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Mannequin III Full Story

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Mannequin III Story:

Part I:
An international student from Ukraine, Tim studies LLM at New York Law School. Tim won a fully paid scholarship, not because of his intellectual ability but because he was lucky. It turned out that many students did not file an application for the scholarship because they believed they would never win anyway.

As a typical tourist and first time in New York City, Tim took a sightseeing tour with Skyline. He hopped on at 14th Street and 1st Avenue where the Immaculate Conception Church is. Later, he saw Harley-Davidson of New York. It briefly reminded him how he disfigured his face while riding a scooter in Ukraine that he could not appear in public for two weeks, but it was simply a horse play with friends. From orange Pavilion Restaurant at Union Square to red and orange Figaro Café at 6th Street and 1 Avenue, Tim seems to be disorientated. Passing New York Law School, he recalled the building because he was there a few days before. From Madame Tussauds to Cooper Union Building was a long ride. The mannequins and blistering ads of them that he saw at 42nd Street when passing the museum left little recollection in his mind by then. He was not sure whether he saw someone familiar when passing the gallery from the art school’s windows. At that point in time, he did not exactly know why they are important and why it should matter to him anyway.

Passing Pier 40, Tim made a note on a piece of paper that he needed to come back to check it out what is in there. He did not seem to see anything through the walls, and the final object he recalled was the clock at Church Street. He could not associate it with anything. It was just a nice place to be there.

Part II:
At the law school, Tim registered for a few classes. When someone asked about what classes he registered for, he never remembered the names of them. Law and Cultural Property was about museums, so he would answer Museum Law. Besides school, Tim always dreamed to be a soccer player, but where he grew up it was either not popular or not offered, or it sounded something like a 7-year old wants to be a boxer which in all cases the answer is almost always no. Ballroom dancing and chess were the most popular, so Tim and his peer mastered them both. Tim suspected that Pier 40 is a sports complex where soccer is played. It is a dream that comes into reality. He does not know how it will lead him to become a professional player, but at least, he is on a path. As soon as he figured out that there is a soccer league, he registered for it, not knowing what his next step will be.

Part III:
Tim was not really religious. It is either the environment was such, or he could not organize himself to go church every Sunday. He would always find some excuse: homework or inability to wake up in the morning. He would go to church on big holidays such as Easter and Christmas because it is a part of culture: everyone goes on such holidays. Although he had no doubt about everything what was said in the Bible, he just did not practice it. It was not something discussed in teenagers’ magazines that he liked to read.

After the first semester, Tim’s grades were poor. His reading and writing abilities were slow. As a result, he received a notice from the school that he was on probation. Like a chain reaction, he received a similar notice from his employer. There was a need to take actions. The
church was a solution if not the only one. The only church came to his mind was the one at 14th Street when he first hopped on the orange bus. After he started to attend services, his grades leveled out, and there was a positive forecast for the next semester.

The life seemed to be on a right path, but day after day did not look different. There was no excitement. Tim was a bit nostalgic, and he started to play the piano in reminiscence of old days. All of a sudden, it was in the news that John Paul II was to be canonized. Tim watched a three-hour canonization mass on the internet. It took him three days to watch it. On the third day, he saw a dream that he attended a public ceremony with President Clinton. The same day he saw President Clinton gave a speech on TV.…

**Part IV:**

As a new comer to the U.S., Tim went to BestBuy to get a new cell phone and received an Amazon Fire fully preloaded with __________ songs. He got that particular phone because an orange color attracted him. He was curious about blistering lights at 42nd Street and Madame Tussauds Museum itself. The classes did not really preoccupy him because it was the beginning of the semester, and at his local Dunking Donuts store, he saw a 20% off coupon to the museum—another reason to visit the museum. At that time, in the store, the song was playing __________. He went to the museum and took a picture with the mannequin considering his phone has already been preloaded with her songs.

