



Obsessed? It's the first time I've ever had a Cadillac Records, I had a girl, I told Idris [Elba, her brother], I told Adrien, "I have no idea how to work together as a team."

FORMERLY, OTHERS TOO, MEN.

er? I am now! The and I didn't know access to foods I never had for Indian. I love how multicultural it is; you down the street and see so many different races. It's normal here and abnormal to be close-minded. That's beautiful.

What are your feelings about the presidential election? [Beyoncé has been photographed wearing a Barack Obama T-shirt.] Right now, my generation—black or white—we all have someone that we connect with. It's such an exciting time. Even on July Fourth this year, I was listening to "Proud to Be an American." When that song comes on, I usually have to be in the mood to listen to it, but this time I actually welled up and was like, "This is great, I am really proud." I can't wait!

How do you think the media is doing in terms of diversity? There was controversy this year over a Féria ad you were in where some claimed your skin may have been lightened. L'Oréal Paris issued a statement categorically denying this. Do you think the media gets it wrong sometimes? The good thing is that at least you know people are trying to include everyone, and it's evident that we have a voice and influence on the world. Instead of complaining about what isn't being done, I choose to see what is being done.

You're also the face of the Emporio Armani Diamonds fragrance. What's that like? I'm honored and grateful—I don't take it for granted. I try to do something positive with it. I hope I give a lot of women hope. All the endorsements, the magazine covers—there are not many African-American women or women of color in these roles.

So what's next in your life? I'd love to do another musical. I'd also love to do a big cartoon. I want to play a superhero too.

A superhero! So if you could have any superpower what would it be? The power to disappear and just watch people. The older I get, I can see almost what people are going to do—it's not like I'm psychic, I just have a good read on people. It's really what I do. I walk into a room and see everything. ■

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