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some cheap Botox! So I ended up making up a story about how I bumped my head," says Alexandra. "I took a picture and sent it to [the spa], and they were like, 'It happens. Not our problem.'"

"When there are any disagreements with our customers, we do our best to make that customer a satisfied one," Body Factory Skin Care spokesman Eugene Kagsky says. "Our staff is certified, licensed and well-trained in doing all types of injectable treatments."

Botox bargains are everywhere on discount Web site Groupon, which also offers

**"I was embarrassed to say, 'I got some cheap Botox!'"**

—Alexandra S.

deals on everything from exercise classes to vacation packages. Groupon makes clear on its site that the mer-



**Actress/comedian Monrok after Groupon Botox.**

Botox on Groupon can be a case of "buyer beware."

Typing in "Botox" plus "Groupon" on review site Yelp brings up dozens of reviews telling horror stories of lopsided eyebrows, frozen-face syndrome, hustling aestheticians who try to upsell clients or rush them out of the room, or procedures where they can't see any noticeable difference.

A Los Angeles actress-comedian who goes by the stage name Monrok dabbled in Groupon Botox — and it caused one eyelid to droop dramatically.

"It was grotesque and it upturned my life for three months," says the 33-year-old.

**"Any physician that's good at what they do would never go on Groupon," says dermatologist Marina Peredo. "You need to know how many units, and what kind of product they're buying. "If it sounds too good to be true, it is."**

You should never pay less than \$400 per session — here's why

By MACKENZIE DAWSON

**A**LEXANDRA S., 47, was browsing Groupon this summer when she noticed a deal for Botox advertised by Body Factory Skin Care, a medical spa in the West Village. The spa was offering 20 units of Botox for \$129, marked down from \$400 and to be administered by "a certified Botox and Juvéderm consultant." Alexandra, who asked that her full last name not be used for professional reasons, had had Botox several times before and had also purchased Botox deals from Groupon with positive results. But this time, she didn't hit it off with her technician.

"This woman was very rough," she says.

Within minutes, she developed severe bruises all over her face.

The next day, her co-workers demanded to know what had happened.

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