria's first ever goal at the European Championships in their match against Poland, thereby becoming the oldest goal-scorer of the European finals at the age of 38 years and 257 days.



### FORWARD & BACKWARD

Anton Ondrus of Czechoslovakia followed up his 19th-minute goal with an own goal in the 73rd against The Netherlands in the semi-finals in 1976. At full time, the scoreline read 1-1 and the match went into extra time. Czechoslovakia won 3-1 and went on to beat West Germany to the title.



### AND FOR EVERAFTER?

West Germany's Uli Hoeneß missed the penalty that gave Czechoslovakia the 1976 title, owing to an injury. The mistake proved to be his final act in international football—that's not something you want to live with.

## Make Way For The FINAL 16!

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**F**ootball is the world's most loved sport. But that's a no-brainer, right? A regular match is fast-paced, lasts just over 90 minutes, is full of some splendid histrionics and great action. If you're lucky, you may even see some seriously-hot WAGs around the stadia.

Add a dash of national pride to this already-potent mix and you're guaranteed a blockbuster tournament. The UEFA European Football Championship, Euro for short, is back. Played every four years, this tourney has that magical air of exclusivity to it. And, despite the fact that it features

only European teams, is super popular across the globe. With the English Premier League boasting of a huge contingent of passionate Indian followers, Euro 2012—which features many of the EPL's biggest names—is going to be the way you spend the next few weeks.

As has been the format so far, 16 teams divided into groups of four will participate in the final tournament. Co-hosts Ukraine and Poland have automatically made it to the final draw, while 51 other teams tried their luck for the 14 places on offer. Of the 16 finalists, 12 have participated in the last edition in 2008. It's going to be a cracker.

**TIKI-TAKA**, the style of play made famous by the Spanish national team, consists mainly of quick passing, one-touch play and general awesomeness.

Conspicuous by their absence are Switzerland and Turkey, but everyone's talking about how Spain, the defending champs and the undisputed big guns of 2012, have ensured that they are the favourites this time around too. Having won Euro 2008 and then the FIFA World Cup in 2010, they are primed to pick up this trophy too but, as is the nature of the game, you can never tell.

What does Spain have going

## WATCH FOR THEM!





for them? Just about everything, actually, because they breezed through the qualifying stages as if they were a walk in the park, winning every single match they played. (The only other side to do so was Germany, the other main contenders.) Spain will, of course, miss main forward David Villa (who scored seven goals in his eight appearances) and experienced defender Carlos Puyol, who are out injured. But they have midfield magician Xavi Hernandez and the team's run of form has been inspirational. Prior to the 2010 World Cup, the side had never even made it to a World Cup semi.

Not to be discounted is their unassuming but brilliant coach, Vicente del Bosque. He took over the mantle from Luis Aragones after the last edition of this championship. Since then, Spain have had a flurry of spectacular wins, including the world record of 15 straight wins.

If Spain do win Euro 2012, they will be the only country in

# 87

**ATTEMPTS ON TARGET BY GERMANY** in their 2012 qualifying phase campaign. Spain had 86 attempts.

# 23

**ATTEMPTS ON TARGET BY PORTUGAL'S CRISTIANO RONALDO** during the qualifying phase. Spain's David Villa had 20 attempts.

history to retain the title and be the first to win three major tournaments in succession.

So, yes, all eyes are on Spain. But history reads a bit different—they have crashed in 1968, and the Germans have them in their sights.

Germany—like former champs France and England—are always formidable opponents. Germany is an über-talented side and, like Spain, didn't drop a single match during the qualifiers. The three-time European Championship winners (and runners-up at Euro 2008), Germany also made third place at the 2010 World Cup. It is a side replete with talented young players and the tactical brilliance of coach Joachim Lowe. They also have it in them to seize the title and some serious respect with it. We'll be keeping an eye out for the explosive Mesut Ozil, who's expected to better his performance at his maiden World Cup two years ago. Yes, TV is going to be good.



## Saved By THE GOALS



**FINAL NUMBERS**

Michel Platini holds the record for the maximum number of goals scored in a final tournament. Platini scored nine of France's 14 goals and captained the side to the Euro title in 1984. The Frenchman also scored two hat-tricks in the same tournament—against Belgium and Yugoslavia—a record that remains unbeaten to date.



**THIRD TIME'S A CHARM**

Spain's star forward, David Villa, became only the seventh player in Euro history to score a hat-trick (in the 2008 edition of the tournament).



**GRIT & LUCK**

The final between Czechoslovakia and West Germany in 1976 was the highest scored match. Ending with two goals apiece, the game went into a penalty shootout which Czechoslovakia eventually won 5-3.



**THE 90 COUNTS**

The biggest win in regulation time was seen in 1972. West Germany trumped the Soviet Union 3-0, with Gerd Muller scoring two goals and Herbert Wimmer scoring one.



**SINGLE SHOT**

The last two editions of the tournament have seen the lowest scoring finals ever. Greece won against Portugal in 2004 with a final scoreline of 1-0. Spain won with the same score over Germany in the 2008 edition.



## A Player Of HIS OWN



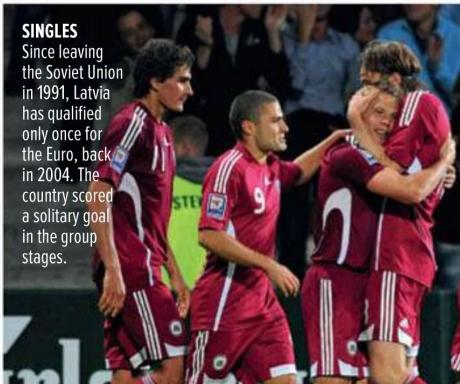
If there's one trophy conspicuous by its absence in England, it is the Euro Championship. The team has never fared better than third place and may need more than glory and guts to go through in 2012 as well. Enter Gary Neville. England manager Roy Hodgson has drafted the former Manchester United captain and national veteran into the coaching lineup for Euro 2012. Having played three previous editions of the Euro (1996, 2000 and 2004), Neville brings with him solid experience and the reputation of being a team player—his entire club career was spent at Manchester United. Hodgson feels Neville's vast international experience and his lesser age will help him mentor the team in a way the older Hodgson and Ray Lewington might not be able to. Neville's a bit unconventional in today's football culture, devoid of tattoos, Mohawks or crazy sex romps.

## Yes, These Were THOSE MOMENTS!



### THE CELTICS HAVE ARRIVED!

They have a tradition of football, and it's difficult to believe that the Republic of Ireland qualified for the final tournament of 2012 after a gap of 24 years (they came close but missed between 1988 and 2012)! The only two other countries who have spent an equal time away are France (between 1960 and 1984) and Greece (between 1980 and 2004).



### SINGLES

Since leaving the Soviet Union in 1991, Latvia has qualified only once for the Euro, back in 2004. The country scored a solitary goal in the group stages.

### IN NO MOOD FOR ITALIAN

After winning the title in 1968, Italy failed to qualify for the final tournament of 1972. Ironically, Spain, who won the title in 1964, had been unable to qualify for the final tournament of 1968. In 1988, defending champions France missed the cut for the final tournament too. Call it the defender's bad luck.



### SPECTATOR BENEFIT

The 1992 edition was the first major international tournament in which the players' names were prominently displayed on their jerseys in addition to their numbers. Commentators immediately got better at calling the matches, we think!



### WHO KICKED THAT BALL?

The Soviet Union got into a fourth final in 1988, becoming the first country to do so. It was also the year they suffered their third successive defeat in the finals. It was also their final appearance as the USSR.

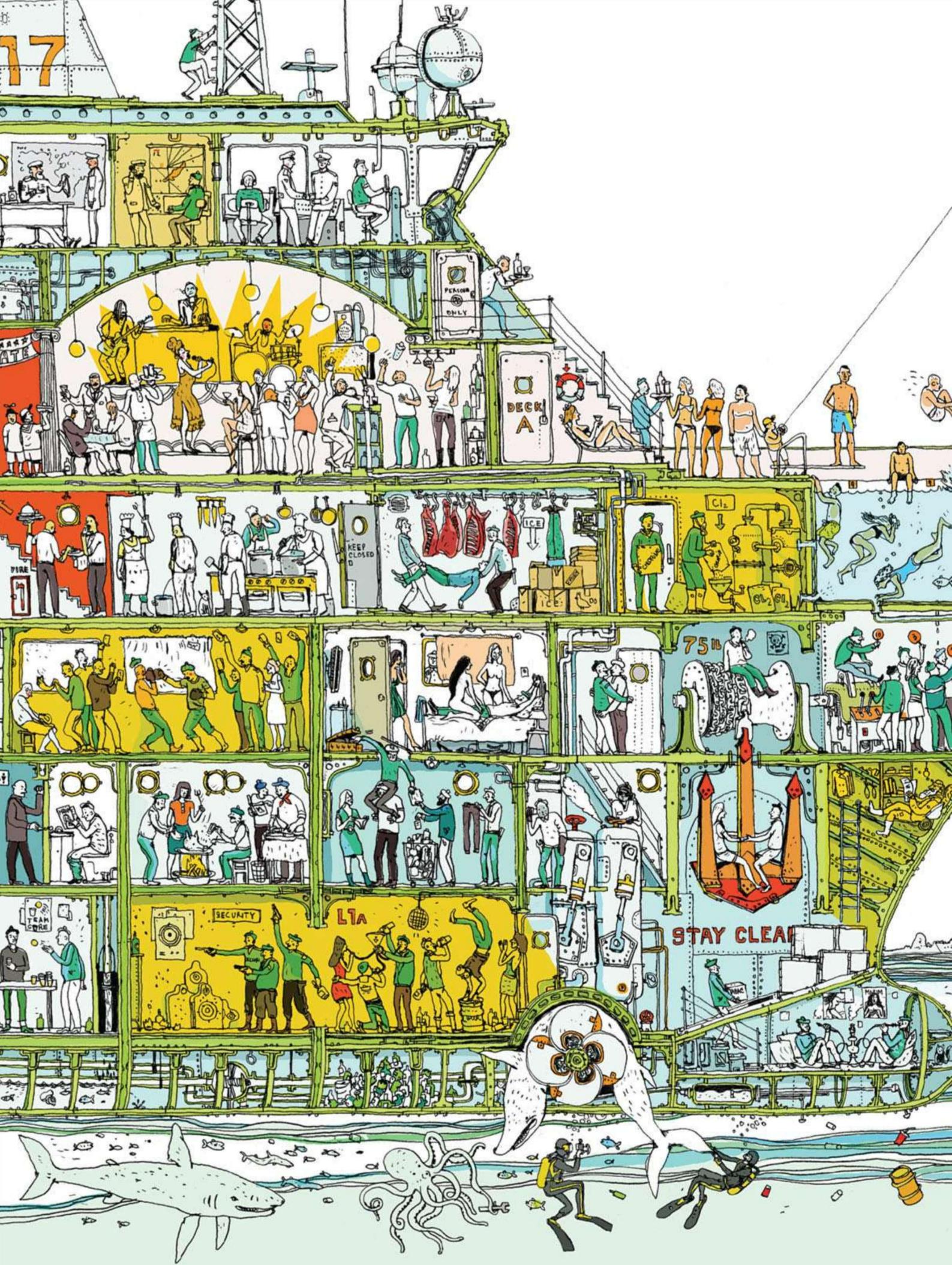


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**IT'S ALWAYS HAPPY HOUR IN THE CREW BAR.** Cashiers selling cheap beers and cigarettes are swamped from the moment they open their metal shutters at 8 pm till they close them at 1 am. Darts pierce the wall next to an ignored television, wall-mounted speakers pound away at a lusty tangle of bodies on the dance floor, and everywhere a thick haze of cigarette smoke is fed by the collective breath of Indian dancers, Indonesian room stewards, Balkan restaurant managers, Filipino galley cooks, British ushers and East Bloc engineers. The starched uniforms worn upstairs are replaced here by sweatpants, shorts, T-shirts and engine room monkey suits—anything that can be sacrificed to smoke and spilt booze.

The door creeps open with unusual caution and in walk two girls—clutching purses, teetering on heels, smacking their lips. They timidly work their way through the cluttered tables and chairs, leaving a trail of toppled empties and calling for some guy named Buddy. Pent-up engine room mechanics lick their chops, catty chorus

girls sharpen their claws, and somewhere in the corner Buddy—a ship musician new to the scene—senses he's made a very big mistake.

"Never invite animals to Crew Bar," whispers Atticus the Illusionist.

"Animals?" asks Buddy.

"Passengers," says Atticus.

Buddy jumps up and leads the girls out the door and up the stairwell they never should have seen. But he knows he's on the surveillance camera with them now, and tomorrow there will be punishment. This is his first contract on a cruise ship, but soon he too will start calling the passengers "animals," and he will never again fool himself into thinking any of them could ever blend into the world of the crew.

Welcome to the other side of the pleasure cruise, the place where the red carpet and teal

wallpaper end and the smiles in uniform either drop to frowns or curl up into sinful grins. It begins behind every door marked CREW ONLY, and it's a world unknown to everyone but those running the ship. That is, until we gained entry—spending seven days on a boat with the people whose cruise never ends.

### DAY 1: SHIP TIME 17:00, THE SUN DECK

It's embarkation day at the port, and the sun deck is packed with passengers sipping the first of many rum specials, oohing and aahing at the incredible sunsets. They're setting out aboard a 92,000-ton marriage of German engineering and American luxury. The 1,120 state-rooms are booked to capacity with well over 2,000 passengers. Longer than a football field, this ship can make the *Titanic* look like a mere tugboat. A mere small tugboat.

Each year, millions of people—Indians steadily increasing in their numbers—file onto cruise ships bound for places like West Asia, Greece, the Riviera, the Far East, the Caribbean, the Mexican Riviera

and Alaska. Some will miss their departure time and have to chase their luggage by boat or plane, at

their own expense, until they can catch the ship at the next port of call. Some will be the victims of crimes in the murky jurisdiction of international waters, and some will be the perpetrators. A handful may even die on board, and a handful may go missing overboard. A few thousand will get the stomach flu, but the vast majority will get exactly the dream vacation they were looking for; because on average, for about every 2,000 passengers aboard a ship, there are roughly 800-plus crew there to make sure of this. And they are the lifeblood of the 20-million passengers a year cruise ship industry—from the kitchen dish-washing assistant working 72 hours a week to the magician working two hours.

### DAY 3: SHIP TIME 13:00, THE POOL, DECK 12

Lounging on an upper tier of the sunbathing decks by the pool, Atticus the Illusionist is appraising this week's new batch of women. His tanned and toned physique covers the fact that, at 35, he's older than most of the other entertainers on board. In a pile on Atticus' chest are the weekly newspaper clippings his father has sent. He says reading these makes him feel less like a man without a home.

"I did some TV work last year," says Atticus. "I've got an agent, but then I got offered another ship contract, and I couldn't afford not to take it." Atticus is at the top of the crew ladder. He lives in an officer's cabin, has passenger privileges, and earns top dollar for his two hours of work a week. He spends most of his days by the pool, sending drinks to young women across the plastic adult play set of faux palm trees and curly slides. A waiter well familiar with this routine carries over the offerings and points back at Atticus. The ladies shoot big smiles, recognizing the shock of wavy black hair from last night's headline act at the theatre—where Atticus the Illusionist pulled a few dozen ping-pong balls out of his mouth, turned them into balloons, and then bisected a pretty young dancer with a piece of sheet metal.

Lying on the chaise next to Atticus and sharing the magician's bucket of beer is Ray, a 30-year-old pothead surfer-turned-comedian. Ray criticizes Atticus' game while he thumbs a stripe of sunscreen onto his nose. "Have some balls, man. Just go over there," chides Ray, brash and confident on the surface but at the end of the day just a cougar hawk with a good line of talk. Atticus, on the other hand, is all chivalry and shyness offstage, but it's he and not Ray who's the centre of several ship rumours of backstage threesomes and illicit affairs. As they debate their philosophies of seduction, a pool-side cover band from Trinidad plays "Red Red Wine" for the thousandth time since the ship set sail.

Both Ray and Atticus have used their countless hours at sea to become professionals at the pickup. Whereas their land-based counterparts might spend a couple of nights a week at this pursuit, for these men it's a full-time job. They come on board thinking they'll write the next hot screenplay, read the classics, teach themselves to play guitar—all those things a guy with time on his hands will set out to do before he takes women and booze into consideration. So then they end up doing this seven days a week and God knows how many hours a day—forever working on the buzz and the perfect approach.

"You do your job and then have 20 hours of free time a day," says the CEO of a cruise ship talent agency. "Some people can use it really well as a stepping stone to another level in their careers. Other people just get lost there, start drinking till oblivion, and do the same routine over and over again, and all of a sudden it's all they can do."

Atticus throws his charge card down for another round of drinks, and Ray leans over the railing to watch a fortysomething woman sunning on her stomach reach behind her back to undo her bikini top against the threat of tan lines.

"Naughty girl," whispers Ray.



"In the '80s, maybe," says Atticus.

"She's sexy, man. I don't care how old she is," says Ray.

"That's a naughty girl," says Atticus, pointing to a young woman coming down the slide. "She looks over 18, right?"

Ray shrugs. Atticus flags down the waiter to send over a drink.

### DAY 5: SHIP TIME 20:00, THE THEATRE, DECK 12

The 1,000-seat theatre is packed to capacity for the adults-only '70s song-and-dance show. The Jamaican cruise director sashays around the stage in a designer suit, three buttons of his shirt undone, warming up the crowd with an endless rendition of the '60s bubblegum-rock hit "Hey! Baby." Oozing charisma from every pore, he embodies a cruise ship's rags-to-riches fairy tale of working your way up from the bottom—in his case, from room steward to cruise director. When he's not wooing widows or talking weather with family men, he's been known to strut his stuff in the crew bar in a pink crop-top. At the back of the theatre, the Captain sits in his private loge like Caesar at the Colosseum, his gold epaulets and beard glowing in the house lights. On the ship, he is the final rule of law...if there is a fight in a bar it's he who decides who gets locked in the brig. If there's a disturbance among the crew, the Captain decides who should be fired. Whenever anyone in the crew mentions him—men and women alike—they say his name the way a schoolgirl speaks the name of her crush.

Finally darkness falls on about 1,000 gray heads, and a few bars of Queen's "We Will Rock You" rumble through the room. As the beat reaches a crescendo, the stage lights come up to reveal 20 fit and attractive young singers and dancers holding sultry poses in fog-machine mist. Their mesh and leopard-print attire borders on indecent. Housewives squeal as male dancers taunt them with sweaty biceps and roving hands—fooling them into thinking it's women who interest them and not the other male dancers in their troupe.

The girl-next-door lead singer has a penchant for threesomes, and left a job playing a main character at a major theme park to work on the ship. Her handsome male counterpart ran away from on-land theatre obscurity to be a star at sea. On port days, he can be found sprawled out by the pools of portside resorts wearing nothing but nipple rings and tight too-much-information trunks. The background dancer, 25, has been on ships since she was 19 and doesn't have much of a life back home anymore. Because, explains a cruise ship entertainment director, "If you stay on ships too long, no one back on land remembers you."

### SHIP TIME 23:00, THE BAR, DECK 12

The show's performers are now sipping cocktails in an alcove off the bar. They're staying off the serious drinking for now, because tomorrow is port night, and it's a port where they're all allowed enough shore leave for things to get messy.

Before long it's curfew hour for the performers. They're dressed like passengers—if a bit more stylish—but they still have to wear their name tags in passenger areas, and at midnight they find their way to the CREW ONLY doors that lead them down to the bowels of the ship. The curfew is just a taste of the big brother presence of authority felt among the crew. The ubiquitous surveillance cameras serve as an around-the-clock warning to would-be rule breakers. Crew infractions aboard the ship range from the comical to the criminal. In a Deck 2 laundry room, a group of female dancers left six dryers filled with their clothes and returned 45 minutes later to find that their underwear had been stolen.

