

TV'S LOST TREASURES

Reporters' war-damaged jeep door

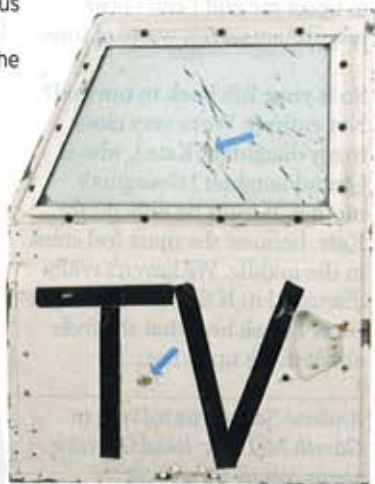
BBC foreign correspondents get training ahead of being sent into danger zones. They pick up their flak jackets at the BBC safety store, where this ominous, war-damaged jeep door awaits them. BBC Africa correspondent **Andrew Harding** (right) explains how it got that way...



"I was in Chechnya in 1995, during the worst months of the worst conflict I've ever seen. We drove into Grozny from Dagestan every day and saw the city pounded. It was like Stalingrad – a city reduced to rubble. I was with Jeremy Bowen, Angus Roxburgh, Malcolm Brabant and some others. The drive in was terrifying. In the hills overlooking Grozny, the Russian military patrolled everywhere. All the bridges were down, so we had to go around them.

"The jeep was cluster-bombed in Minutka Square – we heard a screaming jet, then an explosion, which released into the air 100 small bomblets with thousands of razor-sharp arrows inside. The radiator was hit and our driver took us out so fast, we were cornering on two wheels. It was easily the scariest moment of my life."

Interview by **Laura Dixon**



How to... dress in a recession

Make sure each item in your wardrobe earns its place, says style guru **Gok Wan**

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CREATE A CAPSULE WARDROBE

"We've developed a new concept this series whereby every woman needs to have a minimum of 24 pieces in her wardrobe. This wardrobe has around ten or 11 interchangeable outfits in it, and what's in it really depends on the woman – you have to suck it and see. But each one does have a statement handbag."

FASHION ISN'T JUST FOR THE YOUNG

"Celebrate your age! You have the wisdom and licence to be creative. Just because you're over 40, it doesn't mean you have to shop in Kaliko. You have as much right to shop in Topshop as anyone else – I love what they're producing at the moment. Mango is good too, and Zara is one of my favourites for classics and good tailoring.

"When you buy something, make sure it works with at least three other items."

CHECK THOSE HEMS!

"If you're buying a plain white shirt, it needs to be stiff cotton. If you're buying chiffon, make sure the edge is hemmed and sewn properly. The same goes for satin. They're both light and can fall apart.

"Care is really important, too. Treat the product well. Dry clean it if you need to, hang it up, don't stuff it in your bag, and use a good detergent."

HOW TO GET THIS SEASON'S LOOK

"Clean lines are important. Look for a really strong cut, a fitted jacket that shows off your silhouette. Boxy doesn't work. Check that it's lined and hemmed, that it doesn't gather around the shoulder pads when it's hung up and that it's well made.

"Prints work well as a way of showing off your personality – floral is *always* in, and nautical is too." *Gok Wan was talking to Laura Dixon*



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Vera Duckworth's earrings

Supersized earrings, worn by the likes of Michelle Obama, Kate Winslet and, er, Vera Duckworth (right), are so much in vogue that doctors have issued warnings about the damage they can do to your lobes. Not that it would have stopped our favourite *Coronation Street* dame, may she rest in peace.



These rainbow-coloured wonders (in storage at Granada) are as bold and brash as her personality. They tell us all we needed to know from just looking at her; as Mike Baldwin once commented, "That Vera Duckworth's about as subtle as a pick-axe handle".

But it's not just Vera: Jack seemed to have a fascination for them too, pursuing the Street's other shoulder-duster-wearer Bet Lynch for a time. Perhaps he watched them for too long and became hypnotised? **Laura Dixon**

