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90210's ONE-TWO PUNCH

Rich Kids of Beverly Hills' Morgan Stewart's quick-witted delivery and killer combo of brazen humor and honest insight make her a certified knockout

Though Morgan Stewart claims to be “rough-looking” with her unwashed blonde locks, the *Rich Kids of Beverly Hills*’ reality star (who touched down in Manhattan yesterday off her four-day bachelorette celebration in Miami) is the picture of glamour. Her hair is twisted up, and she’s outfitted in her style uniform—skinny jeans, sweater, and pointed-toe stilettos—with a leather jacket and fur vest atop it. Morgan stopped by NYC to see a few of her closest friends (she lived here for a year-and-a-half when she attended Pace University) before she heads back to the west coast.

It’s the first week of March when Morgan and I meet, two months before she marries fiancé and *RKOBH* costar, Brendan Fitzpatrick. As NoMo Library’s manager—a fan of the show—escorts us to a glossy high-top table in the corner of the dimly-lit restaurant, she congratulates the bride-to-be. We select our wine, then talk past-weekend revelry. “We really went so hard. Like dying. Dying. Like the kinda hard where you can’t do it anymore, you know what I mean? Yeah, so I’m just recuperating right now,” says Morgan, who chose Miami since she’s only been there a couple of times in the past. While she and nine friends were living it up in Miami, Brendan partied in Mexico—both parties were filmed for the fourth season of *El*’s hit reality show. And yes, there were strippers.

Mid-bachelorette-talk the Beverly Hills native pauses. “What’s your sign?” she asks. Aquarius. “I love it! You make such good eye contact. You know some people get awkward with eye contact. It’s important. I’m Gemini. We’re like soul mates. Dorothy’s [Wang] Aquarius, that’s why we’re so close,” she exclaims in her signature swift cadence, then asks about my past beau’s astrological signs—demonstrating her astrological knowledge.

As I marvel at her 4.25-carat oval diamond on a pavé diamond band, she launches into Brendan and her back story. The two have been friends for ten years. Initially, she was a friend of his sister’s. “We’d been set up a couple of times and neither of us was interested.” This all changed when they randomly ran into one another at a Santa Monica restaurant one day. “He was with a neutral friend of ours; I

wanted to sit with them because there was a long line...,” she explains. “We ran into each other at the right time and that was it.” Together for two-and-a-half-years, Brendan proposed on the third season of *RKOBH*. Morgan, who thought she was in the midst of a magazine cover photo shoot, was completely caught off guard. But she knew he was “The One” as soon as their third date. “He’s an amazing person. He’s made me a much better person,” she coos. “Everyone says you just know and you’re like, ‘Shut the fuck up, that’s so annoying, I can’t even find someone to call me back,’ which was me for a long time. I literally just remember sitting with him at dinner [sushi] and was like, ‘Yeah, it’s going to work with him... This is the person.’”

The manager returns with two glasses of Veuve on the house. “Alright! God, girl—we’re just having the best time. Cheers! This is like my two-month wedding anniversary almost, soon-to-be.” We clink champagne flutes. “Don’t ever plan a wedding,” she warns. “Every time another check goes out, I’m like I’d rather have something else, you know what I mean? But I know once the day comes, I’m going to be like, ‘Best day of my life. I’m so happy we did it.’ But it’s been very stressful.” The wedding is set to take place at Hummingbird Nest Ranch, 45 minutes outside of L.A. “Santa Barbara and Napa have a hard cutoff at 10:30 p.m. and I wasn’t going to have my wedding end at 10:30 p.m. I’m spending all this money to have my wedding and then go to an *after-party*, like prom, drinking Jägermeister? I’d rather die.” Aside from a few loose ends, Morgan is practically finished with the preparations. Oh, and her bridesmaids hate their dresses. “It’s my fucking wedding. If I wanted you to wear a goddamn apron with your labia hanging out, that’s what you’re going to do,” she quips in uncensored-Morgan fashion.

