

The cover of Bust magazine features a portrait of Erykah Badu. She is wearing a headband with a red and white pattern, a red and black checkered jacket with fringe, and multiple gold bangles. She has long, dark, curly hair and is looking upwards. The background consists of vertical stripes in pink, green, and yellow, each with a repeating geometric pattern. The magazine title 'BUST' is at the top in large pink letters. The artist's name 'ERYKAH BADU' is in the center, and the '25th Anniversary Issue' and a list of featured topics are at the bottom.

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Nailed It!

CLAWS' BREAKOUT STAR KARRUECHE TRAN GEARS UP FOR SEASON TWO

IF YOU'RE WONDERING how Karrueche Tran made the leap from gossip blog mainstay to starring on *Claws*—one of the wildest dramas on television—you're not the only one surprised by her remarkable transition. "I never expected to become an actor, to be honest," says Tran.

She almost makes it sound easy. But the 30-year-old Los Angeles native is so sunny and relaxed she can make anything sound like a walk in the park. The truth is, however, she put in work. As a Hollywood stylist and model in her early-20s, she was fielding reality show offers that she "didn't see longevity in," so she decided to give acting a try instead—first, with a one-line role in a made-for-TV horror film. It was enough to pique her interest and soon she joined the cast of the Daytime Emmy-winning web series *The Bay*. ➡

PHOTOGRAPHED BY ELISABETH CAREN

Tran was in acting classes several days a week in 2016 when she finally landed her breakout role of Virginia, the short-shorts-wearing newbie manicurist on the TNT drama *Claws*, now entering its second season. As Virginia, Tran's been able to win over critics and silence social media naysayers who dismissed her as nothing more than R&B singer Chris Brown's ex. And on-set, she's in excellent company—Niecy Nash leads the female *Claws* ensemble, and Rashida Jones produces. "This type of show is typically male dominated," says Tran. "It's about drugs, sex, and crime, which usually you see on male-driven shows. But this show is all about women. I love it!"

Before *Claws*, Tran's most famous TV appearance was on a 2015 episode of the OWN network show *Iyanla: Fix My Life*, during which she discussed the end of her violent relationship with Brown. "Women have reached out to me ever since my *Iyanla* interview. A lot of women reached out saying my story helped them. That helped me get over my own weird feelings about sharing so much," says Tran, who, last year, was granted a five-year restraining order against Brown after alleging in court documents that he'd been abusive during their relationship and continued to threaten her.

Thankfully, all of that's in the rear view for Tran, and it seems she couldn't be happier. "It feels great," she says of the success of her show. "I feel so lucky to be doing this and to be a woman in these times." —SABRINA FORD



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