WHIZKID AS STARBOY!!

AYODEJI IBRAHIM BALOGUN

NOT IN THIS DAY STYLE? THEN YOU'RE NOT IN STYLE.
When I read Tundun Abiola’s piece, “Life In A Time Of Covid” in this week’s edition, it really struck a chord because everything she wrote about truly grasped the situation we all find ourselves in today. I remember we had chatted before this and discussed the effects the pandemic has had on us as a people. What stuck out in the conversation was how the idle mind has become the devil’s playground for some people. Till date, even before the pandemic hit, I have always wondered how people could get bored and frustrated when there is so much to do, hobbies to enjoy or even TV or social media to entertain yourself with and if all that don’t interest you, how about reading and learning new things every day.

If your thinking faculty is intact, it is great disservice not to do justice to it by keeping your mind busy or occupied with the simple pleasures of life that cost next to nothing!

If not before, now is the time to find something to do, anything...to keep you ‘busy’ enough not to ‘watch paint try or the clock tick!’ Tundun for instance, never binged on TV series or anything for that matter, now she glued to her TV! I myself have picked up a habit that keeps me occupied for hours when I’m not working. I make the most interesting abstract faces with pieces of fabrics. It’s so fascinating to put together. I then sew the attachments to some of my clothes giving it a new breath of life. As we speak, I have done over 60 pieces and will be collaborating with one of my favourite designers very soon. But I’m not just doing it for financial gain...I’m doing it because my creative juices are at its peak right now! By the time I’m through with each one, I am ready for a new thing! These are the little pleasures of life that make life more bearable in these trying times where everyone is afraid of their own shadow. Aside from the job we do to earn a living, we must find joy in something that will distract us. Work. Prayers. Reading. Gardening. Cooking. Exercise. Phone calls. Texts. Social media. Group chats. Knitting. Baking etc. Find that pulse button and keep your finger on it! Life is too short. Stay home. Stay safe.
SUIT YOU SIR!

The suit is back: only this time, it’s for leisure and not just for work. Every man should have a suit in his wardrobe. Even if you don’t work in an office, whether for a wedding, job interview or funeral, it’s likely you’ll need a smart, tailored look at least once a year. Wearing a suit makes it much more appropriate in some settings but it also leaves all other styles in the shade. Of course, this only applies when you’re not, technically, a woman coming round for a moment of wearing that tailor’s cutting arts than play with proportions to create a garment that’s either. The quality suit used to be signalled by its fit and certain structure. Today at the tailor’s art to build in that definition allows for a multitude of other expressions.

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WOMEN FOR MEN

PROPORTIONAL FLAWS

Different looks in the same clothes can affect your look. A good suit can make you look taller, slimmer and more confident rather than piecemeal. So, the quality suit used to be signalled by its fit and certain structure. Today at the tailor’s art to build in that definition allows for a multitude of other expressions. Breaking away from traditional suiting fabrics in favour of those more performance-oriented, introducing comfort details like elastic and waist ties, and doing away with a whole less structure, the suit becomes something all together more athleisure when paired with trainers.

COLOUR

These days, the suit is simply sizing up.

DOUBLE UP

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Bracelets are becoming a fashion staple for men. The likes of Richard Mille, Damiyo Keke and others all stack their wrists with them. But before you start wearing bracelets, you should take note of the style. Every accessory is dependent on one’s style. There are no right or wrong bracelets to wear, choose what works for you and go with it. Another thing to note is bracelet colours, choose one that matches and preferably a bracelet that matches your skin tone, wristwatch, wedding band or outfits. Bracelet materials range from leather to rope braided to band style, you should choose more natural materials. Unless you work somewhere where every day is dress-down Friday, brown leather, beaded or rope bracelets are great for the weekend.

Here are the different types of bracelets to choose to match your style and personality:

### BEST FASHION BRACELETS

#### For MEN

- **Gold bracelets**: Gold bracelets are the most stylish and generally benefit from being the heaviest of all materials. They will instantly add pizzazz to your overall look and can even be part of a great wrist watch.

- **Silver bracelets**: Silver bracelets are the most popular and are perfect for those who like to keep things more understated. They can be worn with almost any outfit and are perfect for those who want to add a bit of shine to their look.

- **Leather bracelets**: Leather bracelets are a great choice for those who like a casual look. They are often worn with more casual outfits and can be paired with jeans, t-shirts, and sneakers. They also look great with more formal attire and can be paired with suits or dress shirts.

