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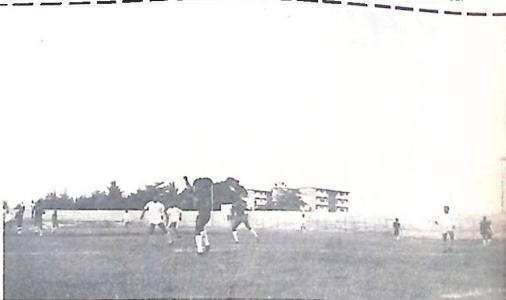
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Benefits of development must be shared by all

IT is now possible for telephone users to dial direct to and from Lagos such distant places as Sokoto, Bauchi, Kano, Maiduguri, Kaduna and Jos. But the only town that can be dialled direct in the south, to and from Lagos, is Ibadan.

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I was born and bred in Benue-Plateau State; and I am enjoying the special telephone service in the north. But I still think that no part of the country should be treated as a special area at the expense of others. After all, Nigerian money belongs to all Nigerians.

Usman Dingi Mohammed, Jos. This is a matter for the Ministry of Communications to throw light upon. They have the facts of the case and are better placed than you and I to throw light on the delicate issue you have raised. — Editor.

Police action wanted now

THANKS to the Nigerian Police for their efforts in combating the alarming wave of armed robbery in Nigeria. But now there is a new breed of thieves who specialise in stealing motor cycles. Police should not allow the thieves to get away with their loot. Anyone caught with stolen motorcycles should be given the maximum penalty without leniency. N.C.O., Lagos.

You can trust the Nigeria Police for their competence. — Editor.

facilities for the leisure time activity of as many people of all age groups as possible.

I think the same logic applies to art. One does not need a massively expensive theatre to stage a Festival of Arts and Culture.

Augustine Ukwu, Benin, Nigeria.

There are some people who would like to eat you up, if possible, because of your views. For such people, it is a means to an end. — Editor.

Let us do away with bride price

SOME parents are fond of "roaming" with their daughters. The idea of collecting about N300 as bride price from husbands in some parts of Nigeria should be discouraged. Sometimes if the girl is educated, the parents demand double bride price ranging from N400 to N600. This is too much, and this scares away some bachelors from getting married. In the end, the daughters of such greedy parents are the ones who suffer for it.

Can the Federal Military or State governments step in to stop this wicked practice?

B. D. Nggada, N. Eastern State.

You can still get a wife in other parts of Nigeria at a few naira as bride price. Some parents in Nigeria don't even demand or accept dowry on their daughters. — Editor.

IT is not surprising that General Amin has volunteered to be general officer commanding the proposed African High Command to liberate those parts of Africa still under colonial rule.

Judging from his actions and utterances, I believe he can do much for the liberation of Africa, though many people are sceptical about him. I remember he suggested forming a suicide squad in fight Israel.

Landing his suicide squad in Israel, I guess, will bring Africa more trouble than she deserves. Rather, let Amin land his suicide squad in the unliberated parts of Africa. He will not lack support from liberation movements as well as from independent African states. **Omabeghi Ereku, Lagos.** Theory and practice are miles apart from each other. It is not easy to commit suicide, my friend. — Editor.

I AM surprised that in spite of Nigeria's oil wealth, and the extent of economic development in the country, most Nigerians are still living in poverty.

Agriculture is neglected and the problems of low standard of living remain unsolved. Let the government start improving our agriculture now, and this will lead to a greater bliss for the people Tomorrow may be too late.

Ukwuife Iheanacho, Zaria.

Yes, let us use our oil wealth wisely by investing it in agriculture, education, health and by creating more job opportunities. — Editor.

Let us do away with bride price

THE arrangement for universal free primary education in Nigeria is almost completed. What about arrangements to improve teachers' pay? Or does the government think it is no use encouraging teachers who are to bear the responsibility of educating children?

It will be unrealistic to spend huge sums of money on free education without encouraging teachers who are to impart knowledge to the children. Dixon, Kano, Nigeria.

The Federal Military Government should give teachers better pay and other attractions. If

not, we shall breed a nation of half-baked people. — Editor.

Wonders of life in Nigeria

I HAVE been a regular reader of DRUM since 1960, and I have not once failed to buy it. I want to know if one has to pay for one's letter to be published. I have written letters in the past but none was published. Why? Simbad, Baeta, Nigeria.

I am sorry that none of your letters has been published in DRUM. Every day we receive volumes of letters from various parts of the world. These letters are so many that we cannot publish all of them. What we do is to select the best and most topical. — Editor.

Wonder if corruption has become a way of life in Nigeria

I WONDER if corruption has become a way of life in Nigeria. How many people in public positions can stand upright and say he is incorruptible? Some of our readers — past and present — are so corrupt that they have been blinded by cash. I see the craze for creation of more states as a new device to cheat the masses and steal the wealth of the states. Santos Amigo, Enugu.

Naturally we would all love to see corruption end in Nigeria. But it is something that will certainly not happen overnight. I bidu.

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Soji Simpson was not the kind of man to go off the rails. He was a non-drinker, not particularly interested in womanising and — outside his interest in the theatre — he liked best to stay at home and relax with friends and members of his family. What then could have happened to this 35-year-old bachelor? Has he been murdered or kidnapped? His details have joined the statistics of many hundreds of other Nigerians who seem to have disappeared off the face of the earth. DRUM's DAYO DUYILE calls for a special investigation.

SOJI SIMPSON: WAS HE A KIDNAP VICTIM?

If anyone had demanded our bungalow and all our other property as ransom in return for our son, we would gladly have surrendered them rather than lose him.

These words sum up the agony of a mother, Mrs. Beatrice Simpson of 3 Nathan Street, Surulere, Lagos, whose eldest son disappeared suddenly in Lagos on August 8, this year. They confirm the popular saying that a dead child is better than a missing one. Mr. Soji Simpson, aged 35, is a promising playwright and dramatist who has made a mark in drama in Nigeria.

He was last seen at the rehearsal of a play, 'Behold My Redeemer' in the premises of the Nigerian National Museum, Onikan, on Lagos Island, where he was acting as stage manager. He did not return home that night and there has been no trace of him since then.

'Behold My Redeemer' was written by Mr. Rasheed Gbadamosi, a Commissioner in the Lagos State Government. In 1970, when the play was staged for the first time, Soji played the part of Professor Ilori, a physician who claimed that he could cure two patients who were mentally sick. But in the process of treatment, the professor himself became a psychiatric case. One of his significant statements in the play was: "I am writing a book on anthropology and if I fail to complete it, I will hang myself."

In a brochure on the play, Soji Simpson was quoted as saying: "My involvement in this production is somewhat nostalgic . . . My magnificent obsession for the theatre finds fulfilment in two aspects: creative writing and stage management. But with 'Behold My Redeemer' I also got

enmeshed in a third aspect: acting — I was the first Professor Ilori — a character of once fascinating and pathetic."

Soji was a likeable young man with a fascinating personality. He obtained from alcohol and avoided rosy company. Also, he did not like argument. But there was nothing pathetic about him. He loved to live and was ambitious to make a distinguished career as a playwright and actor. He was not the type who would commit suicide. In fact, he seemed to be free from worries.

On the night of his disappearance, the part of Professor Ilori was played by another member of the cast, Mr. Segun Adegbeji. Soji's closest friend, Mr. Bayo Awalla, recalled: "Soji was feeling bad that night. I met him at the rehearsal sitting alone. He was moody. But by nature, he does not talk much unless when he is in the midst of his friends. That night I know he was down. He was sitting by himself and was not feeling part of us. He left completely out of touch. He left the rehearsal before it ended."

Two of Soji's sisters, Miss Alaba Simpson and Miss Idowu Simpson, acted in the rehearsal on the night their brother disappeared. Alaba played the part of a mentally sick woman; Idowu the part of Tina, the principal character in the play. Tina, an African student in West India, falls in love with a dope addict and consequently turns mad and is killed. Tina cannot bear the burden and becomes progressively mentally disturbed and is later repatriated to her country.

Soji's disappearance was discovered when his young brother, Mr. Dayo Simpson, a



Mrs BEATRICE SIMP
Soji's mother

Not very interested in girls

continued

lecturer in French at the University of Lagos, with whom he was staying, did not see Soji return home. At midnight Dayo went to their parents' place at 2 Nathan Street, Surulere, in the mainland of Lagos, to find out if his brother was there. But there was no trace of the playwright.

This was most unusual with Soji who had never slept out. He was not the pub-crawling, hard-drinking type of man. Soji's father, Mr. Alfred Oluwera, a pensioner, lost Soji's mother and their other children in search of their bachelor son. Their search extended even to the mortuaries in Lagos, in case their son had been involved in a fatal accident. There was no trace of him. They turned their search to the lagoon, in case Soji had committed suicide by drowning.

Still there was no trace. The family split themselves into

several parties and combed various parts of Lagos and neighbouring towns without a trace of Soji, either dead or alive.

Soji's parents, brothers and sisters, and his friends are unanimous in their conclusion that Soji was not the suicide type. Mr. Bayo Awala, Soji's closest friend, and a director of the play "Behold my Redeemer" said of the missing playwright: "Suicide! No, not for Soji. I have known him a long time, and I don't see any reason why he should kill himself. He has always condemned suicide as an act of cowardice."

Mrs. Simpson, too, believes that her son did not commit suicide. She believes that Soji is alive. A devout Christian, she was found reading from a Bible when DRUM called to see her. By her side was a "Diary of Private Prayers." She told DRUM: "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth. He will return Soji safely to this house. I am certain that my son did not die. He is alive."

