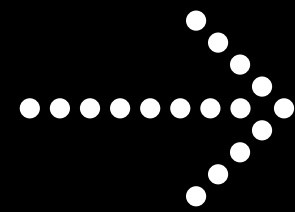




Press the flight attendant button many, many times.

catch me if you can

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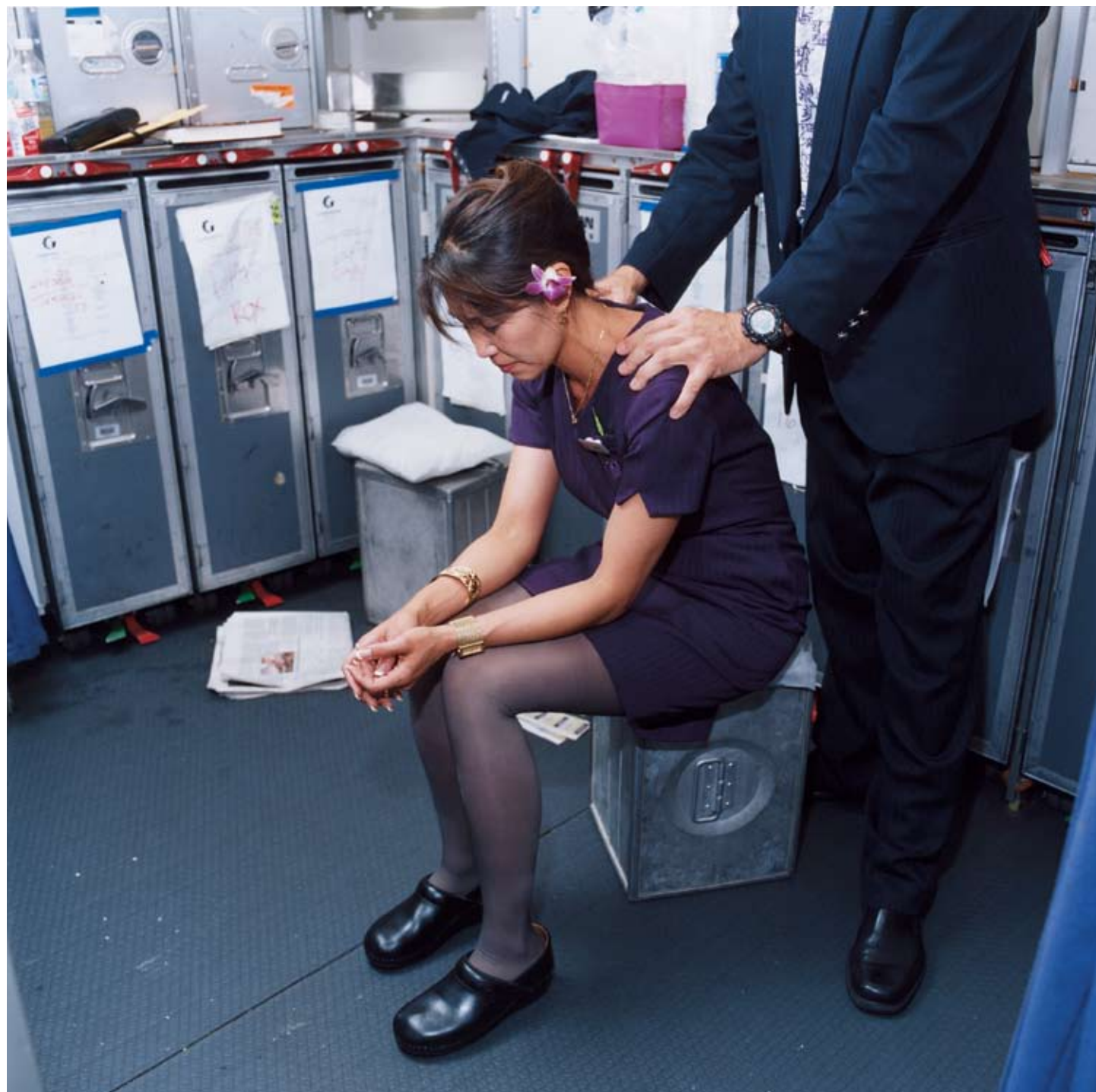


Cabin crew, prepare for take-off. Today's flight attendants flaunt uniforms straight from the atelier and a style that's miles above it all. CITY hopped on seven flights to watch them walk—nay, strut—about the skyway.