- **Cuff bracelets**: Cuff bracelets are a great choice for those who want to make a statement. They are often worn with more formal attire and can be paired with suits or dress shirts. They also look great with more casual outfits and can be paired with jeans, t-shirts, and sneakers.

- **Stacked bracelets**: Stacked bracelets are a great choice for those who want to add a bit of extra flair to their look. They can be worn with almost any outfit and can be paired with almost any other type of bracelet.

- **Beaded bracelets**: Beaded bracelets are a great choice for those who want to add a bit of colour to their look. They can be worn with almost any outfit and can be paired with almost any other type of bracelet.

- **Rope bracelets**: Rope bracelets are a great choice for those who want to add a bit of texture to their look. They can be worn with almost any outfit and can be paired with almost any other type of bracelet.

- **Layered bracelets**: Layered bracelets are a great choice for those who want to add a bit of complexity to their look. They can be worn with almost any outfit and can be paired with almost any other type of bracelet.

- **Bracelet materials vary from leather to rope braided to beaded styles, you should choose more casual materials**. For instance, unless you work somewhere where every day is dress-down Friday, brown leather, beaded or rope bracelets are a good option if you’re just dipping a toe into the man-jewellery re-workings.

- **If you think about it, for me, no matter where you are, there is always some aspect of my life that causes most knee pain. But when I am lighter, it will reduce and maybe (if I am lucky) totally disappear; and I will start to go for long fat-burning walks and use the calorie-assassinating stationary bike in the gym.**
The lifestyle industry in Africa has grown into a multi-billion dollar industry and Lagos, Nigeria is in its forefront. We should all be sensitive about these times and that comes with a night out. Moving on, I just think that it was actually helping us build a stronger relationship with the brands we work with and even our customers. It’s our first Funky Brunch Pride and we are looking forward towards receiving positive feedback.

Going forward, how do you see the pandemic affecting your industry? Most hospitality owners have taken things into their own hands by creating fun moments at home rather than going out. From shaking up cocktails at home, ordering beer from bars, turning up Bluetooth speakers to listen to one DJ or music for their own downloadable playlists. But that can never fully replace hanging out in a crowded bar, chatting up a bartender and enjoying the taste of a drink while getting a night out. We are all looking forward towards receiving positive feedback.

You started Funky Brunch in 2018 and have left an indelible trail in the nightlife and party scene through 2019. But in 2020, COVID happened, was the brand able to pull through? Prior to the pandemic, we erected to almost 2000 guests at the Funky Brunch. But when the pandemic hit the world, we launched a sister brand 2020 called “The Funky Brunch Pro”. We hosted about 500-700 patrons in a venue that was normally housed to 2000 guests. This was in November last year. Our focus became our core delivery, fashion, art and people. All of these work hand in hand having a balance of the fun elements and atmosphere for a good social gathering. Although, one of our core challenges was the perfect spring box to launch the brand, Funky Brunch. Challenging because we didn’t know how it will turn out, if our guests were going to turn up and basically if the energy was going to be right just how we envisioned. But thankful today, the Funky Brunch plays host to some of the biggest names in Lifestyle and Entertainment.

As a founding partner of Tommy Briggs Lifestyle, what do you bring to the table? As a creative, I believe you can never be limited or project is limitless, from conceptualizing to planning and execution. That’s my role right there. And not just for Funky Brunch alone. Tommy Briggs Lifestyle is a total lifestyle package which requires complete attention. It’s the last stop. There is no colour after it. Like they say, you can never go wrong with black. Black to me is the strongest colour if I’m allowed to say so. It’s the last stop. There is no colour after it. Fashion is fun and experimental. I draw inspiration from almost anything. Like they say, you can never go wrong with black. Fashion is fun and experimental. I draw inspiration from almost anything. Fashion is the good life. Who doesn’t love new and fresh things. We focused on music, drinks and food and not so much on the atmosphere.

You used to host some of the biggest weaknights at some of Lagos premium night clubs, not so? Yes, that’s where I started hosting gigs. It kicked off with High Fashion Wednesday at Atlanta (now known as Atlanta) for about six months and then moved to Buzz Bar to host Groove & Sassy Wednesday and VIP ROOM on Sunday nights. For Wednesday nights, we developed a new concept of bringing back the joys and fun of 80s & 90s Hip Hop. While on Sundays, a pre-existing night it was pure high energy. We knew exactly what we wanted for both nights. The door was one of the hardest thing to get by. And even if you made it past 8, securing a table was another race between siren lights, tables came at very high premium. But once you get in, table secured, it’s a different world. For, it’s about the party first, the fun, the people - our clients are like egos to the atmosphere, we wanted to show people what it meant to have a good time. When people are having a good time, that’s when they spend money. Every night was a hit back to back.