News travels fast on a ship, and the dancers quickly discovered that a group of men had auctioned them off within the crew. The men were all fired. In another incident, security was called to the lower decks when eight men were caught cooking a whole pig's head in their cabin on a hot plate—here again, all were fired. An entire shift of engineers was reprimanded after treating a particularly surly superior to a week without plumbing or air-conditioning in his stateroom. But then there are the darker stories: A singer who was roofied by a juggler, a dancer who was twice sexually assaulted by other crew members. Plus, a sizeable part of the crew may be paid in cash, which leaves them particularly vulnerable to theft.

The issue with crimes at sea isn't that people are at greater risk on a ship than they are on land, and the on-board crime rate is lower than most national averages. The crew's rules are strict and punishments harsh and final. The problem is that once a crime is committed, a conflict of interest arises. "The cruise lines don't want their passengers or their crew members to be crime victims," says Charles Lipcon, author of *Unsafe on the High Seas*. "But if it happens, they become the adversary of the victims... because they may have a financial liability." Added to that threat is bad press if someone is convicted of a crime aboard one of their ships.

But the cruise industry is already under plenty of scrutiny, as much self-imposed as it is by law. In a statement by the International Council of Cruise Lines (ICCL) a few years ago, Dr. James Fox, a famous criminologist and professor of Criminal Justice at Northeastern University, said, "While virtually no place—on land or sea—is totally free of risk, the number of reported incidents of serious crime from cruise lines is extremely low, no matter what benchmark or standard is used."

Most of the time, the high-tech eye of authority and the inherent threat of strict punishment keep the tension—and release—of life at sea in check. But the tension is always there, and it's pretty easy to see when the booze starts flowing down in the Crew Bar. Blood alcohol limit for the crew at all times varies from ship to ship, but it is extremely low and it isn't all that uncommon for people to be fired for intoxication. In fact, it happens more often than it doesn't.

### DAY 6: SHIP TIME 23:00, CREW BAR, PORT NIGHT

The Crew Bar peace has been shattered by the 12-hour furlough in Acapulco, the Mexican port where the party never ends. This is where even the lowest echelons of the staff are allowed a few hours of shore leave to squander their meagre incomes at beach clubs with bungee-jumping cranes, cage-dancing girls, and bare-bellied Mexican barmaids hawking shots of cheap tequila. The dudes at the bar are waving their charge cards, while six-packs of beer and premixed bottles are floated overhead like crowd surfers in a mosh pit. The floor is sticky, and the air is choked with smoke, the smell of sweat, and the aggression of drunken men who've gone too long without touching a woman. "You have these people working all the time, cooped up. They don't have a chance to have a





relationship and they get drunk and this is what happens," says Lipcon.

A scene erupts by the door as a Caribbean woman slams her boyfriend against a wall. "Dis happen ev'ry Port Night!" she yells, in a frenzied patois. "Why you do this to me?" she screams before letting go of him and stomping back to the dance floor to join the sweaty mob that spawned the drama in the first place.

In the gay corner, Pacific Islanders who are "gay at sea" but have families back home stare down a ballroom dancer and a "would've been, could've been" theatre performer. On a vinyl banquette, a Bavarian receptionist bawls into the arms of a man who wants to sleep with her. One by one, slender chorus girls succumb to a day of hot sun and a night of hard drinking and are escorted away from the wolfish stares of the dishwashers and mechanics by uninterested male dance partners—back to their tiny cabins to throw up, pass out, or both.

The night has begun to topple over toward dawn and the threat of work in the morning. Soon the hallways outside will fill with crew members stumbling back to cramped bunks below the water line—sometimes six to a cabin without a bathroom—and dancers headed to the semi-privacy of their one-roommate abodes, which are a little better. Officers and headline acts will retire to private cabins, and a mixture of them all will wander around knocking on familiar doors for that "probable-or-not" one last shot at some action.

Upstairs the all-night buffet is operating as usual, dishing out soft-serve ice cream, fish 'n' chips, and pizza to a graveyard shift of elderly travel-point collectors, middle-aged Parrotheads, and their hyper-active, sunburnt children. The bar's dance floor is hopping with stiff-backed men sweating through their bright floral beach shirts and

# THE VAST MAJORITY



of cruise ship passengers will get exactly the dream vacation they were looking and have paid for. Because a crew half their number has slogged for it throughout the journey.



tomorrow's headline entertainment. The good part is neither of these groups care, because they are there for different reasons.

The passengers don't need to know about the lives of the crew any more than they need to know that on some cruise, a ship struck and killed a sleeping gray whale. They don't need to know the rumours among staff that when one of them dies, the body is stored in a walk-in freezer. They don't need to know that the food they leave on their plates is fed to the fish—down to the chocolate, the salad greens, and the fries. They don't need to know that when they flush their toilets the remains of their grilled meat, peppermint goodies and tandoori chicken are trapped in a tank, where they are solidified and stored for months. They don't need to know that a ton of garbage may have been tossed overboard. They don't need to know that at least a dozen of their neighbours have been sick in their cabins.

They don't need to know any of these things, and they never will, just as long as they don't stay here long enough to notice that all is not as it seems. The only thing they need to know—and they do—is that a bunch of men and women slogged to give them a good time. 

divorcées with rum-blushed cheeks singing along to Bon Jovi's "Livin' on a Prayer." They're a happy lot. They've shared hot tubs with strangers, gotten drunk at breakfast, and eaten three lunches in one day. This is their ship for the week, and the staff has helped them believe that their week is the best that's ever been and that everyone working on the ship is thrilled to be here to enjoy it with them.

Soon they will all be asleep in their staterooms, dreaming of the morning maid service, the breakfast buffet, and a tour of some town whose name they can't pronounce from the safety of an air-conditioned van. None will sense the downstairs madness or that tonight's sick and stumbling dancers are

## DANGER ON THE HIGH SEAS

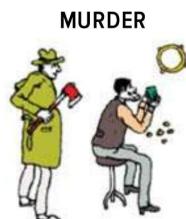
A lot of things can happen at sea, but only some are that frightening.



**ILLNESS**  
The most common illness aboard cruise ships, gastroenteritis is extremely easy to catch and causes 24–48 hours of vomiting, diarrhoea, and nausea. Almost 80 percent of all cruise ship voyages have at least one passenger or crew member with a confirmed diagnosis.  
**Major Leaks Detected!** A total of 679 passengers and crew aboard the Carnival Liberty contracted the virus.



**MAN OVERBOARD**  
Smile, You're On Dickhead TV! A 26-year-old ship performer falls overboard while taking a picture. The picture was in focus.  
Wait And Watch! Fellow passengers see a 39-year-old fall overboard from the Norwegian Sky cruise. He is never found.  
Sea Her Yet? A 45-year-old woman goes missing on an Alaska cruise. Her body is later found washed up on the shores of a nearby island.



**MURDER**  
Seafaring Animal! Ship security find a 55-year-old woman dead in her cabin after being beaten by her husband in July 2009.  
The Case Of The Missing Celeb! Merrian Carver vanishes while aboard the Celebrity cruise ship Mercury. The cruise line doesn't report her disappearance, and takes no action until her father hires an investigator. He's since formed the International Cruise Victims group.



**PIRACY**  
Somalian Pirates! Apart from the regular attacks on merchant ships, pirates off the coast of Somalia have also struck cruise ships. Among them are the MSC Melody, an Italian ship with 1,500 people on board, attacked north of the Seychelles. And the Carnival Seabourn Spirit luxury cruise ship was fired upon by AK-47s and rocket-propelled grenades, but the crew was able to outrun the pirates.



**SHIPWRECKED**  
The Sinking Feeling! You may have heard of this one: In April 1912, the *Titanic* hit an iceberg. But there have been some more. In April 2007, in Santorini, Greece, the cruise ship MS Sea Diamond sank after hitting a volcanic reef. All but two of the 1,195 passengers were safely rescued. In February 2006, Egyptian ship Al-Salam Boccaccio 98, carrying an estimated 1,300 people, sank in the Red Sea.



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and if you have that much in the bank to blow, it'd be worth every paisa. While the two-seater may lack room for your groceries, it packs a full arsenal of technology and performance goods.



No, this is not the typical ride in heaven, but it's close.



The twin-turbocharged V-8 shoots 592 horses to the rear wheels, which are harnessed by a dual-clutch seven-speed transmission. A hydraulic suspension system also does away with traditional roll bars, but the

real key to this car's super speed and manoeuvrability is its super lightness. For that you can thank a carbon-fibre tub that keeps the haul down to an anorexic 1,315 kg. With suspension and drivetrain electronics on their tamest settings, the MP4-12C

virtually floats along the road. But crank things up and this ride does its best open-wheel racecar impersonation with a screaming engine whine, glued-to-tarmac handling, and blink-fast gear shifts from steering-wheel-mounted paddles. The Hulk could take a lesson from this pussycat-to-powerhouse transformation. Boom!

**AIR BRAKE**  
*Slam the left pedal at breakneck speeds and an air brake stabilises the tail and improves stopping distances.*

**SPORTY STEERING**  
*The paddle shifters and steering wheel shape are inspired by McLaren's seven-figure F1 car.*

**PSYCHIC SHIFTING**  
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#### THEATRE THAT, PLEASE!

If you're stuck at home but really want that theatre experience, the **LG BX503B** projector may suddenly become your best mate. (Sorry, Bittu, but take a hike, pal!) This baby is about 15 in long and weighs 5.8 kg but is pretty sleek. It packs 5,000 ANSI lumens and a six-segment wheel, which add up to give you 1024x768 resolution true colour images and video. Enhanced VIDI tech allows for auto light control and minimal colour decay. Best bit? It has a filter-free design so you don't have to bother with cleaning for its lamp life of 2,000 hours.

₹1,65,000, [lg.com/in](http://lg.com/in)



#### PORTA-TAB

The **Zync z990 Tablet** comes with a super-handy price tag but is still pretty loaded. It is one of the first tabs in the country to run Android 4.0 ICS (Ice Cream Sandwich) and has a comfortable 7-in display. With built-in 1 GB RAM, it can be micro SD-boostered to 32 GB (which won't cost you more than a couple of thousands). If you're always outdoors and need something that's durable but pocket-friendly, this works.

₹8,990, [zync.in](http://zync.in)



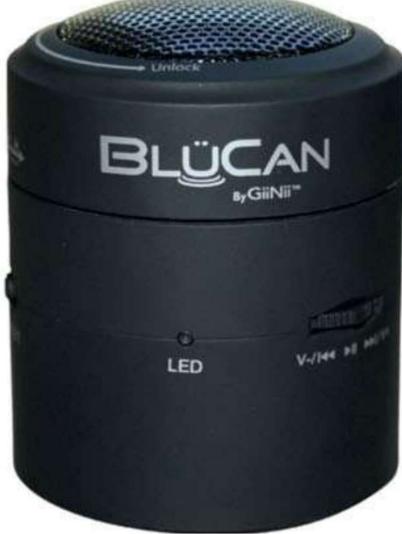
#### POCKET POUNDER

Throw in this **BlüCan** portable speaker in your pocket, and you're literally carrying the entire sound system with you! It is about as big as a 330-ml beer can, and lets you connect to your cellphone via Bluetooth. More than loud and surprisingly clear music, it lets you answer calls even 10 metres away from your handset. So whether you're on a con-call with the cast of *Chota Bheem* or DJing the office party, you're set!

₹5,420, [giinii.com](http://giinii.com)



Ridley Scott's *Prometheus* is gonna be one sick movie. The only reason to mention it here? We're still trying to score tickets.



#### THUMB POINTERS

Are you still trying to impress the office hottie by pretending to be smart? Or simply trying to escape carpal tunnel syndrome? Either way, the **Genius ring presenter** will help you. It works like a mouse, but is mounted atop your thumb. It comes with a 2.4 GHz processor, a USB pico receiver and a USB cable. It comes in a bunch of colours too, so you can match it to your tie.

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When it comes to the rough and the wretched, you need a reliable vehicle. The blokes at Polaris have breathed new life into the 2012 Sportsman XP 850, with a new twin-EFI SOHC engine and tech that makes a molehill of the toughest mountain. The result is a more powerful and more stable ATV that can pull along more than 680 kg and carry 160 kg on the front and rear racks, not counting your fat butt. It retains the power of automatic 4x4 or AWD—so that you get the right traction—but that's supplemented with a

revamped Engine Braking System (EBS) and new Active Descent Control. The anti-kickback steering, made possible by the dual A-Arm front suspension, reduces the strain of the ride, so that you're chugging along in the buggy in control at all times. Plus, the 83.25-in long and 47.6-in wide body has been uplifted with ergonomic tweaks, such as larger-surface floorboards and body-fitting contours. The console has more efficient indicators, including the Diagnostic, Gear and AWD indicators. Time to get lost, we think.

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THE SPANKIN' NEW 2013  
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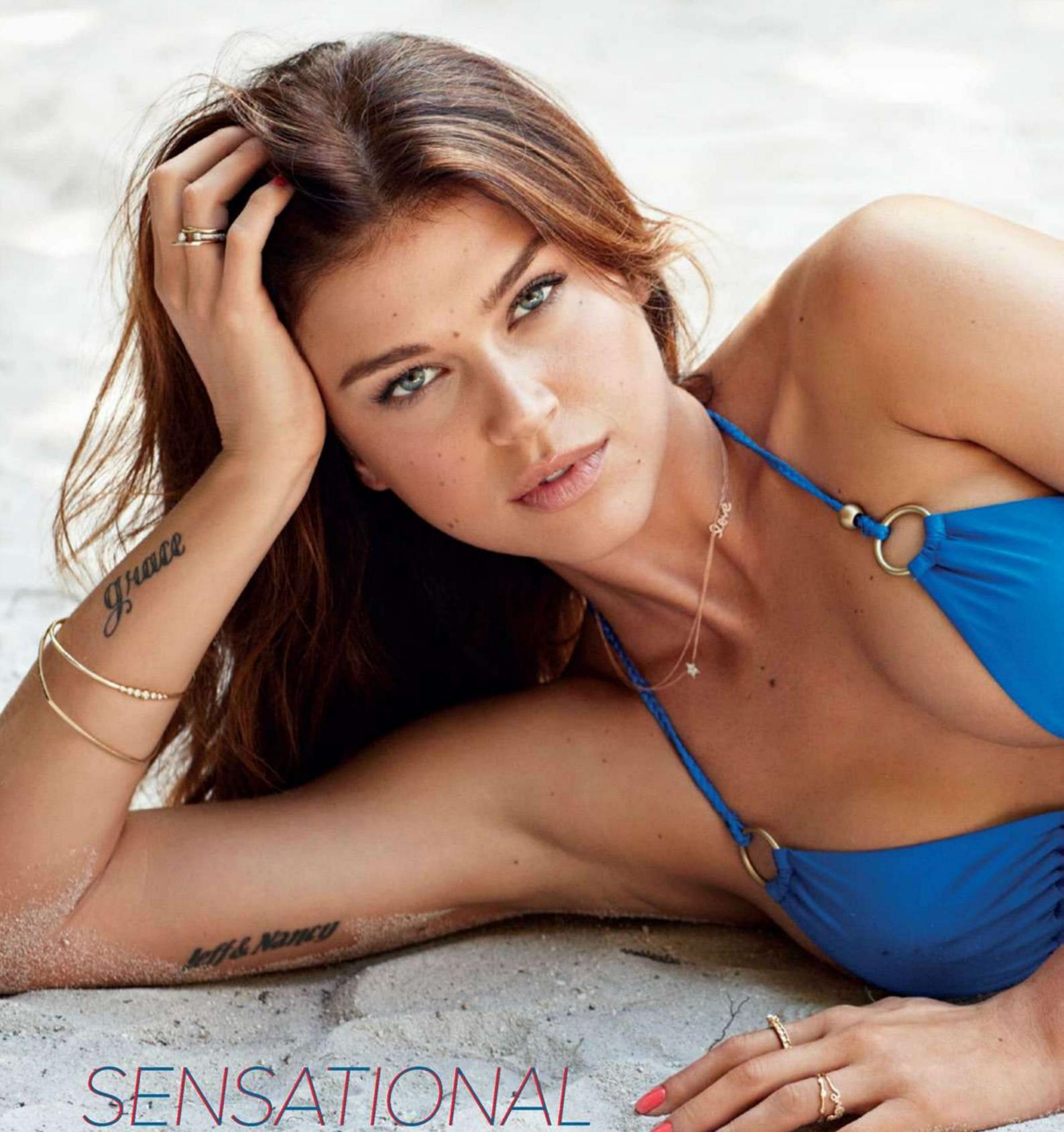
Just when you thought the multiple world title-winning bike couldn't get better, it has. More ergonomic and with enhanced mechanics, the 2013 KTM 250 EXC is slimmer, peppier and so versatile that risky rock can feel like tarmac. New tapered aluminium handlebars and revamped grips allow you more control, while the adjustable 48-mm open-cartridge fork elicits dynamic responsiveness. The brilliant DOHC engine is lighter but gives you enough power for uphill traction, while a redesigned airbox and four ultra-light titanium valves on the cylinder head give you a broader rev range. Plus, new tools let you temper the engine to suit the track, with altitude compensation and automatic temperature repositioning. All this comes together on the spanking new chrome molybdenum steel tube body with spiffy graphics and a surprisingly menacing profile. Growl!





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# FIGURE



INCA bikini, SYDNEY EVAN and CHARLOTTE LU necklaces

Opening pages  
VITAMIN A bikini,  
SYDNEY EVAN and  
CHARLOTTE LU  
necklaces,  
H&M bracelets

Opposite  
VITAMIN A bikini,  
IPPOLITA bracelets,  
H&M stone rings

# A

**drianne Palicki** is one of those women who you'd think is out of your league, but is so real that you'd still have the guts to ask her out. The athletic beauty has been everything from a bad college girl in *Friday Night Lights* to Wonder Woman, and kicks serious butt as Lady Jaye in the blockbuster movie *G.I. Joe: Retaliation*. You've never been in better, or hotter, hands.

**Hi, Adrienne. This is your first time in MAXIM India. How was the shoot?**  
Awesome. The pictures I saw looked beautiful, but I have no idea what you're picking. It could be a complete ass shot. You never know—it's MAXIM!

**Changing the subject immediately, did you have G.I. Joe action figures as a kid?**  
My brother used to play with the action figures, and anything my brother did I wanted to do. I don't think he had Lady Jaye, though. Bastard!

**Lady Jaye is a weapons expert. Do you have a favourite gun?**

An AK is kind of great, but I like the Glock. It's simple because it's easy to change the cartridge, so you look like the biggest badass with it. Plus, you can hold it sideways!

**Doesn't that make an accurate shot hard?**  
Yeah, and you also have to be careful of the shell. I got hit in the face with one, and it cut my nose open.

**From a round you fired?**

No, it was Dwayne's.

**You got shot by the Rock? Amazing! How was working with Bruce Willis?**

Bruce is an amazing pain in the ass, and I love him to death.

**And what about RZA? This cast is sick!**

Sadly, I never got to work with him. He only worked with the ninjas. Ninjas are so cool!

**Any specific ninja, or just ninjas in general?**  
Ninjas in general are pretty badass. They have swords, and they can come from ceilings and make themselves disappear!



**As a MAXIM girl, you're required to register all girl crushes with our database.**  
Oh, God. I think Eva Mendes is gorgeous. Angelina Jolie's stunning. Gwen Stefani is pretty sexy, too. Pink! Is it weird that I have a crush on Pink? I have a crush on some women who I actually think might be interested in doing it.

**You know, you're kind of in a position to make that happen.**

I'm not into girls. I love women, but I like the penis more.

**OK. That may just make it into the article.**  
That's totally gonna make it. My dad's just gonna shake his head when he sees this.

