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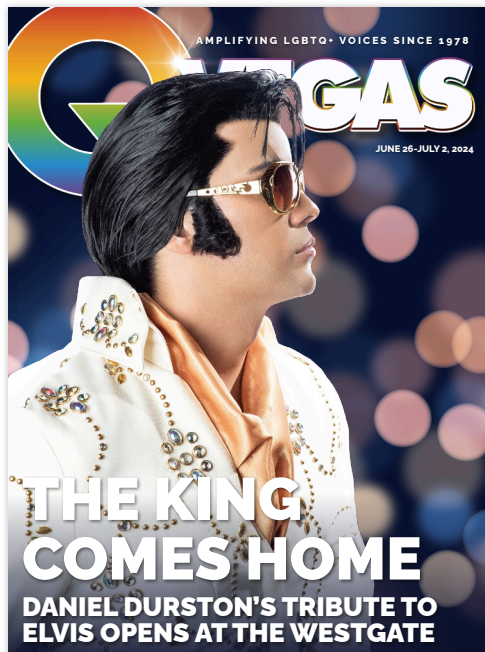


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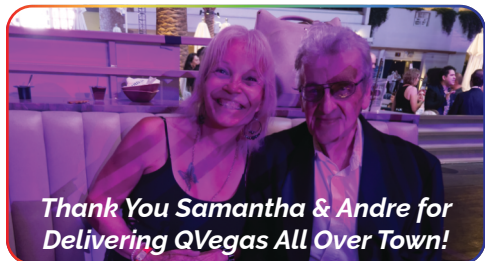
This week we wrap up Pride Month with Daniel Durston, who has found his place in Las Vegas. After years in musical theater and reality TV, he now stars in an Elvis tribute show at the Westgate formerly the International Hotel where Elvis held his 7-year Vegas Residency. His journey highlights his passion and dedication to honoring Elvis' legacy in the entertainment capital.

Don't miss our full edition of Horoscopes are a Drag, plus our final wrap up of Pride Month in Las Vegas.

Note from Russ: If you see Garrett online or out and about this week, don't forget to wish him a Happy Big-40 Birthday this week!



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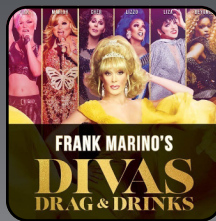
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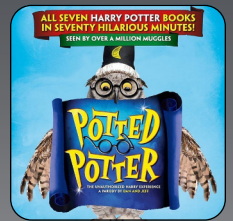
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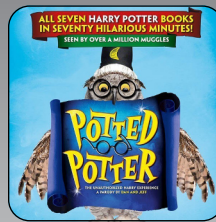
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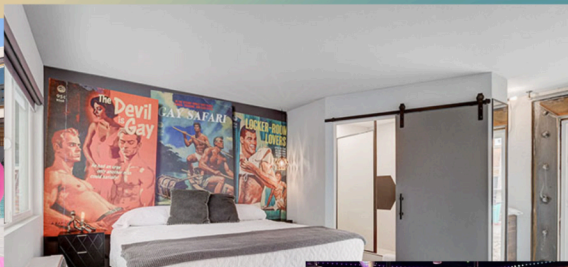
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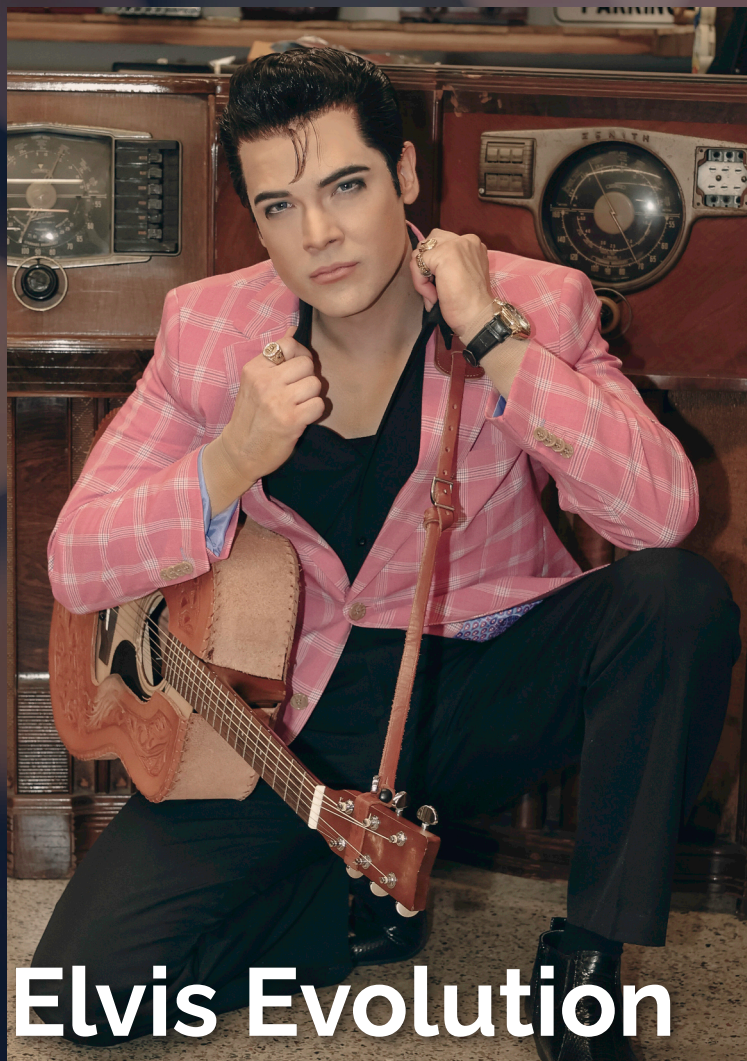
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Daniel Durston's Elvis Evolution

