

Go Bad Girls!

They play some of the hardest nuts on TV, but that doesn't mean the stars of *Bad Girls* can't be glam...

A GROUP OF PUZZLED-LOOKING MEN KEEP staring at the three glamorous girls enjoying a drink in *The Langley*, a stylish bar in London. And it's not just because they look great – there's something vaguely familiar about the giggling trio.

The problem is that the glitzy dresses, swanky bar and champagne are a far cry from the cramped cells and brutal violence of HMP Larkhall – and that's where we've seen Kim Oliver, Pauline

Campbell and Nicole Faraday before. The better known as the characters Buki Lest, McKenzie and Snowball Merriman from prison drama *Bad Girls*.

Fed up of seeing them looking dowdy on screen, we swapped the girls' prison over a sexy cocktail dress. As friends off screen, new look is perfect for their girlie get-together. **● Bad Girls Thursday, 9pm, ITV1**

Pauline Campbell (22), plays Al

As evil Al McKenzie, a tough member of the prison's vicious Peckham Boot Gang, and feisty lesbian, Pauline Campbell never has to worry about make-up or styling on set.

"My character's a dog. She makes no effort and her clothes are the worst in the show," she laughs. "She wears men's jeans with huge turn-ups, and I hate them – I burnt them when we finished filming."

But at least Pauline, who's single and from Clydesdale in Scotland, can show the world she has some style when she's not dressed as Al. "I'm not that bad in real life. I

wear more make-up now than I ever have because I want to look as different as I can from Al. She's as hard as a bloke! Most importantly, now that we've finished filming, I can get a decent haircut. I wasn't allowed to wash it during filming as it had to look really greasy. By the time we'd finished shooting the series, it really smelt.

"All my friends thought I would look really glam when I got into TV but I look shocking. I just want to look like me again!"

Pauline wears: dress, £90, Linea@House of Fraser, 020 7963 2000



PAULINE
BEFORE

Nicole Faraday (25), plays Snowball

At least Nicole Faraday, who plays ex-porn star Snowball Merriman, doesn't have to cope with looking grungy or drab in the show. She spends her days wearing leather miniskirts and stilettos and bearing her boobs to the world.

"I don't have big breasts," admits Nicole. "The wardrobe department work very hard to get mine to look like that!"

"This series I get to ditch that look for a while. Snowball's had her make-up confiscated for blowing up the prison, so she has to wear a grey tracksuit."

In reality, Nicole's style is very

simple and understated – and we'll see more of it when she releases a single later this year.

"I know it's a cliché to be an actress and a pop star, but it's what I want to do. I'm quite folkie – think Norah Jones with a pop edge."

