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Posted - 16/08/2009 : 23:04:48



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I was going to add this to the See All Her Faces thread where Frances posted a pic of Dusty bouncing on a bed, but then I thought maybe we should have a thread where we can post any articles on Dusty that we think interesting. Hope it's clear enough to read...



Dusty's shopping spree

It Must Be Dusty
Wednesday, 10.30 p.m.

by GAYNOR HAGAN

front door and . . . hey! Look at that!"

We stop and stare at a circular wool rug in orange and mauve.

"My colours," breathes Dusty. "Look better on a wall, though."

We move on, through Fabrics, where she perches like a butterfly on bales of orange, pink, mauve wool; on blue and green mix cottons, oatmeal wools. "My colours. Lovely. I love all colours, any colours."

Her eye is caught by a bale of dazzling cloth in a corner. "Oh I don't. I hate scarlet. It's so cold."

"And I don't think I like navy. I'm not going to buy anything today. Today is for looking."

Her manager whispers that Dusty has the memory of an elephant. Anything she likes, she'll be back for.

"So, I'll look at beds."

"What's that?" It's the biggest bed in London and possibly the world. Eight feet square.

"That is the bed I must have," breathes Dusty.

By the time she has finished the sentence, she is bouncing on its blue and white striped ticking. "Mmm. Pretty good. Comfortable."

She fixes the assistant with a luminous grey gaze. "Have you tried?"

His neat black coat almost quivers with dismay, his expression nicely conveying what would happen to him if he were caught joyously bouncing up and down on a store exhibit.

"You should. You've seen all those advertisements saying choose your mattress carefully — you're choosing for life. How can you tell what suits you till you've had a good night's sleep on it first. But I like it. I want it. How much is it?"

The assistant murmurs "£300, Madam."

"Sure, she's serious," says a friend. "She likes it. She wants it. That's Dusty."

"Let's go down to the kitchen department. After all, I'll be spending half my life in the kitchen."

Her friends look amazed. "You what?"

Dusty gives them one of the looks that have made her a byword in recording studios. Then she giggles. "Well I might."

There are explanations. Given a kitchen, Dusty can make the finest scrambled eggs in London, and she can turn out a passable Irish stew.

"And I can do a steak," says Dusty over her shoulder.

In the kitchen department we look at copper-bottomed pans. Great big shining ones you might buy for a family of 10. "Just what I want," says Dusty.

Murmurs in the background. "Sure I'll be living on my own," says Dusty, "but have you ever known me without a house full of people?"

Dusty thinks she'll take advice on her kitchen. "Not interior decorators, just people who'll do what I want."

"I want Spanish ceramic tiles for my kitchen floor, and one of those American-type gas stoves you push in and out. Do you have those?"

The assistant regrets.

"I'll find out the name of the maker and you'll have them," says Dusty; "and I want a giant fridge with a freezer, because shopping on my way home would mean trying to buy chops in mid flight. And I want easy working surfaces and . . . Hey! Everybody. Look at him."

Him is a wooden rocking horse, set by a gifted display manager in the centre of one of the kitchen room sets.

"Isn't he lovely? Can I buy him?"

She can, says the kitchen department assistant, but since he's only Display down here, perhaps she might prefer to buy him in the Toy department.

Dusty's great eyes shine with joy. "Did you say you have a toy department?" she glows: "Come on."

Never mind, say the friends, she is crazy about toys. Her present flat is full of them. Hanging from the ceilings, occupying the best chairs, all over the floors.

Up in Toys, everybody goes mad. Dusty buys a purple and orange felt lion to hang on the wall, a wood duck on wheels, a stuffed baby rabbit, half-a-dozen animal glove puppets — "their faces are so nice", an orange dachshund named Clarence. She rejects an owl, chooses instead two tiny rag dolls with big black eyes.

She steps into a cardboard 'house'. "Isn't it great for kids? Heaven help mine when I have them, they'll never get a sight of their own toys!" and spends a few guineas on elephants, rabbits, mice and little wooden dolls on swings.

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Something every shopper wants to do . . . bounce up and down on display bed. Dusty's verdict: "I'll take it."

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stuffed animals. The friends are loaded with Russian dolls, stuffed flowered lions, mice and tigers. Dusty's publicity manager is clutching a miniature white fur seal, which cost four guineas. Even I am wondering whether life will go on being complete without a rag doll.

"Dusty's like that," says her manager. "She draws you into this magic circle where you do things you never would otherwise."

Dusty, zooming off weighed down with paper bags and parcels stuffed with animals, and a lot of leaflets on design, leaves me with a lingering thought.

Suppose I presented my husband with a little black-eyed doll for dinner instead of meat and two veg.

He might, indeed he certainly would, mind.

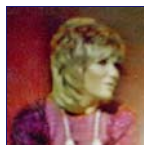
But perhaps he'd find it more fun?

Carole x

"There's a part of you that's a part of me..."

Posted - 16/08/2009 : 23:38:07

Sara
I'll try anything
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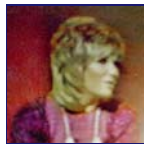
Yay, she didn't like the dead cow leather sofas, I don't think they look comfy either! Sorry 😊 *carries on reading* 😊

Sara x

Something inside has died and I can't hide, and I just can't fake it

Posted - 16/08/2009 : 23:51:16

Sara
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Awww, I loved reading that, thankyou:) I love learning about little things she likes and stuff. Aww, and she never had the kids: (Isn't it funny how when we're young we just assume that's what's gonna happen.

