

ASK YOLONDA
READER ASK:

Should I Become An African Queen?

DEAR YOLONDA: I'm a 35-year-old Black woman, and the mother of three boys. I've met a gentlemen who treats me like a queen. He's a native African, and he has those strong British mannerisms. I can truly say that I've never been with a man who treats me better. Recently he has been getting very edgy about living in the United States and he has told me that he is ready to return to his native country, Ghana. I understand that his family is pro-



Yolonda Gayles

sperous, so a job and a home is already waiting for him. He has asked me to move home with him--and get this, he has even agreed to take my kids with us! Before I met this man, the thought of Africa had never entered my mind. All I know about the continent is the starvation, and the repeated military coups they seem to always have here. I've done a little traveling, but I've never been out the country.

My friends tell me that I would never adjust to Africa. They also tell me that I could never be happily married to a native African. They tell me that after I leave the country, I would be his servant. I don't believe my friend is like that, but I don't know how he would act on his own territory. I would like your opinion.

Lourie

DEAR LOURIE: Are you the adventurous type, capable of living away from family and friends? Ghana's a big country. Will you live in the city or country? Your answers will determine how well you adjust.

Solution: Let him go, but make a decision to visit him in the summer. Go to your nearby college and look on the bulletin boards for summer overseas charters. You don't have to be a student to take advantage of the many affordable rates.

After the visit, you can make a clearer choice. Don't go to your friends. I mean, they sound as though they know less about Africa (and Africans) than you do.

A Valuable
Xmas Gift

DEAR YOLONDA: My creative 13-year-old niece sent this to me. I value it more than some very expensive things that I've received so far. You may share it with your readers.

Marsha

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DEAR MARSHA: Now that's a good idea. Thanks for sharing.

One Way To Find
The Truth

DEAR YOLONDA: My girlfriend tells me that the only way to find out if a man is being honest and truthful with you is to put him to the test. She says that if she spends the night over a man's house, she rambles through his closets and medicine cabinet to learn more about him, and to find out if any other women have been in his life in the past few weeks.

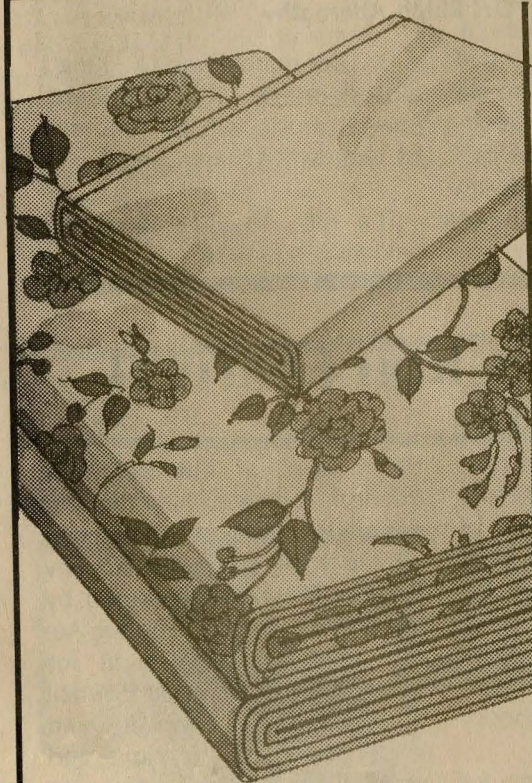
It sounds sneaky, but I admit that I find the idea interesting. What do you think?

C.C.D.

DEAR C.C.D.: Would you want a man going through your closets? I think not. Further, suppose your girlfriend's friend wakes up and finds her rummaging through his personal stuff? That might be the end of their friendship. File this in the bad idea category.

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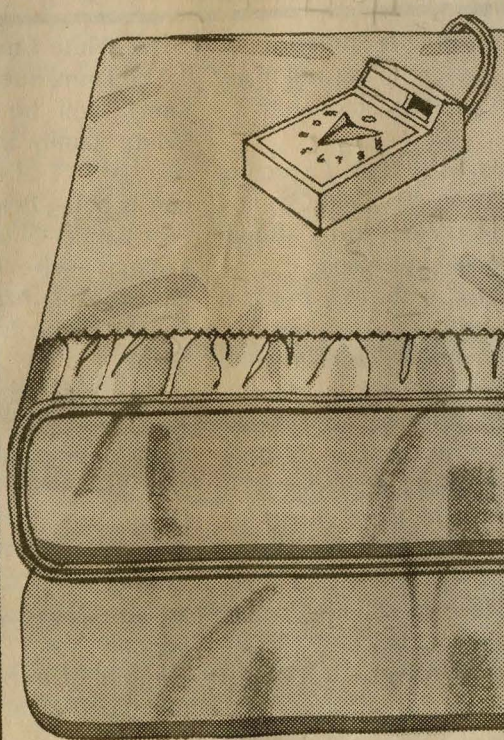
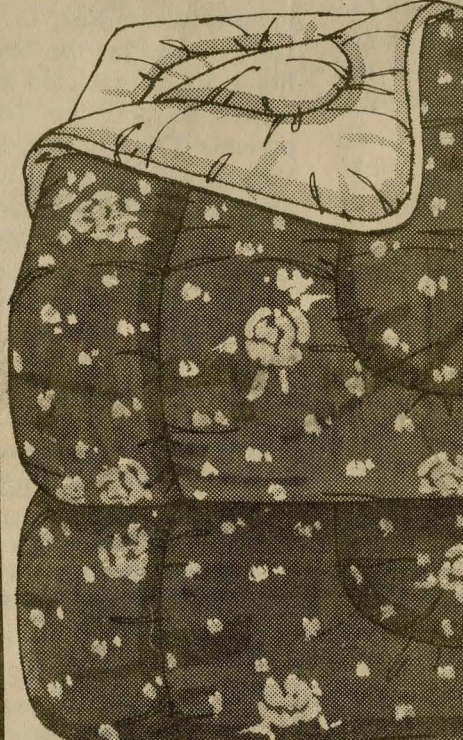


