

As Immigrant, Theron Had To Work Hard To Succeed

LOS ANGELES: Actress Charlize Theron, who was born in Benoni in the then-Transvaal Province (now Gauteng Province) of South Africa, says being an immigrant in the US encouraged her to work harder to make it in Hollywood.

The Academy Award-winning actress is currently one of Hollywood's most in-demand stars, but Theron says her original ambitions as a performer were much more modest, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

"My dream was to pay my bills

and not have to get a second job. I loved having the opportunities I got in acting, and I worked hard knowing that those opportunities could be fleeting," Theron told Total Film Magazine.

"I could be on a flight back to South Africa. I didn't have a family in the US; I didn't have a support system here. That drove me - I was responsible for myself, and I could not take anything for granted," she added.

The 42-year-old actress, known for her work in films like "Sweet November", "Monster" and "The



Italian Job", said she has never been insecure in the industry.

"I have never felt that. This is common in actors. There are a few I've come across that have a very healthy ego about their status, but I do think this is an industry where there is such a constant turning of new talent.

"If you don't stay on your toes, challenge yourself, people won't want to work with you any more and people won't want to see your movies any more," she added.

She is known for starring in numerous films, such as The Devil's

Advocate (1997), Mighty Joe Young (1998), The Cider House Rules (1999), Monster (2003), The Italian Job (2003), Hancock (2008), The Road (2009), Snow White and the Huntsman (2012), Prometheus (2012), A Million Ways to Die in the West (2014), Mad Max: Fury Road (2015), and many others.. Theron received acclaim for her portrayal of serial killer Aileen Wuornos in *Monster*, for which she won the Academy Award, Silver Bear, Golden Globe Award, and Screen Actors Guild Award for Best Actress.

Reynolds Recalls Surreal Encounter On A Plane



LONDON: Hollywood star Ryan Reynolds had a "surreal" encounter on a plane with a fan who paid little attention to his sick bride.

The "Deadpool" star is used to being recognised in public, but one encounter with a pair of newlyweds was particularly "surreal" because it occurred as the man's severely ill wife was being carried off the aircraft, reports aceshowbiz.com.

"I was on a plane with a honeymooning couple and the bride became very ill - not just throwing up ill...," he recalled during a pre-taped appearance on

Britain's "The Graham Norton Show". However, despite the woman's health issues, Reynolds explained that the husband's attention wasn't entirely focused on the emergency situation.

"She was taken off the plane on a stretcher, it was so bad," the actor said. "As her new husband followed her out, he spotted me and shouted: 'Deadpool! High five!'" "It was a surreal moment - firstly, I didn't want to high five him just in case he was infected, and secondly, he seemed to have no concern for his dying wife!" he continued.

Alba's Firm Donates 1.5M Diapers



Los Angeles: Actress Jessica Alba's The Honest Company donated 1.5 million diapers on the occasion of Mothers Day.

The company donated the diapers to Baby2Baby, a non-profit organisation here that helps provide low-income children up to 12 years of age with diapers, clothing and other basic necessities, reports people.com.

"At The Honest Company, we're devoted to empowering people to live happy, healthy lives," said co-founder Alba, 37.

"A mother should never have to choose between feeding her children and buying diapers. Baby2Baby helps new mothers so they don't have to make that impossible decision, and we can't think of a better charitable partner for The Honest Company.

"The Honest Company and Baby2Baby share a joint mission to improve the lives of families everywhere," said Kelly Sawyer Patricof and Norah Weinstein, co-presidents of Baby2Baby.

"Together we will help a lot

of families around the US," she added.

Additionally, The Honest Company plans to provide Baby2Baby with bundles filled with diapers and other hygiene items for more than 600 families annually and will continue to visit the non-profit's Los Angeles headquarters on a monthly basis to help put together kits for families.

This year, Alba also celebrated her first Mother's Day since welcoming her third child, four-month-old son Hayes.

Cumberbatch Wants Range Of Dr. Strange Merchandise

LOS ANGELES: Actor Benedict Cumberbatch, who essays Doctor Strange in the Marvel Comics Universe (MCU), is annoyed that all of his co-stars have their own merchandise range but he doesn't.

The 41-year-old actor wasn't impressed when his "Avengers: Infinity War" co-star Tom Hiddleston - who plays Loki - showed off the range of products inspired by his character and realised most of the MCUs other superheroes are emblazoned on backpacks, lunch boxes and other trinkets, but his alter ego isn't, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

"This is a point of contention. Tom Hiddleston, he comes back from doing Thor and he's like, 'Look, dude!' And he's got a Thor lunchbox, a Thor slurpy cup



and Thor backpacks. And there's Spider-Man backpacks and Hulk backpacks too," Cumberbatch told RadioTimes magazine.

"And I'm like, 'I'm a Marvel superhero too! Where's my Dr. Strange backpack for Christ's sake? Where's my merchandise I can bloody manipulate time. I

can fly! Kids need to realise the potential value of having a Dr. Strange backpack," he added.

The British actor enjoyed shooting "Avengers: Infinity War" but his favourite days on set were when actor Robert Downey Jr was also around shooting scenes as Iron Man, because he always makes sure there is excellent food and everyone is well looked after.

"It's a happy set when he's around. He's everything you want in a friend and colleague and you get a proper lunch break with really great food," he said.

"He's very generous with the spoils of his success. On the days he's not there, you are eating out of a Styrofoam box going, 'What is this? Bring back Downey Jr'," he joked.

Robbie Loves Her Work

LOS ANGELES: Actress Margot Robbie says she doesn't worry about her jam-packed schedule because she loves her job.

"We learnt everything on this job, it was the first thing I'd produced so we learnt everything and it was incredibly difficult, but it has made everything since then much easier," Robbie told Collider.

Robbie was aware of the enormity of the challenge heading into the project, reports femalefirst.co.uk. But, ultimately, the actress did not mind the extra work because she was so enthusiastic about getting the film made.

She said: "Producing is a huge job and being a first-time director, you might as well be a producer as well and Simon obviously produces as well, so we all kind of understand what it really requires to take that responsibility on and it is a huge responsibility.

"But you don't do it unless you



love it. It's just not worth it if you don't love it, really, it's a lot of time and effort for something unless you're hugely passionate about it.

"But when you are doing something you're hugely passionate about, you don't care about the hours or this or that or whatever, and if you're doing it with your friends, old friends and new friends, it's not even work at that point."



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'Gotham' Renewed For Final Season

LOS ANGELES: The Batman origin series "Gotham" has been renewed for a fifth and final season.

The final season will focus on Bruce Wayne's transformation into the caped crusader, reports variety.com.

The series stars David Mazouz as a young Bruce Wayne, Ben McKenzie as Jim Gordon, Donal Logue as Harvey Bullock, Chris Chalk as Lucius Fox, Robin Lord Taylor as Oswald Cobblepot/The Penguin and Cory Michael Smith as Edward Nygma/The Riddler.

The show is based on DC Comics characters and is produced by Warner Bros. Television.

"Gotham" is aired on Zee Cafe in India.