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The almost unrecognisable Carey.

NOTORIOUS for her dedication to glamour, she has refused to travel without an army of beauticians and admitted sleeping with 20 humidifiers around her bed.

So it is somewhat unusual to see Mariah Carey looking more dowdy than diva-like in these shots from her gritty new movie, *Precious*, in which she plays a social worker.

Carey, 40, who had to put on weight for the role, looks almost unrecognisable, with her unflattering blouse and jacket and scruffy brown hair.

In the film, which is due out in the United States later this year, she plays the downtrodden character Mrs Weiss, a Harlem social worker assigned to an obese, HIV-positive woman who was made pregnant twice by her father.

The Grammy winner is hoping to earn respect for the gritty role after previous movie flops, including her quasi-biographical role in *Glitter* (2001) which was panned by critics.

In January, *Precious* premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, where it won the Audience Award and the Grand Jury Prize for best drama. — **Daily Mail**