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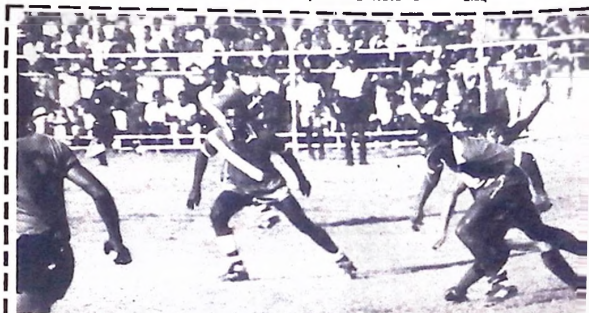


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DRUM LETTERS

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Forged certificates scandal: I was so shocked!

I WAS shocked when the police announced that a number of the undergraduates and graduates in Nigeria gained admission to universities by using forged certificates. What guarantee have we that the people who parade themselves as intellectuals and lecturers have not used forged certificates to gain university admission.

I think the police ought to check on the certificates of all Nigerians. This will take a long time, but it will be a wise step in a desirable effort to clear the reputation of the honest ones who deserve the positions of eminence they may be holding in public and private life as a

result of their qualifications. **Dupe Apantia, Lagos.**

Each establishment — government or private — ought to verify the certificates and diplomas of each of its employees. Any forgers among them should be handed over to the police for prosecution.

Nigeria abounds with many honest people who sweated to obtain their certificates, but who remain unemployed while many forgers are in positions they do not deserve to occupy. The lesson of the discovery of the forgery, however, is that Nigeria ought to stop placing too much premium on paper qualifications. — Editor.



AMIN: he's a man of action

I'm ready to join Amin

FOR the past ten years, the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) has been seen as a toothless bulldog which barks, but does not bite. All the Organisation has achieved since it was formed in 1963 has been the settlement of disputes between sister nations and it has failed to eradicate imperialism and colonialism.

Africa has only two weapons: words and action — to fight these social evils. We have spoken for a whole decade now, with no positive result. Let's take action now. This brings to mind the late Dr. Kwame Nkrumah's sound idea of an African High Command.

General Idi Amin of Uganda who now wishes to be called Alhaji Idi Amin has taken up the challenge and has repeatedly said that he would either command or serve in the army. Many young Africans will offer to serve in the army, too. After all, Africans fought the two World Wars, the causes of which they did not know.

Manuel J. Agbogo, Akpa.
War does not pay, but there are also times when words of persuasion are useless. — Editor.

This story really shocked me

DRUM's strange story about the 46-year-old man who married a 13-year-old girl in Abakaliki was very interesting. But it was a shocker to me.

Do you think the couple will enjoy the marriage? It is a shocking practice which should be discouraged. The age gap is too wide. Can you force your own daughter into such a marriage?

John M'ou Isim, Douala, Cameroon.

Certainly, no. I am no soothsayer, so I can't predict the future of this or any other marriage. — Editor.

Sex bosses are bad news

NIGERIAN girls are crying out for help — because of the Sex Machine Bosses we have in the country. Many girls get office work but, after a short time, the boss will ask her to stop, if she won't give them her body whenever they need her. Or they will ask for sex before they employ her.

Is sex before employment compulsory in Nigeria? The Government should find a way to put an end to it or else Nigerian girls will go mad. **Melii Oby Ijomah, Warri.**

You are quite right. But not all bosses are guilty — and the guilty ones will be punished sooner or later, particularly if their wives find out. — Editor.

Congratulations to DRUM

I WISH to congratulate DRUM on its 21st anniversary and also its founder, Mr. J. R. A. Bailey for using his money and talent to promote the happiness of black people. I also congratulate the management, junior staff and the Editor, Mr. Olu Adegute who has been editing the magazine since 1970.

More grace to your elbows. **K. O. Adebayo, Ibadan.**

Thanks for those kind words. May we give you many more satisfactory years. — Editor.



FEMI: Can I be on the DRUM cover?

I want to be a cover boy

I THINK I am handsome enough for my picture to be published on the cover of your great magazine, DRUM. By using the pictures of girls every issue you give the wrong impression that boys can't be beautiful. So, try me on your cover. I am sure your magazine will sell like hot cakes. **Femi Emmanuel Momoh, Benin.**

Yes, Femi, you are a very handsome boy. But I am sure our readers would rather look at a lovely girl every month. — Editor.



GENERAL GOWON



QUEEN ELIZABETH

Let's invite the Queen here

LAST year, Nigeria's head of State, General Gowon, paid a visit to Britain. I think the Nigerian Government ought to invite Queen Elizabeth II to repay the visit.

Her visit will strengthen the bond of friendship between Britain and Nigeria, and of those of us who were unable to see her last Royal visit in 1956 will see her here probably for the last time in this century. **Nelson Ehuwa, Abereke.**

One government for Africa

I PROPOSE that Africa should have one single government, with a competent leader as the Executive President. The man I tip for the exalted position is General Idi Amin Dada, President of Uganda. I think he will accept the gift and he will have the support of many Africans.

What do you think? **Musa Y. Gaji, Gombe.**
You must be joking! — Editor.

Let's have DRUM here

DRUM is very popular in Cameroon, but unfortunately, you are yet to set up a distribution office in the country.

I think I speak for many people in this country when I appeal to you to please set up a DRUM office here so that we can have the magazine regularly. I am sure you will not regret it. **Ugechukwu Samuel Aitsigwe, Tiko, Cameroon.**

Mathew's doing a great job

IT WAS the cat your eye photographer Mathew Faji took at the Hot Spot in Lagos wearing an Oliver Twist cap. You published the picture in DRUM, June, 1974 issue, and it was a pleasant surprise to me.

I am an undergraduate at the Enugu Campus of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, and wish Mathew many more years of useful service to the people of Nigeria and Africa. **Pat Moore, Enugu.**

Same to you, Cat. — Editor.



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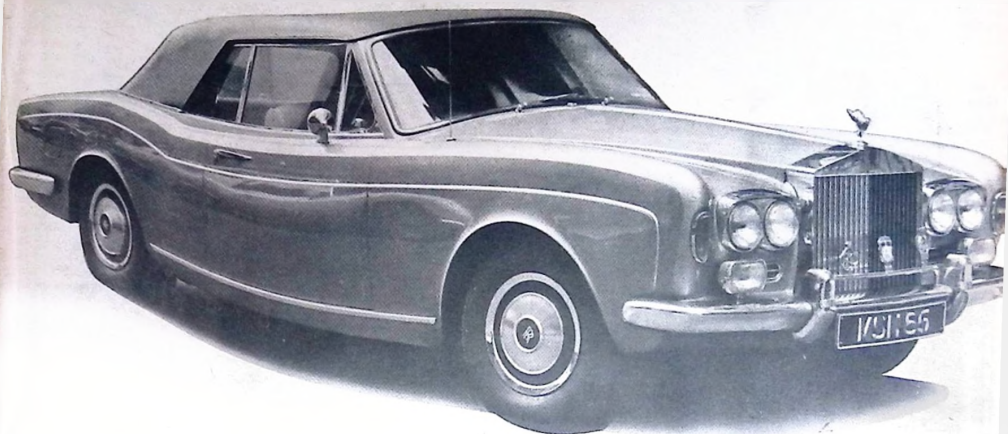
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Zaire didn't win the World Cup in Munich but the players can still hold up their heads with pride after a magnificent effort. And the rest of the world will be on the defensive in 1978 when the African challenge will be even stronger. Who knows, we might even see Zaire as champions . . .

THE money crazy world of soccer in Europe and Latin America was rather perplexed when it was announced that Zaire, along with Haiti and Australia, were the unknown quantities of the competition. It was readily admitted by many that perhaps the greatest untapped football talent in the world's soccer, so similar to the African now being tapped. Could Zaire provide the answer? Only Munich was pitted against the might of three of the world's best teams

— Brazil, Yugoslavia and Scotland — which made their task even greater. The Zaire dream of fame and glory was shattered in the qualifying round when they lost all their matches and were eliminated from the competition along with another eight "hopefuls." They did, however, show one thing to the world — that their magical and dazzling ball control would represent a real threat to World Cup contenders in time for the next competition to be held in Argentina. Given the essential tactical training combined with wider experience, an African side may bring the trophy for the first time to Africa.



STRANDED Zairean players see Scotland which signalled defeat Dortmund and Scotland won



Rivelino tussle for posse

SUICIDE

Childless bride ends her life in tragedy



BEFORE Patience Onyeye Ogbonnaya committed suicide by hanging, she tore up all her pictures and set fire to all her belongings and those of her husband, but although torn into two pieces by her, the original of this picture was not burnt.

PATIENCE Onyeye Ogbonnaya, a pretty housewife from Abakaliki, in Nigeria's East Central State, committed suicide on April 11, this year because she could not face her former husband, her family and her friends without a child.

She was married to her first husband for 13 years. Because she did not have a child, she decided to try another man. So when Mr. Johnson Ogbonnaya of 4 Breckenbury Street, Abakaliki, asked Patience to be his third wife, he had to allay her fears. She told him that her greatest desire was to have a child and her new man promised to give maximum co-operation.

Mr. Ogbonnaya, who runs a chain of businesses including beer parlours, brought out drinks and the two lovers drank each other's health.

Soon, Patience packed her belongings into a taxi and went to settle down in the house of Mr. Ogbonnaya who was overwhelmed with joy at his conquest for it was the first time he would be married to a woman of his own choice in a community where parents organise wives for their sons.

It was a happy marriage and Patience was popular with the customers who came into her husband's restaurant. She had introduced 'Ofe okara', a specially prepared vegetable soup, into the menu.

A month after her marriage, Patience became pregnant. Great was her joy and the

If a childless woman pauses to count her blessings, she will — despite of her childlessness — have many reasons to thank God and be contented with her lot. This is precisely what pretty Patience Onyeye Ogbonnaya failed to realise. She paid very dearly for it — with her life. DRUM brings you her story which ought to serve as a lesson to other women who have reason to be unhappy.

NEWS RETURN

The ecstasy that led to death

continued

pleasure of her husband, who already had eight children by his two other wives. Patience told him to pay dowry to her parents and Mr. Oghonnaya paid a dowry of 20 naira on his new wife. He also returned the dowry paid by her former husband.

Patience was ecstatic; she did everything she could to please her husband, who, she thought, was super-human, a god to be worshipped and obeyed. But the

happiness of the couple was short-lived when Patience had a miscarriage, which left her terribly dejected.

Mr. Oghonnaya did everything to console his wife. He told her many parables to lift her up from the depth of despair. One of the parables ran thus: "A certain woman delivered a child which died. People consoled her but no one could cheer her up. Later a hen stepped into the show telling the woman its own pathetic tale.

