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Now that you can watch her on the big screen, trapped by a maniac in a physical and emotional nightmare, Emmanuelle Vaugier's film career is bound to take off.

Vaugier plays Addison, a good looking tough girl, who is one of the eight victims in Saw II, which opened on Friday. Her character is described as "beautiful" and "unyielding", both adjectives that could fit the hard-working actress.

Until now, Vaugier, who lives in Vancouver and Los Angeles, has maintained a steady career without garnering much celebrity. Over the past decade, she's been in more than 25 movies and more than 50 television episodes – but none of her projects have been as big as Saw II.

"Saw has been wonderful," says Vaugier 29, over the phone from the set of the sitcom Monk, where she's a quest actor. "The fans are so excited about it... We've had so many positive reviews so far."

While making such a blood-curdling film was a great experience, Vaugier says being freaked out all day wasn't always easy.

"We shot on stage in Toronto and the set was so good that once you stepped on it, it was easy to get into character," she says. "It was physically and emotionally draining because your body's tense all day," she says.

In real life, Vaugier comes across as a very relaxed and down-to-earth person. She's shared onscreen kisses with Josh Hartnett in 40 Days and 40 Nights and she's been cast as Charlie Sheen's love interest on the sitcom Two and a Half Men. But even being in close proximity with celebrity hotties, she says she doesn't really get star-struck.

Vaugier just isn't into celebrity trappings. She says she likes to wear jeans, walk her two poodles -Lily, 10, and Isabelle, six - and describes herself as "casual."

"Beauty fades," she says. "A really good heart, a great sense of humour and intelligence are important. But honestly, looks are so superficial."

After you're scared silly by Saw II, you can get a more upbeat Vaugier fix in her upcoming Sci-Fi channel movie, Painkiller Jane. She plays Jane, a crime-fighting action hero with healing powers.

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