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She keeps you guessing: sweetly demure one second & mega-assertive the next.



17: Do you think you and Ashley are a lot alike?

AM: I think we're a really good mix, I'm more of a tomboy, so we balance each other. We're so much on the same page when it comes to our lifestyles and how we conduct ourselves in public. We can both trust each other with secrets. I got really bummed out on set during the pilot over a guy. She could tell that I was sad, so she pulled me over to talk to me about it.

17: What kind of advice did she give you?

AM: To not put up with guy's crap, which is awesome because Ashley's a really strong girl when it comes to that.

17: Are you dating anyone now?

AM: I'm not-I wish! I'm so ready to have a boyfriend. I just need to find that guy who's worthy of committing myself to, because I'm not your average girl. And I think a lot of guys are intimidated by girls who know what they want.

17: Are you and your sister your best friends?

AM: Our bond as sisters is so strong, we've always talked about how no relationship, no job, no heartbreak is ever going to tear us apart. We even renamed our band 78violet because violet is a stronger color-- and on the periodic table of elements, the 78th element is platinum, which can't be corroded.

17: Is it hard to live apart from your family?

AM: Leaving my family to go shoot the show (Hellcats) in Vancouver is a big risk. I've never been away from my family, I've never lived on my own-- so this is a huge life experience for me.

17: Faith is also something that has always been important to you. How does it affect your career choices?

AM: My faith is definitely a big part of my life and very important to me, but not apart of my me through my career. It is something that guides me. But I feel like when you make a declaration to yourself, people automatically go after you when that purity ring comes off. So I don't want to set myself up for that kind of judgement.

17: Have you ever tried to shed your good girl image?

AM: I don't need to grow up super fast or prove that I'm adult by being ultra sexy. That's immature, when you think about it. Being mature is growing up gracefully.

17: Have you always felt this

AM: I feel like when I turned 15, I knew who I was. I knew what I believed in, I knew what kind of career I wanted to have, what kind of music I wanted to make, what style I liked to dress in. I feel really blessed not having to go through that stage of insecurity of not knowing who I am. I've always felt really sure of myself.



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ashley tisdale

Her priorities: work hard & crack jokes until everyone is laughing.



17: You play a type “A” cheerleading captain on *Hellcats*. Were you ever a cheerleader?

AT: No, i tried cheering when i was younger, but i was never too involved in it because i was really shy and uncoordinated. It has taken me a long time to get to where i am as a dancer.

17: Cheerleaders can be pretty competitive, so can actresses. Are you competitive?

AT: I am actually not! I am driven, but even when I’m auditioning for stuff, i want the best for everybody who auditions. My mom taught me to be friends with everyone.

17: Does it bother you when people stereotype you?

AT: Im past the whole high school he-said/she-said stuff. I’m definitely the type in person who, if you’re saying something about my family or friends, will confront you. I’m not someone who will beat around the bush. But otherwise, I just try to block it all out.

17: Do you have any love rules you live by?

AT: I’m old fashioned. He definitely has to call me after the first date. And I think you should play hard to get at first. When I really like someone, I drop the whole “playing games” thing. People respect people who are honest about their feelings, but sometimes I’m *too* honest!

17: Do your friends ever have to defend you?

AT: Vanessa (Hudgens) is such a great friend. Recently, we were at a premiere and i saw a reality star who i thought was really cool. I’d watch her show; so i was really excited. She wasn’t nice to me when I met her though. All i really wanted to do was take a picture. So Vanessa stood up for me--she confronted her and was like, “Hey Ashley’s actually a really big fan.” She is one of those girlfriends who has your back. i love that about her.

17: What do you look for in a boyfriend?

AT: In high school, it was all about popularity, being with a boyfriend and all the girls thinking he was cute. Now, I am more into a guy’s personality. I like someone I can have fun with and who can be more laid-back than I am, because it calms me down. At the same time, I want to be with someone who wants to work as much as I do and who respects me like I respect him.

17: Do you ever worry that kind of honesty will push guys away?

AT: No. I can only be myself. That person has to love you for who you are and everything that you are. I am not fake. I know who i am. At the end of the day, I just want to be a good person. I’m not trying to be perfect.

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