It laid 18 eggs, all of which were consumed by men — so it laid another 20 eggs and succeeded in hatching 20 chicks.

But all were carried away by hawks and other unfriendly animals. Yet the hen maintained that spirit of endurance. Then the hen appealed to the woman to take a leaf from its own agony.

The parable of the hen reminded Patience's hope and lifted her spirit.

Mr. Oghonnaya consulted native doctors in his determination to make Patience pregnant again. He also submitted himself for treatment. After some months, Patience was again put in the family way, becoming an embodiment of happiness again.

They prayed that the child

would be a boy, choosing the name of Johnson's father. Patience became more generous and was pleasant to everyone who ran into her path. She became, in the words of one of her husband's customers, "a philanthropist overnight and a ready help and counsellor to other wives".

But, again, Patience lost the pregnancy and became a changed woman — said beyond description. Messages of condolence poured in from many sympathisers in and around Abakaliki and her husband did everything he could to make her pregnant a third time. This time, he assured her, the pregnancy would result in two, not grief.

But his two other wives were unhappy.

The system before Patience joined the family was for Mr. Oghonnaya's wives to live with him in rotation. But since Patience married Mr. Oghonnaya, his husband had not sent for any of his wives to replace her.

The other wives had weaned their smallest children and were ready for another pregnancy and they argued that it was Patience's turn to live with their husband's parents in Amokwe, Item, in Bende Division of the East Central State.

Mr. Oghonnaya did not like to send Patience away without her being pregnant, but he succumbed to their pressure.

When he mentioned it to Patience, her grief was aggravated. She said that she would die rather than go home without either being pregnant or carrying a baby. She feared that she would be subjected to ridicule, particularly from her former husband and his friends. But the husband insisted and pleaded with Patience that she could not be allowed to break a long standing rule.

She became embittered. Regardless of her threats, Mr. Oghonnaya gave her a date on which she must give way to one of his two other wives who also needed to be made pregnant. His assurances that he would again send for Patience fell on deaf ears.

She had decided to kill herself.

So, on April 11, 1974, after Mr. Oghonnaya had left the house to go to his bank, Patience wrote a letter and went to the Abakaliki Post Office to post it. From there, she went to share her sorrow with a friend in the Abakaliki market, Abakaliki. She wept bitterly and her friend tried to console her, advising Patience to return home.

Back in her husband's place, she found a man waiting to sell vegetables to her. Patience ignored him and dashed straight into her room. The vegetable seller thought she had gone into her room to bring money.

Patience assembled her personal effects and those of her

husband in a heap in her room. She made a noose with a rope she had earlier bought from the market, then she set fire to the items she had amassed on the floor and hanged herself.

Meanwhile the vegetable seller decided to remind Patience that he was still waiting. As he came to her room, he saw thick smoke coming out of it. The man raised a fire alarm. Other people joined to help but when they forced down the door of Patience's room, they were shocked by the grisly spectacle.

When contacted by the police, Mr. Oghonnaya had a long story to tell. His story, told in his own words to DRUM is as follows:

"I had spent up to 500 naira in search of pregnancy for her. The extra attention I paid to her made me to start losing face with my other wives at home, one of whom was also anxious to be pregnant.

"I appealed to Patience to prepare to travel home where she was to stay for sometime to make for the arrival of the other wife. At first, she welcomed the decision but, on April 10, she turned down the offer to go home. I appealed to her to sympathize with the other women. On that day I left after pleading with her — but when I returned she was hostile to me. I begged her before she reluctantly agreed to serve me.

"In the night I slept outside our house. She called me to come and sleep in the room but I said there was much heat inside and would like to spend more time outside. In anger she went inside the room and bolted the door against me. Later I called her to open the door but she did not do so until I was about to force it open. I went inside but later went back outside because it was too hot. The door was kept open for the rest of the night but I slept outside.

"At about 5 a.m. when I found that she did not come out to do the sweeping of the house as was her practice, I saw her lying flat on the bed with a finger in her mouth. When I tried to get her she said: 'Leave me alone'. She would not talk to me. I picked up a broom and did the sweeping for her. At about 7 a.m. she got up from the bed, washed her face with water and said to me: 'You want me to go home without a child?'

"After collecting money from the bank I went into a restaurant to have my breakfast. There rumours reached me that a woman had committed suicide, but I did not suspect the woman was my wife.

"My 18 bags of rice, files, her suit cases and other household property valued at a total of 5,240 naira were set on fire by Patience. I had no trouble with her. I very much regret her action. I wonder why she should prefer death to my love".



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EXPLOSIVE writer, fast talker Obi Egbuna puts the message over to a DRUM reporter.

THE name on my passport is Obi Egbuna, but this is only a forgery. My real name is Bantu in South Africa, Aborigine in Australia, Nigger in America, Bum in Nixonville, and Grinning Piccaninny in Britain. Everybody talks about me, never to me, hears about me, never from me, is an expert on me, except me.

When the Englishman comes to my country to earn his living, he is what they call a Bram Drain. But when I come to England to earn my living, I become what they style an Immigration Problem. But I am bothering nobody for apologies. Power is the might to call a spade a hack-saw, the bread-control to define, because you can implement. To know this is to know how to be free, because to stop being Untouchable is to know that I am, therefore I am.

That is a quote from Obi Egbuna's internationally explosive book *Destroy This Temple*, published by McGibbon & Kee, London.

He went to England 15 years ago on scholarship from Nigeria, won success as a novelist, playwright, political writer and literary critic. But just as quickly he grew frustrated and incensed on seeing how Black people were treated, not only in Britain but over much of the world. Though the play adaptation of his novel, *Wind Versus Polyg-*

**And Aborigine,
and Bantu,
and Nigger,
and Bum,
and Grinning
Piccaninny**

amy (Faber, London), was chosen to represent Britain in the First World Black Festival of Arts in Dakar, Senegal, in 1966, young Egbuna did not let success blind him to the fact that the rest of the oppressed.

The searing essays which make up *Destroy This Temple* range widely over racial attitudes among both White and Black people in Britain; the author's involvement with the Black Panther movement; his visit to America and the profound effect on him of meetings with Elijah Muhammad, founder of the Black Muslims; a New Mexican

Indian chief, and a Harlem Black prostitute; his reactions to the Nigerian Civil War.

Long ago he stopped telling secure "liberals"—White and Black—what they want to hear. His language is black, blunt, steeped in experience of his travels and razor-sharp intelligence. William Morrow, the New York publishers who brought out the American version of *Destroy This Temple*, posed the question in their blurb: Is this book Britain's answer to America's *Soul on Ice*?

Egbuna has not hung around to find out. After 15 years roaming about in "the wilds of Europe and America", he is now back home in Africa, where he has been appointed the Director of the East Central State Writers' Workshop, Enugu, Nigeria. It was launched on July 21, 1973, by the State Administrator, Mr. Ukpabi Asika. Egbuna, a native of Ozubulu in Onitsha Division of East Central State, has in less than six months of the existence of the institution, just brought out the Writers' Workshop's "first baby", *Emperor of the Sea*, published by Collins, London.

DRUM assigned Emma Nwimo to conduct this exclusive interview with the author.

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Tenants in the land of our birth

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Obi Egbuna, as an artiste, do you intend to make the masses and the government appreciate artistes (in all spheres)—in short, find have for artistes in this country?

I do not think the primary objective of the creative artiste is to seek appreciation, for that reduces him to the level of a clown pleading for applause.

He must first find out who is doing the applauding. If not, he might find out too late that, like Zorba the Greek, he has been entertaining a audiences gathered at the funeral of his own son, of his own future. What then do you consider the primary duty of the writer? To write, to explore the forbidden, to disrobe the forbidding, to expose it, to exercise the ignoble, to liberate the noble, to demystify the unknown, to shatter its virginity, and make Truth accessible to humanity.

How does the writer begin?

The writer must begin with the vital question: To whom does my talent belong? In a world where the real problem is not poverty (because we have more than enough resources and know-how to feed everybody on this earth), where the real problem is the division of the world into rich nations and poor nations, where the rich people of the rich nations are subsidising the "rich" people of the poor nations, where the rich are growing richer everywhere and the poor poorer where and the poor all everywhere, where the poor all over the world are increasingly coming together to rebel against the greed and the oppressive cruelty of the selfish rich, and where the rich are also ganging together to keep the poor on the hunger-line misery forever, in such a world where the way you eat, the way you move, the way you shelter, the way you speak—in short everything you do—depends on which of these two antagonistic worlds you find your pitch, a writer's first duty surely is to declare his world.

To ignore this reality is to be a cop-out, a sure invitation to disaster. The only reason any writer refuses to face up to this reality is either because it has become irrelevant, i.e. he has become irrelevant in his environment and therefore has nothing more to say, or he has become corrupt, i.e. become an adopted son of some foreign cultural interests, an "African cultural interests, an "African writer" whose advocated code



MILES away from where the action is, Obi takes a break.

of life is often antithetical to his de facto code of living, resulting in physical or psychological flight from Africa to the neo-colonialist "Micky-mouse "civilisation" of his adoption. At one time it used to be fashionable in Africa, particularly in Nigeria, to regard the writer as an "independent observer of society", an intellectual referee protected from all participatory reality in his ivory-tower post on some College-campus Mount Olympus (and a "committed" writer was then frowned upon as a crank.) I rather suspect that the first shots of the Nigerian Civil War compelled one or two writers of that old school to recant those archaic, reactionary, and medieval hallucinations about the role of the artiste in society. To whom does my talent belong? Read my works and find out. I promise you won't find my consistency confusing. This is more important to me than popularity. Popularity can be fun, yes. But popularity with whom? I'd rather die in prison, than seek to death in the company of dinosaurs and vampires who live on the blood of the people. Tchait! The embarrassment alone will kill me, man.

Since you got along well with Black Brothers in Britain and America, what, in your opinion, is Black Power?

A proper definition of the Black Power idea should really begin by taking the two words, BLACK and POWER, separately. And from their analyses and application to Black man's present-day realities the world over, a new dialectically up-to-date ideology will emerge, an ideology which must be two-

pronged in dimension, in order to accommodate not only the Black man's colour, but also his international class as a man—a social class which he cannot escape, be he a lawyer, a doctor, or an academician with interminable strings of degrees. All we can do therefore is to say, by way of simplest definition, that the Black man's colour is being used as an excuse to oppress and exploit him all over the world, and it is therefore his duty to organise on a basis of colour to combat this oppression. Two important factors emerge from this definition. First, Black Power is anti-exploitation and therefore committed to a socialist programme of wealth control and distribution. Anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist, is an ideological concept right from its inception. Therefore, it is a disussing lie and a gross confession of ignorance of definition to say that Black Power exists in an "independent" African country where neo-colonialism still abounds. It is an ideological sin, in fact, to call such a country Black, because all it is in actuality is a White country with Black people living in it, tenants in a land of their birth.

