

FASHION SPY

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THE fashion pack schlepped back across the Atlantic from New York last weekend, ready for London Fashion Week. So far I've clocked some gorgeous trends on the catwalks and even cooler ones at the after-parties, but first, to Josh Hartnett. Rain Man just opened in the West End, with Hollywood's hottie taking the lead. I was invited along by Armani (who dressed Josh for the play in slick, American Gigolo-style suits, only with much tighter trousers) and while watching his amazing performance my crush reached epic proportions. Off we headed for drinks afterwards and I finally got

Meeting Rain Man Josh was a damp squib in Fashion Week

my chance to meet Josh. "This is Louise," said my friend. "Hi Laura," he said, shaking my hand before looking around the room and moving on. Luckily I didn't have time to dwell on my embarrassment as I had to hotfoot it to South Ken for the London Fashion Week action. My personal highlights kicked off with new designer Kaviar Gauche showing gorgeous silk ruffled skirts and dresses at the On|Off catwalk. Then PPQ followed its bright,

bold collection with an equally fabulous party at Piccadilly's Vendome club, while Vivienne Westwood launched her wicked CD, Catwalk Breakdown, a mix of her favourite tunes from the past few decades. Plus there was LPBG, the debut collection by model Ben Grimes and Lily Parker (already on my spring wish-list) Must have: Caudalie's spray and Westwood's CD



and Giles Deacon's fun, gin-fuelled bash to celebrate 10 seasons working with Swarovski. And the week's must-have accessory? Not an It-bag or Louboutin heel, but Caudalie's Eau de Beauté spray. Spotting at least five models with this new miracle mint wake-up spritzer, I snapped one up at SpaceNK (£12). Like a facial followed by a triple espresso, it wakes you up and says bye-bye to the hangover. With Issa's legendary show and party lined up for tonight, I'll be needing it...

Fashion mouse ... the internet shopping spot

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