



# en's managing to ahead of the pack

## DEWULF ON HER NEW SHOW AND CAREER

**as him, does it make you raise your own game as an actress?**

(Laughs) Yeah, but naturally actors tend to work together, so it is a group thing. It requires more than one person, it requires an audience and another person to act with, so yeah, I definitely think I have been so lucky because my co-stars have always been somewhat massive celebrities and I have always learned from them. It is an honour to work with all of them.

**How do you go about constructing a comedy character like Lacey who is extremely hot, but also has psychotic tendencies?**

Well, in 2012, you have got all these girls out there who are kind of 'celubtantes' like Kim Kardashian. I wanted to draw a little from them. Lacey doesn't have a job, she just wants to look good and that is almost like her job. She is a wild LA party girl, but at the same time, she is in court-ordered therapy for shooting her ex-boyfriend. I don't think she is a mean person, she just has no clue about her effect on people. (Laughs) So that is how I kind of tied it up. I tried to ground the jokes a little bit in that she is not mean on purpose. I think that is what is funny about her – she is oblivious to her actions.

**When you plan a character, do you get inspiration from someone you know and was that the case with Lacey?**

(Laughs) Truthfully, I don't hang out too much with people like Lacey. I certainly know people like her, but they are not in my circle of close friends, so I took inspiration from different places like boho chic kind of vibe, kind of like a Kim Kardashian type. I wanted her to be a recognisable archetype. You kind of know what it is going to be but I threw in a few surprises with her, you know.

**How have things changed for you since *Anger Management* went on air?**

Well, it's been awesome. The whole ride on a show with Charlie Sheen has been great. People are intrigued by him and it's been cool to be a part of it. Recently we heard that we will be going for 90 more episodes. It's good for an actor to know that you will be working on a quality show for two years. I see it as a blessing and I

have a steady job to go to. (Laughs) Now I don't have to go looking for a job every other week.

**Do you think this show will evolve even more?**

I definitely think the show will evolve – that is what all of us hope. With every episode the show has got better and better. I think we shot the first 10 almost as if we were shooting a pilot – we shot super fast. It was really good for people to get into the rhythm of what we were doing. By episode 10, it was a much more polished show. Watching those 10 and then coming back, the show is going to be much more evolved, hopefully more layered and even more story-lined.

**As the show progresses, do you think people will stop comparing it to *Two And A Half Men*?**

I hope so. We are on a different network here (in America), so we get to be a little more risqué. We get close to the edge a little bit and some of our material is racier. (Laughs) We have a lot of sex on our show. Yeah, as the show goes on, the difference will become much more.

**What is the television industry like in America?**

It is very fast! Often you will go on an audition and be working on stuff the next day. It's a grind, it's much more visual. TV is different from films in that it is faster, quicker, whereas movies are more organic and take a lot longer. On TV they expect very high standards. You have got to have it down. It is the highest level of competition in any career – think about all the people who come to Hollywood wanting to be a TV or a movie star. (Laughs) You just have to look behind you to see the long line of people waiting to take your place.

**You have had an incredible career over there. What has been the secret of your success?**

I don't know. I kind of play characters that I enjoy, that I find funny and ones I would like to watch. I guess I make choices that make sense to me in my heart. (Laughs) I have never played a doctor and I have never played a lawyer – not that I don't want to in the future, I think it would be a nice challenge for me – but up to this point, the characters

I have played are people that I kind of enjoy watching. (Laughs) Maybe that is my own immaturity! I suppose I see them as characters that I like and ones that I would like to do better.

**So what kind of characters would you like to play in the future?**

Well, I have my dreams. I would love to be in an action movie and would love to work with someone like Quentin Tarantino or Robert Rodriguez. There are so many things that I would love to do, but it's kind of the business, where sometimes they choose you and not the other way around. So I am just trying to do my best work with what I have got.

