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Julia Voth

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"It's all about the angles," advises model-turned-actress Julia Voth, talking about - in this case at least - how to position yourself strategically in front of a voyeuristic camera while dressed in a skimpy dominatrix outfit. "There are certain angles you just don't want to show."

And Julia should know. She's spent the better part of her life (so far) posing, primping and preening for the lens as a fashion model in Tokyo and New York City. Her look - starkly dramatic features supplemented by a form, deftly carved from stone - garnered her the iconic role of Jill Valentine in the Resident Evil video game series. She likes playing her but not playing (the game) as her. *"It's surreal and so weird,"* she admits.

Presently Ms. Voth is starring as Trixie, the stripper with the heart of gold, in Bitch Slap, a movie harkening back to the days of the grindhouse, exploitation flicks of the 1970's with (of course) all the salacious, high-powered weaponry (guns, cleavage) on display.

"Dancing in eight inch heels with twenty pound angel wings on your back and trying, the whole time, to look sexy is definitely a challenge," says the 24 year-old Saskatoon native.

And while the limitless potential of a lovable (and lustable) femme fatale like Trixie might soon thrust Julia into cult superstardom, she's doing her best to: (a) not be typecast and (b) expand her professional horizons by also acting in smaller, low-budget indie films like Love Hurts and The Anniversary as well as compiling a collection of her introspective and autobiographical poetic works into Catharsis, a book she hopes to get published in the near future.

Julia readily admits to missing her home, her family, the humane sincerity of Canada and Smarties, although she's too much the rebel and refuses to follow the Smarties' culinary code by *"eating the red ones last". "I'm all over the map (colour-wise) and I like to suck on them till the chocolate melts."*

She confesses a strange affection to Hello Kitty - which seems only natural when you've spent your formative years in the Land of the Rising Sun (and the birthplace of Hello Kitty) - and she has advice for men who maintain that *"women are complicated"*: *"We just want to be loved and cuddled once in a while."* Interesting angle.

