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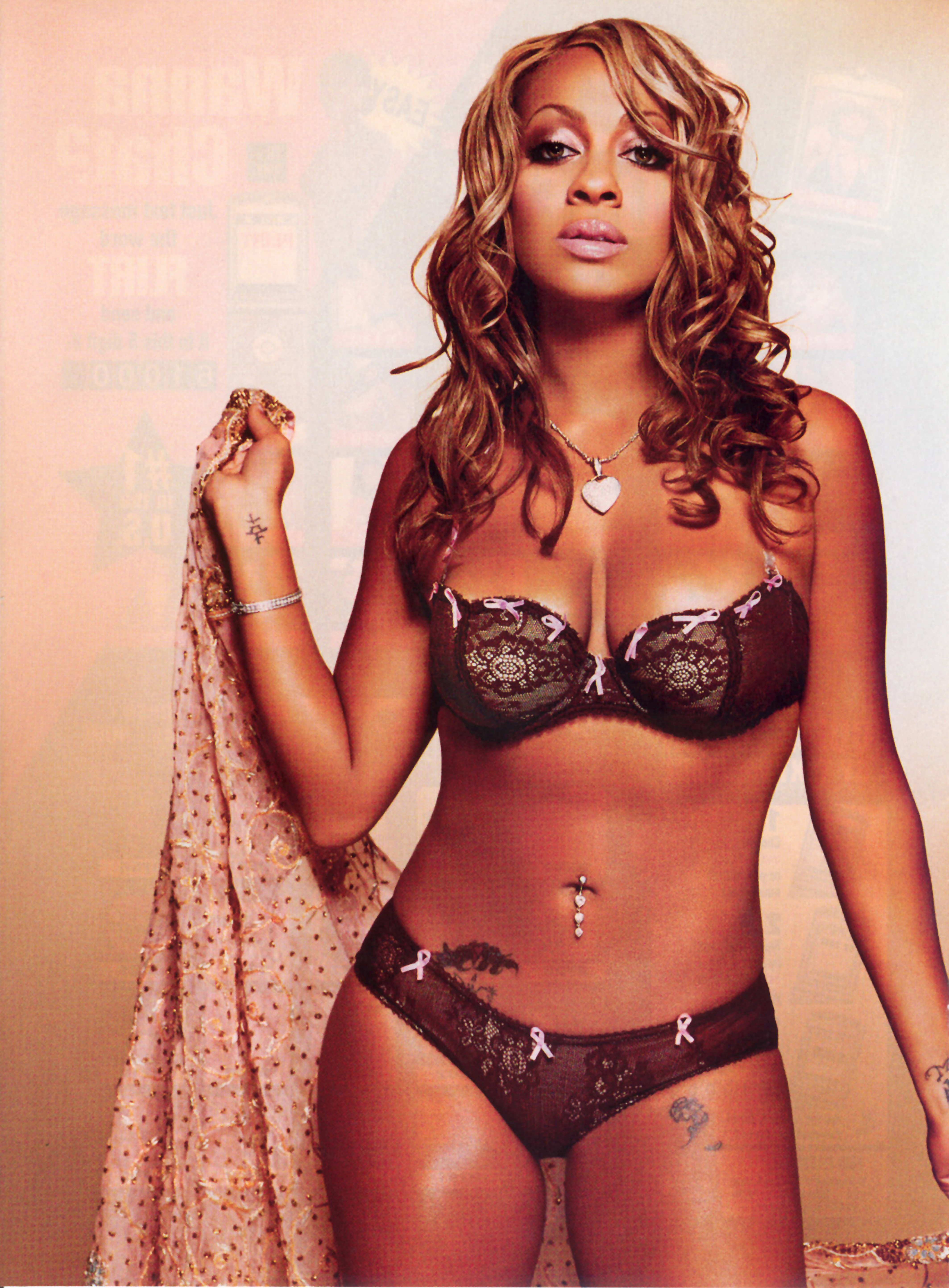
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You've got to have serious game to score with MTV's La La. Oh, and an NCAA National Championship and NBA accolades won't hurt your chances, either.

Smokin' La La!

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but it's got to be the right situation,” she says, admitting she had recorded an estrogen-laced cut with Remy Ma, Lil' Kim and Shannna.

