

Evgeny Kuzmin. I miss the Russian soul

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What people in Hollywood? Different. A successful model in the past, and now - actress and comedian **Yevgeny Kuzmin** , while still a teenager, has signed its first contract and moved to the United States. Today, she is a loving wife, mother of three, who has time to run the economy, in the movies, on television and participate in a standup comedy show. Very soon, Eugene will bring to Russia a new television project Model moms, about the life of the models in America. In the interview, she spoke about Arnold Schwarzenegger, Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks, about stereotypes and attitudes towards Russian actors, as well as what lacks in sunny California.

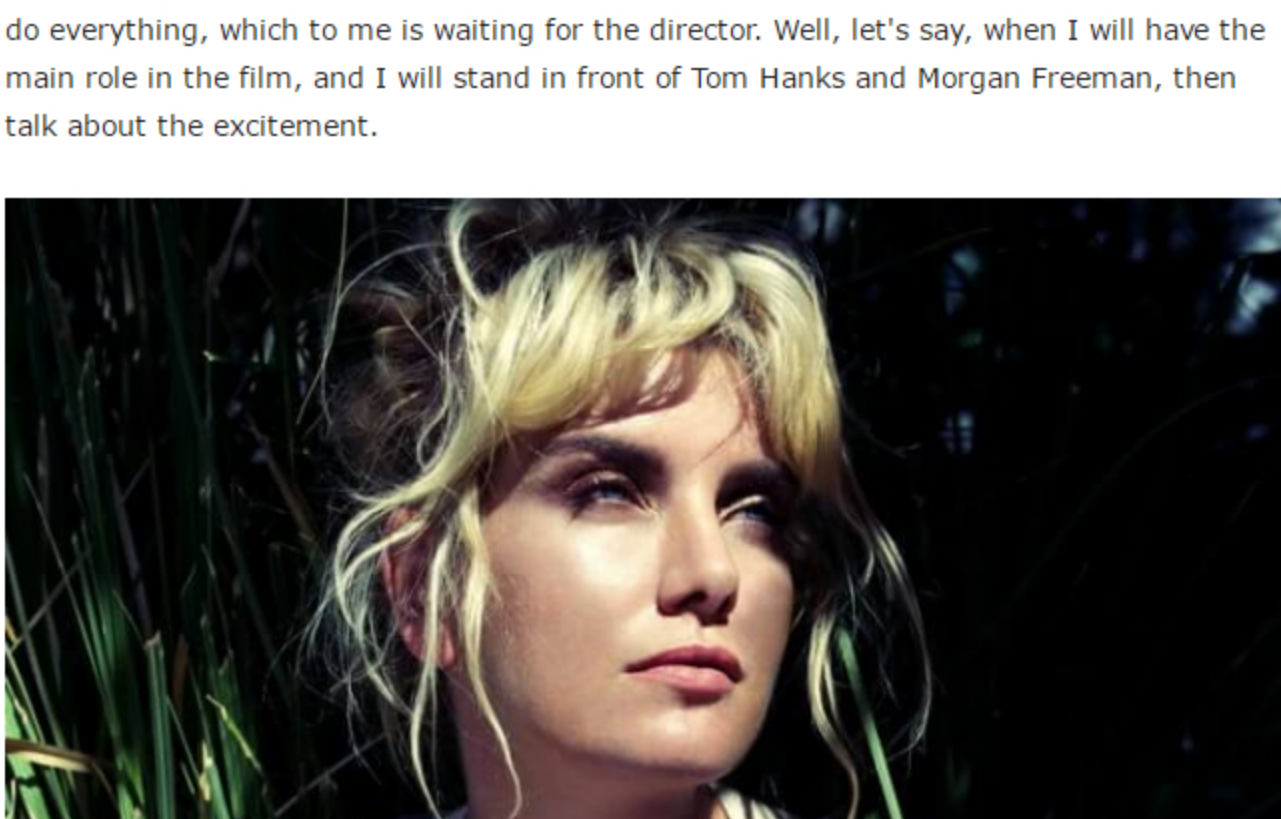
- Eugene, tell us how you came to America? Always dreamed about it or it happened by itself? What are the impressions you made in New York?
- I never wanted to be a model, it just happened. When my dad died, I had to work to feed the family. One day, as they say, there were no signs. On the street I was approached by a scout (only later I learned that the so-called those who seek and find new faces for modeling agencies), proposed a test shoot, and so I was in the States. For me it was a big shock, a stay in a foreign country, in a big city. The first thing I noticed - a smile on people's faces. All around were open eyes and wide smile white teeth, and the most common answer to the question "how are you?" - I'm fine. Of course, it's mentality, it differs from our Russian. We tend to share problems, to conduct intimate conversations, complain about life. All this is not the Americans. They, by the way, ironically say that the Russian did not know how to conduct small talk, that is, once again something to ask of our people - the risk to hear a long detailed answer (laughs). Returning to her first feelings, of course, I was struck New York. I have not heard from any man who first came here, not to fall in love with this city. First, one agency, then - else. Contracts, shooting, meet new people, it's all just hit me - 15 year old boy (laughs). I had to grow up fast enough.