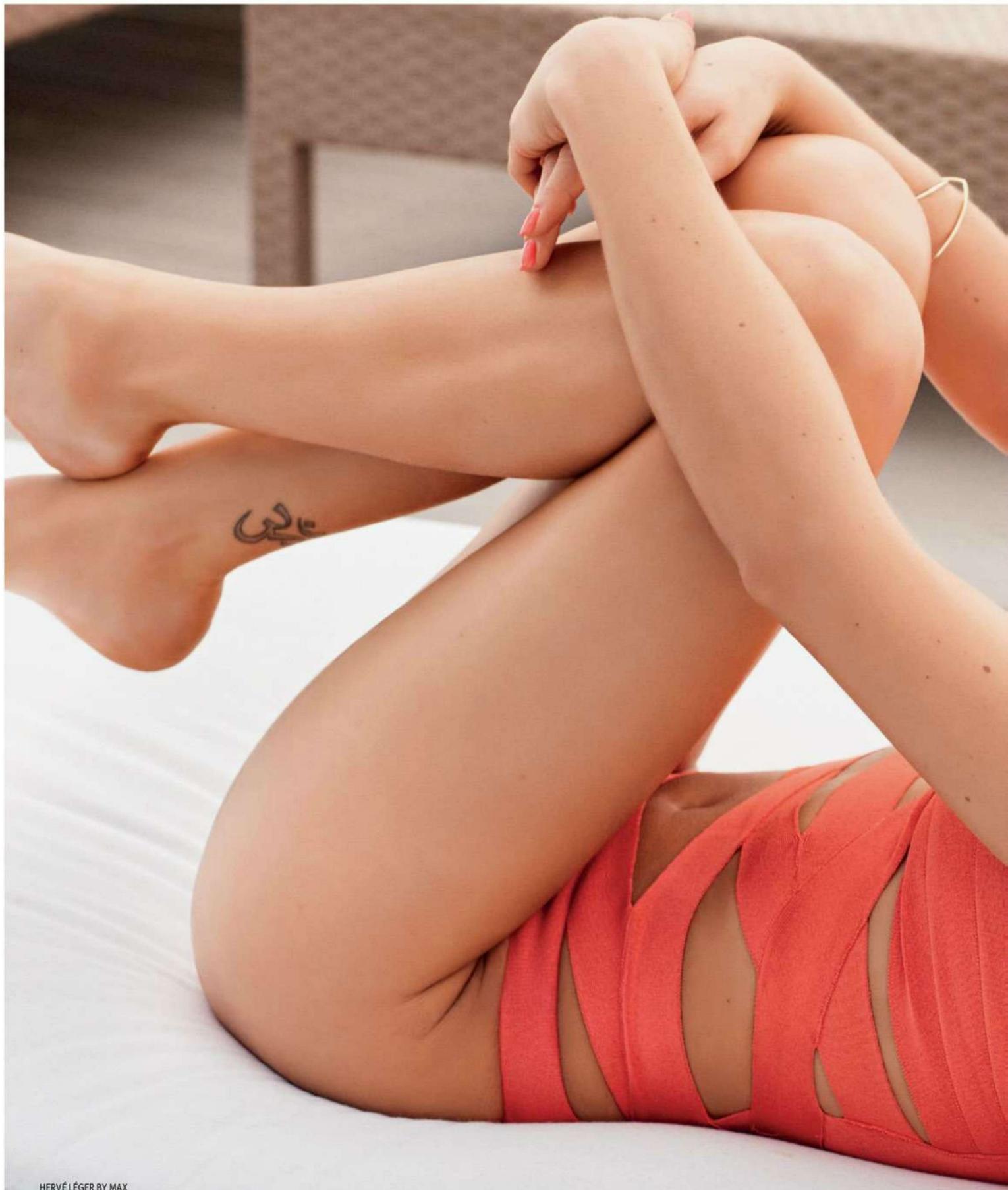
**Sorry, Mr. Palicki! While on disappointing parents, do you have any guilty pleasures?**  
I smoke casually when I'm on set and when I drink. If I don't do either of those, I don't smoke for days! I drink almost every night, though, so let's just be honest.

**Retaliation is a follow-up to the 2009 G.I. Joe film, and you're in the remake of Red Dawn. How do you feel about the current trend of rebooting stuff?**  
I feel it actually does work for action movies, because of technological advancements. It's harder when you try to remake something like *Gone With the Wind*. You can't do it. It wouldn't be fair.

**So Red Dawn is OK to remake?**

Yeah, it's very different from the original. The other thing about remaking action movies is that I feel like now there can be more character development. If you don't develop a character enough in an action film, I personally don't give a shit if they die. I'm kind of like, "Oh. Patrick Swayze just blew up." I'm not even thinking about the character's name.

**If years down the line, someone remakes your TV show Friday Night Lights?**  
I'd kill them.



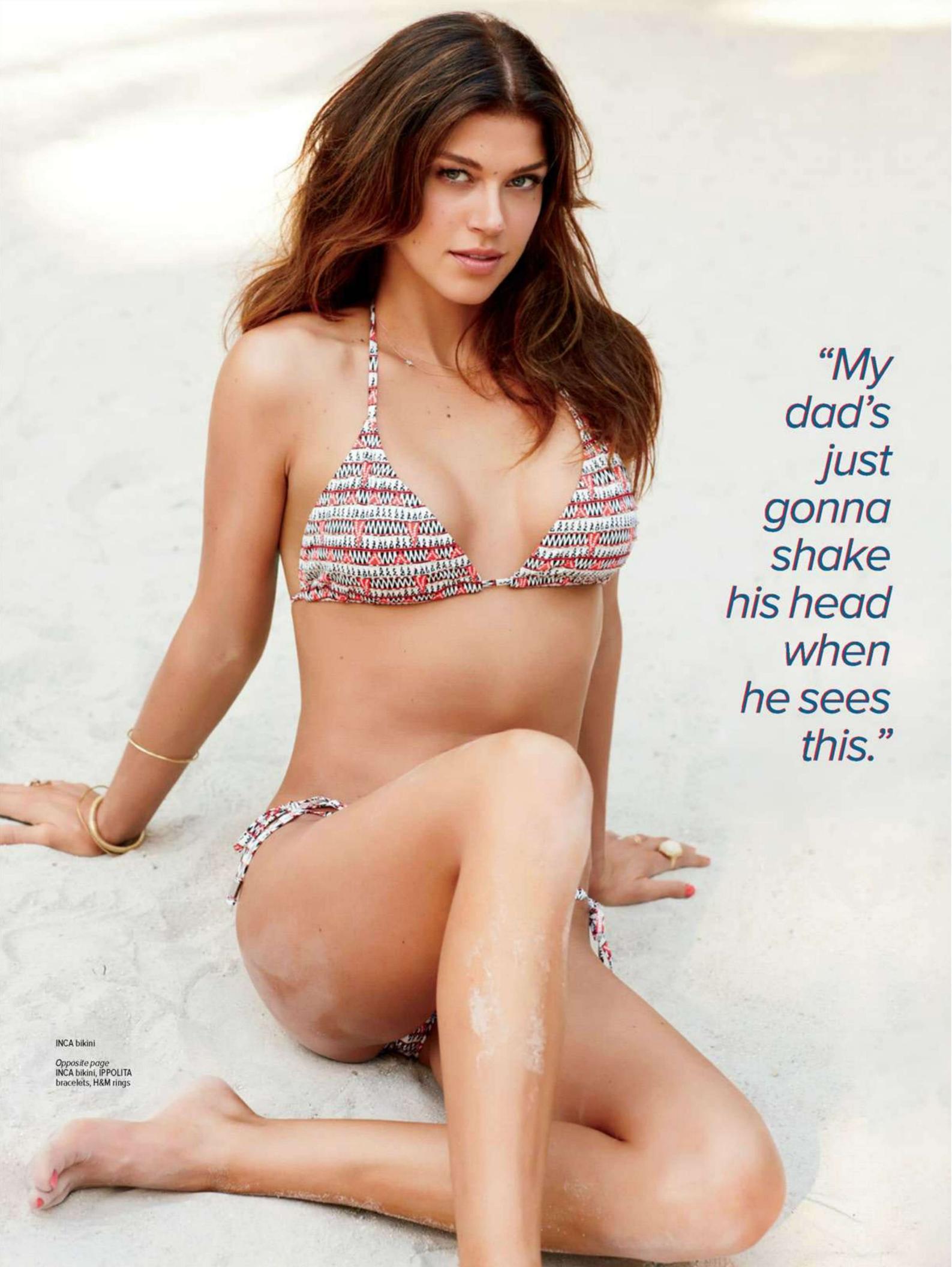
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STYLING ANITA PATRICKSON/THE WALL GROUP MAKE-UP VANESSA SCALI/TRACEY MATTINGLY HAIR BERTRAND W/TRACEY MATTINGLY MANICURIST ANDREA ESCORCI/A/ARTISTS BY TIMOTHY PRIANO SPECIAL THANKS TO THE RALEIGH HOTEL

A full-page photograph of a woman with long brown hair, wearing a red and white patterned bikini, sitting on a light-colored, textured surface that looks like sand or concrete. She is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. Her left arm is extended to the left, and her right hand is resting on the ground to her right. She is wearing several gold bracelets on her left wrist and a gold ring on her right hand.

*“My  
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this.”*

INCA bikini

Opposite page  
INCA bikini, IPPOLITA  
bracelets, H&M rings

# MAXIM HOT EVENTS



## & MAXIM

### MAXIM & ARTIC ROCK THE NATION!

Being the Frontrunner when it comes to hosting the most happening parties in town, the Artic Maxim Covergirl Nights have truly rocked the nation in the year gone by. Whether it is the line-up of sizzling Maxim Covergirls or an exotic line-up of Artic cocktails, Maxim has shown everyone what it takes to host a party. From Deepika Padukone in New Delhi to Priyanka Chopra, Chitrangda Singh and Anushka Sharma in Mumbai, from Gauhar Khan in Chandigarh to Koen Mitra in Kolkata and Shriya Saran in Bengaluru, each of these sizzling Divas have mesmerised the guests in their most stunning avatars.

Maxim is known for all things glamourous and stylish, and Artic is popular for its unique flavour in every drink. Together, the two have been a heady mix and the guests at all these parties will certainly vouch for that. As some of the most popular faces in each city came out in full force to party like there is no tomorrow, it was clear that the combination of Maxim and Artic was rocking the nation and how. Glamour, music, panache and tons of excitement, the Artic Maxim Covergirl Nights have certainly had it all.



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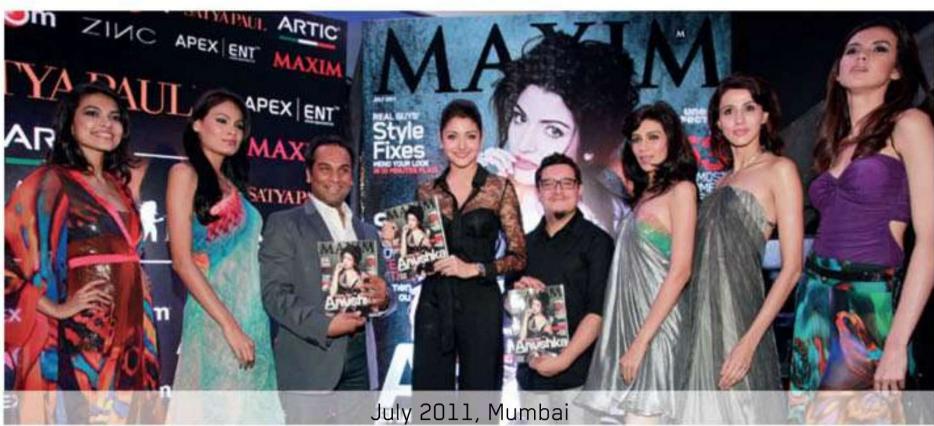
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BENGALURU

Having hosted some of the most exciting parties all over the country, Maxim has been a real trend-setter, showing everyone how it's really done. Continuing with its tradition of hosting the most rocking bash in town was the Artic Maxim Covergirl night with the mesmerising Shriya Saran, held at Royal Orchid Central. Dressed in a two-toned off-shoulder dress, Shriya turned many heads as she arrived at the party in all her glamorous glory. As the shutterbugs went crazy, clicking this gorgeous girl, Shriya was seen mixing with the who's who of Bengaluru and having a ball of a time. With a guest list that included the most happening people from the city's social circuit, including businessmen, socialites, models and entrepreneurs, the party was buzzing with excitement.

Enjoying the lavish spread of food and exotic cocktails being laid out, the guests were seen enjoying it all to their hearts' content. There was lots of sizzle and lots of style along with great music and the apt ambience to make sure this was a total knockout of a night. The stunning Shriya, totally delectable food and drinks, and a great mix of guests made sure the Artic Maxim Covergirl night turned out to be an evening full of glamour and charisma.





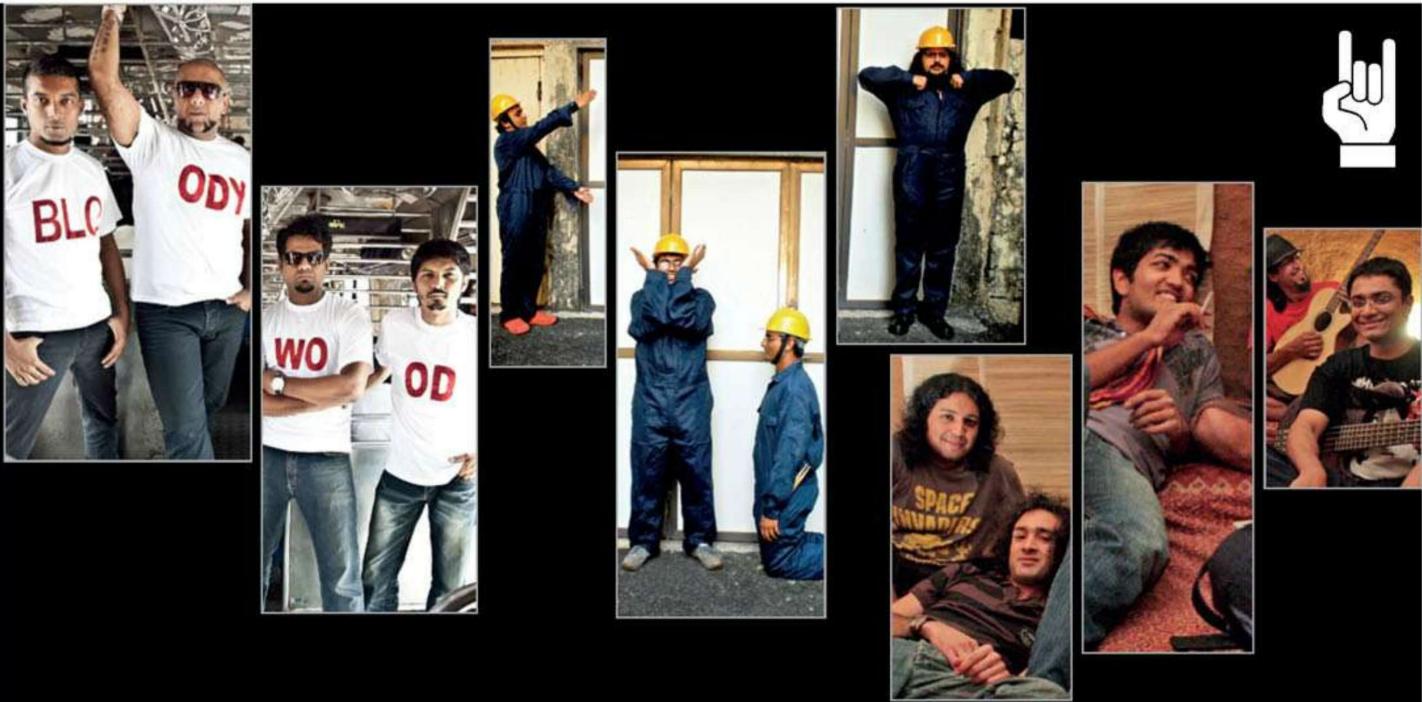
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# THE 50 INDIAN ALBUMS EVERY MAN SHOULD HEAR!

SOME ALBUMS CROSS GENRES.  
SOME ALBUMS CONVERGE  
FANS. THESE ARE TESTAMENTS  
TO AWESOMENESS. NO MATTER  
WHAT KIND OF MUSIC YOU LIKE,  
YOU'LL LOVE THESE.

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### WIND DANCE WITH FIRE

**AGNI (1994)**

This one is from the early days of Indian metal, and you'd be lucky to find it locked up in someone's cassette collection. With brutal deep-throated vocals coupled with harmonies, this was metal at its melodic best, but the death of the band's bassist and manager brought Agni to an end, though they're alive in folklore.

### KHOONI MURGA

**WORKSHOP (2009)**

Just wanking can sometimes lead to something that sticks in your head, no pun intended. Which is what these metalheads did when they put together this record, which translates into "Murderous Cock," with some of the most downright hilariously explicit lyrics you would've heard yet.

### IT'S OK IT'S ALL GOOD

**PENTAGRAM (2007)**

The band consciously worked to evolve the nature of their sound—which was more than evident with their album *Up*—but it was *It's Ok It's All Good* that gave the supersonic boost to transform them into the massive electro rock monsters they've turned out to be. This album features some amazing vocals coming together with the screech and hammer of good ol'rock.

### INSANE BIOGRAPHY

**MOTHERJANE (2001)**

Rare has been the metal album which, contrary to convention, ends up soothing the senses rather than upping the madness quotient. With lyrics that harp on existentialist questions to real life, the philosophical words fit in perfect harmony with the rest of the melodic ensemble.

### KANDISA

**INDIAN OCEAN (2000)**

A classic album that has probably been one of the most reviewed Indian albums of all time, the sheer width of its appeal—both to audiences back home and as far away as Sweden—across followers of diverse genres is enough for this to be here. It clearly established that excellence in music doesn't belong to any genre or any one kind of sound.

### COLOURBLIND

**COLOURBLIND (1997)**

Two boys came out with an eponymous album that could most definitely stake claim to being light years ahead of its time, with a sound that is as modern today as it was then. Add arty *noir* videos featuring the smouldering Laila Rouass, and you need little else to be the biggest ink blob in music history. The album is urgent, loud and quite pro.

### INDUS CREED

**INDUS CREED (1994)**

Name change notwithstanding, this album was a culmination of some work from two previous albums as Rock Machine, which had some great glam rock hooks. But the sheer adulation this album generated as well as its general feel-good nature, forced us to pick it. Who can forget that black-and-white video of "Pretty Child" on heavy rotation on MTV?

### GROUNDED IN SPACE

**ADVAITA (2009)**

Bringing back the soul that was lost in the face of a zillion bands who created mediocre crap in the name of sufi/fusion music, this album reinforced the belief that one can be young and still fuse genres in the manner of accomplished excellence. One of the best examples of East meets West in current times.

### OVERTURES IN OUTER SPACE

**HALF STEP DOWN (2009)**

Sticking firm to their classic rock 'n' roll influences, Half Step Down managed an album that didn't talk about world domination or change. Just simple guy stuff—getting high, getting laid and generally having a damn good time... which is just what you'd like to be told to do when you listen to rock 'n' roll.



### BOMBAY BLACK

**VARIOUS (1999 & 2001)**

The artistic genius that both these albums boasted of was nothing short of a wet dream for any audiophile. Featuring a collective of some of the best musicians today—and legends at that—these are albums that are truly a collector's item, if nothing else. The sheer virtue of the musical erudition that its contributors put together is enough to make you bowlegged with joy.

### ANTARAGNI

**THE RAGHU DIXIT PROJECT (2008)**

Simple, ethereal music from the heart of India, these tunes can be heard echoing across the Indian landmass. Rustic, yet with a modernity that lends an acceptance for the listening ear, this is one of the most captivating albums to have emerged in recent years. It just tugs on you and forces you to hang on to it.

### MABY BAKING

**THE SUPERSONICS (2009)**

Stuff that is left of centre from the leftist capital of the country, these boys from Kolkata put together crunchy guitar tones, taut bass lines, some bellowing choruses over some supersized production values, and created one of the most original indie sounds, an epithet that's still true.

### MADRAS

**NULL FRICTION (2010)**

The title may be a homage to the band's hometown, but the sound inspires universal appeal. Mellow rhythms and tight bass sections with wafting vocals give this album a modern alternative sound.