“But if I haven't put out an album by the end of my life, I'll be okay.” ■ Carmelo Anthony's boo is indeed aggressive about invading Hollywood, though. Sure, mellow Melo is the only man who gets to feel her direct effect these days, but we may get a peek at some of her best moves in the upcoming street basketball flick, *Four Point Play*.

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my show in ATL was 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. I'd get off the radio, party, sleep all day and go to work at night. At MTV, we have 5 a.m. call times.

I'm glad you have a face for TV, because some radio personalities need to stay off the billboards and keep the mystery. Thank you. That was always the misconception, so when I went to MTV, people were like, “Oh, okay.” I think that helped me get the job.

What part of your body makes men lose their manners? My eyes. They're green but they change colors. I get a lot of things I want from that. And my breasts are kind of big.





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You can say that again! This is the second time you've blazed **KING** with those. Yeah, this is my second time. I'm happy.

On *TRL* you stand in front of this big window with hundreds of people watching. Does it appeal to your inner exhibitionist? I never looked at it like that. I'm just used to it. I've never known TV any other way, because MTV was my first time. I'm very social and personable, and it helps to take the pressure off.

Who was the first guest to hit on you? I can't remember. I've been doing MTV for over three years now. They have all flirted in their own way, but it's never disrespectful. I have a lot of friends in the business. A guy is always gonna say something, you just gotta know how to maneuver.

So you're obviously comfortable in front of the camera. Do you have any big-screen movies coming up?

I did *Soul Plane* and *You Got Served*, and I'm shooting this film in January called *Four Point Play*. It's a basketball movie, but we're trying to work out the particulars. I'm also doing some voice work for cartoons, and January is



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pilot season, so I'm going out to L.A. for a lot of that stuff.

Four Point Play is a basketball film. Are you a player or a coach? Nah, I'm actually a girlfriend of one of the players.

What a stretch! [Laughs] Yeah, I've gotten that before. It's a real film, and it's not a cameo. This will be good for me. During the story a lot happens to my character, so it's really acting.

The sexiest scene in *Love and Basketball* was when they played

strip hoops. Is there anything like that we can look forward to? I read that there is a love scene, but I don't know how racy it is. The mystery of it will get people to come to the movie. It's not going to be a love scene with my ass in the air. For my first scene, I don't want to go too over the top. Just more La La. People know

I'm not *that* off the chain. **Quick, what's a "pick and roll"?** That's when a player comes and sets a pick, and the other player goes around him and scores. **Okay, that's pretty close. I'm just checking to make sure you're an authentic ballplayer's girlfriend.** Oh, I used to play basketball in high school, but I stopped 'cause I started liking boys. I was under the impression that if you were too tough, guys wouldn't like you. I was a point guard. I enjoy

playing basketball for fun.

Is that how you hooked up with Carmelo Anthony? DJ Clue introduced us; that's the one good thing he did in my life [laughs]. From being on *Direct Effect*, we established a good relationship. If Clue is your friend, he's really your friend.

You better keep a close eye on your man when he's in Colorado, 'cause Kobe done messed it up for all the brothers out there.

I don't have to watch him all the time. If he wants to do something, he's gonna do it anyway. The funny thing is, All-Star Weekend is gonna be out here and it's gonna open up Denver to a lot of people. It's an untapped market. You got your clubs and your good DJs — it'll be cool.

Well, if something jumps off, your man has proven adept at throwing 'bows in the club. What happened at the Swizz Beatz party with your ex? I'm not really allowed to say too much about that, but [Carmelo] did what anybody else would have done. There is no justifying spitting in somebody's face. You can't think you can do that and no one is gonna do something back. He's lucky that my brother wasn't there or any of the other guys I roll with.

At least Carmelo got out of trouble on that weed charge. Will you be the only La La he's gonna smoke now? 'Melo? [Laughs] I hope so. But you can't believe everything you read.

True, that. Dumb-asses were believing Jigga actually knocked up Free. What's the craziest La La rumor you've ever heard? I've had my share of crazy La La rumors, the same that any female celebrity gets. I've heard "She's gay, she's this. . . ." —the world wouldn't be the world without it. But my mom always said, "Get worried when people *aren't* talking about you. If people are talking about you, you're doing something right." ♣