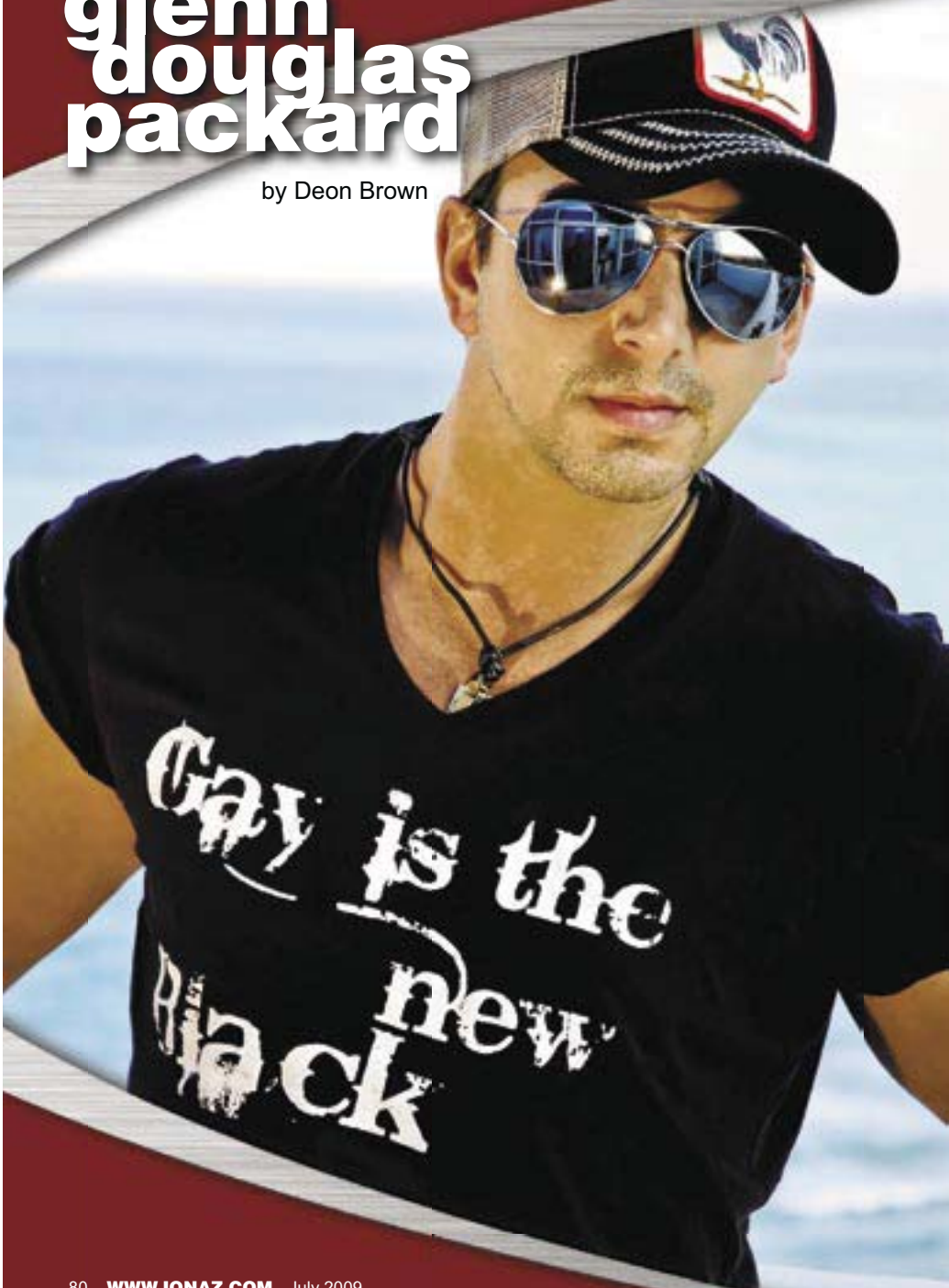


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by Deon Brown



"Hi, ho, the derry-o the farmer's in the dell."

But he didn't stay there. Glenn Douglas Packard was raised on a dairy farm and studied Dairy Farm Management in college. After a life-threatening tractor accident and almost dying, Glenn pursued his real love: dancing, taking his first lesson at 21-years-old. After a stint in the boyband twONeT (21), he choreographed, danced, and performed for and with show business luminaries including Michael Jackson, Pink, Missy Elliott, Usher, Nelly Furtado and legendary icon Liza Minnelli. Glenn currently co-stars on celeb reality show *Brooke Knows Best* as Hogan's sizzling gay bff along with gal pal Ashley Menendez. Glenn talked with *ION Arizona* about his life, ideas, goals, his new, sexy boyfriend, Daniel Miagany and answered our quirky questions. Despite life in the spotlight, Glenn shines through as a polite, friendly, funny, thoughtful, deeply caring man and devoted friend who cares about family and those around him. Glenn proved to *ION Arizona* why he's America's Favorite Fudge Packard.

