



 Gucci seeded wool jacket \$4,900, and matching pant \$2,100; chiffon turtleneck shirt \$2,250, and crocodile-leather crossbody bag, at select Gucci boutiques, [gucci.com](https://www.gucci.com).

Opposite page:
Thom Browne calf-suede Hector baguette puppy bag \$2,900, at Forty Five Ten, Neiman Marcus, [thombrowne.com](https://www.thombrowne.com).

“SLEEPLESS IN THE UPPER EAST SIDE”

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It was the fall of '86.

New York was chilly enough to frost a martini, loud enough to drown your thoughts, and absolutely bursting with bad decisions in good shoes. Since 1927, **The Mark Hotel** had been the Upper East Side's discreet little stage — hosting silent film stars, Fifth Avenue heiresses, and the occasional Wall Street heartbreaker. The walls had seen it all... and were about to see more.

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THE MARK HOTEL – LOBBY – DAY

Marble floors, mirrored walls, and a flower arrangement so enormous it might have its own zip code. Bellboys in white gloves weave through, Chanel No. 5 drifting in the air like gossip you can't quite hear.

Through the door bursts **MADDIE**, 26 – big hair, bigger sunglasses, recently

single, and hauling a scuffed Louis Vuitton suitcase that's seen more bad days than the city tabloids.

From the opposite side – **JACK**, 30, a travel journalist with a crooked grin and typewriter smudges on his fingers. He's late for something, but the kind of late that says, I'll charm my way out of it.

From the elevator – **CHLOE**, 25, Maddie's college roommate and now the hotel's guest relations queen, armed with a clipboard, a phone, and a triple espresso. Chloe can get you a table at Caviar Kaspia and a weekend in the Hamptons before lunch.

Opposite page:

Her: Thom Browne classic camel-hair sport coat \$3,750, and gingham-check poplin point-collar shirt \$690.

Him: Thom Browne oversized trench in hunting tweed \$8,000, shirt in gingham-printed silk \$1,650, tie in wide-shadow stripe Mogador \$380, Backstrap trouser in hunting tweed \$1,490, and thigh-high wader duck boot in calf-suede leather. At Forty Five Ten, Neiman Marcus, thombrowne.com.

Opposite page, top right and above:

Louis Vuitton Men's AF workwear jacket \$3,700, cotton shirt \$1,080, argyle jacquard cardigan vest \$1,560, tweed drawstring pant \$1,560, and dandy monogram tie \$245, at select Louis Vuitton boutiques, 866.VUITTON, louisvuitton.com.

Opposite page, bottom left: Burberry faux-fur-trim wool cashmere-blend coat \$6,890; sunflower silk jacquard pajama shirt \$1,750, and matching trouser \$1,550; and Ledger boot \$1,450, at the Burberry boutique, Neiman Marcus.

Opposite page, bottom right:

Thom Browne oversized trench in hunting tweed \$8,000, straight-fit modular shirt in gingham-printed silk \$1,650, classic tie in wide-shadow stripe Mogador \$380, Backstrap trouser in hunting tweed \$1,490, thigh-high wader duck boot in calf suede leather, and calf-suede-leather bicolor Hector baguette bag \$2,900, at Forty Five Ten, Neiman Marcus, thombrowne.com.

Her, above:

Prada top \$2,600, at the Prada boutique, prada.com.



COLLISION.

Maddie's suitcase pops open — silk slips, romance novels, and one very personal diary scatter across the marble floor.

MADDIE
(flat)
Fantastic.

JACK
(picking up the diary)
If this is yours, I swear I only read the first page.

MADDIE
(grabbing it back)
And now you'll never read the second.

Opposite page top: Louis Vuitton long-sleeve high-ruffle-collar shirt \$4,550, boxer short, Swing Mary Jane pump \$1,140, and Express MM bag \$4,500, at select Louis Vuitton boutiques, 866. VUITTON, louisvuitton.com.

Stella McCartney double-breasted midi coat, and knee-high boot \$1,650, at Neiman Marcus, Stanley Korshak, farfetch.com, modaoperandi.com, net-a-porter.com.

Celine tailored jacket in cashmere mohair natté \$3,950, and matching skirt \$1,950; blouse in acetate silk crepe \$1,550, and Triomphe perforated Richelieu shoe \$990, at Celine Highland Park Village.

This page:
Him: Hermès leather overshirt \$12,800, flannel pant \$1,750, Pele-Mele Sellier silk scarf \$460, and Fourre-Tout trotting Barenia leather bag \$16,900.
Her: Hermès flowing sartorial coat in wool felt with matte lambskin detail \$11,500, saddle-pad-style quilted liner coat with scarf collar in lambskin, crew-neck jumper in fine cashmere-and-silk knit \$2,425, and wide-leg masculine trouser in wool felt \$2,425. At Hermès Highland Park Village.



Clockwise this page:
Balenciaga belted hourglass short
puffer \$3,890, and pump \$1,375, at the
Balenciaga boutique, Neiman Marcus,
farfetch.com, modaoperandi.com,
net-a-porter.com.

Ferragamo checked shirt \$960, checked
tie \$240, V-neck sweater \$1,450, leather
trouser \$4,600, leather glove \$630, and
derby shoe \$1,250, at the Ferragamo
boutique, Neiman Marcus.

Dior Men coat \$9,300, shirt \$2,450,
pant \$2,200, and Palmarès loafer
\$1,150, at Dior Highland Park Village.