The second point that emerges from our definition is that Black Power is an international concept. It recognises that what the world man has been facing the world over are not isolated pockets of White oppression, but White Power united behind the scene to own the world, and the only weapon to fight this mammoth monopoly of White Power is the unity of Blacks under the ideological umbrella of Black Power to

liberate themselves. The method of struggle employed by the Black man may differ from country to country, from area to area, if necessary from era to era, but the objective is the same, world-wide Black ownership of himself, his wealth and his reality.

It is important here to note that the Black man is not selling anything to White people. It is not like colonialism, which imposes White supremacy, White culture, White religion, White "education"—"education"—and White "civilisation"—on the rest of non-White humanity.

Black power is not, repeat not, selling anything to White people. We are not asking the White man to put on African clothes, or speak African languages, damn it! We're not even asking them to join our organisation. We simply ask to be left alone, to be allowed to stop living a lie, and to start being ourselves. We are not racists, because it is not racist to fight racism, to say we want to keep away from racists, to beg to be left in peace to start reacting to life from your own historical experience as Black people.

We do not advocate violence, because we hate violence to the point of even employing revolutionary violence to kill it for good, like using a stick to crush a cobra coiling up in my bedroom to kill me after it has already killed my parents and the parents before them. We do not want to put hands in anybody's pocket. And we do not want anybody's hand in our pocket either. If we find any stray hand in our pocket we will saw it off, be it white, black, green, or zebra, the colour is immaterial. But since it just happens that the hand we find straying in our Black pocket right now turns out to be white, we have the solemn duty, as we might have done if it were tomato-red, to saw it off. The colour is just a matter of chance, as far as we are concerned. If anyone doesn't want his hand sawed off, he should keep it where it belongs: in his own pocket. This is no racism. It is revolutionary commonsense.

In your play, *The Wind*, which character interests you most, and how do you intend to scout for talents for the major role in the expected film version?

I see all the characters in all my works as my children. I must, at least in theory, love all of them equally; and must resist all temptations to make public avowals of my preferences for

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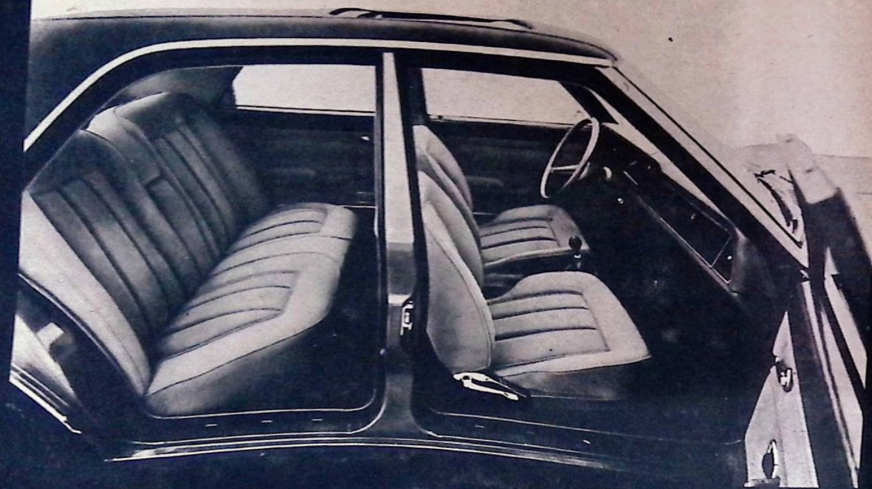
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members of my family. If not, people will doubt my objectivity and the purity of my impartiality, when similar characters clash again, you never know, in my future works. I will only add, however, that one cannot reflect society accurately in his works without creating positive and negative characters as he goes along, and the same goes for *The Wind*, too. As for the casting of future productions of my works, in movies or otherwise, I'm perfectly contented, having enough worried of my own as it is, to leave that headache to the producers and directors, whose expertise it is really.

As his Director, how would you define the Writers' Workshop? I would say that the term, Writers' Workshop, is perhaps a bit of a contradiction, because to a writer the entire world should be his workshop. But the objective of the East Central State here is evident, foresighted, pioneering, and commendable. If you ask any African schoolchild what he wants to be when he grows up, he will tell you he wants to be a doctor, a lawyer, an engineer, anything but a writer, because the writer is not being projected as a charismatic figure as the rest.

On the contrary, the writer and the artists are seen as irresponsible members of society, wastrels of ink and time. The children are not made aware that every book they read in their very school has been written by a writer, that every verbal brick laid in the construction of their minds as men of the future, that great professional thinker, that great writers have played great roles in building other societies, that the second greatest name (next to Winston Churchill) in the first half of this very century in British history is Bernard Shaw, that occupying the equivalent role in contemporary Japanese history is Junichiro Tanizaki, that at one time it used to be said that Russia had two Czars, Nicholas the Second and Leon Tolstoy, hence Lenin was forced to exclaim that the writer is the second government of a country. We do not, of course, see ourselves in the Writers' Workshop as the second government of our country. In view of the above analysis of the Black Power historical evolution in Black experience, it must be made clear that the

Writers' Workshop is not a political institution, and therefore has no political ideology. In fact, the workshop is not exclusive to writers, but operates currently in cultural groups like the Writers' Workshop Drama Group, the Writers' Workshop Literary and Poetry Group, the Writers' Workshop Visual Art Group, the Writers' Workshop Traditional Instrument Group, plus rural branch-groups in different areas of the State, for example, the Writers' Workshop Choral Group of Uzuakoli under the personal coach of Mr. Harcourt Whyte, etc.

This has resulted in the production of plays, seminars of different sorts, art exhibitions, lectures, tours of schools and universities, etc.

As we have said time and time again, founding a writers' workshop is not like installing a carpentry workshop, a task that can be completed overnight. Though our consummate objective is to launch it with a bang, we are fully cognizant of the fact that a writers' workshop must grow with experience, time, and resources in talent. It is not just a building, it is what it generates, what we do in it, what we do out of it, what difference our coming into being makes in the cultural climate of our society.

Our aim is to give direction, to provide a new literary horizon of vision, to serve as a research centre, talent reservoir, and a catalyst in the unfolding of the literary flower of our youth, to create an axis about which young and old, discovered and undiscovered, talents will revolve, to introduce the people to themselves by interpreting their longings and their souls, to launch through example and work a new image of the writer, of the artist, of culture in general, to impart to the young what part great writers have played in building other nations, and thereby proceed, in the not too distant future maybe, to shift the centre of literary thought and activity in the country, perhaps in the whole of Africa, from elsewhere to nearer home, not necessarily because it is nearer home, but because it ought to start somewhere. What first attracted you to this honourable profession of writing?

I'm inclined to agree with you that writing could indeed be an honourable profession, but the only tragedy is that serious writers don't often live long enough out of prison to enjoy this honour. As for what first attracted me to it, well, it is the one question I have always been afraid to ask myself.

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Belief in human sacrifice was so strong in many parts of ancient Nigeria that human life had little or no value. Through oracles, the gods and goddesses dictated whether they wanted a "slave" or a "freeborn" to be slaughtered like an animal. Continuing its series on the evil practice of human sacrifice in Nigeria, **DRUM** delves into the cruel practices of ancient Lagos.

ANCIENT Lagos was first inhabited by the Aworis, a clan of the Yoruba race who migrated from Ile Ife. Animists, they believed in a number of gods whom they worshipped with devotion, fear and fanatical zeal.

The gods were in two groups: those demanding human sacrifice and those who did not. The gods in the latter group were offered bullocks, sheep, goats, poultry, pigeons and cooked vegetables.

Furthermore, all sorts of things were worshipped, including thunder, lightning, water, the devil, snakes, beasts, medicines, brass, iron, nuts, brooms, mat and sticks. Such was the freedom of worship under animism that there was nothing to stop any man whipping his own head — which some did.

The principal gods that demanded human sacrifice were the Olokun, God of the Sea and Sigidì, the Goddess of Rain. It was the practice to offer human sacrifices to them every year and an additional human sacrifice was made to appease the god whenever the sea was particularly rough. But, before a

sacrifice was made the idol of the god was consulted to find out whether a slave or a freeborn man should be sacrificed. In those days the slave trade was the order of the day and a person counted his wealth by the number of slaves he owned.

If a slave was demanded then it was merely a question of picking one out like an animal. If a freeborn was demanded that created a problem which was solved in a spectacular, but wicked, manner. Permission was received from the reigning Oba to call a dance. Everyone was invited to the dance during which an unsuspecting merry-maker was seized and sacrificed.

The method of sacrifice was extremely cruel and sadistic. The poor man was led to the beach and made to watch the digging of the hole in which he would be buried

IMPORTANT ritual masquerade in Lagos is Eyo Adimu, which is greatly respected, even by non-members of the cult. Eyo Adimu is dressed in white in the centre of our picture.





FOUND near the Bar Beach of the Atlantic Ocean, this skull is thought to have belonged to an unfortunate sacrificial victim, at the hands of the cruel god worshippers.



REGAL figure at the back of this 18th Century picture is King Akintoye of Lagos, who signed a treaty with the British in 1852 forbidding human sacrifice in his country.

up to his neck. Then he was put in it in a standing position and the hole filled with only his head showing above the ground. Then he was left to the mercy of the god — Olokun. It might be days before the suffering of the man ended or a vulture might hasten death by plucking out his eyes and tearing the flesh from his face.

Sometimes the punishment of a crime was to sacrifice the offender to Olokun. This was the case of a man who decorated a room in his house with a coat of lime wash. He was accused of attempting to make his house look like the place of the Oba which was a very serious crime. The man was arrested, his goods confiscated, and taken to the beach where he was offered as a sacrifice to the Olokun.

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THREE choices face a man when a bribe is offered — take it, ignore it or report it. Kofi Baako (right) as Minister of Defence in the government of Ghana, took the late Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana, took the latter course — and missed the chance of making an easy fortune. — Olu Adetule tells the amazing story.

THE top secret document reproduced here is authentic proof of how people in positions of power and influence can amass huge fortunes in coded bank accounts in Switzerland.

It is indisputable evidence that some holders of public offices, including heads of governments, ministers, chairmen of statutory corporations, civil servants and the criminal receivers who serve as their middlemen, have illegally enriched themselves in the past at the expense of the poor taxpayers.

In this particular case, Mr. Kofi Baako, who was the Minister of Defence in the government of the late President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana, was tempted to make a fortune

and "live happily ever after" while millions of the people he had taken a sacred oath to serve languished in abject poverty.

The offer was a top secret inducement to make a fortune. It was to be kept for him in a bank in Zurich, Switzerland, the favourite rendezvous of public enemies, who parade themselves as honest men.

The slip attached to the letter (marked personal) giving price for 82,000 Mauser rifles and ammunition, was meant only for the eyes of the defence minister.

