

**IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF
THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

[2022] SGHC 264

Originating Claim No 41 of 2022 (Summons No 1800 of 2022)

Between

Janesh s/o Rajkumar

... Claimant

And

Unknown Person
("CHEFPIERRE")

... Defendant

GROUND OF DECISION

[Civil Procedure — Injunctions — Proprietary injunction]

[Civil Procedure — Service — Substituted service out of jurisdiction]

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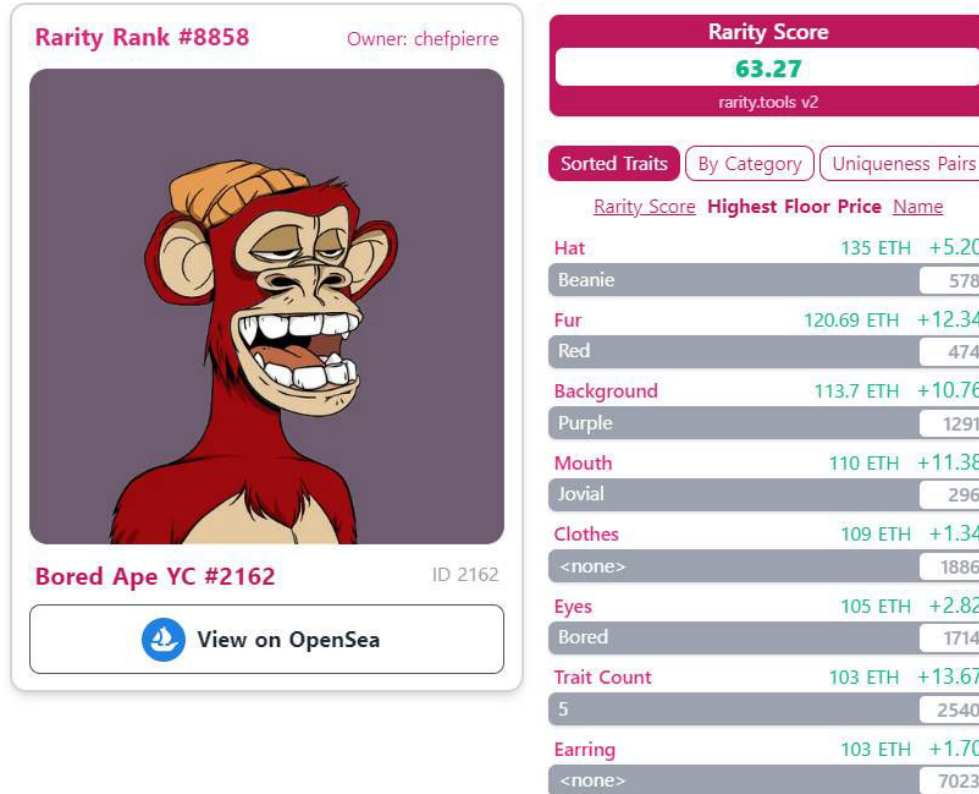
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Lee Seiu Kin J:

Introduction

1 Cars, books, wine and luxury watches – these are but, to name a few examples, highly sought-after items for collectors. For digital nomads, however, especially those steeped in the world of blockchain and cryptocurrencies, Non-Fungible Tokens (“NFTs”) have, in recent times, emerged as a highly sought-after collectors’ item. They are, to draw an analogy, the equivalent of a Rolex Daytona, or a F.P. Journe, to a horology enthusiast. Such is the hype around such NFTs that it is not uncommon to read about them being sold for sums of money that are puzzling to the unconverted. For fans of such NFTs, however, it seems that it is well worth the cost.

2 In the present case, the claimant was the proud owner of an NFT known as the Bored Ape Yacht Club (“BAYC”) ID #2162 (the “Bored Ape NFT”):¹



Rarity Rank #8858 Owner: chefpierre

Bored Ape YC #2162 ID 2162

[View on OpenSea](#)

Rarity Score
63.27
rarity.tools v2

Sorted Traits By Category Uniqueness Pairs

	Rarity Score	Highest Floor Price	Name
Hat	135 ETH	+5.20	
Beanie			578
Fur	120.69 ETH	+12.34	
Red			474
Background	113.7 ETH	+10.76	
Purple			1291
Mouth	110 ETH	+11.38	
Jovial			296
Clothes	109 ETH	+1.34	
<none>			1886
Eyes	105 ETH	+2.82	
Bored			1714
Trait Count	103 ETH	+13.67	
5			2540
Earring	103 ETH	+1.70	
<none>			7023

3 The Bored Ape NFT was precious to the claimant.² That was apparent from his affidavit. The claimant, however, had lost “possession” of the Bored Ape NFT – he therefore brought the present application for an injunction to restrain the defendant from dealing with it.³

¹ Claimant’s First Affidavit at para 5.

² Claimant’s First Affidavit at para 52.

³ Claimant’s First Affidavit at paras 121, 132–133.