



The "things"?

Yeah, but it leaked out, the monsters.

What was being said?

The block started talking about them. I'm a very small frame – I'm only five-six [168cm], and I have the jobbies; a cross between a jiggle and a wobble.

But you're quite happy to talk about them?

Lots of people I meet talk about them. I'm used to it. The girls [in the block] started talking about them and saying, "You're too little to have boobs." I was saying, honestly, some people do have them. Like you always do, I did the lie-down-on-your-back trick and showed them how they disappear under my arms.

You did that on the show?

No, no, they wanted to go on camera so bad.

When [the producers] heard about it they nearly died. There are no hidden cameras outside, you see.

But they actually made you do a test?

I wanted to prove it, because they said, "We don't think they're real." Then I had to do the same sort of test for the journalists that came in – they're all ladies. They'd been talking about them for weeks, so I said, "Girls, come and grab one." At the end of the day they all said they'd stand by me.

Would you ever do nude modelling?

No, definitely not. The raunchiest I've ever been is for **RALPH**, and luckily I had an all-girl crew, because they made me feel very comfortable.

You're starkers down there in some of the shots. It's very cheeky.

[Laughs] No I'm not – there's hands there. I'm covering everything up.

Back to the show. Was your love life affected by the cameras?

Look, 72 days in *The Block* – I got down and dirty in the rubble.

What?

I got down and dirty in the rubble – doing work.

Oh. Work.

Matey, if you're going to be up at three or four o'clock in the morning, [sex] is the last thing on your mind.

So you didn't get into it for 72 days?

I'm not saying that, but let's just say we were doing as much renovating as we could, and giving it our best shot.

You're probably a teenager's fantasy by now.

How do you feel about being the object of young male lust?

[Long pause]

You haven't thought about this, have you?

No, I haven't, actually. It's a bit scary, really, isn't it?

I don't know. It's never happened to me.

[Laughs] But I've never been a boy and I don't know what they're thinking about. It's probably not very healthy. I probably don't want to know.

It's basically sex all the time.

I'm just going to pretend that they're all very sweet and innocent, and not thinking anything dirty.

They're thinking about you naked, that's what they're doing.

Oh, no! OK, I knew there was a reason I left those renovating clothes on for 72 days.

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