

Dr. Marcie Leeds Actor (Samantha)

This is a transcript of a telephone interview by Allison

Allison: What are some your fondest memories of the show?

Dr Leeds: When I first met Ron Perlman, that is one of my fondest memories, because he was all made up, in make-up. Ron Perlman is 6'4, 6'5 and you know when you're young, that's huge, and he had this intricate makeup on his face and I'd never seen that before. So when I first met him, that was my fondest memory because he's such a nice, gentle person. Everytime I had to do a scene with him it kind of blew my mind, because he had so much makeup on and then he had to wear that large cloak-like fur jacket, then the hair that he had to have, and all that stuff, was quite amazing. He was quite a sight to behold.

Allison: Do you have a favourite scene or episode that you've done?

Dr. Leeds: There was one scene I was in where, I think (there was) an old friend and they had parted ways and this person didn't like (them) anymore. So this episode is about (this person) kind of invading the underground area, and he takes me hostagem basically, and puts a knife to my neck. And that whole scene is supposed to be during a Christmas party and a time of joy. (Dead of Winter). That was my favourite scene as that was the time I got pretty close to Linda Hamilton, because she kind of rescued me from that situation. That was my favourite episode because everyone was in that one and I got to spend the most time with Ron Perlman. Linda Hamilton and I grew pretty close after that episode, so that was pretty cool.

Allison: Are you still in contact with anybody from the show?

Dr. Leeds: No, I'm not unfortunately. I was after the show, but unfortunately not this far out.

Allison: Do you have any hobbies or interests?

Dr. Leeds: Other than my job? Yeah, I love to cook. I love to travel and because of what I do I don't get much free time, but when I do, those are my two favourite things to do.

Allison: Speaking of your job, I'm sure everyone has asked about the Tuscon shooting. Were you scared at all handling the US Representative?

Dr. Leeds: No. Honestly, I didn't know when it happened who she was. They didn't tell us when they brought her into the trauma bays. We didn't know what had happened, we had no idea actually. Her name wasn't announced when they brought her in. She had a gunshot wound to her head, it was a life or death situation, so your instincts kind of kick in. You don't really think about who the person is, you just think about your training. It wasn't until after that situation and she was already in the hospital, that I got to learn about her and who she was. So, no, I have to say I wasn't nervous. I was very fortunate, but unfortunate, to be part of that situation. They didn't say who she was although they announced that she was a congresswoman. That was about it. My training just kicked in and I didn't think about who the person was or anything. I just thought about their injuries and my goal was to save their life.

Allison: If you could have anything you want to say to the fans after 30 years, what would you say to them?

Dr. Leeds:A. Gosh, I hope that everyone's doing well. That Beauty and the Beast was a legacy, obviously. There are a lot of diehard fans and it will live on forever. (laughs). It was such an amazing experience to be part of that family, even though it was for a short time. I loved the experience and being able to work with such great actors. I wish that we could have a reunion, you know, of some kind now, because I think it would be interesting to talk to everyone and find out where they've been and what they've been doing.

Allison: I really appreciate your talking to me and I hope things go well in the future and I hope you know that the fans are very proud of everything you've accomplished Dr.Leeds: Thank you so much! I really appreciate your reaching out to me.