

GLAMOROUS COLLECTION

Gold Stroke Adele Makeda

Minutes after a panicked Vanessa interrupted her in the middle of an interview with "Avant" magazine to tell her that Natalia had returned, no longer able to focus, Adele Makeda excused herself from her host. Coming up with some lame excuse that she had forgotten an important meeting, Adele re-scheduled the interview, quickly gathered her things and rushed to grab a taxi back to W headquarters. She had no idea her day was about to get worse. As she waited and waited for her car to show up in the midday Parisian rush hour, whom did she run into? Natalia Fatale of course! As fate would have it, Adele would not have to search very far to get a confirmation of the rumor she had just heard, as it turns out, La Fatale was willing to share a cab and was in a very talkative mood. This would go down in history as the most awkward taxi ride ever. Natalia Fatale was actually friendly for once, chatting away as if the past had never happened and they had been best friends forever. She was excited about the future and had a very strong business plan for a new company she was about to launch, the press conference was already scheduled and everything was set. Had she gotten a personality transplant with that very pronounced facelift?

Adele mused over that one for days.

Quick Silver Kyori Sato

As soon as it hit the street, the news of Natalia's return immediately became the topic du jour for every gossip columnist in Europe. Kyori Sato and Natalia Fatale had apparently kissed and made up. Or did they really spilt in the first place? Knowing them, they must have been planning some sort of retaliation plan, after all, are they not the experts in the deception department? If not, how was Kyori so easily able to locate her when things went sour at Ivissima last fall? She must have known since the start that La Fatale had fled to Switzerland to get some "work" done. In fact, she must have been part of Natalia's return all along! What if Natalia secretly engineered her ex-husband's final fall while letting Veronique Perrin reap the benefits? If she really were the one pulling the strings behind the scene, it would be pure genius wouldn't it?

The truth? With the help of Kyori Sato, her partner in crime, Natalia Fatale has been planning a comeback like no other, just like a phoenix rising from the ashes. Foolish ones thought she was out of the picture for good, but she was recuperating from cosmetic surgery, bathed in the total luxury of the Bern Beauty Institute, lost somewhere in the Swiss Alps.

Glimmer Luchia Z.

Ms. Z cared very little about the drama surrounding W and Missima or anyone involved in it for that matter. Nor did she want to be filled in on the details, her assistant just loved to talk so much, if only he would concentrate on her hair and stay quiet! She had become the hot ticket in town and frankly, she didn't care much for gossip and never had. As long as people were in awe with the mere mention of her name and that she had an audience to charm, life was good for Luchia. What did she care if some ultra rich socialite had returned to Paris after an apparently self-imposed exile? To put it mildly, soon she would have to care about all this drama. Natalia Fatale was not a woman you could ignore for very long and the offer she was about to make her involved more money than Ms. Z had ever seen. How could she refuse to become the new ultra sexy image of Fatale Cosmetics for a cool 1.5 million Euros? Her image would soon be associated with the definition of sexy for decades to come.

MetalMaven Vanessa Perrin

OK, so the celebrations at W Cosmetics would be short-lived...so what?

In the few months since Missima had gone belly up, W sales had sky rocketed to new heights, everyone involved with W was being offered contracts left and right and even Kyori's former models seemed to have gotten a life of their own at the Nu.Face agency, while the diva had gone on an extended vacation. Business was booming for W and everyone envied the firm, from fashionistas down to rich businessmen looking to invest in the next big thing.

Constantly being surrounded by the top stylist in town, Vanessa was always amongst the first to hear all the hot gossip. In her world, hairdressers seemed to know everything before it even happened!

The moment she overheard Jean-Jacques casually tell Adele's stylist that he would never believe what he had seen Natalia Fatale at Romanoff the previous night, she almost choked on her ice cold Eviani. The boys just went on and on about how incredibly fabulous Fatale was and how hot and "refreshed", if not younger, she now looked.

Vanessa's brain started racing a million miles an hour as she took a plunge from her makeup chair to dig for her phone at the bottom of her new Armando Cavalier purse. This was not happening. Those silly boys must have been playing a trick on her; they probably just wanted to see the look on her face...

