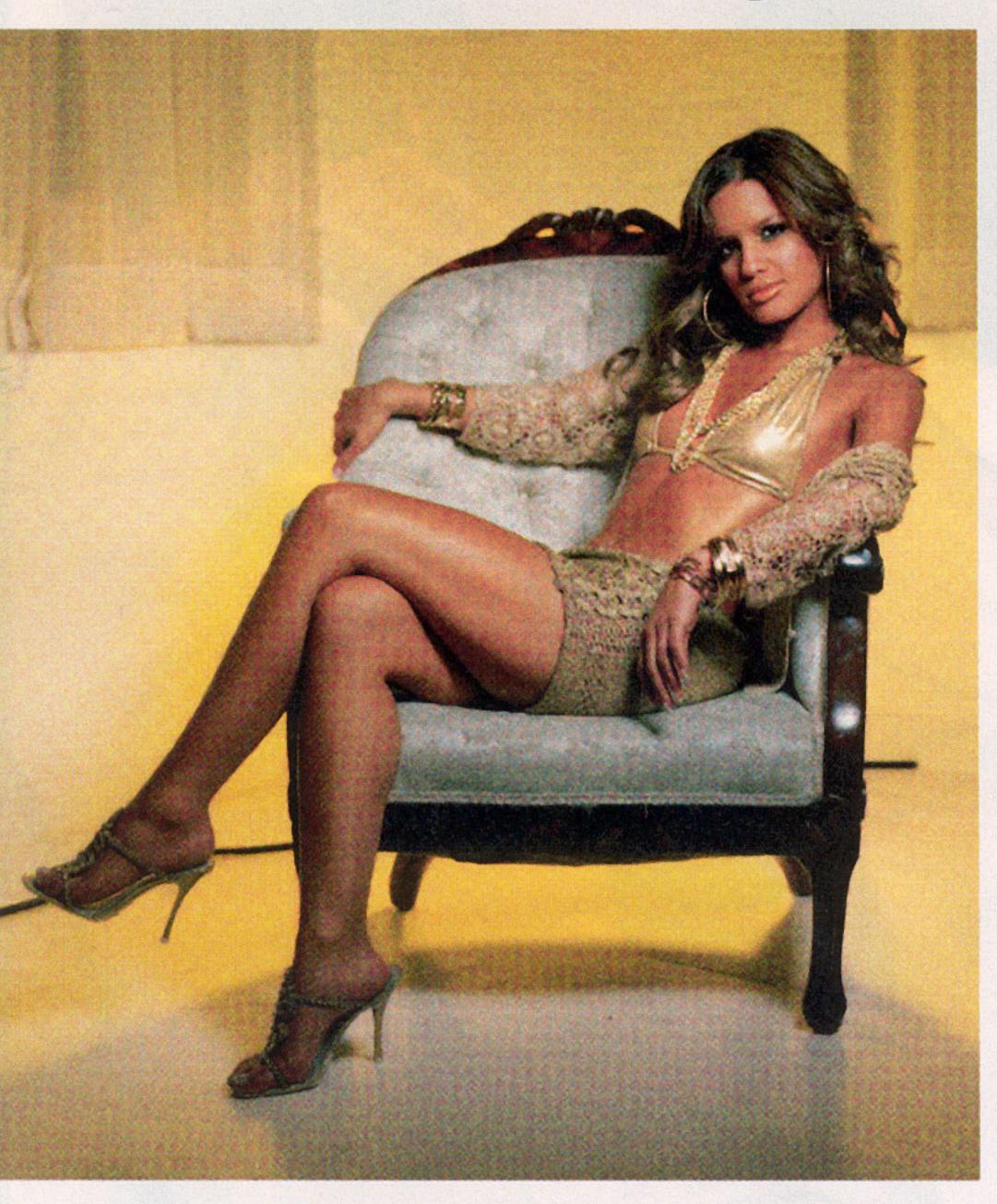






Raquel "Rocsi" Diaz makes one great trophy.

"I had this oil all over me, gold stuff everywhere," she says of her first KING shoot. "I looked like a little Oscar. It took forever to clean my bathtub." The 23-year-old Honduran is no stranger to major prizes. In 2006, the



New Orleans product beat out thousands in BET's "New Faces" search to become the newest co-host of 106 & Park.

Prior to making Pretty
Ricky videos tolerable, the
Nicholls State University
alum was known as "Midday Mami" on Chicago's
Power 92 WPWX-FM.
With nationwide exposure,
Rocsi's voice can now be

heard on *Def Jam: Icon* while her humanitarian side raises money to help rebuild her beloved Big Easy. Off the clock, though, the featherweight flirt has moved to New York and is ready for some big-city loving. But get your paper right first, fellas; sometimes the best things in life aren't free.



