Americanization of Iman Africanization of Spencer

Once upon a time a photographer - explorer Peter Beard discovered a lithe African girl of incomparable beauty who lived with her family in northern Kenya, as members of the Somali

Iman is the eldest daughter from a family of five (two younger sisters, two younger brothers and one older brother). Iman was educated by missionaries and speaks impeccable though accented English, as well as Italian, French and Arabic.

As the daughter of a cattleowning rancher she helped to herd cattle for her father who has five hundred head to care for.

"That's not to say I was working as a herder - that's just the way we survived," says Iman. For her current job Iman is getting paid a great deal.

Wilhelmina Model Agency signed her immediately after Mr. Beard's introduction. Wilhelmina fearlessly predicted on sight that Iman would earn somewhere between \$70-80,000 modeling in her first year.

Since then Wilhelmina has had to admit that her original estimate was an error. The demand for lman has become more and more intensive with each passing year.

Presently Iman has signed to do the starring role in Otto Preminger's "Human Factor" to be filmed in London and Kenya.

On the other side of the world a young man by the name of Spencer Haywood was also growing up in the Mississippi Delta. Spencer. too was removed voluntarily from his homeland at the age of nine to live with a foster family in Detroit.

Will Robinson, head scout for the Detroit Pistons basketball team, became Spencer's foster father, mentor and protege.

While in Mississippi in his early years Spencer picked cotton. He has never forgotten his roots or his family. Spencer Haywood is tall, dark, handsome, intelligent and enterprising.

At the age of nineteen he displayed his intelligence by PAGE 28

When a top model from Africa gets together with a top professional basketball player from Mississippi, it's a learning process for both.

By Jeanne Parnell



Spencer Haywood with wife Iman, and daughter Zulekha.

writing his first autobiographical "Stand Up For

Spencer attended the University of Detroit and made the All-American team as a sophomore. He eventually made the team five times in a row.

When he signed the contract with the ABA's Denver Rockets, Spencer became the leading scorer and rebounder, its most valuable player and rookie of the

Denver Rocket owner, Bill Ringsby, decided to reward his young star with a new contract reportedly valued at \$1.9 million, under the cloud of a celebrated case involving Spencer quitting college to play pro ball.

The NBA owners tried to keep

volving the "four year rule," which prohibits the signing of a player until four years after he enters college.

In Spencer's case it became one of hardship — he supports his mother and ten younger sisters and brothers. This case went all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States and Spencer Haywood won.

Spencer went to Seattle and the NBA. He was pictured on posters in a phone booth tearing off his jacket to reveal a Sonic teeshirt underneath. He was called "Super Spencer of the Super

No matter where he turned up he packed houses and he responded by averaging more than twenty points for five

Then on to the Knicks with a trade, then to the New Orleans Jazz. Spencer's basketball career has taken its curves but not his spirit or sense of self.

"You can have my body but not my mind. I've always been me, and that's been hard to accept. Everybody begins to really think you're just a tall guy in short shorts that dribbles a ball for the New Orleans Jazz Basketball Team. I'm not as bitter or unhappy as people would like to

Spencer tried to gather his teammates for a worthy cause, but instead got sued for upsurging and dividing fellow ball players. The press has always depicted Spencer as being very temperamental and difficult to manage.

"I was expecting to meet a horror," I said laughing. Spencer smiled and said "I'm sorry," and continued to address the subject of being his own person.

"Iman and I have always had our families and now we have each other and Zulekha. We're happy." Iman stoops to pick up their daughter Zulekha (which means "Precious One" in Somali).

Zulekha has already donned magazine covers in the arms of -Iman at the age of eight months.

She is affectionate and endearing as she crawls to your feet, upstaging all the other dominant personalities in the living room of Manhattan opulent

lman says, "I want our daughter to know what we're all about. While we're in Africa Zulekha will stay with her grandmother in Mississippi. I've been collecting young African folk tales for a children's book which I will dedicate to Zulekha as well as my family in Kenya.

"There can't be any gaps in our lives. I want her to know who she is. When I first came to this country, the press automatically thought I'd have a bone through

"No one has asked me yet if I (Continued on Page 29)

-In The Stars

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stone, the crystal, and all dull white or pale green jewels.

Born between July 2 and July 11-You are co-ruled by mercury, accounting for your strong in-

-Iman

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miss the taste of human flesh, but they've asked me just about everything else. I want her to grow up knowing better."

The Americanization of Iman is the Africanization of Spencer. "My husband has built a hotel on the Ivory Coast of Africa. One day we will live there as well as here."

Iman looks towards Spencer, as he talks, "There's no differences in black people just like there's no differences in the Chinese, Italian or the Jewish peoples for that

Spencer changes the conversation. "My wife is the capitalist." Iman's smile reveals she's heard a family joke. "She also bothers me something terrible." He winks.

"I love black women, and I really try not to let the rules of the 'macho man' get in our family's

Spencer takes Zulekha from the arms of Iman and raises her high in the air. Zulekha stretches out her baby arm like a militant, but opens her fist to wave an affectionate good-bye - "Say goodbye," says Iman, "say -Nabaday" (which means Goodbye in Somali).