<p>Hot Property Natalia Fatale</p> <p>Antenne 2 France News Marcel Boisjolie, Reporter (via live feed) (Translated from French)</p> <p>Every trader at the Palais de la Bourse in Paris was smiling today at the announcement that Ms. Natalia Fatale, the former CEO of Missima Cosmetics, had made an offer to buy the remaining assets of the famous brand out of bankruptcy. With great pump, Natalia Fatale, a self-appointed guru of the cosmetic industry, revealed the logo of her new brand (simply called Fatale) and made a solid presentation which outlined her plan to put together a company that will reveal relevance in the cosmetics industry but more specifically for women all over the world.</p> <p>Ms. Fatale also unveiled her first campaign, a fresh and energetic affair that wowed everyone present at the press conference. The announcement generated alot of excitement invarious segments of the financial community.</p> <p>On a related topic, on break while doing a promotional interview with actress Isha, CEO Veronique Perrin of rival company W Cosmetics was overheard whispering the following to the actress upon hearing the news of Fatale' s proposed plan: "Here we go again!"</p>	<p>Color Therapy Vanessa Perrin</p> <p>Everyone at W Cosmetics was a little discombobulated from the announcement that Natalia was back. Everyone tried not to care. Minding their own business had always worked for them in the past, sort of.</p> <p>Vanessa decided that there was absolutely nothing she, or her sister could do about the re-birth of their competitors. On the contrary, Veronique had the right attitude, she immediately called for a brainstorming session to evaluate the company's plans in light of the creation of Fatale cosmetics and came up with a fabulous new publicity campaign of their own to compete with Natalia's newly unveiled marketing strategy. Suffice to say, all walked out of the planning room with renewed confidence!</p>
<p>Most Desired Eugenia</p> <p>The last few months had been somewhat rocky for Ms Perrin Frost.The entire Perrin clan had frowned upon that wildly controversial marriage scheme she had taken part in. This whole undercover drama everyone in Monaco was whispering about, especially her high profile aunt, the Countess Jerrica, didn't help the family's image in Monegasque social circles.</p> <p>Eugenia had not gone back to Monaco in a few years and was now starting to be perceived as a problem child...</p> <p>And what of the reports of always perfect Veronique Perrin being an integral part of this bizarre tale of deception? Truly appalling!</p> <p>Eugenia was long overdue to make an appearance at the palace, and what better time to do so than at aunt Jerrica's annual charity ball? Indeed, it was time for her to go back & reclaim her title of most desired socialite.</p>	

Playing It Cool Darius Reid

Darius had not heard from Kyori in weeks, but it was OK. He decided that in love, like war, one obtained better results by playing it cool.

He didn't really know who Natalia Fatale was, he had heard Kyori talk about her but the model had always remained extremely evasive when questioned about her specific associations with the troublesome socialite and her mischief making years at Missima.

For a while Darius had managed to have the model all to himself - his business was booming and everything was flying high! But for the last few weeks it seems like something was missing in his life. Natalia came back and Kyori stopped calling. She never introduced him to her "friend". Darius was a little dumbfounded. His friend Francisco had warned him about the elusive model, actually everyone had...Maybe he should have listened....But the man just couldn't help himself, she had him by the heart.

Lady Thriller Pierre

Pierre is an inspired man these days, it seems like the entire city of Paris is abuzz with style and cutting edge looks. Although the city of light has always been like one big canvas to him, this season was especially so with him shooting an exciting fashion editorial in Montmartre for a top American magazine! He just couldn't wait to meet with Francisco to show him the totally sharp images he had just shot. His friend had such an impeccable eye for this kind of thing, and Pierre knew that he would be getting a dead-on opinion immediately.

So rushing after his last shoot to go meet Cisco at Café Heure de Gloire to go over the material, Pierre grabbed some of the proofs and went on his way...

Cisco: P, wait, look at this shot, isn't that Kyori in the background kissing someone?

Pierre: You're right!!! Who's this guy? Isn't she dating your friend Darius?

Cisco: Uh oh... What are we going to do with this one? Do we keep it to ourselves?

Pierre: That would explain why you told me she's been ignoring Darius lately, no?

NU.FACE AGENCY

Clash Control

Name: Erin Salston™
Age: 19
Height: 5' 11" Chest: 31
Waist: 24 Shoe: 6
Position: Model
Location: Los Angeles, USA.