The semester closely approached to the end, and Tim went back to Ukraine for Christmas. He came back in February for the spring semester. February 14th is the Valentine’s Day, so he did not see any candidate to send a Valentine card in school. All candidates seemed to be either preoccupied, and since he was not a prodigy, he could not bring attention whomever he liked. Not to lose an opportunity, Tim decided to send the Valentine’s card to __________. Lo and behold, Tim received one word reply: maybe.

Since that time, number 10 chased him. He walked on the street seeing number 10 everywhere and his seat number would be 10. During the second semester, the school encouraged law students to apply for jobs or internships. One day, Tim passed a law firm called __________. He applied for an internship and got one. He even played New York’s Mega Millions and won three numbers: __, __, and 10 which accounted to $5. He tried to communicate that fact to __________. There were so many followers that it went unnoticed.

One Sunday, he noticed an orange motorcycle parked next to church. He automatically recalled the orange sign of Harley-Davidson of New York, and he decided to pay a visit. There was a special event called “Lucky 10th”on September 10th. Media was present because Harley-Davidson introduced new models of motorcycles. Number 10 drew __________ to the event. Tim remembered to take her autograph. However, Tim needed to reintroduce himself because she did not really remember who he was and the fact she sent him a word “maybe” in response to his Valentine’s card, and all the messages with numbers 10 and his internship at __________ sounded little. Tim also took a picture with her on an orange motorcycle. They promised to meet up at unspecified future time. She also signed many autographs and took pictures with other guests.

One day, Tim surprisingly finds in the newspaper that that __________ and __________ are dating. Tim was disappointed for a few days. Later, he got over it, and number 10 stopped appearing anymore, or he just simply stopped paying attention to it. Tim himself found a girlfriend for a short period of time. Tim eventually graduated from the law school, his internship at __________ ended, and the life seemed to move on. Tim sit for the New York Bar Exam which
makes eligible LLM students. He also found a clerkship at the Southern District of New York. At some point in time, Tim read in the newspaper that she and another split up, but Tim did not know how to reconnect with her. He did not seem to see number 10 anymore nor did he know what to say and why. Tim continued to attend church services at 14th Street as he was a person of habit.

Part V:

Tim registered for the soccer league. Soccer caught two or if not three goals at a time: (a) soccer was his undeveloped dream goal to be a soccer player. Tim was new to soccer, did not know what exactly his dream means, and how to achieve it. (b) He needed to exercise regularly since law school required long hours of reading; (c) he needed some social activity. He was definite about soccer, but social activities proposed at the law school, he was not really sure about all of them. He felt for sure some activities could derail his career path although he could not exactly tell what it would look like.

The league started on the roof at Pier 40. It was a 7 v. 7 competition with 7 other teams with the total of 9 games: 6 regular rounds, a play-off, semifinal, and final. 7 v 7 means 7 players play on the field with a few substitutes. Tim practiced before each game as time allows. During the first game, he and his teammates received orange T-shirts. The prospect to win the cup was slight. In fact, they lost the first two games because mainly they did not have a good goalie. Neither Tim nor his playmates specialized in goal keeping. Tim looked around for the goalie and turned out his classmate from Argentina was a goalie. As a result, they won the next two games. As the games progressed, it becomes harder to play. Tim drew his motivation and encouraged other players on his team from NY Red Bulls’ signing autograph event where he met Matt Miazga. Matt told Tim some encouraging words not give up. Tim also watched other Matt Eliason, a banker by profession, from Lombard, Illinois who scored a breath taking goal in a charity game "The Rest of the World vs. Lionel Messi and Friends", where key players participated. That was enough for Tim’s team to win the payoff. Now, the seminal and final are waiting for them.

Rachel, the main actress, showed up for Tim’s semi-final game on sunny Saturday’s afternoon. It was a bit unusual for her to be a fan and in fact the only one fan for that game. She wondered where other fans are. Since soccer was not her favorite sport, she watched a portion of the game, and the rest she would text message with her friends using an Amazon Fire phone. She has the same phone as Tim does mere by coincidence. It is something that they have in common. In fact, that’s how they first started to talk over its 3-D features at Harley-Davidson’s event. The scored stayed 0-0 throughout the game, and Tim’s team Orange Storm won 5-3 merely by penalty shots. For the final game, the teammates agreed to bring their friends and relatives, and Rachel agreed to be more active to take pictures or video record the game and not to text message lest the team may not win…. To get to the soccer game(s), Rachel rented a bike from Citi Bike..... See if you spot a similar picture in the album....

