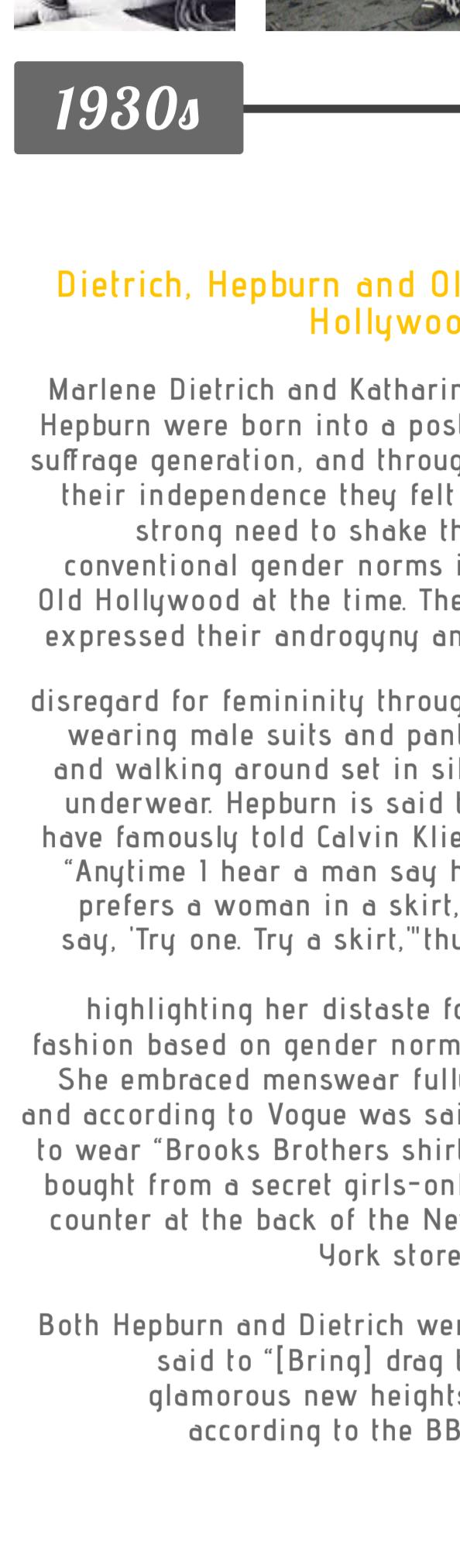


A TIMELINE OF GENDERLESS FASHION

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Dietrich, Hepburn and Old Hollywood

Marlene Dietrich and Katharine Hepburn were born into a post-suffrage generation, and through their independence they felt a strong need to shake the conventional gender norms in Old Hollywood at the time. They expressed their androgyny and disregard for femininity through wearing male suits and pants and walking around set in silk underwear. Hepburn is said to have famously told Calvin Klein "Anytime I hear a man say he prefers a woman in a skirt, I say, Try one. Try a skirt," thus highlighting her distaste for fashion based on gender norms.

She embraced menswear fully, and according to Vogue was said to wear "Brooks Brothers shirts bought from a secret girls-only counter at the back of the New York store."

Both Hepburn and Dietrich were said to "[Bring] drag to glamorous new heights" according to the BBC.