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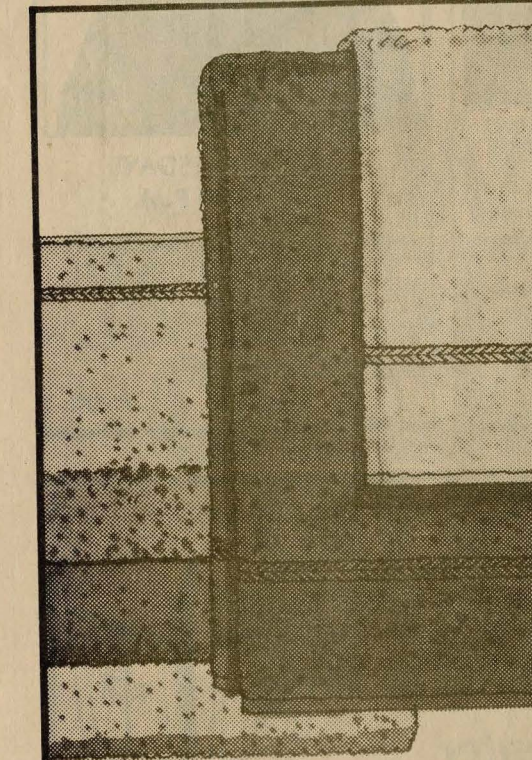
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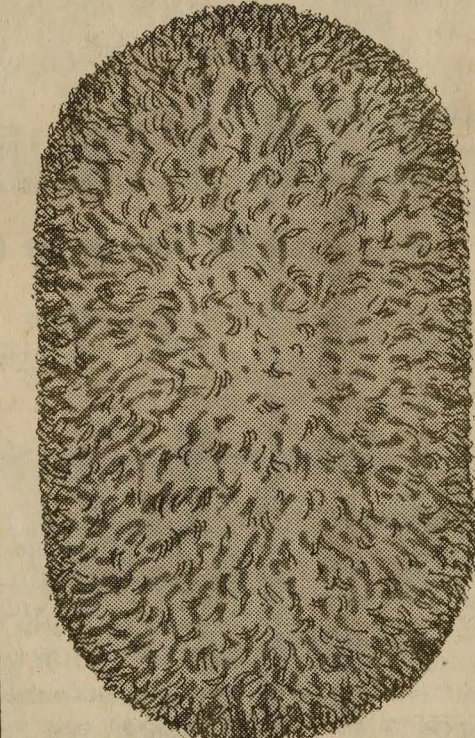
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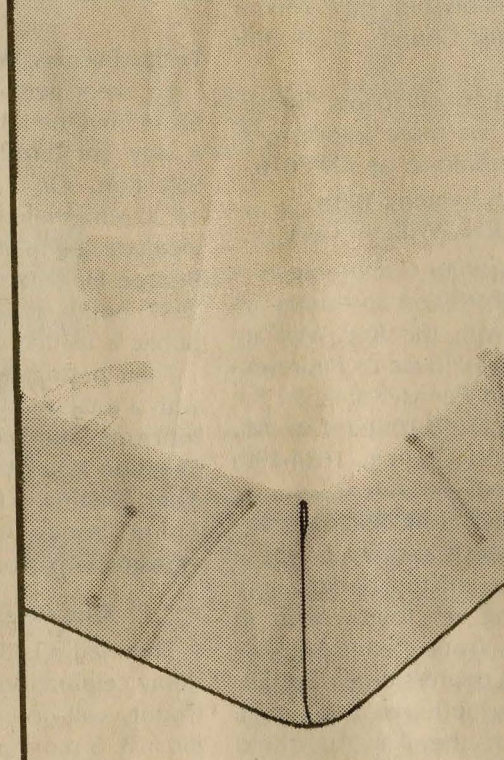
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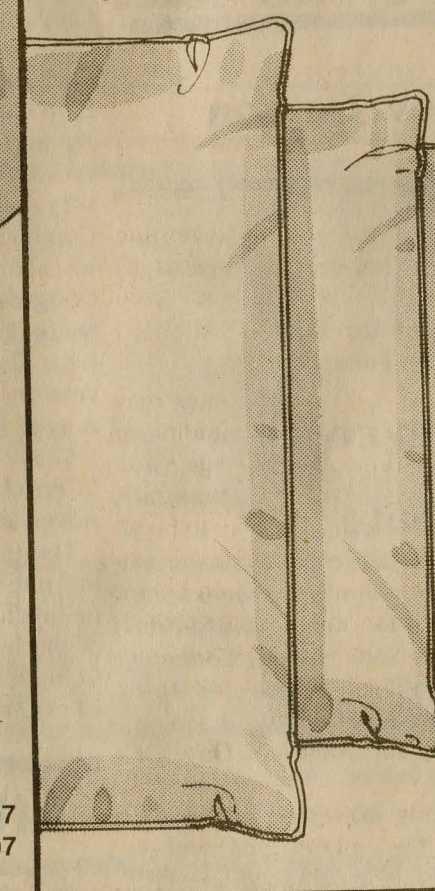
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