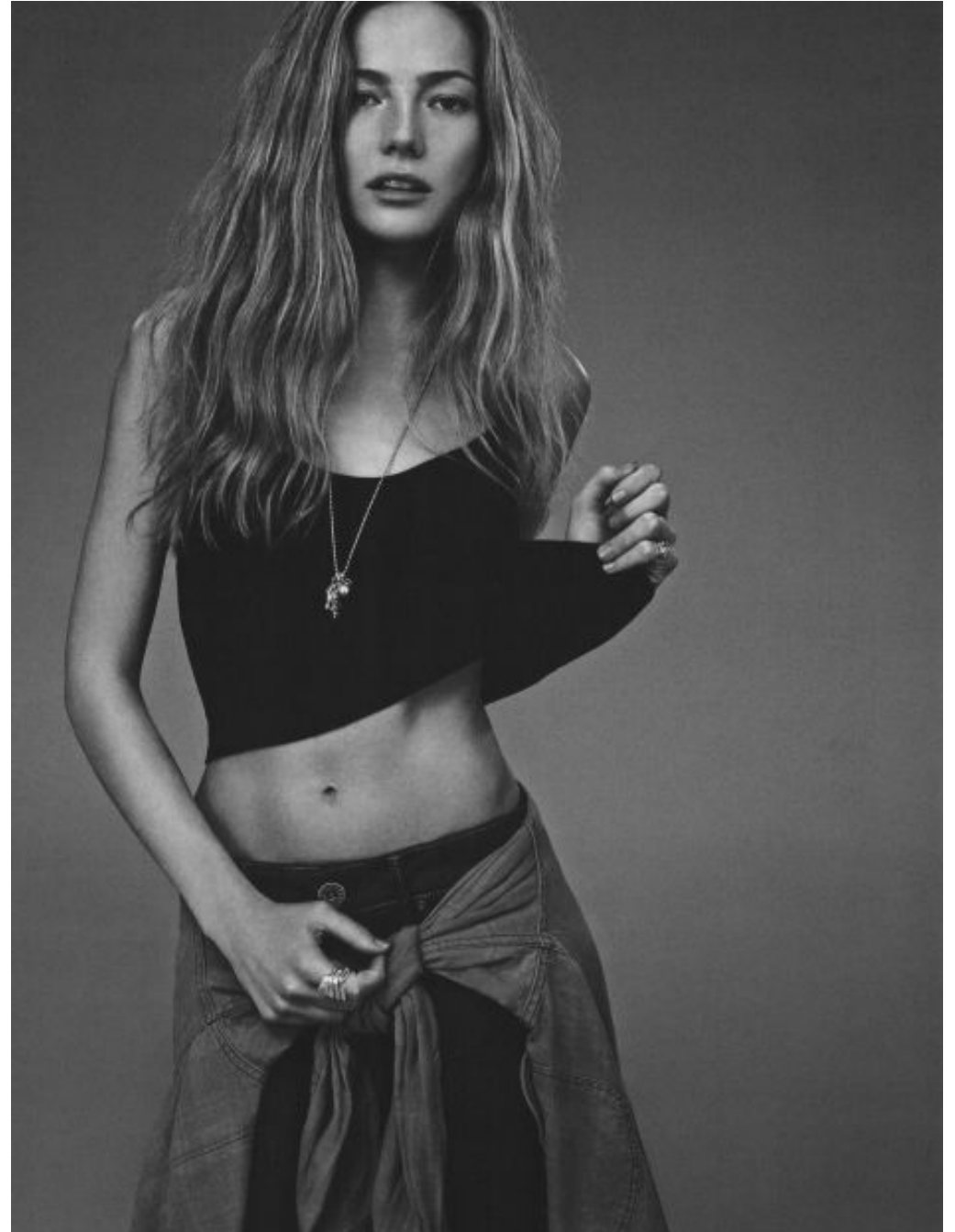


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It's not every bright young thing that'll give you their Sunday - not least the "last of summer" - but actress and model Clara Paget does so without complaint. A History of Art dropout, Paget was first scouted by a model agent at Fabrice, yet it took a chance encounter with Next Model Management's booking director Sarah Leon before she embraced life on the runway. London born and bred, she's since enjoyed a successful crossover into acting, following Deva Auli's lead with a role in 2013's *Not and Famous 6*.

