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This year, some of the fashion risks of the recently held AMVCA paid off. Others, well...there's always next year. From couture confections to promlike numbers, we decided to play fashion police and pick out all the hits and misses on the red carpet. Read on. This should be fun

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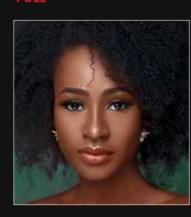
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DIRECTOR, PRINT PRODUCTION. CHUKS ONWIDENJO As you all know, the AMVC awards took place recently. And as usual, while some people hit the mark, others blew the roof open with their drama while some missed the plot because they obviously got the memo entirely wrong! So naturally, we had a field day choosing the people who fit into all aforementioned categories. One thing I must say is that I was quite impressed with the lengths our designers went to to create such spectacular outfits. They really raised the bar and I was rather proud of

In the same tone, I also noticed with some of the clothes worn, the journey of execution was clearly turbulent with bumps and humps and it showed on the finished product. This buttresses my point about how designers have to first master the art of pattern-cutting and selection fabrics before getting adventurous with their 'creations'. The satin fabric, for one, is very hard to work with. It is very unforgiving on the eye and looks extremely cheap if the quality is poor and also the garment is badly made.

In such cases, 'victims' should instead, just opt for a readymade dress. You'd be amazed what you can get for less than 50k! You can then decide to jazz it up with accessories. It is better to look relatively safe albeit overshadowed, than be remembered for being a disaster on the red carpet. Rome was not built in a day. Most of the people who slay today worked hard to get there. There are no short-cuts. So rather than try to frog leap your way into the top 10, take your time, work hard and you will get there one day. No imitation, no limitation. Nonetheless, it was lovely to see some astonishing numbers and we look forward to seeing more next year!







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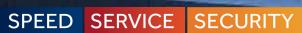














#### **Sneaker Balls**

These mini deodorizers are strong enough to keep the smell out of your sneakers.

#### **Spray Them Down**

If you have any essential oils (lavender, tee tree, lemon, rosemary, peppermint) put them to use. Another fix-it-all you may already own is white vinegar. For desperate cases, soak your shoes in a sink of water and white vinegar to clean out the bacteria that is causing that stench.

#### Mr. Clean

While the Magic Eraser may not be able to banish bad smells, the sponge takes away any scruff marks or dirt stains.

#### **Clean Immediately After Using**

The sooner you buff abrasions out the easier it will be.

#### **Let Them Breathe**

Stacking up shoes might make your room look neater, but no amount of Frebreeze will help that situation out. Store sneakers and cleats in an open air environment to let them breathe.

#### Don't Overthink It, Throw Them in the Washing Machine

While most footwear brands advise against the washing machine for a throughout hand washing, sometime a spin in a sudsy whirlpool is all a shoe needs. Remove laces and insoles and add a neutral detergent, wash with bulky items like sheets or towels for a gentler option.

#### **Pull Out the Tongues**

This seems simple, but if you're putting mean miles on your shoes be sure to unlaces and pull open uppers as much as possible after use. This extra air flow will let your sneakers breathe and keep odors from being trapped.

#### Spray Them Down, Part II

If you don't have the time or the motivation to use any of the other advise, spray the with water under the shower then leave them in indirect sunlight to give them a fresh start.

#### **Baking Soda**

Sprinkle baking soda into your runners, basketball shoes, cleats, or trainers post workout to deodorize sweaty shoes and keep you smelling clean. If your shoes have any mesh layers be sure to shake powder loose before wearing again to avoid puffs of white clouds with each step.





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# POURUL DUS

The polka dot may be a strong feature of dresses, suits, underwear all the way to bedsheets and numerous other products. But as patterns go, this print hasn't been around for that long. The eye-popping pattern gets its name from the polka music craze that engulfed Europe in the mid-1800s.



THEY'RE NOT CALLED POLKA DOTS

EVERYWHERE.



