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Steve: Kristen Stewart, welcome to 'Twilight Day' on T4. It's great to see you.

Kristen: Great to see you!

Steve: Are you well?

Kristen: I am.

Steve: Excellent. I want to talk about 'Twilight: New Moon'. Erm, it's the second film in the Twilight saga. Erm, is it more of the same, or completely different? Sell it to me!

Kristen: (*laughs*) Um, actually it is – it's, it's completely different because it completely undermines the entire dynamic that we set up and established in 'Twilight'. I think 'Twilight' is, was very much about youth ... I mean, my side of it, Bella's side of it, was very much about youthful, naïve abandon.

Steve: Delicious, isn't it?

Kristen: Yeah, but there's something so strong. I mean, like, even if you don't know what you're thrusting yourself into, but you're doing it for the right reasons and you're doing it because it feels good and you're following your heart, er, then go for it. And we set up a really, really sort of ideological idea of, of love, and they're devoted absolutely, and to play that I needed to believe in that. And so, when we, when we did 'New Moon' I was, like, 'I don't know how I'm going to believe Jacob'. I mean, that we're going to have to have an extraordinary actor to be able to, er, even, even come close to, to levelling up to the thing that she has with Edward. And, and what she discovers is that she's not only completely not dependent on Edward, she's actually able to build herself back up after the horrible break-up that occurs in the beginning.

Steve: I felt that was quite real, you see, because she's so young. You've got to get out there. You've got to enjoy yourself. And why not? Jacob's gorgeous. Why wouldn't she?

Kristen: Jacob is perfect for her on paper.

Steve: Yeah.

Kristen: Girls don't always choose the best thing for, for them. You know, the easy thing, you know.

Steve: Well, Bella's no exception. She's chosen a hundred-year-old vampire and a guy who can turn himself into a werewolf. It's, er, it's unusual, to say the least.

Kristen: Yes.

Steve: And what party trick does Bella have in this movie? 'Cause obviously, Cullen is a vampire, Jacob's a werewolf. What about Bella, what can she do?

Kristen: Er, she can be herself, all the time, around all of this serious madness that's going on. I mean, most people would just, er, remove themselves from the situation. I mean, a lot of people say that, er, you have a story about a really weak girl who is obsessed with really strong, perfect, ideal men, and that's so not the case. I mean, she's tormented by them, and the fact that she

subjects herself to it, er, because of the way she feels says really, says something about her. And the same goes for Edward and Jacob. I mean, I think the only reason she seems, sort of, the damsel in distress is because it's being told from her perspective. I think if you were to be, if you were to read Edward's, Edward's 'Twilight' it would probably be just as desperate.

Steve: Yeah, yeah, yeah. So, her party trick is putting up with all this crap?

Kristen: Yeah, I mean, she deals with a lot.

Steve: Mm, what about Kristen – you got any party tricks?

Kristen: Uhm, yeah, I've got a few. I mean, I can, like, er ... they're really boring! I can like, er ...

Steve: Bring it! I'll be the judge.

Kristen: I can make, like, a three-leaf clover out of my tongue, but a lot of people can do that. That is a higher step of evolution, if you didn't know that!

Steve: Yes, it is! I was about to say exactly that.

Kristen: Yeah.

Steve: That is pretty good. That is pretty good. I can hold my breath for three minutes.

Kristen: Are you sure?

Steve: 100%.

Kristen: I really, er ... I don't believe you!

Steve: (*laughs*) It's true! I did it quite recently. I have Olympian-sized lungs.

Kristen: That's great! That's great for you.

Steve: I'm just showing off, I'm just showing off. Let's get back to the film. Er, the film sees your character ...

Kristen: Olympian-sized lungs! It sounds so funny to me! I'm sorry, I'm sorry ... go on.

Steve: Honestly, it's 100% true. Erm, er, the film sees your character Bella do some pretty extreme stuff to get Cullen back in her life, like falling off motorbikes, er, cliff jumping, driving around really fast in cars. Erm, I assume because you're such a tender flower, you didn't do any of this!

Kristen: Um, yeah, I'm really, really delicate and afraid of most things. Er, unfortunately, I, I, I would have done it all ...

Steve: But you ...

Kristen: Not really allowed to.

Steve: Of course, yeah.

Kristen: I, I, sort of, I ... the cliff jumping scene, I jumped off a five-foot, sort of, platform ...

- Steve:** That's so disappointing.
- Kristen:** I know, it's pathetic, actually. Uhm, but there were lots of wind machines to really make me feel ...
- Steve:** It was really windy! Ha ha ha!
- Kristen:** It was really windy! And the water sequence was real. I actually was in a massive pool.
- Steve:** Do you have stuff in your eyes? See, as although, you know, I have Olympian lungs, I hate opening my eyes under water.
- Kristen:** Me too. And no, they don't. It was a, just a pool, it was horrible.
- Steve:** Just like, 'get on with it'.
- Kristen:** Yeah, and it was an entire day. By the end of it, I was literally, like, a drowned rat.
- Steve:** Now that's pretty hardcore. I'm impressed. And 'New Moon' – it's all about the love triangle between human, werewolf and vampire. Say that with a straight face – difficult! But if you had to choose between a genuinely hairy, shaggy, smelly old werewolf and a blood-sucking vampire, who would you go for?
- Kristen:** I'd go for the wolf.
- Steve:** The ...? I'm surprised you said that!
- Kristen:** Yeah, I know, because of the way you set it up! Stinky, hairy ... They are the cutest ...
- Steve:** You felt sorry for the werewolf! And you thought ...
- Kristen:** Yeah! No, no, no, they're the ... I mean, I think wolves are awesome. I would, I would love to date a werewolf.
- Steve:** What about the, I mean, the temperament? They're all over the place and like, once a month they go crazy when the moon's out.
- Kristen:** Yeah, but they're true to themselves and they have passion and they're, they are no holds barred. I, I, you know, I would have a really hard time sort of, like, properly sitting at dinner with the vampire. Like, I would, I would be, like, 'I'm bored'. (*She coughs*)
- Steve:** Well, are you OK?
- Kristen:** No, I'm going to die.
- Steve:** (*laughs*) I know CPR, you're OK! You're in good hands.
- Kristen:** (*laughs*)
- Steve:** Thank you so much for joining me on 'Twilight Day on T4'. So good seeing you.
- Kristen:** Thank you for having me.