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Laura Vandervoort is a total sci-fi geek. She's even created (and will soon be producing) *Super Duper Deella*, a young-adult TV series centred around a teen with superpowers.

ALPHA WOLF

TORONTO-BORN ACTRESS LAURA VANDERVOORT ROSE TO STARDOM PLAYING

SUPERGIRL ON *SMALLVILLE* AND THEN AN ALIEN IN THE REMAKE OF *V*. NOW LAURA HAS LANDED HERSELF ANOTHER PLUM ROLE, THIS TIME AS A WEREWOLF IN THE NEW CANADIAN TV SERIES *BITTEN*.

So, are girl-next-door roles just too dull for Laura? "I used to do them, but lately it has been mostly sci-fi. I love playing strong women, and sci-fi tends toward that. I must say that *Bitten* is my favourite project yet in terms of character: I love Elena's independence and all the action involved." For those who haven't read the *Women of the Otherworld* series by Kelley Armstrong (upon which the show is based), here's a quick rundown: Laura's character, Elena Michaels, is the world's only female werewolf. She just wants to live as a human, but events in her pack are pulling her back into a life of violence. "She's torn between the pack—that family mentality—and having a normal life in Toronto, where she is established as a photographer and lives with her boyfriend. She's very strong and smart," says Laura, whose martial-arts training is a real help during fight scenes. When asked what we're going to love about the show, her reply was "It's *True Blood* meets *The Sopranos*—with families looking out for each other no matter what, bloodshed and great romance too." Sold! On Space this January.



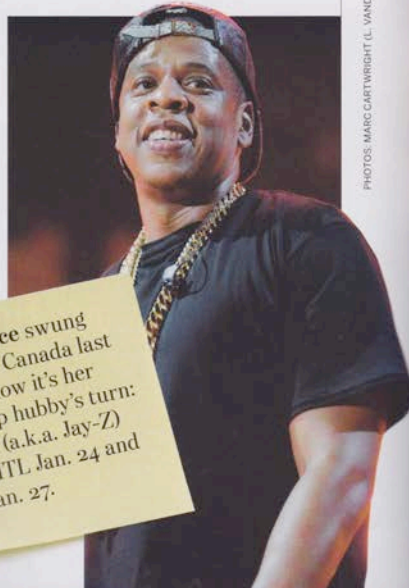
The Royal Oui romantics all the way!

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She is Adrienne Pierce, the singer known for having tunes in shows like *The L Word* and *Grey's Anatomy*. He is Ari Shine, nominated at the 2012 Grammys for Americana Album of the Year and who has a song in the upcoming Claire Danes film, *As Cool as I Am*. Together, the Vancouver husband and wife are The Royal Oui, a folksy, romantic pop duo that wended its way to our ears with the launch



of a cool EP in October. February 11 sees the arrival of the band's first full-length album. Sweet! THE ROYAL OUI BY THE ROYAL OUI FILM \$11.99



@Beyonce swung through Canada last July - now it's her hip-hop hubby's turn: @S_C (a.k.a. Jay-Z) hits MTL Jan. 24 and TO Jan. 27.

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