- Adaptation passed quickly, because otherwise it was impossible. Life is made (laughs). I'm pretty easy to find a common language with all, understand that the modeling - it's a business. We must be strong with the strength of will, character, because there are a lot of temptations. Not coincidentally, many girls start to get involved in alcohol, drugs, partying, lead an idle life. I had the task to provide for their family - younger sister, my mother. So for me it was, first and foremost, a way to earn money, not passion for glamor and glitz. I understand that I must at all times look good, be well-groomed, healthy, fresh. This is because, as the athletes. You have to be in shape. And I a language, in principle, already knew, because until then lived for some time in Paris, he learned French and English. I generally like to learn the culture and language of the country where I was to better understand the people and to make friends and acquaintances. I'm pretty open and sociable person.

- You worked with such renowned actors like Brad Pitt, Orlando Bloom, Mila Kunis, Bill Murray, and many others. Tell me what it means for you to work with them?
- All those you have listed - Hollywood stars. I would not be divided into more or less stellar cast. For me, working with them on the court, it is not just "happy to stand next to the star." This is a valuable experience, a way to show off a new, open, as an actress. You know, as in sports, with a very strong opponent you achieve the best results. So here, to act together with the recognized actors - it's not only an honor, but also an opportunity.

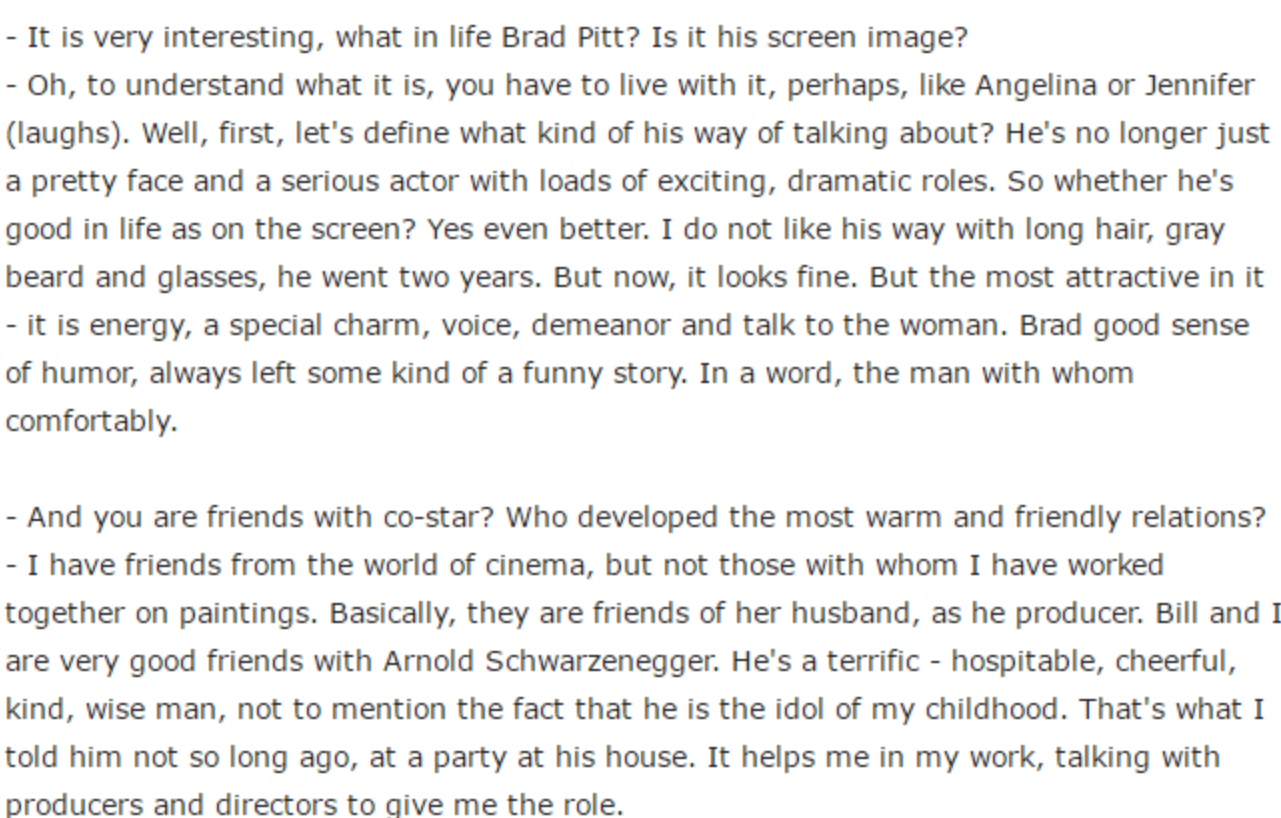
- And who was the most terrible thing to work, and had the most experience before the shooting? Why?
- Again, the excitement that I had the day before the shooting, has nothing to do with who was my partner. I thought about his text about the emotions that must pass, how to do everything, which to me is waiting for the director. Well, let's say, when I will have the main role in the film, and I will stand in front of Tom Hanks and Morgan Freeman, then talk about the excitement.



- It is very interesting, what in life Brad Pitt? Is it his screen image?