Mrs. Simpson prays more than ten times daily, asking God to return Soji to her. She fasts regularly too. She said that she would continue praying and fasting until she recovers her son. She has been advised to seek the assistance of Ifa priests and native doctors, but her faith in God is so strong that she has refused to seek the help of any other redeemer apart from God.

She said: "We are used to the Bible and prayers, prayers, prayers. This family was constituted by the power of God, and not by the power of Satan. We shall remain loyal to God, the Creator."

A Senior Police Officer at the Central CID, Alagbon Close, Ikoyi said: "The police have launched a big manhunt. We are trying our best to solve the mystery surrounding Soji's disappearance. We are not slow in our investigation. We are hopeful that we shall soon obtain useful information."

Soji's father, Mr. Alfreed Simpson, said: "It is all a blanket of cloud. Nobody knows what has happened

We have got no hints from any quarter. The last I saw him was when he took his meal here together with one of his friends. But surprisingly this friend of his has not visited us since Soji's disappearance.

"However, we put our trust in God. But I am beginning to suspect that there has been foul play. The police have not even told us anything. We have been kept in suspense and mental agony. I don't think Soji would want to keep us in this state of agony. He would not do that if he could avoid it."

Soji Simpson finished his secondary education in 1959 at Baptist Academy, Lagos. He did his post-secondary education at King's College Lagos, and later took up a job in the personnel department of Nigerian Flower Mills Limited, Appapa. He was not the sort of person to lose his head over a girl. Neither his mother nor any of his friends could say if he has a steady girlfriend.

His mother said of him: "He does not seem to be interested much in women." But one

thing: he is dedicated to w plays and to drama. He written about 20 plays, so which have been acted.

The pathetic case of Mr. Simpson typifies the challenge which now face Nigeria Police. It is a challenge which is as serious as that which was posed by armed robbery to which police responded so admirably.

Being himself a father with great Islamic religion as human sacrifice, member the public can rightly hope the Inspector-General of Nigeria Police, Alhaji I. Selem, and his second command, Chief Theop Fagbola, a devout Christian whose religion is also totally posed to human sacrifice, Mr. Sunday Adewusi, Commissioner of Police, Central CID, who is noted for his sense of mission, will continue the setting up of a special unit, to tackle the problem of kidnapping and the evil us which kidnap victims are. The nation expects the Nigeria Police to do their duty.



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HAVE said it over and over again that many of our Nigerian 'intellectuals' prefer a life of hypocrisy and phroness to the more difficult one of honesty and truth.

One reason is economic. They derive their livelihood by using phronics and hypocrites. If man can, by hypocrisy, win a job appointment plus fringe benefits for himself and his reign-born wife, why must he be honest?

From the early days of the 1960s, Nigerian credibility has been assaulted with all kinds of -isms. Some of these -isms came from honest and dedicated individuals who had no material ambitions but an ardent fire to liberate us from colonial domination. Having won our independence, a new crop of opportunists who were raping and robbing abroad during the struggle now come to preach their -isms on the platform of a national cake they did not bake. The question is, would they give come home before the cake was ready for them?

Perhaps the most irritating of these painful new -isms to which we are being subjected is the Nigerian version of black power -ism.

Genuine Black Power -ism is a philosophy and an ideology which is uniquely relevant in those countries which have ways been predominantly white, countries in which the blacks may not necessarily have access through any defined national period, but where the



Cyprian Ekwensi

Stop this black power nonsense

sheer numbers of whites, their superior technology and economic power, their political machines manipulated with hate, constituted powers which subjugated, not obliterated the black man.

In such places it is necessary to push back the suffocating demon of obliteration by seeking our own power, black power.

We in Africa come to the Black Power battle because we have won our independence and because the battle front has now widened to include all oppressed people. Thus we offer moral, financial and other support to our black brothers throughout the world because we too are black and have experienced domination but of a different kind. Theoretically at least, independence should have given us Black Power.

If we are not exercising it as many would wish, this question

should engage honest minds. Those who are actively fighting for Black Power are right there in the battlefield fighting.

We here in Africa are facing a later stage in the struggle. We elect our own governments, run our own military and economic services, plan our own development, choose our social priorities.

Like the super countries which we deride, we have amongst us rich men who are getting richer and poor men who are getting poorer. Chief Awolowo spoke of 'the widening gap' between the rich and the poor — amongst us, a Black Power. When you get to know them the apostles of these -isms are usually a disappointment.

Ojike speaks about boycotting the boycottables and you saw him do it. Our modern -ism men live in air-conditioned offices and bedrooms, not thatch huts,

ride in luxurious cars, not rickshaws or wheel chairs, frequent luxury hotels — not farm settlements.

The Africa we have today was built by those dedicated men who remained in Africa, or returned quickly enough to join hands in the struggle; not those who waited till the fruits were ripe and then came to demand a price and to insult our intelligence with their fake -isms.

Any African who returns after 20 or 30 years abroad — while Africa was being built for him to enjoy — would be dishonest to himself if he summarily dismissed everything that was done to make it possible for him to return home and demand a price for returning.

I believe it was Mr. Ukigabi Asika who said to questioning journalists that there must be a Nigeria before there can be Press freedom. In short if we have no Africa there will — for us at least — be no Black Power. This we must concede before we condemn as 'reactionary' those who created the Africa that we returned to find.

Anyone who has not found that Africa is to his satisfaction must now remodel it to his own image, make that contribution expected of a leader. Africa will welcome it.

The trouble with many so-called Black Power addicts is independent African countries is that they shout out loud from edifices built by others. What is their own contribution? We have over 300,000 square

kilometres of uncultivated land. They will not farm. Their own brand of culture is practised on the stage and on the pages of newspapers. The language they speak is English with an Oxford accent. This is black power! Sheer lies!

Anyone can buy a tattooed shirt for 5 naira and sprout a ten-year growth of beard and with knowledge of one or two out of three thousand African languages pretend he is the God of the Black Power movement while the blood of the real people lies on the pavements and on the uncut grass of the battlefield. Nothing could be more phoney. We find this vagueness of claiming credit for cultural groups created by others when we were still at school, or still abroad practising rape to prove our black power over white women.

Nigeria is big enough for Black Power -ism, Red Power -ism, Green Power -ism, Yellow Power -ism, Engineer -ism, Doctor -ism etc. Our strength lies in the contributions made by our diversity.

If a country can do without an individual or group for 30 years, it can probably do without that individual or group for 30 more years — and survive.

The first and lasting quality of a true leader is truth. The second is honesty. The Nigerian reader and listener very easily detects — and detects phronics and hypocrites.

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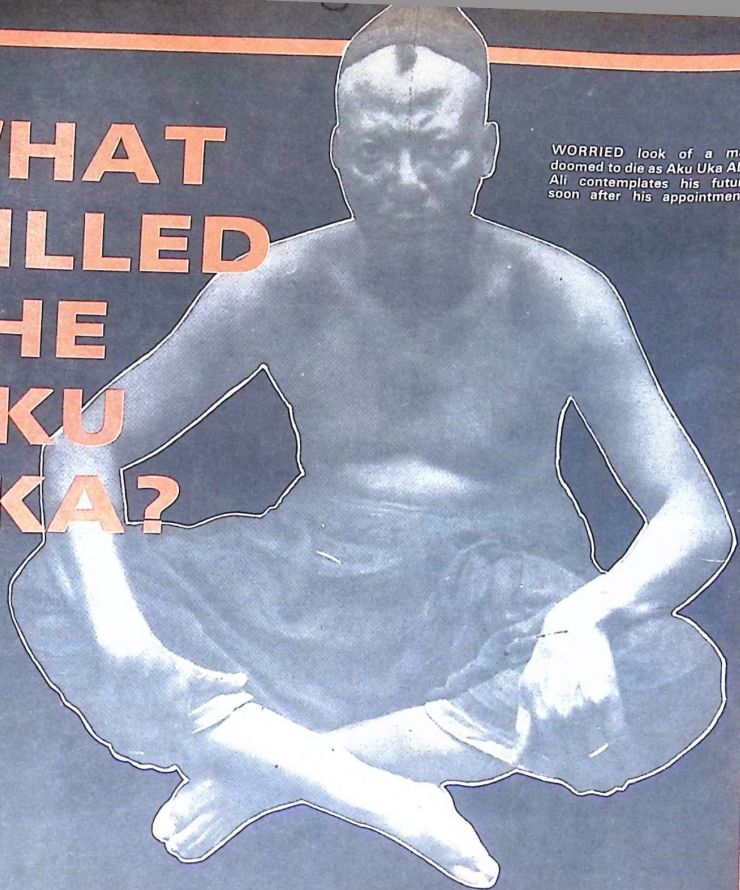
The shape of things to come

DRUM has been responsibly informed that Idi Amin of Uganda is looking for two playing Scotsmen to act as his personal bodyguards. Naturally his search is centred on the hills of Scotland where the rocky crags and steep slopes breeds a sinewy race of men most suitable for the job.

But the President's envoys in the United Kingdom, despite a concentrated effort, have failed to track down any suitable candidates. The President, himself a commanding figure, is six foot four inches tall, has insisted that his bodyguards be men in excess of six feet tall. DRUM would like to help in the search, and wants to be consulted on the matter.

WHAT KILLED THE AKU UKA?

WORRIED look of a man doomed to die as Aku Uka Abe Ali contemplates his future soon after his appointment.



