We ask a celebrity a set of devilishly probing questions – and only accept THE definitive answer. This week it’s The Split actress Nicola Walker

The prized possession you value above all others... My collection of bits from every job I’ve had on television or stage. I steal something so I can take a piece of the character with me. I have about 40 things, from a necklace I wore in Spooks to my wellies in Last Tango In Halifax. I even kept the heart-shaped locket I wore in Four Weddings And A Funeral. I was half of the Frightful Folk Duo in Wedding One!

The biggest regret you wish you could amend... Giving away my vinyl collection to charity in 1990 when my head was turned by the CD revolution.

The temptation you wish you could resist... Always being convinced I know better than Google Maps! The temptation you wish you could give into... Skiing. I went for the first time last year and spent a week falling down, but I’m obsessed.

The film you can watch time and time again... At the moment it’s Force Majeure, a dark Swedish comedy.

The person who has influenced you most... Roger Parsley, my youth theatre teacher at the Harlow Playhouse from when I was 14. He encouraged us to improvise and write our own stuff. Because of him I’m drawn to new writing.

The book that holds an everlasting resonance... Gulliver’s Travels by Jonathan Swift. I read it aged 11 then studied it at Cambridge and fell in love with it.

The priority activity if you were the Invisible Woman for a day... I’d go to Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda to watch the mountain gorillas all day. I did it in 2004 and it was amazing, but you can only stay an hour.

The pet hate that makes your hackles rise... The upward inflection that turns every statement into a question.

The piece of wisdom you would pass on to a child... It’s The Split actress Nicola Walker.

A woman in Rwanda telling me how she escaped the genocide in 1994 when she was little. Her story was incredibly shocking and deeply sad.

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The unfulfilled ambition that continues to haunt you... I stole things from every family member bought me for my 16th birthday. It was exciting and inspiring and gave me my best friends.

The order of service at your funeral... The treasured item you lost and wish you could get away with it... The marble sculpture from The Louvre I was 16 and I learnt about life there. Our family piled in every Saturday and I’d load it into the boot of my car. It ended up becoming a mini toy figure.

The crime you would commit knowing you could get away with it... The water was freezing, the sun was shining and the waves were high.

The happiest moment you will cherish forever... As a family, throwing ourselves into the Atlantic with no wetsuits in north Cornwall three years ago. The water was freezing, the sun was shining and the waves were high.

The song that means most to you... The Winged Victory of Samothrace marble sculpture from the Louvre and put it in my garden in Essex. It’s completely beautiful.

Johnny Depp voices the diminutive detective in Sherlock Gnomes – in cinemas Friday. Arctic Monkeys’ new album, Tranquility Base Hotel & Casino, is out the same day. And Claire Skinner opens in Nightfall at London’s Bridge Theatre on Tuesday.

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