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'I've had a complete personality overhaul since working on *The L Word* – I was 24 when it started, now I'm almost 30. I've grown up on that show'

ask Kate if she's ever sought solace from self-help books: 'They're just a lot of verbal masturbation. Most of what you'll read in those books is common sense. I've never read one from cover to cover, but when I need to hear something I already know, I guess they're reassuring to turn to.'

I've always had a bit of a soft spot for Katherine Moennig. I hate to admit it, as I can't bear the thought of being lumped together with all those superfans who set up camp outside her house and mob her at conventions.

But I'm secretly quite pleased that she's charming and chatty on the phone, and I'm secretly even more pleased that she's lying in bed wearing nothing but pyjama bottoms (I'm glad I had the gall to ask).

So when she says in that husky, just-woken-up voice, 'Hey, let me ask you something now... what are *you* wearing?', I first thank God I'm in Paul Smith boxer shorts and a sexy vest top, not my usual round-the-house garb, and then I go a little bit weak at the knees: 'Are we having phone sex?'

I laugh, she laughs, and I hear her publicist – who's been silently listening in to the call the whole time – take a sharp intake of breath: 'Two minutes of the interview remaining,' she chimes in. So, no time to ask Kate about her charity for gay homeless kids, what she makes of being voted a style icon by 44% of *DIVA* readers and how she likes her latest hairstyle...

'Be well,' she says, signing off. Thanks Kate – I'm feeling better already. **D**

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