When we meet, London Fashion Week is fast approaching and she's eager to see the goods. Ashley Williams and Christopher Bailey come up with *But it's the reprise of her role as Irish pirate Anne Bonny in the Emmy-nominated show, *Black Sails* - showing from early 2015 on Starz that she's most animated about. Here, she fills us in.*

*How would you describe *Black Sails* to someone who's not familiar with the show?*  
The show is set in 1715, the "Golden Age of Piracy" on New Providence Island, a lawless territory controlled by history's most notorious pirates. The story centres around the tales of Captain Fline and his pirates, twenty years prior to Robert Louis Stevenson's classic, *Treasure Island*.

*You've never starred in a TV series before. How did you find the experience?*  
It was fantastic, more than I could ever have hoped for. The set is mind-blowing, it's so big. It's like Disneyland, but full of pirates! It really helps me get into character - you just walk on set and you're there on an 18th century Caribbean island. The physical training is one of my favourite things about the production. I get to do my own stunts! It's fantastic to have the opportunity to play the same character for an extended

period of time, a further dimension to the show project. I love all my work and even though I do have to go home, it's not being in Cape Cod during the winter.

*Black Sails also got its jabs about cattle mauls, which has become known as "made-for-TV" drama. Do you agree it's an odd time for the top "TV" is around?*

Yes, it's sort of a golden age for television. So many fantastic shows are being made in Hollywood. Filmmaker Michael Bay for *Black Sails* [example] - putting roles into a new light. It's made me more excited by the multiple platforms we are able to view with. Now viewers have the freedom to watch whatever they like, whenever they like, at their own pace - which I love. I can truly absorb these stories as they deepen. TV is exciting.

*It hasn't you're a fan of TV bad guys. Who's your favourite?*  
When Walter White becomes Heisenberg in *Breaking Bad*.

*Is there a type of character - "bad" or otherwise - that you're desperate to play?*  
I'd love to play Tank Girl if they ever make another movie.

*You're often described as a "model/actress". How do you think the title defines you?*  
I think it's sometimes used as derogatory term in that way it can bother me slightly. I never wanted to be a model, but the experiences I've had have been so valuable for my acting. I've played a different role in my mind when I shoot and it taught me to be comfortable in front of the camera (and with a whole lot of strangers staring at you!). I'm incredibly fortunate and grateful that I am able to do both. I'm an actress first and foremost, but I still absolutely love and appreciate the modelling work.

*Has your quest a well-documented history of model friends, several of whom have star status in the screen. Is there a rivalry between you?*



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As Anne Bonny, history's first female pirate, in the new big-budget drama *Black Sails* (aka *Game of Thrones at sea*), Clara Paget has swaggered, one eye shaded beneath a brown suede hat, on TV sets around the world. But her breakthrough acting moment isn't about heaving corsets and pretty ringlets. "My character is a tomboy," says Paget, who dyed her blonde tresses auburn for the part, and now spends six months of the year based in Cape Town filming alongside Tom Hopper and Toby Stephens (a second series has recently been commissioned). "Bonny spent much of her life pretending she was a man." And in the spirit of the part, the actress insisted on doing all her own stunts. She found the physical training liberating: "It took a couple of months of Pilates and kick-boxing to get in shape, but suddenly I was Iggy Pop - really skinny, with all these sinewy muscles."

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"I like big jewelry, some of which—I've learned the hard way—you cannot take through airport security," says London-born model/actor Paget, 23, who found her favorite piece (a vintage solid-silver whistle with skulls) on vacation in Thailand. She keeps it, along with sparklers from Vivienne Westwood and Dominic Jones, in a Chinese jewelry box passed down from her grandmother. Ralph Lauren Collection pink leather toonies (\$1,950), crystal and pearl necklace (\$395), and dress, select Ralph Lauren stores. Fashion Editor: Tabitha Simmons.

