

dapper: your essential style guide



“This darkness, a thick black ink, blinds – chokes me like the spiraling fingers of smoke from the end of a lit cigarette – but I will wait, shrouded in layers of shadowed unknown, for the next flare of the match.”

Bustier dress with belt, \$199, from River Island

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Ladies, it is time to face your worst fears this Halloween



“Once again, the world drowns me in onomatopoeia. I am swept under wave after wave of Bang-Crash-Boom, and what you call music is nothing more than vibration. Shut the engines – turn the volume down – smash the speakers – I would much rather prefer the richness of your silence.”

Coat, \$167, from River Island



“Here I stand, a victor in vertigo. Above me – nothing but thin air. It took an eternity to make this ascent – the struggle against the temptation to look down; the climb up and further up, still, till I was out of reach of my enemies. And so here I stand, with the world at my feet.”

Dress, \$329, by Allure at TANGS



“I cannot live without my sun block, parasol, designer shades. They are protection against my greatest enemy, but I am not a Transylvanian-dwelling drinker of blood, merely a little girl wishing to keep her skin as white as snow.”

Pleated dress, \$99, from bYSI; shades and bangles, stylist's own

“That is me but it is not. These are my eyes, lips, torso, legs, but my soul is not silver-coated glass. So get behind me, Double, my doppelgänger, for you are merely my shadow in colour.”

Jacket, \$105, from River Island; gloves, stylist's own; ring, styling assistant's own




“But when I look at these tinned sardines, the grinning jack-in-the-boxes, those cocoons woven in silken silence – I think: perhaps there is potential in this prison after all.”

Turtleneck top, \$39 and cardigan, \$33, both from bYSI; pants, \$117 and boots, \$249, both from River Island; bangles, stylist's own

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