Some thoughts:

Rachel is a fictitious character. What does she have in common with Rachel Ray and Rachel Marron from the movie the Bodyguard? What qualities do they possess? How did Rachel ascend into fame? Her talent, luck, hard work, inheritance? What does Rachel have in common with Tim besides the same phones? What differences?
**Part VI:**

Tim’s program called LLM in Small Business Practice. As a child, Tim wanted to be a police officer or bodyguard as all boys wanted to be. Now, Tim was not sure whether he wanted to work in court or to be an administrator of a small business such as a museum. Since he took a class on museums or Law and Cultural Heritage, he had a paper to write. Tim recalled the gallery that he saw on the first day from the orange bus. When one day Tim passed the gallery, he realized that the person on his phone, at Madame Tussauds that he took a picture with among other mannequins that he took a picture too, and on the portrait hanging in the window of the gallery is the same one.

**Part VII:**

Tim participated in the volunteering activities for the Clinton Foundation in his free time. It happened that the Foundation was to celebrate its 10th anniversary, and Tim received an invitation letter shortly after playing the piano and watching John Paul II’s canonization. Tim was wondering what was all that about. Rachel decided to give away a portion of her fortune due to her unfortunate recent split with star X. She did not know what charity to choose, and number 10 was a guide again as it was in the case with the Harley-Davidson event when she first met Tim in person. As a result, she was invited to the event as well, and she performed a few songs. Tim did not anticipate anything like that. This time Rachel not only recognized Tim somewhere in the audience seat but was the first to notice him and to talk to him, and they agreed to meet again this time at definite time. Tim explained her that he needed her support for his soccer team, and Rachel eagerly agreed to show up for the last two games.

During the Foundation’s celebration of its 10th anniversary, Chelsea delivered a short speech about ivory trade and its impact on elephants’ population. In the audience, Tim attentively listened. Followed by the speech, Rachel performed her key song __________. That’s when she noticed Tim. He sit close to the beginning of a row, and Rachel was preparing to go up on the stage and passed by his seat. She had a few minutes to chat with Tim. Light beams were not directed at her, and Chelsea was just finished her speech and was taking questions.

**The Body Cont’d:**

One of the activities at Tim’s law school was a karaoke event called Moot Court Karaoke Night. That reminded him of Rachel. Tim did not know how to sing, but he could play a song on the piano. “Nothing’s Gonna Stop Us Now” was like a light wind on a sunny afternoon.

**Law School Days:**

Tim arrived to the U.S. on Friday just a weekend before the orientation starts for New York Law School LLM in Small Business. He had a weekend to tour New York City. The instructions from the law school indicated that the orientation was the most social event to get to know his classmates that he ever was going to encounter during his time in law school. The reason was once the semester starts many LLM law students start in addition to classes make a decision to work.

When he arrived on Monday for NYLS’ orientation, the first thing he noticed was a no-fee AMT machine with red sign $10 cash. He printed out online beforehand a list of books for his 4 classes: Intro to Law – a seminar (0 credits), Law and Cultural Heritage, and Business Torts, and Employee Management And Benefits (Taken from the line Felix’s line: you can’t do this! We’ll file a grievance with the union!).
Then, in the hallway, there were tables with different matters like an offer to sign up for a bar review class, Moot Court Board, and NYLS Law Review. Tim signed up for the bar review class 2 years ahead of time because of a big discount. He thought that this is something that will keep him to strive to succeed in law school. After shaking hands with many individuals, hearing stories how to succeed and dos and don’ts followed by performing a swear-in ceremony with a local judge and picture taking next to a law school stand, Tim picked up and ate a sandwich at a local table with classmates whom he just met, and eventually went home with two shopping bags full of text books and some souvenirs and brochures he picked up.

