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By Lisa Wayne

On a grey and chilly morning, our *Genlux* glam team is busy at work on actress Maggie Grace. She's the tall, exquisite actress with the million-dollar legs, best known for playing Shannon Rutherford on the hit television series *Lost*, for which she and the other members of the ensemble cast each sport a Screen Actors Guild award on their mantels.

Maggie hits the set, looking the archetype of Hollywood glam in her new dark tresses, gracefully playing up to Erik's camera. She has done this before, and is completely at ease. Over the next few hours, hundreds of beautiful images pop up on the Apple monitor, soon to be edited down and polished up to a perfected *fox*.

When the day is over, Maggie and I duck into the Smashbox Studios lounge where she tells me in a soft, humble voice, "I was always lost in books and very active in the Drama Club." She goes on to explain "Growing up in Ohio, I longed to travel but I come from a middle-class Midwestern family and I never thought my life would be like this, I mean I am pinching myself." And this girl has every reason to feel grateful and excited about her life. Maggie has four films coming out this year alone, including the highly anticipated sci-fi thriller *Last Day* with Guy Pearce launching on April 20th. She also repeats her role as Irina in *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2*.

Maggie's glammed-up look for today's shoot contrasts her everyday casual, green-got lifestyle. "I just wish things weren't so appearance-driven here. I'm usually dressed in khakis and flip-flops, with no makeup at all. Instead of driving, I ride my bike everywhere. I have a basket on the handlebars, and do my grocery shopping this way too. I have a grey purple bicycle helmet that my friends all make fun of, and neon Velcro straps to hold my pant legs in. I choose to live by the beach where it's more laid back."

Maggie positively lights up when sharing her formula for staying grounded in a city where it's easy for movie stars to lose their heads in the clouds. "I have one wonderful group of girlfriends that I spend a lot of time with. We all meet while we were shooting together in Hawaii in 2004, and we've remained very close. We make big brouches and hike and just hang out. I am so proud of all of them; they're all pretty successful in the industry—really kick-ass women! They're my support group."

Likewise, despite her constant travels, she values her family time. "I recently shot a film in Istanbul and met up with my family there for Thanksgiving. We are very close and try to spend all of the holidays together. The year before, I was filming in Rome and we all spent Christmas together there. Speaking of my family, my dad just kicked all the way across the country by himself! And my brother is buying a sailboat and is going to be living abroad—he wants to sail around the world."

When it comes to giving back, Maggie waxes passionate about helping our planet and about Global Green USA, the group dear to her heart. "It's about baby steps. If everyone would make the smallest change to their daily routine, we would see such a difference. It's cumulative and it all helps." Then she gives us all some directives: "For instance, use canvas bags instead of plastic, canteens instead of water bottles, and air-dry your clothes whenever possible. The dryer uses more electricity than any other appliance! And learn to cook a few meatless meals. That can all go a long way toward helping the planet."

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