### HUMAN RACE

**DREAM OUT LOUD (2007)**

The good thing about this album is that there's no pretence... it is pure unadulterated alternative rock. Masterful guitar and versatile vocals work together to make a killer album.

### UNTITLED

**BHAYANAK MAUT (2009)**

The band's sophomore untitled album is touted as a landmark album on the metal scene. With influences ranging from hardcore metal to death metal to groove metal to grindcore, Bhayanak Maut has a landscape of crushing ferocity which thrashes into brutal precision and leads you in.

### HELLO HELLO

**MIDIVAL PUNDITZ (2009)**

A coming together of diverse canvases and years, the album has something for everyone: Fusing electronica, folk, classical, pop, these guys stitched together a package with varying and compelling hues.

### HOOK

**ZERO (2002)**

True to its name, this album will possess you, crawl under your skin, and pull on you till you submit. (Which, as you know, isn't something that takes too long or is all too difficult.) Just the chorus of anthem-like "PSP 12" is enough to turn entire amphitheatres into amplifying echoing machines.

### AVIAL

**AVIAL (2008)**

Yes, you already know music isn't restricted by the barrier of language. But we'll say it again... especially when an entire nation starts singing rock anthems in Malayali, it's a phenomenon nobody would've thought possible. Mallu folk tunes strung tight on groovalicious alternative rock, this album marked a proud moment in music history.

### THE SKA VENGERS

**THE SKA VENGERS (2012)**

Politically-charged lyrics on a smorgasbord of influences, this band's sound created ripples on the music scene, which assumed the size of a tidal wave on a full moon night. Punk, jazz, ska, dancehall, reggae, classical—the band mixes these diverse sounds with the smoothness of cold beer on a hot summer day. Pretty elegant even if it sounds edgy.



## SHILLONG

### SOULMATE (2005)

A sexy vocalist who seems like a flower-child transported from the '60s, mean guitar picks coupled with deep-chested vocals, the tempo of the age when instruments met heart. One of the best blues albums from perhaps the best classic blues act.

## MILLENNIUM

### MILLENNIUM (1995)

This self-titled album is a classic which metalheads swear by to this day. Millennium was one of the first few bands to carve a niche for itself in metal, and the lead single "Peace Just In Heaven" was played so often on TV that it became second metal nature.

## TILL YOU APPEAR

### SULK STATION (2012)

The good thing about this? It makes you feel like doing nothing. Then, there are the better things it does... like being the courageous harbinger of a downtempo ambient electro pop sound when everyone else judges a record by how loud it is. Put the album on loop, sit back, and unwind.

## HOME

### MENWHOPAUSE (2006)

Treading lightly yet seriously grounded, this hits you hard with questions and sonic spaces.

## MARK OF TEJA

### SCRIBE (2010)

This album deserves its spot, not just for the funny-sounding nonsensical Bollywood wordplay in the title. Not just for the varying amount of playing the fool with song titles like "I Love You, Pav Bhaji," "Kamla's Back" and "Street Archna v/s Vice Varsha." But for making solid metal with an uptempo groove that could decapitate you if you aren't careful as you headbang your way to hell.

## NIGHTS IN SHINING KARMA

### BLACKSTRAT BLUES (2007)

If you want to hear the guitar talk to you in ways you didn't know, this is the *pièce de résistance*. Sans vocals, Warren Mendonsa, one of the most accomplished blues guitarists in recent years, uses his fingers with an adeptness on the guitar that is as rare as any noble... er, metal on the periodic table. No metchul, though.

## COUNTING PERFUME

### SPLIT (2012)

Though they did release an EP (P is for Pig) a few years ago, this full length studio album has an overall maturity of sound and production quality. Simple unadulterated rock 'n' roll served to you just the way it should be—with punching jabs, soaring vocals and shredding strings. Very good for roadtrips.

## THE FENI FARM RIOT

### DISCHORDIAN (2011)

No, playing this won't necessarily result in drunken riots. But the album has tangible shades of madness, and that is where the music reins in its listeners... and then takes them into a more socially acceptable direction by giving them a balanced listen.

## AGGRESSIVE WORLD DYNASTY

### UNDYING INC (2010)

The album is like a breath of hot, musty air for metal fans. It sounds like it's possessed by the demon... an infectious demon transmitting notes to the listeners. You won't care for an exorcism after that.

## FROM SPACE

### THE CIRCUS (2010)

Like a fast-paced frenzied journey, this sets out on a tightrope that swings above a sea of anthemic choruses, crazy riffs and thrashing skins. It manages a good balance and blazes through with a fury that can put *Ghost Rider* to shame.

## DRIVE CAREFULLY FOR OUR SHAKE

### ORANGE STREET (2000)

The wild pack from the original rock 'n' roll bunch, this packed an attitude which was equivalent to flipping the bird when it came to telling western audiences that Indians could make music as punchy as them, if not better.

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ROCK 'N' ROLL...  
THE MOST BRUTAL,  
UGLY, DESPERATE,  
VICIOUS FORM  
OF EXPRESSION  
IT HAS BEEN MY  
MISFORTUNE  
TO HEAR.  
(FRANK SINATRA)

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### SKY RABBIT

#### SKY RABBIT (2012)

It's a bit unsettling that most of the electro-rock outfit Medusa had to go through a name change and tweaks in their sound to come out with an album, but what an album it has turned out to be. Melancholy is its prime feel, and it wants to take you on a spaced-out trip, with enough moods to leave you there... like a hopped-up rabbit.

### RESURFACES

#### GODDESS GAGGED (2011)

One of the new sounds on the metal radar, the influences on this album range from old school metal to hardcore to progressive rock, and it makes enough noise to thrash a hole in your neighbour's window. But it has a precision that would make the hole seem like it was carved out perfectly by a glass knife.

### HOTBOX

#### JOINT FAMILY (2007)

New age metal of a kind that would have made other bands go "green" in the face, and not just with envy. The album packs a punch that would rival Tyson's jab, and is Nu Metal at its finest. And by "finest" we mean it induced hysteria to an extent where moshpits didn't just have crowdsurfers, but maniacs flying in mid-air action.

### ONEPOINTNOTHING

#### JALEBEE CARTEL (2009)

This full-length studio album reaffirmed this electronic act's position. It is full of experiments that blend together cohesively. It has variation—subtle and obvious—which hits you out of nowhere, yet isn't incongruous.

### CHOKING ON A DREAM

#### BLAKC (2009)

While most Indian bands spend long years when it comes to releasing an album, these dudes piled this piece of alt-grunge-funk brilliance within a couple of years.

### SMOKIN' GUNS

#### VARIOUS (2002)

Featuring some of the best guitarists then, this release from RSJ Records has little-known gems from Rudy Wallang, Dhruv Ghanekar, Mahesh Tinaikar, Paresh Kamath and more. This is finesse on strings.

### A DARKNESS DESCENDS

#### DEMONIC RESURRECTION (2005)

The band's pretty much synonymous with extreme metal in India, and in spite of its niche appeal, this album got decent mainstream acclaim... tells you how good it is. The sound is loud, scathing and savage, with a great sensibility—just like an extreme metal record should be.

### THE HAPPY GOAT

#### TOUGH ON TOBACCO (2009)

After performing duties on various bands, Sidd Coutto—with his talent as a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist—put together this solo effort. Light-hearted yet heavy on rhythm, this has the coming of pop rock, with bits of reggae thrown in for fun.

### COMPOSE... OPPOSE... DISPOSE...

#### PIN DROP VIOLENCE (2004)

This album has subtle melodic sections kept apart by heavy mid-tempo sections, interspersed with gut-wrenching growls and heavy riffs that almost crush your bones under their weight. It was PDV's maiden album, and is more than just a premium heavy metal act.

### MANTIS

#### SHAA'IR + FUNC (2010)

The duo of Monica Dogra and Randolph Correia, with a signature brand of electro-pop heavy dance tunes, made this danceable. Irregular electronic blips tamed with a mellifluous melody atop percussive energy. Real fresh.

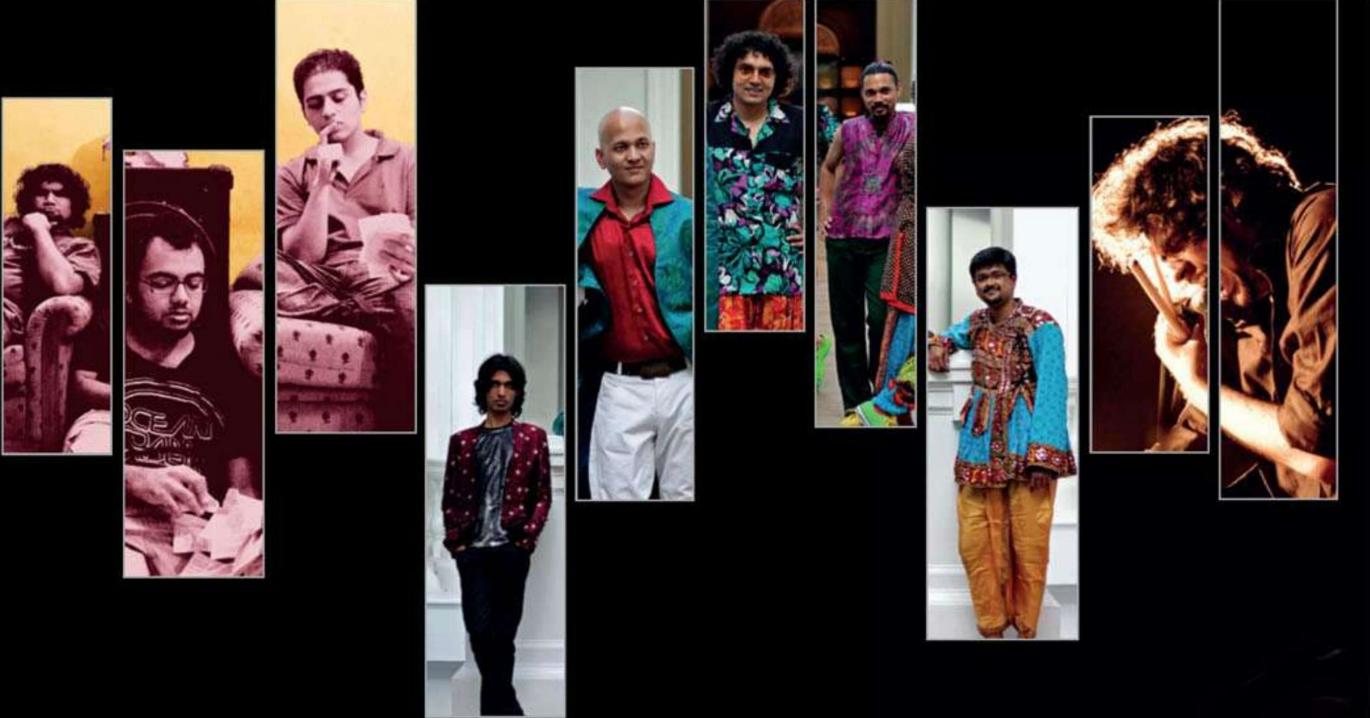
### LOVE.HATE.HEROES

#### THEM CLONES (2009)

This Delhi band has made stadia jump to their call of "My Life" and "In The Name of God," and sway to the tune of "Zephyretta." Full of effort and zeal, this album.

I WAS BORN WITH  
MUSIC INSIDE ME.  
MUSIC WAS ONE  
OF MY PARTS.  
LIKE MY RIBS,  
MY KIDNEYS, MY  
LIVER, MY HEART.  
LIKE MY BLOOD.  
(RAY CHARLES)

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## **SWARATHMA**

### **SWARATHMA (2009)**

Sensitive in its approach to mixing folk influences with current rock ethos, *Swarathma* quickly became known as the album that had the potential to take the indie sound to the next level with its catchy rhythms and impeccable groove. One of the freshest and most accessible pop sounds to have been born in recent years.

### **HEXES + DRAMA, & OTHER REASONS FOR EVACUATION**

#### **BLEK (2012)**

Hailed as one of the freshest sounds to have come out this year, this bunch of Mumbai boys has made waves with their brand of alternative rock music laced with incendiary doses of punk and an undeniable element of groove to make you move.

### **FEELS GOOD TO BE LIVE**

#### **SOMETHING RELEVANT (2009)**

A band that terms themselves “an indie jam band” put out a record that has an incredible quality to make you jam to it. Funk, blues and jazz beaded together, this exhibits how non-seriousness can mean serious creativity.

## **GOING NOWHERE**

### **LOUNGE PIRANHA (2008)**

As experimental as it can possibly get in alternative rock, this Bengaluru bunch teams ambient pulls and a somewhat-dazed demeanour that take you—just like the title promises—nowhere. By the by, it's a great place to be. Especially with tunes like these.

### **SNAKEISM**

#### **KRYPTOS ADAM AND THE FISH-EYED POETS (2010)**

The lone solo project on this list, it made the cut because it is an awesome pop record. The discerning sound was created by Kishore Krishna by melding folk, alternative, blues and indie tunes together. Plus, the raspy vocals elevate the seriousness of this effort by a few kilometres.

### **THE ARK OF GEMINI**

#### **KRYPTOS (2008)**

Their debut album *Spiral Ascent* was quite successful, and the Bengaluru-based metal outfit upped the ante with this. Drawing on the classic elements of thrash and heavy metal, they combined raw brutal energy with melodic sensitivity on this one.

## **DUALISM**

### **DUALIST ENQUIRY (2011)**

This album features an intelligent brand of rock-influenced electronica and has already carved a niche for itself. This will make you sit back, relax and enjoy the groove... and then, out of nowhere, it will hit you with a bolt to make you jump around.

### **SINEMA**

#### **PETER CAT RECORDING CO. (2011)**

Unusual sounds that seem to be the background score of a spooky carnival abound on this album. It's a very interesting and unique mix of gypsy folk, cabaret and ragged in-your-face punk. The sound is fresh, unmissable and a sure as hell must-listen.

### **11:11**

#### **JUNKYARD GROOVE (2009)**

The boys from Chennai have taken good old-school alternative rock and tweaked it with healthy doses of madness. This album has immensely hummable tunes, but the incredible thing is that the melody in these tracks works in the workplace, a throbbing pub or even as you hit the highway on a roadtrip with mates. ☺

OK, wait. The list would be incomplete without mentioning the creators of awesome singles such as 13 AD, Great Society and Mojo to Parikrama, Moksha, Brahma, Hundred Octane and Dream Hunters, among the hundreds of other great bands and solo acts.

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# GURU



## SUPER SNACKER!

There are times you really need a quick bite—something that's delicious and easy, but still leaves enough space for beer and dinner or lunch. We got real guy chef **Aditya Bal** to give us some boss ideas.

Hate the kitchen? You're like us. Maid's on leave? You're like us. Girl can't cook? You're like us. Become the master of your meals with these five super-easy treats. Guess what? They work from breakfast through dinner.

### SIMPLE CHERRY TOMATO SALAD

*Get These!* 1/2 kg sweet cherry tomatoes + A small handful of fresh basil leaves  
*For Dressing* 3 tbsp Extra virgin olive oil + Salt and fresh ground pepper + 1 tbsp Red wine vinegar + A pinch of powdered sugar + Juice of half a lemon

**Make It** Slice cherry tomatoes in half and put 'em into a bowl. Add basil leaves. To make the dressing, put the vinegar into a small bowl and season, add the sugar and whisk till it dissolves. Now, add the olive oil and lemon juice and whisk until the dressing thickens. Pour the dressing over the tomatoes and basil. Toss these things about so that they are coated evenly. Put into a bowl, cover it and put into fridge till you're ready to eat.



### HONEY & CHILLI GLAZED SAUSAGES

*Get These!* 16 Pork cocktail sausages + Olive oil + A little butter + 4 cloves Garlic, sliced + 1/4 inch Ginger, sliced + 2 Dry red chillies + 1 tbsp Honey + 1 tbsp Sweet chilli sauce + Juice of half a lemon + Fresh coriander

**Make It** Thaw the sausages, and then heat a frying pan and add a little olive oil. Once hot, add the sausages and fry them on medium heat until they begin to turn brown. Crumble the dry red chilli into the pan and add the garlic and ginger. Sauté them for about five minutes or till everything is crisp. Turn down the heat, add the butter, honey, sweet chilli sauce and lemon juice, and swirl the pan to coat the sausages. Turn up the heat and continue to fry till the juices form a rich golden glaze. Turn off the heat, let the sausages cool and then pack in an airtight box. Sprinkle some coriander before you eat 'em.



### CLASSIC CHICKEN & CUCUMBER SANDWICHES

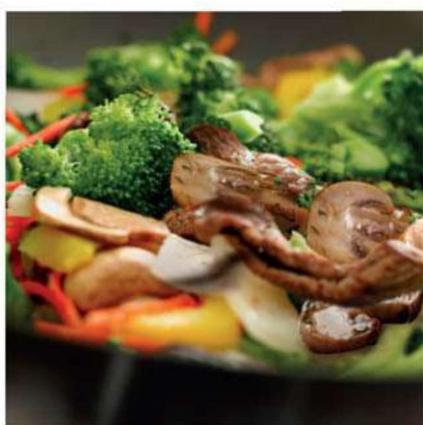
*Get These!* 2 Chicken legs and 2 breasts + 3 tbsp Mayonnaise + 1 tbsp Sharp mustard + Salt and pepper + Red chilli flakes + 1 tbsp Olive oil + Lemon juice + 1 Spring onion + 1 Cucumber, peeled and sliced thin + Butter + 6 Brown sandwich bread slices

**Make It** Poach the chicken pieces in gently simmering water with some salt. Once they are cooked through, remove from the liquid, cool and then shred the meat quite finely with your hands. Put the chicken into a bowl and add the mayonnaise, mustard, salt and pepper, chilli flakes and lemon juice. Mix everything together a few times over. Add the spring onion, finely sliced. This is the filling. Now, butter the slices of bread, layer one side with a few slices of the cucumber and spoon some filling on top, press it down gently with the second slice, making sure it is evenly spread. Repeat with the remaining slices until you have five sandwiches. Get beer. Eat!

### SAUTÉED MUSHROOMS & BROCCOLI

*Get These!* 100 gm Oyster mushrooms soaked in water for 30 mins and drained well + 100 gm Button mushrooms + 1 head of broccoli blanched in boiling salted water + 4 cloves Garlic + Olive oil + Butter + Salt and pepper + Lemon juice

**Make It** Chop button mushrooms into



quarters and the oyster mushrooms and broccoli into similar-sized pieces. Finely slice the garlic cloves. Heat olive oil on medium heat and add the garlic. Sauté it until it is fragrant (or for three minutes), then turn up the heat and add the mushrooms and broccoli. Fry the veggies for a few minutes or until the mushrooms have softened and released their juices. Quickly add the butter, season and squeeze some lemon juice over them. Toss the veggies in this lemon butter sauce in the pan until they are coated but still crisp. Transfer them to a container, and leave 'em to cool properly. After that, cover 'em up and serve with alcohol.

### QUICK TUNA SALAD

*Get These!* 1 can Tuna chunks in oil + 1 large Red pepper + 1 crispy Salad leaf head, washed and dried well + Flat leaf parsley + 8 to 10 Black olives + 1/2 Onion, julienned  
*For Dressing* Extra virgin olive oil + 2 cloves Garlic + 1 dry Red chilli + 1/4 tsp Cumin seeds + A little dry Thyme + Fresh pepper + Red wine vinegar + Salt + 4 Black olives



**Make It** To make the dressing, put all the ingredients except the oil and vinegar into a mortar and bash them until you have a coarse paste. Add the oil and gently grind the paste until it is fine in consistency. Then, add the remaining oil and vinegar, mix it well and keep aside. To make the salad, remove the tuna chunks from the can and put them into a bowl. Slice up the red pepper, onions and olives, and tear up the salad leaves—add this to the tuna. Whisk the dressing a few times and squeeze in the lemon juice, then add it to the tuna mix. Toss the salad a couple of times without breaking the tuna pieces and taste to check the balance of flavours. Rejig if required, chill for 15 minutes and nosh.



