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MAN AT HIS BEST

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**WISDOM**

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**FROM...**

**GEORGE**

**CLOONEY**

**CHUCK BERRY**

**JOE BIDEN**

**CHRIS BOSH**

**AND 18**

**OTHER GUYS**

THE MEANING OF LIFE

"EVERYBODY KNOWS WALLETS GROW ON TREES." —CHRIS BOSH  
"EFF 'EM. SHORTEST PRAYER IN THE WORLD." —OLDMAN / "I USED TO THINK LESS." —SLASH

# MEANING OF

"THE VICE-PRESIDENCY IS NOT A JOB DESIGNED TO ENHANCE YOUR STANDING." —JOE BIDEN  
"DAB, DON'T WIPE." —JON CRYE  
"WE MEN NEVER KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT WALLETS." —ART GARFUNKEL

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DUMBO

# THE BEST VIEW IN THE WORLD

BY  
MARK  
MIKIN



The most interesting aspect of this apartment is not the glass elevator or the rooftop terrace overlooking all of New York City. (Though they are pretty fantastic.) It's the blond Australian on the couch across from me. **MARGOT ROBBIE**, star of ABC's sixties-era aeronautical drama *Pan Am*, has graciously agreed to tour the apartment with me as part of an experiment. To explain: For the ninth consecutive year, we've taken over an incredible home (this time, a \$23.5 million condo in Brooklyn) and turned it into what many people call the "Ultimate Bachelor Pad." It's quite a designation—one we've never actually tested. We've used these homes to host parties and raise money for charity (more than \$8 million so far), but we've never tried out its impact on a woman. Until today.







## THE GREAT ROOM

DESIGNED  
BY SHELLEY STARR  
FOR HUGO BOSS

**She loves the** clocks. Four four-teen-foot-tall ironwork clock faces: monstrous things electronically synced and moving in perfect time, so you can

look through and see New York City across the East River. (This is the first time the Esquire Apartment hasn't been in Manhattan or Los Angeles.)

"It's like whoever designed this justified it by being like, 'Yes, but you'll never need a watch. You'll always know the time. You can just look up,'" Robbie says.

The room is massive—more than three thousand square feet. There's a 1930s macassar-ebony table with ivory inlay, custom-designed silk carpets, mohair chairs, and two open "fireplaces"—columns with clear glass frames on top with flames swirling out of them. What catches Robbie's attention, however, is a chandelier made of hundreds of Swarovski crystals. They remind her of little blue butterflies. And when she sees the grand piano, she can't resist. She sits down and plays a quick song with her knuckles.

For more information on this year's Esquire Apartment, check out the one-hour special on its design and construction hosted by the lovely Anitra Mecadon, Thursday, January 19, at 10:00 P.M. EST on the DIY Network.



## GYM

DESIGNED BY  
DENISE KURIGER  
DESIGN FOR ASICS

### There's a massage

table recessed in a small room off the main door that Robbie points out immediately. Apparently when you're a bachelor of such means, the masseuse comes to you.

While Robbie admits to liking that part of the gym, the rest of the room wouldn't get much use, especially not the treadmill or the stationary bike. "Unfortunately, I don't have time to work out," she says. "If I have to, I'll do dance classes. Something different. I get so bored so quickly." For exercise, she says, "I ride a bike around Brooklyn—a cruiser, with a basket and a bell. It's so badass."

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