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Title:	TRASH?
Picture:	
Caption:	An old lady looking through rubbish bags in Central Market, 16 December 2007.
Commentary:	In the society we live in many underprivileged people are forgotten or ignored by us (the pedestrians, as depicted in my snapshot). They are marginalized and, symbolically in a way, dumped to the fringes of society like trash. Fringe dwellers are so elusive in our society that we almost see them as invisible, much like how the old lady's attire which is a camouflage of garbage bags. The garbage bags somehow seem to be her "Invisibility cloak".
	People's ignorance to the underprivileged is a prevalent social issue. This old woman, most likely to be in her late 60's, is surrounded by not only rubbish bags, but also uninterested pedestrians. The reasons for her actions are yet to be revealed, but on this cold winter's day (note that this was shot in December), she would most likely have been searching for clothes or food. As they say, one man's rubbish is another man's treasure. The contents of the rubbish bags may not be needed by others, but to her, they are vital things for survival.

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