We love food, but not as much as beer. We also hate to cook. So, ADITYA BAL, celebrity chef and foodie, took it upon himself to teach us how to cook easy, eat well and... well, not get too fat.

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# TRAIN LIKE A NINJA

Strength, speed, stamina? Yeah, but what if you could also get balance, a kung fu grip and jump sky-high? Use these moves but alternate between workouts every other day. (Even ninjas need time to recover!)

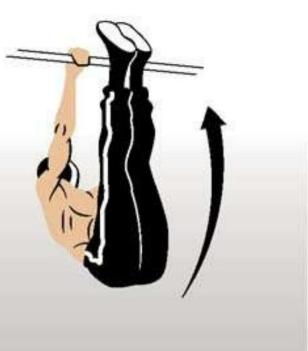
## Workout 1: Stealth Total Body Strength & Conditioning

Go for maximum reps, spending one minute at each exercise before moving on to the next and resting only after completing an entire round. Repeat the full set three times (three minutes on and one off each round for a grand total of 18 minutes). Count your total reps and try to assassinate that number next time.



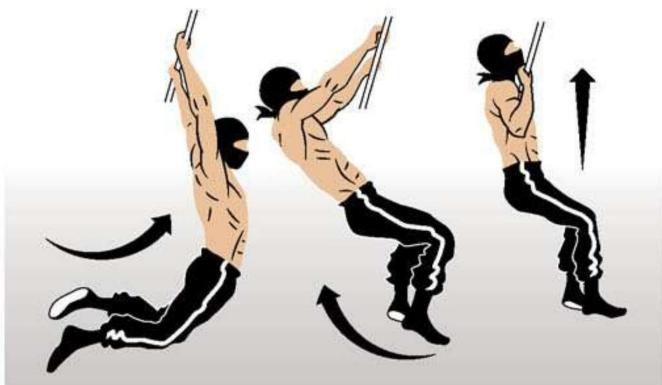
### BOX JUMPS

Jump on and off a 20- to 24-inch-high box. A rep is counted when you stand straight up on the box.



### HANGING LEG RAISES

Hanging from a bar, raise legs till toes touch bar. Too tough? Bend knees and bring 'em to your chest.

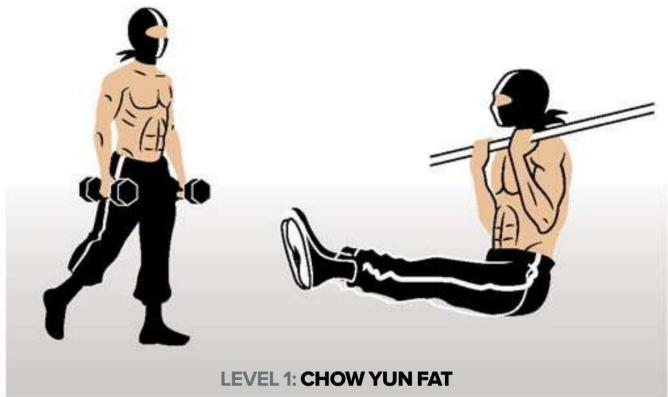


### KIPPING PULL-UPS

This pull-up involves gaining momentum by swinging your feet and hips in opposite directions (it'll look like you're wildly flailing). Your chin must move above the bar for the rep to count.

## Workout 2: Thunder Core, Arms & Grip Stamina

You're going for maximum time here. Pick your difficulty level, then do each exercise set three times. Rest for 30 seconds after each round, but not after each individual exercise. Add up times and try to beat your total in the next session, grasshopper.



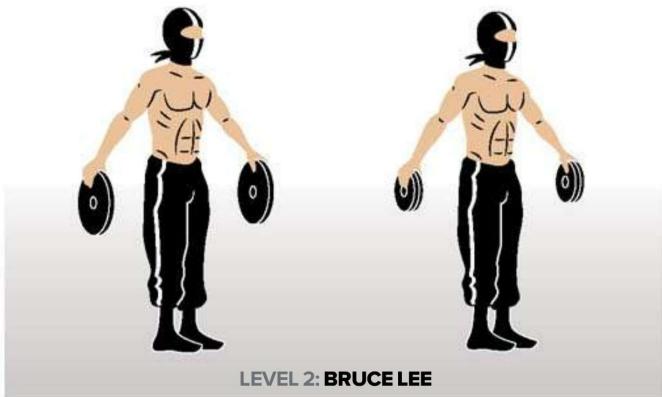
### LEVEL 1: CHOW YUN FAT

#### FARMER'S CARRY

Walk with a 35- to 55-pound dumbbell in each hand for as long as you can. You must continue moving for the time to count.

#### CHIN HANG

Hang with chin above bar and legs up (extended, if possible) for as long as you can. Time stops when chin drops below the bar.



### LEVEL 2: BRUCE LEE

#### PLATE PINCH

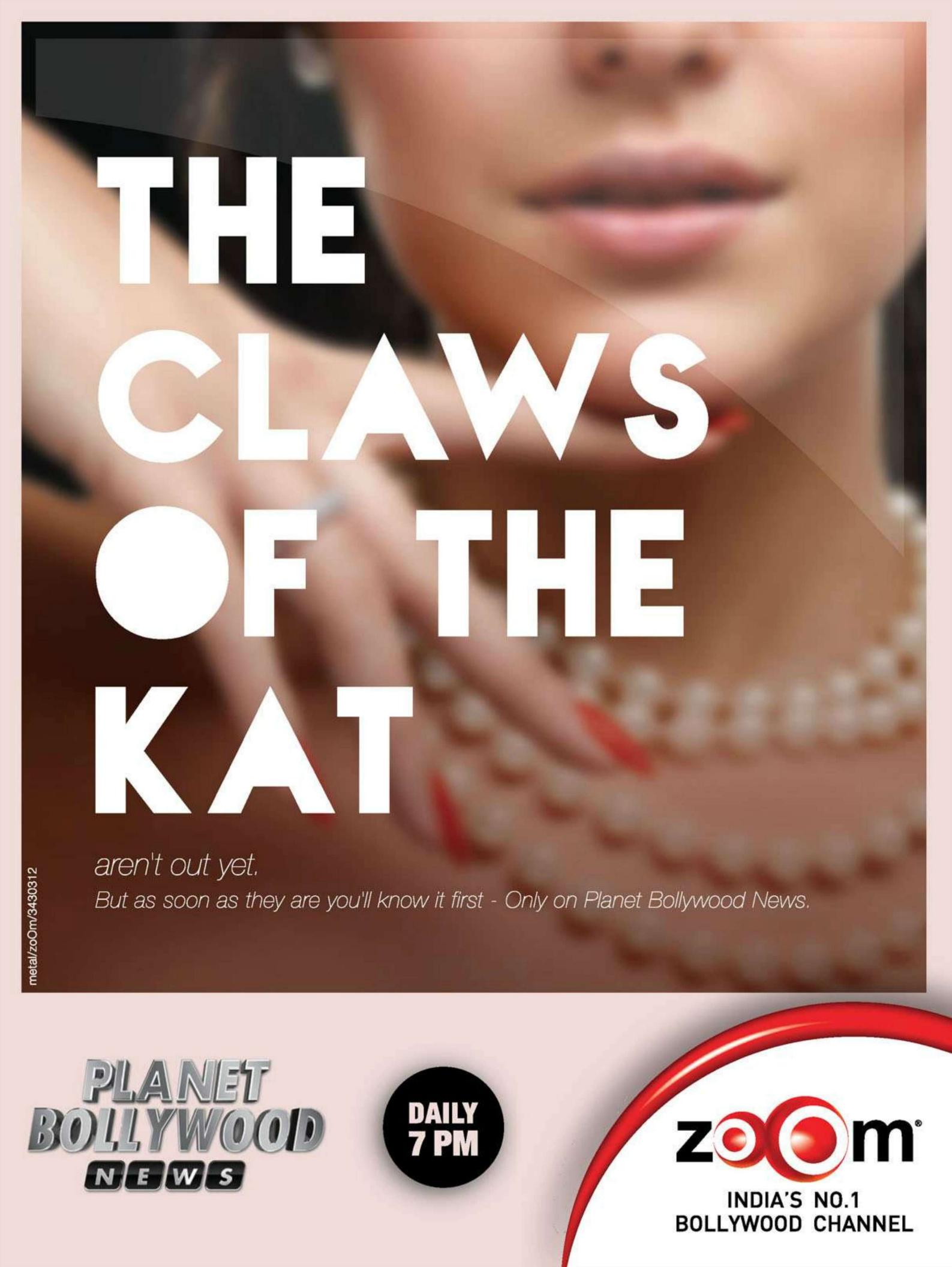
Hold a 25-to 45-pound plate in each hand for as long as you can. To make it tougher, try holding arms out parallel to the ground.

#### DOUBLE PLATE PINCH

Hold two five-pound plates in each hand, using your grip to keep them together. To up the difficulty, hold your arms out.



We wanted to get tough, so we asked—okay, begged—certified fitness trainer Abdul Quadir from the awesome gym chain *Fitness First* in New Delhi to help us. He put together the ultimate ninja workout based on the ideas of ninja moves specialist Brian Orosco and his trainer, Carl Paoli. If you have questions, let the pros at *Fitness First* help you out. Write to us at [mymaxim@maxim-india.com](mailto:mymaxim@maxim-india.com) and prepare for the worst.



# THE CLAWS OF THE KAT

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# SUMMER'S HERE, BUST OUT THE CLEAR!

When the temperature rises, park the brown and hitch a ride to see-through spirit town.



Got green olives?  
You should see  
a doctor  
about that.



## MAKE IT

### JAGUAR BUCK

**When vodka and love collide, this is the drink you need.**

60 ml Vodka +  
30 ml fresh Lime juice  
+ 15 ml fresh Ginger  
juice + 10 ml Syrup + 15  
ml Blackcurrant liquor  
(cassis) + Soda to fill

Put first four ingredients in a shaker and give it a whirl. Strain into a tall, ice-filled glass, then top with cassis and soda. Garnish with a lime wedge. Spicy fresh ginger is the star here. This drink is effervescent, tart and spicy, and has a bit of berry roundness. It's also really easy drinking. We love these words.

## VODKA!

This delicious joy juice happily mixes with any other fluid: It's the IPL of booze. Vodka is one of the most popular spirits, and is the simplest: It's basically just diluted alcohol made from anything that can be fermented and distilled—usually potatoes, grains, or, we suspect, angels' tears and unscented gasoline.

## FACT FILE

» **5 million cases** Vodka's estimated share of the total bottles of booze sold in India. That adds up to just about 2 percent of the 250 million cases sold! So, obviously, you're not doing your part?

» No matter what you hear, vodka can't disinfect a wound. "You need a minimum of 66 percent alcohol for it to be an effective disinfectant—far more than what's in vodka," say professors of microbiology at Columbia University. There are some higher-proof rums that would work, though. So, ask a pirate for some if he pokes you with a dirty sword.

» Both Russia and Poland claim to be the birthplace of vodka. The history's a bit hazy (probably because all involved were drinking a ton of vodka), but it likely popped up between the ninth and 14th centuries.



## STOCK UP ON

### Kru 82

Comes in a very handy drunkproof, shatterproof steel bottle. Solid sauce.

### Smirnoff Red Label No. 21

Classic Soviet sauce—and one of the best-selling vodkas in the world for a reason.

### Artic

The only vodka that's distilled four times so it's super potent.

### Skyy Infusions Coconut

Your girl—and her gay friend—will love it.

## TEQUILA!

Thank the Spanish conquistadors who first matched a still with the agave plant. The result: A distilled spirit so powerful that it makes girls shed clothes. Agave aficionados know to go for the *blanco*—it tastes most like the flower and is the best for tequila cocktails.

### FACT FILE

» Blue Weber agave—the holy plant from which all tequila is derived—is pollinated by bats. Bats!



» Unless you want the Federales coming at you, don't try to make your own: Mexican law dictates that anything calling itself "tequila" must come from the state of Jalisco or certain parts of nearby states.

» Invest in tequila! In 2008, scientists discovered how to create diamonds by superheating the spirit.



### MAKE IT

#### QUINCEANERA

A drink for post-coital relaxation. Or brunch.

30 ml Silver tequila +  
15 ml Lime juice +  
15 ml Syrup + 30 ml Sherry +  
2 dashes Chocolate bitters  
+ 1 Orange wedge

Shake all the ingredients with ice, then strain into a chilled martini glass. Then be a man and garnish it with a lime wedge. This is a dry, sour margarita alternative, and the chocolate bitters add depth. The sherry puts a twist on a classic, so you can come off as "creative."

### STOCK UP ON

#### Patrón Silver

All agave, all the time. Feels like a shame to mix it with anything.

#### Don Julio Blanco

This is crisp and fresh, with hints of citrus. Margarita!

#### Jose Cuervo Especial Silver

A margarita's best friend.

## RUM!

This lifeblood of the Caribbean has long been the drink of choice for scoundrels, swashbuckling pirates and seafaring sailors, many of whom lived off it long after their rations of water and beer had gone bad.

» Drink rum like a sailor: Mix in lime juice and water—it's how old-timey British sailors drank it. Rum and crumpets, chaps?

» Drink rum like a pirate: Turn it into buccaneer-favourite "bumbo" by adding water, sugar, and nutmeg. Yar!



## GIN!

Gin, which gets its name and flavour from juniper berries, was invented by a Dutch doc in the 1600s as a cure-all. We tried to fix our broken leg with it. Totally worked!

### MAKE IT

#### TETHER POLE

Gin is a strange kind of alcohol—it's potent and scary, but a cocktail-maker's delight. So, drink, man.

45 ml London dry-style gin + 15 ml Lemon juice + 15 ml Bitters + 5 ml Cherry liqueur + Soda

Combine the first four ingredients in a glass. Fill with ice, top off with club soda, and garnish with an orange peel. The tartness is balanced by the liqueur, and makes the sauce go down as easy as a hooker at 3 am.



### FACT FILE

» If you took a time machine to 1700s London, you would find a city overrun with gin guzzlers who had turned just about anything with a roof into a den devoted to making or selling it. You'd also find a lot of people with dumb accents and bad teeth.

### STOCK UP ON

#### Tanqueray No. Ten

A small-batch still lets the gin suck in more flavour.

#### Bombay Sapphire East

With herbs and spices, like Chettinad chicken.

#### Hendrick's Juniper juice infused with cucumber and rose petals.

### MAKE IT

#### MARAUDER'S MARK

Or more power to the drunkard in you.

60 ml White rum +  
15 ml Yellow Chartreuse liquor + Half a lime +  
75 ml Club soda

Squeeze lime into a glass and drop in the peel. Pour in rum, then add ice and soda. Finish by floating the Chartreuse on top. This rickey begins with the tartness of the lime and finishes with the anise and honey flavours of yellow Chartreuse.

### STOCK UP ON

#### Bacardi Superior

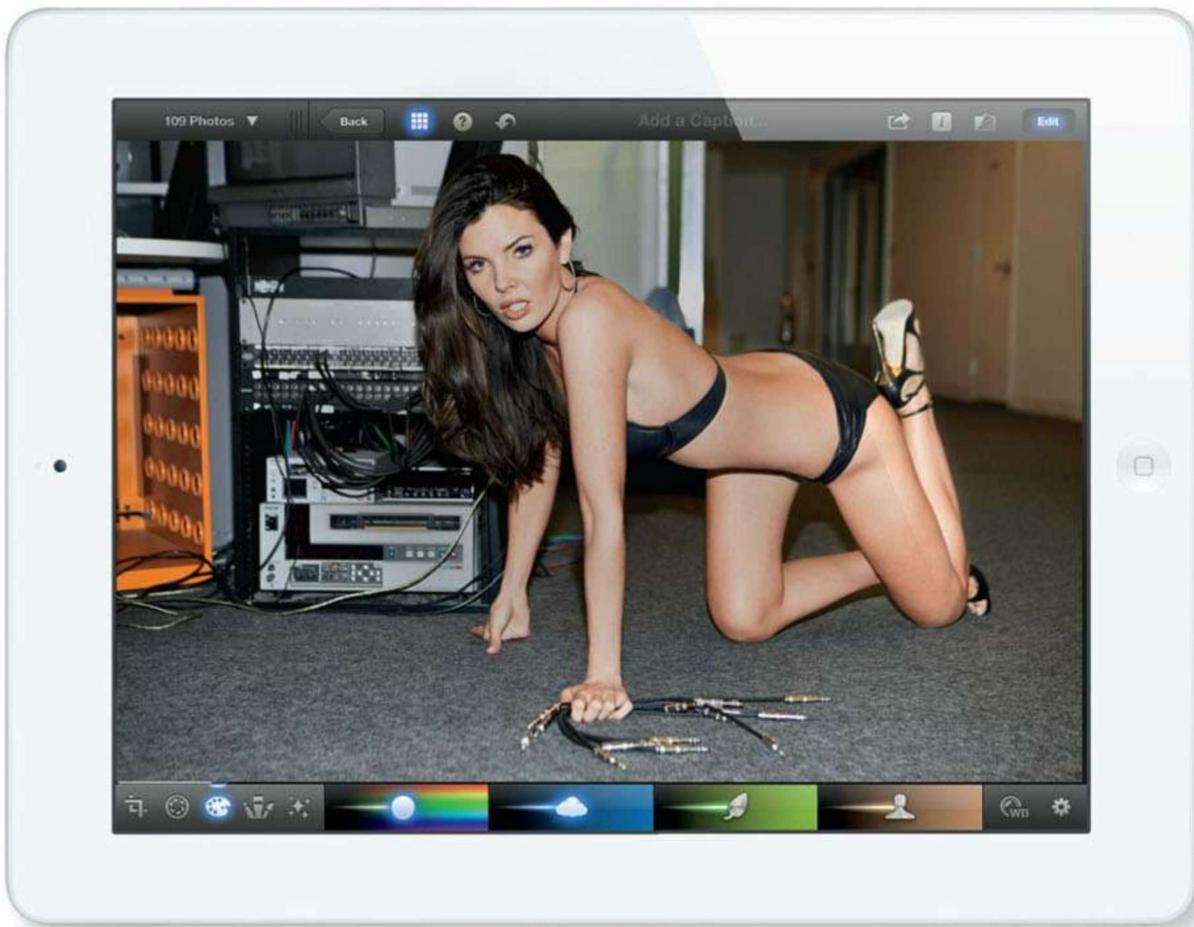
Good enough for Hemingway—and your mai tai.

#### Captain Morgan Silver Spiced

A lighter version of the classic spiced rum.

#### Havana Club Blanco

This juice is like witchcraft for your cocktail!



# FIND HER WI-FI HOTSPOT

Tech-savvy or not, a night of mind-blowing, no-strings-attached sex can be just a click away!

**W**hen 27-year-old Isha\* signed into her social networking account, a message appeared from a guy who was visiting Mumbai for the night and wanted to meet up. A few hours later, they were hooking up, and as clothes were pulled off, he asked if she knew a place they could go. They ended up screwing in the bathroom of a friend's hotel room.

Isha, like a growing number of women, didn't join a dating website to find the man of her dreams. Today, ladies are logging on to social networks and sites such as Match.com, eHarmony, and OkCupid, to find the man of their month, week, night, or hour. They want one thing only: Casual sex. Read on to learn how to decode their profiles, what to say in a message, and what kind of carnal craziness can happen to you... if you push the right buttons.

## THE PROFILE

Just because some women are strictly seeking sex doesn't mean they're always up front about it. They want you to use your brain. Isha's profile reveals she just wants "light-hearted fun." Sneaky, right? "If you can't read between the lines, I'm sorry," she says.

Rituparna\*, 28, explains, "I mostly answer questions about my sexual preferences and skip the ones about how I would raise a child or about my family background to imply that I'm only here to get it on."

When it comes to crafting your profile, put equal effort into the written and visual portions. Rituparna thinks it's important to show yourself in social situations, not just head shots: "It's nice to see other guys in pictures to show you actually have friends and can have a good time." Mary\*, 25, adds that she'd never

"Relax! I'm just asking you to hook me up... to the server."



