

CAPRICE

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The candid model reveals all about her failed Irish romance.

Andrea McCullagh reports

Supermodel Caprice breaks all the rules. Firstly, she is one smart cookie, secondly, she is great company and finally, she can hold an audience with her hilarious stories.

Chic met with Caprice (38) as she launched her lingerie line in Ireland, and she was nothing like the over-bearing divas that generally populate the fashion world.

She has her high heels firmly planted on the ground.

The Californian babe loves coming to Ireland as she has a network of great friends here.

"I love it. I'm sure everyone says that but genuinely I love it here. I love my new friends. I mean, the weather, OK, it's a little bit colder here, we could improve a bit.

"But what I love about it here is it's like a soap opera. I come back and it's like 'what's going on?'. There is always some drama over here.

"They should have a show called Ireland in America, it would be fantastic. There's always something going on. It would be much better than Dallas," she laughs.

Caprice recently judged the show Style Wars on TV3 and the winner David Greene got the chance to co-create her

new fashion line and work at Aurora Fashion's international offices.

The show raised her profile in Ireland and she feels that it gave her a chance to show people a different side to her public persona.

She said: "Before I was just known as a model, now people are seeing me in a different light. As a



LINGERIE LADIES

Caprice shows off her new lingerie range (right) and (above) with Sara Kavanagh and Jenny Lee Masterson at launch in Arnotts, Dublin



TV3 SHOW

On Style Wars with mentor Angela Woods and fellow judge Peter O'Brien and (below) glam on the red carpet

model you don't have a chance to express yourself, for people to see how you are. It's sort of a sexy look now and then.

"With Style Wars it was nice because fashion is something I'm absolutely obsessed with and to have a show where I could express myself and also give someone a tremendous opportunity (was fantastic).

"David is a tremendous talent. I gave him my spec for the autumn/winter collection and he has fantastic fresh new ideas. He is working for Aurora and they just said the nicest things about him.

"Not only is he a great talent, he has a nice disposition. He's a nice boy. It's great giving someone that opportunity and he's working internationally now."

Caprice reveals she is seeing someone at the moment but she keeps her lips firmly sealed on his identity saying "I can't say anything".

During filming in Ireland earlier this year Caprice was determined to find an Irish boyfriend — and went on a few dates with someone.

But then her Irish hunk decided to cancel at the last minute before they were due to go out to dinner together.

"I'll be honest, it didn't

really pan out actually," she reveals, "I was supposed to go out to dinner and he cancelled at the last minute. He gave an excuse but I can't even repeat it because it was a bit shocking."

She also had an unusual experience with another Irish man, Ryan Tubridy, when she appeared on the Late Late Show — as he quizzed her about cosmetic surgery.

She was not upset by the questions about botox and collagen treatments, which she said she would get when she needed them, but she felt that it was extremely cringeworthy.

"Bless him I think he wanted to try and be controversial and it was a bit cringeorama actually," she says.

"But he is a nice guy, it didn't upset me."

The blonde babe was recently in Dublin store Arnotts to launch her By Caprice lingerie range, and she held a day of fittings with her customers. When she held fittings in the US she found the majority of women were wearing the wrong size bra.

She said: "With my fits in America, nine times out of ten the ladies were wearing the wrong size bra.

Even I was before I got into this business. I was wearing two sizes too small. It changed my life when I had the proper fit.

"Not only does it look better but it feels better. Most of us have to wear bras and it's a heck of a lot nicer if it fits right, feels right and looks fantastic."

By Caprice lingerie is available in Arnotts, Dublin.



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