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CHAPTER ONE

Growing Up on the Glod Coast

Margot Robbie is serious about her acting jobs. In June 2012 Robbie tried out for a big movie role. Famous actor Leonardo DiCaprio was the star of the planned movie. At the audition Robbie stood in a large room in front of a camera. DiCaprio and Robbie read lines to each other.



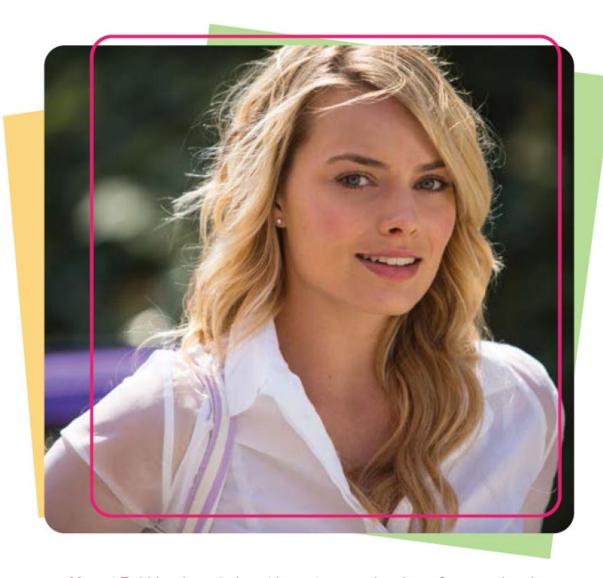
Leonardo DiCaprio and Margot Robbie in *The Wolf of Wall Street* in 2013.

Robbie realized that DiCaprio was not saying the words written in her script. He was **improvising**. DiCaprio was making up lines as he talked. Robbie read her lines but feared she was not making a good enough impression. She decided to do something different to impress the director and DiCaprio.

The script has the two characters arguing. Suddenly Robbie screamed and slapped DiCaprio. The slap was not in the script. Robbie was pretty sure she would get in big trouble for slapping DiCaprio. There was a moment of silence in the room. Then everyone started laughing.

A week later Robbie found out she got the job. That slap helped change her life. She got a role in *The Wolf of Wall Street*. It was a turning point in her career.

Margot Robbie is an Australian. She was born on July 2, 1990 in Dalby, Queensland, Australia. Her parents are Doug and Sarie Robbie. Lachlan and Anya are her older brother and sister. She also has a younger brother named Cameron. Their parents divorced and the children lived with their mother on the Gold Coast. The Gold Coast is a large city area on Australia's eastern coast. The Robbie children spent a great deal of time on their grandparents' nearby farm.



Margot Robbie when she's not in costume and makeup for a movie role.

Margot loved playing outside with her **siblings** and cousins. When she was young, she wanted to be a magician. During high school at Somerset College, she began acting in plays. She loved acting but did not think it was a real job. That changed one day when she was about fifteen.

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