"It'll shock you to find out what I can do with wires."



### PROFILE RED FLAGS

IF YOU SEE ONE OR MORE OF THESE, HIT ESC IMMEDIATELY!

- Multiple photos of cats or cows
- "Chocolate" listed as her No. 1 interest
- Specifies "no time wasters"
- Big hands
- Hint of an Adam's apple
- Hairy balls

respond to a guy who thinks photos of his six-pack make up for not having anything interesting to write on his profile. "Too many guys send me blatant sexual remarks," she says. "I want to meet the ones who are clever enough to get me into bed."

When it comes to interests, it's a waste of time to write about your favourite bands. Instead, Rituparna thinks it's alluring when guys include a challenge. "It can be a conversation starter," she says. "If you say no one can beat you in tennis, it gives me something to automatically reply to."

### THE MESSAGE

To master writing a brilliantly simple and sweet message requires showing interest without being too needy. Start by referencing something you read on her profile, then get a little flirty. "I listed letterpress—movable type you press with ink onto paper—as one of my interests," shares Mary. "So one of the best messages I've gotten from a guy was 'Would you like to meet for a beer and tell me what exactly letterpress is, so I can stop pretending I know?' We ended up at his place a couple of dates later and had sex so loud it woke his flatmate."

Even if she lists making friends or casual encounters on her profile as what she's looking for, don't be a creep about it. Jaya\*, 26, says, "Just because I state I'm bisexual and looking for hookups doesn't mean a guy

should write 'Hey, want to fuck tonight? Bring a girl—even if that's what may end up happening.' Binnie\*, 28, warns against being too pushy. "Don't tell me why I should go out with you. Instead, tell me why you want to go out with me," she advises.

### THE JACKPOT

Once you nail the message, you're well on your way to getting it on. Binnie's favourite hookup was with a guy who was in town from London. "When he texted me to meet up, I was at a concert in a tiny tee and ripped jeans, but that didn't stop me from strutting right into a fancy restaurant for a quick meal and a mind-blowing quickie."

Not that you have to be wealthy or from out of town to seal the deal. Sudhalika\*, 24, landed a consistent fuck buddy. "He wasn't the type to introduce to friends or family, but we had the most amazing chemistry in bed," she says.

Not only can you land a girl from a dating site, sometimes you can score two in one night... at the same time!

"When a past online hookup invited me for drinks with his girlfriend, I was suspicious," Jaya shares. "Turns out, after hanging at a local dive, we went back to his place and had a threesome, but it didn't make anything weird. Instead, it strengthened our friendship."

Be open to any fun possibilities and you just might end up with a girl who wants what you want: A non-serious relationship filled with passion, pleasure and condom wrappers on the floor. 



I just married an 18-year-old bisexual acrobat! I was trying to order a shirt.

## WHAT HER SCREEN NAME REVEALS

Sometimes you can learn everything you need to know without even clicking on her profile.



Anything with a <3 icon (<3Sweet16<3): Stage 5 clinger.



Anything reminiscent of an anime character on crack (Jungli Billi): Shut-in.



Massive sentences (flight\_of\_fantasies): This is her favourite thing to do. It's boring.



Anything with a verb and the word husband (Looking 4Husband): It's pretty obvious.



Something that sounds terrifying (Shadow666): If you cross this woman, she'll clean you out.

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# THE

Every surfing enthusiast in the world knows Tom Wegener. The longboard legend famous for his calm is the man behind the revival of the Alaia, a surfboard used by the ancient Hawaiians.

# MAVERICK

Wegener hopes that Tuna, his mass-produced board modelled on the Alaia and the Olo, the royal Hawaiian surfboard, will reinvigorate surfing as we know it, besides giving waveheads

# SURFER

new ways to play the game. Ready or not, this may be the epicentre of the new wave of surfing.

Words ROBERT TIGHE Photography TRENT MITCHELL

## ULTIMATE ALAIA

L=7' Custom  
T=13 $\frac{3}{4}$  Finley  
N=15







# Creation Plantation.

That's the name of Tom Wegener's surfboard workshop. It is also his home, and so organic that it would amaze any eco-warrior. "We want to be hippies so bad," Wegener jokes.

But anyone who's been there knows he's not kidding. Since he bought the two-and-a-half-acre property in 2001, Wegener has planted orange trees, fig trees, passion fruit vines, tropical apples, dragon fruit, guava, pawpaw, persimmon and peach trees. Lettuce, spinach, corn, tomatoes and fresh herbs vie for space in the vegetable patch and half-a-dozen egg cartons recycled as biodegradable seed trays are ready for planting. Sawdust from the ramshackle shed is used to mulch the trees and Wegener knows more about composting than any eco-friendly guru you can think of. "We want to create a green parallel universe so if everything else collapses, we'll at least be able to feed ourselves," says Wegener.

Creation Plantation lies a couple of kilometres outside Cooroy in the Sunshine Coast hinterland, in Queensland, Australia. It backs onto the Bruce Highway, but towering gum trees and thick trunks of bamboo provide ample shelter from passing traffic and prying eyes. In the front yard is a home-made half-pipe. Out back is a three-storey shack, a wonderful old wooden building with a set of rickety stairs up the side, leading to the loft where Wegener shapes his wooden surfboards.

This rural retreat is a shocking change from the suburban affluence of Palos Verdes in Los Angeles, where Wegener was born in 1965. Palos Verdes is the kind of place where "desperate housewives" would go

to the country club for tennis lessons from six-pack-flaunting, ever-smiling pros. It also boasts some of the best surf spots in California and locals with a reputation for protecting their patch from outsiders. Wegener loved the waves but hated the attitude.

"In high school, you had the popular surfers and they were a funny clique so I gravitated towards longboards. The longboard spots were empty apart from a few nice older people and the shortboard breaks were crowded and aggressive. It was a simple decision," says Wegener, who was a sponsored longboard rider and a philosophy student during the 1980s before making the unlikely decision to become a lawyer. Surfing was his passion, but it was tough to earn a buck as a longboarder so he put on a suit and tie and worked in real estate and contracts law. He lasted three years – the longest three years of his life.

"I didn't just hate it; I loathed it. Being a lawyer in Los Angeles is the bottom of the bottom. Everyone is unhappy—the judge is unhappy, your client is unhappy, the clerk is unhappy—you're surrounded by unhappy people. I like being happy."

So he quit in 1993 to head up the newly-formed Surfboard Industry Association. The association tried to introduce safety practices to the industry in California, but infighting forced it to fold within a year. Wegener was out of a job, but ironically his profile as a surfer had never been higher. He

had started making surf movies and was big in Japan. It seems unlikely when you meet the laid-back dude, but he was a star.

Longboarding was exploding in Japan and this Japanese company wanted to start a Tom Wegener brand. Then the yen crashed and the project was canned instantly. So, Wegener waved goodbye to fame and fortune and went back to making movies. In 1998, he came to Australia to promote *Siestas & Olas*, living out of the back of a van on sponsored Corona and not much else. But the once miserable lawyer had become a happy camper.

"Some Aussie friends told me if I came here I'd never leave. I remember sitting on a beach—there were dogs at my feet, I had a beer in my hand, there were topless girls soaking up the sun, some people were having a barbecue—and I thought to myself, 'This is freedom,'" he says.

Wegener also met Margie Hughes, a DJ on Noosa Heat FM, while he was in the studio to plug his movie. "I walked into the radio station and saw her through a glass wall. Our eyes met and that was it. She interviewed me about the movie and I interviewed her. I said to myself, 'I'm going to marry you.'" That was March 1998. They were married in June that year and their son, Finley, was born in February 1999.

"I was so stoked," smiles Wegener. "Like a lot of Americans, I was ready to run. America was falling apart and I was looking



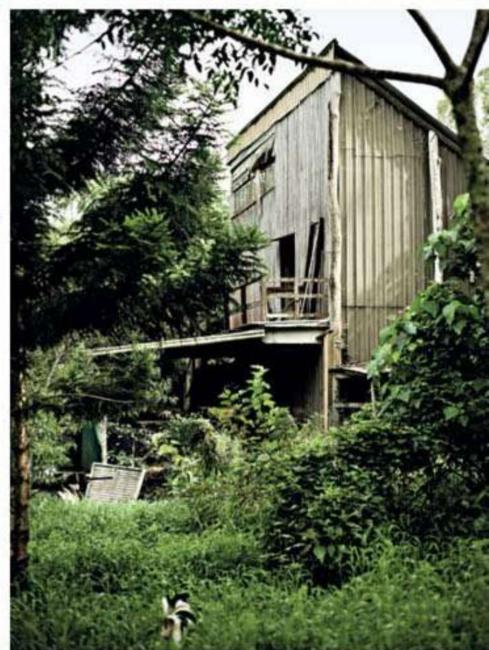
Wegener rides his Tuna board at First Point, displaying the speed of the offshoot epoxy board.



The Maverick Surfer



If "wanting to be hippies" was Wegener's dream for his family, he certainly has managed it with a lifestyle that perfectly merges the work-life combination. Organic fruit and vegetable production on the family plot of land, known as the Creation Plantation, is approaching near self-sufficiency.



"I remember sitting on a beach—dogs at my feet, a beer in my hand, topless girls soaking up the sun, people having a barbecue—and I thought... this is freedom!"

for something different. There are a lot of people who search for their destiny and come up just short. I got lucky."

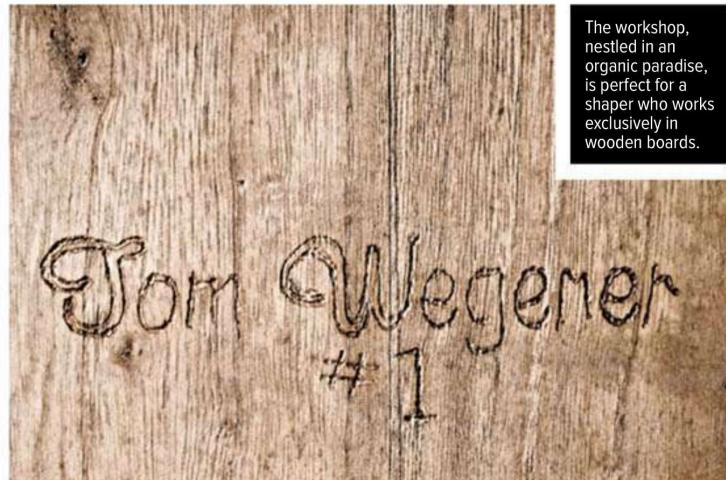
Lucky too that longboarding was just starting to take off in Australia and Noosa, according to Wegener, has the best longboard waves in the world. He started shaping longboards again, something he had been doing since he was a 12-year-old, and was soon struggling to keep up with the orders. Everything was hunky-dory until the toxins from the foam boards he was working on began to play havoc with his health.

"I got near the stuff and I'd break out in a rash. I was glassing a foam board one day and I came inside and Finley, who was four at the time, said, 'Daddy, your breath smells of resin.' That was it; I decided to stop using resin. I decided to make surfboards out of wood. What I had to figure out was how to make a wooden surfboard that rode as good as, or better than, a foam board," he says.

To do that, he needed the right timber. He found it in Paulownia. Paulownia is native to China, but in recent years it has become popular in Australia due to its fast-growing and versatile properties. Paul Joske, a surfboard shaper from Coffs Harbour, was one of the first to make a surfboard from Paulownia and he showed it to Wegener who realised the wood had potential. Wegener started using it in his foam boards for stringers, nose blocks, tail blocks and fins and discovered it was an almost perfect raw material.

"It had these incredible, almost impossible characteristics," Wegener says. "It was light, easy to work with, very strong, and most importantly, it didn't soak up salt water. We discovered that by accident and it was a eureka moment. That discovery led directly to the Alaia revival."

Initially, Wegener used Paulownia to make handcrafted hollow wood surfboards and he couldn't keep up with the demand. He had two people working for him and more than 100 orders on the books so he celebrated with a trip to Hawaii in 2004.



The workshop, nestled in an organic paradise, is perfect for a shaper who works exclusively in wooden boards.



It was a family holiday, but Wegener was also a man on a mission. Like most surfing scholars, he had studied the bible, *Surfing: A History of the Ancient Hawaiian Sport* by Ben Finney and James Houston. As a surfboard shaper, he was intrigued by the chapters on the development of the surfboard and particularly by pictures of the Olo and the Alaia in the Bishop Museum in Honolulu. The Olo was a long, thick board, reserved for the ancient Hawaiian chiefs in the 1800s. The Alaia was a much shorter, thinner board made from a plank of wood less than an inch thick but renowned for its speed and manoeuvrability.

While the Alaia shape was the blueprint for most surfboards in the early 20th century, the Olo was considered a relic and Finney says, "The last time a traditional Olo caught an ocean swell was around 1915." Wegener wanted to ride an Olo to mark his 40th birthday—"I wanted to experience the sport of kings," he jokes—but he needed to see the boards in the Bishop Museum to work out how to make his own. "When I saw

them I just flipped out," he says. "I was like 'Holy shit!' The curves were mind-boggling. I came away hellbent on making an Olo but it turned out to be such a big project."

You have to see the Olo to understand how big it really is. It takes an entire side of Wegener's shed and takes pride of place—all the monolithic 16 ft and 68 kg of it. That's taller than a double-decker bus and nearly 25 times as heavy as a standard shortboard. Not surprisingly, it takes two people—or more—to lift it.

"People saw me coming into the surf with it and freaked out," laughs Wegener, "but I surfed it and surfed it until I figured it out. I was just challenged by it. The ancient Hawaiians must have been incredible surfers. You need so much strength to paddle an Olo and your timing has to be perfect to ride a wave. I had some horrendous wipe-outs, but when you catch a wave on the Olo, it's a joy. It's just a different type of surfing."

After the Olo, Wegener made an Alaia and on March 5, 2005, he took the boards, some beers and some friends down to his



Wegener's son, Finley, takes to the waves, as Wegener shows the list of people he has shaped Alaia boards for.

favourite break at First Point off Noosa Heads for his 40th birthday. A local surfer, Jacob Stuth, grabbed the Alaia and started a sensation. "He got on this wave and took off and he was like, whoosh! The board was skittering he was going so fast. We were like 'man, that wasn't supposed to happen.' There were good surfers on good surfboards out there and the Alaia went faster than any other board. The fin boards just couldn't keep up in the surf."

The Olo and the Alaia are finless boards making them much harder to control than modern boards where two and three fins are common. Removing the fin made the boards faster and freer. So if the finless boards are so fast and so much fun, why have they been gathering dust in a museum for so long, you're tempted to ask?

Wegener answers expectantly. "One guy did make one in the early '90s," he explains, "but they took it out and said, 'Nah, it doesn't work.' They didn't take the time to learn how to ride it. Now we have good enough surfers to ride them, but 20 years ago the level of surfing was much lower than it is now."

Good surfers like David Rastovich and Tom Carroll endorsed the Alaia and for a few years it was the must-have board. While the hype may have died down somewhat in recent years, these boards haven't gone away. The Alaia has its own division in the Australian National Titles. "Alaias are

normal now and that is the biggest compliment you can give a movement," says Wegener. The ultimate compliment, though, came from Finney, the anthropologist who had written about the history of Hawaiian surfing. "Tom, I'm so proud of you," he told me. "You proved that the ancient Hawaiians surfed well."

While Wegener has received plenty of awards for his work—including Shaper of the Year from *Surfing*, the world's most prominent surf magazine—there was a hint of a backlash on some online forums after the launch of the Tuna, the epoxy Alaia pop-out board licensed to Global Surf Industries. Made in Thailand, over a thousand Tunas have already been sold, more than the number of handcrafted wooden boards Wegener has made since he started the business in 1998.

And although surfers may be buying the boards, purists have accused Wegener of selling out. Derek Hynd, an Australian shaper/surfer has openly said, "He's killed Bambi... he's sold out to the 'crass mass.'" But ask Wegener, and he is hurt by the accusation. "He calls me a hypocrite for selling out? Derek was a professional surfer and worked for one of the big companies for years. I've put years into this. I helped revive ancient Hawaiian surfing, but we've lost money year after year and we still lose money every year on the Alaias."

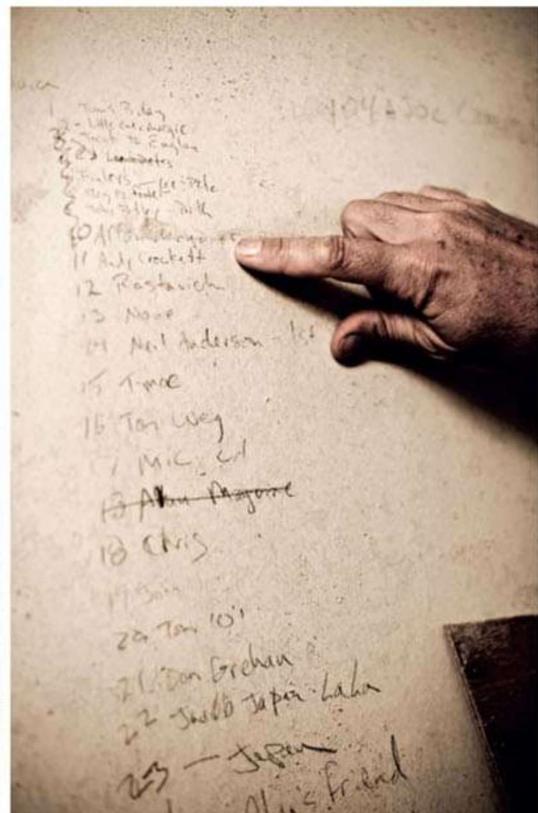
Producing the wooden boards is a labour

of love but it doesn't put food on the table. Plus, his bank balance hasn't been helped by the fact that Wegener has given so many boards away to friends and people in the industry, or that he made a DVD showing people how to shape their own Alaia, but he's hoping the Tuna will be the golden ticket that provides some payback and allows him to keep doing what he loves.

"My passion is making the wooden boards, but in order to survive you have to have a separate stream of income. About 5 percent of the market is interested in what I do, the hollow wood surfboards and the Alaias, but only a few surfers are willing to pay for them. The other 95 percent want to experience it, but on modern, easy terms. So, the Tuna is for them."

As well as selling truckloads of the Tuna, Wegener continues to make the Alaia and Olo, both very environmentally-friendly surfboards, and hopes surfing enthusiasts continue to want them. Wegener also expects the Alaia to widen surfers' horizons. "Surfing has turned into a spectator sport when it should be about getting in the water. What the kids see on TV and YouTube, the radical manoeuvres and perfect waves, that's what they expect all the time. You can ride the Tuna in really shallow, punchy little surf. It takes the whole Alaia experience and makes it so much easier. It's surfing stripped right back to its essence."

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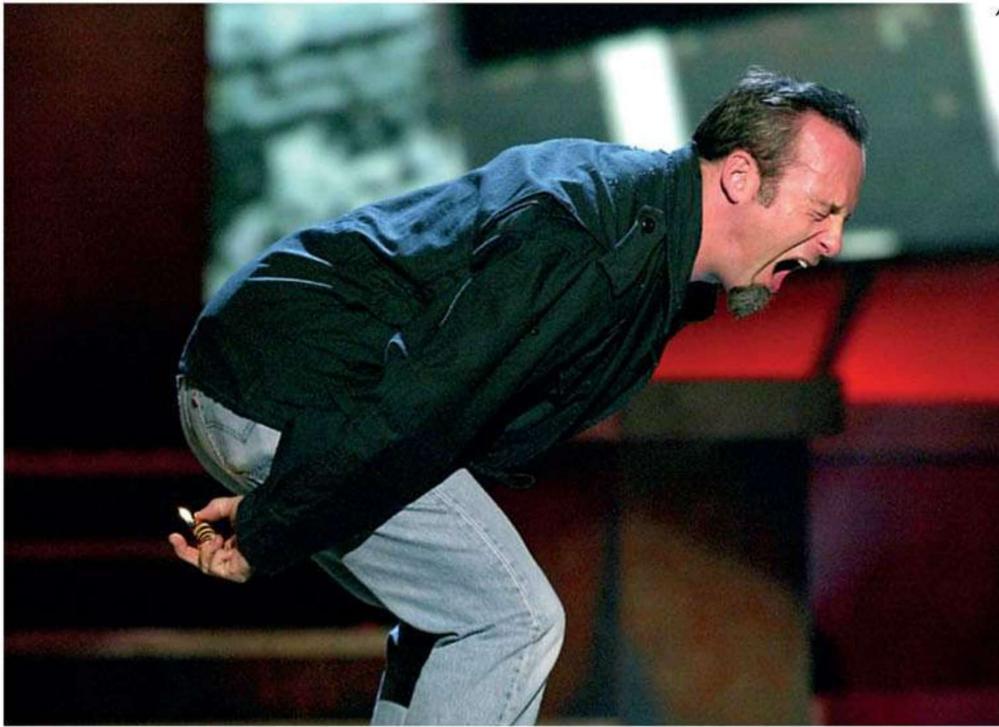
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The gas station attendant who answered the phone said, "No, but I have two nuts and seven inches!"