It is the custom of the Jukun tribe of Nigeria's Benue Plateau State that their king must die after he has reigned for five years. The Nigerian Press campaign against the practice was so strong that the Military Governor of Benue Plateau State warned that his government would not tolerate this and assured the public that he would look into the matter. But, despite the nation-wide hue and cry, the then Aku Uka, who was in the 10th year of his reign, died soon after. His death was blamed on "high blood pressure". So, when Prince Abo Ali, was enthroned as the new Aku Uka in 1970, Nigerians were keen to see for how long he would reign. Now, he too is dead. And many people have asked: What killed the Aku Uka? **DRUM** Editor Olu Adetula tells the story.

THE sudden death of Malam Abo Ali, the Aku Uka, King of the Jukun tribe of Wukari division of Nigeria's Benue Plateau State, came after a "brief illness" almost exactly four years after he ascended the ancient Jukun throne. Reports say the Aku Uka is expected to die after reigning for about five years.

If he does not die, he might be given a period of "grace" lasting two years. After this period, he must do what perhaps amounts to a duty to his tribe — die. How he accomplishes the feat is his own

business. He just has to find a way to die.

It is significant that Malam Ali's predecessor to the throne, Aku Uka Ashunganu Adedeyewi, died very shortly after sensational newspaper reports alleging that he had been told to die. He reigned for 10 years, from 1960 to 1970.

When the late Malam Ali, a trained teacher who rose to the position of schools manager, was named as the new Aku Uka on March 1, 1970, some people felt that it was not a matter for congratulations. They felt sorry for him because it looked as if

the new king of the Jukuns had been sentenced to death by a court from which there was no appeal.

Pictures of the new Aku Uka taken shortly after his appointment on March 1, 1970, for use in the official programming of his official installation by the Military Governor of Benue Plateau State, Mr. Joseph Deste Gimonwalk, showed a face that was full of uncertainty and devoid of joy. Pictures of him taken at the official and traditional installation cere-

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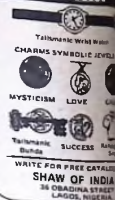
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AKU UKA Abe Ali accepts a Bible from an expatriate priest during his installation ceremony on March 1, 1970.



NOT a smile in sight as the new Aku Uka sits with Military Governor Joseph Gomwalk, soon after being made King of the Jukuns at Wukari. He knows what happened to Jukun kings!

The chief mourner must die

continued

monies pointed to a similar feeling of deep melancholy at a time when, if the circumstances were normal, he should be radiant. Even when an expatriate clergyman presented him with a Bible, his mood remained unchanged.

In his maiden address as Aku Uka on June 11, 1970, in the presence of Governor Gomwalk, Jukun chiefs, elders, fellow tribesmen and women, and a large crowd of distinguished guests, the new Aku Uka, then 48 years old, made an indirect comment on newspaper reports that an Aku Uka must not live for more than seven years. He appealed to the Press to "dig out the truth".

The established do's and don'ts of an Aku Uka reveal the amazing peculiarities of the Jukun throne and the shroud of mystery surrounding it.

The ancient Jukuns regard their king as a god. He is not expected to be subject to the limitations of ordinary human beings. It was a great offence to speak of Aku Uka as a mortal.

It was believed that he neither ate or slept, and that he could influence nature at will, like securing a successful harvest for his people. This is one of the reasons why the Jukuns expect rain to fall on the day a new Aku Uka enters Wukari township from Puye after his traditional installation, to indicate that he has brought with him a blessing of plenty.

Mr. D. P. Ashu, Commissioner for Local Government in Benue Plateau says: "The tradition of people whose kings were supposed to rule only for a stipulated period is not peculiar to the Jukun people. Even among the Jukun people, if it was ever practised at all, it probably must have been practised before the 19th century, since the period of rule of the Jukun Kings who reigned from the 19th century, and whose proper records we have, do not vary much with those of most natural rulers in Africa..."

"It was just too unfortunate that the late Aku Uka, Adi Byewi died shortly after sensational newspaper reports alleging that he had been asked to die. But that was an unfortunate coincidence, because Adi Byewi was in his tenth year of reign. Very few people knew that he had suffered much ill-health for a long period before his death although, because of his modesty, he did not always show his suffering.

"I would like to say that the Jukun people have changed considerably due to the impact of Western civilisation and Christianity. Like other ancient kingdoms, empires and principalities, the Jukun empire has risen to its zenith and has fallen.

The extent to which the Jukun culture has been influenced can be assessed from the following do's and don'ts of an Aku Uka and some of the rules and regulations still in force in the kingdom. An Aku Uka must not sleep with any woman. There must be no birth or death in his palace. His food should not be cooked by a woman. He must never be sick; and if he is, he must not receive medical attention in a hospital.

When a Jukun king dies, his body should not be buried until six months after his death. The body is preserved in a special chamber and closely guarded by a number of his senior chiefs.

Some palace sources say that the head of a particular chieftaincy family performs the functions of chief mourner when an Aku Uka is dead. The family is responsible for the king's burial. But the family head who is the chief mourner must also die before a new king is installed on the throne. They add that the head of the kingmakers who install an Aku Uka must also die before a new Aku is installed.

Some reports about the ritual

side of the throne of the Jukuns are enough to make an Aku Uka develop high blood pressure. But perhaps it was another unfortunate coincidence that a statement announcing the death of the late Aku Uka Adibiyewi said that he died as a result of "high blood pressure". Some people have said that he refused to die even when the period of grace, allegedly granted to him, had expired. These sources stated that the late king fled his domain into the safety of the Government General Hospital in Jos. But he was later removed to the Takum Mission Hospital in Wukari, where he later died. For a man who was a product of Yaba Higher College and a former senior science teacher at Katsina Ala College, it could not be an easy thing to offer one's life to conform with ritual traditions. Some sources even said that the news of the death call allegedly made on him were deliberately leaked to the Nigerian Press.

The Press took up the challenge, and urged the authorities to save the Jukun king's life and put an end to the death call practice. Military Governor Gomwalk had to issue a statement about the controversy. He warned that his Benue Plateau Government would not tolerate any barbaric custom; adding that if such a custom existed, it should be

made null and void. He prompted to look into the matter.

When Malam Ali was installed as the King of the Jukuns on June 9, 1970, many people decided to take a keen interest in his welfare and see how long he would reign. When his death was announced in July 1970, many people asked: What killed Aku Uka, exactly four years after he became the King of the Jukuns? The late Aku Uka was a trained school teacher who served as headmaster at schools manager from 1963 to February 1970, when he was named as the king elect of the Jukun people.

The Jukun tribe is said to have migrated into Nigeria from the Sudan. When they came, they settled at Pili Kwarrara (a) nine miles east of today Wukari.

The Kwarrara Empire covered the whole of what is today the Benue Plateau State Igala Division in Kwara State Katsina and had established with the Bornu Empire and Hausa Kingdom of Kano. Aku Uka (Chief of the Jukun) is a member of his people. Government representative on earth and worship him as such.

Very little is known why Kwarrara Empire collapse but most people attributed internal trouble within Royal Family.

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As early as 1939, when the rest of Namibia was still being administered by the Union of South Africa, the trust territory, part of Caprivi Strip was taken under the direct rule of the Union because it had proved "difficult to control." That of course, Pretoria has direct control of the whole of Namibia.

But as the only area of South Africa not under the risk of guerrilla attack across a border the Caprivi Strip is today heavily garrisoned by well-equipped white South African troops and constantly patrolled units on the lookout for guerrilla activity.

The South African authorities are engaging in intensive "propaganda" for the minds of the people of the Caprivi Strip in an attempt to prevent them from co-operating with guerrillas from over the border. The South Africans have shown that they have learned a lesson from the failure of Rhodesia to attempt to combat guerrilla warfare by relocating populations at risk of infiltration into fortified and heavily supervised settlements.

Instead, the South African authorities are attempting to woo the inhabitants into a programme of "gentle" "understanding" treatment — very different from which might be expected of Blacks in areas of Northern or South Africa considered less "sensitive".

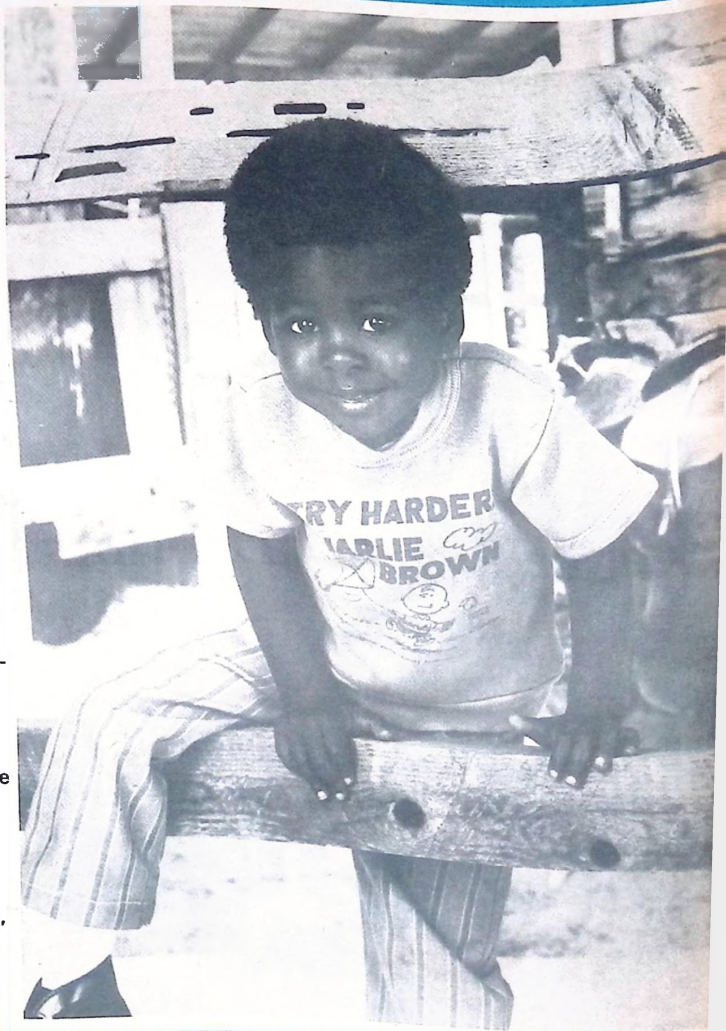
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STEVIE WONDER

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"Payne and Pleasure" (ABC Dunhill)

Nice sounds from Freda, the girl who gave us such rocking sounds as *Band Of Gold* a few years ago. But this is not going to drag her out of the musical wilderness again for, it's all very predictable

and unambitious with *F* sounding very much like a copy of Diana Ross — there's no room for a Diana's, is there? For an ardent Freda Payne fan that's about all.