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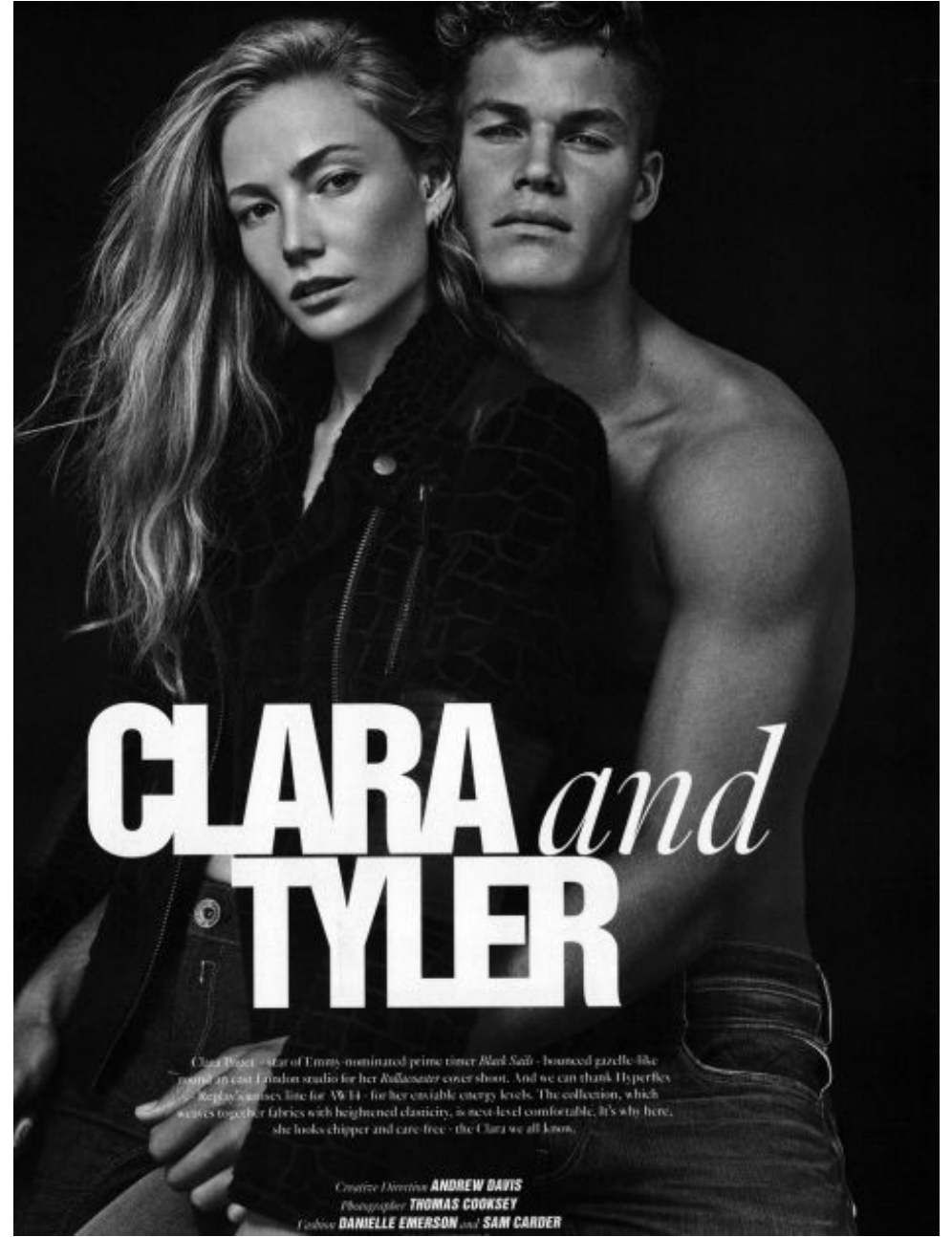