If he were a rogue like some holders of public office, he knew what to do. Instead, he promptly informed the late President Nkrumah, the Osagyefo, and called his attention to the scandalous but tempting offer. His

minute reads as follows:

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usual percentage for such illicit deals, the "commission" for Mr. Baako would have been N159,795. The arms dealer also offered to sell what he called "a most modern machine pistol, today the best in the world" to the Ghana Government "in any quantity." It is right to conclude, therefore, that the higher the quantity of arms and ammunition sold in the deal, the higher the "commission" for the Minister of Defence.

Therefore, a country at war is a goldmine for arms manufacturers and dealers, and for dishonest public men. While all the people in such a racket would be praying for a prolonged war, the soldiers in the war zones would want a speedy end to the conflict. This is a case in which the adage popularised by Lord

Mallaiieu "War Does Not Pay" — will be dismissed as utter rubbish by the few men who are likely to be enriched forever during the strife while many young men lose their lives in the battlefields.

Whatever the late President Nkrumah did or failed to do after he read Mr. Baako's comments, posterity will give credit to Mr. Baako for his honesty and loyalty to his country. This single scandalous offer exposes the sharp practise between big business circles of the supposedly civilized and rich nations of Europe and America and government leaders in the poor, developing countries of Africa and Asia.

Mr. Kofi Baako shamed the white man who offered him a big bribe. Though he lost an opportunity to make a fortune without working for it, he won for himself a reputation which money could never buy — great honesty in the midst of great dishonesty. He belongs to the rare breed of men who are aware of the lesson of history — ill-gotten gains do not last to the third generation.

The moral is that if there is a single honest man in the Republic of Bribery and Corruption, the whole system will be rendered unworkable.

arrange an order for those rifles, as to offer you a good commission, in Switzerland or wherever you like,

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SEEMINGLY innocent letter from a Swiss arms dealer — but the attached note intended only for the eyes of Mr. Baako, contained the offer of a bribe.

HAVANA

HAVANA! The name sends Nigerians, young and old, down memory lane.

It is the day — usually a Saturday — when all roads lead to the campus of the University of Ibadan, Nigeria's first university. An annual social event organised by the Students' Union of the institution, it is Teenagers' Freedom Day when even the

university authorities close their eyes to what goes on at the campus.

The Students' Union plans for the big show begin about six months in advance and a variety of orchestras are signed on — Pop, Highlife, Juju, Akwete and Sakara or Apala — you name your favourite type of music, it is there. Immediately the date is announced all young ones

and the old but young-at-heart, in and outside the university, start making preparations for their participation in the annual festival of fashion, popular music, drinks and romance.

Male and female students in high schools, teacher training colleges, nurses' hostels, young workers and even unemployed high school leavers wait anxiously for Havana

day — their annual social pilgrimage. All obstacles are cleared to ensure that they do not miss the great show. Here even students have been known to place dummies in their beds to cover up for them in case of a surprise check by boarding masters while they enjoyed themselves at Havana.

It is the one day in the year that these youngsters are able to do their 'thing' and 'sock it' to one another.

Sometimes a girl has her first taste of the 'forbidden fruit' after a drinking spree at Havana; the consequence — an unwanted pregnancy. This does not mean that every girl who goes to the show is bound to lose her head and ruin her future.

Nigerian parents do not want to stand in the way of their children's relaxation during their leisure hours because as the saying goes, all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, but no parent or guardian will be happy to find that his son or daughter has taken liberty for licence to his or her detriment.

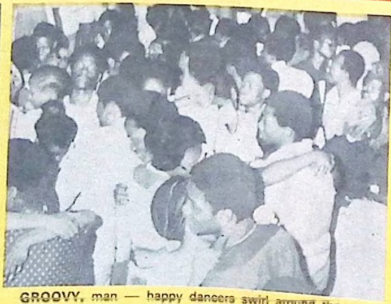
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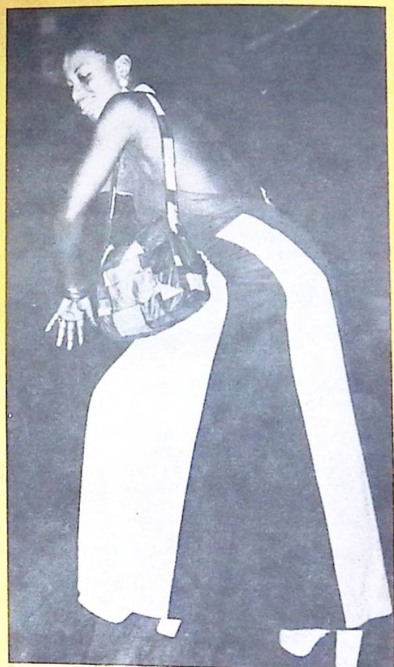
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ENVIOUS youngsters who could not join the 5,000 on the university campus for the Havana had to be content with watching the show from behind the iron fence. Still, they may get their chance to attend next year.



FOR many years the Jungle Kingdom was ruled by the Imperial Lion. For 99 years he governed the people as best as possible and his administration was a model to the rulers of neighbouring Kingdoms.

On the 100th anniversary of the Lion's Coronation, his subjects asked him for self-rule. He agreed to grant their wish on two conditions. One, there should be a referendum to ascertain the wish of the majority of the citizens. Two, if the majority voted for self-rule, he should be allowed to appoint the new Captain Boss of the Jungle.

In the referendum, majority of the people said 'Yes to self-rule.' They also decided that the Kingdom should henceforth become the Jungle People's Republic.

For the exalted office of Captain Boss of the Republic, the Lion appointed Mr. Dove who was reputed for being honest, modest and cool and collected even in times of crisis. The Lion allowed Mr. Dove to choose his lieutenants. His choice fell on the following citizens: Mr. Pigeon, Nobel Prize Winner for Peace; Mr. Tortoise, a past-master of Diplomacy; Mr. Ant, Gold Medalist for Hard Work; Mr. Parrot, Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Public Opinion; Mr. Goat, loved and hated for his inflexibility; and last but not the least, Mr. Peacock, a man of blue blood who was a symbol of Conservatism. Mr. Dove's team was a conglomeration of various talents.

At the ceremony marking the formal surrender of power to the people, the Lion, speaking in a

voice packed with emotion, advised the new rulers of the Jungle People's Republic against corruption, insatiable greed, abuse of office, contempt for public opinion, worship of money and flatterers. He beseeched them not to mis-rule the peace-loving and easy-going people of the Jungle.

On behalf of the new nation, Mr. Dove thanked

Mr. Dove then looked towards the sea, and gazed at the sky. He could foresee possible enemies from the sea and the air. He appointed Mr. Whale to take care of all dangers from the sea, and gave Mr. Eagle the task of combating enemies from the sky. He provided fat salaries and allowances for Mr. Tiger, Mr. Dog, Mr. Whale and Mr. Eagle. They had many other good things of life virtually free. But instead of being contented, after some time Mr. Tiger started to eye Mr. Dove's job, a position which requires talent and dedication rather than sheer brute force. Some of the assistants of Mr. Dove did not like the way these chaps were still being pampered. They saw danger

over the eyes of the Jungle People, he levelled real and imaginary accusations against Mr. Dove and his aides. One of the charges was that Mr. Dove's aides were pinching the women and the money of the people of the Jungle. He accused Mr. Dove himself of being slow to act. Many Jungle people believed him, but some people dismissed it as a sheer excuse to force himself on the Jungle. However, the people decided to adopt a wait-and-see attitude. But Mr. Tiger's shoulders were too slender to bear the grave task he had taken upon himself. And, for purely selfish reasons, Mr. Tiger's advisers gave him bad counsel on major issues. They dug his grave, and Mr. Tiger went

enemies, Mr. Tiger Bay as the new Captain Boss chose to be called, inviting some of the relations and friends of the late Mr. Dove and gave them cushioned public positions. After a careful consideration of the controversial invitation the chosen men, though still mourning for the mass slaughter of Mr. Dove and his mates, agreed to serve. Some of them said that it was in the interest of the nation. There was peace and the future looked bright. Even when Mr. Rattlesnake, an old pal of Mr. Tiger Bay tried to cause trouble, Mr. Tiger Bay led all the forces at his command against him and won a decisive victory. Mr. Rattlesnake flew like a bird from a falling tree. Contrary to

The Handwriting on the

His Imperial Majesty for his good leadership and wise counsel. In a rich voice, as smooth as velvet, he named the new Captain Boss looking sad rather than jubilant, promised to serve the Jungle people to the best of his ability and for the glory of God. And he did try, in spite of difficulties put in his way from time to time by some people, especially Mr. Peacock.

TREACHERY

It occurred to the Lion that the Jungle would need a band of trained fighters to protect the citizens against internal and external dangers. He appointed Mr. Dog, famed for his loyalty and vigilance, to take care of crime and other internal forces of destruction. To Mr. Tiger, who had distinguished himself as a talented fighter, he gave the job of warding off external aggression.

God looked down on the Jungle Republic and smiled. He was pleased with what He saw

ahead. They advised Mr. Dove to take drastic measures to cut Mr. Tiger down to size. But before Mr. Dove could be convinced that Mr. Tiger could be treacherous, Mr. Tiger came out in his true colours.

He had bought over all state barbers and got them to agree to slash the throats of Mr. Dove and his aides. A particular day when Mr. Dove and his men were bound by tradition to have a hair-cut was chosen as D-Day. In a matter of seconds, Mr. Dove and some of his topmost assistants had their throats slashed by State barbers. Before the general public knew what had hit them, Mr. Tiger had installed himself as the new Captain Boss in the place of Mr. Dove.

BAD ADVICE

The people of the Jungle were helpless. They could not meet force with force. They suffered in silence and hoped for the best. In an attempt to pull a wool

into it with wide open eyes. He was buried alive.

The sudden death of Mr. Tiger left the Jungle without a Captain Boss. Confusion followed. Then, it was prowess to betray friends and kill mates. Many people tried to step into the shoes of Mr. Tiger and failed. Mr. Leopard almost succeeded. But his performances at an interview to assess his ability to rule were very poor. Even his friends called for his head. He fled into voluntary exile. One young Tiger later emerged as the new Captain Boss. He proved that the wisdom of Solomon had nothing to do with the age of Methuselah. He was blessed with a sweet tongue and he was a good actor. He won the support of the Jungle people. He made many promises. He even pledged to bridge the gap between Mr. Cat and Lady Mouse, a problem which is as old as the longest river in the Jungle.

INVITATION

To gain more support and win over potential

expectations in some quarters, Mr. Tiger Bay did not wreak vengeance on those who had supported the fugitive offender.

Again, God looked down on the Jungle Republic and smiled. He was pleased with what He saw.