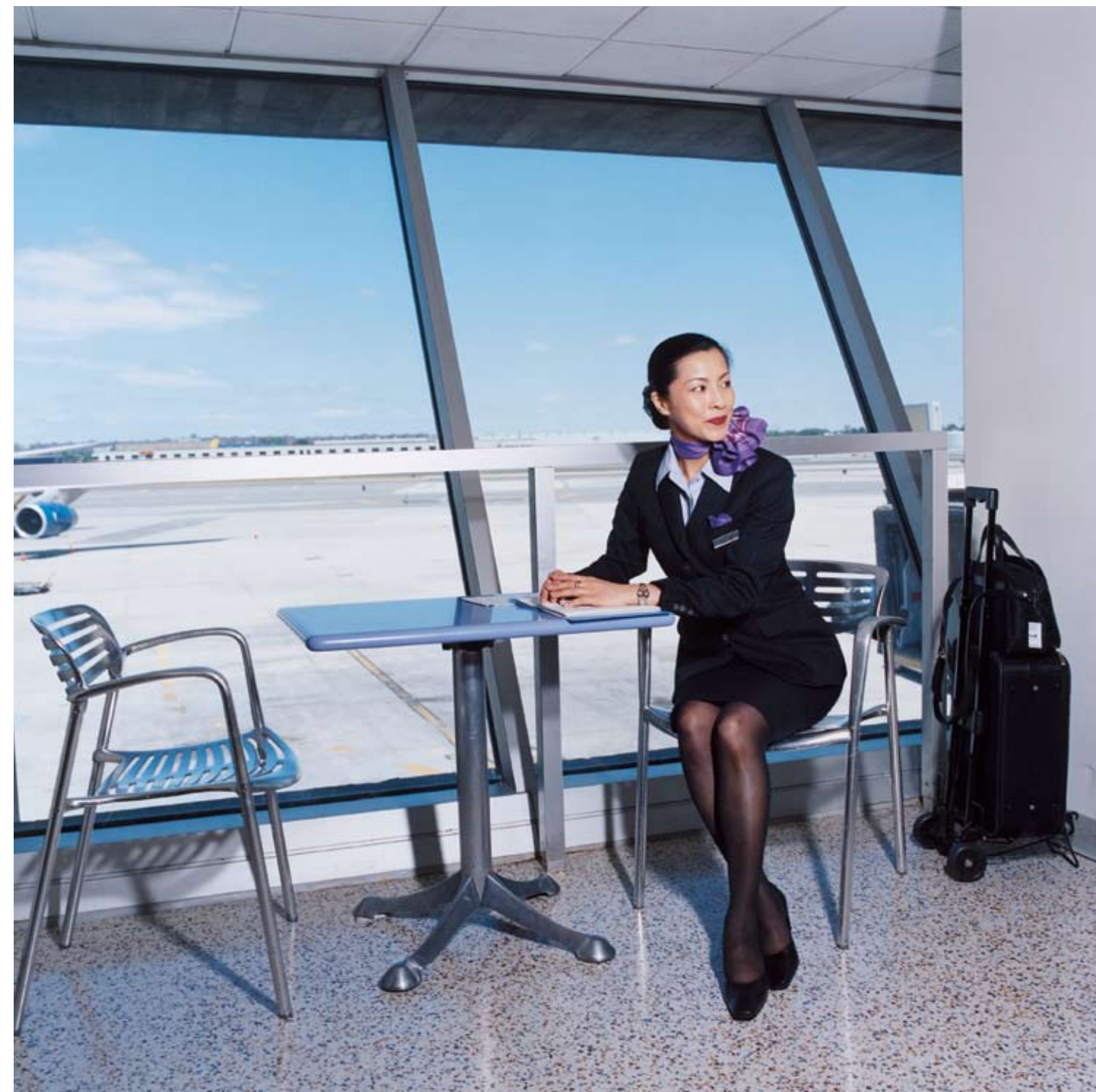
tiger 

FLIGHT FACTS: Two Tiger Airways flight attendants moonlight as daytime television stars in the *Dallas*-style TV series *Gelora*. • Singapore's Hotel Novotel Clarke Quay offers a "Tiger Martini" in honor of Tiger Airways. The recipe: 30ml Chopin Vodka, 20ml Grand Marnier, 30ml Mandarin (sparkling orange soda), mixed in a shaker with ice, served with a tiger-tail twist of orange peel and black olives.



hawaiian 

FLIGHT FACTS: Hawaiian Airlines flight attendants are encouraged to wear flowers in their hair. • Hawaiian has never had an air fatality in its 77 years of service, and ranks highest in on-time arrivals for U.S. airlines. • While Hawaiian does offer inter-island flights, adventure-seekers might try paddleboarding, once the practice of Hawaiian kings. Each year, paddleboarders race between Molokai and Oahu islands—some 32 miles.