-Keggae

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In Washington, D.C. at the Bayou Club they rocked the roof off for two sets that had sold out weeks in advance.

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clination toward mental pursuits. Sensitivity and insight blend well with a need to express for those born during this period. Writing and other forms of communication come naturally.

Favorite Colors white, pale yellow, pale green, violet, silver, blue and black.

Favorite Flowers: wall flower and the moon flower.

Favorite Gems: marcasite, agate, topaz, emerald, opal, moonstone and the crystal.

Born between July 12 and July 23-You are co-ruled by the moon, which also dominately rules your sign. It is safe to say that you are the truest of the Cancer types. This crab, which symbolizes Cancer, is in high gear here. You tend to hold fast to what your possess. The most conservative Cancerians are born within this period.

Favorite Colors: violet, pale yellow, pale green, silver and

Favorite Flowers: moon flower and wall flower.

Favorite Gems moonstone, the crystal, opal, dull white and pale green gems.

-WACs (Continued from Page 27)

the world on one of Rouen's narrow little streets; we saw the spot where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. We got our first sight of street cafes and learned to wrestle with the French language.

"In September of 1945 the 6888 moved to Paris where they lived at the Bohy Lafayette Hotel and which was within walking distance of Sacre Coeur, the Place de L'Opera and the Folies Bergere.

Members of the battalion

returned to the United States by stages, the first group arriving in November 1945, the last in March 1946. Upon the redeployment of Lt. Col. Adams in December 1945, Capt. Mary F. Kearney took command. Capt. Kearney was succeeded by Capt. Bernice G. Henderson who returned with the last members of the battalion

"The group broke up after that and the 6888th CPD ceased to be. Some of the girls were discharged, others chose to make the WAC a career. They and many others were still in to see the great change from segregation and the change of the WAC."

-Auto Travel

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ways to save gas is to have the car tuned up before leaving. He also knows that how much gas you save depends on you, your car, and your driving habits.

He checked that all his tires, including the spare, were at the right pressure and the wheels properly balanced so the tires would wear smoothly. Mel was in the movie "The Wiz" and has also been on assignment in Africa and Saudi Arabia.

Both Thaddeus and Mel have been on many location trips, so they know how to pack for the least hassle. Their hatchback Dodge Omni holds lots of luggage. even when Thaddeus is stretched out for a snooze on the back seat! Their dressy clothes were packed flat and put towards the back.

So were their active sports clothes, like tennis togs, Mel's golf clubs and their jogging

In front of this, they put a small overnight bag with their things for a stop on the way, plus cosmetics and a Thermos full of ice cubes. (Meks on the way and gives fresh cold water when you're thirsty).

After they got settled, they decided to explore the countryside. Their first stop was Wild West City, in Netcong, N.J., where an entire frontier town is set up. Mel and Thad picnicked

under the trees, then watched the exciting show, where the Stage Coach Hold-up and a gunfight (just acting) took place between the marshal and the outlaws.

Next, the Pony Express rider galloped through, changing horses with lightning speed. After that, it was a relief to see the peacefully beautiful old Van Bunschooten Museum in Wantage

Thad especially wanted to see this colonial farmohuse, built in 1787, because her father, for whom she is named, is a bishop in the Church of Christ in San Antonio, and this museum was the first school for theologians in this

Mel wanted to see the Morris County Central Railroad, in Newfoundland, N.J., a real old steam train that actually runs, so they went there next.

He clowned around at the tiny station, and Thad enjoyed riding on the back of the train, pretending she was campaigning from the back the way they did in the old days!

The only problem they had with their vacation was getting in everything they wanted to do.

They agreed that this was the best vacation they'd ever had, with so many great places practically in their own backyard, and that with so much to see. they'd "hurry back."

-Summer Drinks

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difference: calories. To be consistent eat thin also.

Serve a quick-to-prepare low calorie steamed vegetable and cooked shrimp salad. A serving of asparagus, green beans, raw mushrooms and 6 medium size shrimp flavored with a squeeze of fresh lemon comes to about 198

Pink Spray can (12 oz.) peach nectar,

large fresh strawberries. washed, hulled, halved

cups Indian River grapefruit juice, chilled I bottle (16 oz.) club soda, chilled

Strawberries for garnish (optional) In electric blender container combine peach nectar and strawberries. Whirl until smooth and frothy. Pour into large pitcher, add grapefruit juice and

Pour into tall, ice-filled glasses. Garnish each glass with a strawberry if desired.

Makes 5 (tall) drinks. Calorie count per drink: 113

Grapefruit-Pineapple Pow 11/2 cups unsweetened pineapple juice, chilled

large, fresh strawberries, washed, kulled, halved

bottle (16 oz.) club soda cups Ocean Spray Indian

River grapefruit juice, chilled Lemon slices or strawberries for garnish (optional)

In electric blender container pineapple juice and strawberries. Whirl until smooth and frothy. Pour into a pitcher. Add grapefruit juice and club soda. Blend well. Pour into tall, ice-filled glasses.

Granish each glass with lemon slices or strawberry if desired.

Makes 4 tall drinks. Calorie count per drink: 112

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