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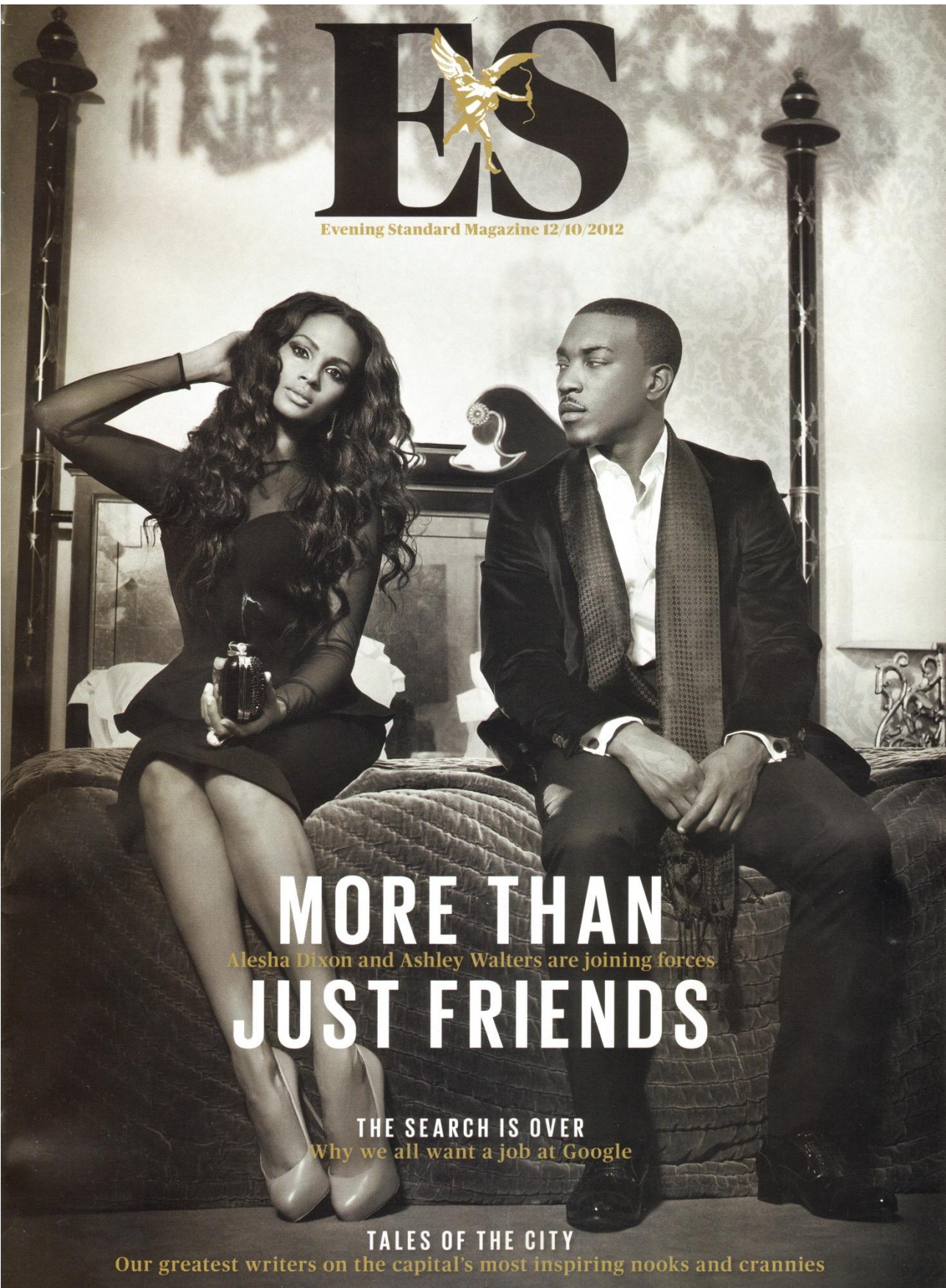
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DESIGNS FOR LIFE

Sam Pratt and Valerio Capo, the couple behind the Fumi contemporary design gallery, in their Hoxton kitchen



Above: Sam Pratt (left) and Valerio Capo

We used to live just off Baker Street but would come to Hoxton Square for the culture and galleries and saw the 'For Sale' sign being put up for this flat while we were having a drink around the corner. A

few days later we put in an offer. It used to be the gymnasium of a Victorian school building and we still get cabbies dropping off the occasional old student. The space doubles as a gallery and home, but the kitchen is the social hub where everyone

Photographs by Ben Anders

Right Console and Murano glass and gold fruit basket by Manuela Verga and Paolo Boatti

Below Hand-painted saucers from Puerto Escondido, Mexico

Bottom Wood and painted iron herb stand



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congregates. We both cook well but Valerio is the more adventurous. He loves using the cookbooks, especially *The Food of Spain & Portugal* by Elizabeth Luard ❶. This Max Lamb chair ❷ is a conversation piece because it's so sculptural and bright. We want all our pieces, regardless of how expensive they are, to be used and appreciated – there's no point in having something wonderful and putting it in a cupboard. This ceramic ❸, which we've nicknamed Lucy Liu, has pride of place in the apartment. It's slightly over the top but we think the profile of her lips is funny. We bought these coffee cups ❹ from an artist's workshop in Mexico and use them daily – Valerio is Italian and addicted to coffee. We also love fashion and these limited-edition ornaments by Visionaire ❺ are brilliant miniatures of Karl Lagerfeld, Marc Jacobs and other designers. Having just one or two would be too cutesy – we keep them all together so they move in a pack. Gallery FUMI will be at PAD London until Sunday (pad-fairs.com)



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CHAIR > Vitra Panton classic chair, £883, at aram.co.uk



LIGHT > Habitat photographic pendant light, £160 (habitat.co.uk)



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