#### IT'S UNCLEAR WHAT DOTS HAVE TO DO WITH POLKA.

In Germany, they're Thalertupfen, after the silver The connection between the dance and the patterns on all that spotted merch is murky at coin called a Thaler, used as currency throughout Europe until the 1800s. In Spanish, the term is best. Possibly the spotted pattern evoked the lively lunares, or little moons (also the word for moles). half-step of the dance. It's also unclear whether In French, clothes are à pois, or marked with peas. marketers intended all those polka hats, vests, and The English term comes from the mass popularity shoes as dancewear, or if calling something 'polka' just made a product seem more cheerful. of polka music in Europe and the U.S. in the 19th





#### POLKA-DOT FASHION WASN'T POSSIBLE IN THE PRE-INDUSTRIAL ERA.

Dotted patterns didn't become popular until there were machines that could make them perfectly spaced. In Medieval Europe, irregular spots on fabrics would have reminded people of skin blemishes and of the blood-spotted handkerchiefs.

#### THERE'S A BATMAN VILLAIN WHO LOVED POLKA DOTS.

Mister Polka-Dot, a character who first appeared in a February 1962 comic, wore a skin-tight costume covered in colourful polka dots that would swell up to create deadly weapons at the push of a button. He used a getaway car called the Flying Polka Dot.

#### ARTISTS HAVE MADE CAREERS OUT OF POLKA DOTS.

Chuck Close an artist who creates photorealistic portraits out of pixelated dots discovered about 150 dots being the minimum number of dots to make a specific recognizable design.

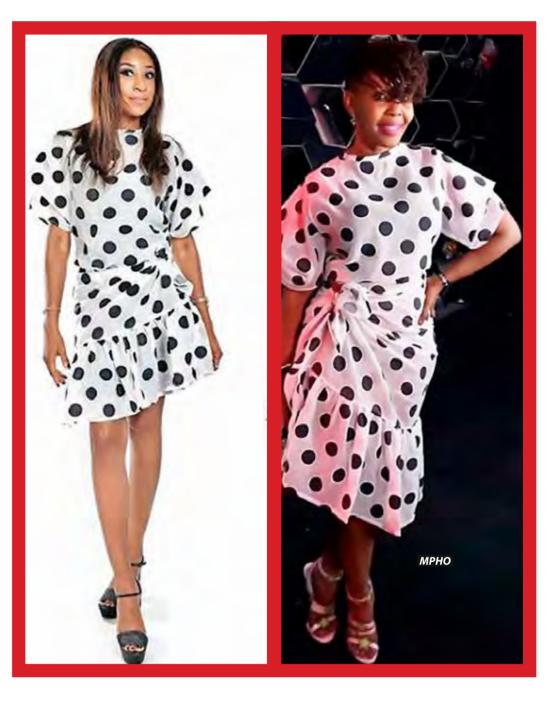
#### THERE'S A NAME FOR THE FIVE-DOT PATTERN ON A DIE.

It's called a quincunx, or in French, quinconce. The term comes from a pattern on Roman coins.

#### POLKA DOTS MADE FRANK SINATRA FAMOUS.

His first hit, recorded with jazz musician Tommy Dorsey in 1940, was a song called "Polka Dots and Moonbeams."

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THISDAY Style
No. 8536 Sunday, September 9, 2018 It is correct to say the AMVC awards night is truly one of the biggest events in the Enterntainment industry. But the word 'entertainment' should not translate to 'amusement' by what they are wearing on the Red Carpet. Some looks amused more than they delighted...which is why

# THE MISSES



Her dress looks like it was made out of red plastic stretched beyond its limit. Much as it is nice to show what God blessed you with, there is a point at which you go 'naaaa'...OTT..way too much meat exposed!



When the bottom half of a dress is cut on the bias, any added extension at the bottom to make it longer, should also be cut on the bias to achieve the desired fullness! This attachment at the tailend of the dress looks like it was hurriedly 'nailed together' by a roadside carpenter.