Sara x

Something inside has died and I can't hide, and I just can't fake it

Posted - 17/08/2009 : 00:06:11

Rob
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Thanks Carole, a very interesting read.

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Wasn't born to follow
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dancer8595
Little by little
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Posted - 17/08/2009 : 04:57:29

Wonderful, Carole, I got carried away with Dusty shopping and I'd never seen the photo of Dusty bouncing on that bed. Thanks for posting.

xx
Kathy



Posted - 17/08/2009 : 09:26:38

Thank you, Carole - a very interesting read. If only such properties were still available for between £20,000 and £40,000, and that an eight-foot-square bed could be had for a mere three hundred quid! 😊

Rosie x

"she's a sweetheart except when she's moody/it's hard to get through to her then..."



Posted - 17/08/2009 : 09:38:15

You beat me to it then Carole! I've posted mine on the wrong thread! 😊
This was actually posted a long time ago, but I realise some folks won't have seen it.

Casxx

'Something in your eyes'



Posted - 19/08/2009 : 16:20:46

Thanks for that Carole.Fascinating!

Chris



Posted - 21/08/2009 : 18:02:25

I've posted lots of 'articles' on another thread, so forgive me if I duplicate any!



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Casx

'Something in your eyes'

Posted - 23/08/2009 : 23:09:49

Thanks for that Cas.

Chris

Chrispld
I'll try anything
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Posted - 24/08/2009 : 19:36:13

Very welcome Chris!

Casx

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I've got a good thing
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Posted - 24/08/2009 : 20:56:54

Thanks Cas - budgie whistles.... LOL Dusty have a bit of decorum.

Wend



Posted - 24/08/2009 : 22:40:41

And she wasn't just writing letters in Darwen, she was making pretty frocks for Einstein 🤔

Carole x

"There's a part of you that's a part of me..."



Posted - 04/09/2009 : 14:39:39

Heres another one to look at, with a few interesting comments! again forgive me if I've already posted this.



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DUSTY WANTS TO BE
EXPLOSIVE!! ★ ★ ★

DUSTY live—positively vivacious in fact—but rather croaky, on the phone from Bolton: no way for a susceptible journalist to interview her, admittedly, but there was no choice since work was keeping her out of town for some time. Anyway, at least I was able to concentrate on what she was saying without being distracted by her visible assets.

First, she had a few enthusiastic words to say about Clive Westlake, composer of her current hit "I Close My Eyes And Count To Ten". Said Dusty: "He's Welsh, very nice, and I'm most grateful. He also wrote 'All I See Is You' for me and half wrote 'Losing You'. The other half was written by my brother Tom. We've known Clive off and on for some years."

Second, a regretful comment about the non-progress of Dusty's film hopes. "I've refused to do the kind of things I get offered. People just don't visualise me in

out of my sleeve. I made a little comment about it and pulled. About 20 yards of bead fell off. Set me thinking—I'd like to devise an explosive dress, most of which could be made to drop off me. Then I could be billed as "The Explosive Miss Springfield!"

"I don't much enjoy shopping for clothes—never do it for the love of it, not even when I'm in foreign places. Oh, I might look around if I were in Turkey or somewhere exotic like that, but not in New York where the shops are too hot, and I hate going in lifts."

EXOTIC MEMPHIS

I'm not sure whether Memphis, Tennessee, qualifies as an exotic town in Dusty's eyes, but in a couple of weeks' time that's where



Casx

'Something in your eyes'



Clive
I'll try anything
★★

Posted - 04/09/2009 : 19:52:26

Thanks for these Cas, loved reading them.



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Chrispld
I'll try anything
★★

Posted - 05/09/2009 : 00:10:37

Again thanks for those clips Cas.Fascinating.!

Chris



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Tim
Where am I going?
☆☆☆



Posted - 05/09/2009 : 20:07:56

Great Cas - thanks!

x

'I still like Daffy Duck. Can't think of anyone I like better. Actually that's who I'm having an affair with. Difficult but rewarding!'

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memphisinlondon
Where am I going?
☆☆☆



Posted - 05/09/2009 : 21:37:22

That last big article is interesting. Dusty was purposefully progressing towards a new Dusty that could broaden her appeal and trying to keep the old one going too.

Thanks Cas. 😊

Memphis
Ever since we met...

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Cas19
Wasn't born to follow
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Posted - 06/09/2009 : 11:22:34

Pleased you all like it, its always nice to get a bit of feed back. Thank you.

Casx

'Something in your eyes'

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Clive
I'll try anything
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Posted - 12/09/2009 : 11:25:39

I found this to be a useful link for mentions of Dusty in newspaper archives. You can also search for pay per view articles which look good.

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q=%22dusty+springfield%22&num=100&as_price=p1&scoring=a&hl=en&sa=N&sugg=d&as_ldate=1965&as_hdate=1969&nav=hist1](http://news.google.com/archivesearch?q=%22dusty+springfield%22&num=100&as_price=p1&scoring=a&hl=en&sa=N&sugg=d&as_ldate=1965&as_hdate=1969&nav=hist1)

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