In mid-2021, Daniel Durston made the move to Las Vegas, a city that had long held a special place in his heart. Growing up in the LA area, Durston frequently visited Vegas, drawn to its vibrant energy and endless possibilities. However, it wasn't until about two months ago that he truly felt like he belonged. This realization came with a deeper understanding of the area and a significant shift in his work routine. Having worked on the Strip for various corporate gigs and performances, the Strip had started to feel more like a workplace than a place to enjoy. He wondered, "Am I a local now if I don't like the Strip?" But booking his own show at the Westgate solidified his status: Daniel Durston is now an integral part of this city's entertainment fabric.

Finding His Place in Vegas

Initially, settling into Vegas was a process for Durston. He spent a lot of time on the Strip for work, which made it challenging to see it as anything other than a job site. However, the turning point came when he booked his own show at the Westgate, an iconic venue that has hosted some of the biggest names in entertainment. This opportunity not only marked a significant milestone in his career but also made him feel more established and connected to the city.

Durston's journey in entertainment began

long before his move to Vegas. He got his start in musical theater, notably with the Broadway touring show "Million Dollar Quartet," where he portrayed Elvis Presley. This role allowed him to combine his passions for acting and music, and it set the stage for his future endeavors as an Elvis tribute artist.

From Musical Theater to Elvis Tribute

In 2010, Durston became aware of "Million Dollar Quartet" on Broadway and felt he could either look or sound like Elvis Presley or Johnny Cash. Standing tall and skilled with a guitar, he auditioned for various productions across the United States for six years. His big break came when he auditioned for a small-town theater, which led to a national tour. This unexpected opportunity allowed him to tour as an actor and musician, solidifying his love for performing.

After nearly three years with "Million Dollar Quartet," Durston received a call from "Legends in Concert," a renowned tribute show. In 2019, he joined the cast for a four-month run as the 1950s Elvis. This role required him to delve deeper into his portrayal of Elvis, respecting the legacy and ensuring he delivered the best performance possible. His dedication paid off, and he began receiving more offers for corporate gigs and other performances, gradually building his reputation as an Elvis tribute artist.

Reality TV and Beyond

In addition to his work on stage, Durston pursued a dream of appearing on reality television. A long-time fan of "Big Brother," he auditioned for the show for ten years. His persistence paid off in the summer of 2022 when he was finally selected to be a contestant. The audition process was intense, spanning four months and involving numerous callbacks, psychological tests, and medical exams. Durston's unique background as an Elvis tribute artist from Vegas added an interesting dimension to his story, ultimately helping him secure a spot on the show.

Participating in "Big Brother" was a dream come true for Durston. He had spent years studying the show and strategizing his gameplay. The experience, while mentally challenging and at times traumatizing, was also incredibly rewarding. Durston is proud of the game he played and the connections he made during his time in the house.

