

# For and About You

By Harriett Muhammad

**DEAR HARRIETT:** There is plenty on my mind. I am getting along in age, 70 years now. I loaned my son a lot of money to buy a truck because I believe he is really trying to make it, and could if he wasn't so destitute himself. I do not mind this kind of giving.

However, not long ago two teenage girls confided me out of \$900. They told me a lot of false statements of having found a large sum of money — a portion of which they would give me. First, I was to draw my money out of the bank and then talk to their "boss" by telephone. I was to give one of the girls, who was his "secretary," the \$900 in return for \$6,000. I did — and the girls ran off with my money and left me in the street!

This has been an awful shock to me — I know I will never get my money back. I thank God for my life, as conditions could have been worse, but I think they must have done SOMETHING to me to make me foolish enough to fall for a trick like that. — Mrs. E. J.,

Washington, D.C.

**DEAR MRS. E.J.:** I thank you for sharing your experience with me and my readers. You already have paid for your mistake. There is no need for me to go into that. This serves as a reminder to us all.

**DEAR HARRIETT:** I went out of town to visit my family, but when I came back, my husband had moved out of our house. When I left we were on very good terms. I do not understand what happened to him.

I have seen him twice since I returned. I have asked him to come back home, but he refuses and his actions are very strange. I love my husband very much and want to know what happened while I was away. Please tell me if he will ever come back home.

—C. H., Cleveland, Ohio.

**DEAR C. H.:** If I were a sagacious prognosticator, I could tell you if your husband would ever return. But being only a student in this field, I can only say that his actions SEEM strange from the information you have given me. You may not know when he will return, but you have a right to know WHY he left. If you are not able to get an understanding from him personally, there are other ways.

According to law, your husband is a deserter and can be compelled to provide for your maintenance. Whether or not you want money from him, you may find him more responsive and willing to talk if you "remind" him of his duties.

Whatever you do—whether you take legal steps or ask a close friend to intercede—be sure to get an answer while you are pretty sure that he can be contacted. This state of "not knowing" can cause you worry and may even damage your health. So, while it is in your power, take care of the matter.

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