

What is your view of cosmetic surgery? I just don't know. I've broken my nose twice, and I've never had surgery to fix it, but today you fixed it just using makeup. I can spare myself that surgery because now I know that if I put a little bit of powder in a place that no one else would think of it has the same effect. Still, I can't say that I will never go for the upgrade. Who knows what I'll be thinking twenty years down the road? I'm comfortable with my body as it is. I'd like to have children, and to be able to breast-feed as well, so I think I'll leave them well enough alone for now. As for my face, I'd be very nervous because it would be a nightmare for me not being able to move my face or to not have any expression. As an actor I'd feel like

**"I come from a long line of strong,
loving women who were particularly secure
in their sense of self."**

I was lying. It will take a lot to get me to the plastic surgeon. The thought of going under the knife frightens me. You are talking to a girl who'd rather wear contact lenses than have laser surgery, so don't go scheduling any face-lifts for me just yet.

List ten things that you love in life. Only ten? My mom. Music. These are in no particular order. Life itself. Free will. Family. Family of all kinds. That includes friends as well. Holidays. I love holidays, particularly Christmas. Stuffed artichokes, but only my mom's. Being an American. And being healthy. God! That's the one that makes all of this happen, I believe.

What is your personal fountain of youth? My insides. My insides tickle.

We've talked about you having children someday, and you've always said you wanted a big family. If you have a daughter, at what age will you allow her to wear makeup? I would hope that she wouldn't entertain the thought of wearing makeup, except for play and dress-up, until she was at least a teenager. I'd hope she would never feel the need to wear a mask or look like others. I'd like it to come from a place of uniqueness, and her makeup would be fresh and dewy with just a drop of lip gloss.

And finally, do you think youth is wasted on the young? Ask me in twenty years, and I'll give you a much better answer.

*Brittany is constantly transforming, both as woman and actress. She's always game for taking on a new character, as is evidenced in the first photo, and I love being part of that creative process. The look we created for the photographs on the previous page and opposite we christened *The Bronzed, Blonde Goddess*.*