Embracing the Local Scene

Now feeling like a true Vegas local, Durston has embraced the city's diverse and dynamic offerings. He prefers downtown Fremont over the Strip for its unique charm and vibrant atmosphere. Favorite spots include the

Plaza, now home to the Sand Dollar Lounge, a venue he frequents for its great drinks and pizza. He also enjoys the original Sand Dollar on Spring Mountain, known for its affordable drinks and lively ambiance.

Durston has also discovered new favorites at the Westgate, including the Edge Steakhouse, where he enjoys expertly crafted cocktails by bartender Mike, and the pizza place inside the sportsbook, which he describes as "unreal." These local spots have become part of his routine, offering a balance between work and leisure.

The Westgate Show

Performing at the Westgate has been a monumental experience for Durston. The enormity of the venue and its historical significance as a former home to Elvis Presley's performances often overwhelms him. He tries to stay focused on his job to avoid being consumed by the weight of it all. Durston performs in the Cabaret, just 50 feet away from the International Theater where Elvis once performed. This proximity adds an extra layer of authenticity and excitement to his show.

After each performance, Durston offers a VIP experience where fans can join him for a tour of the International Theater. In full Elvis attire, he guides them through the dressing rooms and the elevator Elvis used, sharing stories and insights about the King's time at the venue. This tour allows fans to connect with the legacy of Elvis Presley in a deeply personal way.

The Show Experience

Durston's show at the Westgate is a comprehensive tribute to Elvis Presley, covering every era of the legendary performer's career. The show features multiple costume changes, each representing a different period in Elvis's life. From the young, energetic 1950s Elvis in the gold jacket to the sultry, soulful Elvis of the 1970s in the iconic white jumpsuit, Durston's performance captures the essence of Elvis's evolution as an artist.

Each era is introduced with video and audio clips that provide context and set the stage for the next segment.

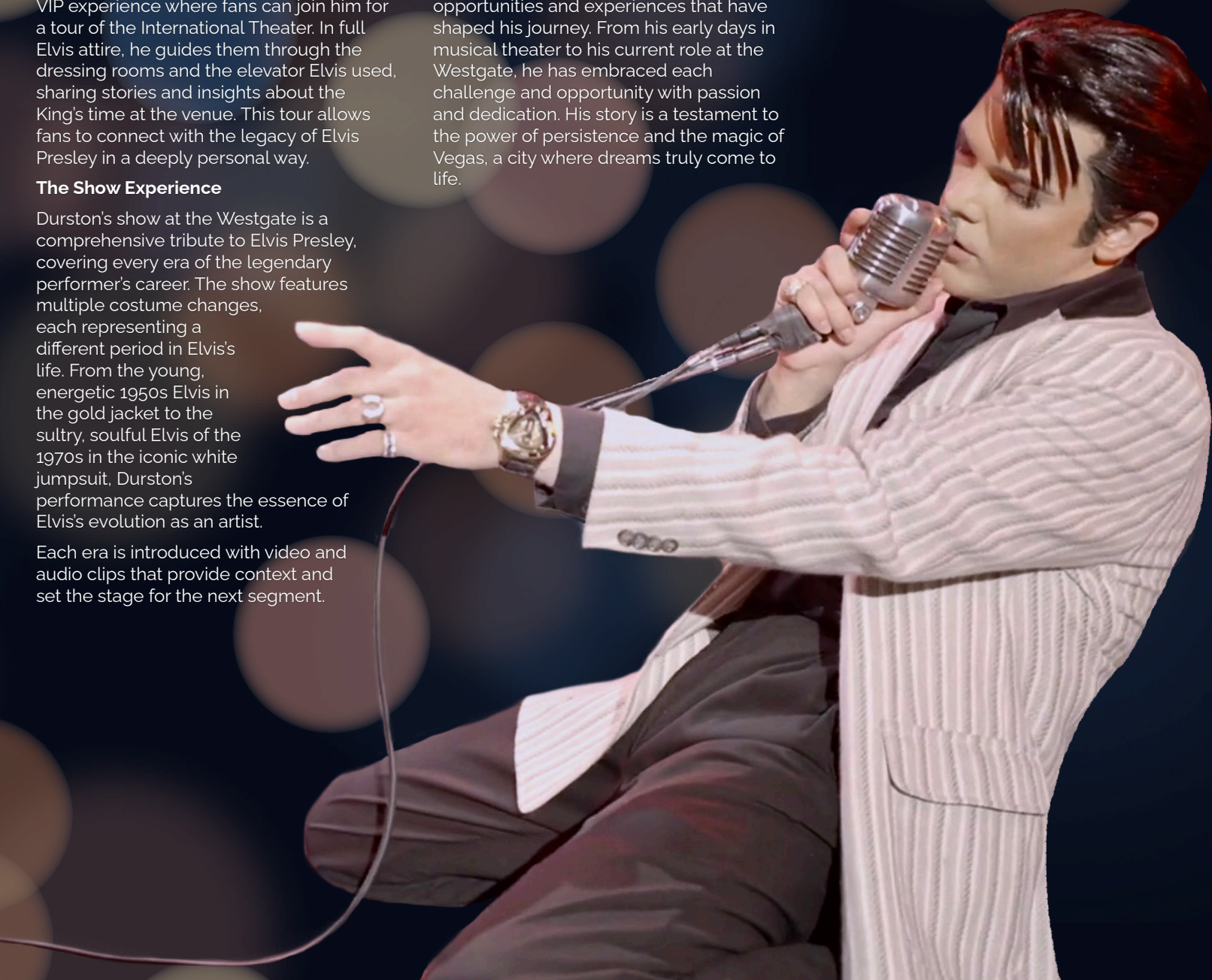
This approach allows the audience to experience Elvis's journey through his music and performances. Durston's dedication to authenticity shines through in his attention to detail, from the right sideburns and costumes to the distinct vocal styles of each period.