Erin was totally bummed out. For once in her young life she had actually managed to be where she wanted to be and now she would have to figure out everything all over again. What's a girl to do? Her modeling career was pretty much over, the tabloids didn't seem to care as much about her antics anymore and all she had left was money, lots of it. But even that was no longer good enough for her. Erin had gotten a taste of fame in Europe and soon realized that on her own, without a strong manager to negotiate her appearances for her, she was a little lost. It seemed like all she was good at was finding weird reasons for people to talk about her (and usually not very positive ones).

The morning that Lukas M. knocked on her hotel room door, Erin was still a little foggy from another night of crazy partying at her friend's club in LA. But her senses were definitely awakening the more pretty boy was sharing his plans with her. She knew the pay wouldn't be that great at first but she didn't care. Here was her chance to truly be a part of something exciting and new, the birth of the Nu.Face Agency.

She was in.



Lost Angel

Name: Colette Duranger™
Age: 18
Height: 6' Chest: 32
Waist: 24 Shoe: 6
Position: Model
Location: St. Tropez, France.



Life at W was so proper. Yes, so OK, Colette enjoyed the pay and the friendships and all, but the rigorous discipline imposed on her models by Véronique Perrin just didn't appeal to her. Colette understood like no one else the importance of a healthy diet, proper sleeping habits and a Zen-like balance in every area of life, but could no longer handle the very strict expectations the life of a W girl required. Colette wanted balance in her life, sure, but she wanted it her way. All of this was so confusing to her because the Perrin family and everyone involved with W had been beyond kind to her, but Colette was a free spirit and needed more room to grow than what Perrin was willing to give her.

One morning, while out about town in Paris, catching a breath of fresh autumn air near the Eiffel tower, she heard a masculine voice call her name from afar. When she turned, she immediately recognized that gorgeous hunk, Lukas Maverick, that mysterious looking hipster she had briefly ran into in London a few times. How had he located her? No one knew where she lived yet alone what her daily routine was. She would ask questions later though, as what he was proposing right now just had the effect of a summer breeze; She could sign on and become a model for this new agency that he was starting, Nu.Face. She would get to work with all sorts of clients and travel to more exotic locations than she could dream of.

Only one thing was left to do, hand in her resignation that very day. Her life at W was over. Nu.Face was the promise of a brighter future, plain and simple.



London by Night

Name: Ayumi Nakamura™
Age: 20
Height: 5' 10" Chest: 30
Waist: 23 Shoe: 7
Position: Model
Location: Tokyo, Japan.



Ayumi wanted a change. Even though Kyori Sato had gone out of her way to get her a work visa so she could model in Europe, the fall of Missima almost made her happy. The model was ready to move on and felt that being assigned to only one company was sort of boring anyway. But what would she do next? Who would sign her on? Many were a little intimidated by her stature and sort of emotionless demeanor. Also, the fact that she had only appeared in one or two campaigns for Missima, even though Kyori had promised her more, left her a little under-exposed to the world. For months now Ayumi had been shopping for work and had been told "no" more times than she could count. However, she wouldn't have to search for much longer, opportunity was about to seek her out for a change.

When she saw Lukas Maverick's name on her caller ID, she was a little surprised, if not bewildered. The two models had only met briefly that strange evening at Club Royale and had barely spoken five words to each other. How on earth was he able to locate her? It had been months since Missima had folded. Strange she thought, but soon after he had invited her to join him, she no longer felt like asking questions.

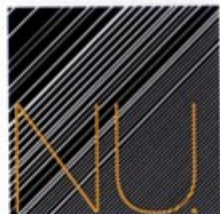
Nu.Face was calling and that girl wouldn't say no.

Rock Ringmaster Lukas M

When Lukas left Club Royale that night, he knew that his time to shine had come. Never had he received so many offers from modeling agencies in his entire life, but he knew better. You see, not only is he one of the most handsome and masculine young men in Europe, he is also one of the smartest. Not willing to let others decide his own fate, Lukas had negotiated his first modeling contract for Missima. He realized quickly that the glamorous life of a model would be a very short one and that the ringmasters, the agents, the ones who negotiate for the models, are the ones making the real money in the long term. It was clear to Lukas that he would have to get a piece of that action one day.

The morning Lukas got the letter saying that his contract was terminated, a direct result of the fall of Missima, he knew the door was wide open for him. He had all the contacts, had already worked with all of Kyori's models and knew how to get to them. But to top it all off, he had managed to seduce so many filthy rich, highly influential industry executives since his arrival in London, convincing them to invest in his project would be a piece of cake.