So the woman asked, "Is this a record?" To which the man replied, "No, it's average!"

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A couple went to a doctor because the man was feeling down and tired all the time. The doctor said, "I will give you a shot of vitamins, a prescription for some pep pills, and an empty jar for your sperm. Bring it back next week so I can check it." When the guy came back to the doctor, the doctor said, "What? This jar is empty. I told you I needed to do a sperm count." The guy said, "I tried with my left hand, I tried with my right hand, my wife tried with her left hand and she also tried with her right hand, she even tried with her teeth. We could not... get that jar to open!"

### SPELLATHON

A bus stops and two Italian men get on. The lady sitting behind them ignores them at first, but soon she becomes outraged on hearing their conversation—"Emma come first. Then I come. Then two asses come together. I come once-a-more. Two asses, they come together again. I come again and pee twice. Then I come one last time." "You foul-mouthed sex-obsessed swine!" shouts the lady. She continues, "In this country, we don't speak out loud in public places about our sex lives." "Hey, cool down, lady," says the man. "Who talkin' about the sex? I'm a just tellin' my friend how to spell the 'Mississippi'."

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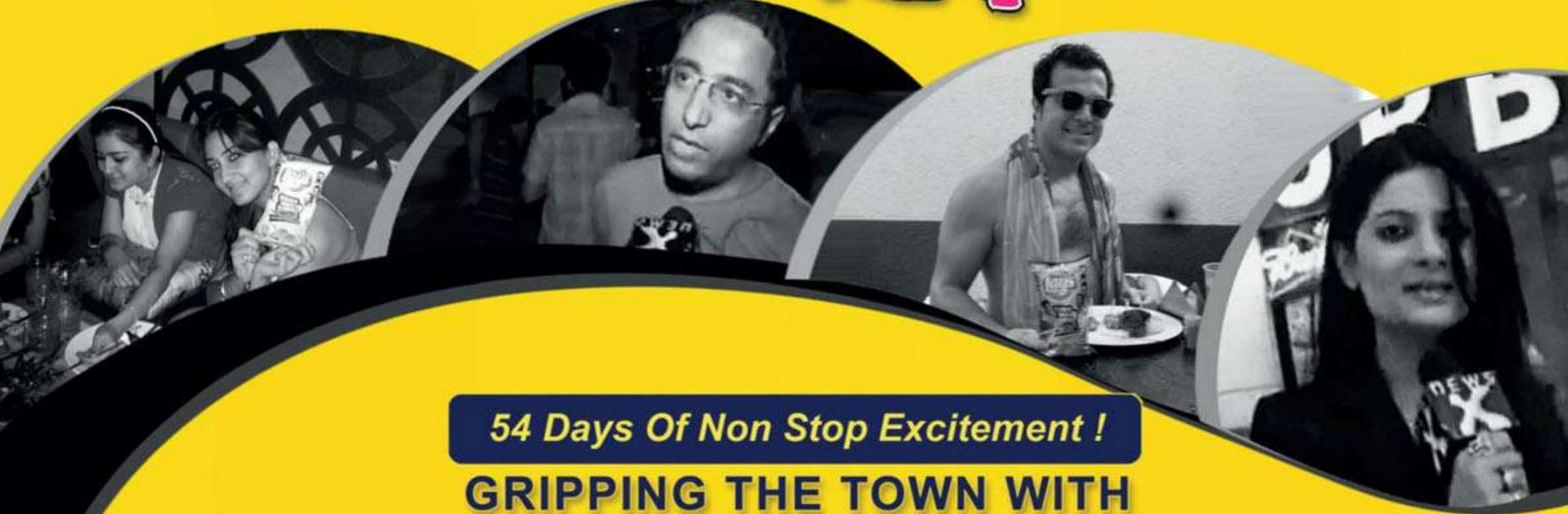




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# ARSHAD WARSI

The actor-comedian is about to lose his circuit. Here's his last electric chat with MAXIM.



**So how's the day gonna close?**  
Party! I would want to eat all the fat and drink all the alcohol!

**Ah, sweet! So, a dancer, actor, comedian... life's been great?**  
Hell yeah! From where I was to where I am today, I'd say it's been absolutely awesome.

**What's been the most embarrassing moment of your life?**  
There are many. But the latest one was on a recent trip to Ladakh. I was riding my bike when a fellow rider saw me and said, "You look like Arshad Warsi, you should do his mimicry. You'll make good money!"

**What a dick. And the craziest thing you've ever done?**  
To become an actor! No, really, I try and do one crazy thing every year, the last one was a bike ride to Ladakh with a friend.

**Where do you think you'll land, heaven or hell? And why?**  
If all the priests, *pandits* and holy people of the world are right, then it'll be hell. But I am sure they are all wrong, so I guess it's definitely gonna be heaven!

**And what exactly would you do there to make it your own?**  
I think I'll be up there trying to find a way to mess around with the living! Yeah, I'm evil!

**Which dead celeb would you like to party with in heaven?**  
Marilyn Monroe. She is to-die-for, man. No pun intended.

**You can't afford to pun, dude! You're about to die.**  
Oh yeah, let's be serious!

**If you could be resurrected as any other actor, whom would you pick?**  
Well, right now, it's gotta be Salman Khan—superstar, gifted artist, handsome man and anything he touches turns to gold. You can write anything, call it a script, take Salman, and it's a blockbuster!

**True that! You still have a few hours, anybody you'd knock out?**  
The list is too long. Let's save you guys some space.

**Hey, thanks. We know you've got the moves and the comic timing. Which works better with the girls?**  
I'd say start with the comedy 'cos once you've got her, you'll be dancing for her for the rest of your life! Seriously, girls like guys with a sense of humour, and if the guy can dance, then even better!

**Alright. One quirk you couldn't get rid of, ever?**  
Carrying a sling bag with just about everything in it. I hate putting things in my pocket.

**Any deathbed confessions? They'll only reach our lakhs of readers.**  
Yeah, there is one confession. Nobody knows that I am a lesbian!

**Your last shot at redemption: What would you change in your life?**  
I want my life back! Brad Pitt took my life, I want it back!

**Oh! That's sad! Any last words?**  
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# OF NOOSES & NOOKY

Sexual attraction has landed you neck-deep in trouble? Your porn novel reads like nursery rhymes?

Quit worrying. MAXIM says go with the flow. You live once, make it count.

I am a writer working on my debut novel. I always seem to get stuck in the parts where sex is involved, and I just can't figure out why that happens! Is it because we Indians still consider sex a taboo subject? Or is it because of some personal experience? Anyway, the result is very bad sex on the pages of my book and I've developed major writer's block. I need help!  
*Jyotsana, Mumbai*

You'll be surprised to know that it's not just us Indians... there is a frightening majority of people in the world that squirms at the thought of sex being described in detail. We guess, as a writer, you're trying to strike the delicate balance between erotica and porn. So keep it spare and precise, describing that which is unique yet at the same time ubiquitous. As a writer, it is important *not* to overstate the specifics, especially when it comes to sex. Most times, bad sex in books is an acute form of overstatement. Just go ahead and say it how you imagine it and the rest will flow. Writer's block gone!

I'm a MAXIM fan and I'm blind. I live alone and my only source of delight is my reader—my housemaid. She has, for financial reasons, agreed to service me. But of late, she's started to strangle me while I'm coming. What if she gets carried away and I go as I come?  
*Dinesh, Lucknow*

We're sorry MAXIM's not available in braille. It would seem your maid has issues she's bringing from home. Notice the metaphorical significance of the noose: She is literally tightening it around your neck. If she is married, maybe her husband's got a whiff of your "arrangement" and is upset about it. The kink, in itself and in moderation, may be alright. Oxygen deprivation—strictly in homoeopathic dose—is said to allow for earth-shattering orgasms. Try making her loosen her grip with some sort of signal, like a pinch or a squeeze. Or just switch "service-providers."



I love horror flicks and that has triggered a fantasy of doing a female vampire. Recently, my girl made it real by biting me very hard on the neck while we were having sex. Strangely enough, I hated it! Is a fantasy never supposed to be realised? Or did we do something wrong?  
*Ashwin, Ahmedabad*

Fantasies find appeal largely because they are all mixed-up and unattainable. When they suddenly become attainable, the mind often goes into a sort of trauma. Sexual fantasies are made of sterner stuff. While they mostly follow the unattainability principle, small hopes of realisation can exist in the person's mind. And while a fantasy plays on idealised conditions, reality is often deprived of them. What probably happened with you is that you missed telling her some important details of this fantasy. To be satisfying, a fantasy has to be replicated to the T. Think about what you want her to wear, how you want her to sink her teeth into your neck and, hopefully, you'll have your successful homemade horror.



Life has a loud bark but is also beginning to bite? Your undies have outcast written all over them? You finally have answers to make sense of this world and beyond. Write to Dhiraj Singh at [mymaxim@maxim-india.com](mailto:mymaxim@maxim-india.com)

On a recent trip to Africa, I bought a totem pole that belonged to a tribal chief. Since I've acquired this piece, it seems I've been jinxed: I've had tiffs with my wife, been quarrelling with my business partners and so on. I've tried getting rid of it but it keeps coming back to me. What do I do?  
*Bhupender, Imphal*

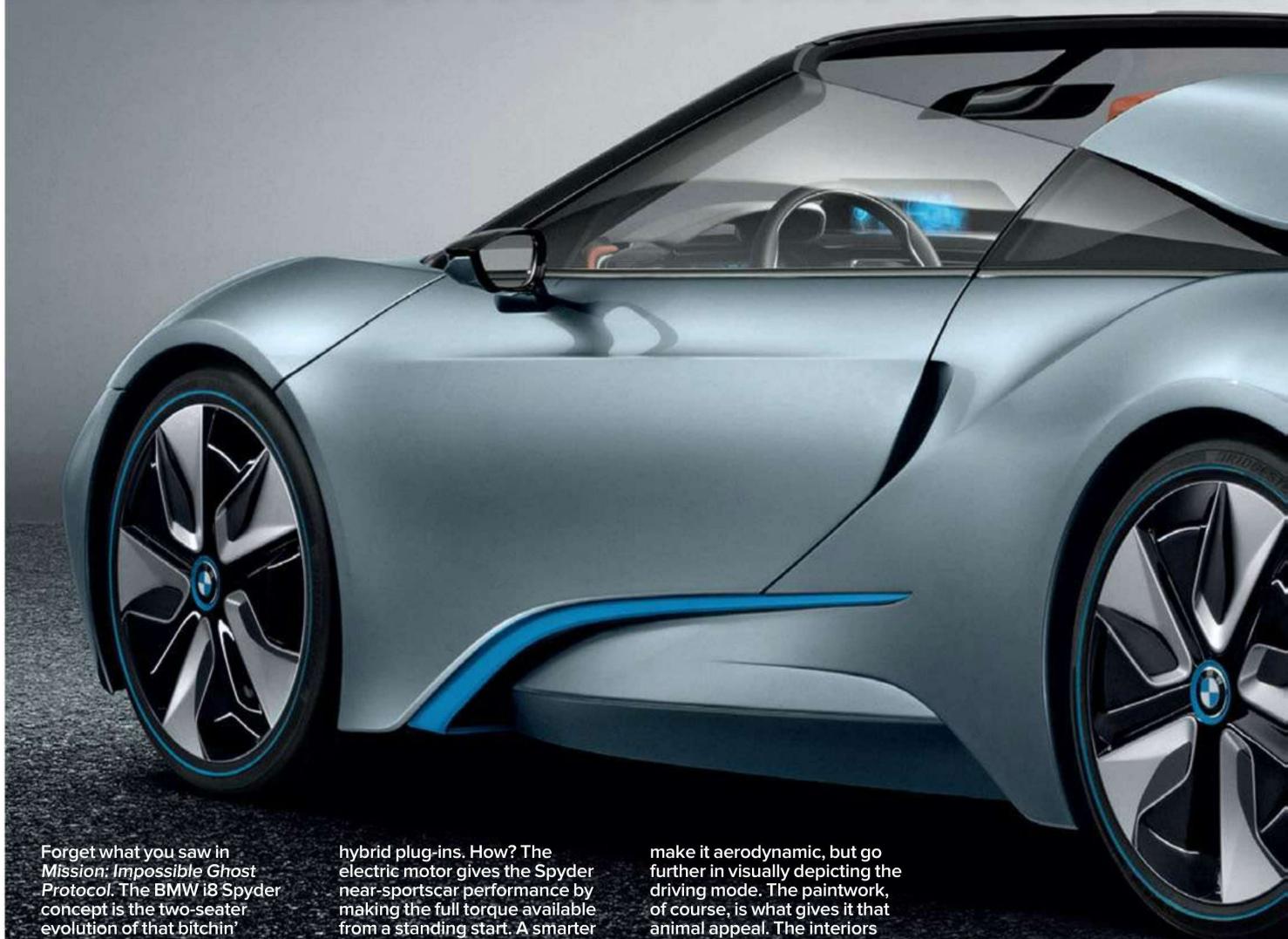
Looks like you've got yourself a voodoo stick—it's like a magnet that attaches itself to anyone who fits the profile of its former owner. So we guess you must share some similarities with the tribal chief to whom it once belonged. We can only assume this chief was also a shaman and, therefore, knew how to "control" it. As to why it's giving you such disastrous results, it could be because you are a mere simulacrum of the chief, without his expertise at controlling matter and energy. Take it back where you got it and find a shaman who can conduct propitiatory rites to make the pole dormant again.

After reading Carlos Castaneda's *The Teachings of Don Juan*, I tried going on a mushroom trip since I couldn't get mescaline. I feel more relaxed now but on the downside, I have lost all interest in sex. I'm only 24 years old. What the hell do I do?  
*Karan, Puducherry*

Sex is the usual casualty of any life-changing event. It takes us 14 years to get interested in sex after our first life-changing event, which is birth. Don't worry, you won't have to wait 14 years to get your interest back. But it may take some time. Also, if you've lost "all" interest in sex, we don't think you'll be missing it. Consider this your second childhood: The state of finding joy in small things, discovering life, gaining insight into the higher disciplines of spirituality and metaphysics. Sex is, after all, a means to bliss... but if you're blissed out without it, we don't see the problem. Maybe this is what the other dimension is trying to teach you—a lesson in overcoming your earthly nature.

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make it aerodynamic, but go further in visually depicting the driving mode. The paintwork, of course, is what gives it that animal appeal. The interiors have been constructed with rigid carbon-fibre-reinforced plastic, which allows engineers to create an ergonomic cabin that is safe and stable. The Spyder is shorter than the i8, which enhances its sportiness. Best of all? Very low emissions.

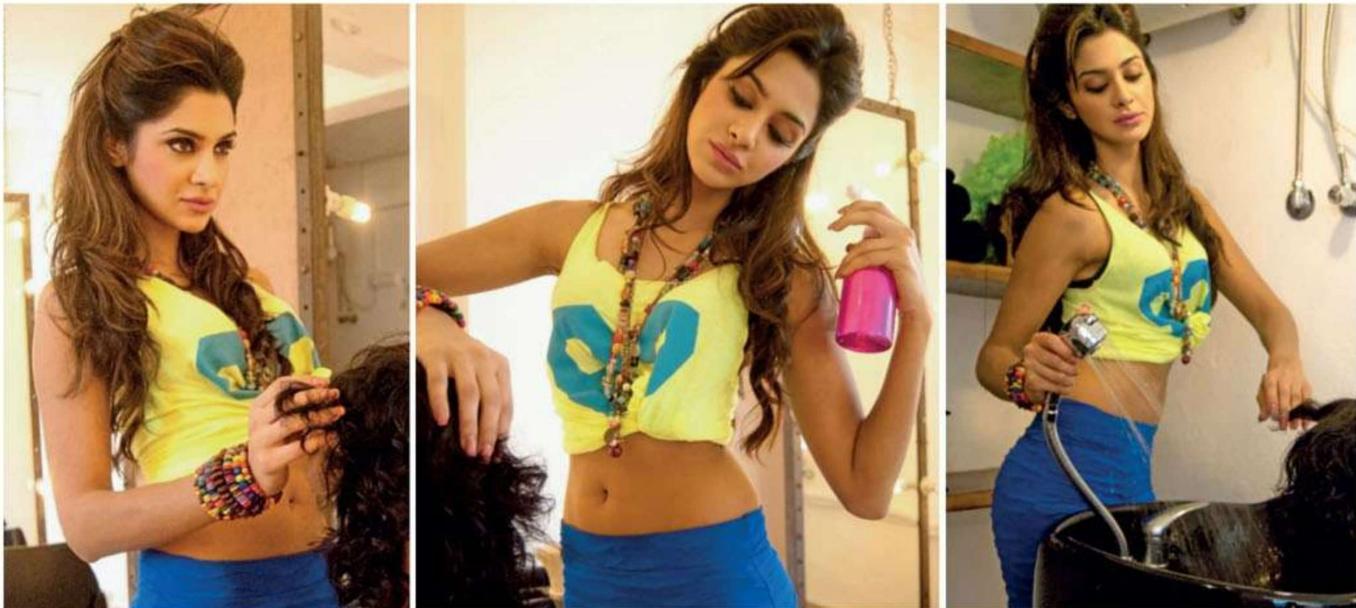


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**Tell us the worst experience you've ever had with a man while styling his hair.**

There was this one guy who had his hair all falling out in the middle of it. I got to know that there would be no styling required whatsoever, because it was a wig. Imagine the mess it created!

**We can't. But what is the naughtiest compliment a man's given you at work?**

One guy told me that I am the female "Zohan" from that Adam Sandler movie. I thought it was funny, yet cute.

**Lastly, what kind of crop on a man turns you on the most?**

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The Pullman Gurgaon Central Park Hotel was witness to the biggest sporting awards of the year at the Sports Illustrated Sportsperson of the Year Awards 2011 on May 4. During the year that ended nearly three decades of waiting for Indian cricket fans, Yuvraj Singh's heroism knew no bounds, and he was presented with the Sportsperson of the Year Award by his mother, Shabnam Singh. Other awards presented were for the best sporting moment, young player, sports kid, athlete, game-changer, team, surprise package, domestic performance, administrator, and coaches of the year, along with outstanding contribution to sport and the lifetime achievement award for the late Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi. The evening saw guests from all walks of life gracing the occasion to cheer the award winners. A rooftop dinner party along with a band topped off the gala event.

With the deserving winners and a party to remember, the third edition of the Sports Illustrated Sportsperson of the Year Awards was a huge success.



