

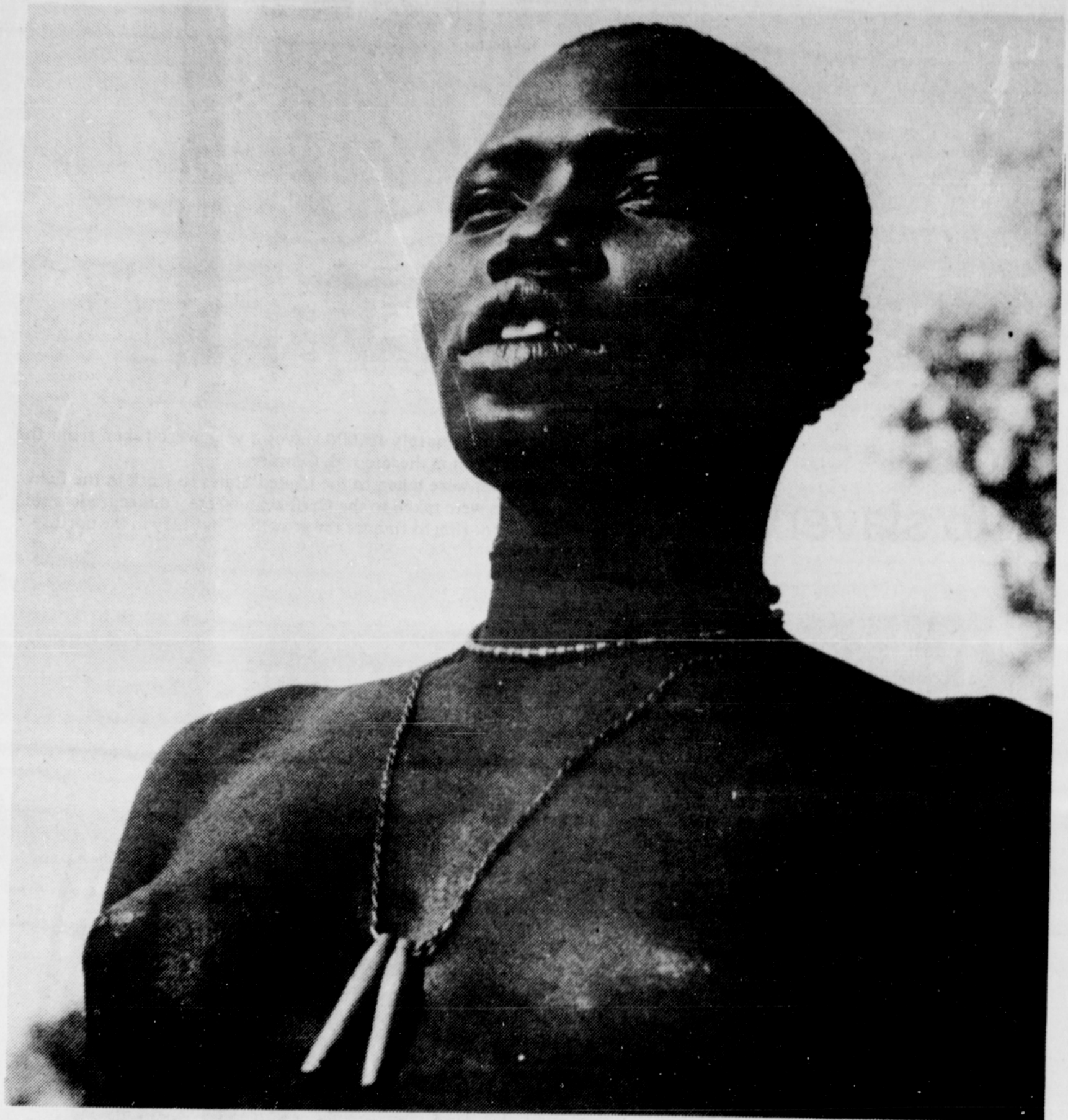
I was there when the Angel drove out the Ancestor I was there when the waters consumed the mountains

—Bernard Dadie

i was born in the congo
I walked to the fertile crescent and built
the sphinx
I designed a pyramid so tough that a star
that only glows every one hundred years
Falls into the center giving divine light.
I am bad

I sat on the throne
drinking nectar with allah
I got hot and sent an ice age to europe
to cool my thirst
My oldest daughter is nefertiti
the tears from my birth pains
created the nile
I am a beautiful woman

— Nikki Giovanni



Richard Allen

Within eleven years after the Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence were signed, Richard Allen and other free Blacks in Philadelphia realized that the terms "created equal" and "inalienable rights" did not apply. When Blacks were pulled from their knees while praying in a white Methodist church in November of 1787, they walked out and formed the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

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