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Seconds after a show, we're embellished with love and support from the people closest to us. What five minutes ago was a chaotic backstage is suddenly transformed into a glamorous affair: **beautiful men in our clothes,** hordes of photographers, video cameras and fashion journalists, interviews back to back, the popping of champagne, and knowing that there's just two small reasons for all of this — a pair of twins from Willowdale, Ontario.

DEAN AND DAN CATEN

In their former lives, designers Dean and Dan Caten worked as caddies, muffin makers, shampoo boys, bus boys and waiters. They attended Parson's, a design school in New York City, where they confirmed fashion as their calling.

In 1995, because of their "ambition and need for more," they started their own menswear line, D Squared, based out of Milan. Since then, the gay brothers have gone on to dress celebrities like the Spice Girls, the Backstreet Boys and Lenny Kravitz. D Squared, characterized as "real clothes with an edge," is carried by Harvey Nichols in London, Maxfield in Los Angeles, Jeffrey's in New York and a few other exclusive retailers.

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