**Would you do a Bollywood movie?**

I would love to do Bollywood! I had an interesting script that I read, but we weren't able to work it out for me to go shoot it. If the right project came along and they were interested in having me, then I would definitely entertain the idea. I am Indian and would love to work there.

**We have a popular annual list of the sexist Asian women and you always rank highly in it. What do you think about being sexy and making it on these lists?**

I am super flattered by it, but I don't believe it I deserve to be on those lists. Yeah, I feel really flattered and lucky that someone would say it, let alone a magazine or a newspaper!

**Come on, you are one of the hottest women in the world...**

(Laughs) I really don't think that about myself. Trust me, I don't think that about myself.

**Do you have any plans to come to the UK?**

I would love to come to your country and I hope audiences there like our show. Maybe for the 100th episode we could come there.

**Tell us something about you that not many people know?**

I am really good at acting out the words to a song.

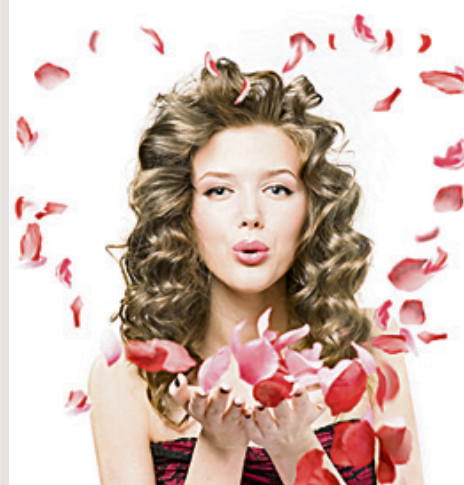
**Finally, why should we watch *Anger Management*?**

For Charlie Sheen. If you're a fan of his, you are gonna like the show. That is why people are watching it, because of him. He is the star of our show.

*Anger Management is on Comedy Central every Wednesday at 9pm. Log onto [www.comedycentral.co.uk](http://www.comedycentral.co.uk) for more information.*

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## Admiration from afar

WHEN I say you admire something, I don't mean just in terms of love – you could admire the strength someone has. They could have received many knockbacks in life but they just brush it off and continue to grow as a person.

But sometimes, as hard as you try or as much as you want something, you're not going to get it immediately. I don't want to sound negative but you may be in love with someone and he or she might be married, gay, living so far away that you would never see him, your personalities could be completely incompatible, there would be issues of religion or anything else. But remember, love is something you can work around if that person feels the same way about you.

There could be a job you want but your skills are not perfectly matched to what is on the employers' check list and as hard as you try to persuade them, they just do not have the resources to train you. There might be a car or a bag you are dying to buy but your finances at the present point will not allow you to have that item of your dreams.

When you really admire a physical trait in someone, you should use that person as a template for what you want to be yourself. These traits could be their determination to succeed in life, how they balance their work and family life. (These are things you can easily work into your life). Obviously don't become their twin because that would be stalkerish, but use that person as motivation. For instance, a couple may shower each other with love all day, every day, so use that as what you ultimately want your relationship to be like.

Maybe there is someone who overcame differences or distances with someone they were in love with; use their experiences to help you on your way. In this case, everything needs to be done slowly, there's no rush especially if you know the other person likes you too; if anything, that makes it easier. If someone has started a business and it has always been your dream to do the same, tell them how much you admire their determination and reach out for help – chances are they will want to help you to succeed.

Sometimes admiration can be mistaken for jealousy or envy. A little jealousy is fine as that can act as a catalyst for your growth. Just use it in your path to your goals, but be careful not to steal something away from that person; like their man, for instance!

One thing to remember is that everything changes by the second; and by that I mean, just because you don't have the man or that Chanel bag today doesn't mean you won't have them tomorrow. I'm going to leave you with a quote from up-and-coming singer Ambika Jois: "Admiration of guts, drive, wild dreams and total faith in the self... without these, it's a little harder to live."