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The *Boston Legal* eagle hooks up with guest Michael J. Fox this week—and a new *Lost* flashback is on the way

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If your *Boston Legal* character Denise Bauer could represent anyone, who would it be? *Hugh Laurie!* I love him so much. Dr. House would finally kill a patient, and they would actually sue him. So he'd come to me and realize that I'm the woman he's always wanted to be with—only someone as stoic and uptight as Denise can really see through to his soft squishy inner core, and then we'd make mad, passionate love.

You're just saying that because Denise never gets any. But your first official *Boston Legal* hookup is with Michael J. Fox. What's he like? He would kill me for saying it, but he's inspirational. He's going through so much with his disease, but he always has a great attitude. We were treating him like a minor deity, and he rapidly punched holes in that during these long courtroom scenes by writing filthy things on legal pads that can't be repeated in public. He's a very cool guy and a dirty, dirty bird.

Did he make you blush? Hardly. You know, Tim Allen once said, "Julie Bowen is where sailors go before they join the Navy so they learn how to talk." I was very flattered.

How does romance with Michael J. come about? Denise meets this billionaire [played by Fox] who's dying of lung cancer, and he encourages her to live it up a little more. They go home and they're together for four or five episodes, but then he's really sick, so there's some crying. There's always crying for me...

Like when you're in *Lost* flashbacks? Two days in Hawaii working on *Lost* is harder than a month on anything else. My scenes with Matthew Fox are *so* intense. I just shot one that was a total weeper. We had to cry for an entire day.

So are you still married to Jack or what? When he's on the island, he's no longer married. So something has happened.

We don't know if he got a divorce or if I'm dead. And they told me I'd be coming back, so I guess I'm not dead yet.

What is it like being part of the *Lost* tribe? I've never been on a show that is watercooler monumental. I wore a football jersey in an episode and all these people asked me what the numbers on the jersey meant. All it meant was it looked better on me than the pink shirt on the wardrobe rack!

Since you've made out with lots of men—professionally—please rate them. Besides my husband, who is the best kisser ever? On *Ed*, I had such a big crush on Tom Cavanagh, but by the third season it was like kissing my adorable brother. With Michael J. Fox I was so nervous, and that can take away

from a good kiss. Matthew Fox I haven't really kissed other than at our wedding. But I'm going to give the best kiss to John Stamos [*Jake in Progress*]*—that brother knows what he's doing!* He is the only person I've kissed on camera who made me feel like there was no one else in the room. I felt a little like, "Excuse me, I have to go call my husband now."

Tell us about this husband. His name is Scott

Phillips. I always wanted to marry an actor, a bad boy. Give me a tattoo, pierce something, and I'm in! But I married a normal guy. OK, he's weird, but not actor-flaky, I-need-to-sleep-with-strippers weird. He was writing software and now he buys and fixes up houses. I married a geek and ended up with a construction worker.

When are you going to make your parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luetkemeyer—your real name, by the way—grandparents? My sister has had the most perfect baby that ever lived, so that took the pressure off. But I am looking forward to motherhood. We're putting an addition on our house with an eye toward it being filled with an extra person. We're going to build it and see if they come. —*David A. Keeps*

