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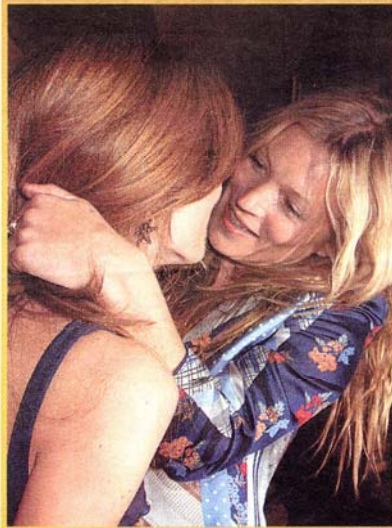


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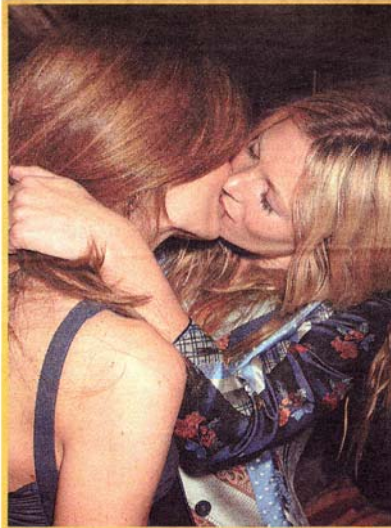
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Charity smooch raises cash... and eyebrows



SWOOP Come on, it's for a good cause says Kate as she gets to grips with Jemima



SWOON Kate locked in her embrace with Jemima as time passes them by



SMILE Kate grins broadly as the pair finish their show-stopping, 60-second clinch

By Jo Willey

MANY men would happily give their life savings to get up close and personal with Kate Moss.

So, when a "Kiss Me Kate" lot went under the hammer at a charity auction evening, it is hardly surprising that a bidding frenzy ensued.

Retail billionaire Philip Green, 54, eventually snapped up the smacker with Kate for £60,000 – but then he left other men in the room open-mouthed by politely declining the opportunity.

Instead, he did the charitable thing and gave the chance of a lifetime away to the second highest bidder.

And that was how Jemima Khan, 32, came to end up in a clinch with Kate, also 32, who was the star "lot" at the auction to raise money for Palestinian refugee children.

But there were more surprises ahead. Instead of planting a peck on her cheek, Kate raised a few eyebrows by puckering up and giving Hugh Grant's girlfriend a lingering smooch on the lips.

It lasted for at least 60 seconds, meaning that Bhs boss Mr Green, who was there with his wife Tina, had forked out £1,000 a second.

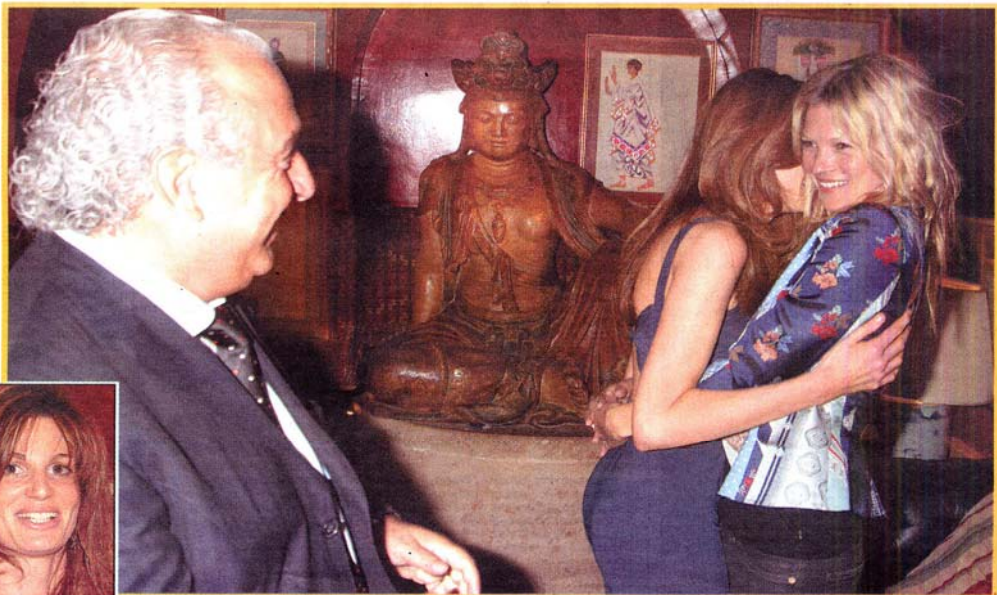
One beaten bidder said: "A few people were shocked but everyone was laughing afterwards."

Clearly, Kate has put the past few months behind her after spending a spell in rehab following the publication of pictures showing her apparently snorting cocaine.

Other lots at the event – held at Annabel's in London in aid of the Hopping Foundation – included a game of golf with actor Grant, with Jemima acting as caddy, which went for £12,000.

Cricket lessons from her former husband Imran Khan, tea with the Archbishop of Canterbury and a children's story read by Narnia actress Tilda Swinton also helped to raise more than £200,000.

Kate kisses Jemima for 60,000 smackders



GENTLEMANLY GESTURE: Tycoon Philip Green beaming happily at the celebrity couple and, inset, Jemima relaxing at the party

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