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We saw in our last article what are called sebaceous glands, and they can produce a strong-smelling secretion which is equivalent — when they feel the urge" — apart from making sure that the stale sweat has been washed off his body, he makes sure that any odour from these glands has been eliminated.

For women do feel such an urge. Maybe it's deeper seated, with a bearing on some unconscious need to keep the species going. In fact, that unconscious need is proved by the fact that in time of war, women, from a man's point of view, are more easily persuadable to have sex.

It's all part of Nature's way of making up the population deficiencies which the war is bringing about. Sometimes, of course, the woman's urge is purely physical. She just feels like the release and gratification that sex can give her.

In either case, she is willing, as the Bible puts it, to lie with a man. And here, because she is a person in her own right, she is entitled to expect from her partner at least the same consideration as she would get if, for example, they were just having a drink together.

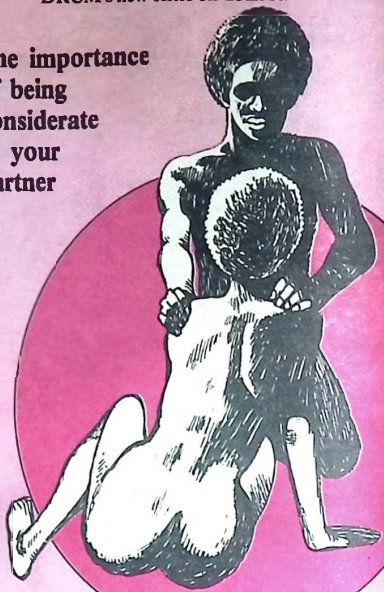
How does the man show that consideration? What does he do — or not do — to make sure her desire doesn't turn to disgust?

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In this way, you will approach your wife or girl friend if not sweet-smelling, at least not smelling offensively. And that makes a great difference to what follows.

When your lovemaking is finished, you will find that some of the semen which has entered into your wife's vagina will tend to run out again. Added to this will be the production of your wife's own lubricating glands. The result will be that she feels uncomfortably moist and sticky around the vaginal area. You'll probably feel the need of a little cleaning up, as well.

How about fetching a sponge and towel for you both. You'd be surprised how much she appreciates it. You'll be twice as big in her eyes.

That's just the kind of little attention which will convince your partner that you and she are dealing in love, not lust.

Another way of showing the same thing is shown by the old

joke about gentlemen taking the weight on their elbows. It's created many a good laugh in many a bar, but there's a basic truth in it. After all, if you weigh, say, 170 pounds, try to imagine that weight on your stomach. Better still, try to imagine keeping up some sort of passion while it's happening. Difficult, isn't it?

Since we're talking about love and not lust, it might also be a good idea, if, after your lovemaking, you show your partner some sort of appreciation. After all, if a girl holds a door open for you to go through, you'd say "Thank you". So is it too unreasonable to suggest that a woman, after she's just joined you in the most intimate experience two human beings can share, should be told how pleasant the experience was?

This question of sexual manners is vitally important and can make all the difference to your love life, whether you're married or not.

There will be occasions when your partner just doesn't feel up

to lovemaking. Try to respect her feelings at such a time. Perhaps she's just had her period or is building up to it — that's a subject we'll deal with in detail in a future article. If this is the case, there are good physical reasons to add to the normal fickleness of woman.

If you have achieved a really significant relationship with your partner, there will even be occasions when she lets you know that she feels like sex but you don't feel up to it. This is your chance to be Superman. Perhaps the most important thing to remember is that men and women have a different sexual threshold. With the man, there's little problem. He sees a woman, naked, ready and waiting and he's eager. Once there he operates quickly, efficiently — and very often to the devastating frustration of his partner.

But the woman, even when confronted with the sight of a naked Adonis such as yourself, starts from much lower down the scale. She has to be stimulated.

This stimulation starts with kissing. It goes on to caressing breasts with the hand and the other sexual organs.

This is foreplay. After a time of that, she will have ed her threshold. You need any writer to tell you

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There, Mr. Ayoku's sight deteriorated. In his second year he went to Kano, in Northern Nigeria, where there is a

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specialist for eye diseases. But when he returned to the university campus for the last session of his degree programme, Mr. Ayuku's sight deteriorated further. He could not read or write because of his blurred vision.

How the blind undergraduate was able to understand lectures was a puzzle to his fellow students, some of them advised him to abandon his studies until he regained his sight. But Mr. Ayuku would not quit classes or lose hope. During examinations, his lecturer would stand by him, read the questions to him and he would write his answers in a haphazard — but legible — manner.

Meanwhile, it was discovered that no eye specialist could help him restore his vision because he was suffering from a rare disease glaucoma, which had damaged the optic nerves. It was said that damage done to these nerves was irreparable and nothing could be done to restore vision.

At his final papers, Mr. Ayuku was totally blind, so he approached his professor for help. Professor Aluko who is the head of the department of Economics at the university quickly put his secretary at Mr. Ayuku's disposal. She wrote the answers down speedily and correctly while Mr. Ayuku dictated. Mr. Ayuku obtained his degree, but where does he go from there? For the answer I spent an hour with the blind economist in a classroom at the Federal Nigeria Society for the blind where he had enrolled to learn braille-typing.

DRUM: How are you facing up to the challenge posed by the sudden loss of your eye-sight?

Ayuku: It is rather unfortunate that I am now complete-

ly blind. But I am making efforts to learn more of the new world in which I found myself. I sincerely hope I can be useful to Nigerian society in some ways, especially since I have enjoyed the benefit of a sound education.

DRUM: What if you die about restoration of your eyes? Does not come true?

Ayuku: I am not at all worried about its coming. I have been told by eye specialists that glaucoma is a nasty eye disease which is difficult to cure.

DRUM: Since you were blind, how do you deal with the attitude of people towards you? Do you especially your friends and relatives?

Ayuku: People have been very sympathetic. They helped me by way of advice you see, a great deal of problems can only be solved by me, nobody else.

Mr. Ayuku hails from the Western State. He plans to wed sometime in the future but he has more important things to do before that wedding bells. At the proposal of the Federal Nigerian Society for the Blind, Mr. Ayuku taught the science of environmental awareness with his braille-typing under a tutor, who is also Mr. Ayuku also learns to go about in the streets, and to find his way without a guide.

At the end of his training at the vocational training centre in Oshodi, Lagos, Mr. Ayuku scheduled to travel to Ibadan for a three-year course in Physiotherapy at the National Institute of Therapists for the Blind.

The sad case of Frederick Adeleke Ayuku's refusal to submit to the odds everywhere who might one misfortune or another to no fault of their own.

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AUDI 100

The well-equipped German front-drive 1.9 litre saloon is similar in outline to the 1.8 litre 100 and 100LS models, but all are powered by four-cylinder 2.0 v motors of similar design. The larger Audis have self-stabilising steering layouts of the same type as the smaller 80 models, and internal comfort and finish are of a very high order. The 1871 c.c. engine of the GL is also used as power-plant for the shapely 100S two-door fastback coupé. The 100GL has a heated rear window as standard equipment, and the high gearing makes for fuel economy. A fully automatic transmission is an optional extra.



Japanese cars dominate the market

MORE Japanese cars have shown up in Nigeria in the last 12 months. The fact that Japanese cars cost less to maintain, their fine performance and their availability of their spare parts make them very popular with many motorists in Nigeria.

If you take your mind back to the devaluation years, you will find that America blamed it partly on Japanese mass-produced cars which had undervalued the local market and made the Japanese yen stronger than the American dollar.

Ask any intending car owner to name three cars of his choice, that is, cars his money could afford, and you will find at least a Japanese car in his best three.

Not quite a year ago, Phoenix Motors Limited, with offices and showroom at Oyingbo, Ebute Metta (formerly National Motors Building) joined the group. Its most popular car is the Lancer. There is also the DAF (heavy, moderate or commercial vehicle).

Few years ago, Daihatsu, the small man of business car made its appearance on the Nigerian motor scene and it is doing fine. Subaru is not a bad car either.

To this short list, add Toyota (in all its production). Add Datsun. Don't forget Mazda. Look at the list again and you find that it is quite an economic invasion from the country whose people were covered by the US a few years ago, a people whose city of Hiroshima tasted the bitter pill of bomb devastation.