God then decided to reward Mr. Tiger Bay. He paid a surprise visit to the Jungle at night. While Mr. Tiger Bay slept soundly in his new Castle, God woke him up and led him out to a study. He had filled the shelves in the study with leather-bound books on various topics: Power, Mass Psychology, Revolution, Politics, Leadership, Fund Raising Techniques and Case Histories. Millionaires Under Forty. How to Suppress Public Opinion, Police Methods, and The Life and Style of Joseph Goebel. God sat him down. There was no chair large enough to take God's majestic body which was black and beautiful beyond description. Mr. Tiger Bay was

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filled with fear. "Fear not, boy", God said to him. "I am here to thank you in person for the good work you have been doing in this Jungle".

NOT BORN

"But who are you, Sir", he managed to ask God, not quite sure if he had gone a bit too far with the All—Powerful.

"People call me various names. Some people call me God or Allah or Jehovah. The ancient Greeks called me Zeus. The Ibo call me Chineke or Chuku. The Edos call me Osa. The Yorubas call me

your name with immortality".

Mr. Tiger Bay asked God to bless him with a pair of wings that could fly him far, far into the sky. His wish was granted. Immediately, Mr. Tiger grew a pair of wings. The pair was large and strong.

Because a tree does not make a forest God awarded a bonus to each of 12 aides recommended by Mr. Tiger Bay. He offered each of the lucky dozen a choice of two out of three things: Goodluck, Contentment, and Money. Only very few of the 12 chose contentment. Most of them picked goodluck and money.

To the general public of the Republic, God gave only one thing—Patience.

God returned to his headquarters.

Mr. Tiger Bay could now fly alright, but his wings created an unprecedented problem for him. The wings made it impossible for him to lie down in bed. Therefore he could no longer have a sound sleep. He did not want the wings any more as a result. But no one had the skill to cut it for him. But every night he was a miserable man, as lonely as a loser.

MONEY AND POWER

At every given opportunity during the day, Mr. Tiger Bay flew far, far into the sky above and saw new horizons of money and power. On one such trip, he saw the goddess of money in her power, pomp and glory. He also saw the god of political power. He loved to accumulate money and wield power for ever. Some of his closest friends advised him that he should first go after money and hoard it; adding that political power was bound to follow in its trail. They promised to help him achieve his ambition. When they helped him, they helped themselves too by pinching his funds.

WHEN TO QUIT

Mr. Parrot, the ever-vigilant Watchdog of the Jungle sounded various notes of warning to Mr. Tiger Bay. But some of his friends who had also become rich overnight, flattered him. They decided to muzzle the voice of Mr. Parrot if the State barbers on their payroll could not slash his throat. They called Mr. Parrot all the bad names they could imagine, and sent Mr. Dog to silence him. A few people who tried to expose Mr. Tiger Bay and his men were caged. Captain Boss and some of his men lived in a delusion of grandeur and planned how to destroy all opposition. They decided to store plenty of petrol in their newly-builtmansions. Their plan was to set fire to all their enemies on an agreed date with the use of the petrol.

At this stage, God looked on the Jungle and frowned. He did not like what He saw. Tragedy loomed ahead.

God then sent for Satan and despatched him to the Jungle with specific instructions. Satan was ordered to set fire to Mr. Tiger Bay's men with the petrol they had stored in their homes. But God told Satan to spare the life of Mr. Tiger Bay, because of his past record of service; adding that the fact that he could no longer have a sound sleep was enough punishment for his folly. God said that whatever befell Mr. Tiger Bay from then on would depend on whether or not he could read the handwriting on the wall.

The moral, dear reader, has six faces to it. One, public opinion about a leader is conditioned by the quality of the men he has around him at any given time. Two, anyone who does not learn to be contented is bound to come to grief. Three, flatterers swarm every court, and men are so happily absorbed in their own affairs that they indulge in such self—deception that it is difficult for them not to fall victim to the plague of flattery. Four, he who lives by the sword dies by the sword. Five, it is better for a government to be loved than to be feared by the people it governs. Six, a guest must know when to quit, otherwise he will outstay his welcome.

Wall

Olorun or Olodumare or Eleda. The Fantis call me Nyankupon. The Ga call me Nyonmon. The Ewes call me Mau or Mawu. The Jekri call me Orise. The Ijaws call me Ayiba. The Nembas call me Oru. The Efiks call me Abasi. So, feel free to call me anything you like. I am who I am. I am the Silent but Active Judge. One major difference between man and me is that man comes and goes; but I am immortal. I was not born. I just found that I am what I am. I have seen empires come and go. I am old beyond what you can ever imagine, yet I am always fresh, always new".

"What have I done to deserve this unprecedented honour of Your visit?"

GROWING WINGS

God said: "I am here to reward you for the good work you have been doing in this Jungle Republic. Ask me for just one wish and I shall grant it. But if you don't allow yourself to be misled, I shall return again to bless



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**YOUNG, GIFTED
AND SWEET.
THAT'S WANITA**

WANITA! Even the name is sweet. Miss Wanita Henry qualifies in every way to be a 'Sweet Sixteen'. She has got beauty and brains. Shortly before she left Nigeria for London to further her education she told DRUM: "My parents have great confidence in me and I am sure I will not disappoint them. I shall complete my studies as quickly as possible and return home to be as near them as soon as possible."

Young though she is, Wanita left us in no doubt whatsoever as to the kind of bright future which lies ahead of her and which she is determined to get. Judging from her beauty and brains, her very courteous way with other decent people, and her determination to be a good girl, Wanita is a dame anyone could be proud of.



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**BLIND MAN'S
SON SURPRISES
ART WORLD**

A **YOUNG** artist, who started his career by drawing pictures in the compound dust outside his village home, is possibly the most exciting find in Kenya today. Charles Bwire, aged 17, loves to draw animals and his wildlife sketches and paintings have surprised the world of art.

His earliest recollections of drawing animals are of scratching sketches of his father's cattle in the dust while he tended them. Later he would draw pictures of the animals he had seen in his school book, while he dreamed of his ambition — to become a fine artist.

His father, Michael, sent him to Nairobi where he stayed with an uncle, at Maringo Estate, who bought him a 65¢ box of oil paints from his meagre savings.

His clay modelling came to the attention of internationally-famed wildlife sculptor, Robert Glen, who immediately recognised the rare, natural talent. He told Charles, "There is nobody in Kenya producing this kind of material — it's very difficult, that's why. But if you really want to work at it, I am prepared to teach you." Charles accepted. And took his first steps to fame.



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PEN PALS

A dangerous criminal escaped from prison and the usual photographs — both profiles and a full face — were distributed to every police station in the country. Some days later, a village policeman telephoned the jail and said, 'I've got two of them, sir, and I'm looking for the other one.'

Cyril was not the brightest of men. One day he turned up at the office in a smart new suit. 'A present from the wife,' he said proudly. 'Was it a surprise?' said his friend. 'A complete surprise?' said Cyril. 'I got home early yesterday and there it was, lying on the bed.'

'Did you sleep with my wife?' demanded the jealous husband. 'Not a wink,' said the local flirt, 'not a wink.'

The dear old lady had never been out of her village before, so her relatives took her to the big city for a treat. On her return she was telling her friends all about it — especially about her visit to the zoo, where she had been impressed by the elephant. 'This great big animal,' she said, 'was picking up buns with its tail. I don't dare tell you what it did with them.'

A young lad was taken to see Father Christmas. On entering the grotto, he kicked Father Christmas on the shin and said, 'That's for last year.'

A policeman saw two fans climbing over the wall at the local football ground. He looked at them sternly and ordered, 'Get back in and watch the match!'

Mathew was refereeing an important football match. He called the two captains together before the kick off and said, 'I've decided to play the extra time first, in case it gets foggy.'

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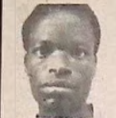
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GREETINGS

This is the column which gives you the opportunity to send messages to loved ones who may be far away from home.



Nursemaid Adarog, of Ibadan, greets Mr. John Okunribido of Lagos and Mrs. Mariatala Ogwuele of Rivers State: "To John Okunribido, I hope your work is moving well. I am working hard in my work here in Ibadan. To Ogwuele, I hope to see you very soon. May God give us our daily bread. Amen."



Mr. Paul Garuba, of Ibadan, extends greetings to Miss Elizabeth Aljaja of University of Benin Teaching Hospital: "I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your admission into U.B.T.H. recently. Out of sight is not out of mind, dear, and don't use this opportunity to play, so keep it on."



Mr. Adeyinka Adeniran of Madagascari, sends greetings to Miss Funke Afolabi of Lagos: "Please Funke, I hope you will still keep our promises and please remember our last strong together. Don't lose your people say. Great love, see there's life there in hope. Keep fit."



Mr. Segun Oshokun, of Shomolu, sends greetings to Mrs. Aiyedun Ashata of Ibadan. Emma Reed, Ibadan: "How is life with you over there. Hope everything is going and rolling on fine as it with me here in Shomolu. Extend my warmest greetings to all my family."



Mr. Joseph Oluide Adesun of Madagascari, extends greetings to Mr. Tunji Ogunyemi, now studying in Canada: "Hope your studies are progressing systematically. God will help both of us and we shall meet happily. Should I pass my said awaiting C.C.E. O/L, I shall be with you in Canada as you promised to help."



Mr. Anthony Lindsai, of Madagascari, sends greetings to Miss Mary Kate Sanniye of Oyo State, Sanniye School, Owerri: "I am really pleased to greet you through this medium. I hope you are doing your best to be good student and I wish you the best of luck."



Mr. Wabaid Hassan of Ibadan, sends greetings to his mother Aljaja Shifawo Abeta, Kalandu Oluadimeji and Capt. Segun Adeyinka: "I hope you are all well as I am today. I seize this opportunity to inform you that I finally have transferred to Ibadan. Cheers."



Mr. Scott Olowu, of Ibadan, greets Mrs. Ede Odele of Lagos and other friends: "Recently, I celebrated my 20th birthday and sent you a photograph. Now is your chance. Patricia, I hope to hear from you soon."



Prince Niala Ash, of Lagos, greets Miss F. A. Oke, of Akure Hospital: "I am very sorry that we could not meet you before going to work, but thank God that it did not claim your life. I wish you quick recovery."



Peter Oloso of Benin City, sends greetings to Justice Odeh of Ubaegbe, Swaminhart, to greet you as I do each season. Find me more in love with you and when I send you wishes they are lovely tokens.



A. O. Amadi of Lagos greets all female pen pals from all over the world: "I appreciate your interest and response to my calls. It is very encouraging indeed and I wish you all the best greetings of the season."



Mr. Eyoedun Olay of Port Harcourt, greets Emman Embaruru, now studying in London: "May God help you to finish up with the remaining one year. I wish you success mighty."



Miss Ronke Odeina of Lagos, greets to her lovely daddy, sisters and Mr. S. A. Odeina, who is in London: "I take this opportunity to greet my warmest greetings to all I hope you are all in good health."



