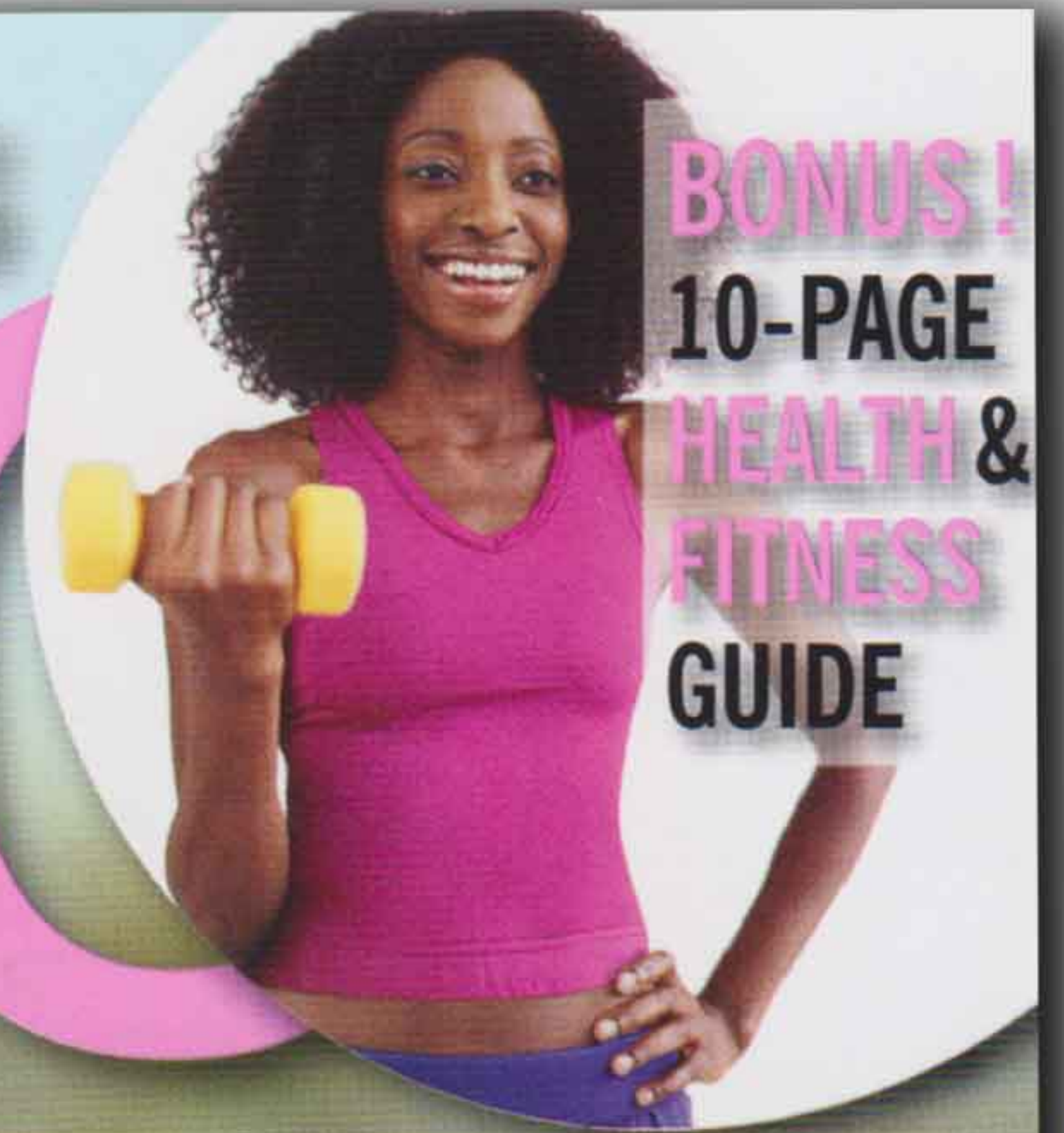


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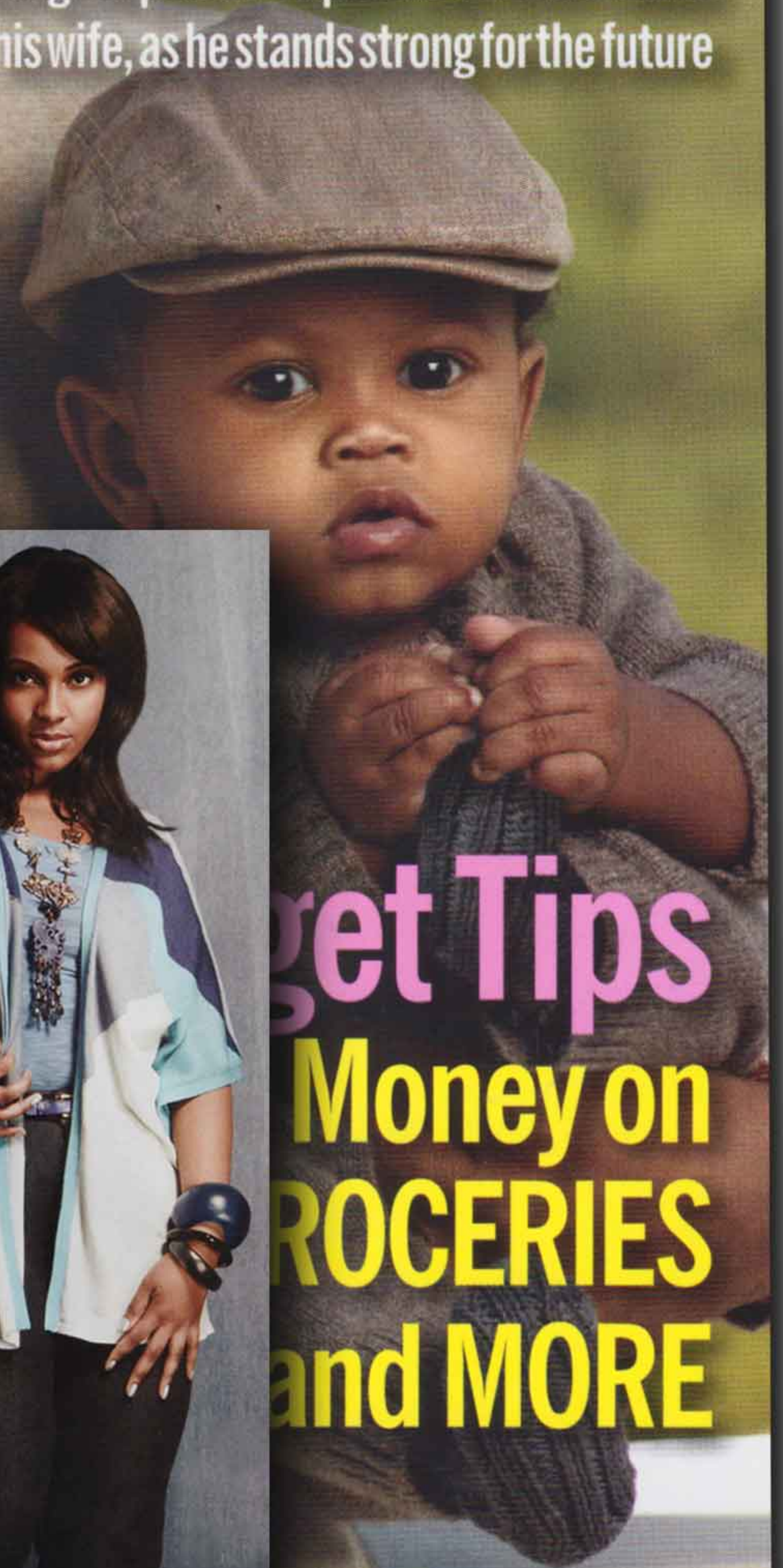
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### THICK THIGHS

**DENIM WARRIOR:** Danielle Jackson  
AGE: 23  
PROFESSION: Student

**DECLARATION:** "It can be difficult to find a size 14 that fits me properly. I often have to buy a size bigger to accommodate my thighs."

**REVELATION:** "I can now enjoy all sorts of styles and have no problem rocking a trend that I love because of my size."

**ON DANIELLE:** PZI Jeans, \$79, pzijeans.com. Emilio Pucci sweater, price upon request, emiliopucci.com for stores. DKNY Jeans top, \$29, Macy's stores nationwide. Stephen Dweck necklace, \$1,630, Bergdorf Goodman, New York City, 212-872-8651. B-low The Belt belt, \$85, 310-839-6690 for more information. Dinosaur Designs bangles, \$70-\$140 each, Dinosaur Designs, New York City, 212-680-3523. Cesare Paciotti sandals, \$815, Cesare Paciotti boutique, New York City, 212-452-1222. □



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