And so, we have the following Japanese cars on our roads:

DAIHATSU
TOYOTA (Corolla,
Corona and Crown)
MAZDA
DATSUN
SUBARU

No other single country has supplied as many cars at a time to the world.

All the cars named here have one excellence after the other. In the range, you can call Daihatsu the people's car for. It is very cheap for its good performance.

AUSTIN ALLEGRO HL

HL stands for 'High Line', and this new super-de-luxe version of the front-drive Austin Allegro has tinted glass, a double coach-line on the bodysides, twin recessed foglamps, a special HL badge, and a leather-trimmed round steering wheel. Manufactured as a four-door only, the HL is powered by the 1750 engine, and is capable of well over 95 m.p.h. With its five-speed manual gearbox it will cruise the motorways fast with minimum fuss. There is also a four-speed fully automatic model for those who prefer two pedal motoring.



CITROEN DYANE 6

Slightly better looking than the 2CV, the Dyane 6 falls between that model and the Ami 8 in the Citroen catalogue. It is also an air-cooled twin cylinder, 602 c.c. It is unusually cheap to run. Although this front-drive car has four doors, a roll-back sun-roof, and all independent suspension, it will return fuel economy figures of around 45 m.p.g. on three star fuel. It will cruise the motorways all day between 55 and 60 m.p.h., and is a glutton for hard work.



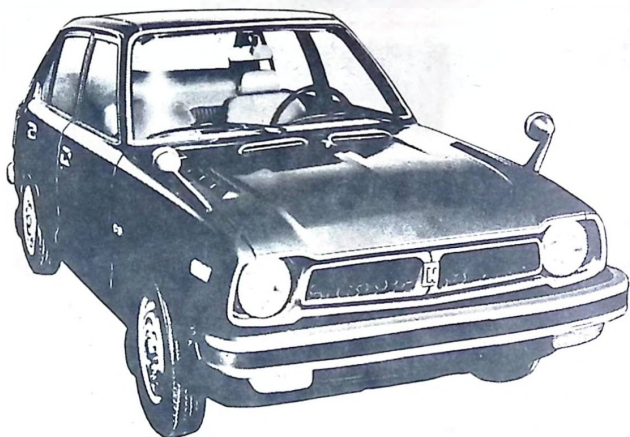
DATSUN 120Y SUNNY

Although a smaller car, the Sunny strongly resembles the Bluebird. The Sunny is made in two and four-door saloon forms, as a two-door Coupé, and as a five-door Estate. The same peppery 1171 c.c. 69 (SAE) b.h.p. motor serves the entire range as imported into Nigeria and all models have tinted glass and radios as standard equipment, and all except the roomy Estate have heated rear windows. An external rear view mirror is an other normal equipment item.



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In the new Honda Civic, reversing lights, hazard warning flashers and permit lane covers that can be locked are all standard. Not a kabo extra.



The new Honda Civic comes in 2-door and 4-door models. It is spacious enough for five people to ride in relaxed comfort. The doors are large and wide so that entering or leaving the car is easy.

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FIAT 128 COUPE

Featuring the 75 b.h.p. version of the overhead camshaft 1290 cc. engine, the neat front-drive car is extremely lively, and has very high cornering power. The low-mounted transverse leaf spring makes possible a luggage boot of surprising depth, and the body's wide doors permit easy entry and exit. Internal trim is eye-catching, seats are well shaped, and instrumentation is lavish.



Driving in the Lagos Motor Rally

MOTOR rallies are held to help drivers attain greater perfection in driving, to test the versatility of the vehicles taking part in the competition, to stimulate the spirit of road traffic observance, to encourage courtesy, skill and endurance for driver and vehicle and encourage good driving.

Belonging to a motor 'club' helps you to have free advice on car maintenance and to increase your knowledge of vehicles. It is not uncommon to hear members talk of the performances or deficiencies of certain brands of cars. One car also hear members recommending a particular brand of car for the kind of use to which the member might want to put the car.

That is why at any rally, you often find various brands of makes of cars. Motor companies ensure that their brand of cars compete.

Before a rally, all cars should have been serviced so as to avoid any possible breakdown on the route of the rally. There is also a need to have extra petrol and tyres in case the unexpected happens and someone in the group needs help.

But rallies, too, have rules which must be observed. Apart from the rules of driving, a competitor has to abide by certain conditions.

Rallies afford most motor companies the opportunity of displaying their brands of cars for public testimony as to their performances.

The September motor rally of the Lagos Motor Club was a huge success. The rally covered a distance of 250 miles supposed to last seven hours and termed 'Navigation Rally'.

The Secretary of the Club, Miss A. Anderson of the F.M.R.C. of Nigeria, explained that each competitor was supplied with a map and was supposed to find his way with the aid of the club. The journey was to last 24 hours.

It started off from

FORD ESCORT ESTATE

Ford's neat Escort Estate is available with either 1100 or 1300 cc. engines, and the larger engine version is also manufactured in both 'L' and 'XL' guises, as well as the standard type. All are tailgate to facilitate the loading of luggage or goods. In spite of using the identical 7ft. 10in. wheelbase to the saloon models, there is a big carrying capacity. With the rear seat folded, floor length is an impressive 5ft. 3 1/2in., and even with the cushion erect the floor length is three feet. The XL Estate has very complete instrumentation including a rev counter.



FORD CAPRI

Since their introduction last February the Series II Capris have won great approval for their sporting lines, increased internal space, and for the undoubted usefulness of the lift-up rear window which converts the four-seater coupe into a near-estate when the rear seat is folded down. The 1600 models are available in 'L', 'XL', and 'GT' form, but there is also a 1100 ('L' specification only), a 2000 ('GT' only), and a 3000 ('GT' with V6 engine). The 1600 and 2000 Capri II's have four-cylinder overhead camshaft motors, derived from the unit developed for Ford's American Pinto.



HILLMAN AVENGER

Avenger GLS comes in four door guise, but a 100 m.p.h. performance, and features luxury trim and finish. Vinyl roof, carpets, radially-ply tyres, pile dash. The sporting GT has similar trim but a 1300 cc. (DIN) engine but is better than two-door form. Avenger has a double body style, available in simulated light alloy road wheels. The GT looks and drives like the former. There is also a 1300

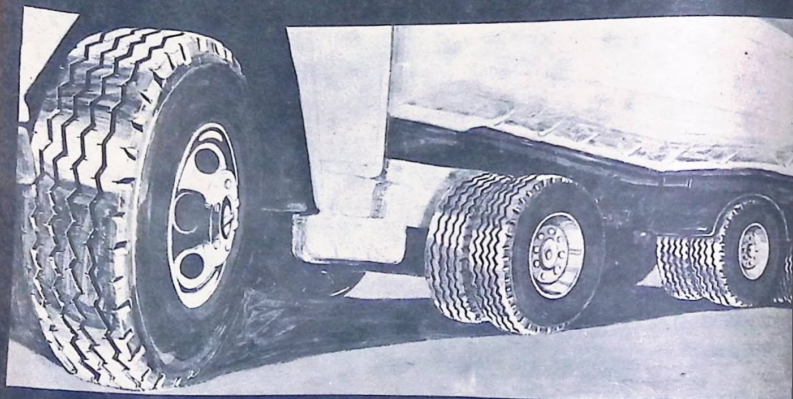


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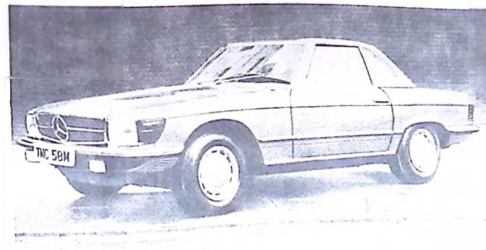
MAZDA RX4

This Japanese manufacturer produces more Wankel-powered cars than anyone else, and the latest RX-4s have larger engines, being rated at 2.6 litres. The big-engine models are available with the choice of saloon, coupé, or estate bodywork, and in addition there are also two 2.3-litre RX-4s available as saloon or as standard with five-speed gearboxes, and have 115 b.h.p. under their bonnets. Besides performance, the rotary-engined Mazdas have the added attraction of demanding only low-grade petrol.



MERCEDES- BENZ 350 SL

Introduced 31 years ago, the 350SL is one of the world's most sophisticated sports cars. Not only has this V8 engine roadster a 127 m.p.h. top speed, but it is as tractable as a limousine, and possesses such refinements as a heating-ventilation system which utilises the door panels inside surfaces to convey warmth or coolness, as well as the main inlets within the car, and an outside rear view mirror which can be adjusted from the driver's seat. The all independently sprung sports car is also marketed in 41 litre form.



MINI 850 and 1000

Still one of the world's most economical, commodious, and easy to park small cars, the Mini, now in its 15th year, continues unchanged for 1975. The ubiquitous two door saloon with all-independent rubber suspension is available with 848 or 998 c.c. engines, both capable of wringing more than 45 miles from a gallon of four-star petrol. The luggage boot isn't vast but there is plenty of room for shopping and oddments under the ping and under the two rear bins, the rear seat, in the two rear bins, on the big rear window parcel shelf, and on the fasha tray shelf.



MITSUBISHI COLT LANCER

A new name on the Nigerian market, the Mitsubishi comes from one of Japan's most important manufacturers. The Colt Lancer as imported into this country is available in 1400 or 1600 form. The 1400 comes as two-door standard or Grand two-door. There is a four door Lancer as well. With 92 b.h.p. model and four-speed gearbox, it is a spirited performer. The 1600 has 100 b.h.p. under its bonnet, and a five-speed gearbox is standard.