KING You beat out 5,000 other hopefuls to become 106 & Park's new cohost. You must be really feeling yourself, huh? If not, feel free to...

ROCSI No, that whole process was crazy. It was my first experience as a bum because I slept on the street. The cement is cold! I was there from seven o'clock the night before and by 10 p.m., there were already 300 people in line. I had a bottle of water and a toothbrush. That's why I have "Chicago #79 New Faces" hanging on my wall: That reminds me every day that I stood in line for this.

Restricting your allure to mere vocals on the radio for those Windy City fellas was criminal. Do you feel as comfortable in front of television cameras?

It feels like we're about to go out and do a concert every day. I would catch myself making crazy faces, [but then] I go, "Oh, people can see me." I had to remember not to yell at the people at home.

Former hosts Free and A.J. were the people's champs—hell, even A.J.'s on-camera tears were deemed sympathetic, not sissy. Has it been tough winning over viewers?

I like a challenge. With change comes adjustment. Terrence and I didn't know anything about TV, but you have to remember that you're part of history. The party is still going.





Before you spiced up the set, Free's hourglass frame gave fathers a reason to watch alongside their daughters. Were you prepared to fill those Apple Bottom jeans?

You know what? I ain't got the body that Free has. I think I'm one of the only Spanish chicks with no booty. I got some hips, though! But it was never a physical thing for me; I'm hip-hop. That's my greatest attribute.

Stop lying, plenty of guys love the slim goodies.

That's another misconception, that I get holla'd at all the time. I don't, because people think I don't want to talk to them. I'm single—holla!



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How does a man get your attention? Win "Freestyle Friday" rocking a Big Pun T-shirt?

Bring me some food! Some *arroz con pollo*, please! I haven't had any real Spanish food since I've been to New York. And don't talk to me about music. Don't bring me your demo asking me to holla at [Warner Music Group Executive Vice President] Kevin Liles for you. Just be cool and humble.

Let's gauge your taste. Who's most likely to best your Top 10: Kobe Bryant, Boris Kojo or Method Man?

I'd have to combine people. I like swagger, confidence, like Diddy. But then the looks: between Kanye West and LL Cool J's complexion, an accent like Akon and a little taller than me. That's my bionic man.

You had a bionic moment on an early episode with the Dip Set Capo...

When Jim Jones bench-pressed me, it was hilarious. I was like, "Please don't drop me." He's yelling at me, "Sing the chorus!" I'm like, "Baaallin'...and I'm gonna be faaallin'!" When we had the work-out episode with LL Cool J, he wanted to spot me for sit-ups. So I had LL holding my ankles and in the back of my mind I've got the "Doin' It" video. I don't care what female was in this situation—they're thinking the same thing. Then he wanna go lick his lips. No disrespect to his wife, but jeez! I was blushing red. I couldn't control my smile.

Yikes, save it for *Essence*—this one's for the fellas. Moving on. You also have a soft spot for the needy. The ROCKSTAR Foundation has been very busy.

We're pushing the first-day initiative in New Orleans high schools. I just went to New Orleans two weeks ago to speak to my high school, and I saw teachers who were there when I was there. We're trying to tell people to come back home and rebuild. A lot of those kids are standing up in class and don't have books, but the spirit those kids have, you forget to be sad for them.

Some of those basketball-playing millionaires would disagree...

I took offense when some of the NBA players said they didn't want the All-Star game to be in New Orleans next year. We've had it in worse places. Don't clown my city. If we can hold a Mardi Gras with 400,000 people right after Katrina...come on.

Word to Weezy F. Baby. We're sure you're getting more love than hate, though. Dudes don't tune in for Terrence J.

Shout out to my correctional-facility brothers who hold me down! I am here for you. I read all the mail, but sometimes I get what they're doing while watching the show and I really don't wanna know [that]! Tell me my outfit is cute.

Uh-oh, fishing for compliments. What are you, a Cancer?

I'm a Scorpio and I'm Latin, so I'm full crazy. If you're my guy, God bless you, but don't get me mad. I'll get real loud or grab your phone and throw it. [Break] something valuable, like your PlayStation 3...

Not exactly the sexiest sales pitch we've heard. Try balancing that with some TLC.

I'm a very giving person. I like to dress my dude, cop them something nice.

Or cop yourself something sexy, and re-enact your *Rip the Runway* appearance behind closed doors.

Yeah, I wore Mychael Knight's line, Amaya Swimwear and Team Jordan.

Yes, 106 & Park is a kids' show, but you don't want to be [seen as] all kid. I'm a grown woman.

