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The *Daily Show With Trevor Noah* correspondent, comic, actress, and cohost of the podcast *2 Dope Queens* talks to Cosmo about sex, politics, and who she wants to see in the White House.

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"SOMETIMES I SWITCH INTO 'JESSICA, THE DAILY SHOW CHARACTER' MODE. I HATE CONFRONTATION AND WHEN THINGS GET WEIRD, BUT SHE DOESN'T."

Q/ Do you get to cover anything you want on *The Daily Show*? "Pretty much. We're allowed to do things that interest us, which is amazing. I did segments on catcalling, campus sexual assault, and black hair in the military that I loved."

Q/ You've spoken about how the comedy world ignores black women. Has it gotten any better or worse? "Better. We have social media, and when there are so many supertalented people of color on YouTube, Vine, and Instagram, it's so glaring that they're not on our TVs as much as they should be."

Q/ Let's talk about your personal life. Love lessons you've learned? "Don't try to fix anyone. I used to like one guy who never had it together. I thought one day he *would* get it together, but it never happened. Now I'm in a great relationship with someone who handles his business. He goes to the dentist on his own, once every three months. I'm like, 'Look at this beautiful adult man.' What's nice about being with an equal is that *I'm* allowed to not have it together sometimes. I'm a go-to-the-dentist-maybe-once-a-year kind of person. I get to be a human being, not a cyborg who's trying to fix every problem."

Q/ What's something about sex you wish guys would figure out already? "Don't be

weird! I was sort of a late bloomer—I lost my virginity at 25. But I'm thinking about my friends' experiences, and 85 percent are of dudes being weird! They say things they saw in a porno, or I've been hearing about dudes who critique women's bodies after hooking up. 'Maybe you should get into the gym.' That's insane! Be less weird, and just be a considerate human being."

Q/ Was being a late bloomer good or bad? "Both. It was good because I focused on my career. But it was bad because it gave me anxiety. I grew up super Christian. Both my parents are ministers, and I did a purity ceremony when I was a teenager. Growing up, I always thought I was going to hell if I had sex. When I realized that I did want to have sex before marriage, I had all this anxiety about it. At a bar, I would just be thinking about how sex would be. So I don't regret it because I had to constantly question where I was emotionally to feel ready. It did, on the other hand, give me a ton of anxiety about an actual penis and vagina transaction."

Q/ Since we're in an election year, who's on your ideal ticket? "Oprah for president and Beyoncé for VP. Beyoncé can't be president because she's still got albums to drop. But O, she can kick some ass and run an empire."

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