



"Cut!" The handler yelled, and I was snapped out of my fantasy. I really hated the handler; Karen, I think her name was? She seemed like a Karen, anyway.

"Kaylee," she asked, "did you say something?"

"Umm, no," I lied.

"Huh, strange, I thought I heard you say the word 'perish," she said. "Anyway, it looked like you were mouthing some words, and you were kind of staring off into space for a while there. Let's redo that last shot from the top. Remember, no muttering this time, just stand still, look into the camera, and smile!"



This was back in early
October, about eight
months before the day
that I grew for real. I was
with my family, recording
a Halloween promo for
that stupid TV show. They
brought a whole bunch of
Halloween shit to the
backyard: ghosts,
skeletons, foam graves, all
that dumb kiddy bullshit.

They needed a bunch of footage of us standing in front of the decorations. We'd stand there in one pose, perfectly still, for a couple minutes, and then they'd switch us around to another pose, and we'd have to hold that pose for a couple minutes. It was a huge pain in the ass, and the cheap bastards were only paying me a couple thousand an hour. It so wasn't worth it.

I'd been freezing my ass off out there for the last hour. It was only like 70 degrees outside, and it was raining too: I definitely felt at least five separate raindrops land on me. And the costume being super skimpy didn't help things.



































