For Tim’s first class Intro to Law, the instructor explained how to brief a case with markers: Green for facts, Yellow for reasoning, Red for holding, Orange for dissent, and Blue for precedents (standard classification). For Tim’s second class Law and Cultural Heritage, he received an assignment to write a paper for which he later received an A- and which he submitted to NYLS Law Review to publish in a journal because he thought it was pretty good, and the board of editors rejected it eventually. For Tim’s third class Business Torts, after introducing himself, Tim was called to recite Garratt v. Dailey. This is the case when a boy pulled out a chair from an old lady, and she felt thinking she was sitting in the chair.

Tim rarely used a law school library for studying because he could not stand how others’ students expressly indicate either falsely or truly that they are ahead of him. During the exam time, Tim was not seen close to the law school because he did not want to catch anxiety from other students.

Tim did not do well during his first semester, but the grades were up in February. Before that time, Tim interviewed with a local law firm and received and externship for the summer. The externship was for credit and a part of the program. To earn a few dollars and not to be dependent on his family, Tim signed up as a curator on the front desk at the gallery for the summer.

When the grades eventually came out, the law school conditioned his employment at the law firm on extinguishing his probation status. He found his mistake. It came to him like illumination: he spent too much time reading the cases and entangling into details without clearly understanding them. Examples and Explanations by Aspen solved this problem by conveying the gist of the cases in a clear and conscience language. When the time came up for the externship, associates and partners of the local firm took Tim to a restaurant called Pavilion on the 14th Street.

**Law School Cont’d:**

Tim did his second semester better as a result of the change in strategy. Tim was disappointed that his paper was rejected because he felt he had a talent to write. During the second semester, Tim took part in the Mock Trial completion as a participant but got eliminated in the second round but later participated as a judge in the Moot Court completion in order to prove his vision of the litigation and the court experience. Tim never served on the board of the Moot Court in the management position as he had no time to organize competitions. Tim never got to the National Team, but he always heard stories how his university beat another on the top list, and he saw professors were hugging and kissing certain students.

Tim passed successfully the screening interview for a local firm at his law school. Now, the firm invited him for a callback interview. This is the time when the staff associates and partners of the local firm meet a potential candidate. They took Tim to a restaurant called Pavilion on the 14th Street. Tim politely listed to them.
He did a pretty good job in the law firm during his 10 weeks of the externship as he received a positive feedback from a partner and asked whether he could stay a year round this time for salary. During these 10 weeks, he wore an ironed and starched white shirt, dark tie, and dark suit. He received an offer for an associate position. During the second year of school, his schedule looked like 1600 billable hours for 40 weeks (Fall and Spring but Summer for the bar exam) at the law firm – that’s 40 hours per week plus an elective class on the top on the weekend.

He left his temporary job at the gallery at the Union Square building although he regretted not seeing the portrait of __________, he would come back one rainy day in a taxi to see her again (see the slide). That would be the time when the Moot Court had Annual Karaoke Night (see the slide), and Tim realized that he could not sing.

Tim dated shortly the secretary of the law firm that he had an externship with starting from the Valentine’s Day on February 14th, his second Valentine-year attempt, when he approached her with candy. The secretary was full of work and did not recognize Tim. In fact, she took him for a delivery guy from a local restaurant because he wore a black pair of pens and a shirt and not seeing him asked to leave the candy at the front desk.

Tim always dreamed to work in the court room, so he applied for clerkship at the Southern District Court of New York and surprisingly got one. In order to get a clerkship, he applied a year earlier in his final second year.

The clerkship starts after the Labor Day. However, Tim took his bar preparation course the one he registered two years earlier in the summer right before the clerkship. The way he got the clerkship was that he noticed on the judge’s biography that the judge actually worked for the same law firm that Tim was currently employed. Tim also took advantage of the fact that he applied earlier right before the classes start.

