

Rooney Mara had a hard time convincing Director David Fincher that she was right for the role. But mentally she had what he needed. As Rooney told Vogue, "I've always been sort of a loner. I didn't play team sports. I am better one-on-one than in big groups. I can understand wanting to be invisible and mistrusting people and wanting to understand everything before you engage with the world." After numerous callbacks Fincher finally started to embrace Rooney as his number one choice. Rooney was lovable but also strange. Fincher embraced Rooney's strangeness saying, "She's a weirdo. She's a great weird." Rooney Mara who looked sweet and beautiful in Fincher's *The Social Network*, but she had to go through a tremendous physical transformation to become the alien like creature Fincher wanted. And so began an agonizing period for Mara. "It was like, 'Come in. We need you to do this, we need you to

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