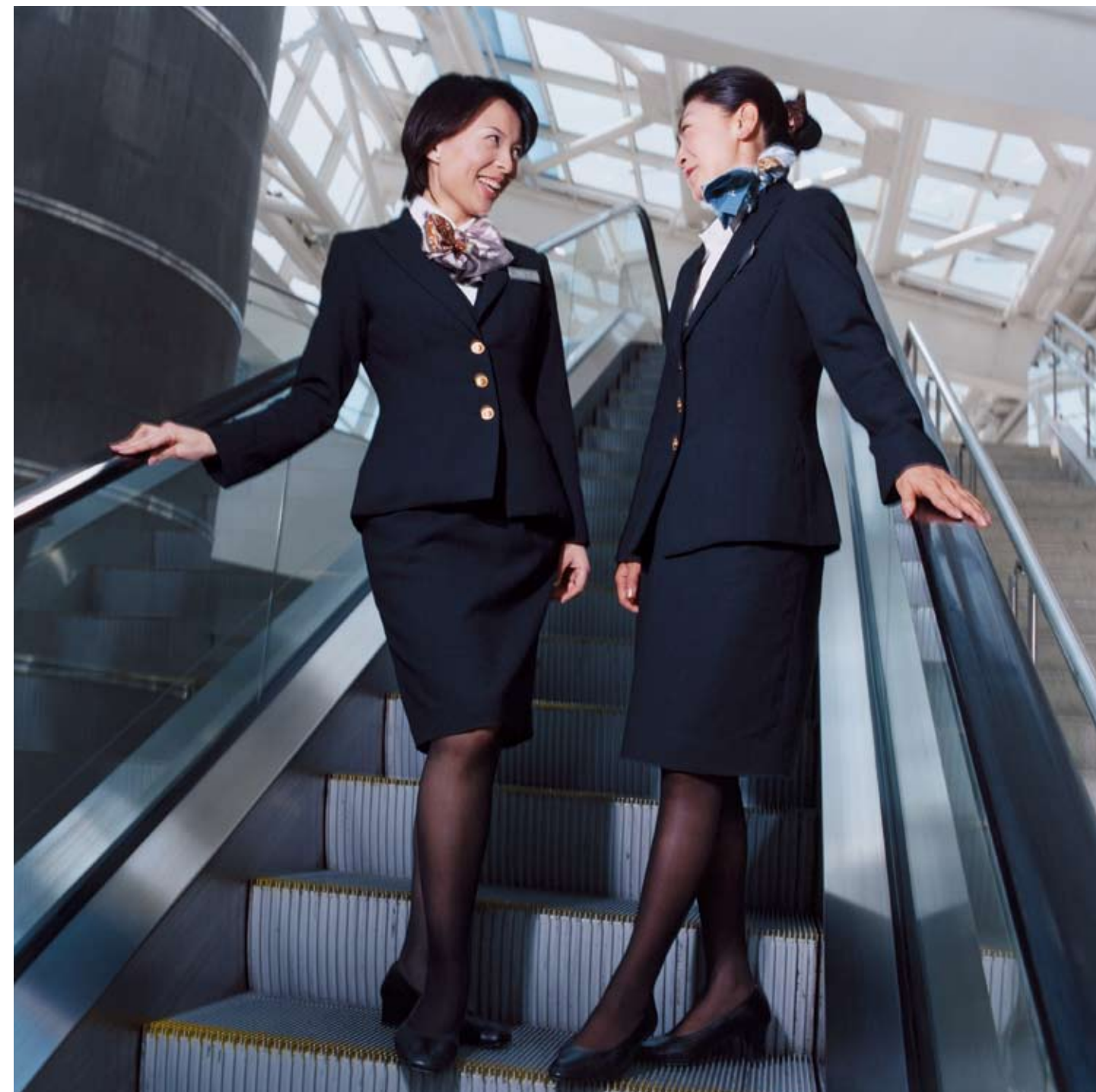
ana 

FLIGHT FACTS: More than 10,000 flight attendants and ground staff wear uniforms and bags conceived by noted Japanese designer Atsuro Tayama, who has a store in SoHo, New York. • ANA flies four specially painted Pokémon Jets in its fleet, as well as a special Woody Woodpecker jet for Universal Studios Japan. • Japan has the highest density of robots per capita in the world—about one robot for every 310 Japanese.



icelandair 

FLIGHT FACTS: Prospective Icelandair flight attendants must be at least 23, hold a university degree, and speak three languages fluently: English, one Scandinavian language, and German or French. • Icelandair uniforms are designed by local designer María Ólafsdóttir. • Iceland is home to the world's northernmost golf course—the Akureyri Golf Club. Stop by for some late-night links in the land of the midnight sun.



jal 

FLIGHT FACTS: Over 1,300 JAL cabin attendants are members of the Japan Sommeliers Association, having taken a six-month course that culminates in a written test and blind tasting. • JAL's uniforms are designed by leading Japanese couturier Yoshie Inaba. • Old JAL uniforms are shredded as part of a uniform recycling program. The fiber is reprocessed into felt for automotive applications.



cathay pacific 

FLIGHT FACTS: Cathay Pacific held an international design competition in 1997 for its new uniforms. The winner? Eddie Lau, one of Hong Kong's most renowned fashion designers. • In honor of its 60th anniversary, Cathay Pacific is auctioning off commemorative uniformed dolls, featuring versions of each of the nine different uniforms worn by flight attendants since 1946. Collect the whole set!



airasia 

FLIGHT FACTS: AirAsia's trademark fire-engine-red uniform won the Best Uniform award in the 2004 Miss Airlines International competition. • AirAsia was the first airline worldwide to introduce "ticketless" traveling: There are no pre-assigned seats allocated prior to boarding. • This no-frills carrier offers no meals and no in-flight entertainment, so pack accordingly. —Flight Facts compiled by Rachel Bergman and Anthony Cross. Brian Finke represented at ClampArt, New York City, www.clampart.com