Tim indicated that fact of the judge’s familiarity in his cover letter. Judges usually start recruiting from law schools right after the March 1 deadline in order to ensure the most qualified candidates. Tim was not the top pick, and his interview was somewhere in April. The judge liked Tim’s personality, and his credentials were alright, so the judge decided to choose someone with whom he can deal easily throughout a 1-year period. Also, the judge was highly interested in sports, and he noticed that Tim played soccer, and during the whole interview, they talked about Tim’s soccer team and the World Cup’s standing as Tim’s team was pacing afoot with the World Cup. He thought they could talk about sports continuously in free time. At the end of the interview, the judge offered Tim an “exploding offer” meaning take it or leave it. Since it was the first and the only offer that Tim has, Tim took it.

For the New York bar exam, Tim found himself not the only one of few international students.

**Tim's apartment:**

Tim rented typical one bedroom or studio apartment furnished with a piano similarly to the one in Mannequin I (See the slide). He studied in the apartment, not in the library for that reason he had no roommates. Tim did not cook food. On a regular day, he purchased food at Popeye’s. However, if there was a formal occasion, he would dine at Figaro Café Bistro Bar and Grill or Pavilion Restaurant at 14th Street. (See the slide) With NYC’s pace, it is easier to buy something than to cook. Tim kept his apartment clean. He cleaned it once a week. In pick time, there is an exception: either finials (bottles of soda will be laying on the floor) or assignments of work from an employer (Xerox copies will be laying on the floor), and it is understandable. (See
the slide). His two mountains of the books eventually grew to the ceiling. Sometimes, he needed to keep four books at a time on his table together with a laptop. Siren, his neighbor, a truck driver, who does cleaners at 3:00 a.m., all are needed to deal with as long it was not on a regular basis. In the neighbor’s case, it means Tim lost a couple of hours of sleep and was half-awaken for his morning class.

He also had an electronic whiteboard to mimic a class environment. This is something to keep up with up-to-day technology. He would draw legal concepts or plans if they involve multiple calculations (See the slide). Tim had an electric scooter for an easy commute from his home to the school – the one that you can use on a bicycle lane to draw similarity to Mannequin I. (See the slide).

**Post-Clinton Event:**

After the Clinton Foundation’s event, Tim and Rachel agreed to meet in a few days at the clock a quarter after 5. [I took it from the guide’s explanation about London’s train station if individuals don’t know where to meet and not to get lost, the clock is the place]. (See the slide with London’ clock and White & Church St.’s clock). Rachel waited on him in her car that she parked nearby the intersection. During his two years in law school, Tim did not own a car, so he drove the mentioned scooter, and during the clerkship, he continued to use the scooter as opposed to subway. It is a convenient way of transportation, and the court is just a few blocks down from the law school. (See the slide with the scooter and the map).

Tim had in mind the restaurant at 14th Street, the one they used the law school staff earlier, and they drove there. On the way to the restaurant, they passed the gallery. In fact, to get to the 14th Street from the clock, you need to pass the Cooper Union building, and it is a two-way street.

Tim explained Rachel that he used to work there, and seeing her portrait in the widow, Rachel said that she auctioned out her portrait by a famous painter for a charity event and had no idea how it ended up in this gallery. Tim proposed to open their gallery, and Rachel smiled. During the dinner, they discussed Tim’s soccer achievements so far up to the semi-final and further strategy how to win the Cup. Inside, there is an event called “Ballroom Dance Night” (I checked online, there is one on Wednesday at 8 p.m.). In fact, Tim’s background is ballroom, and as they danced waltz and tango, the conversation turned from soccer to ballroom. Rachel never learned ballroom, but she was a good follower….

**The Ending:**

A similar ending ensures as in Mannequin I. Tim and Rachel remodeled a building into a museum/art gallery, and they lived upstairs. Tim used his legal knowledge and was an administrator. Rachel used her fame and talent to attract millions of people. They had no financial secrets and lived happily since then….