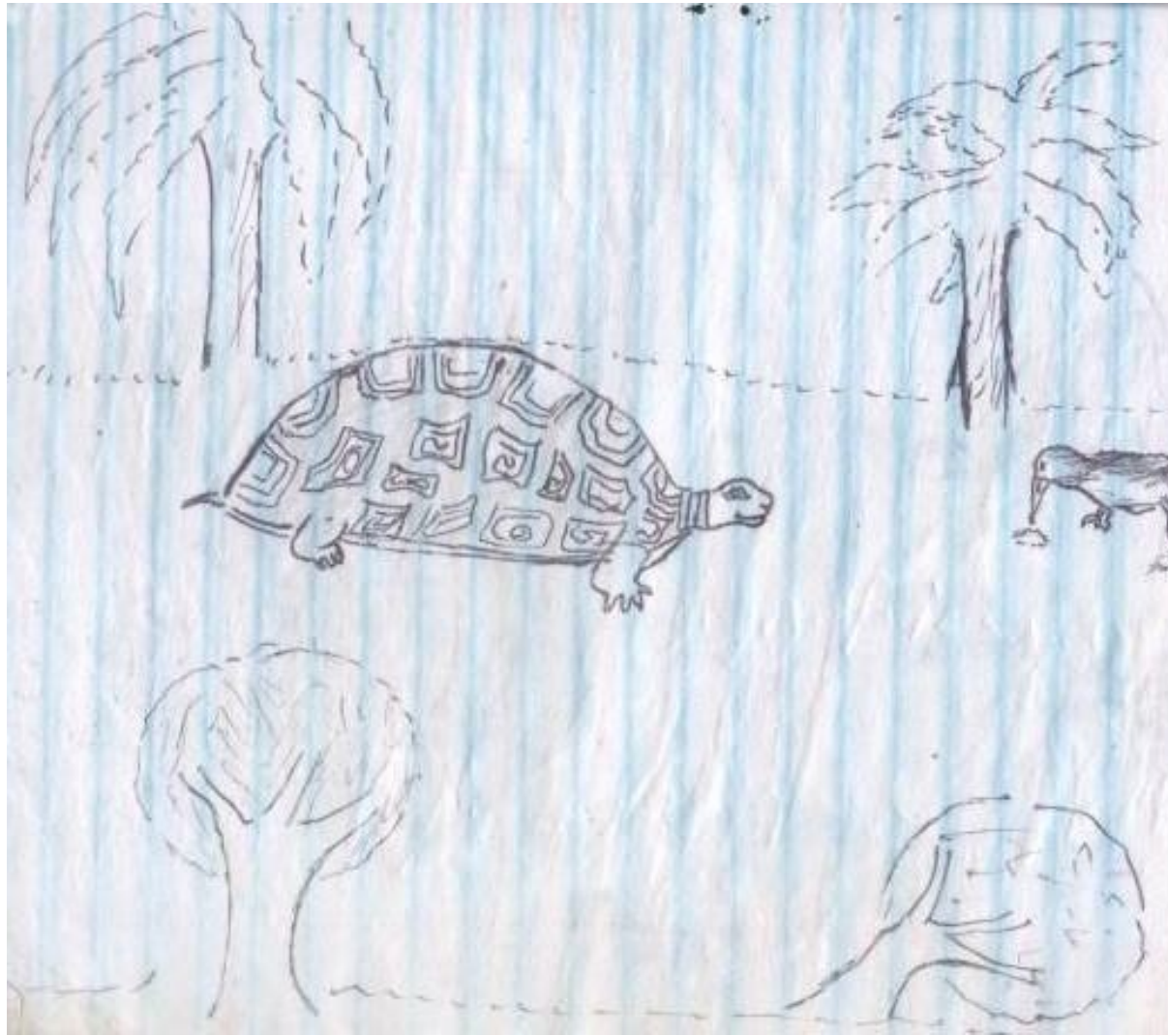


ILLUSTRATIONS OF SIGNIFICANCE

THE TORTOISE AND THE LITTLE BIRD WITH OTHER STORIES



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**INTRODUCTION**

This book has been published or conceived to meet a new challenge.