What are the highs and the lows of working in nightlife? This industry can be very stressful and at times cut off. The last thing you want is to overwork yourself with good people and hard workers who share your vision. Our focus right there. And not just for Funky Brunch alone. Tommy Briggs Lifestyle is a total lifestyle package which requires complete attention. It’s the last stop. There is no colour after it. Like they say, you can never go wrong with black. Black to me is the strongest colour if I’m allowed to say so. It’s the last stop. There is no colour after it. Fashion is fun and experimental. I draw inspiration from almost anything. Fashion is the good life. Who doesn’t love the good life?

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What’s next for Tommy Briggs Lifestyle? A whole lot more is coming. We have so many beautiful experiences on the way. Due to the pandemic, we’ve had to hold that but that’s showing us down, we are cooking and would be ready to serve when the world is safe.

How have you guys been able to manage a beautiful friendship and a solid partnership? It’s all through God’s grace and guidance. When you meet someone that is going the same direction as you, you form a bond and love it. We have set goals and won’t let anything stop us from achieving them.
When it comes to investing in styles of dresses that you know will serve you well for years to come, you can’t do much better than the wrap dress. A super flattering shape that pulls you in at the waist, the wrap dress is also extremely versatile when it comes to the weather. A woman’s wardrobe should always include a few solid staples. And when it comes to keeping things feminine, flowy, and functional, wrap dresses take the cake. The day-to-evening versatility and comfortable custom fit that wrap dresses provide make them the perfect dress that always stands the test of time. In fact, we consider it one of the best classic pieces that go way beyond trends. STYLE rounded up some hot favourites for work and beyond, from the classic and understated to the bold and patterned, there is something for every taste and occasion.

**CLASSIC WRAP DRESS**

The tulip hem creates a figure-flattering look while an overlapping bodice drapes the body for overall smoothness, poise and beauty. Whether teamed with heels or lace-up sandals this satin number will be your go-to for years to come for classy night out.

**POLKA-DOT WRAP DRESS**

Wrap dresses aren’t just for summer. This chic polka-dot wrap dress looks great for any occasion, smart and sexy without exposing too much skin.

**FLORAL WRAP DRESS**

Wrap dresses are a trademark style for any occasion and this year, its floral, midi offering is perfect for those summer evenings.

**STATEMENT DRESS**

Make a statement in this patterned wrap dress from RICH MNISI’s autumn, which adds a robe-like, open-front look to the wrap dresses, making it ideal for your those high-temperature getaways.

**HOUNDSTOOTH WRAP DRESS**

Here, Adwoa Aboah wears a Houndstooth blue and red coloured maxi gown with chunky accessories. It’s a perfect dress for summery workwear or lunch dates.

**SOLID COLOUR WRAP DRESS**

A solid colour such as navy or black. A solid-coloured wrap dress is most appropriate when you work in a conservative office or are attending a high-temperature getaways.

**MAKE A STATEMENT**

In this patterned wrap dress from RICH MNISI designs, which puts a robe-like spin on the wrap dresses, making it ideal for your those high-temperature getaways.
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"Made in Lagos" since its release, has gone on to top the charts and dominate the airwaves globally, which kind of revalidates your status as a premier music brand from Africa presently. How does this make you feel - being #1 again?

"It's a blessing you know and I'm just thankful that I have amazing fans that listen to my music, I feel really blessed, like that's the word - 'blessed' there's no other way to describe it.

The album is themed majorly on love and family values – how have these affected the man that Wizkid is today?

"Family is everything to me. That's what influences me and keeps me grounded, especially my sons. They are my purpose in life. It was important for me to put that into the music. I always want to share that love and good vibe because that's simply what keeps me going in life. My music is very personal, and it's a reflection of who I am today. Plus, with Covid and just the madness in the world today, the closest thing that helps right now is family and love.

And this is a time for us to spread love more than ever because everyone is going through one crazy situation or another.

By now, we're presuming you'd have a favourite track from the album given its commercial success and critical reception. Can you tell us which one and why?

