

Since childhood Acelina has believed in a fairytale about Cinderella - a young woman, magically transforming from a slob to a wonderful princess. She was dreaming -"I wish I had a godmother like this, who would make a carriage out of a pumpkin, wonderful horses out of mice and a ball dress out of an old one, all in a move of a magic wand." Despite that she never forgot how hard that young woman worked: washing, cooking, knitting, cleaning rooms, also dancing and singing on the way. She was of a very patient and kind character and was always in a good mood.

Acelina tells a story "I had a dream about me in Cannes on a Fashion TV Model Awards. The most beautiful women of the world. I am among them. The jury are the coolest people in show business and the director of Fashion TV Michael Adam. Among the audience - VIP's of modeling and show businesses.

And suddenly the host Sinisha Lazarevych announces: "The best models of the world are... Acelina, Kazakhstan.". What a pity it was to wake up. And then suddenly I am pushed by a friend of mine Agnieshka: "Go now, congratulations!"

This is not a dream, it's me, Acel Kuchukova, standing on this stage and not believing in what is happening! Everything is as it was foggy: is this real?

Yes, it happened! At that moment, standing in the light of spotlights, you are not controlling your thoughts, not even controlling the facial expression. You forget that you have to take 5 steps toward proscenium. Again somebody pushes you from the back: "Mademoiselle, two steps forward!" But you still can't wake up blankly staring in the direction of the host, then the audience.

At that moment six tough years fly by in your head, during which you were going toward a "high" podium. There were victories - in Astana on a "Miss Presentation" I became "Miss Inspiration. But there were losses, which did not cause anger or hatred, they gave power to move forward.

I believe in miracles, I wait for them very patiently. First one happened when our agency San Bell was making a show of collections at "Admiral Nelson". And then saw that a man was giving me a standing ovation. At that point I did not know he was the director of my favorite channel Fashion-TV.

Another miracle happened when I was invited to take part in a Fashion-TV Model Awards 2003 competition.

I thus found myself in France, in Monte-Carlo. My day was scheduled by minutes: photoshoots, rehearsals, interviews. Every single step was documented and broadcasted all around the world. A horrific rhythm, terrible tension! You have to "keep a face on", answer 20 unexpected questions in 5 minutes, again and again. Even though we had almost no free time, as soon as it was there, loneliness crept in. Being a girl from Almaty who had never been so far from home, I wanted to cry on a shoulder of somebody from my family. But, sadly enough, all of them were at home. I had to find strength to pull myself together and move forward! It was good to at least feel support of the host from Moscow, Sinisha Lazarevych.

There were also good moments. I happened to be at the "Music Awards" and saw famous people like: Mariah Carey, Pink, prince Albert. We were introduced to the prince, and had a very nice conversation.

The third miracle happened in October 2003 when I found out that I was accepted into the finals of Fashion-TV Model Awards and that they were waiting for me in Cannes. For me taking part was already a big reason to be happy, I had not even hoped for finals! I express a big gratitude to the people who voted for me on the Internet. And now another victory: I am among the five most beautiful women in the world!

I have always been grateful to my teachers, have good memories with them. They helped me shape myself as a person, a model: Tylegen Muhamedzhanov, Igor Gorbatenko,

Elena Kamendrovskaya, my mother, brother and father, whom I almost don't remember, but his genes live inside of me and don't ever let me give up, they keep me going.

I think you can not get used to miracles. Yet here it is, the forth miracle - a week of high-end fashion in Paris! Never, even in the bravest dreams of mine, had I thought that I will be working the world's most famous Couturier : Frank Bocklet, Francesco Smalto, Dominique Sirop (by the way, our delegation: me, Elena Kritskaya, Zhenni Kadirova, Ilyas Ruizev and the scout-director San Bell Saken Zhksibaev, wished Happy Birthday to the Masestro!)

What am I dreaming of now? Of self-actualize myself in life, like my mother. Create a friendly family with kids and an attentive, understanding husband. Becoming the leader of a big company, and work with it for a while. Go to Italy and work there.

There are so many amazing and interesting things in this world! I will be able to do anything, for I am an Aries.

P.S. Fashion show is always magical. But the most interesting things are hidden from the audience. Today you can go behind the scenes of the show and appear among the creators of this fairytale.