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While still in high school, Caprice dreamed of being the governor of California: she wanted to conquer the world and change it completely.

The ambitious young beauty began to follow a less political path after some one pointed out to her that she could be a big success as a model. Beauty, ambition, and accident combined to bring her to the world of modeling. Almost without planning, she found herself on the catwalk, certain that her career as a model would be a short one. Turns out she was right.

Caprice's beauty goes beyond her angelic face and heavenly body; she has an artist's soul and a level head. The model had barely taken her first steps on the catwalk when she realized that the best place for her to work would be Europe. "The market was much smaller there, but my opportunities were much better," she explains. "I chose England for the English language."


As though she had a date with destiny, her life changed in a single night when she served as a presenter on the *National TV Awards* in London.

Dressed in a sexy Versace design, Caprice had all eyes on her. The following day she was on the front page of all of the tabloids in London. "Before that the guy who made sandwiches at the corner store wouldn't even look at me," she said. "The next day he and everybody else in the restaurant were asking for autographs."

Suddenly strangers were sending her wedding invitations. "That's how ridiculous it can be," she says. "For me the real challenge was not to attain success, but to maintain it. When you're a model, it's hard to make people believe that you're capable of much more."

Looks like Caprice has managed to be pretty convincing. She persuaded a group of investors to finance her own television program, *Caprice Travel*, which became a big hit in Europe. The model moved on to the next level and television began to take up all her time. Acting is her new passion. After taking a course in New York, she returned to London and enrolled in the Rada theater. Landing a role in the popular play *The Vagina Monologues*, she showed not only that she can act, but that she can captivate an audience.

When she found out about auditions for a London production



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of the musical *Rent*, she decided that she had to have a lead role. With dogged persistence, she convinced the skeptical producers to give her a chance and after only two weeks of rehearsal she won over the public and the critics.

"I cried every day for those two weeks," she recalls. "I couldn't believe that I could pull it off. The first day I almost peed my pants, I was so nervous that I had to concentrate on not doing that. It was the first time that I would sing professionally." As always all ended well and *Rent* ran for four months in London.

Caprice's next move will be to the big screen. She signed a contract with a production company to star in four films. The first will be *Hollywood Flies*,

She is now working on *Jinxed in Love*, a romantic comedy.

But Caprice is not relying solely on her acting career. She has a

line of lingerie and bathing suits that has been so successful she is considering expansion. She manages the business herself. How did she learn the biz? "On the street," she replies, a hard edge creeping into her voice for the first time.

Her dream of conquering the world - or at least California - is coming true little by little. Who knows, one day she may give Arnold a little competition. **L**



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actress, model, business woman, Caprice has big plans for the world.

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