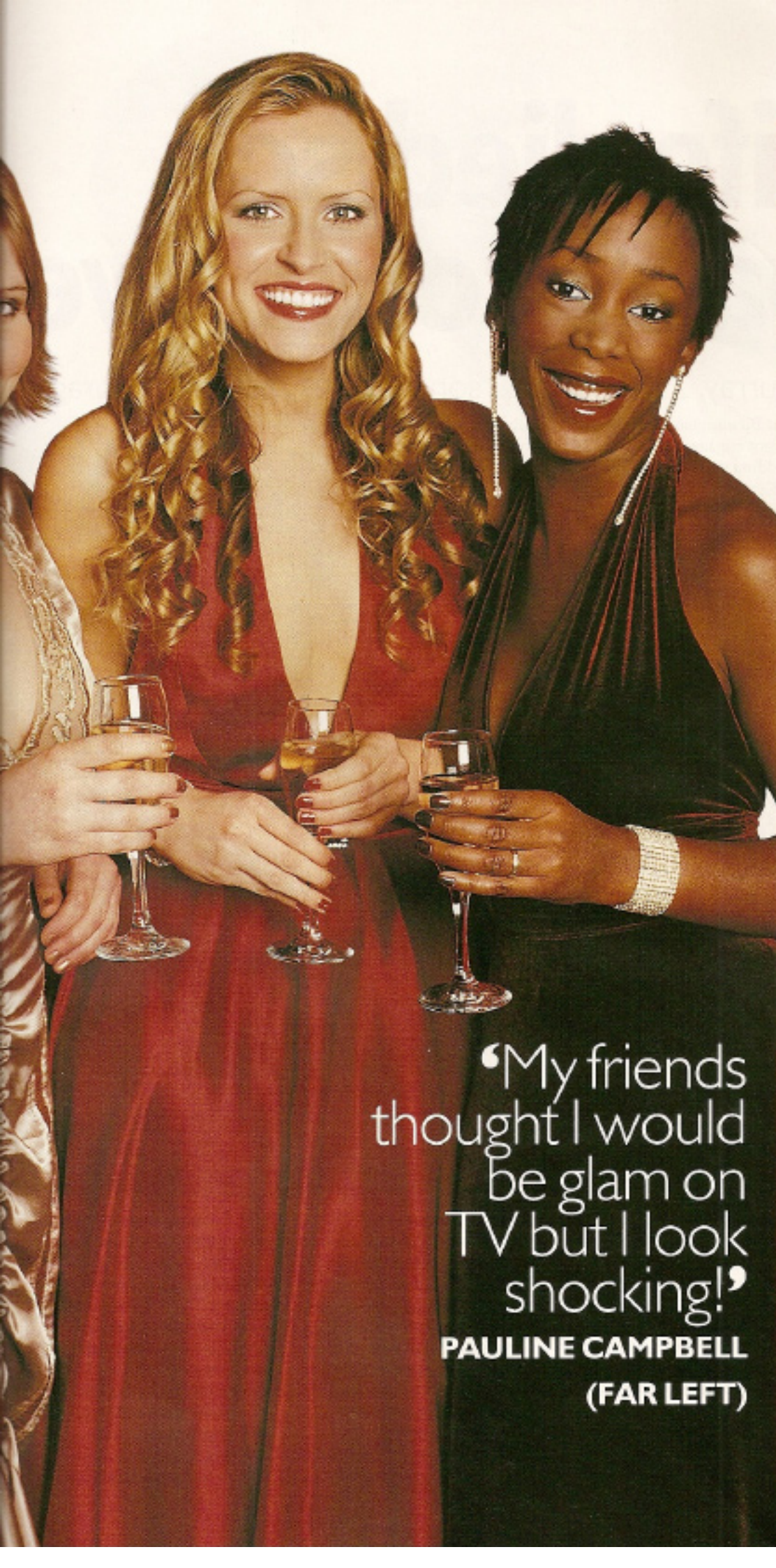
And if that doesn't work out, Nicole has other ideas – she's been working on *Bad Girls – The Musical*.

"It's being put together by the show's scriptwriters," she says. "It's very different – and think of the outfits Snowball would wear!"

Nicole wears: dress, £169, Consortium, 020 7632 1628. Bracelet, £70, Ad Hoc



NICOLE
BEFORE



Kim Oliver, (26) plays Buki

"People are just astounded I scrub up OK," says Kim Oliver, who plays Buki Lester, a drug-abusing teenage prostitute convicted for GBH.

"They say things like, 'You're much prettier in real life,' but I play a crack addict, so that's hardly surprising! And if my hair was that messy, I'd look a right state! I love to wear sexy dresses and jeans with little tops. The sparklier they are, the better!"

And, as a secret pop star with a Top 10 hit under her belt, Kim has had many an occasion to dress up and enjoy a good night out.

She recently co-wrote a single called *Stronger And Beautiful* with her husband Matt Hales from the group Aqualung, and after it was used on the Volkswagen Beetle advert, it hit the charts.

"It's ideal — I get to write songs, but people don't say I'm an actress who's a wannabe pop star," she says.

In fact, it's her "other life" that helps to keep her sane on set.

"When I'm wearing Buki's stained jeans and I've been working an 18-hour day, I really do feel like I'm in prison," she says. "That's why I love enjoying myself and having a laugh. At the end of the day, there's nothing better than going for a few drinks with the girls."

Kim wears: dress, £175, Laundry@House of Fraser. Earrings, £15, and bracelet, £50, both Ad Hoc

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**PAULINE CAMPBELL
(FAR LEFT)**



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BEFORE**