

FIG. 1. & 2. — ADVERTISEMENT OF THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN OF THE SPANISH SUBSIDIARY OF THE MULTINATIONAL COCA-COLA'S CORPORATION



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FIG. 3. — SHOP-KEEPER COFFIN. PITT RIVER MUSEUM, OXFORD 2010



Courtesy Eric Adjetej Anang.

FIG. 4. — HAMMER SHAPED COFFIN.
ERIC ADJETEY ANANG'S WORKSHOP (ACCRA, GHANA) 2009



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FIG. 5. — FISH COFFIN.
ERIC ADJETEY ANANG'S WORKSHOP. TESHIE (ACCRA, GHANA) 2009



FIG. 6. — FISH COFFIN. NOVOSIBIRSK (RUSSIA) 2011



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FIG. 6A. — FISH COFFIN. NOVOSIBIRSK (RUSSIA) 2011



FIG. 7. — eBAY. THE WORLD'S ONLINE MARKETPLACE

The screenshot shows an eBay product page. At the top, there's the eBay logo and search bar. The listing title is "Airstream Trailer Fantasy Coffin from Ghana by Nii Anum - Africa Primitive". The price is listed as "US \$3,000.00". There are buttons for "Buy It Now", "Add to cart", "Add to watch list", and "Add to collection". The seller's name is "Nii Anum" with a "100% positive feedback" rating. Shipping information indicates it may not ship to Italy. The listing includes a "Description" tab and a "Shipping and payments" tab. Below the description, there's a table of item specifics and a detailed paragraph about the item's history and cultural significance.

Original/Reproduction:	Original	Size Type/Largest Dimension:	Large (Greater than 30")
Listed By:	Dealer	Region of Origin:	Africa
Signed?:	Signed	Date of Creation:	1990-1999
Material:	Wood	Style:	Naive, Primitive

Airstream Trailer Fantasy Coffin from Ghana by Nii Anum

This is a full size coffin carved in wood and painted by Anum with a fabric resting liner inside. Made in Ghana where this tradition began. Made in 1995 by the Kane Kwei disciple Nii Anum. It's in excellent condition. Dimensions: 90" x 28" x 40" inches.

In Ghana, funerals are both important ritual and decadent affair. Children of the deceased are assigned new parents, and mourners spend days in heartfelt conversation with their lost loved ones. Women give the body a ritual bath and set out objects the person will need in the afterlife - a spoon for tea, a clean T-shirt, and perhaps a comb. Money, wrapped in a cloth, is waved over the face of the deceased so they will know how much friends and family have donated toward the cost of the funeral.

Kane Kwei was born in Teshie in the 1920s and began as a carpenter, making not only furniture but also coffins. A man named Ata Owusu made coffins for tribal chiefs. One of Ata Owusu's most talented young apprentices was Kane Kwei, who was powerfully inspired by the chief's cocoa-pod coffin. When Kane's grandmother died in 1951, he built a coffin just for her - shaped like an airplane. People loved that strange coffin so much that Kane Kwei understood that he'd found his true calling. He opened his own shop and started making custom coffins symbolic of the deceased's status and worldly occupation: boats for fleet owners; fish or crabs or lobsters for fishermen; cows and bulls for breeders; lions and leopards for hunters; cocoa pods, peppers, green onions or corn cobs for farmers. Nii Anum was one of his apprentices and now has his own studio.

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<<http://www.ebay.com/itm/Airstream-Trailer-Fantasy-Coffin-from-Ghana-by-Nii-Anum-Africa-Primitive-/110393350066>>.

FIG. 8. — ERIC ADJETEY ANANG'S WORKSHOP.
ACCRA GHANA. TESHIE (ACCRA, GHANA) 2010



FIG. 9. — VODKA-BOTTLE COFFIN. NOVOSIBIRSK (RUSSIA) 2011



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