Very soon, the Nu.Face Agency was born and would rock the world of fashion like none before.



Gear Up Market Report Spring 2008

Lukas knew what he wanted when the concept of Nu.Face first sprung into his mind, almost as if the project was already built from head to toe even before it had begun. He knew this modeling agency would be all about image. An ultra hip logo, shocking colors, cutting edge fashion models, the best photographers and graphic artists... Lukas had all the contacts to make it happen. Now, all he needed was a strong catalog so he could start knocking on every door in Europe in search of a clientele.

But who would lend him clothes for a shoot for free? Who would trust a young upstart and his crazy team of models with ultra expensive couture? Who else than extravagant socialite Baroness Agnes Von Weiss?! Of course, Lukas had no idea what he would be getting into, but he had heard and seen good things coming out of Von Weiss these past few months since the Baroness' sister had taken over design for the firm. Giselle Diefendorf was young and hip, a true "avant guardiste", just what Nu.Face needed. Indeed, the year ahead would be a good one and if Lukas and his girls played their cards right, all the majors would soon be fighting to tap into this new pool of young talent. But everything has a price tag and what a hefty one his would be...

Lukas loved it already. Perfect.



EXCLUSIVES

Firefly Agnes Von Weiss

Von Weiss on fire!

That's what Vague magazine would say. Vague, and all the others that is! Passionate, flamboyant, glamorous, her latest collection was all that and more. Agnes was already salivating at all the attention that was about to come her way and she wasn't even getting it yet, she just loved to think about it!

That outrageous little sister of hers, Giselle, turned out to be a pretty good designer after all. Agnes had feared that her arrival meant nothing but trouble but as much as it was difficult for her to admit it, she had miscalculated the child's wild talent for fashion design. But then again she should have known, eccentricity ran strong in that family didn't it?

To kind of quote a famous science-fiction movie, the eccentric force was strong in her family, she had it.... and her sister had it too. Agnes chuckled in front of her favorite mirror. She would have to use that line at her next marketing meeting, she told herself, as she admired the fit of one of Giselle's latest creations.

For the the first time in her firm's notorious hit or miss history, Agnes was finally holding a perfectly structured gown that would more than likely be the focus of a smashing collection. Not even the news of the return of Natalia Fatale could bring a cloud to this day.

La Von Weiss smiled, a cold shiver run up her assistant's spine.

High Gloss Agnes

"Agnes Von Weiss doesn't follow trands. No, in fact she likes to think that she sets them. First she, then her sister Giselle, loves to be heard giving all kinds of strange random fashion tips when reporters are around such as tube socks are making a comeback. People still wonder if they are joking or not, but to Agnes it's all part of an elaborate scheme that she says keeps people guessing about her and her fashion sense.

That is of course, until they see the fabulous new clothes Giselle has been designing for her brand and then they all start complimenting her.

Everyone agrees that the Von Weiss sisters are definitely strange, but people often wonder if this act is for real. For years now, people have been speculating about the Baroness' true origins and now with the arrival of her younger sister in the picture, the story seems to have become a complete blur with too many ramifications to follow. Will we soon find out what Baroness Agnes Von Weiss is all about and what mysteries, if any, lay on the branches of her twisted family tree?

Sure we will. Agnes is already calling the tabloids to see who will pay the most for the story."

Back to Black Natalia

Natalia wanted a fresh new direction for Fatale, time to breakaway from the Missima years once and for all! But who could best symbolize this exciting new dawn for her nascent venture?

After sitting for hours in her study room, drinking her favorite champagne and sifting through hundreds of expensive art books and the latest issues of both Cosmo and Hello! magazines, Natalia decided that only one woman could effectively represent the statement she wanted to make: Queen Cleopatra!

The she thought "OK, so Cleo passed away a few thousand years ago and her image has been used countless times, how do I make her look fresh again?" Natalia laughed, thinking about the countless possibilities. The dazzling image of timeless power and confidence at her fingertips.... Brilliant!

Purple Pose Isha

"Isha was delighted when she received the script for "Purple Pose" and was offered the leading role without the need to audition. Not only did this mean that she had truly arrived, it was the ultimate signal that she was now a bona fide superstar!

