

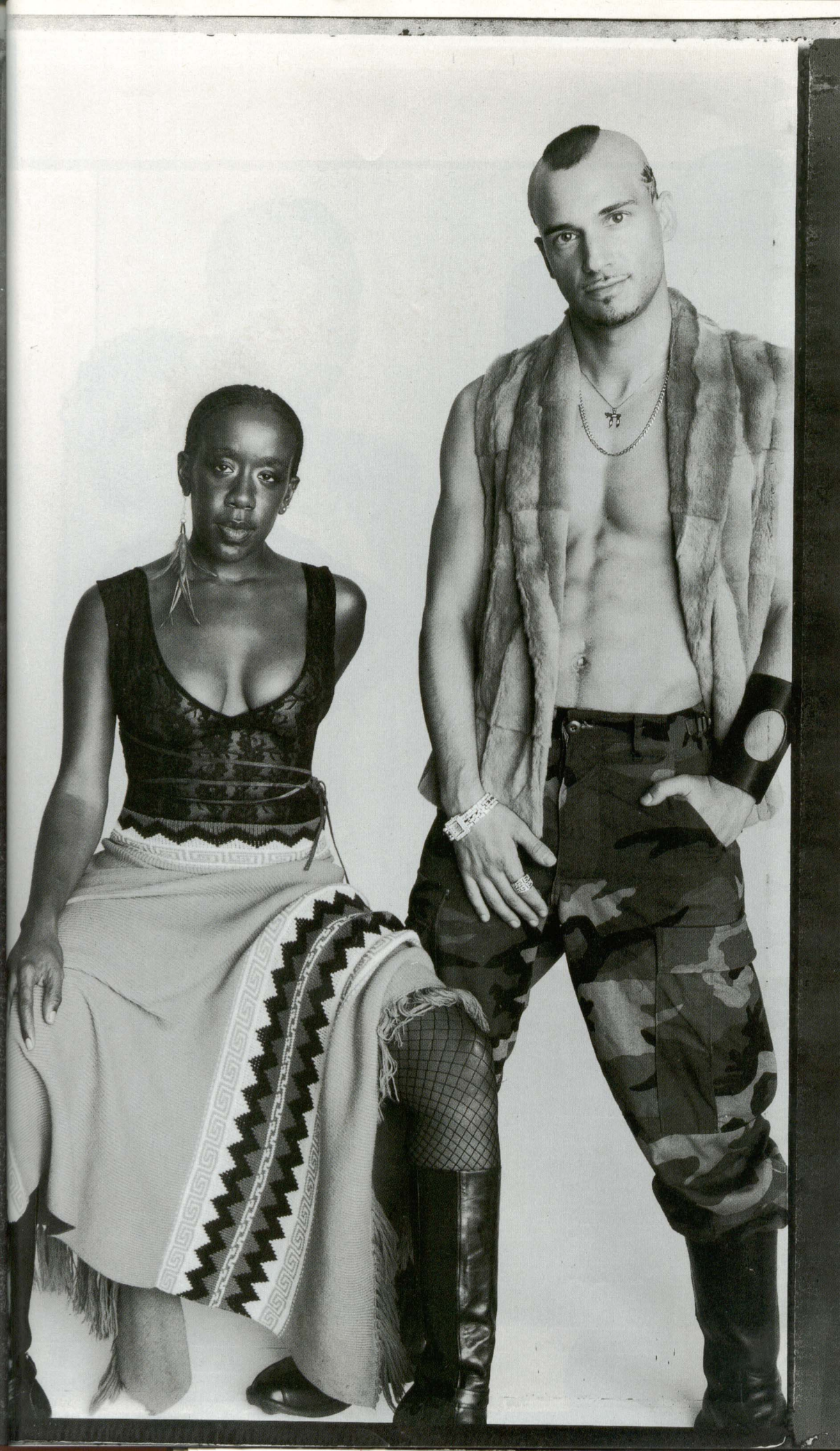
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(From left) Lyle Ashton Harris, 36, photographer: Red cotton plaid jacket by Comme Des Garçons; ivory silk scarf by Giorgio Armani.

Vasoula Barbagiannis, 28, fashion publicist: Black braided corset top and skirt, both by Benjamin Cho; gold hoop earrings by Nine West.

Karen Reneé Good, 31, writer: Black lace V-neck top with brown ties by D&G; Karen's own red shawl skirt; black fishnet hosiery by Gerbe; black leather knee boots by Cesare Paciotti; red feather earring by Roderick Studios.

Ari Gold, 24, singer, songwriter, and producer: Tan fur vest by Sean John; camouflage cotton pant by Weiss & Mahoney; black leather boots by Giorgio Armani; black arm cuff by Helmut Lang