Control points on the rally route

continued

Volkswagen premises at Badagry road at 9.15 am on September 29 and ended at 4 p.m.

There were 13 competitors instead of 15 as scheduled and the 13th man was the only Nigerian amongst them, Mr. R. A. Sonibare of Niteco, Apapa.

Miss Anderson deplored the lack of interest by Nigerians and appealed to Nigerian car owners to join the club.

Competing members were given cards to be filled in. In it they were to enter the kind and number of alphabet boards, already mounted along the route which was from Okokumako (Ojon on Badagry road) through Badagry to Ibadan, passing through Abeokuta and Ijebu Ode.

Short stops were to be made at Ijebu Ode waterworks. The road condition was good and supposed to be tarred.

Competitors left the starting point two minutes after each other. They were supposed to carry their own food and drinks.

There were control points on the route and any deviation from the route could result in a penalty.

The first to arrive did not mean the overall first man. Individual performances were decided from the cards given the members and by checkpoint reports.

Competitors had to absolve the club from any accident in which they might be involved and must have insured their cars comprehensively.

For future activities, intending members have been asked to contact Miss Anderson, Flour Mills Training School, Apapa.

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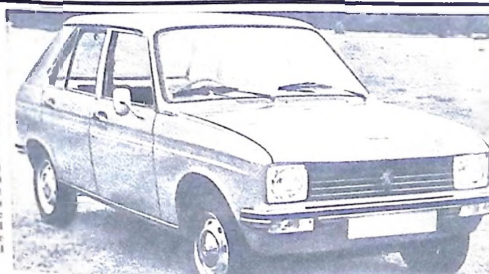
MORRIS MARINA

To cover a large sector of the public's motor car requirements with the minimum of components, Morris manufacture the Marina in 1.3 or 1.8 litre form, with the choice of two door coupé or four door saloon bodywork. In addition, all Supers are available with manual or fully-automatic transmission. Both the saloon and coupé comfortably accommodate four adults, but the luggage compartment, although large in either case, is slightly smaller on the coupé. The 1.3 litre models are lively with a 80 m.p.h. plus performance, and are light on petrol.



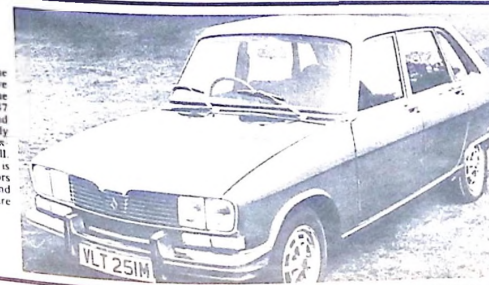
PEUGEOT 104

Well-engineered and typically Peugeot, the little 104 at 111ft 10in., is the smallest four door saloon in current production. The lively overhead camshaft light alloy engine is set transversely at the front and endows the car with a performance more in keeping with a greater capacity. Although of only 954 c.c. the 104 will handsomely exceed 80 m.p.h., accelerate from 0-50 m.p.h. in around 12 seconds, yet is light on fuel. The French manufacturer (one of the world's oldest established) still produces practically all of the car except tyres and electrical equipment.



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HOW TO SPOT A GOOD USED CAR

WHEN an auctioneer or an advertiser describes a salcoject as "almost as new", he invariably gets the object with the garb newness. For "almost as new" is a refined way of saying that it is second-hand. But people who are used to buying used cars know that these articles are "second-hand" goods. Another way of clothing used cars with respectability is to call them "home delivery".

Second-hand dealers who are not likely to have a guarantee like in the case of a brand new car. To know its age, you have to go through the registration papers. These will also show you how many persons had owned it in the past. You will also be privileged to know whether or not it was a company car. The rule, however, is that small cars age more quickly than bigger ones.

Where a big car has done some 25,000 to 40,000 miles it may still be better by far than a smaller car with half that mileage.

Next, inspect the body of the car. Test the doors and ensure that they lock well. Examine the body to discover accident scars and re-spray or a fresh dent. Note whether the engine emits smoke — if it does the rings need replacement from the exhaust. Check the chassis for cracks which will indicate past accidents. If it is bent, it means that the car had rolled over or had been involved in very serious accident.

Drive the car around to test its performance. Drive it on a bumpy road and while doing so, listen for thumps and thuds from the suspension, and also for wobbling of the wheels. Listen to the sound of the engine. The gear box might be grumbling with a whining sound. Do not drive the car with all the windows down as this could cut out some of the noise.

While driving, test the steering and the brakes. Remove the oil filler cap. Check the radiator for over-heating of the engine and examine the tyres. They must not be 'bald'. If the tyres are uneven, that is a sign of bad alignment. Dented tyre rims show rough use. Above all, ask your dealer for a guarantee out of the car.

But the best cars to buy are owner-driven cars. Some car owners can be very rough users who find it easier to buy drink with money than spend it to buy new spare parts for their cars.

Having done all this, proceed to strike a hard bargain. It is better not to have a car than buy a bad used car — it can lead to bankruptcy.



SAAB 99 EMS

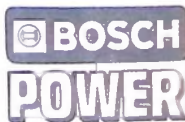
Neat front drive two door saloon which comes from Sweden's famous aircraft manufacturer, features an electronically injected overhead camshaft engine, mounted at an angle of 45 degrees to minimise bonnet height. The EMS bristles

with safety features, including an electrically-heated driver's seat which switches itself on and off according to prevailing temperatures. SAAB designers regard a comfortable, alert driver as important a safety measure as their patent crushable bumpers.

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AUXHALL MAGNUM

Top models in Vauxhall's drum-range, the Magnums: the Viva structures with engineering to accept the larger 30 and 2300 overhead camshaft engines. In an almost bewildering choice of variants, the Magnums come as two or four-door saloons, two-door coupés, three-door Estates, and all are available with either 1.8 or 2.3-litre engines. Normal transmission is a four-speed manual, but the 2.3-litre automatic is an optional extra. Magnums are notable for luxury cloth-faced seats (reclining at the front). Instrumentation includes large electric clock and wiper-cum-washer.



Mazda and BMW ride high

RUTAM Limited has a range of cars to suit all price levels and tastes, fascinating all sections of the community. The prices of the Mazda family of cars, which have been fixed in a way to put them within the reach of those in the middle class.

Mazda and BMW are in great demand. The former is a Japanese car and the latter is German. Mazda has a 1.8-litre engine. It is compact, high mileage and a new concept in combustion engineering.

This Japanese car is suitable for Nigerian conditions. It is available as a conditioner.

It has 40 per cent fewer moving parts than a 1.8-litre other car engines. Its development is by Toyo Kogyo of Japan, a leading other car manufacturer in automobile, rotary engine technology. Toyo Kogyo is also the third largest Japanese car manufacturer.

MAZDA RX2

- Is smooth and quiet
- The Rotary pistons pound down
- No valves open/closing
- No camshaft
- No tappets
- No rods
- Has the kind of jet engine had come into the propeller-engine years ago
- It is available in two door or four door

As for BMW, automatic transmission is the desirable option applied. This is to meet the requirements of traffic now and in the future.

The BMW models prove that a car engine of more than 1.8-litre can also be manoeuvring and dynamic.

It has ventilated and advanced rear window. The styling of the car is sober and businesslike.

The car lines are such that visibility is perfect in all conditions and the waist kept very low.

TOYOTA CORONA

This luxury two-hire from the famous Japanese manufacturer is a full five-seater four-door saloon, and is also available as a three-door estate car. Since last year the Corona has had its power output lifted six b.h.p. but it still runs happily on two-star petrol. The fuel tank's capacity of 13.2 gallons gives the saloon model a range of around 140 miles at moderate speeds. Normal equipment includes radio, electro-magnetically released aerial, tinted glass and head restraints. Brakes are larger than last year.



VOLKSWAGEN SCIROCCO

Like many of the VW's new generation models the Scirocco is named after a wind. The sporty two-door coupé is available in Nigeria as the top 1.5 litre only, with 85 b.h.p. engine. Besides four seats and a high performance the Scirocco has lift-up rear tailgate. With rear seat folded there is a luggage space of 18.8 cubic feet, and even with the seat erect the capacity is a useful 12.2 cubic feet. The wedge shape of this front wheel drive car promotes stability at high speed.



VOLVO 264

This Swedish manufacturer is a pioneer in the field of automotive safety, and the 1975 range reflects the Company's involvement. The 264 is powered by an all-new light-alloy V6 engine of 2.7 litres which has raised the weight only a few pounds over that of the old models in spite of the new cars being very close to satisfying the extremely demanding U.S.A. safety regulations. The overhead camshaft engine has continuous fuel injection, transistorised ignition and develops 140 b.h.p. on low grade petrol. The bodies and bumpers are energy absorbing, and the roof members are reinforced.





Check the spare parts before buying a car

THE logic of continuously getting an engine or machine to work depends not only on fuel and minding but, in cases of a major breakdown, on spare parts.

A broken, bent or cracked engine part could hold up production in a factory for as long as that unlucky part remains unreplaced.

A lot of money could be lost if a worn-out part is not replaced.

Workers would stay idle and a lot of explaining has to be done by someone for the failure of the engine to work.

In the case of a car, a breakdown could cause its being out of action for weeks and months. Owning a car is one thing, maintaining it, in good and perfect working order, is another. Many a car has been placed on long, 'sick' hospital admission and suspended on

anything that can weigh because a damaged car could not be found in the spare-parts department agents.

