

■ **GENERAL HOSPITAL** fans tuning in to **PASSIONS** might not recognize Danica Stewart. When she played GH's Maxie in 2002, the actress sported naturally blonde hair. Stewart joined **PASSIONS** as Jessica last summer with a dark chocolate 'do that gives her a dramatically different look.

Digest: Whose idea was this drastic change?

Danica Stewart: It was actually **PASSIONS**'s. I was cast as a blonde, but they saw me as a brunette. The original character was a brunette.

Digest: Was there any resistance to the change?

Stewart: Not at all. I was very excited! And if it's

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Not Afraid Of The Dark: Natural blonde Danica Stewart (Jessica, **PASSIONS**) was excited to explore the dark side.

Digest: Do guys treat you differently?

Stewart: Yeah. Maybe because I'm more approachable as a brunette than I was as a blonde, although I don't act any differently than I did [before].

Digest: Girls?

Stewart: Sometimes, I think they take me just a little bit more seriously.

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between getting a job and coloring my hair — I'd rather have the job!

Digest: Was it hard to get your hair brown?

Family Planning: As GH's Maxie, Stewart had light locks, like her on-screen mom, Felicia (Kristina Wagner) ...



was still coming through. The second time, the color was perfect! I get my roots touched up every four weeks. My roots look almost white — which makes it look like my hair is falling out!

Digest: Do you act differently as a brunette?

Stewart: I've gotten more compliments on my dark hair, more than I ever did as a blonde — "Your hair color is so pretty! It's probably natural, isn't it [laughs]?"

Before, I always felt like I had to prove myself as a blonde. I really do love being a brunette! □



... and newly brunette, Stewart resembles her **PASSIONS** sister, Kay (Heidi Mueller).