Mr. Stephen Bam, of Police Station, Bukuru, greets Mr. Felix Bion, who is back to us known: "I hope everything is well with you wherever you are. I am doing well here in Bukuru. I wish you will write me with the above address."



Mr. Alex Adaji Omale, greets the Imam of Abokuta: "I hope your work is progressing very well. God almighty will help both of us and we shall meet again happily. I hope to see you at Kaduna soonest."

An American ...

DRUM joins young Bobby Kennedy on Kenya's 'Last Frontier'

ROBERT F. KENNEDY Jr., 21-year-old son of the late United States Attorney-General is discovering a new role: as narrator and participant in a new television series about African wild-life and ecology problems in Kenya.

Bobby, a student at New England's Harvard College, has signed up with a well-known television producer, Roger Ailes, for a 26-week series of half-hour programmes under the title of "The Last Frontier," and is now in Kenya shooting an hour-long special which will also serve as a pilot for the series.

Bobby's enthusiasm for the project comes as no surprise to his friends, among whom he is known as a keen wildlife student and conservation activist. In one small field, he is something of an expert: He has for many years been a devoted falconer and had considerable experience in training predatory birds in this ancient sport.

No newcomer to Africa — he visited Kenya in 1966 and 1968 — Bobby is the first to discount any notion that he is here with preconceived attitudes to African problems or to their possible solutions. "Above all," he told Kenyan newsmen, "I'm here to look, listen and learn. I know there are no simple solutions to ecological and environment problems in America, Africa or anywhere else. What we hope to achieve in the series, besides making it interesting and entertaining, is to state some of the problems... and, hopefully, to put them into some sort of perspective."

PLEASE TURN OVER



NO sign of fear from the young Kennedy as he handles a puff adder, whose bite is capable of killing a man. Both man and snake know who's in charge of the situation.



BRANDING the steers with a group of Masai herdsman.

Roped in — to brand the steers

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Providing the scientific background to the series is a celebrated Kenyan conservationist Dr. Norman Myers whose recent work on the survival of the leopard and cheetah in Africa is well-known in the world of wildlife. Dr. Myers' most recent book, "The Long African Day," published in 1972, received rave reviews, and his remorselessly logical if sometimes controversial

views on the preservation of Africa's precious wildlife heritage have made a major contribution to the field.

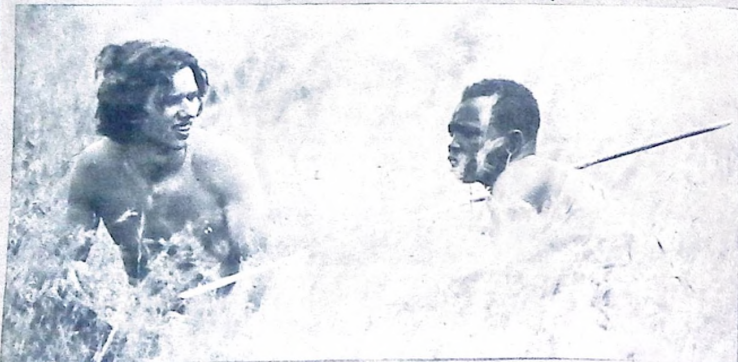
Shooting on location with Alles, and producer/writer Tom Shachtman, Bobby Kennedy found himself in his very first week clambering up dizzying Hell's Gate — a rock-climber's paradise near Lake Naivasha in Rift Valley — to study the nesting habits of Gryphon vultures. "Bobby's certainly in good shape," puffed cameraman Mohamed Amin after a day's exhausting shooting, "and his knowledge of knots and climbing techniques were invaluable — to get the

camera equipment down again!"

Only days later, Bobby found himself on a visit to a Masai *manyatta* near Amboseli game reserve where one of the ecological problems is reconciling the needs of the nomadic cattle-keeping Masai tribesmen and those of the wild animals. Bobby was an immense success with the young *morani* of his own age. Experts themselves in elegant masculine hair-do's, fingered Bobby's long blond tresses admiringly — but were also impressed by his strength when he challenged them to a bout of "Indian wrestling."



RIDE 'em cowboy... Bobby wears a look of grim determination as he Nairobi. But, despite all his efforts, the rhino won the game.



CHEST-DEEP in the tall grass, Bobby stalks wild game with a Masai moran.



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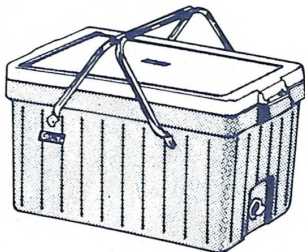
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Mr. Deogratias Mushoboz, of Mwanza, sends greetings to Joseph Nyambi of Sumbe Hospital, Zazaha Rwejuna of District Court Newala, P. Mukyanuzi of Tonke Secondary School, and Haruza Hussain of Ibwara.



Mr. Abdalla S. M. Barmah of Malindi, Kenya, sends greetings to Mr. Said Issa A. Amody who is in Uganda. "It's very long since I heard about you, I hope you are very well. You knew where you came from but you do not know where you are going."



Mr. T. Ademola Adekoya of Ebe Metta, Lagos, sends greetings to Mrs. Ademola Adekoya, studying at Ijebu-Ode. "I wish you luck in your promotion exam."



S. Murithi Rukungha, of Gilgil, Kenya, sends greetings to Mrs. Neomi K. Murithi, of Meru Kenya, and to all his friends and relatives wherever they are. "Let's all join together in the spirit of Harambee and put everything to God in prayer."



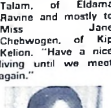
John K. A. Ruto, of Baringo Sec. School, Eldama Ravine, sends greetings to Samuel Ruto, at Kip Kellon; David Ruto at Nyora High School; Michael Talam, of Eldama Ravine and mostly to Miss Chebwogen, of Kip Kellon. "Have a nice living until we meet again."



Modest C. Kapungu of Dar es Salaam, sends greetings to Mrs. Grace Mtshali, Aky Katembo and Miss Bertha Mjwawi who are now studying at Morogoro, Tanzania.



Mr. Fasani Oyejemi, of Saba Gan, Gusau, sends greetings to Amusa Olarewaju of Zana. "I am happy to send you this greeting with hope that you are enjoying life there as I do here in Gusau."



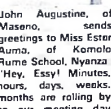
John Augustine, of Maseno, sends greetings to Miss Ester Auma, of Kormolo Rumbe School, Nyanza. "Hey, Easy! Minutes, hours, days, weeks, months are rolling by as our meeting day grows near. But keep on writing. I wish you success in your studies."



Mr. Eginmah Idoko, of Samaru-Zaria, sends greetings to Sam Oplekku, of Jos. "It is my pleasure to extend to you my greetings of the season. I hope things are moving well with you there."



Rati Iheanyi Edozo of Conventuatory Centre, Enugu, greets Miss Eugenia Amaechi who is now in Lagos. "Despite the fact that you have deserted a sinking ship, I still think of you every day and hope you are well."



Mr. Sam O. Iwochuku, of Aba, sends greetings to Miss Nkechi Njoku of Girls' High School, Ehinio. "I wish you luck in your future undertakings."



Mr. Mattalla Mattalla Sassa Pazuzu, of Chillyblue 1010, Lusaka, sends greetings to Wanni Holler, "Keep living my petal — Resign! Memo Moyo" of Musuki College Libala Stage II, Lusaka.



Philip Darbo of Lagos greets Mr. & Mrs. E. Ahlu of Port Harcourt. "How is the family? I hope you are all as I am here in Lagos. I wish you all success, long life and prosperity."



Philip M. Johns, of Sokoto, sends greetings to Miss Ngezo Michael Ukeoma of Kano. "It is a long time I heard from you and I hope you will try to let me know of your correct address. I send my warmest greetings."



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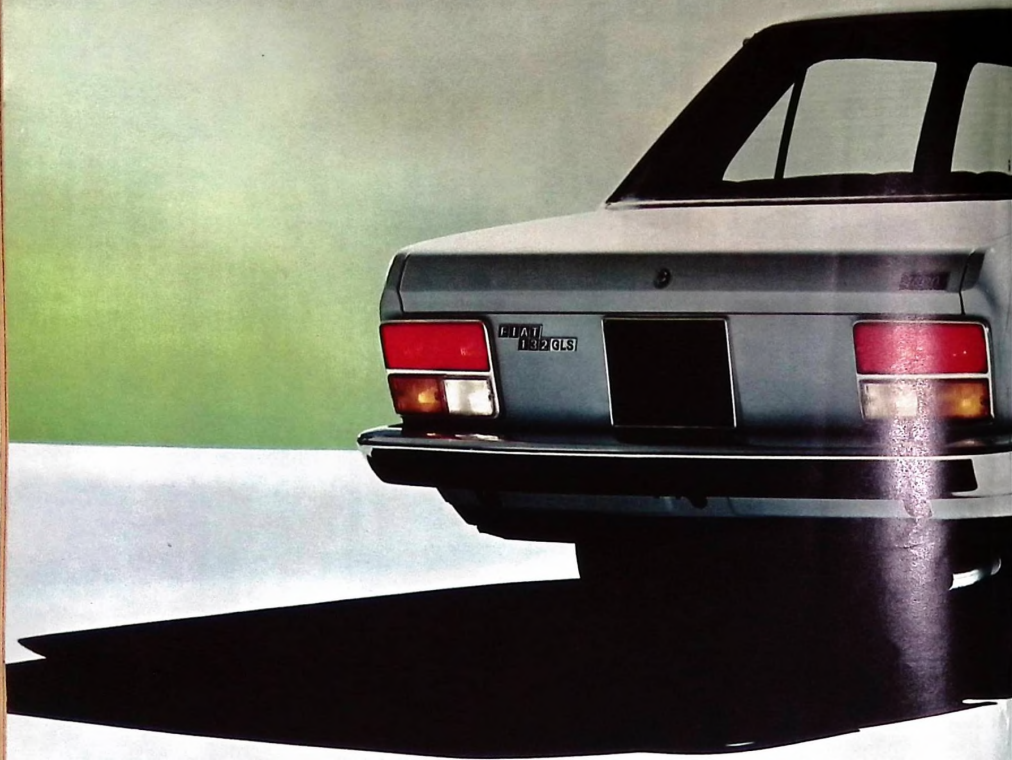
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 - (b) CXIV
 - (c) CXXVI
 - (d) CXVI?
3. If I buy four lengths of wire 12ft. 6in. long; six lengths 14ft. 4in. long and eight lengths 9ft. 3in. long, how many yards of wire will I have?
4. What is the ninth letter before Q?
5. If a car does 25 miles per gallon of petrol, how many kilometres per litre is that?
6. Can you find the difference between Union and League, multiply it by Association and add Shakespeare's ages of man?
7. How often in a twelve-month period do consecutive months have 31 days?
8. If an old clock gains five minutes an hour, and it is put right at midnight, what time will it be when it says ten past three in the afternoon?
9. The rungs of a 21 rung ladder are 6in. part. The top and bottom rungs are 1ft. from the ends. How long is the ladder?
10. An agent sold an old cottage for N1,500. On the first N600 he charged 5% commission and on the remainder 3%. How much commission did he collect?
11. What is the square root of 20% of 50% of 75% of 120?
12. If a girl of nine is three times as old as her brother, how long will it be before she is twice as old?
13. If you multiplied the number of feet in two yards by the number of pints in a gallon and subtracted the answer from the number of weeks in a year, what would the answer be?
14. How many spots are there on six dice?
15. What is a third minus a quarter?
16. What is the sum of the first four prime numbers above ten?
17. A man is now three times as old as his son. In 15 years' time he will only be twice as old. What are their present ages?
18. I walk along one side of a square field and I have then walked 180 yards less than if I had walked round it. What is the area of the field?
19. There are three lights next to each other and one flashes every four seconds, another every six seconds and the third every eight seconds. If they are started together, how long will it be before they all flashed simultaneously five more times?
20. What is 3/2 - 2/3?
21. A is half a mile north of B. B is half a mile east of C and C is half a mile south of D. In what direction is D from A?

