

# EDITOR'S CALL-TIME

## Waiting to Exhale



Have you ever had one of those "You want me to do what???" bookings?

Last week I was submerged ten feet under in a dive pool, with weights strapped to my ankles and a sheet swaddling my body in a mummy-(meant to be mermaid)like grip, trying to achieve an expression of serenity while gracefully running a hand through my "manageable" hair, when the thought crossed my oxygen-deprived mind, "How much am I getting paid for this?"

I pondered the figure (minus agency commission, minus taxes, minus doctors' bills for the ensuing ear infection...), concluding that I could afford to go a bit more blue in the face...one one thousand, two one thousand...then I high-mermaid-tailed it to the top and broke the surface with a GASP.

"Down again, quick as you can!" came the director's voice through a network of walkie-talkies originating across the pool in a dry, comfy, underwater room with a view through a glass window onto me, the struggling polliwog. As I obediently dunked back down into the deep, that image of Dustin Hoffman in *The Graduate* acquiescing to his parents and making his robotic descent into the pool in his new 1960's scuba gear (think knight in full suit of armor meets synchronized swimmer) popped into my head. He was buckling under parental water pressure; I was making a quick buck.

What's my point? Well, in case your memory is dim or you weren't even born when little Dustin

was coming of age with Mrs. Robinson, I'll elaborate. There are bound to be a lot of people (parents, agents, photographers, directors...) telling you what to do, what not to do, where to go, where not to go, what jobs to do and not to do, how far to go, how deep to dive, how long to tread water before heading to the sidelines....But, ultimately, we all must figure it out for ourselves. Just keep a sense of caution, especially when making a quick buck, and a sense of humor--always--and you will get on swimmingly!

Take that advice with you across the Atlantic this summer (you are going to Europe, right? Isn't everyone?). Are you still being wishy-washy on where to go? Well, you don't have to figure that out entirely on your own; "Euro Vibes" will give you the serious who, what, where, and whys from agencies all over Europe. If you're a model hobbyist carrying a backpacker mentality with you to Europe, consult "Dear Jill." Read carefully, then proceed at your own risk.

Listen to yourself! And if you have parents like mine, who said, "Go, sure, give it a try; you only live once," then listen to them too.

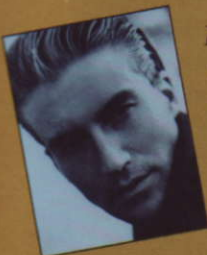
When you find yourself swearing in Italian while schlepping your bags and book and *Tear Sheet Magazine* from delayed plane to on-strike train to miniscule model apartment, just remember that a few years down the road when you finally have your own mailing address, a bed more than ten inches off the floor, and an unpacked bag, you *will* miss it--backaches, blisters, booking-less blues, and all! It's a disease. And we're all sick, sick, sick. Happy travels, and don't get well soon.



*Jill Johnson*

# PUBLISHER'S DRIFT

## Expansions and New Beginnings



My art director told me we have fabulous art for this page and to make the drift short and sweet. Or is it my editor trying to tell me I need my own page? Regardless here goes: New York Launch party, mark your calendars for June 28, and while you're at it slash out the 27th to prepare, and the 29th to recover. *Tear Sheet* will be barking at the moon at M-80's club in the Hamptons to celebrate our expansion into New York. Anyone and everyone who has something to do with the modeling industry

is welcome. If you are one of the 129 dates that Matt King or Jeff Forney have chalked up on in the past three months, you can come too.

Europe is an essential part of a model's career. We interviewed the top six agencies for "Euro Vibes" to inform you about their cities and what a model can expect to get out of these diverse markets.

Special, special thanks to John Casablanca and his "voice" Lorraine (who incidentally should have her own 1-900 # with that voice); and Jessica, you're a doll!

Special note to my little sis: I hope your life with Jim is full of Love and Happiness; see you at the wedding. Love you!

*Ryan D. Lossner*