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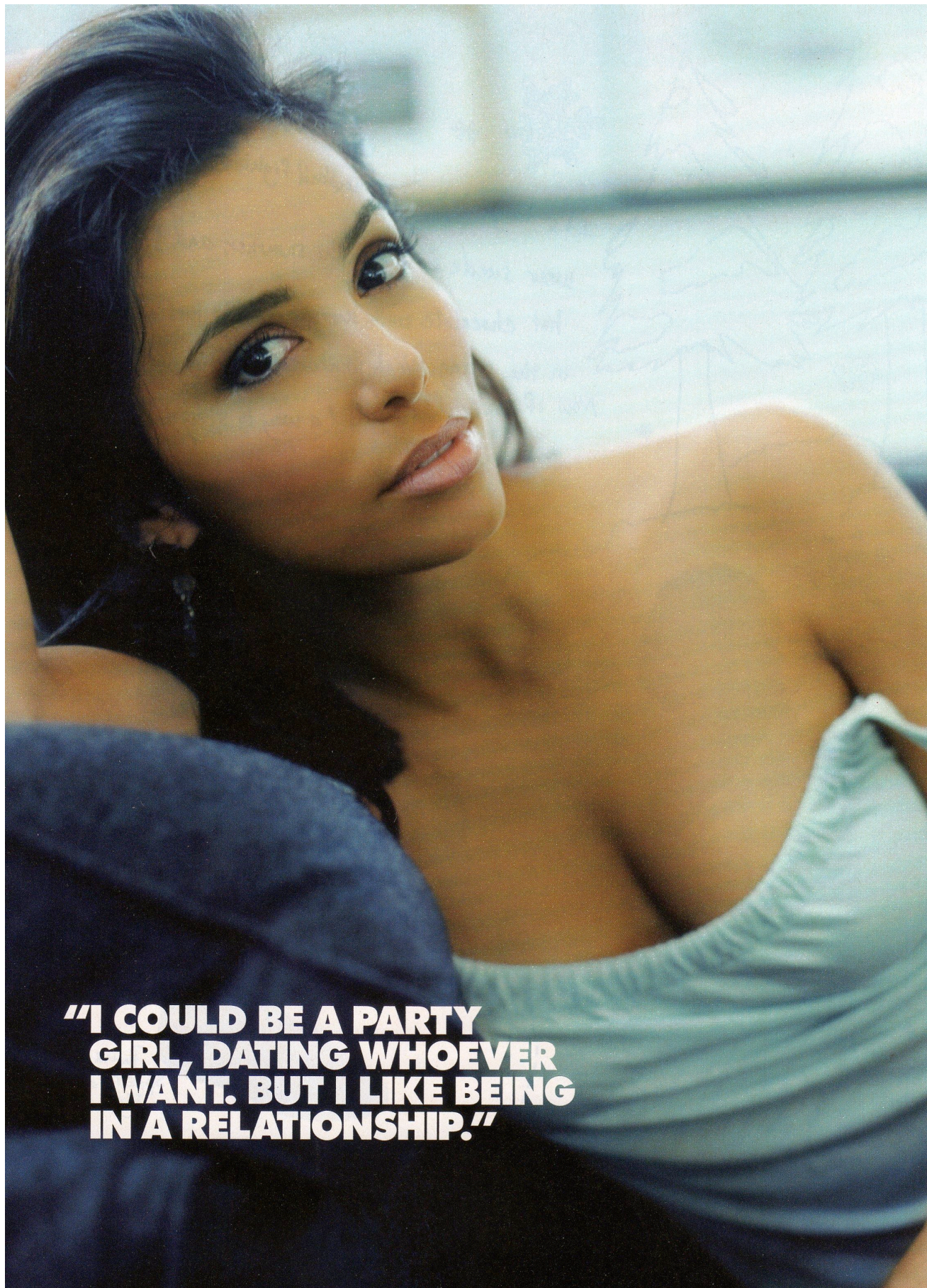
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**"I COULD BE A PARTY
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IN A RELATIONSHIP."**



ALL ABOUT EVA

Wisteria Lane's resident sexpot is far nicer than her character. But when it comes to being naughty, Eva Longoria takes a page from Gabrielle's book.

By Jennifer Graham

Wearing sweats and flip-flops, her hair down and a little on the messy side, Eva Longoria is dressed more like a real-life housewife than the perpetually high-heeled one she plays on TV. Another quality that sets her apart from her *Desperate Housewives* character Gabrielle Solis: her cheerful friendliness—she comes across as the kind of chick who would have your back, not stab you in it. Backstabbing (and other forms of gossip-inspiring behavior) is, of course, what makes *Desperate Housewives* so hugely popular (it draws an average of 23 million TV viewers each week).

Starring on a show that successful would be a coup for any actor, but it's perhaps more so for this beauty pageant veteran who was until recently best known for a two-year stint on *The Young and the Restless*. And now the Texas-born Mexican American stunner has finished filming a new movie, *The Sentinel*, which comes out in April and costars Michael Douglas and Kiefer Sutherland. She plays a Secret Service protégée who annoys the hell out of her no-nonsense boss (Kiefer).