ION: You grew up on a dairy farm in Michigan. You were in a boy band, you're an Emmy nominated choreographer, designer, entertainer and celeb reality show tenderoni. Now you're milking applause instead of milking a cow. From Holsteins to homos. Glenn, compare and contrast for us.

GDP: (Laughs) That's great! Oh my God! There's a *big* difference! Milking cows ... that lifestyle is very wholesome and pure. The entertainment business is different than the farming life. It really is like *The Beverly Hillbillies*. I've gone from being a country boy to being all of a sudden in the spotlight in city life and Miami life. It's two different ends of the spectrum but at the same time I'm so glad the way I was brought up. I really was a small-town farmboy. Then, the next thing you know, I'm traveling the world, in a boy band, dancing. It's a dog-eat-dog world out there, and I'm out here right now trying to

make things happen for myself. If they open the doors for me, I gotta walk through it. But I'm enjoying the responsibility I have now, being kind of a role model to young gay men and women out there.

ION: This season on *Brooke Knows Best*, you visit Cape Canaveral. You'd like to be an astronaut. If you were stuck in a *Survivor* meets *Real World* reality show in outer space, who would your co-starring astronauts be?

GDP: I wanna do that really bad! My co-stars? Candis Cayne, [*Starbooty*, *Dirty Sexy Money*] for sure. We've been friends for a long, long time - since our New York City days. She would be entertaining us the whole entire time. I'd definitely have to go with my new sex symbol boyfriend, Daniel Miagany. I'd have to take Sandra Bullock - I just love her to death. Definitely going to bring Mom, 'cause I always want to take her on trips with me, the cast of *Big Love*. And Chelsea Handler. I *really* want to be on her show!

ION: You wouldn't bring Janice Dickinson or Joan Rivers?

GDP: Oh my God, I do not need that kind of drama! One person I'm definitely *not* bringing is Spencer Pratt, that's for sure!

ION: There is an episode of *Brooke Knows Best* where you agree to date a girl if Brooke and Ashley do, too. As a gay man, wasn't this trickery disingenuous?



GDP: People have taken it both ways, definitely. It's true. Afterwards we let the girls know. It was unfortunate that they were part of an experiment, but they were excited, actually, although my girl was a *little* disappointed. *(Laughs)* She was hoping she was gonna be a regular on the show, I think, and be my girlfriend. She planned on going over to the penthouse; she was planning on coming up and staying. That's why I kissed her at the car, because, I thought, "If she comes over I'm gonna end up having to take her to my room and I can't say, 'no' because I gotta play the part."

I put a poll up on MySpace: "Who's the better kisser? Brooke, Ashley or Glenn?" So much of it's edited; we talked a lot about the kiss - me, Ashley and Brooke -- what kind of a kiss we were gonna deliver, and I told them, "I'm gonna deliver an Oscar award winning kiss." Or hopefully I get the MTV award next year!

ION: You were inspired to dance after surviving a near-fatal farming accident. You were also engaged. Which was more frightening?

GDP: *(Laughs)* Being engaged to a woman was very frightening, but being engaged was actually really amazing. I want to be engaged; I want to be married. I'm a very family oriented man. Being engaged to a woman was probably the scariest thing because I realized I was doing the wrong thing.



Nearly losing my leg was extremely scary because I almost had it amputated. But it changed my life for the better; it basically ended up taking me to, and being the person I am now because of my near-death experience.

ION: You have a very decent, spiritual side to you.

GDP: Thank you so much. A lot of people still haven't really learned that about me and haven't talked much about that. They always want to talk being gay, but there's so much more to me and my story. I went to Michigan in one of the episodes where I give this whole speech in front of our

school to inspire young kids. I stood up there for 45 minutes and told my story. I mentioned a little bit about the gay topic and of course they used that for the show. But the real facts of my story was that something really horrible happened in my life, and that I turned it around and made it into something really positive. It took a near-death experience for that to happen to me. And I'm trying to teach people, "Don't let that happen to you. Don't make a near-death experience change your life. Do your changes, do what you want to do; find your passion and make those changes now." There's a lot more to me; I'm really excited. I'm the kind of person who loves helping people. I'm getting lots of e-mails from young, gay men who are scared to come out and are going through those things. Even though I'm in it so much, involved with being in L.A., New York, and Miami. There are so many people - even in adulthood - who are still really, having problems. But I've really been able to

embrace that, too.

