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Gabrielle Union Says Her *America's Got Talent* Exit 'Process Was Really Brutal'

The actress previously alleged that she was terminated from the show after just one season due to "her refusal to remain silent in the face of a toxic culture"

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part [of my time in the industry]."

that, it just sucked," she added.

On Sunday, the *Being Mary Jane* actress, 47, opened up about her experience during the "Minding Her Business" panel for the 2020 American Black Film Festival,

Gabrielle Union is continuing to speak out about her exit from America's Got

where she revealed that her most difficult business dealing to date was being fired from the hit NBC talent competition series, according to *USA Today*.

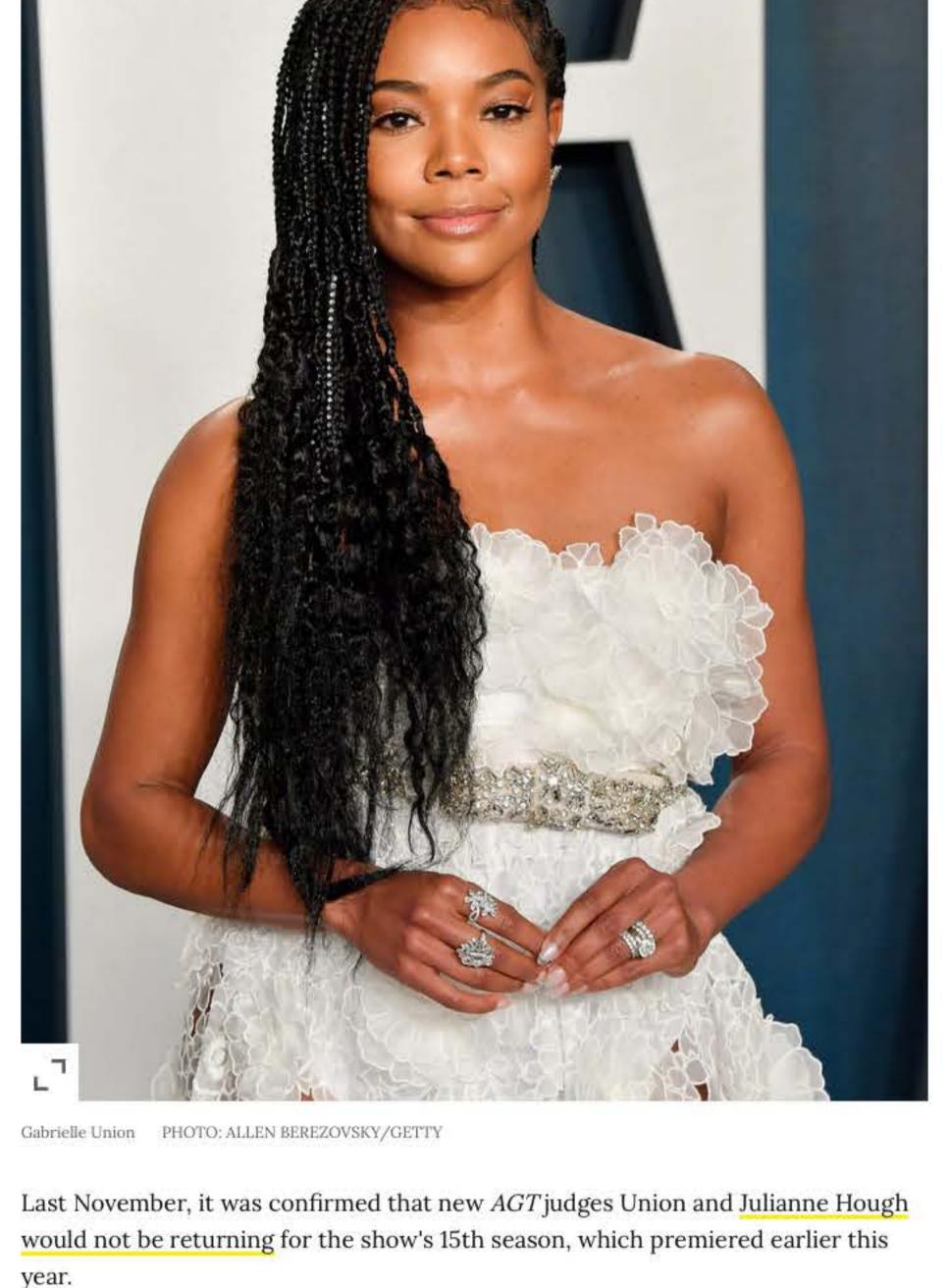
"Probably the *AGT* of it all was so surprising and so heartbreaking and so frustrating and so unnecessary," she shared. "That would be probably the hardest

scenes drama on the show led to her "feeling like such a public flogging and just standing in my truth and standing on the side of employee rights and knowing there's a better way of doing business."

