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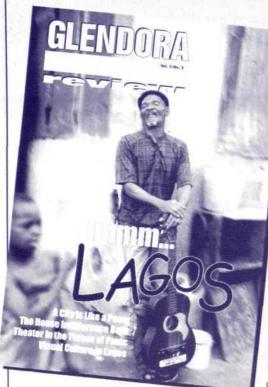
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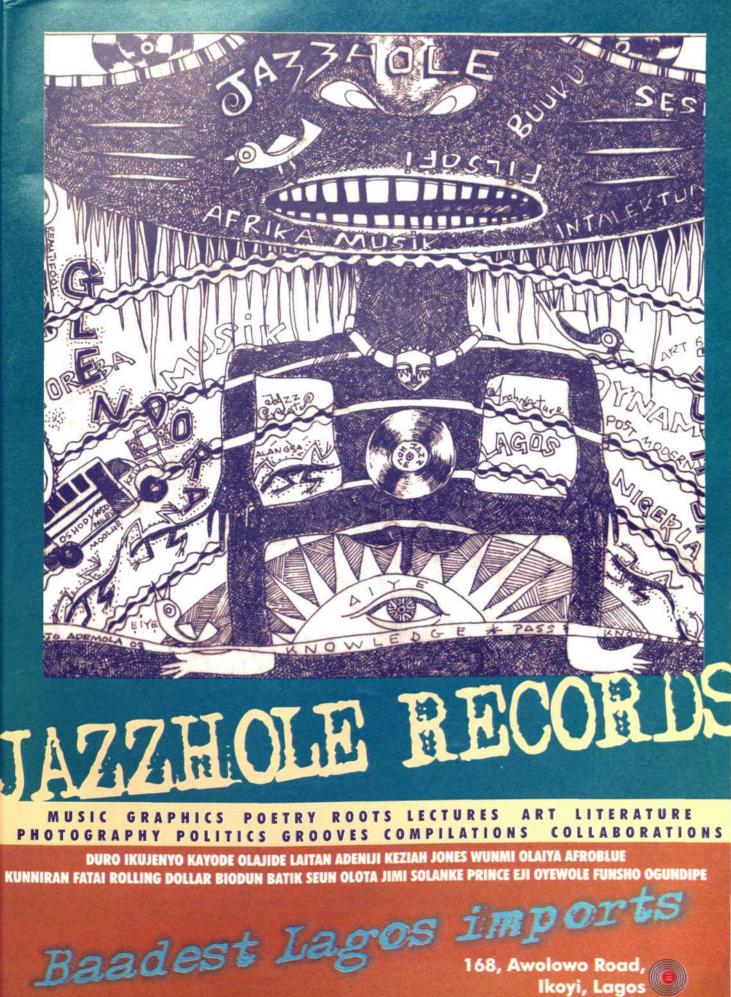
critical journal does not turn Africa into a cut-and-wrap discourse isolated from the site of its relevance. This has sometimes meant consciously cultivating an aesthetic space for heterodoxy, a celebration of the eclectic, and even the confounding. Our world admits of complexity.

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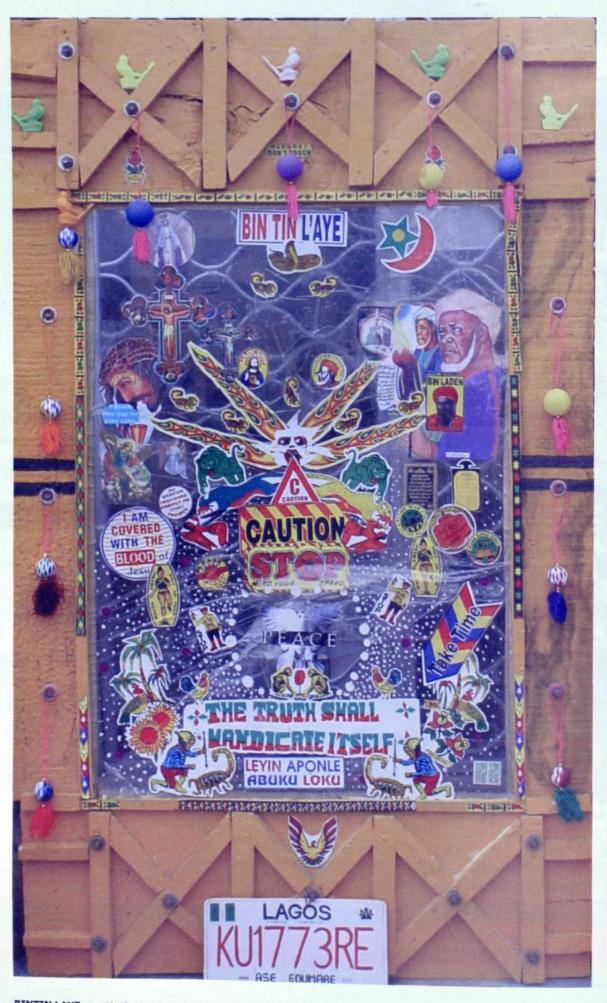
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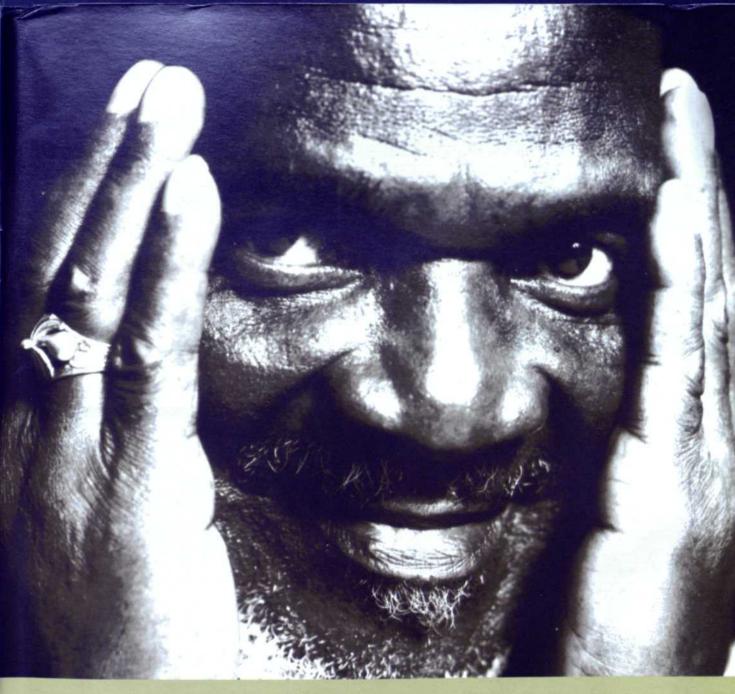
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