"It changes every time really; I don't quite have one. I mean it's a hard question to answer when I'm asked a question like: 'What's your favourite song on your album?' It changes every time, really. I don't have one. I think it's because it's just so much on my mind, you know, I don't really have one. That's what makes music; it's just so much on my mind.

From Ghana to Dubai, you were out of the country a lot and since your long-anticipated return last year, you seem to have been up to a lot. What did you miss back home and which of them have you done since you got back?

"I've been eating a lot of food and it's been amazing. I diggy chop Spaghettis right now and I feel very good. That's it, really. Just food. Couple with the fact that I've missed my Naija food, like Eba and Banga soup... everything else! Where do I even wanna start?

Afrobeats has now taken a centre stage globally and you are credited for having catalysed this takeover given your involvement with some of the world's biggest popstars, Drake & Beyoncé. Would you say you actively chased global recognition or was it just a product of grace and opportunity?

"It's a product of grace and opportunity. I don't think it was just a product of grace and opportunity. I don't think I chased anything. I don't have a chaser. I just strive to be the best that I can be every day and that's what I work on as a human being, as an artiste. I'm just a person that creates art and I take that very close to my heart.

As a kid from Nigeria with that Lagos hustle spirit, I'm always pushing for more, for bigger and better. I always just believe in following my heart. I try to have a genuine approach to everything, and everything else in life will align accordingly.

But at the end of the day, it is God who truly ordains all of my successes. So, it's all been a blessing, and not only for me. Nothing comes easy you know, it's just hard work and consistent building. I hope it inspires the next generation to do the same and go even further.

Working with Beyoncé feels like an artiste's dream come true. Has that affected your industry cred especially with your foreign colleagues?

"Working with Beyoncé was a blessing. I like that song in particular just because of how it makes people feel, especially women of colour. That's what making music is all about to me, it's the feeling. So, when I work with fellow artistes, I'm not so much concerned about industry cred. I like to connect with them musically or on a human level. You could be the biggest artiste in the world or an unknown rookie, I'll work with you if we align. I'm really more about making real music than chasing hits.

Balancing out your roles as family man, hit maker and man of the people sure doesn't seem like an easy feat. How have you managed to pull through?

"I believe everything just falls in place when you're being your true self. I'm a big family man, I love music and I love making people happy. I love to see my close ones happy around me so what I do is just try my best to simply stay grounded. I try not to get caught up. I try not as much as possible to be a normal individual, because that's who we all are at the end of the day. That outlook is what helps to maintain balance in my life. My family comes first, always. Then my music, and my fans come right after that.

You always seem unfazed managing controversies. How easy is it to stay quiet and not explain yourself or tell your side of the story?

"It's very easy. Only a stupid man will go around trying to prove a point to the world and even at that, you'll find that you can't please everyone, that you cannot live off of people's opinions. I think once you understand yourself and your true essence, nothing..."
This Valentines Day, we may not be able to go out for dinners or any romantic outings. Dressing up may not even be an option, but one thing that always lifts a mood is fragrance. What better way to celebrate this getting yourself or loved one the best Valentines day perfumes.

**DITCH THE CHOCOLATES, SMELL SWEET**

Yum! We can taste these scents all ready! Sweet fragrances aren’t for everyone. Yet sometimes they can be overwhelming, but these might win you over. These scents are warm with a sweet and sensual aroma.

**BE THE BOUQUET OF ROSES**

Who would want to smell like a bucket of roses during Valentines? Despite what many might think, floral scents are bold. The captivating whiff of light notes blended with complementing base makes for feminine scents that leave a lasting impression.

**A WARM AND WOODSY AROMA**

Woodsy fragrances are ideal when looking for a signature scent. They’re balanced, warm, bold, and endearing. And yes, they will leave a trail as you frolic through the streets. Even if you plan on having a more lowkey Valentines Day, these scents will carry through your home to set the perfect mood.

**SO FRESH AND SO CLEAN!**

When we say fresh, we mean crisp and cleanscented. Yes, the ones that make you say, ‘Ahh’ as you feel instantly refreshed. Think cotton, clean linen, rainy days... If you are shopping for someone who isn’t really into perfume but still wants to join in on the fun or have a light signature scent, these are your holy grail.
1934, the Alma bag was named after the Alma Bridge, which connects the bag and an essential travel icon. It's incredibly spacious, made with the brand's iconic protective studs, and rolled leather handles. As of late 1930, the Alma bag was released in limited quantities and became a status symbol for those who could afford it. The BB, Compact, and mini Capucines are all popular among the world's wealthy and fashionable. The Alma bag is a wardrobe staple for any woman who wants to be seen as a fashion icon.

