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I came up with the idea of a terrarium dress for the finale of my show.

The idea was to put artificial roses inside a transparent dress and have butterflies fluttering around.

I personally thought that idea was very beautiful.

But at the same time, I was worried about these butterflies in the back of my mind.

About 20 years ago, I lost my grandmother.

At the funeral, I went to a river nearby, and a white butterfly flew by and didn't leave my side.

This experience made me feel very happy, thinking that my grandmother was coming closer to me.

Since then, butterflies have often come to my side and fly by me after a while.

Even though I was having such a memorable experience, I felt guilty, yet I decided to put butterflies in the dress for my own creation.

However, it is true that I was worried that a notice like this would arrive someday in the back of my mind.

Of course I wanted the butterflies to be safe and in good health so we tried to do it with all the best conditions for them, see below which decisions we took ahead of the show and after.

We ordered from a company that uses ethical methods of breeding butterflies.

Then, before the show, we created an ample space where butterflies could breathe and fly around.

By researching with our team, we created the most comfortable environment possible for them by considering temperature and providing the nutrition they need.

After the show, we immediately went to the park and released them.

But in the end of the day, as you said, or as I thought somewhere in my heart, this act was a still mistake.

I regret that I trapped butterflies that could fly freely in the sky. With this in mind, I promise never to use butterflies or other living animals in my creations.

I hope you will appreciate our good will and please do not hesitate to inform us more on this topic as we want to learn to behave better.

And I pray that butterflies will come to my side again.

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