It tells about a friend being greedy to his fellow friend, and also how the **Tortoise saw a little** bird that gave him food.

The bird was called "**ORYUPUMPUM**" Meaning (Continuous Defecating of food).

And also how the Tortoise saw another little bird that gave him the beaten of his life, that bird was called "**OKUGPA GPA**" Meaning (Always flogging).

And also a story of a woman and a python, you can see the story in this book you're about to read. Also you will read of a boy called "**Nwa ekpa**" Meaning (a child born with a bag on his stomach).

So finally you'll hear a story on how the Eagle defeated The Tortoise, After the Tortoise killed his sister "**ARIBO**" and other significant stories.

#### **DEDICATION**

This book is dedicated to God Almighty  
And it's a lesson to humanity.  
I pray you read this book and understand.  
God bless you all in Jesus name; Amen.

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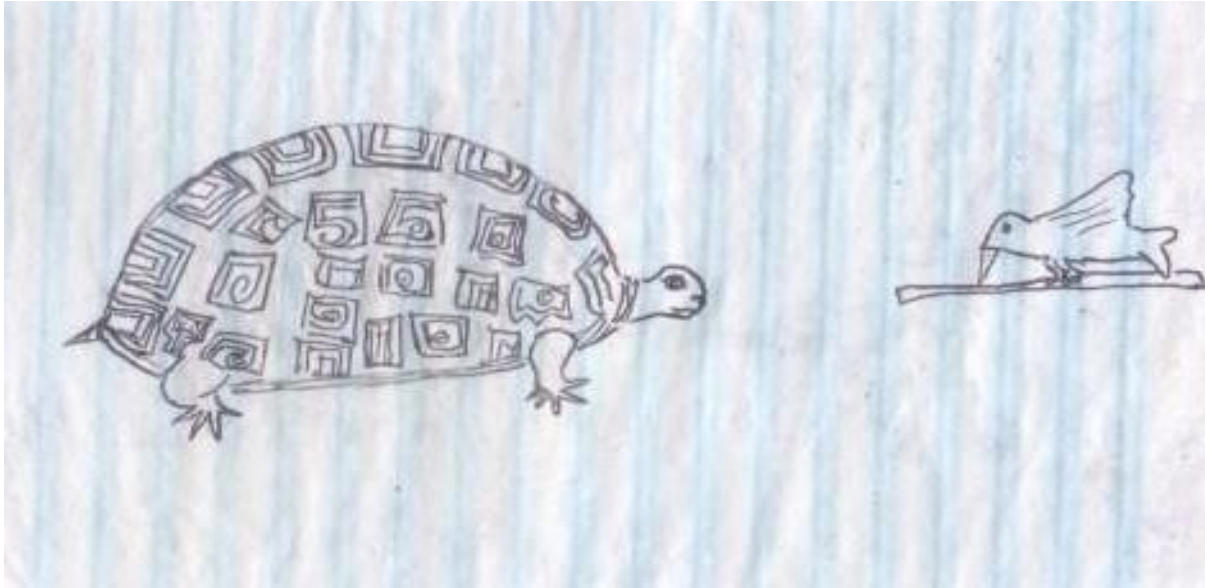
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## PART ONE

### THE FAMINE AND GREEDINESS

#### A

### THE TORTOISE AND THE LITTLE BIRD



Once upon a time in the land of the animals and birds, there was famine, and they were dying of hunger and starvation.

The tortoise went to the farm to cultivate his land, although they were dying because there was lack of nutrients in the soil.

The tortoise not minding, but was trying to make the crops give better yield. As he was farming, he saw a little bird and asked the little bird, what is your name? the little bird answered, I am **"ORYUPUM PUM"** Meaning (continuous defecating of food).