Satin, as we all know, can be most unforgiving...especially when the sketch on the paper and the execution of the garment get 'lost in transition'. These sleeves look like limp wings begging to be cut off.



Adonis in the bedroom maybe, but on the red carpet without a shirt...he must have misread the memo!

#### COAT **OF MANY** COLOURS

METALLIC

She might not have been the best dressed, but she certainly turned

heads with her bald head. Not many women have that courage and for that, we duff our hat. Her silver sequinned dress accentuates her svelte figure and compliments her tall frame. She walked through the red carpet like a gazelle and shone

through the night in this hot number. Certainly

one of the most memorable images of

the evening.

**QUEEN** 

We looked for the studded 6" boots, we could not see it. We looked for the long gown, still we did not see it. We then looked for the dramatic hair and guess what...it was no where to be found too! Then we wondered...who might this be? Alas, it was Derenle looking as handsome and as cute as ever...in normal clothes! Yes indeed. But he still had to put his stamp...the many colours...otherwise he would not be the Derenle we know!

**DENRELE EDUN** 

#### **DARE TO** BARE!

Certainly the most controversial look of the night, one cannot but be amazed at her boldness! Jaws dropped. Tongues wagged. But a flesh coloured lining will have have created the same buzz but maybe with less column inches in the media. It might have been better to let them 'wonder if' than simply baring it all...just saying. Still a very beautiful outfit and great figure too we might



We get the 'ethereal' image she is trying to portray here but unfortunately, done with such poor execution. From the quality of fabric to the lining used, the whole ensemble is a very far picture from the 'fairy' she had hoped to look like. From the neck up though, she is cute.



She has the same hemline problem as her 'twin' in the red velvet dress. Perhaps they used the same carpenter? That aside, with her top half, she looks like she's being strangled...when draping is not done properly, it looks messy and simply put...untidy. Also when plunges go that deep, the mammary glands need to be 'wellcushioned' together like a baby's bottom cheeks with no 'space' inbetween.



Where does one begin here? Red satin seems to have been a hot favourite on the red carpet which is why it is so unpardonable when they are used in such a tardy manner. Is it the length of this dress, or the transparent top half with nothing to support her mammary glands, or the red flaps that play no defined role per se, not to mention the 'train' behind! Who do we sue here...the designer?



# WHERE DOES SILENCE RESIDE?

From the moment dawn breaks and ones eyes open to the sound of whatever mechanism roused us from the depth of slumber, we are enmeshed in a cacophony of sounds that conspire to tell one is alive while robbing them of any solitude that life may offer. In Africa's megacities, car horns blare, bus conductors shout their intended destinations, hawkers and traders advertise their wares at the top of their voices and those who fight fight while those who just want to get by do so. The radio and TV transmit whatever catches their fancy for the moment, phones constantly on the move and everywhere you go someone seems to be saying something or the other.

In such an environment, noise it seems is everywhere and all around making the value of silence and the price paid for solitude a precious treasure to pursue. It was therefore with some level of anticipation that I walked into the sauna and steam rooms, where the only sound that penetrated was that of rising steam and very soft calming classical music. As my pores opened up and sweat poured down my body, I settled into the art of medication, blocking out the sounds around me. The rush of blood coursing through my veins became the primary sound at the center of my being as silence descended upon my soul.

Our God is the Lord of The Sabbath, a day He set aside as Holy where rest, meditation and reflection is commanded. A day whereupon completing the work of Creation, He stepped back and rested setting the example for mankind to follow. As I embraced the essence of silence and my mind settled into a state of rest, I felt a sense of weightlessness develop as my spirit was drawn upwards to a luminous bright light. Time seemed to take an elastic quality but the strangest discovery was where my thoughts settled, not on worry, work or money but on God, Love and Purpose. In silence it seems, the

deepest and purest of our thoughts resides.

May the Lord help us find silence today.

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