ANSWERS

1. 1, 2, 3.
2. (c).
3. 147 yds.
4. P.
5. 11.25.
6. 100.
7. 12 months.
8. 10:05.
9. 19 ft.
10. 120.
11. 10.
12. 18 years.
13. 10.
14. 168.
15. 1/12.
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18. 1800 sq. yds.
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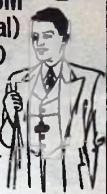
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ALARMING WAY TO END BED-WETTING

A rule most children are aware during the day by the age of two and completely dry at night when they are three. The extra year that the child needs to be continent by night is well justified. On medical grounds the night of a child is roughly as long as his day because he sleeps longer and usually passes about 12 hours at a stretch in bed.

If an adult slept that long without interruption, he would certainly have to get up once, or probably twice, to empty his bladder. Secondly, a child is essentially a deep sleeper and the feeling of a full bladder, enough to wake an adult, fails to arouse a child. Finally, a child's bladder is more sensitive, has a

small capacity and cannot hold water for too long.

But I am getting many letters from older readers who occasionally have the same problem. These are very young adults and their handicap is acutely embarrassing. The condition is more common in boys than in girls, for which there is no medical explanation.

There are definite medical causes for bed wetting. They are bladder infection, vaginal infections in girls and presence of thread-worms in the intestines in children. Sinus infection, tonsillitis, trouble and occasional frightening dreams can cause release of urine without control. There are also neurological and psychiatric conditions responsi-

ble and these need proper medical attention.

With children the parents must realise that the child does not know he is wetting the bed at night. It is equally important to know that the child dislikes a wet bed or a wet nappy as much as his parents because he is uncomfortable and embarrassed. So it is unreasonable to punish him. Indeed it can be harmful for the fear of being reprimanded and upsetting the parents will subconsciously aggravate the situation.

It may be better not to adversely comment on the wet bed. A kind and friendly talk to encourage him and give him a few tips to keep his bed dry go a long way in achieving the aim.

It may be a good idea to try to hold water for longer in the daytime so that the bladder becomes accustomed to holding a large amount of urine. Using the toilet before going to bed gives a good start. In the case of an adult it may be a good idea to keep an alarm which will wake the person every three or four hours to empty his bladder during the night. In the case of children, the parent should lift the child a couple of times during the night and put him on the toilet. Withholding drinks from about five in the evening is also a great help.

For cases resistant to all the usual simple methods, a visit to a doctor to find a medical reason is essential. For cases

where there is no medical reason a new method has been used in the hospital with great success, but it can only be used for older children and adults.

An electric buzzer is connected to a mattress on which a child sleeps. As soon as the child starts to wet the mattress, the buzzer goes on like an alarm clock and continues until the child switches it off. The child then goes to the bathroom and empties his bladder completely. This system helps to establish a conditioned reflex and gets the idea into the head of a child that he is 'beating the buzzer'.

But if all fails, there is no need to get frustrated or aggravated.

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who have a problem of overweight. Diet in the form of eggs, meat, fruits and vegetables will help you to increase your weight.

Noisy tummy

My stomach makes loud noises which can be heard six yards away. This is very embarrassing and I would like to have your advice. I am a boy of 20.

Embarrassed, Nigeria.
I suggest you get your stool examined to see if there is any abnormality. If this is normal all you probably need are tablets to quieten your intestines. These are known as gastric sedatives and can be obtained from any chemist in a big town.

In the way

Both my testies are very big and get in the way of my walking. Can you please tell me what this disease is and what I can do about it? I am 15.

Ben, Port Harcourt.
It seems to me that you have not large hydrocoele, but an operation will cure you.

Safety first

I wonder whether it is possible to have a pill for men. This will ensure that women do not have to take pills, because when they do, one is never sure about their faithfulness.

Gem, Zambia.

There are no contraceptive pills for men. There is a great amount of research going on and it may not be too long when and it may not be too long when and it may not be too long when a pill of this nature comes on to the market. Until now men did not worry when they indulged in extra marital sex because if anything went wrong it was the woman who suffered. It seems women who women have now now that women have now found their own safety.

Easily stimulated

I am a boy of 17, and my problem is that I am easily stimulated sexually. Because of this I masturbate three times a day. I would like to know if this is harmful physically or psychologically and what can I do about it?

James, Kampala.

Masturbation within limits has been proved not to be harmful, physically or psychologically. The only solution I can think of for you is to indulge in proper sex.

Too much hair

I am only 16, yet have already grown a moustache, but I see that my elder brother who is 19 has not yet grown hair on his face. My friends frighten me and say that I will become old before my time. Is this true?

Warried, Enugu.

Appearance of hair on the face, armpits and pubic area during puberty varies considerably in its timing. There is absolutely no truth in what your friends say.

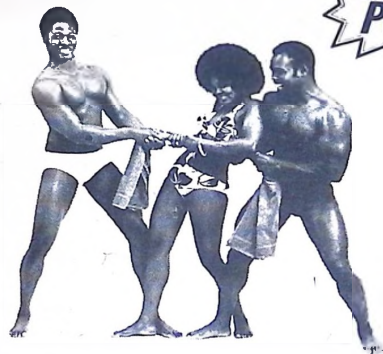
I'm too thin

I am a boy of 18, worried because I am very thin. Please help.

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AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 20)



You are blurring over with ideas and inspiration just now and called to make an important start forward in your affairs. Don't let gloomy castles from those around you deter you from your ambition. Love: Young love is under favourable auspices, and this might be the moment to introduce a loved one to your family circle. Money: Extra expenses ahead. Health: More energy than of late. Favourable days: 9, 15, 20, 25.

PISCES
(Feb. 21 - March 20)



Good luck has eluded you in the recent past, but the signs are that the upward spiral will bring a pleasant reward saving in your fortunes. You can make this time a launching-pad for greater efforts in the future. Love: A new sparkle in your love life and your assistance in particular promises well. Money: Hardly the time to risk your cash in unusual ventures; better to play safe. Health: Excellent. Favourable days: 2, 11, 14, 20.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)



You are involved in a tangled problem involving other members of the family, and find it difficult to see a way clear. It may be best to allow things to work out gradually rather than press your point of view with too much urgency. Love: Deepening romantic feelings, and the possibility of a marriage proposal for Miss Ayes. Money: You spend money as fast as you earn it. Health: No problems. Favourable days: 1, 17, 23, 27.

TAUROS
(April 21 - May 20)



A chance meeting can lead to an important offer, perhaps concerning your work or career. Discuss the matter with your partner before accepting — it may be that there's something you have overlooked. Love: Subjects who have experienced an unhappy love affair are more likely to find happiness with another. Money: A series of ups and downs in your affairs leaves you much at a loss before you start ready cash. Health: Plenty of zest. Favourable days: 4, 7, 22, 30.

GEMINI
(May 21 - June 20)



You are always on the lookout for new trends and innovations, and this month brings plenty! But switching your mind too actively to another may not necessarily suit those around you, so be warned. Love: Risk of a sharp rupture with a loved one due to words spoken in haste. Money: A promising period, even though the gains will be steady, rather than spectacular. Health: Risk of minor ailments. Favourable days: 6, 12, 21, 31.

CANCER
(June 21 - July 20)



Your future is under discussion — it's tough, you may not be aware of it, and you may learn something of your advantage. Love: Love and peace go hand in hand, despite initial doubts for many young couples. Money: A boost to resources in mid-month; comes a welcome surprise. Health: Stability of objectives. Favourable days: 10, 18, 19, 29.

LEO
(July 21 - Aug. 20)



You are determined to speak out on a subject that has been causing you concern. You may find you are surprised that those around you are entirely in agreement. Love: The absence of a loved one may give the time a period of loneliness. Money: Now is a time to give your loved one a cheque if you have been allowing your financial affairs to drift along too long. Health: Excellent. Favourable days: 5, 13, 16, 28.

VIRGO
(Aug. 21 - Sept. 20)



A quiet period on the domestic front is in contrast with your efforts at work, where new responsibilities can weigh, where new headaches. There is no need to lead extra headaches. You reason why these problems cannot be solved, given reasonable cooperation from those around you. Love: Romance may be linked with travel. Money: More cash than of late. Beware of financing a deal on unsteady ground. Health: Excellent. Burns and scalds at home. Favourable days: 11, 20, 28.

LIBRA
(Sept. 21 - Oct. 20)



You find yourself involved in the problems of other people, and even your good nature may be stretched by the tales of unhappiness you hear. Best to listen with as much sympathy as you can, even though you have problems of your own. Love: Some problems of your own. Love: Some problems of your own. Love: Some problems of your own. Health: Excellent. Favourable days: 3, 9, 16, 24.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 21 - Nov. 20)



Self-employed Scorpio subjects will find that their enterprise can pay itself. For those engaged in dull or unprofitable work, there is a chance of a change of work. Love: Love is on the cards, but it may be that there's something you have overlooked. Love: Subjects who have experienced an unhappy love affair are more likely to find happiness with another. Money: A series of ups and downs in your affairs leaves you much at a loss before you start ready cash. Health: Plenty of zest. Favourable days: 4, 7, 22, 30.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 21 - Dec. 20)



The year so far has lacked that vital spark in your affairs, but now is the time to plan ahead for new and important projects. Love: Unsettled and important projects. Love: Unsettled and important projects. Love: Unsettled and important projects. Health: Excellent. Favourable days: 4, 9, 21, 24.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 21 - Jan. 20)



Mixed trends in your affairs this month, but on balance you find the month better than you began. Love: A period of loneliness may be coming to an end, and long and serious prospects of happiness are bright. Money: Cash is short, but extra effort on your part may lead to rewards in the second half of the month. Health: Risk of over-indulgence in food or drink. Favourable days: 5, 12, 17, 22.