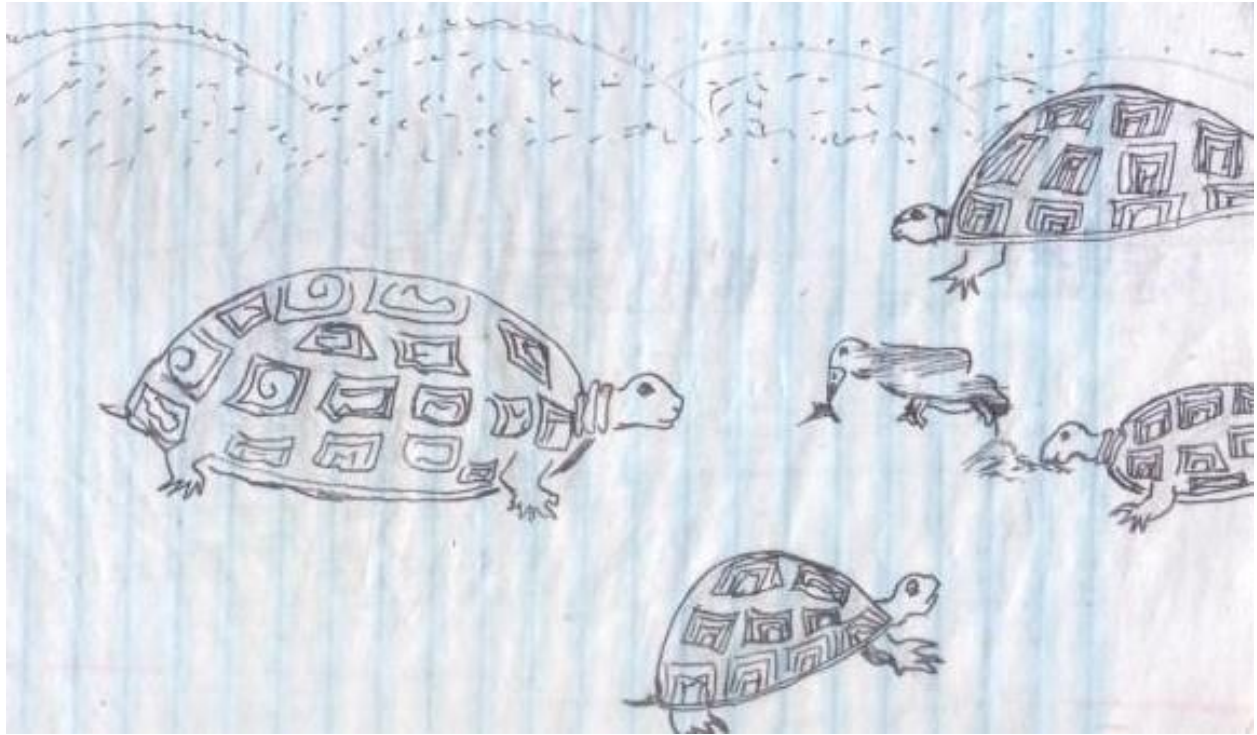
And so the tortoise said to the little bird prove it.

The bird started to defecate a lot of food, and the tortoise ate to his satisfaction, that he later told the bird to stop defecating the food.

After then the tortoise took the bird home and called all his family members and other Animals, they came, ate and were satisfied; they were happy, and all went home rejoicing for what the tortoise had done.



Because of how happy the tortoise was he kept the bird in an open place.



But when his children were hungry, they forgot to ask the bird to provide food for them as usual.

Instead they killed the bird and ate it.

When the tortoise came back from where he has gone, he sang for the bird to defecate food for him to eat, because he was hungry and tired, but he heard no voice.

There was silence, that made him to go to where he kept the bird, but to his surprise, he can't see the bird again. He went to the kitchen and saw his children eating.

He asked them; what they were eating but they did as if they didn't hear. Then the tortoise was angry and demanded for an answer from his children, but they were afraid and told him what they have done.

The tortoise was very angry that he flogged his children very well with his cane, and he went back to the farm again hoping to find another bird like the one his sons killed.

