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Task:

- Underline the embedded clauses.
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Embedded Clauses		
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who had lots of bags		which was very crowded



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