Her career is definitely on fire, but what Eva's most excited about these days has nothing

to do with work. She's so head over heels for her new boyfriend, San Antonio Spurs point guard Tony Parker, that she can't resist talking about their red-hot romance. Listen in as she dishes about Tony, on-set catfights, and the juicy sex tip she swears by.

Cosmo Your character in *The Sentinel* isn't glamorous. Was it hard not to be able to lean on your looks?

Eva This character actually *downplays* her sexuality, and I love it. I've lost a lot of jobs because I was too pretty. And everybody's like "Oh, poor you." But seriously, you don't get the good roles when you're beautiful.

C Kiefer recently said in an interview that you're a good shot. What's that all about?

E Hunting is a family thing for me, and it's a Texas thing. We have a lot of land in Texas that's been in our family for 12 generations. We don't hunt for sport—we actually eat what we kill. At Christmas, we kill wild pigs for tamales. So I did beat all of my *Sentinel* costars at the shooting range. They had bets about

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Cosmo Quiz

Name Eva Longoria

My favorite body part is:

- a. My butt. (for eight now)
b. My boobs.
c. My legs.
d. My abs.

I feel most sexy in:

- a. A dress.
b. Jeans and a cute top.
c. Lingerie.
d. Nothing at all.

Number of times I've been in love:

- a. Never
b. Once
c. Less than five times
d. More than five times

I always splurge on:

- a. Bags, especially _____ brand.
b. Shoes, especially All shoes brand. →
c. Trips to _____
d. Jewelry.
e. Other _____

Of all the *Desperate Housewives* characters, I most relate to:

- a. Gabrielle. I think everyone is
b. Bree.
c. Edie. a mixture of all
d. Lynette.
e. Susan. the housewives

Sex on the first date is:

- a. A bad idea.
b. Something everyone should try once.
c. A lot of fun.
d. I wouldn't know.

On a Saturday night, I can be found:

- a. Partying at a club.
b. Having dinner with a guy. my boyfriend
c. Watching a movie at home.
d. Other _____

The hottest guy in Hollywood is:

- a. Jude Law.
b. Brad Pitt.
c. Matthew McConaughey.
d. Other Johnny Depp

My type is usually:

- a. Bad boys.
b. Brainy guys.
c. Artsy musicians.
d. Rich businessmen.
e. Wanna Funny Guys

To relax, I:

- a. Take a bath.
b. Get a massage.
c. Do yoga.
d. Other _____

Plastic surgery is:

- a. Something I might try at some point.
b. Something that's okay for others but I wouldn't do.
c. Ridiculous.
d. Other _____



who was going to win, and everybody thought Kiefer would come in first. But I did. Michael [Douglas] was mad. He was like "Why am I third?"

G Think your shooting skills will ever come in handy on *Desperate Housewives*?

E Who knows? So much has happened to Gabrielle that I can't imagine what's coming next. It's funny when women come up to me and say "I love your character." I want to say "But she does such awful things!" I understand what they like about her though. She represents women who are unhappy in their marriages. If I were in that situation myself, I would get out. But some women don't have a choice. They're bound financially or bound with children.

G You did get out of your own marriage—to the soap star Tyler Christopher. Why?

E A marriage is a partnership, and I was very selfish at the time. I was like "I have things to do! I have places to go!"

G What do you think about Gabrielle's being pregnant?

E What I like about it is that she doesn't want to be. Gabrielle was fine not having children, and this will give the writers a



With Michael Douglas in *The Sentinel*



As spoiled wife Gabrielle Solis on *Desperate Housewives*

lot of opportunities for comedy. It will be hilarious to see her deal with diapers and bottles and baby showers. And bribing her kids—"Don't tell Dad!"

G There have been so many rumors about catfights happening on the set. What's the real deal with you guys?

E It's made me angry because Marcia Cross is one of the kindest, warmest people I've ever met. She was the one who was targeted [for being difficult], and she's nothing like that. Felicity is a solid chick. The most important thing to her is her girls and her marriage. Teri is like Martha Stewart. She sews, she cooks—she always bakes us things to eat, like banana bread from scratch. And Nicollette is the light of the set... funny and loud and fun to be around. We hang out all the time. Nicollette, Marcia, and I just went to Tod's in Beverly Hills to go purse shopping and then ate lunch at Barneys. We were like "Of course no one's around to photograph this, because we're getting along!"

G How did you meet your boyfriend, Tony?

E The first time Tony saw me was in a magazine. I was wearing a Spurs hat at a celebrity softball game. A week later, I went to a Spurs game, and afterward, I took my dad to the locker room to meet the players. My dad is a huge fan, and so Tony invited him to dinner—and I tagged along! So that's how it began. With the success of *Desperate Housewives*, I could be a party girl, dating whoever I want and being reckless, but I like being in a relationship. When you have somebody who grounds you and keeps you sane, it helps.