The script of this movie was fascinating. With so much buzz about it and famed Italian director Earnest Campari directing it, this would be an enticing role to say the least. The story revolved around a vain socialite who had to start her life anew after she was forced into a shameful exile following a highly publicized affair with a married politician.

She would have to cope with all kinds of very difficult situations: losing her fortune, her reputation and having to work hard to make a comeback.

Isha couldn't wait to get started and she accepted the role on the spot. The first thing she did after chatting with the director was to call Veronique Perrin, because everyone knew she would need a sponsor for the publicity tour and that the team at W Cosmetics was the top game in town. Following her last mega hit "The Age of Opulence" this role could be the one that would win her a one-way ticket to ultimate stardom!"

Shapeshifter Natalia

Dear Natalia:

We need your help. i need your help. Club Royale was a disaster just as you had told me it would be. Frankly, I have to finally come to terms with the fact that you are the master and i am only an apprentice. I really thought i could keep running that club after our plan to take down Missima was done with. I was wrong about that one, dead wrong. I just could not do it without you.

On a more positive note, i can't believe the Perrin clan, Francisco Leon, your husband and everyone else was so easy to manipulate. I'm glad we are rid of Perry for good, but with the fall of Missima, I have lost my modelin department and that bugs me a little. i can't stand the fact that the "kids", my darling proteges have achived so much success without me, that Nu. Face agency is the toast of London and W now owns and runs Club Royale.

Seems like other people do better with the things that I start than i do. Anyway, enough self-pity for one day!.

So what's next? How's your face healing sugar, are you ready for your comeback? I think you are, you looked better than ever last month when i saw you after my vacation in Rome. I think what you and I have planned will work, there's no way Luchia Z. will say no to our offer and better yet, the concept for your new company is so different than what W does for once, that i think the competition's head will be spinning when we are up and running. I'm so looking forward to be working with you again, you have no idea girl...

Yours truly,
Kyori

Queen V Veronique

This premium edition Veronique Perrin commemorates the 10th issue of DollyBird magazine.

Happy Anniversary, DollyBird, and here's a toast to many more issues!

-Jason Wu and his design team
Dollybird

THE HEIST CONVENTION COLLECTION

Operative - Code Name - Role

The blurb

<p>Adele - The Muse - Undercover Recon</p> <p>She is loyal and intelligent. She will search high and low to help you find what's rightfully ours. She is your muse; she is your pillar of strength.</p> <p>In all your adventures she will be by your side. Through all the madness, she'll never hide.</p>	<p>Luchia - Hopelessly Captivating - Deception</p> <p>She mesmerizes like a siren in the night. Before they know it, they will be whispering their secrets down her ear, they can't resist her might. She is the enchantress.</p> <p>She never picks a side, and nothing can pierce her hide. She does what's best for righteousness.</p>
<p>Veronique - Onyx - Chief Operative</p> <p>She will figure out the truth and lead her sisters to victory. The jewel of her ancestors will come back to the family.</p> <p>Nothing will keep her away from her destiny. Her resolve is as hard as onyx.</p>	<p>Agnes - Drama Behind the Drama - Classified</p> <p>For years you thought she was nothing but an extravagant distraction. Her voice always clouded with confusion and deception.</p> <p>Now the Cartel is at her fingertips, did she play a game with you? The vital information she supplies through the knight is your salvation.</p>
<p>Kyori - Truce of the Matter - Master of Disguise</p> <p>She once loved a mysterious Japanese thief who took her breath away, but his heart turned out to be as cold as the steel of his sword. Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned.</p> <p>She will stop at nothing to undo his plans, even if it means helping the other clan.</p>	<p>Eugenia - Fine Jewel - Negotiation</p> <p>Last year she helped oust a tyrant by carefully planning her fall. Now she's on call, ready to joust again in the name of honor.</p> <p>She knows how to speak to a Russian socialite; soon the jewel will come to light.</p>
<p>Tatyana Alexandrova - Fete Accompli - Evil Mastermind</p> <p>Nobody does it better, she's a master manipulator. She pulls the strings behind the scene, if she doesn't get it now, she'll get it sooner or later.</p> <p>The Eye of Prussia will be her own, no one can stop her, but she can't do it alone.</p>	<p>Vanessa - Shirred, Not Shaken - Intelligence</p> <p>Sexy and smart, she's a great conversationalist. She makes you say things that she will report to headquarters. Your name is on her list.</p> <p>Thanks to her, there is a ray of hope and we'll cope.</p>
<p>Giselle - Masterpiece Theatre - Classified</p> <p>You didn't see it coming. A seamstress should not know this much about the game. Passing along the mission directives made her fame.</p> <p>This knight of the Cartel is a messenger of truth. Follow her directives, you will be en route.</p>	<p>Lilith & Eden - Element of surprise - Distraction</p> <p>Like court jesters, these pretty little things will distract you from the solution and you'll fester in your path towards resolution.</p> <p>Watch your step, pretty can mean treachery.</p>
<p>Takeo Mizutani - Mission Moscow - Master Thief</p> <p>A newcomer, a practitioner of the ancient arts of stealth and deception. He will steal your heart in the night for a price.</p> <p>The pale light of an October moon will sparkle on his blade, cold as ice.</p>	<p>Fashion -- Life of the Party - Mission Disguise</p> <p>Disguise the deception, discover the truth.</p> <p>Don't let them catch the real you, transform and become one of them, even learn their anthem.</p> <p>Find your way through the Russian Tea Room, the solution will come soon.</p>

