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Missy Peregrym prepares for a hellish good time

Missy Peregrym burst onto the scene as a rebellious gymnast in last year's "Stick It," then established her geek cred this past season on "Heroes" as Candice Wilmer. On Sept. 25, she moves to the CW's new show "Reaper" as Andi, a friend (and love interest) of main character Sam (Bret Harrison), a young man who suddenly discovers he's the devil's bounty hunter. Peregrym sat down to discuss her hellish new role, her future on "Heroes" and a certain Amazonian princess she'd like to play.

WIZARD: Will Andi be involved in the whole soul-escaping venture, capturing them and sending them back to hell?

PEREGRYM: Hopefully. Right now she's just part of the group at work, the Work Bench. There are a lot of places [the writers are] going to take her, and it's exciting for me to be able to play that.

There's also that "Will they or won't they?" dynamic between Andi and Sam.

Hopefully we can make it interesting so it's just not this whole tug-of-war-type thing. I mean, of course, he's got the issue that he's embarrassed he works for the devil. How does he explain that to Andi? As if I'm going to be like, "Okay cool. Let's date."

What was it like to work with Kevin Smith, who directed the pilot?

He's really easygoing. He does what he wants to do, but he's just so funny with everything. Also, when the [lines] just [don't] work out the way the writers had planned, Kevin was always throwing them out. He's like, "No, don't say that. Try this. Okay, great. Action!" It was a huge pleasure to work with him, and I hope after his movies are finished filming he can come back.

Would you consider yourself more of a devil or an angel?

I'm in the middle. I like to do ridiculous, stupid things as much as possible, but my conscience is so huge that I can't do anything that's too crazy. At the same time, I'm definitely not an angel. I never felt like I fit in with the Christian crowd. I would always have the inappropriate jokes.

Will you be able to go back on "Heroes" to reprise your role as Candice?

I know there were plans to develop her a lot more in the second season, but I don't know if that's going to work out now because of "Reaper." It all comes down to availability, and I just don't see how it's going to work since "Reaper" films in Vancouver and I would have to fly to L.A. [for "Heroes"]. That's a lot of work for them to have to work around my schedule.

Now, there's a "Wonder Woman" movie in development. Any interest in the role?

I would love that! And actually I've been pushing for that for so long because I know the guys who are trying to develop it. I just hope they get it together soon enough that I can do it. ■ MEL CAYLO



FROM LEFT: HARRISON AND TYLER LABINE