- Oh, to understand what it is, you have to live with it, perhaps, like Angelina or Jennifer (laughs). Well, first, let's define what kind of his way of talking about? He's no longer just a pretty face and a serious actor with loads of exciting, dramatic roles. So whether he's good in life as on the screen? Yes even better. I do not like his way with long hair, gray beard and glasses, he went two years. But now, it looks fine. But the most attractive in it - It is energy, a special charm, voice, demeanor and talk to the woman. Brad good sense of humor, always left some kind of a funny story. In a word, the man with whom comfortably.

- And you are friends with co-star? Who developed the most warm and friendly relations?
- I have friends from the world of cinema, but not those with whom I have worked together on paintings. Basically, they are friends of her husband, as he producer. Bill and I are very good friends with Arnold Schwarzenegger. He's a terrific - hospitable, cheerful, kind, wise man, not to mention the fact that he is the idol of my childhood. That's what I told him not so long ago, at a party at his house. It helps me in my work, talking with producers and directors to give me the role.

- Who are the actors of the world you would still like to work with?
- I understand your intense interest in matters of the "stars" and world renowned actors. But here it is important to understand one thing: I live in Los Angeles for many years, and are all around, one way or another, engaged in film and television industry. With many stars can I face at the grocery store or the beach. With Julia Roberts we have a hairdresser, for example. So when I consider this or that project, I'm interested in, not only the actors who will be in it to act, but also the script itself, the idea, the director, and most importantly - my role. I could say that I want to play in a film with Meryl Streep, but do not want to appear naive.



Hollywood a lot, even very much, actresses-Americans who speak without an accent, with venerable influential agents, and still, they rarely shoot. A very high level of competition. But I am by nature a man persevering, used to achieve its purpose. Yes, in this business in a different way and never will. When I started, many friends told me that I was late, where I climb - Russian, 27-year-old model and mother of two children. But I did not stop, even on the contrary - spurred.

