

# To Jupiter and beyond

## Seeing double

Our reporter Thomas Chaigneau brings you today an exclusive interview of a sideshow performer, or to be exact, of two sideshow performers from the Freak Show "Miss Elsa's cabinet of Curiosity": Bette and Dot, the conjoined twin sisters. Their one-of-a-kind body will freak you out, but we do hope that by pointing the spotlights on them, you will grow into liking them as much as we have.



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After a journalism degree, Thomas went on many journeys, following his instinct but mostly his boss' orders, seeking for the one scandal that could shake the world.



Bett (left) and Dot (right)

**T.C:** Good evening! Thank you so much for accepting my invitation to talk about your disability!

**B:** But thank you! Thank you for this, for what you proposed us! We are more than glad to shed light on our condition!

**D:** First off, it isn't a disability nor a condition. It is what we are.

**T.C:** I'm surprised by the fact that you refer to yourself as two different person, and not one as a whole. Should I be referring about you this way?

**D:** Precisely.

**T.C:** Seems like we have found a talkative one! Jokes aside, you share the same body, but you do not seem to share the same personality. Am I mistaken?

**B:** You are not, while I try to enjoy life as much as our body allows me to, my sister has decided to sit in a corner and wait for our demise in boredom, figuratively of course.

**T.C:** You said moments ago that "this", the fact that you share a body, is what you are. Would you care to explain furthermore?

**D:** People always treat us as if we had a contagious sickness. They fear that, if they look at us, they will end up having a child, a nephew, a niece who would end up with the same "sickness" as they would put it.

**B:** This was not the case for Miss Elsa though!

**T.C:** You just offered me a perfect transition! I have heard about her, but there seems to be a taboo around here. When I asked about her, a few people laughed, a few people cried, most people were silent.

**B:** Well, Miss Elsa is a businesswoman who handles the eponym freak show "Miss Elsa's cabinet of Curiosity" in which we take part.



**T.C:** Yes, that part I understood. What I am trying to know, is who she is for you.

**D:** Who are you, the police?

**B:** Don't let her bother you. Well, Miss Elsa is like a mother to us. What? Yes, indeed Dot, a second mother to us. We unfortunately lost our mom some time ago, and my sister doesn't seem to be over this yet. The truth is, before she found us, we were lost at sea, a sea filled with sharks who couldn't wait to bite us ferociously.

**T.C:** Sharks?

**B:** Well, yes. I mean, sort of. If regular people are not interested in us, weird people are. Who wouldn't want to have a woman with two heads to sell off, to use as a sex worker. No one cares about us, we are the orphans of this society, except for the fact that orphans are actually looked after to some extent. However, in our case, not a single soul will care for us, we have to look after ourselves, and even though we might come off people who hate each other, I have to thank my sister for her help though tough times.

**T.C:** Has this feeling of fear, of apprehension disappeared when you joined the group?

**B:** Absolutely! People here understand us more than any one of you could even begin to. I, we once again feel at home, surrounded by people who care after us, whether it'd be Miss Elsa, Jimmy, Desiree, and others.

**T.C:** And where do you see yourself in ten, twenty years?

**D:** Away from my sister, oh gosh if you knew just what that would mean to me! I have been thriving to get the money we need for a separation surgery.

**B:** But you know that the chances of one of us dying is high. Are you sure that this is the end you wish for us, one dies, and the other one is physically and mentally impaired by the experience.

**D:** We have been over this a thousand times already, and I am holding my grounds, at least once in this lifetime. I want the surgery. You are into Jimmy, and I am not, so how are we going to solve this issue? Tell me if you have the remedy to every one of our problems. Now would be a good time.

**T.C:** That wraps it up for us ladies, we are running out of time here, but it sure was a pleasure for me to talk with you. Whether or not you end up having this surgery, I do hope and wish that whatever you will have to go through from now on, you will find the strength and the courage to fend off any problem or issue.