Durston is supported by three backup singers who add depth and energy to the show. Their chemistry on stage creates a dynamic and engaging performance that resonates with audiences. Despite the challenges of performing multiple shows a week, Durston finds joy in the experience and looks forward to each performance.

Looking Ahead

With the show now in its early stages, Durston is excited to see how it will grow and evolve. The initial audience reactions have been positive, and each performance brings a new level of comfort and confidence. Durston is committed to delivering the best possible experience for his fans, honoring the legacy of Elvis Presley while making his own mark on the Vegas entertainment scene.

As Durston continues to establish himself in Las Vegas, he remains grateful for the opportunities and experiences that have shaped his journey. From his early days in musical theater to his current role at the Westgate, he has embraced each challenge and opportunity with passion and dedication. His story is a testament to the power of persistence and the magic of Vegas, a city where dreams truly come to life.



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Aries

Honey, buckle up 'cause July is heating up for all my fierce Aries queens out there! The stars are aligning to serve you some serious cosmic energy. You better werk, because this month is all about strutting your stuff, making bold moves, and letting the world know who's boss. Love is in the air, so flutter those lashes, and don't be afraid to show your heart. And remember, darling, when life throws shade, you throw glitter! Sashay your way through July, and let your fabulous self shine! 💎✨



Taurus

Oh, honey, let me tell you all about Taurus for July 2024, because it is going to be a fabulous month, darling! The stars are aligning to serve you the drama, the glamour, and a lil' bit of romance, too. It's all about stepping into your power, owning your fabulousness, and slaying every aspect of your life. You better werk and embrace every opportunity, 'cause the universe is about to throw some sparkly blessings your way. Cheers to you, you fierce bull! Remember, keep it sassy, classy, and a tad bit bad-assy! 💎✨



Gemini

Honey, it's YOUR month, Gemini! The stars are practically throwing glitter in your favor, okay? First up, you've got Venus sashaying into your sign early on, making you absolutely -irresistible- to anyone with a pulse, darling. Work! Then, as if the universe is your own personal glam squad, Mercury goes direct, so your communications are like, \"Yes, queen!\" Think sharp, think witty, think everything coming out of your mouth is pure gold. But, and it's a big but, watch that spending, boo. You're feeling generous, but you can't be buying the whole bar a round, okay? Time to strut into July like the cosmic superstar you are. Sparkle on, Gemini. Sparkle on.



CANCER

Oh, honey, let me spill the cosmic tea for all you Cancer darlings for July 2024! The universe is serving up a big ol' slice of fabulous opportunity, with a sprinkle of drama, of course! This is your moment to strut your stuff and let the world see your full diva glory. Relationships? They're like a glittery roller disco - bumpy but oh-so-sparkly. Ca\$h flow is giving what it should, but beware of those shady financial drag-rats trying to snatch your wigs, I mean, your coins, darling. Embrace your inner queen, because this month is all about you! Now, sashay away into your fabulous future! 💎✨



Leo

Honey, gather round 'cause Mama's about to serve you the celestial tea for all my fierce Leo divas out there. July 2024 is your moment to shine, baby! The stars are lining up to give you life, so strut into that spotlight where you belong. It's all about embracing your royal queendom, flaunting your fabulousness, and not letting anyone dull your sparkle. Expect drama, but the kind you thrive on—where you end up on top, darling. Time to sashay into your destiny and show the universe who's boss!