- You come from Russia. Tell, often at home? Nostalgic?
- I was not in Moscow for over 10 years. My feelings I would not call nostalgia, but, of course, I miss some things that are inherent in our Russian life. And it's certainly not in the products, as some say - buckwheat, soup, sour cream. It's funny, when I hear like, everything is fine and you can get here. I miss the open disinterested dialogue, for the very Russian soul, which is so surprising and never ceases to amaze foreigners - whether it be the Americans, Europeans, Japanese, anyone. People are smiling, but it's more a habit, rules of etiquette, the national American trait. Especially if we are talking about Los Angeles, where people come from around the world in search of fame and recognition. It's not acceptable to visit the neighbors just. I know, for sure, and in Moscow no one comes to the neighbor every day, but some can live for years in a stairwell and not know each other. But I'm on the other.

- In 2016 it published several comedies with your participation - "Grandpa easy virtue", "Very bad mommy", "Under the guise of gigolo." And what are your plans for the coming 2017? What will please the fans?
- At the moment, I am finishing work on a reality show Model Moms. Now, we just are negotiating the sale of this format channels. I had no experience in the filming of the reality show, although there were often offers. But this genre so much on American television that I did not want to do another Keep it up with Kardashians. And those scenarios that they gave me, my children are expected to participate, and their were not in the best form - spoiled, disobedient, etc. In a word, the audience more interesting to look at swearing, fighting, fighting, scandals, and I was absolutely not appeal. Important for me, which I send message of the spectator, and not just to the camera is seeing. And then we met with Kira Dikhtyar. She already had experience in the reality show. I had an idea to do something different from the usual viewer shows about the rich life in Beverly Hills, or constant "dismantling" of housewives. I told Cyrus, let's do something good, we show our life, such as it is. We have and so much drama around, so why continue this theme? A name was born in the wake of my involvement in the film Bad moms (mom is very bad), it turned Model moms. There are so many young women, working mothers, with different problems, which are interesting to tell the viewer. As a result, the two of us with Kira this produced the project, which will sell. Currently, we are negotiating with studio Lionsgate. They have plans to acquire the rights to the show and take it to the Americans - since me and Kira noticeable accent that television is not very good, but the concept of the project and our characters they really like. Therefore, as soon as they have finished shooting the show, Kevin Hart, will start work on the Model Moms. By the way, I'm going to come to Russia, which will offer the project. Already, several channels were interested, so I have no doubt that Russian viewers will soon see our reality show.



- And how you spend New Year's Eve? Perhaps there is some special traditions of celebrating it?
- In contrast to Russia, the United States for the New Year is very relaxed attitude. It's just three years at the end of the weekend days. A truly national holiday, which is waiting for and celebrate all over the country - Christmas. This is a home, a family holiday. Perhaps, except Thanksgiving Day. This is a rare case, when taken to the whole family gathered at the table, which is a mandatory attribute of a roast turkey. All exchange gifts and greetings. And in general, to celebrate Christmas in Los Angeles, where it never snows, at first, it was strange to me, and not the usual. City streets can be seen decorated with palm trees, sunshine and warmth. My children, for example, have never seen snow - only in the movies. Therefore, I would really like to bring them to Moscow in the winter, to show how it is beautiful.

- What advice would you give aspiring actor? How to achieve your goals and do not get off track?
- I hardly someone discover America if I say that the most important thing - to believe in yourself and your purpose. It's not just words. Many dream of Hollywood, want world fame, wealth. But few understand and is aware that it is the lot of a very narrow circle of people. I am not against big dreams and their goals, on the contrary, only the "pros". But we need to look at things realistically. In order to achieve success and recognition, sometimes not enough just talent. Talented actors a lot. We need luck case, good luck. Therefore, novice actors, I wish you good luck. We must be prepared for difficulties, they well help us to understand whether you really want to devote myself so the movie. Do not give up, do not be afraid to make a mistake, be strong, and ultimately, to treat everything with humor.

Eugene, thank you for the interview. Let the coming year fulfilled all your dreams come true, and made all our plans. Great mood, positive and positive emotions.

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