Opposite page top;
Her: Loewe cashmere dress in navy
and yellow, and brushed-calfskin crown
oxford shoe \$1,250.
Him: Loewe cashmere-linen cardigan in
gray and blue, wool-silk wide-leg trouser
\$1,950, and brushed-calfskin crown
Oxford shoe \$1,250. At Loewe Highland
Park Village, Neiman Marcus.

Carolina Herrera peak-lapel coat \$2,990,
and metal tulip brooch \$490, at Carolina
Herrera Highland Park Village, Neiman
Marcus, farfetch.com, modaoperandi.
com, net-a-porter.com. Hermès box
leather small handbag \$8,750, at
Hermès Highland Park Village.





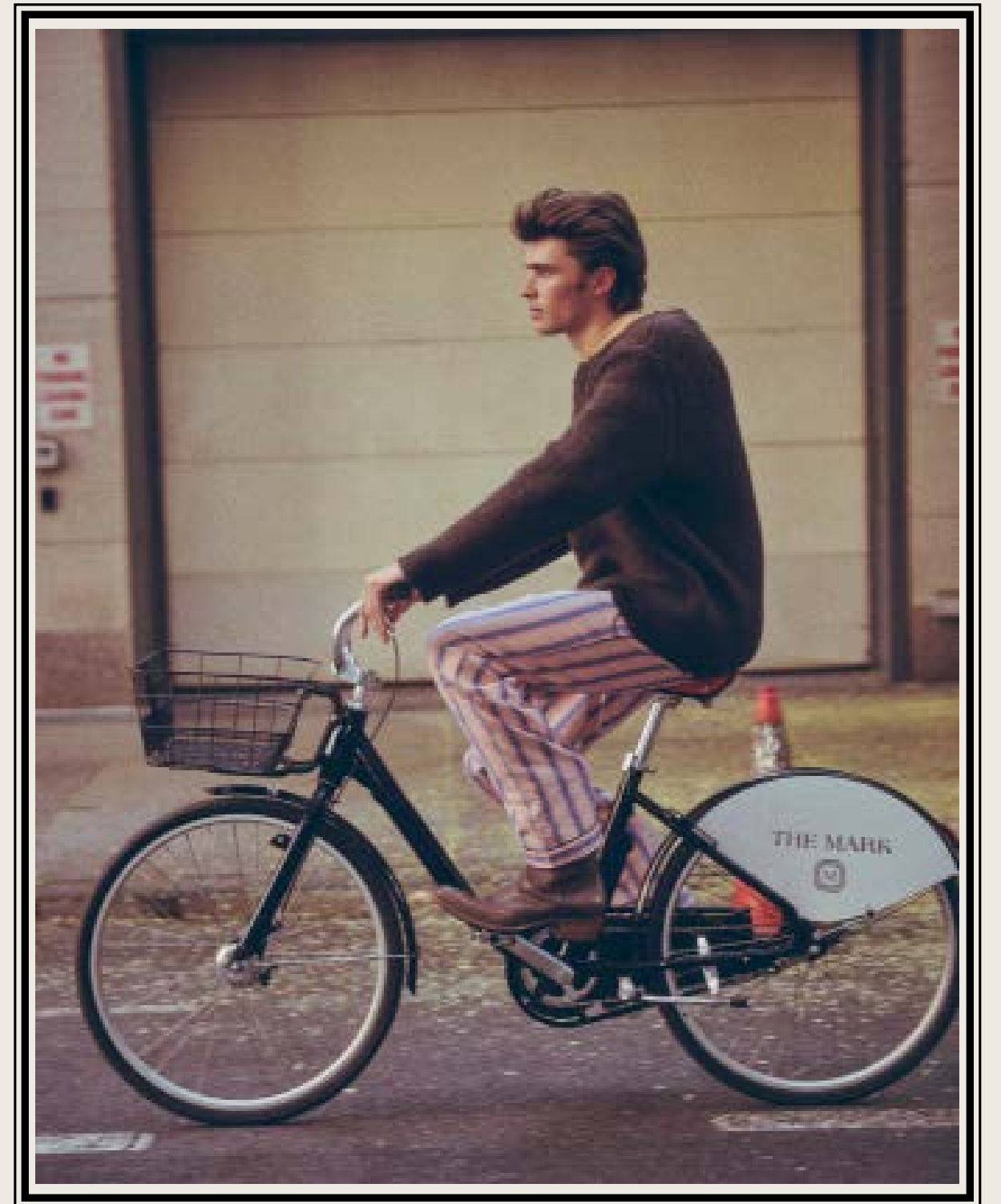
Chanel ivory cashmere pullover \$4,450, and matching skirt \$2,800; stretch lambskin/patent calfskin boot \$2,500, leather/silk satin brooch \$1,100, bracelet \$2,175, earrings \$1,000, long necklace \$2,775, necklace \$1,600, and double-pearl necklace \$2,775.

Chanel black cashmere pullover \$4,450, and skirt \$2,800, stretch lambskin/patent calfskin boot \$2,500, earrings \$875, necklace \$5,025, necklace with bow \$1,675, and long necklace \$2,775, and bag \$6,700. At Chanel Highland Park Village.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

The Mark has seen its share of love stories. But this one came with Loewe, Balenciaga, Chanel, and just enough trouble to make it interesting.

Cue: Hall & Oates — “You Make My Dreams”



Prada wide-neck Shetland wool sweater \$3,150, short-sleeved wool-and-cashmere sweater \$1,370, trouser \$1,720, and boot \$2,350, at the Prada boutique, [prada.com](https://www.prada.com).

