

TEN WORD TALES No. 5

The Little Things that Matter

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CHAPTER 2



In the world of fashion there are many people who are greedy for success. Even if you are brilliant, there can be trouble, even danger, from rivals. Mercurio's amazing clothes had made some other designers very jealous.

One morning, early in the upstairs workshop of the London store, Mercurio was standing by a large wooden table, cutting pieces of deep-blue silk for a Snow Queen costume, a dress decorated with

snowflakes. Each snowflake would be embroidered by hand; little details that made all the difference.

One of his quietest workers, he was never quite sure of her name, was already there, a small girl with quick fingers embroidering snowflakes on the pieces he had already cut. Her nimble fingers and the white and silver thread created circle after circle of snowflakes on the silk.

Mercurio heard the post arrive downstairs and went to get it. There was a big brown envelope he was not expecting.

He opened it to find a nasty message.

We are watching you Mercurio. You think your Zebra shop is wonderful but we think your dresses are UGLY and your suits are HORRIBLE. Shut up shop now or you'll be sorry.

There was a picture of giant pair of scissors cutting up the outline of a person.

Mercurio was so horrified he dropped the scissors he was carrying on to the floor.

Watch out for Chapter 3 tomorrow!