

\$9 BONUS! A SNEAK PEAK AT AN UPCOMING PUBLICATION. INSPIRED BY JANICE DREAMER'S LEGENDARY STORY, TEAM SPIRIT, IN WHICH AN ARROGANT FOOTBALL PLAYER FINDS HIMSELF TRANSFORMED INTO A CHEERLEADER AND EXOTIC DANCER, "SELECTED SCENES" WILL INCLUDE ILLUSTRATIONS OF SOME OF THE SCENES THAT HAVE STAYED WITH ME OVER THE MANY YEARS SINCE I READ THE STORY. THIS EPISODE OF "BEHIND THE SCENES" WILL GIVE A GLIMPSE INTO THE EFFORT IT TOOK TO GET THE CHARACTER'S HAIR JUST RIGHT!







IN THE ORIGINAL STORY, THE MAIN CHARACTER ENDS UP WITH "ASS LENGTH BLONDE HAIR." WHEN I STARTED WORKING ON THE IMAGES, THE ONLY REALLY LONG HAIR I HAD TENDED TO BUNCH UP IN A CLOUD AROUND THE CHARACTER'S HEAD, SO I FIRST TRIED A PONY TAIL AND THEN SOME SLIGHTLY LONGER THAN SHOULDER LENGTH HAIR. YET, GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HAIR IN THE STORY, IT SEEMED POINTLESS TO SETTLE FOR LESS THAN THE GLORIOUS MANE OUR PROTAGONIST ENDS UP WITH. SO, I READ SOME BLOGS AND WATCHED YOUTUBE VIDEOS TO LEARN HOW TO USE SIMULATIONS TO MAKE THAT CRAZY HAIR DROP, AS SCENE IN THE IMAGE TO THE FAR RIGHT. FOR ME, ALL THAT LONG, CURLY, GLOSSY HAIR IS A HUGE TURN-ON, SO I FEEL IT WAS WORTH THE EFFORT.

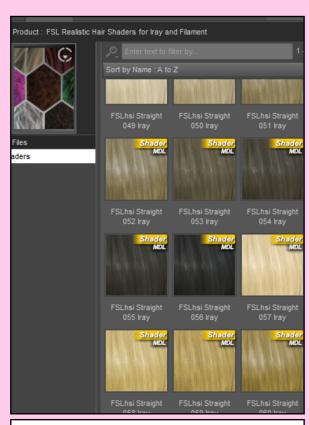




THIS IS WHAT THE HAIR LOOKS LIKE "OUT OF THE BOX." AS STATED ABOVE, I HAD TO RUN A SIMULATION TO GET IT TO DROP-ALSO, THIS WAS NOT THE SHADE OF BLONDE I ENVISIONED. CHALLLENGE: EACH HAIRSTYLE
COMES WITH CERTAIN CHOICE OF
HAIR COLORS. THE LIGHTEST
BLONDE AVAILABLE (HIGHLIGHTED
ABOVE) YIELDED THE IMAGE TO THE
LEFT. NOT BLONDE ENOUGH.



AND THIS IS THE HAIR I ENDED UP USING FOR JOSH WHEN HE HAS BEEN FULLY TRANSFORMED AND BLONDED. OH, YES, HE IS ALSO RENAMED "HONEY."



ENTER A HANDY TYPE OF APP CALLED A SHADER. IN THIS CASE, "REALISTIC HAIR SHADERS" WHICH ALLOWS ME TO SHADE HAIR MANY DIFFERENT COLORS AND EVEN ADD DIFFERENT COLOR HIGHLIGHTS. AFTER EXTENSIVE EXPERIMENTATION, I WAS ABLE TO FIND MY PERFECT BLONDE.