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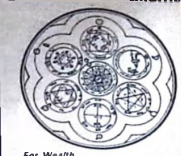
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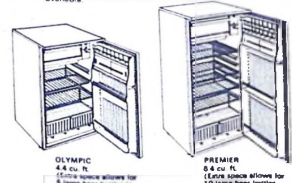


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I am 14 and my boyfriend is 20. What worries me is my mother's attitude for she does not give me time to attend to my boy. She and my brothers have threatened not to send me to a secondary school because of him and even asked me to leave home if I will not give him up. Dolly kindly help me as you have helped other people.

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Constance, Port Harcourt

You are too young and inexperienced to take the risk of disobeying your mother because of a lover. Give your mother and brothers the chance to train you so that you don't have any regrets in future.

How can I forget this ungrateful boy?

A boy of 20 and I were in love until he entered into the University of Benin. Since he became an undergraduate his attitude towards me has changed. He does not write me neither does he visit me. His younger brothers have even asked me to leave home if he is not going to marry me. Do you advise that I continue spending money on him? I am 17.

Eka, Sapelle

No doubt he has now fallen in love with an ungrateful like himself and considers you below him. Stop spending money on him and try to stop thinking about him. Go out with other boys and be careful about how you spend on them or else they will leave you a wreck.

I love him, but he won't stop smoking

I have been in love with a boy for four years and we hope to get married after our course. The problem is that he likes smoking whereas I do not. I have advised him to stop it but all my efforts to stop this bad habit prove abortive. We always quarrel because of this.

Janet, Dar es Salaam

Should I leave him. Stop advising him to stop smoking. Not if you still love him. Stop advising him to stop smoking. He will do it on his own, but if he doesn't I am afraid you have to put up with it as some of us are doing.

She says my betters are after her

Aged 18, I am in love with a girl of 16 who also professes to love me. Whenever we are together, she boasts before me that men who are better off than I do are anxious to befriend her. I do not like this situation. Do you not think that I had better leave her?

J. B., Nairobi

I don't think she means any harm. I think she is testing your love and wants you to be jealous.

This girl thinks she is above me

I am 18 and my girlfriend is 15. We both sat for entrance exams to secondary schools but she got admission while I failed. When she first wrote me, she told me that she was ill. I prayed for her in my letter that Allah should grant her speedy recovery. The next letter I got from her gave me a shock when she told me that she was

above my standard. What can I do to win her back? Please help me.

Ahuhakar, Ilorin

All you can do now is to improve on your present standard. They say birds of a feather flock together. I am inclined to assume that a secondary school boy has won your girl's heart.

Scared away by a tyrant mother

My girl and I fell in love five years ago. We were quite happy in our love until the day my mother saw her in my room. She insulted the girl and told her that I would marry only the girl of her choice. Since then, my girl has not come back to me and all my efforts to get her back have been in vain. Please tell me what to do for I am worried and miserable.

Ojelewa, Dar es Salaam

Who wants such a raw woman for a mother-in-law? Your girl is right and if I were she, I would have nothing to do with you as long as your mother lives. You have to talk to your mother tactfully or else you will end up regretting the day you came into the world through her.

Her parents won't leave us alone

I am 25 while she is 20, a student in the Federal School of Science. The problem is we are never left alone when I visit her. Her parents are with us all the time. Please tell me what to do as I want to be alone with my sweet heart.

Bloden, Ebute Metta

I know how you feel. Let your girl also know. She may be able to do something about it.

Do you think he will still marry me?

My boyfriend is the one I would like to marry. When he asked me for sex, I lied to him that I was a virgin and he should wait until we are married. He has discovered my dishonesty and he quarrelled with me. We have reconciled. I now have sex with him frequently. Dolly, do you think he will still marry me?

Wondered Girl, Zambia

I can't say for sure but I can foresee this boy having his fun and leaving you heartbroken as your other boyfriends have done.

Parted by a false accusation

My girlfriend left me, saying that she left me because I had another girl. This is untrue. Dolly tell me what to do to get her back.

Joseph, Jos

It is likely your girl has got another boy hence she left you unceremoniously. Try and see her and talk things over with her but if she won't change her mind, I will advise you to stop worrying about her.

I haven't heard from her since she left

She is 23 and I am 26. We planned to get married but her mother is the stumbling block since we live in the same house. In December, she had a clash with her mother and was told to leave home. My darling reported the matter to me but I advised her not to leave. She turned down my plea and left for Ibadan, promising to continue to love me. Since her departure, I have not heard from her. I do not even know her address. Do you advise that I get engaged to another willing sweetheart?

Lad, Ikeja

If you still haven't heard from her, you could forget about her and get another girl because if this girl still loves you, she will not keep you in suspense for so long.

He beat me up and threw me out

I am 14 and he is 19. I live in the town while he lives in the village. We loved each other very dearly. When he returned from a visit to Lagos, I was very happy so I went to spend the night with him. When I got to his place he asked me about the relationship between a boy and a girl and I had to spend the night on the verandah of his apartment. Some weeks ago, he came to apologise to me. Should I have him back?

Theresa, Uyo

Don't have him back, he is not the only boy in your area. Besides, you are too young to receive the sort of rough treatment he gave you.

How can I befriend this dream girl?

There is a girl in my friend's house who I would very much like to befriend but when I want to talk to her, she looks at me, smiles and walks away. I love her very much and think of her always. Please I need your advice.

Joseph, Mombasa

Your task is an easy one. The fact that she smiles to you indicates that she likes you and she is waiting for you to approach her first. I may have over-simplified things but try to stop her for a chat. Don't be discouraged if at first she turns you down.

My love has too many boyfriends

I am 25. She is 18. I love her very much but she has many boyfriends and, although I impregnated her and she now delivered of a son, she has not stopped flirting. I maintain her as a man should maintain his wife yet still she is not steady. Do you not think that her under the same roof with me will stop this her bad practices?

Donald, Lusaka

I don't think so. Find out from her why she flirts and see whether you can do anything to change her.

She says she wants to keep both of us

A year ago I fell in love with a girl who accepted my marriage proposal. Recently I went to attend a course. When I returned, she confessed that she had fallen in love with another man. I admired her for her honesty and asked her to choose between me and the other man. She said that she will keep both of us but she will give me a greater part of her love. What do you think Dolly?

Phaet, Kaduna

That you and the girl are not serious at all.

Should I invite him to come and sex me?

I am 25 and married in February. Before my marriage, had a boyfriend who really fed me with sex because whenever he took me to bed he never did less than ten rounds per night. My desire for sex now makes me remember the good old days and I feel like inviting my former boyfriend to come and sleep with me. Please Dolly, enlighten me.

Binta, Wogini

It is wrong to invite another man into your matrimonial home. If your husband is not satisfying you, you should tell him. Adapt yourself to the situation in which you have put yourself because you left somebody who was satisfying you to marry another.

Father tells me to forget those sex games

I am 18 while she is 19. She always asks me for sex but my father advises me not to take a girl to bed yet. Do



please tell me whether the old man is right.
O.U. Nairobi
He is perfectly right. Wait until you are old enough to maintain a family.

Handsome liar loses all his girls

I am a very handsome guy of 20. Girls like to befriend me but how to persuade them to have sex with me is the problem. Each of them wants to know whether she is the only one in my life and I answered in the affirmative. Suddenly I observed that they have all left me. What do you think is wrong?

David, Uganda

They have discovered your tricks. One thing you should learn from this is that it pays to be honest.

The other man gave her something secret

A married man with six children and a blue car man is after my girl. Whenever I ask her about him, she says he is a nut! But one day I went to her home and the blue car man was just leaving. He gave her something white and out of sight, and she refused to show me what it was. She's black and beautiful and I don't want to leave her, so what shall I do?

SPK, Eldoret, Kenya

This is indeed tricky — if only you knew what the mysterious gift was, it might help. I mean, it could have been a white nightie, a diamond ring, some pills or a spare set keys to the blue car. If she won't tell you, have you considered finding yourself another girlfriend, maybe one with a red car.

When is the right time to marry?

Aged 22 I have some GCE 'O' levels and City and Guilds. Do you advise that I get married at this stage? Please I need your advice urgently.

E. N. Okey, Port Harcourt

My advice is that you marry when you feel you can conveniently maintain a family. Marriage does not involve only procreation. It involves more than that, so think before you leap, my dear boy.

If she conceives, I'll be blamed

We have loved each other dearly for six years, but I have never been allowed to taste her sex despite numerous demands and high expenses on her. Although we agree on future marriage, I am told there are other boys with whom she frolics. I am afraid I have been duped and if she unexpectedly conceives, people who know us might think it belongs to me. Do you advise me to embark on future marriage, or enjoy the fruit of love and high expenses?

G. B. Epetedo, Nigeria

I can't understand why you have waited so long for marriage — maybe she's got bored! You don't trust this girl any more, just because of gossip from other people, and lack of trust is not a good basis for marriage. Unless you can talk to her, and discuss the matter, without condemning her unheard, I think you should forget her.

My girl had sex with her sister's husband

I loved my girl since we met first three years ago until she misbehaved. Some months ago her secret affair with her brother-in-law leaked out to me when she was bleeding profusely. Her brothers and sisters suspected me of giving her some drug. Dolly do you advise me to leave her and reveal the secret?

Oh, Lagos

Leave her but don't reveal the secret. Some day she will confess by her sister

Will my future children die?

I have not yet gone to bed with my girlfriend, but my wife gave birth to a dead child. In our custom, if you are the first lad to deal with a girl in that situation, you are not responsible for her pregnancy, then your children after marriage will die. Is this true, because I love her and do not want to leave her?

Francis, Kitale, Kenya

There is no basis in fact for this strange belief, provided you are a healthy man.

I caught her with my best friend

My best friend and I were so free with each other we used to enter each other's room without knock. But one day I received the rudest shock of my life. When I entered I met my friend with my girlfriend in their thing. I was annoyed and walked away. My sends people to beg me. What do you advise Dolly? Achimba, Ewekoro
Don't have her back.

Why does he bring girls to our home?

My husband is 23 and I am 19. We love each other and have been married one year, with a child. Two girls have visited our home in company of his friends, pretending to be their girlfriends. But I have seen a letter from one of them saying that he has promised to marry her in the near future. He has vowed to me never to have any more wives. Dolly, I still love him, but do you think he is lying, or is he pretending?

Shela, Lokoja, Nigeria

I cannot tell you whether he is pretending, but I would say a question. Why don't you test him? The girl might really have been his friends girlfriend; the letter could have been written by a silly girl who wanted to see. Ask yourself very carefully whether you really had proof of deceit before you do anything in a hurry.

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