"But that whole process was really brutal and knowing that I brought my team into

Per the publication, Union also noted that other difficult parts of the behind-the-

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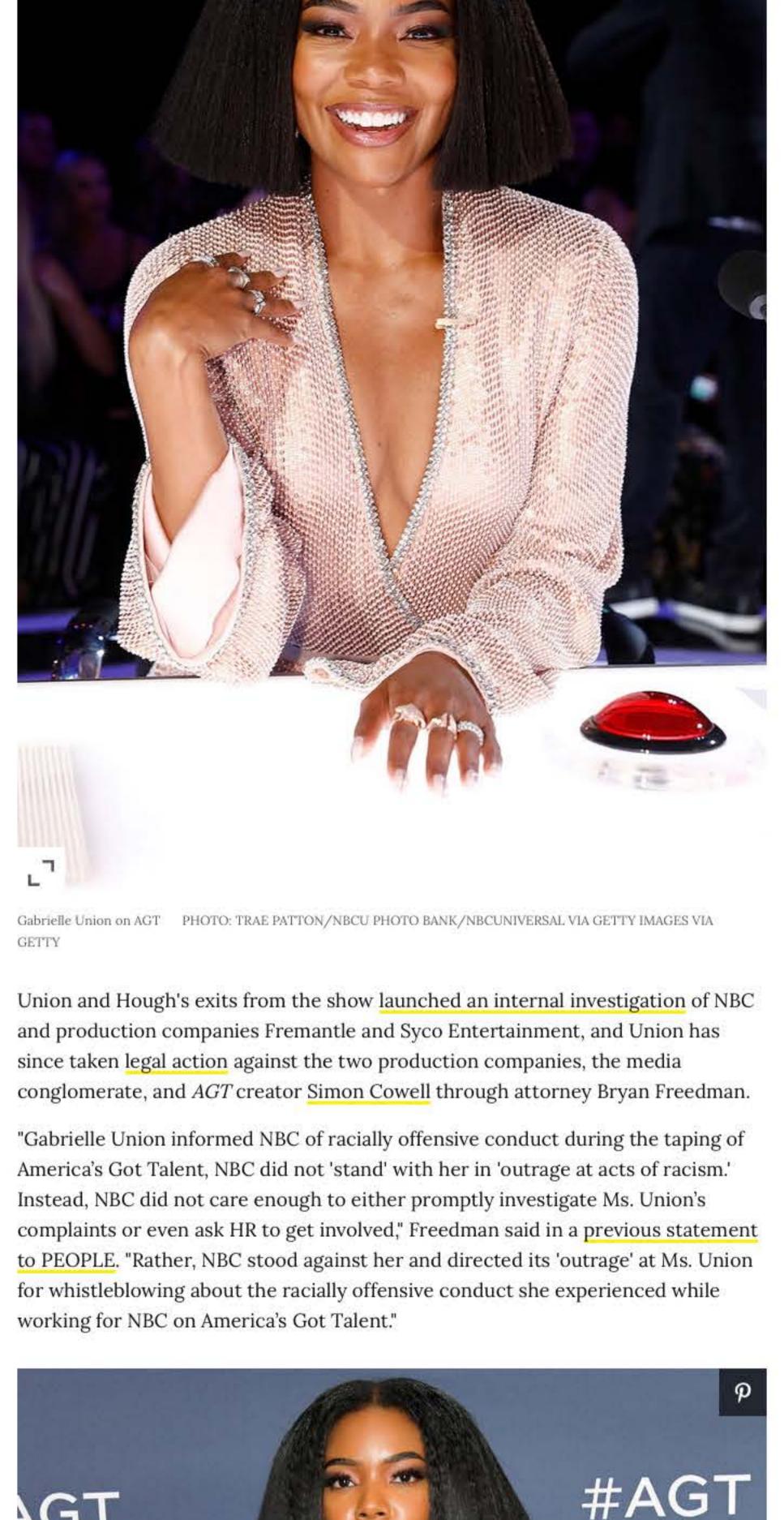


to "excessive notes" on their physical appearance.

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Days later, a report by Variety claimed that Union had expressed concerns over

alleged racial insensitivity on set, and that both women said they were subjected





investigator who found an overarching culture of diversity on the show.

environment where people of all backgrounds are treated with respect."

NBCUniversal remains committed to creating an inclusive and supportive working

In her complaint, Union alleged that she was terminated from the show after just

one season due to "her refusal to remain silent in the face of a toxic culture at AGT

that included racist jokes, racist performances, sexual orientation discrimination, and excessive focus on female judges' appearances, including race-related comments."