That is why buyers often ask car salesmen the agents have a section where any damaged or lost parts bought. Only when a vehicle is on sale can find it being patronised.

A vehicle might reputation for a very performance. But if it goes down soon after purchase the broken part has already been ordered from abroad that car brand would be damaging its reputation. Agents would find this out of work.

That is why most agencies now make spare parts available. In some cases — like the Motor Parts Industry Limited of Apapa, Lagos, takes over the spare parts for motor dealers who sell only Fiat parts.

DUMPS

Because of the dearth of spare parts, many available vehicles have ready markets and dump areas, behind J market is one such spot.

Before motor cars started selling motor parts dealers of Awo made tremendous business by loosing one demand from an abandoned vehicle sale to a car or lorry owner needed the part for his broken-down vehicle.

That was the origin of Nigerian mechanic trade accumulating old motor or unserviceable vehicles as a trademark of his business. Trading back to the World War, when motor cars could not be found, parts used cars served the people and exorbitant prices paid by those hard hit by broken-down cars.

Niger Motors maintains a spare parts department for Ford vehicles just as other cars were the common ones, therefore one brand parts were always available in the market.

Waateco maintains a spare parts business and are a number of other companies. Peugeot, Mercedes, Mazda, Volkswagen cars amongst those with spare parts.

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3. If you walked from Accra (Ghana capital city would tually reach?
4. How old is togonarian, a nor-
5. What have common?



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1. CxIxKxN
 2. GxSxIXG
 3. JxCxDxW
 4. LxPxlXG
 5. OxtIxH
 6. PxAxOxK
 7. PxlxCxN
 8. PjNxUN
 9. SxYxAxK
 10. SxAxRxW

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 2. 8 Pigeons.
 3. 6 Peacocks.
 4. 7 Larks.
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PISCES FEBRUARY 21—MARCH 20

Visitors to your home involve you in extra work, but you will enjoy the unaccustomed social whirl. At work it will be difficult to keep your temper with a colleague. Love: Someone you met recently is becoming important in your life.

ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 20

Do not dwell too much on what has been happening in the past. When an exciting offer is suddenly put to you accept first and think afterwards. Love: You must not doubt your power to charm the opposite sex. Money: A real cash prize is coming your way.

TAURUS APRIL 21—MAY 20

For many of you a new job or hobby where your real interests and talents will find more scope. Love: An exciting new friend you meet at a social event will make you change some of your ideas. Money: Recent good luck should hold for a while.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 20

Idle chatter could rebound on you now, so be careful how you discuss others in your circle. A mischief-maker is ready to stir up trouble. Love: Someone is determined to attract your attention. Money: Bargain hunters get a stroke of real luck this month.

CANCER JUNE 21—JULY 20

You are forced into taking sides in a family argument. Younger people in the home circle behave in ways which cause a troubled atmosphere. Love: You are utterly charmed by a newcomer. Money: There seems to be more cash available now.

LEO JULY 21—AUGUST 20

You can achieve a great deal at work. Opposition fades away and people come round to your point of view. At home, complications are not so easily handled. Love: Sentimental relationships are under some strain. Money: There are signs of heavy over-spending.

VIRGO AUGUST 21—SEPTEMBER 20

New understandings are full of promise. Someone living in another country sends you some interesting information. Love: Signs of interference in your love life, possibly through relatives. Money: A good time for buying or selling.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 21—OCTOBER 20

At work your talent for attracting sympathisers will solve a difficult situation. Love: You Librans are skilled at sliding out of relationships and this looks like being tedious, and this looks like being tedious, and this looks like being tedious when you are busy doing just that. Money: Luck for those who enter competitions.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 21—NOVEMBER 20

An exciting secret will be entrusted to you and more than one future advantage will come your way if you keep it well. Love: Over-possessiveness could easily spoil your chances. Money: There are many temptations to spend on unessentials, but you need to build up your resources.

SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 21—DECEMBER 20

You find that the time has come to lay down the law with some troublesome acquaintance who seems to have set out to annoy you. Love: There is someone you like who would appreciate a good deal more of your company. Money: You will find it difficult to refuse a plea for a loan.

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 21—JANUARY

You cannot expect much help from those around you this month. Difficulties which arise — are mainly domestic. At work you can continue to forge ahead. Love: There will be time to relax with someone who interests you. Money: Enjoy the benefits of some extra work which proves profitable.

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The temperature of a human being varies slightly around the normal temperature figures. It is lowest in the early morning and highest in the late afternoon. There is also a slight change depending upon the outside weather.



How fever helps when we're sick

It may thus be at its lowest limit of normal after coming from a cool place in winter or nearest its highest on arrival in a hot place after a hot safari. Different parts of the body again record slightly different temperatures. The armpits or the groin are usually a degree lower than the temperature in the mouth.

This is again half a degree lower than the rectal

temperature. The first two are the usual places of taking temperature in adults and the latter one is the commonest place to obtain a reading in children.

Further, a thermometer stuck in the mouth after eating an ice-cream may show a low temperature compared to the one which is registered in the groin after a hot bath. Vigorous exercises also temporarily raise

the temperature of the human body.

Within the range and variations mentioned above the human body maintains a fairly constant temperature. There is a balance maintained between the heat generated in the body and heat lost. Also there is a very sensitive thermostat in the brain which controls temperature regulation in the human body.

This thermostat is less sensitive in infants, and less sensitive in the older people. Therefore, their temperature control is not very efficient and so they become cold or hot in circumstances in which a young adult maintains normal temperature.

The next question that arises is — what is fever and what are its causes. Any rise of temperature beyond 99°F or 37°C is considered medically as fever. There are two main causes of fever.

The first and by far the commonest cause of fever is infection caused by bacteria, viruses and in our part of the world, parasites. They are demonstrated by diseases such

as pneumonia, abscess, meningitis, measles, flu, sore throats, and malaria. In these conditions, far from being a fever is a friend because it is evidence of a fight existing between the body and the infection. It is now realised that fever plays a very beneficial role in helping the body to fight diseases. In cases of grave infections, the absence of fever is ominous, for it really means that the body has no resistance to the infection it is losing ground.

Other ideas of fever have also been helping. Formerly, patients with a fever were starved and kept covered with warm blankets. Now, the cause of fever is investigated and it is appropriately treated. The other fever, is tissue destruction. This can happen in coronary thrombosis, injuries to the brain, brain tumours and stroke when the thermostat control is deranged, when the temperature can go up to 40°C. In man the temperature rarely goes above this figure and it seems that temperature much higher than this is not compatible with life.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

o hairy

You suggest any chemical slows the growth of beard? I am only 16 but have formed a beard.

There are no medicines to stop growth of hair neither have any medicines to make hair grow, a help we are asked very often by people who are going bald.

acked tongue

In the last seven years I have had from cracks on my tongue. Doctor help me because I am worried and it makes me very unhappy.

For Kenya, cracks on the tongue without other symptoms are quite usual.

rge eye-lids

My eye-lids are large and droop down to completely cover my eyes. Can you please suggest a remedy?

Malindi, Kenya. In conditions like the one you mention an operation can raise the eye-lids. For this you will have to come to the Plastic Surgery Department at the Kenyatta National Hospital, Nairobi.

tering eyes

When I start reading, my eyes get a lot. My friends told me to buy glasses which I did but there has been no improvement. Do you think that I should wear my glasses?

Lagos. The only advice I can give is to see an eye specialist or

an optician before deciding on the future course of action. Do not change your glasses till you have seen one of them.

Sex problem

I am a 24 year old man and I have had no difficulty with sex relations until February when I could not get an erection while I was with a girl. This situation repeated itself in June and I am now very worried. What is wrong with me and is there any medicine you can recommend?

Ajo, Benin.

Occasional failure of erection is quite normal. It is similar to occasional loss of appetite and need not worry you at all.

TB fear

I have been staying for more than a year with a person who is infected with tuberculosis. This person is now cured but I am worried if he could have infected me?

Worried, Kenya.

Your worry is quite justified. The only way to make sure is to have a chest X-ray and if that is normal I think you can thank your lucky stars.

Painful periods

I am British living in Nigeria, which I love very much. I would love to get married to a Nigerian, but the problem I am having at the moment is one of painful menstruation. I have tried quite a few things, but I seem to get nowhere with it. I had this problem before in Lillan, Nigeria.

Painful menstruation is very commonly encountered in young girls and newly-married women. In most cases, there is no specific cause. In that case, you should first take palliative drug periods and rest during before or still get the pain after having one or more children, then you should consult your doctor for a check-up.

Teeth query

I am worried because my child developed her upper teeth first and I feel it is a bad sign. Tell me more.

Mother, Uganda.

There is nothing bad in your children developing upper teeth first. I am sure they are perfect. It is normal children. You should not allow superstitions to interfere with your married life.

Cracked rib

One of my upper ribs on the left side was broken when I was young. Even now I get some pain and discomfort. I have been to various doctors but have not got any relief. Please tell me what I am suffering from.

M.K.K., Homa Bay, Kenya.

Bones that are broken and healed do give some pain, more so during cold and moist weather. This is what I think is happening to you but if the pain is constant and unbearable I suggest you have an X-ray.

No children

I am 20 years old and I have been married for the last six months. In spite of trying very hard I have not become pregnant. I would like your advice.

New Wife, Lagos.

