

# “I GET PAID TO BE SOMEONE ELSE”

Thanks to her job as a stuntwoman, Boni Yanagisawa has A-list access to big-time stars.

“When you’re on the set of a film, there’s a code of professionalism expected. It’s your job to protect those you’re working with – as well as perform the tricky stunts.

The standout in my career was working as Demi Moore’s body double in *Charlie’s Angels: Full Throttle*. I had always looked up to her as a little girl, so it was very surreal working with her. Some of the stunts were extremely challenging, but Demi was always really nice and appreciative. She bought me a gold necklace as a thank-you gift after we’d finished filming, and contacted me years later to do some more work in *Mr. Brooks*. Eva Mendes was also a standout when I worked for her in *The Spirit*. We trained together intensively and I spent hours in her dressing room, making sure she was properly padded up. She was another wonderful person who was very easy to work for.

Even though I may not have the celebrity status, it’s always a thrill to see my leg or arm in a huge blockbuster. Every year, we celebrate our industry at the Taurus World Stunt Awards, which always ends up being such a fantastic evening. It’s great to be able to kick up your heels and celebrate those achievements with your peers.”



## BONI’S LITTLE BLACK BOOK OF BODY DOUBLING

**She’s been paid to stand in for ...**

- Demi Moore • Eva Mendes • Halle Berry • Lucy Liu • Mya • Devon Aoki • Vanessa Williams • Li Gong

**Her movie CV 2000 – 2009**

- *Mr. & Mrs. Smith* • *Spider-Man 2* • *Million Dollar Baby* • *Get Smart* • *Transformers* • *Memoirs of a Geisha*

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## The Lying Matrix

Heard one of the porkies below? Chances are you’ve been scammed. But how does the lie rate?

Little white lie

- “That colour orange really suits you.”
- “Thanks so much for the ‘Kent: the Garden of England’ tea towel, Nan.”
- “Not tonight honey, I’ve got a headache.”
- “I catch *The 7.30 Report* pretty much every night.”

**GUESS WHO, DON’T SUE**

WHICH HOLLYWOOD STAR SEES A PSYCHIATRIST TWICE A WEEK, TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF AND HATES HIS MUM WITH A PASSION?

Pants on fire

- “I’m sorry, I didn’t realise you were going to eat that piece of cheesecake.”
- “I sent the cheque in the mail, so it must have got lost.”
- “My dad grew up in Ireland and he’s best friends with Bono.”
- “Gosh, that person in Unit 11 was playing their music loud last night.”
- “It’s not a hangover, I’ve got food poisoning.”

You’re going to hell

- “I swear I texted you the invite. My phone is playing up.”
- “I need some time off work, my grandmother passed away.”
- “I sponsor 10 children in Third World countries.”
- “Victoria Beckham is my second cousin.”
- “My marks were high enough for medicine, but I wanted to work in fast food.”
- “I was so drunk, I didn’t even realise I’d slept with him.”