Of course, a classic Louis Vuitton bag is a wardrobe staple that's immune to popular trends. Its timeless design makes it a must-have for any woman who wants to make a statement. The BB, Compact, and mini Capucines are all popular among the world's wealthy and fashionable. The Alma bag is a wardrobe staple for any woman who wants to be seen as a fashion icon.

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Celebrating An Amazon!

**With** a touch of all-time style and practicality, the Alma bag is just for a limited time than we would have been back commuting over small hills and dealing with the various events causing traffic every weekend. That was simply too much to ask. Love won't wait so weddings must be held and our dearly departed must be buried but do we really need the customary crowds at a perilous time like this? My heart breaks for those who have passed on, especially recently in the second wave. COVID was no longer a mystery. We knew its devastating capabilities. With more people dying, it was no more a violation than wearing a seat belt in a car or on a plane. Those who could have acted by inaction simply staying at home refused to see the virus waxed stronger. It's simply not wise to do what's right. It often costs us but it's always worthwhile. I need to be able to say I did my best in any situation. The outcome is out of my control but my effort is not. I can say that I didn't contribute to the needless panic of tragic losses by failing to stay at home and save lives. Those who die of COVID-19 are often said to have had comorbidities so here's another one, inability to risk offending those who hold dear. Wanting to please, honour or support others by attending their high risk function has landed these kinds, well-meaning souls in the hospital or in the grave. It's worth any expense to cancel any planned events or not plan at all for now. If the quest list can't be whittled down to the most essential to save the lives of those we love when we know how many people simply can't refuse us. Generally speaking of course, I have no problem saying no.}

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"Make the most of your life because the days are evil!" is a familiar exhortation that takes on a different meaning for me in the COVID era. Hurrying and toiling all comes to naught under a pall of a deadly pandemic. If you're not one of the 132,000 cases in Nigeria then you're at least one of those sending or sadly, receiving condolences. 2020 threw into stark relief the fragility of human lives and the structures we've built all our lives upon. Most of the possessions we strove to acquire are gathering dust as are most of our plans. These are grim times but I've found a deeper sense of gratitude and a greater urge to embrace this precious life. My one priority is raising my children and any activity, skill or attitude that supports that. All else is superfluous and doesn't interest me in the slightest. That has changed. I'm now happy to spend time with rather than always feeling like I must invest it. Fruitless fun pursuits are a novel indulgence. I'm one of those who skips huge cultural events like Game Of Thrones. I never watched an episode but now I've finally gotten into Netflix. The idea of falling down a rabbit hole and binge-watching TV for hours was horrific but now I see the appeal. Shoe entertainment is a valid use of time and in need of itself. I'm now quite happy with pursuits whose sole aim is pleasant, not edifying, not soul-affirming, not lucrative, just fun. Even those with the strictest diets now open a box of chocolates and scoff the lot. Why ever not?

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JEWELRY

Fine jewelry is full of intrinsic and sentimental value – it lasts forever, can be dressed up or down and creates fond memories. Here are the five jewelry investment staples.

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A CHAIN NECKLACE
The simple beauty of a gold chain means the chain necklace is here to stay. There are more casual than ever before and we’re more casual than ever before. Layer or single it off as you wish.

A DIAMOND BRACELET
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A COCKTAIL RING

Splendid for the catching light, the brilliant cut, this gemstone ring is a show-stopper. The round or oval shapes are a favorite among people who like to make a statement.

HOOP EARRINGS
Keep earrings a staple item on your jewelry shelf. They are versatile and can be dressed up or down depending on the occasion.

A CLASSIC WATCH
Round dial is universally flattering, adding grace to any outfit. Watches are a timeless accessory that add style and sophistication to your outfit.

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BELL-BOTTOMS
The bell-bottom was a defining look for the 1970s. It was a style inspired by the counterculture movement of the 1960s and early 1970s. The bell-bottoms were a symbol of rebellion and freedom, and they quickly became popular among young people around the world.