Virgo

Alright, darlings, listen up 'cause Mama's about to lay down the cosmic tea for all you Virgo babes out there for the month of July 2024, okay? First thing's first, honies, the stars are practically screaming that it's time to strut your stuff and let that inner diva out to play. But listen up, sugar, you gotta keep that fabulous head on the swivel because some curveballs might come flying your way - and we ain't talking baseball, mmmkay? Now, don't get your lashes in a twist, 'cause with a little sass and a lot of class, you're gonna navigate through this hotter-than-a-tuck summer smoother than a freshly shaved leg. And remember, in the world of drag, every setback is just a setup for a comeback. So, sparkle up, spread those glittered wings, and let the world gag on your eleganza. July is your runway, baby, so sashay away!

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Libra

Oh, honey! July 2024 is gonna be lit for all my Libra darlings! The stars are throwing a cosmic cocktail party, and guess what, darling? You're the sparkling guest of honor! This month, your charm is like glitter – it's stickin' everywhere and on everyone. Love is in the air, thicker than my foundation, and it's the perfect time to strut your stuff in the romance department. But hold up, boo! Balance those scales, because your career is getting as hot as a spotlight on the main stage. Opportunities are sashaying your way, so don't be shy – show 'em what you got! Work it in every area of life like it's the runway finale, and watch the applause come rolling in. Remember, keep those heels, standards, and that fabulous chin up. July is your moment to shine, so sparkle on, you gorgeous thing! Mwah!



Scorpio

Honey, listen up, 'cause I'm about to spill the celestial tea for all you fierce Scorpions out there. July 2024 is gonna be a month where you need to snap those fans, twirl in your best heels, and strut into the spotlight of your own life. The stars are aligning to push you center stage, darling. It's time to let go of that old, crusty shell and let the world see the shimmering, fabulous phoenix you are meant to be! So, throw on your glitter, pump up the volume, and sashay away into your destiny. You've got this, and remember, the universe is your runway!



Sagittarius

Honey, listen up because I'm about to spill the celestial tea for all you fiery Sagittarius babes out there! July is your month to shine brighter than a disco ball, darling. The stars are aligning to serve some serious cosmic realness, so strut your stuff with confidence. Get ready to sashay away from the drama and twirl into opportunities that are as glamorous and fabulous as you are. Remember, you're the star of your own show, so keep those heels high and that wig snatched! Let's turn this month into a runway and serve up some fierce Sagittarian realness. Werk it, because nobody does it better!



Capricorn

Darlings, Capricorn babes, listen up, 'cause July is YOUR month, honey! The stars are aligning to serve you some serious cosmic realness. It's like the universe is your stage, and you're the main act, so strut your stuff and shine bright. Let's talk love – it's in the air, sweeties, so flutter those lashes and be open to romance. But don't forget, balance is key. Work that hustle, but don't let it wear you down. Remember, you're a star, so keep it sassy, keep it classy, and most importantly, keep it fabulous! Mwah!



Aquarius

Oh, honey! July is gonna be your month, Aquarius, darling! Get ready to strut your fierce self because the stars are aligning to serve you major life realness. It's all about embracing your uniqueness and letting that fabulous light of yours shine bright. You've got some groundbreaking ideas itching to break free from that brilliant mind, so don't hold back, honey. Serve them the full fantasy! Surround yourself with your fabulous squad, because, darling, they'll be your cheerleaders pushing you to slay all day. Remember, you're a star, baby, so keep it shining!



Pisces

Darlings, let me spill the celestial tea for all my fabulous Pisces fishes out there! The stars are aligning just for you, honey, in July 2024! You're swimming into a month full of glittering possibilities. The universe is throwing you a cosmic party, and guess what? You're the glittering guest of honor! So, pucker up, strap on those stilettos, and sashay into your destiny. Opportunities are knocking, so fluff that wig, bat those lashes, and work it, because this month is all about showcasing your fabulous self. Let's turn this fish tank into a runway!







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