W CLUB

<p>Going Public Eugenia</p> <p>First she had disappeared to the US and had gotten married to a rich yet very obscure American microchip inventor named Michael Frost without her parents' knowledge. After living a rather bleak life for a couple of years in some unassuming little town, she divorced (getting a huge settlement in the process) and returned to Europe where she belonged. And then she planned a secret hostile takeover of Missima with her cousin by seducing and marrying womanizer Perry Marino, which brought her into a life in the spotlight again, but not necessarily in a good way. The Perrin family in Monaco wanted her to clean up her image and fast. Now forced to go public with her sordid story and face the PR nightmare, will Eugenia Perrin Frost finally stay out of trouble and capture some of the good publicity that usually follows her cousin Veronique, or will her life as good do-er be short lived? What other controversy will she find herself caught in yet? The Perrins certainly hope that there won't be any.</p>	<p>Bewitching Hour Luchia</p> <p>Luchia loves attention, that's no big secret, but is she really the flake everyone thinks she is? Absolutely not, to her it's all a game. In reality, Luchia is one of the most intelligent people you'll ever meet. Behind her coy facade lies a real talent: this woman can make anyone reveal their most hidden secrets. From confidential business deals, to rumors and incriminating facts, every tidbit of info usually lands in her lap sooner or later and what she does with it is totally up to her.</p> <p>Some say that her knack for getting what she wants out of men only rivals the famous Mata Hari. If this is true, maybe she's in the wrong business; maybe she should apply for a position with the Central Directorate of Interior Intelligence, but then again, being a real spy would be so much trouble. She's having too much fun doing it the way she does it!</p>
<p>Blonde Ambition - Ambitious mood</p> <p>Filled with eternal respect for those I love, my passion for life knows no limits. Through beauty & strenght, I will help elevate those who follow me to new heights.</p>	<p>Body Double - The moods for change</p> <p>In days past I was a blond. Free like a butterfly, I now wish to morph into a stylish brunette beauty. Such is my mood today.</p>
<p>Starry Night - The mood tonight is love</p> <p>Some say I'm the star of my world. That's because I live my life bathed in beauty under the stars of Paris. Want to join me?</p>	<p>French Dressing – The French Set the Mood</p> <p>Every season, fashion is re-invented on the catwalks of Paris. French designers come up with the recipe for style and I toss a little zest of my own in the mix. Vive la France! -Veronique Perrin</p>
<p>Luxe Finish - Setting a Luxurious Mood</p> <p>Let me show you how to achieve that perfect <i>Luxe Finish</i>. Paris has a lot to offer and I know where to find things that sparkle under the stars. -Veronique Perrin</p>	<p>Paris J'Adore – Swept by the Moods of Paris</p> <p>I left Moscow with one goal in mind: to conquer Paris and break it with my iron will. I was wrong, one does not conquer the city of lights, Paris conquers the heart at first sight! -Tatyana Alexandrova</p> <p><u>Note:</u> this doll was a FAO Exclusive - not a club doll, but it is part of the Moods Collection, thus I list it here.</p>