Six months is not long enough, so my first advice to you is to relax and not to worry. You are only 20 and you have got at least another 20 years of fertile life. The best time to become pregnant is to have sex with your husband during the middle ten days of your monthly cycle. For example, if you start your periods on the first of the month, your most fertile period is between the tenth and the 20th of that month.

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'He's been sitting hour wasting his time 'How do you know 'I've been watching

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Michael Nunez, New York.

Thank you Mike for your nice letter. It touches my heart and you can be sure that you are welcome in the fold of my admirers and I love you all. Now, Mike, it is normal for a teenager to think of older women? I am glad you find my work interesting and letters like yours give me encouragement to give of my best. Thank you.

le was the only boy for me

I am 16 and in form two. A man of 23 and I were in love. He likes flirting around. One day, he accused me falsely of being in love with another man. I denied it but reassured him that he was the only one for me. He did not believe. That very day I saw him with another girl. We have parted my heart is broken. Please help me.
Angie G. Kitwe, Zambia.

It is natural to feel heart-broken at the beginning of a broken romance, but with time, one soon gets over it. I will advise you to go out with another man. Don't be in a hurry to commit yourself. Study the man you go out with carefully before you decide what to do.

cautious schoolgirl sked for money

I am married. During the last Census, I was sent to Umuahia. There I fell in love with one beautiful girl. She was in form 5 and she told me that she loved me. She promised not to disappoint me. When I returned to my station she wrote me questioning me to send her N8 which I did. She then, however, she has not written. I always want to hear from her. Please, Dolly, advise me.
D.N.S., Enugu.

Forget about her and concentrate on your wife and how to make your home a happy one.

m fed up with his two-timer

I am 19 and I am 20. We love each other dearly and we promised to be faithful to each other. I discovered that she is a two-timer. She has other boyfriends. When I question her, she apologises but she does not stop seeing them.

Honestly I am fed up. Do you think she loves me?

Good Boy, Nairobi.

I don't know but I am inclined to conclude that she is not prepared to be steady with any boy yet.

Car owner has wooed away my love

I fell in love with her because she was from a poor family. I helped her secure employment where I work. She promised to marry me. When I sent my brother to finalise arrangements with her, she did not give him a definite answer. Now a car owner comes to carry her from the office. I am very miserable. Save me, Dolly.
Vinsa, Jos.

Don't be miserable. There are many reliable girls around. Approach them and you will be lucky one day. Stop bothering yourself about your unreliable girl.

Prophet warned me against marriage

She is 21 and I am 24. I promised to marry her but a prophet has warned me against it. He said her character is bad. Personally, I would not like to let this girl down because she has proved faithful and sincere to me. Dolly, what is your advice?

Salome, Nigeria.

It is entirely your business whether to take to the prophet's advice or not. Beware you are not a victim of one of the false prophets around.

She threatens suicide if I leave her

Aged 20, I fell in love with a married girl of 22 years. This girl loves me so much that her mighty love has overpowered me, and she loves me more than she does to her husband. The problem is, I threatened to leave her, but she told me that she would hang herself if I happen to do so. Please Dolly, what can I do, and I am afraid of her husband! Enlighten me please.
Bruce, Kitui, Kenya.

You are really in a mess. It seems this girl wants to have her cake and eat it too. Go ahead and finish with her and don't listen when she talks of hanging herself — she won't. Find yourself a nice single girl.

I suspect this girl doesn't really love me

Aged 20 years I am working with the Government and I fell in love with a schoolgirl aged 18 years. To my surprise whenever I invite this girl to my house she never comes. This has discouraged me very much in trusting her. I therefore suspect this lady has engaged with another guy. Please Dolly do you think this girl has true love towards me? Can you advise me, I don't want to lose her.
Zablon O. McLombe, Nairobi.

How can you lose what you haven't got? From your letter this girl has never shown any interest in you, so forget her and look for someone who appreciates your feelings.

How can I be sure she will be a true mother?

I am a student aged 20 and I have fallen in love with a lot of girl friends, but the one among all those I had wanted to be my future wife wants me

to go to bed with her every time we meet before I ask her for it. Dolly, do you think this girl will be a true future wife and mother?

Polly K.M., Fort Portal, Uganda.

There is an old saying that it takes two to make a party — in other words you can't be forced into this going to bed with someone. If you really love this girl, marry her and forget about whether she will be a good wife and mother. It sounds to me as if she loves you very much.

Should I try to forget this lovely girl?

I am 21 and in Form I in a secondary school. She is 19. We love each other very dearly. Our love is eight months old, but in all this period of eight months I played sex with her only once. But whenever I ask for sex now she tells me to wait a while. But I always find her playing sex with other boys. What should I do?
Worried, Ngwata, Kenya.

First of all, I am at a loss to know how you know that your girlfriend has sexual relations with other boys. However, if she loves you as much as you say she does, propose to her and get the matter settled. Otherwise forget her. In the meantime, I should devote more time to your studies than worrying about her.

What is the secret of success with girls?

I am eighteen years old and my problem is that I do not succeed with girls. Whenever I see a girl I try too much to talk with her and if I ask her to do sex with me she doesn't agree. And sometimes I become ashamed when asking girls to do sex with me. Dolly, what can I do to succeed with girls and also to ask to do bedding game without shame?
Friday, Nyeri, Kenya.

If you ask every girl you meet to go to bed with you I'm not surprised they run the other way. Try and be friendly and win a girl's confidence before you start asking for bed play.

My wife's letters are driving me crazy

My wife is making me go mad by her unscrupulous letters. In 1971 I sent my wife home to visit her parents. While there she wrote me a letter describing how I defamed her. When I wrote to her strict father, she explained to him that it was a joke. I called her back and she said it was a joke. In 1974 she asked for permission to go and visit her parents. When she came back she had written a letter to her lover telling him how she had moved and that she would not like to hear that he had married someone, but should wait for her in December when she will go home to plough, and that she would be remembering him in her dreams until they meet in December. I came upon this letter put in the bookshelf and read it. When I asked her about this letter she laughed and passed it as a joke. Since we were married eight years ago we were blessed with two children. From 1971 up to this date I have been watching her very closely and found that she is not on good terms with me as before. I am 31 while she is 24. I still love my wife very much. Please, Dolly, can you advise me on this problem?
Worried Husband, Zambia.

Your wife seems to have a very peculiar, if not perverted, sense of humour! Try sitting down and discussing the matter with her seriously as you must not let the situation affect your children.



Now my first girl is taking me to court

I am 24 years and the girl I was loving is 19 and we were loving each other very dearly. Therefore, after a short time she became pregnant and she bore a baby boy while she was still at her parents, and I bought everything and sent it to her. And then I tried to ask her parents whether they would let me marry her and they refused; even my father went there to know what is the matter with them and he asked them again and they refused. Then I stayed for one year and some months waiting to see whether they would change their minds and all of it is in vain to me. Therefore I have fallen in love with another girl and just recently I got married to her. After three weeks I heard from my friend that I am going to be accused in the court to get the first girl back and I don't want her to be my second wife. Dolly, I love the one I have with all my heart and I don't think I can love somebody else as much as I love her. Do you think that I can explain to the one who is at my home with my parents and get the other one back, or what can I do before the date of our case appears? Please, I need your advice.

J.P.B., Lagos.

Oh dear, you do seem to be in a muddle. I would first explain to your wife about having a child, and then I would get a lawyer to help you. It sounds like they are trying to get you on a breach of promise but that is for a lawyer to say.

Is it bad if I love my step-sister?

I am 23 years old and I fell in love with my sister of 16 years. But she is not my real sister. She loves me dearly and I love her also. I have tried but how can I leave my love? Even she doesn't want to leave me. And I don't want to marry another girl except her. We want to get lost in Tanzania or Congo because of her parents. What can we do? But don't tell me to leave her.

J.W., Kenya.

I am afraid you have both landed yourselves in a very dangerous situation. Before you do anything rash, seek advice from your church leader or tribal elders.

I want to marry, but they say I'm impotent

I am 25 and the girl I intend to marry is 23. We have been in love since 1972 but we have never had sex because we want to wait until we are married. Some of my friends are carrying the rumour about that I am impotent. My girl knows that I am not but I am afraid my in-laws to be will withdraw their approval of my plans to marry their daughter if they hear this rumour. Do you advise that I quit where I am living at the moment? I do not want to miss my girl so please tell me what to do.

Femi, Nigeria.

The parents of your girl will not be as rash as you think so do not worry about the rumourmongers. Don't pay attention to them and when they see that you are not worried they will leave you alone and mind their business.

I love an older woman she is unfaithful

I am 28 and in love with a woman age by four years. She loves me so much always buys me expensive things threatened me that if I leave her she would be chemically. I have had sex with her. But recently she broke my heart by behind a certain bar in a lodging sitting on a bed. She got very surprised saw me standing near the door as when she came out she denied doing nothing with the man but I did what she said. She still loves me but I am not interested in her. She always asks me but I have just kept quiet which she said she can spoil me. What can I do worried that she is getting tired of me.

Joash, Bungoma, Kenya.

You now know this woman for you refuse any more presents and if you go to another location or town. When she can ruin you chemically, this is rubbish believe her. If you move away she can't follow you.

Which of these two girls should I drop?

I am a secondary school student and two girlfriends whom I love equal. One is a student worker and the other is a student. She always sends me money while the other one does not. I am always about my studies and encouraging my best. Please help me decide which one to drop in future.

Nwian, Maiduguri.

When the time comes you will know which one to choose. At your age, I think you should be infatuated to the girls. Concentrate on your studies. I wish you success.

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