There's more to me than just being gay.

ION: Rumor has it that you're a bit of a prima donna, Glenn. You addressed this by throwing a "star fit" in a self-parody on YouTube. Has celebrity affected you?

GDP: Anybody who knows me and loves me - my family and my close friends -- they all know what kind of person I am, for sure. The limelight, and the spotlight, right now, has only made me a determined person. It has made me somebody who wants to get further in my career. So if that makes me come across as a "diva," that's not what it is. I'm just really striving hard to get where I want to be.

ION: Glenn, you're a hot biscuit! Have you had any good stalkers?

GDP: I have, actually! I've had some really interesting proposals. I've had a lot of guys wanting to fly me to stay with them. Somebody who has a ranch somewhere asked me to stay with him for a week. I've had a lot of female offers, which I didn't really mind. The craziest one probably, are young boys who say, "I would love for you to spank me." Where are their parents? It's kinda sad. Because young boys don't have a place to meet others their own age who are going through what they're going through tend to go on the internet, I guess. On my MySpace blog I told all the young boys they had to stop leaving me those messages because I thought it was really wrong.

ION: Tell us a secret about yourself that you'd like our readers to know.

GDP: *(Pauses)* I wanna give you something good ... Probably, if I wasn't in the business, I would be a fat girl. For sure. I wish I could just eat what I wanted, not have to go the gym all the time. I'm secretly a fat girl. I would just love to be home, taking care of the kids, the house, and tending to my husband when he gets home.

ION: You had a command performance to dance for Mohammed VI of Morocco. So a Queen danced for a King! Anyone else on

the international stage you're yearning to dance for?

GDP: Madonna. I really wish I had the opportunity to work with her. She really inspired me a lot with her freedom of speech and just being who she is, kind of telling everyone else to "fuck off." I would have loved to have worked with her at one point in my career. And I have an appreciation for country music now. I want to work with country music artists!

ION: You're starting a recycled clothing line. Does that mean that we can buy a pair of your very own underwear?

GDP: Dear God! *"They can be yours, too, for the low price of \$9.99! And if you act now, you get a free pair off socks! I won't wash the pair that I'm wearing right now!"* Ashley's really into the "Green" movement; she inspired me. I have all these clothes that I need to start doing stuff with, so I started taking my clothes and "funk-a-fying" them - which was taking pieces of a tie, adding it to a sweatshirt, taking a pair of jeans and putting the pocket on my t-shirt and doing the same thing with vests and other t-shirts. I realized that this is something I could probably do for a lot of people - they could send me some of their clothes and I



could
"add a piece
of Glenn" to their clothing!
It became this thing, so it's a clothing line
I started called, "Funk-A-Fy." I've always
been a creative person. I'm really attracted
to people who are really creative, too.
Something I love to surround
myself around.

ION: You have
a boyfriend
- model and
Club Papi
dancer
Daniel
Miagany.
Do you
know how
many gay
hearts
you've just
broken?

GDP: Oh, no!
Not as many
as he's probably
just broken, that's
for sure! It's been eight
months and going strong!
A relationship's very new to
him. If you know much about me you know
that I wear my heart on my sleeve and I'm a
sincere kind of guy. We're working on a really
sexy calendar together. That's what he does,
and I thought, "Why not?" He's on a couple of
episodes coming up.

ION: You're developing a comic book
series with co-star Ashley Menendez
called "Team of Heroes." Glenn, if you
were a superhero, what what would your
superpowers be?

GDP: There's so many! *Hmmm ...* I'm a
comic book freak, definitely! Actually, my
characters have all these powers - I don't
want to give any of them away. I'm excited!



Daniel Miagany &
Glenn Douglas Packard

I'm six
degrees of separation
away from Joe Quesada, editor-in-chief at
Marvel Comics. Next month I'm going to New
York with Ashley, and this person is setting
up a lunch meeting. I'm so excited, you have
no idea! I've been doing this kinda my whole
life - this business - a long time, meeting
all these big names. But the only time I get
starstruck is when I see someone
who's in comic books! I'll
wait in line to have them
sign a comic book for
me.

But my power?
You know what
I'd love to
be able to
do? I wish
that I could
be invisible
sometimes.
And that's
because
sometimes I
want to know
the truth about
people and I
don't know if I get
the truth out of them,
and think that if I were
invisible I would know the
truth -- and it would set me free.

ION: Okay, Glenn ... *Hogan Knows Best*,
Brooke Knows Best. Tell us, who really
knows best?

GDP: *Hmmm ...* My mom! You know what,
that's the honest to goodness truth! And I'll
send her a copy of this. But my mom knows
best! That's for sure!

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