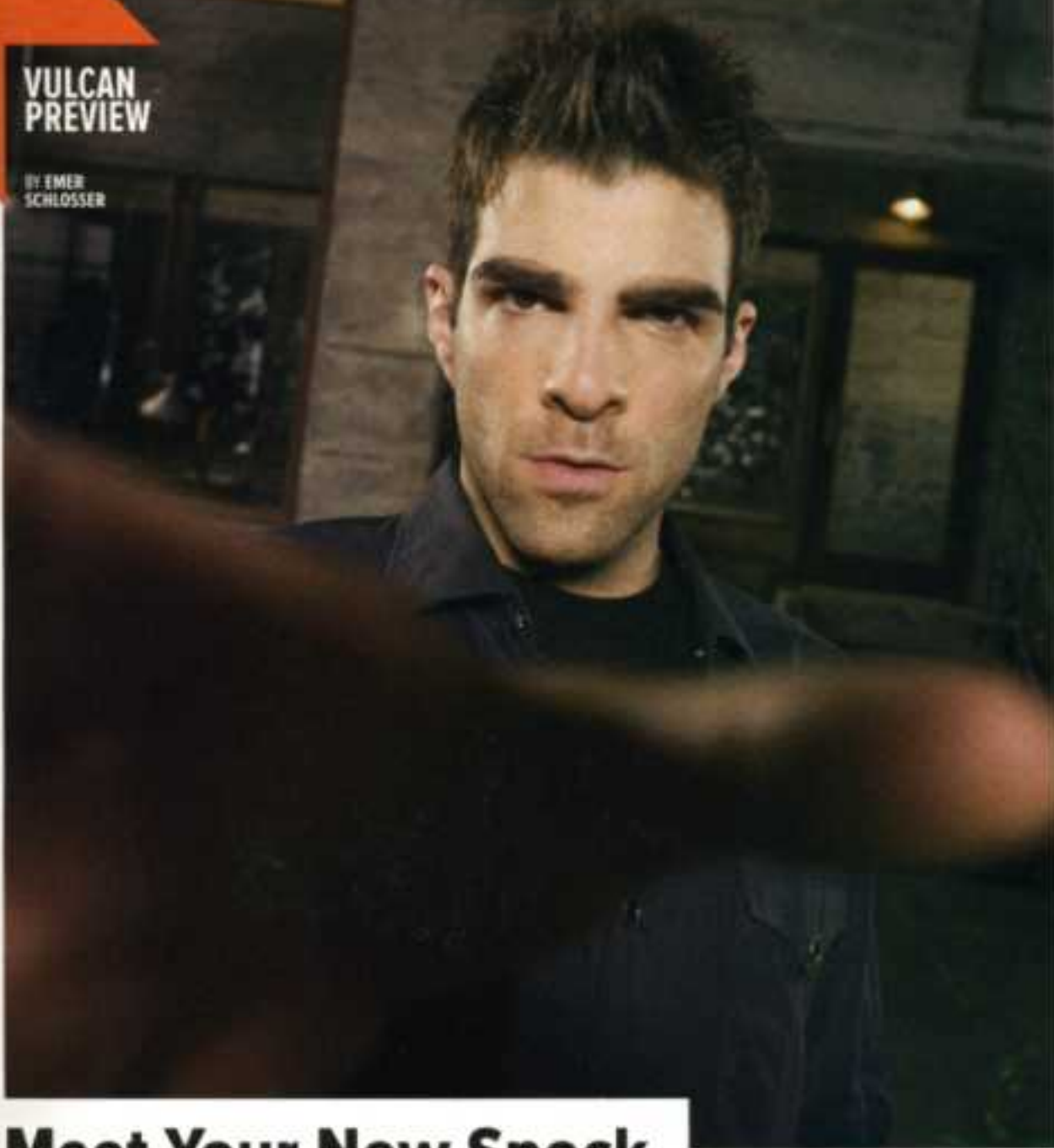


## VULCAN PREVIEW

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# Meet Your New Spock

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**T**here's a good chance this could be the first time you're reading the name Zachary Quinto. You can bet it won't be the last.

Quinto doesn't have a Cinderella story. He wasn't discovered one day, plucked from obscurity and fast-tracked to stardom. In his own words, Quinto's trip was "one of those eight-year overnight success stories" — a journey that includes the short-lived TV series *So NoTORious*, the hit series *Heroes* and the forthcoming *Star Trek* movie.

Prior to starring as Tori Spelling's gay best friend in *So NoTORious*, Quinto turned up on an episode of *Six Feet Under* and landed a gig on *24*. "I'm not a big pop-TV guy, so I'd never seen an episode of *90210*," Quinto told *Inside E*, admitting initial reluctance to becoming involved with Tori Spelling. "She surprised me. She was such a delight and we got along so well, and the writers were really

smart and really funny," Quinto said. "It was unfortunate *So NoTORious* didn't find an audience because it received such acclaim, critically."

But there wasn't much time for mourning before Quinto joined the cast of *Heroes*, playing the maniacal über-villain Sylar, who stalks mutant-like heroes, pilfering their powers while destroying them.

In his first move to the big screen, Quinto has some rather large pointy ears to fill as a young Spock in the upcoming *Star Trek* prequel. "There's no trepidation. There's only excitement and gratitude," Quinto said. "I'm sure there's a lot of speculation and expectation and attention being paid to this project, and the fact that I'm stepping into such an iconic role."

With no sense of ego at all, and a softspoken sincerity and determination, Quinto is a refreshing addition to Young Hollywood. ■

### Hit List



Tori Spelling's sitcom *So NoTORious* was Quinto's first big gig.



Quinto hit the bigtime when he landed the role of Sylar on *Heroes*.



... And will now take over from Leonard Nimoy in *Star Trek*.