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of woman I wanted to explore. I really wanted her to be someone that couldn't be worked out, because I don't know if we ever work it out – whether we're married or not. I wanted her to be very isolated and alone, among other things. I can certainly relate to that feeling, having been a single woman in my 20s for a few years. Even though I felt very much loved, I felt very isolated, but I did that to myself. Why does she end up alone all the time? Why does she self-sabotage? As actors, we like to explore the flaws as much as the attributes.

Your husband, Jay, is in the rock band Ten Thousand – are you a bit of a rock chick?
Oh God yeah, I always have been. I grew up in a household with rock 'n' roll. Elvis was massive in our house and Dad would jive with us when we were kids, so I can jive pretty well. I love that side of Jay – 'the rocker' – and he certainly is. He's rock 'n' roll all over. He experiments with lots of different music and he's still an actor slash small-time gangster.

'I WANTED TO BE THE NEXT KIEREN PERKINS' – RICK

Would you like to have children one day?
I don't know the answer to that. It's annoying, isn't it?! I'm just letting life happen because I spent so many years trying to control it and that didn't work for me – so now that I'm not, I feel happier grasping opportunities as they come my way.

What did the Logie mean to you?
Oh, it means an enormous amount. What an incredible nod of encouragement; I'm really happy about it.

RICHARD DAVIES, 28, PLAYS JIMMY PROUDMAN

What were you doing before you were acting?
I did media studies at uni. We had to make a short film and we didn't have any actors and I said, 'I'll do it', then, at the end of it, I thought, 'This is more enjoyable than what I'm doing!' So I went to the National Theatre for three years. I was a bit older in life deciding what path I wanted to pursue but, at the end of the day, it doesn't really matter if you get there in the end.

Had you done any school plays?
Not at all. I wanted to be the next Kieren Perkins and poor Mum and Dad had to get up at five in the morning to drive me to the swimming pool. I played water polo for Victoria.

You've found your calling with acting, though?
Absolutely. It's funny how it's all panned out – it hasn't been the most traditional path to follow, but it has still been a fun one. I feel incredibly lucky.

How much are you like Jimmy?
A few things that have happened in my life this year have echoed what's happened in the script – it's very laughable.

Kat and Asher are different in real life – just like their on-screen characters

Tell us!
The night before we started shooting, I locked myself out of my apartment – lucky I was sleeping in boxer shorts. I quickly realised I'd have to run all the way to my parents' house, about 10km away. I was sprinting down the street, so I looked even more crazy just running past people, then I saw a cab driver filling up his car with petrol and I thought, 'This is my chance, you know, he can't go anywhere.' I said, 'Mate, I'm not going to do anything crazy, I just locked myself out of my apartment, I've got no clothes. I need a lift to my parents' and I need to get some sleep…' The way [Jimmy and I] both get ourselves into all sorts of trouble, but somehow talk our way out of it, is similar.

You've been naked in a few episodes – how do you prepare for that?
Where's this leading? [Laughs] It's funny, the first time you do it it's a bit of a freak-out, but you feel more naked watching it when it goes to air. Once the cameras are all set up and you're naked, a weird sort of energy kicks in, maybe it's nerves or adrenalin, I don't know… I didn't really bother doing any push-ups or anything like that; I thought, 'Let's just get through it!'

Jimmy's new girlfriend, Tammy, isn't too popular… Have you ever brought a girl home like that?
When you're so into somebody, like Jimmy is with her, you get the blinkers on and don't see the things that get everyone else's noses out of joint. Yeah, there's every chance I could bring home an annoying girl, but I don't think I would.

Are you dating?
I'm seeing someone at the moment.

Jimmy's getting married – are you also a commitment kind of guy?
I'm not the sort of person who will jump into relationships. I'm pretty happy on my own, unless something amazing comes along and with that comes that absolute commitment. But in terms of getting married, um, I guess my silence is enough!

KAT STEWART, 38, PLAYS BILLIE PROUDMAN

Rick was just telling us about the naked scenes he had to do…
He's a brave man. He had the manzini storyline as well… He's been through the ringer!

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