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Last week as I sat waiting in the KUTV studios to talk about that week's new films, all anyone wanted to know was if I had seen "New Moon" yet. There were even three separate stories devoted to "New Moon" that led up to my segment. It would seem that like Christmas, football and summer vacation, it's never too early to start talking "Twilight."

I wish that I loved the books as much as many of you do. This was never more apparent to me than a few nights ago as I stood against the wall with various members of the press and watched in awe as hundreds of people screamed as actors Jamie Campbell Bower and Edi Gathegi walked to a small stage surrounded by an entourage of security. I can only imagine what chaos and hysteria would have broken loose if Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner had taken Bower's and Gathegi's place. Then again would I have screamed as loudly if it was Ashley Greene and Nikki Reed? Maybe. Michael Sheen? Most definitely.

Over the past few months I've had the opportunity to talk to a variety of the co-stars from "New Moon." As fate, luck or glittery skin would have it, my interviews have included a human, a werewolf and a pair of vampires. Unlike other sources, we're not biased toward Team Edward, Team Jacob or whatever team the pitiful humans are on (although I'd like to imagine it would be Team Ash, as in Ashley J. Williams of "The Evil Dead"). Enjoy!

Anna Kendrick: The Schoolgirl

Sometimes it is easy to forget that there are more than just vampires and werewolves that inhabit the city of Forks. A few weeks back, I was given the opportunity to talk with actress Anna Kendrick, who plays the part of Bella's sometime-friend (you know teenagers) Jessica Stanley.

"New Moon" is the first opportunity Kendrick has had to reprise a role, and while you'd think that given the media circus surrounding the set, that the cast would start to feel the pressure, she suggests otherwise, "I was in the mind-set that I was just glad to be playing this fun and silly character. I don't think I was aware of any of the high expectations. The cast and crew still felt down to earth, same as the first movie."

What does she think of her character Jessica Stanley?

"She's so different from who I am and who I was in high school. I remember auditioning and feeling like I had no business trying out for the alpha-female who tries to intimidate new girls at school. But that's what makes it fun for me. I get to escape into a world where all I do is talk about shoes and boys. It's interesting and a fun place to visit," she says.

Not that she wouldn't have liked to play something a little more interesting than a petty high school girl.

"When the 'human clan' all got to Portland to film 'Twilight,' we all admitted that we were bummed that we wouldn't get to do any stunts or cool vampire stuff. Every time a person who isn't familiar with the books asks if I get to turn into a vampire or a werewolf, I'm always disappointed to have to say 'No.' "

Having now starred in both "Twilight" films and the horror-thriller "Elsewhere" I ask if she's developed a love for darker genre films or if these were the sort of films she wanted to do all along.

"I'm a fan of Harry Potter and 'The Lord of the Rings.' I can geek out every now and then. Yeah, I can get on that train. But it wasn't ever a conscious decision [to take fantasy and horror roles]. I don't think they are my forte. I think that requires a specific and intense skill set. But, to be involved with the 'Twilight' franchise and not having the privilege of being a supernatural character it makes me want to play a supernatural character even more."

Given the choice, would she have rather been a vampire or a werewolf?

"It's tricky because they're both pretty cool, but I think I'd rather be a werewolf because they seem to have a lot more fun. The vampires have to stay in control. Their whole life is about being measured. The werewolves seem to let loose and have a lot more fun."

Kendrick goes on to say that because of the tight scheduling, she wasn't on set as much as she was during the shooting of 'Twilight' and that watching 'New Moon' for the first time will be an entirely different experience.

"This time will be like seeing it from a fan perspective," she says.

You can also see Kendrick starring alongside George Clooney in the comedy "Up in the Air" in December.