G He's 23, and you're 30. How do you feel about dating a younger man?

E When I started dating Tony, I was going "Oh my god, what am I doing?" But he's been in the NBA for four years, so he's been forced to be responsible for a long time—longer than I have.

C You always seem so self-possessed around guys. What's your secret?

E Confidence. One of my good friends is overweight and not your modelesque girl, but she dates more than anyone I know. It's because she thinks she's the best thing that's happened to guys. It's sexy. Also, I love to be pursued. I think that when you're not a challenge, it's just not as fun for the guy.

C Do you believe in love at first sight?

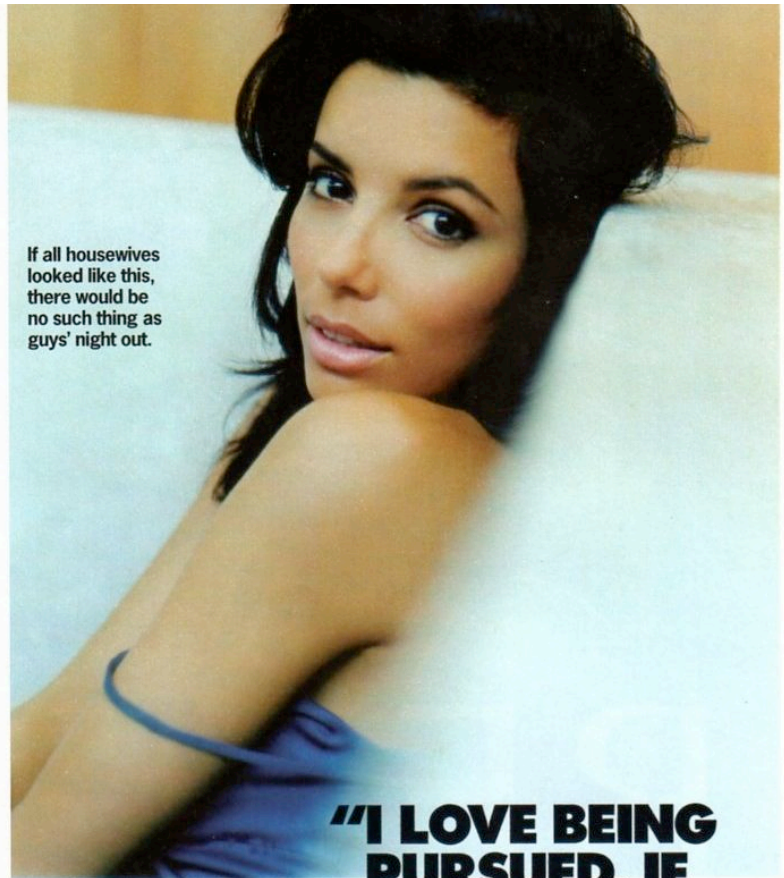
E Yes, I think you know it right away. When I saw Tony, I was done. But it can fade, and it can change, and it evolves. The work part of a relationship is keeping it where you want it.

C Do you think you can have a good relationship without amazing sex?

E Not really. I don't think relationships are all about sex, but it's definitely about passion and that feeling of "I want you now." I love that romantic side of it. In my last relationship, I kept waiting [for the sparks]. As a woman, you feel like you can change the person, but I don't think that's the way it works.

C You've been quoted as saying that you didn't have your first orgasm until you used a vibrator. Do you think it's important for women to experiment with their own bodies?

E Yes, because you get better at sex when you know your own body. How are you going to expect a man to know your body when *you* don't know what pleases you? It's really important to have a healthy sexuality and to be open about it. It's not a taboo. It's normal. By the way, after my vibrator quote was published, I literally got boxes and boxes of vibrators and pocket rockets [free from sex-toy companies]. So I was constantly giving them away. Even before that, I would give them as gifts to girlfriends for their birthdays, and they'd be so excited.



If all housewives looked like this, there would be no such thing as guys' night out.

"I LOVE BEING PURSUED. IF YOU'RE NOT A CHALLENGE, IT'S JUST NOT AS FUN FOR THE GUY."

C What's the best sex advice you give your girlfriends?

E Get a Brazilian wax. It makes sex better, orgasmwise. It's like the difference between this [she pats her arm lightly] and this [rubs her arm].

C So getting waxed down there is one hundred percent worth the excruciating pain?

E Believe me, the first time I did it, the technician did half, and I was like "Stop!" She said, "Sit down, I have to finish." But then it gets easier. The more you do it, the less hair grows back. But yeah, I love it. I swear by it. Every woman should try a Brazilian wax once. And then the sex they have afterward will make them keep coming back!

C Sounds like a tip that Gabrielle might give her friends....

E Gabrielle knows what she wants, and that's what I like about her. She speaks her mind, and she's risky and exciting and brave and alive! ■

Eva and her boyfriend, Tony Parker