LEATHER JACKET
In the late 1970s and early 1980s, the leather jacket became a symbol of rebellion and non-conformity. It was worn by icons such as David Bowie, Freddie Mercury, and many others. The leather jacket became a staple item in the wardrobe of many fashion-conscious people.

SHOULDER PADS
The shoulder pads were a defining feature of the late 1980s and early 1990s. They were worn by many famous individuals, including Michelle Pfeiffer and Jennifer Lopez.

BABYDOLL DRESS
The babydoll dress became popular in the late 1980s. It was a dress style that was characterized by its loose fit and short hemline. The babydoll dress was often made of silk or chiffon and was worn by many famous individuals.

PLATFORM HEELS
The platform heel was a defining shoe trend of the 1990s. It was a style that was characterized by its thick sole and high heel. The platform heel was often worn with oversized jackets and baggy jeans, creating a unique and edgy look.

TINY SUNGLASSES
The tiny sunglasses trend of the late 1980s and early 1990s was a style that was characterized by its small size and oversized frames. The tiny sunglasses trend was often worn by many famous individuals, including Madonna and Britney Spears.
BEST FACE FORWARD

Putting Your

You are what you eat.
Your diet plays a major role in determining how you look. You should look after your diet and incorporate foods that are rich in antioxidants such as berries, nuts, fish, and tomatoes. Often, foods that are rich in vitamins and minerals help enhance your skin’s vitality, reduce redness and inflammation. A proper diet will boost your health and make your skin glow.

You are what you wear.

Your skincare routine may be saintly, your hair regime heroic, but we all tend to have (at least one) bad beauty habit. Here’s how to undo it...

DEAL WITH EXCESS BODY FAT
Accumulated body fat will affect your beauty in one way or the other. If you are a woman, chances are cellulite is probably making your head spin. Try to exercise and eat well as it would make a huge 

INVEST IN SKIN CARE
Your skin plays a major role in determining how it looks to your overall appearance. Wearing the latest fashion trends without taking care of your skin is as pointless. There are various beauty products available in the market that deal with various ailments and skin-related 

USE THE RIGHT BEAUTY TOOLS
When applying your makeup, always make sure you are using the right brushes. Invest in a set of good, quality brushes that will last you a long time. It is as important as having the right makeup 

ALWAYS MOISTURIZE YOUR SKIN
It doesn’t matter whether you have oily, dry or normal skin, moisturizing is a must. Pick the right moisturizer depending on your skin type and make it a part of your beauty routine.

PUTTING OFF GEL POLISH

Once the first chip appears, it takes unwavering determination to resist peeling away an entire gel manicure, but there’s a reason salons offer a removal service. Peeling or ripping your gels off takes layers of your nail bed with it. Do this regularly and you’ll be left with paper-thin nails.

Break the habit

Once you notice the first chip, buff down the chip with a block buffer to stop it catching, before covering the entire nail and free-edge with a clear top coat to reseal it until you’re able to get to the salon.

SQUEEZING SPOTS

As any Dr Pimple Popper fan can attest, there’s something satisfying about squeezing spots, but this is one fetish to shake off immediately. Most people do it out of curiosity, which can lead to further issues. If you notice you’re doing it more than once or twice a week, you might have a problem.

Break the habit

When squeezing your spots, always make sure you are using the right spot-removing tool; they require a significant amount of pressure which can cause further trauma to the skin. Either you see a professional to purge your blackheads or otherwise, dab an anti-acne gel on the spot overnight and it will suck the life out of it, so you don’t have to.

SLEEPING IN MAKEUP

After a long day, it’s difficult to resist the call of the duvet, but sleeping in make-up is a sure-fire way to harm skin, even if it’s only a one-off. Make-up can be comedogenic, sebum and dirt that builds up on the skin throughout the day. That dirt transfers on to your pillow, which you toss and turn around on all night, irritating the skin and causing breakouts.

Break the habit

Take off your make-up the moment you get home.

PUT ON SUNSCREEN

It doesn’t matter whether it’s a sunny or cloudy day, always wear sunscreen!

USE SUNSCREEN ALWAYS

According to the Cosmetic, Toiletry, and Fragrance Association, SPF is part of the holy trifecta of anti-ageing, as it limits UV radiation damage, which can cause collagen breakdown, poor skin texture, pigmentation changes and skin cancer. We know it’s a non-negotiable, so why does that sun cream feel like too much of a chore?

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That the chalky formulas of yesteryear have given SPF a bad rep. Instead, try one which goes on 

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