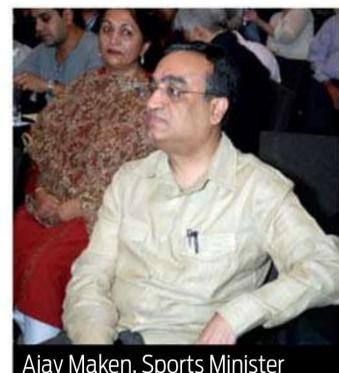
Yuvraj Singh poses for the shutterbugs after accepting the *Sports Illustrated India* Sportsperson of the Year Award from his mother, Shabnam Singh



Rajiv Shukla, Chairman, IPL, and Cabinet Minister, with Yuvraj Singh



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Yuvraj Singh speaking to the media before the awards



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Amit Bansal, MD & CEO, Innovative Infra Group, with Rajiv Shukla and Yuvraj Singh



Yuvraj Singh giving away the prize to the Turkish Airlines contest winner, Rajan Handa of Oakley India



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Bishen Singh Bedi and his wife with Kadambini Murali Wade



Karthikeyan Murali with his mother



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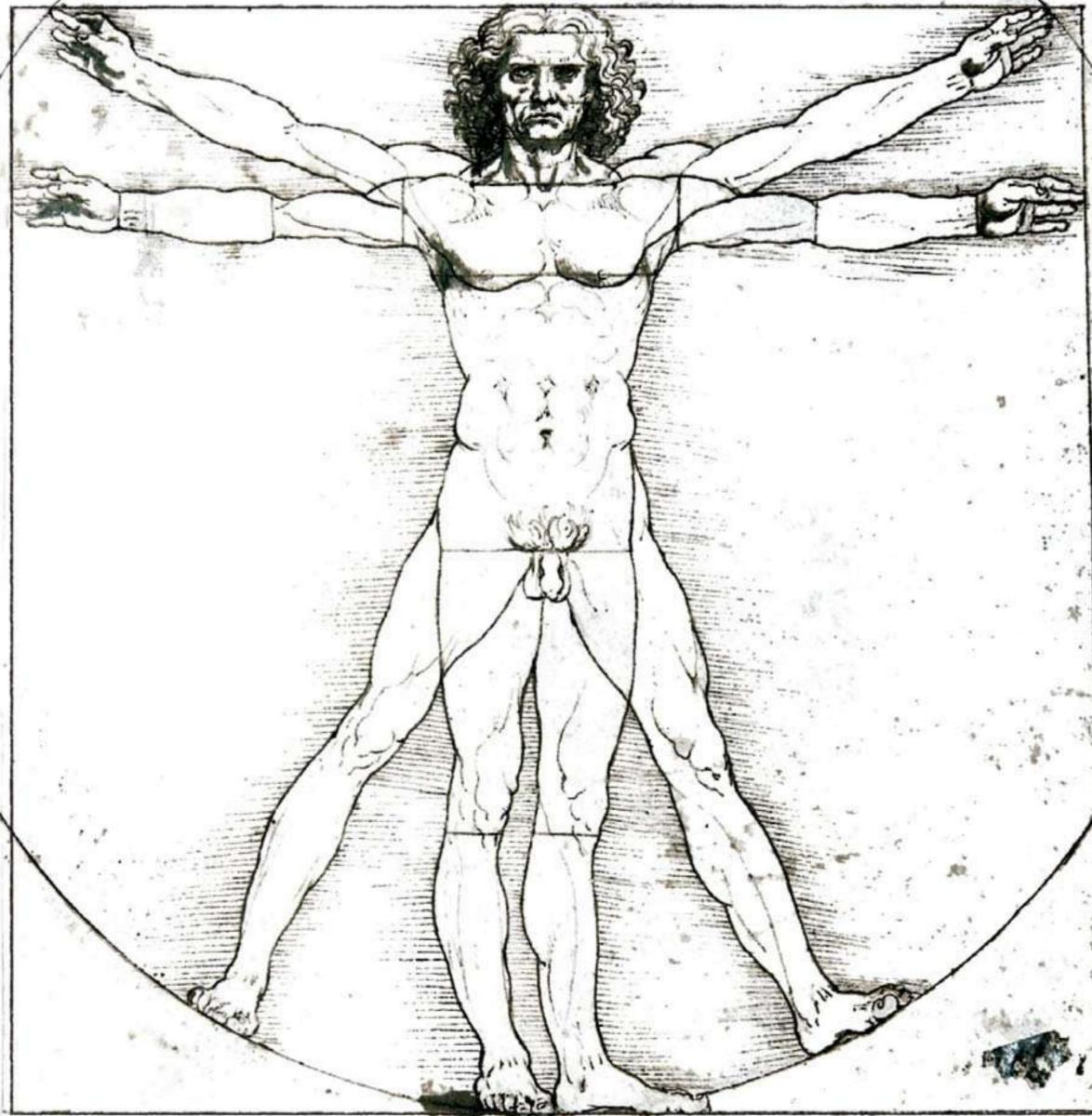


Yuvraj Singh with mother, Shabnam Singh, receiving the #love12 fan memento from Rajiv Mehta, MD, Puma Sports India

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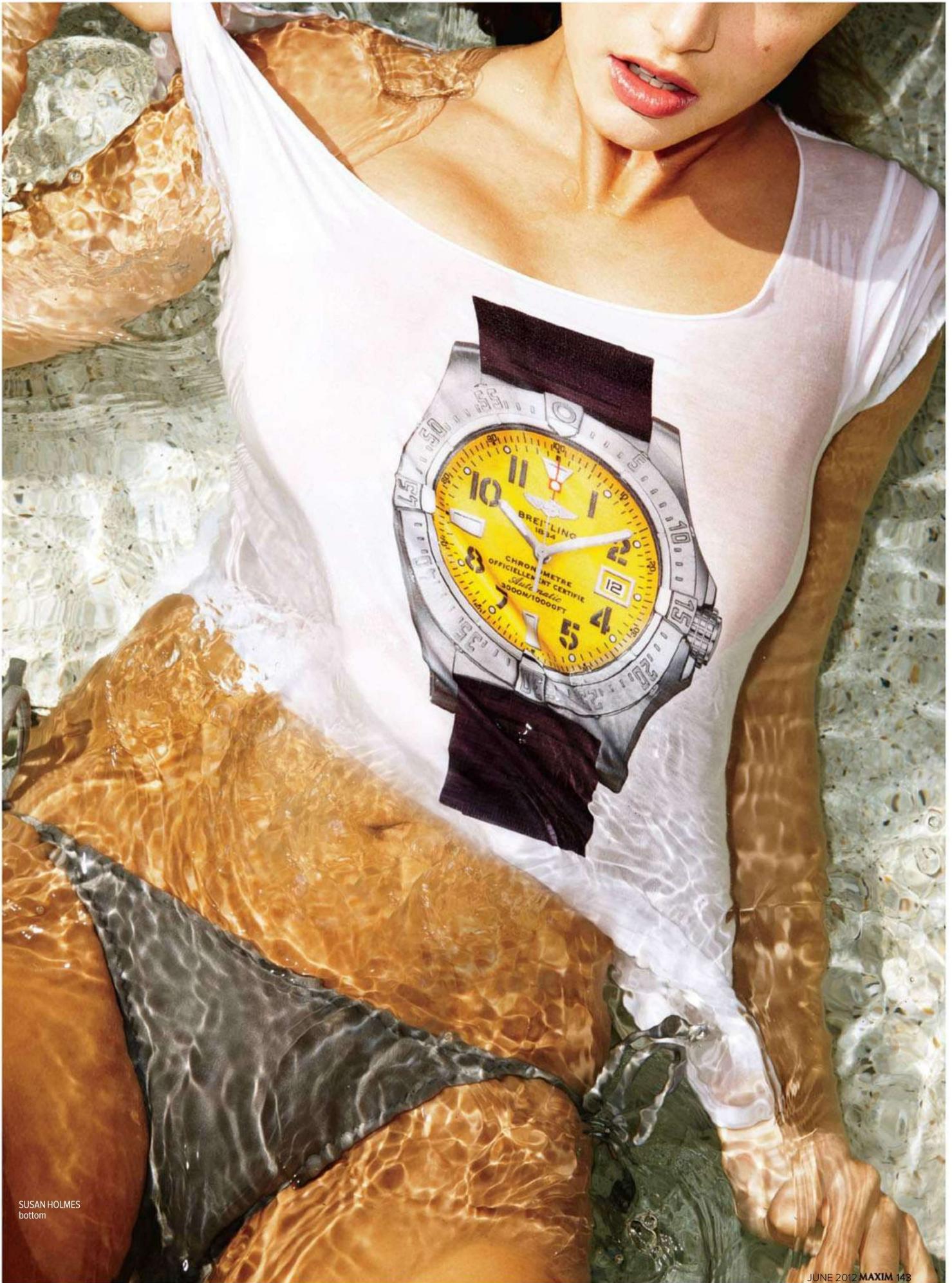
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**NAUTICA** E-23, South Extension Part 2, New Delhi-49.

**OMEGA** Omega Boutique, K-2, Connaught Place, New Delhi. Phone: 011-41513255.

**ORIFLAME** www.in.oriflame.com

**PAUL & SHARK** First Floor, DLF Emporio Mall, Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-70.

**PAUL SMITH** Shop No. 212, DLF Emporio Mall, Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-70.

**QUIKSILVER** Ambience Mall, NH-8, Gurgaon, Haryana-02.

**REEBOK** 198-1-2, Ground Floor, Brigade Road, Bengaluru-01, Ph: 080-25585981.

**SALVATORE FERRAGAMO** Ground Floor, DLF Emporio Mall, Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-70; The Galleria, Oberoi Towers, Nariman Point, Mumbai.

**SATYA PAUL** Ground Floor, DLF Promenade, Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-70.

**SEIKO** at **ETHOS WATCHES** G-14, Select CityWalk Mall, A-3, District Centre, Saket, New Delhi-17, Ph: 011-40588700.

**SHISEIDO** at all **SHOPPER'S STOP** stores nationwide.

**S. OLIVER** First Floor, Select CityWalk Mall, A-3, District Centre, Saket, New Delhi-17.

**TAG HEUER** at Tag Heuer Boutiques nationwide and at **JOHNSON WATCH CO.**, C-16, Connaught Place, New Delhi-01, Ph: 011-41513121.

**THE BODY SHOP** Ground Floor, M-34 A, M-Block Market, Greater Kailash 1, New Delhi-48, Ph: 011-29232474; Shop no. 6, First Floor Inorbit Mall, Link Road, Malad (W), Mumbai-64. Ph: 022-67102021.

**TIE RACK LONDON** Store No. 252, DLF Promenade Mall, Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-70.

**TIMBERLAND** Ground Floor, Ambience Mall, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-70, Ph: 011-40870061.

**TIMEX** at **THE TIME FACTORY** 61, Basant Lok Community Centre, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-57.

**TOD'S** Store No. 122, DLF Emporio Mall, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-70; UB City, Shop No. 8-9, Canberra Block No. 24, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru.

**TOMMY HILFINGER** 26/1, Orion Mall, Brigade Gateway, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Malleshwaram West, Bengaluru, Ph: 080-67282222.

**TRUE RELIGION** at **THE COLLECTIVE** Ambience Mall, Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-70.

**VERSACE** Store No. 231, Upper Ground Floor, DLF Emporio Mall, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-70.

**VICTORINOX** at **JOHNSON WATCH CO.** C-16, Connaught Place, New Delhi-01.

**VICTORINOX ALTMONT** at **BASECAMP TRAVELLER** Store No. 148, Ambience Mall, Gurgaon-01.

**WILLS LIFESTYLE** Ground Floor, Select CityWalk Mall, A-3, District Centre, Saket, New Delhi-17.

**YSL** at **KITSCH** Store No. 233, Upper Ground Floor, Emporio Mall, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-70, Ph: 011-46098212; 48, Dr. V.B. Gandhi Marg, Kala Ghoda, Mumbai-23, Ph: 022-22687777.

**ZARA** DLF Promenade Mall, Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-70, Ph: 011-41680853.

# THE RIGHT TIME

Swiss watchmakers **Swatch**, now offer digital touch watches in vibrant colours.



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Switzerland's leading watch and jewellery maker, Swatch, has now come up with new digital touch watches with which you can literally touch your time, that too in vibrant colours! With two new models in the up-to-the-minute Swatch Touch collection, the Swiss watchmakers have given a new face to the digital touch watches. The Swiss brand's flair for eye-catching design leaps out at first glance: The new models feature sharp displays and splashy, self-confident colours. You can use them while gymming, while playing sports, or while simply having a casual day out. The touch screen zone offers instant access (with finger-taps and lateral scrolls) to six digital functions: Time (2 zones, t1 & t2), date, chrono, alarm, timer and beep, with easy readability assured at all times by a built-in backlight. Swiss-made quality and ergonomic design make Swatch Touch an effortless accessory—watch head and strap are perfectly integrated, and the curved plastic glass display echoes the curves of the wearer's wrist. Inspired, electric and in tune with the times, Swatch Touch is a cool fascinating emblem of urban life.

Moving on from a cool and sporty atmosphere, here's the Balmain Velvet Lady, an elegantly tailored timepiece. Its corset-like case and bracelet is a reminder that Balmain's DNA originated in haute couture. With the slender, elongated silhouette of a top model, the watchmaker's latest creation has the perfect look to parade on many women's wrists. The lacing pattern features on the case itself, in the subtle crossing of lines. The dial and sapphire glass form an unusual hexagonal shape. On the steel bracelet, the motif is slightly freer, resulting in a bold and eye-catching optical effect. It's for the woman who's sure of herself and knows how to run her life.

From an elegant timepiece to a hard-hitting one, the Tissot Titanium Chrono Quartz is perfect for people in power. It's a light yet powerful piece that provides utmost precision through a modern and elegant design. Its uniqueness is attributed to its titanium material, also used for spacecraft and medical devices. Taking its name from Greek mythology's Titans, titanium has the highest strength-to-weight ratio of any metal, that gives it exceptional qualities. Its angled lines convey a modern look, while the smooth texture and integrated crown provides it with a facet of purity and irresistible allure. With this, Tissot gives way to an exceptional creation which will conquer time in style.



Balmain Velvet  
Lady



Swatch Touch Green



Swatch Touch Yellow



## SUNNY SIDE UP

Sunny Leone to spice things as the brand ambassador of **Manforce** Condoms.



**Sunny Leone** has been in the news after reality show Bigg Boss, and has recently been signed by Mankind Pharma as a brand ambassador for Manforce Condoms. Mankind's Manforce Condoms is the no. 1 brand of premium flavoured condoms in India. It mainly targets the youth of the country and tries to remove the misconception that condoms are a hindrance to pleasure by having a range of pleasure-enhancing flavoured condoms like strawberry, chocolate, black grapes etc. When asked about her association with the condom brand, Sunny said, "I want to promote safe sex amongst the youth in India. Condoms not only protect against STDs but also prevent unwanted pregnancy. Contrary to popular belief, instead of bold, my shots in the Manforce TV commercial are sensual; however, there is a bolder version of the same on YouTube that shall be uploaded shortly." In the latest TVC, shot in some exotic locations in Thailand, Sunny will be seen lost in the flavours of Manforce condoms. She seems excited by this brand association as she tweeted, "Shooting all day today and tomorrow in Thailand for Manforce Condom commercial looks amazing and will soon be out worldwide."

Besides attaining fame through a reality show in India, Sunny has set her sights on Bollywood where she is already involved in a couple of projects.



# LEVI'S IS THE BEST

**Levi's** brings you a first-of-its kind jeanswear store, for die-hard denim lovers.

Levi Strauss India has announced the opening of the re-crafted Levi's® store at South Extension Part 1, New Delhi.

The first of its kind, this store brings together the best of Levi's® from around the globe, and provides denim lovers in the Capital their ultimate apparel shopping destination.

Spread over more than 4,500 square feet, and encompassing three floors, the store features the latest collections while offering consumers a wide range of fits and styles. Located in the iconic South Extension Part 1 Market, the thoughtfully designed store experience gives visitors a tangible look into the history and craftsmanship behind the original and definitive jeans.

#### ABOUT THE LEVI'S® BRAND

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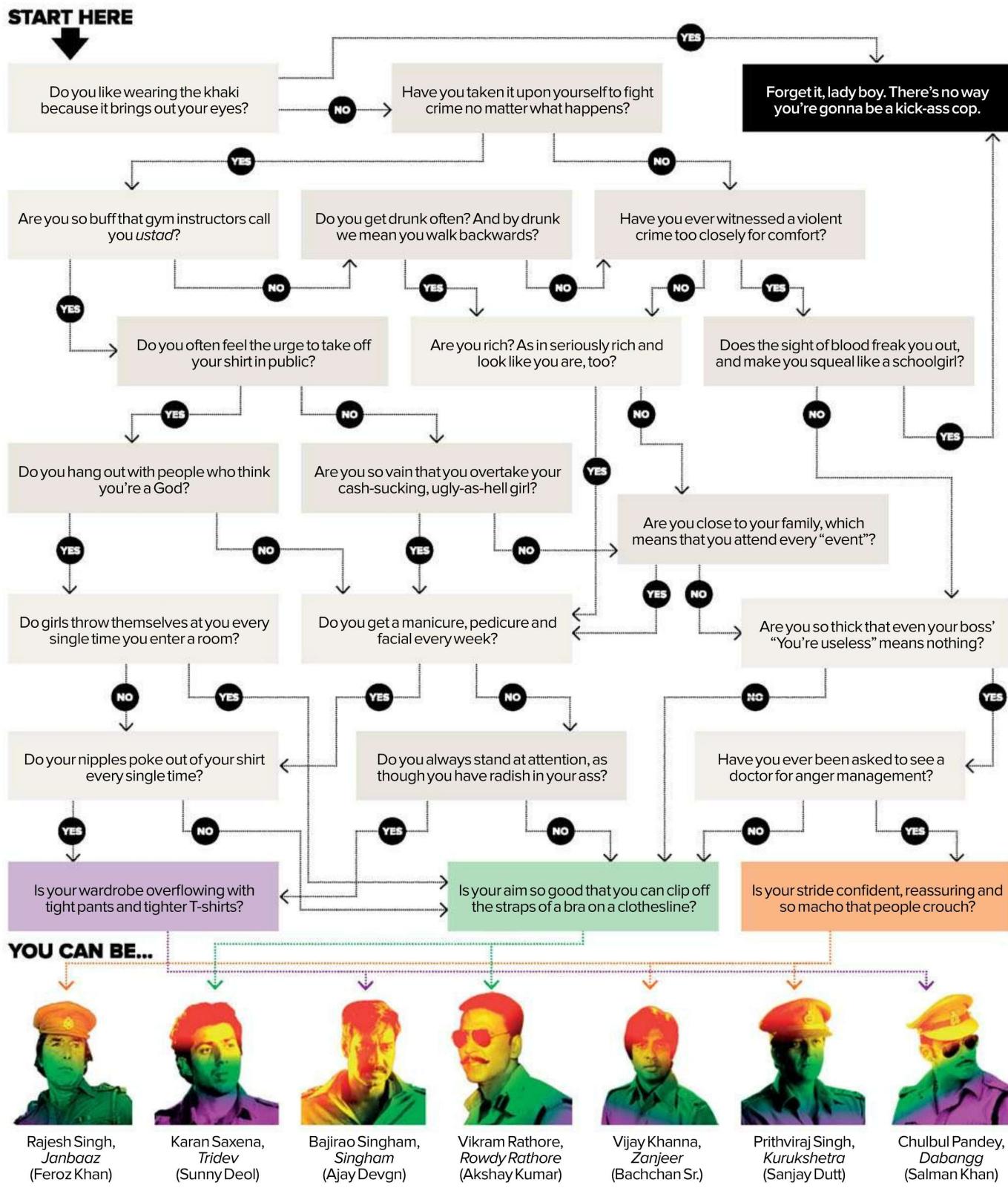
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# TATA Sumo Gold seizes victory in the 2012 Desert Storm rally

From Rajasthan to Gujarat, through 3500 km of scorching sand and unforgiving terrain, the 2012 Desert Storm rally put TATA Motors' Team Full Throttle through the most gruesome challenges. But defying Mother Nature's wrath and the brutal competition, the TATA Sumo Gold clinched the first position in the Xplorer category of the rally. To experience the power of the TATA Sumo Gold for yourself, visit your nearest TATA Motors dealership for a test drive.

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