In the fourth season of *RKOBH*, relationships will be tested. “You get to see us more as people and more as our age—it’s a little grittier, more raw... We really are getting to show people we’re all pretty cool. We’re not so defined by the title or what it implies.” Roxy is noticeably missing from Morgan’s bachelorette party photos, and will not be returning for season four. “We’re at a cordial place. We are not actively in a friendship. We don’t talk. I actually

spoke to her for the first time last week in many, many months. I don’t know if she’s coming to my wedding yet.” Even though invitations went out, Morgan hasn’t completely ruled out inviting her former friend. Since Brendan proposed on TV, Morgan felt they had an obligation to share their wedding with fans, so part of the wedding will be filmed. But it’s OK, since the cast and crew have become so close that Morgan feels like their family now. It actually came as a surprise to her what a “lovely” experience reality television has been. “It’s kinda like day camp with a little bit of stress,” says Morgan, who hopes there will be a fifth season.

Brides tend to try to slim down for their nuptials but Morgan already has this covered. What’s your secret to being so thin—are you just not eating? “Everyone thinks that, right? I eat tremendously. I lose weight very quickly and I gain weight just as quickly. So if I’m happy and in a good place, the weight stays off... I know this is so annoying but I’m really not trying as hard as people think to have the body I have at this point...” So what’s your day look like? “Either I’m eating a full breakfast or I’m not eating till 2 p.m. and then I’ll have a bar of some kind, and then I’ll have whatever I want at dinner. If I’m having two slices of pizza for lunch, then I’ll have salad for dinner.” She also swears by yoga and goes to yoga barre twice a week. The past weekend was a calorie-fest though, fraught with fried food. “I am so dehydrated,” she says between sips of water. She barely touches her wine and champagne. And what better way to show off your hot body than with a fab new activewear line? Touché L.A. x Morgan Stewart—think sports bras, hoodies, leggings—launches April 20th. “It’s my first passion project, and I was so specific about everything... I’m really excited to have people get a piece of me that’s tangible and enjoy it.”

As for her lifestyle blog, *boobsandloub.com*, she’s in the process of translating it into a book and has enlisted someone to help out with the day-to-day operations. I pepper her with a few more questions, then pause a moment. “This is the easiest interview I’ve ever had.” Ohmigod, what are they normally like? “Well, I mean, I feel like they’re just long,” she replies (we actually end up chatting

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What do you think fans would be surprised to find out about you?

"That I'm really nice. I'm a little bit softer maybe in real life than I am on television. Television is a little bit more embellished, a little bit more aggressive. I'm pretty down-to-earth. I'm not like totally out of my mind."

What reality shows do you watch?

"I watch every single reality show! I love all the *Housewives*, obviously. Beverly Hills is my favorite. Sometimes I watch *Love & Hip Hop* if I want to feel ratchet. I love *The Affair*—it's the best show on television. It stresses me out."

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Morgan's tendency to spill vulgar (at times), unfiltered musings makes her someone we love to watch, is there anything she has said that makes her cringe?

"One time I said, 'If you don't know what to buy, just buy it all.' I'd rather stab myself with this knife than ever say that again. That was a rough swallow for me," confesses Morgan, who normally doesn't watch herself on TV. "I put myself on television for other people, and hopefully they laugh and they have a good time."

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for an hour and a half). I attempt to wrap up our interview and ask if there's there anything she wants to add or that I missed. "No, I think your questions were great. I love that we got free champagne," she says graciously, even though VIP treatment is par for the course for her. Our conversation continues and before I realize it, Morgan has stepped into the role of interviewer and is asking me a list of questions. And because she's naturally candid, I feel comfortable opening up.

"You grew up in Florida? Where in Florida?" Orlando. "I don't hold that against you," she swiftly responds, making me laugh. She has had some practice in this arena. In 2014, she co-hosted the red carpet show at the American Music Awards. "That was really fun — definitely one of the more challenging things I've ever done. I think I would be better at hosting something like that alone. I actually want to have my own Chelsea Handler-type talk show, maybe have it a little more fashion-based. I'm not going to do a reality television show for the rest of my life, so I would like that to translate into something else and I think it will." After divulging my past dating disasters, I add, *I'm supposed to be interviewing you.* "I know, right?" she says with a smile. "There are no more questions, right?" I shake my head no. "That's why I need my own talk show. Look how much I've gotten you to open up to me," she beams, before forging ahead and in spite of her tired-recovering-state. **ML**

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