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It was a warm Summer afternoon in Central Park, New York and I was enjoying the fluorescent flowers as I ran past. The humid heat made me eager to have a short break on a very welcoming looking bench besides a shady oak tree. I walked past a group of people who were carrying dogs and behind them a little old lady hoppled along holding a manky looking backpack.

I sat quickly on the bench catching my breath and enjoying the shade when all of a sudden the little lady I saw before came and sat down beside me, almost pushing me over the side of the bench. I was agitated at this situation considering the boisterous heat and the fact that I was there first. She unzipped her backpack and pulled out a half eaten subway sandwich which she ate delicately by my face. I looked at her and she gave me a half lopsided smile and said sweetly 'hey' which forced a smile on my face.

I looked more closely at her and noticed the fact that she had two different colored shoes, a shirt which had a very large hole in the front of it but I said nothing because I assumed she was homeless which was very common in New York, although I acknowledged her clean hair and makeup which made me doubt her situation but I kept to myself. I couldn't help but notice the Louis Vuitton bag that was stuffed in the satchel she carried and the iPhone that poked out the side of her bag and in the case there was the ID of the famous actress that starred in one of my favorite movies!

I looked at her with a shocked expression plastered on my face and said with a blast of energy 'you are that lady who acted in that movie with robots'. She gave me an irritated look like she was hoping no one would recognize her and said glumly 'yeah' I felt bad for her and all she went through to not be noticed but I couldn't help but ask her why she dresses like this, she was polite and told me she was escaping the paparazzi that followed her around like a little puppy and deserved a break from the tiresome things she endures. I decided to leave her alone and said 'goodbye' just like she was another normal person on a nice day.