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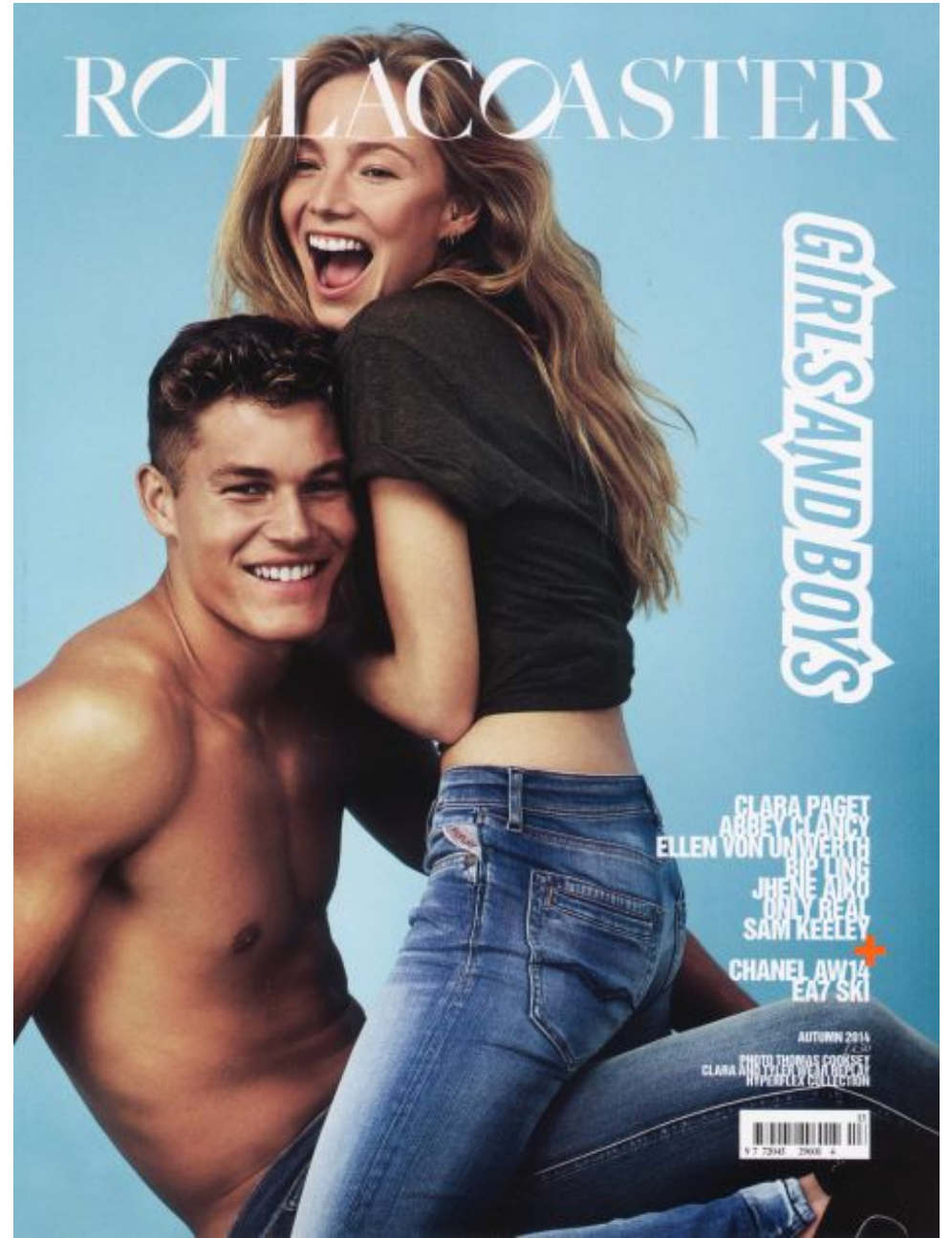


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