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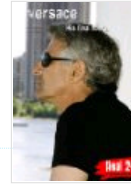
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On the morning of July 14, 1997 Gianni Versace awoke early. He had come home to Florida after a successful showing of his latest collection in Paris. He was also in the process of doing something that no other designer before him had done. His design house, The House of Versace, was going to be the first fashion design company ever to be listed on both the Milan and New York Stock Exchanges simultaneously. As the sun rose on another beautiful day in South Beach, Gianni Versace was already on the phone with New York.

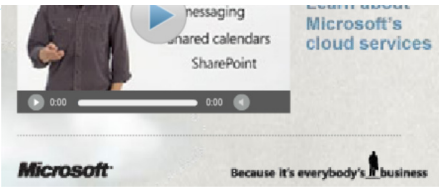
Versace and his partner of 14 years, Antonio D'Amico, had come home to Casa Casuarina, a run-down mansion in Miami Beach they had bought and renovated, to relax and celebrate. Versace, who had been ill previously, promised D'Amico that he would take a break from business when they arrived home, not an easy thing for this designer who had worked his way from his mother's small dress shop in southern Italy to the glittering, haute couture runways of Milan, New York, and Paris.








As the clock began ticking on the last 24 hours of his life, Versace wrapped up his business with New York and he and D'Amico began to settle into what had become their normal Miami Beach routine. As was their custom they left the house on foot and walked the streets of South Beach, stopping for coffee and picking up the weekly fashion magazines at their usual haunt, News Cafe. They then walked along the beach talking and making plans together.



Gianni loved South Beach for just this reason. Although he always attracted attention, here it wasn't uncomfortable. He and Antonio could truly relax and enjoy each other's company. No one bothered them, they didn't need bodyguards as they did everywhere else they went. Here they fit in; just another gay couple in the midst of a population of gay couples. Unbeknownst to either of



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