

For And About You

By Harriett Muhammad

DEAR HARRIETT: I am 29 years old, and I have been married. I have three children, one of whom came after my husband and I separated.

The father of my last baby is a drunkard. He says he loves me, but when I took him to Juvenile Court because of our baby, he denied his own flesh and blood.

I'm living with my mother and stepfather. This man comes to the house now and then. I love him very much, but I stay away from him somewhat because of the shame and laughter he brings upon himself and me from my neighbors.

I don't know what to do. Do you think I should try to meet someone else?

—MIXED UP
Birmingham, Ala.

DEAR MIXED UP: this man has brought enough shame upon you (with your help). Let him go. When you meet a good man in the future, let this serve as a lesson to you. Remember that no man will respect you if you don't respect yourself.

DEAR HARRIETT: I am 56 years old. For the past 10 years I have tried to find a mate—someone who could understand me. To date I have had nothing but promises.

Please tell me in your own words what you think I am lacking. I have a good position and make fair take-home pay. I am willing to meet my mate half way in

all her faults. What else I could offer is beyond me.

W. G.
Brooklyn, N.Y.

DEAR W.G.: Your assets seem to be in order, but your personality may appear as a liability. I really can't tell from your letter what your balance would be.

Why not step out of yourself and make the kind of critical, objective appraisal of yourself that a prospective mate might make. If this does not help, seek the aid of a close friend. Also check the reasons underlying the broken promises you've received.

DEAR HARRIETT: A group of young black men and I—ages 25 and 34—read every issue of Muhammad Speaks, and we are interested in your column.

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people with progressive thoughts.

—J.S. AND THE MEN

DEAR J.S. AND THE MEN: This is a question that must be answered by my readers. How many others are interested in such a section in this column?

Something on your mind? Write and tell me about it.

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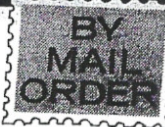
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