

# For And About You

By Harriett Muhammad

**DEAR HARRIETT:** I'm a 27-year-old realist. I have not married because I had never found any man I thought could make me happy. About a year ago, I met a man who met all my expectations and I grew to love him intensely. I found out later that he was separated from a wife for whom he had no feelings, but she wouldn't give him a divorce. We loved each other, so we started living together.

I always thought that our love for each other made everything right. I wouldn't listen to anyone's criticisms because they didn't matter to me.

Not long ago I discovered that he was mixed up in some sort of crooked real estate deal. When I told him that I was surprised that he would stoop to do such a low thing, he blew up and told me that I was in no position to tell him ANYTHING about morals! I've never been so hurt in all my life.

Harriett, I don't think I'm an immoral woman just because I want to live with the man I love so much. How could he taint our love with such a thought? His outburst

has really messed up my peace of mind, and I have a feeling that things will never be the same between us again.

Please try to unscramble my confusion, but remember that I place my love above any frowns from society — that's just the way I am.

—A REALIST

**DEAR MISS REALIST:** I take it that you're not interested in how others around you feel about your morals, but you have overlooked something. You took it for granted that your LOVER had trained himself to feel the same as you. I say trained, because it is not natural or easy to complete-

ly close your eyes or mind to criticism. It has been one of the means of social control that is used by ALL peoples in ALL kinds of societies.

Many people do things against the regulations of their society — your lover being one—but few are able to truthfully say they don't care. Maybe you can, but your happiness was dependant on him—his feelings and outlook on love—and in one unguarded moment he let you know how he really feels about your relationship.

So, Miss Realist, let's be for real. You're right when you say that things will never be the same between you again. That shared feeling that you THOUGHT you had —the one that sanctified everything between you — not only is no more, but never WAS.

Welcome to the enormous crowd of people who take so much pain to buck the natural laws of marital unity, whereas marital sanction, in the long run, is so much more painless. It's like a frown as compared to a smile — it takes "umpteenth" muscles to frown and only 32 to smile.

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

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