On reaching the farm, he saw a little beautiful bird, and he asked the bird in his usual manner; what is your name? The Bird told him that his name is "ORKUGPA GPA" meaning (always flogging) and the tortoise asked him to prove it.



The bird started to flog the tortoise and the tortoise asked the bird to stop, but the bird was still flogging him, then the tortoise said continue and the bird stopped.

He wiped off his tears and took the bird to his community, he told them how to talk to the bird, but took his wife and children to hide themselves.

The people were anxious and hungry, they followed the instructions and the bird started flogging them.



They were crying and begging the bird to stop, but the bird was still flogging them. And all of them were weak and began to die, one by one until all of them died, because of the pains they felt from the punishment of the bird.



The Tortoise came back from where he was hiding with his family and they were the only ones remaining in the community.

They later killed the bird and ate it, there was no longer famine in the land; the tortoise and his family multiplied all over the community.

## B

### The Greedy Friend

Once upon a time, there were two friends, one was called "Elvis" and the other one was called "Kelvin".

Elvis is always good to his friend Kelvin, but Kelvin being always stingy and greedy claims to have nothing at all.

Whenever Elvis has money or anything that is good to him, he would always bring it so that both of them will make use of it together.

One day Elvis's Mother was sick, so Elvis tried to get the hospital bill, because he had already taken her to the hospital.

The hospital bills were ₦5,000.00 (five thousand naira). Elvis went to his friend Kelvin, hoping to loan money, Kelvin being so greedy and stingy told Elvis that he had no money.

Elvis explained the situation, but Kelvin refused helping him out.



That same day Elvis's mother died and he didn't know how to bury her, because he had no money.

With the little he had, he bought some items like: tomatoes, pepper, oil, salt, onion and other things and took his mother to the market and placed her on a sit, after arranging those items

And it was like she is selling it, and he went and hid himself somewhere around there, luckily a very wealthy man came to buy some items and saw the woman sitting.

He asked her to sell to him, tomatoes and pepper, but the woman was just looking at him, he noticed there was no reply, he touched her, she fell on the floor and Elvis came and started shouting; you have killed my mother, the rich man being very good brought money and they both buried her and he made Elvis rich.

Elvis went to his old time friend Kelvin, but when Kelvin saw that he was richer than him, he asked Elvis of how he got his wealth?

Elvis remembered what Kelvin did to him, when his mother was at the point of death until she died, told kelvin that he killed his mother, and took her to the market for hawking.

And people rushed and bought all her parts, and suddenly with the money realized I became rich he said.

After their discussion the next day Kelvin went to the village with gifts and presents for his mother, as his mother was looking at the clothes, shoes and other things that is contained in the gifts and presents. Kelvin went to the kitchen to get a mortar pistol, so as to use it to kill his mother. After this operation he put her inside a basin and carried her to the market, and started hawking; "buy human parts for your enjoyments" Everyday he goes to the market, people always run, and his mother's dead corpse was already decaying in the basin; he later went and buried her.

When Kelvin saw Elvis, he told him that the plan did not succeed, that whenever he starts hawking "buy human parts" everybody would start running. And Elvis said that it was the same method he used before he became rich, Kelvin being so angry ordered his body guards to put Elvis inside a coffin and throw him inside the sea.

Inside the coffin, Elvis was shouting "I don't want to be a king, you people are forcing me to be a king" I won't be a king.

Fortunately for him the guards stopped and went back to bring something they forgot. Elvis was still shouting that he don't want to be a king. Then a man heard him and brought key to open the coffin, which made it possible for Elvis to come out. Elvis closed the Coffin thanked the man and ran away, when the guards came back, they thought it was Elvis that is still inside the coffin, they threw him inside the sea, 2 weeks later he came to Kelvin.

Kelvin was afraid and wanted to run and Elvis told Kelvin that, when he was thrown to the sea, they made him king. And now he has a lot of money more than before.

Kelvin out of greed instructed his guards to throw him in the sea that led to his death and Elvis was arrested and charged to court, but after explaining himself, backed up with testimonies from Kelvin's guards, he won the case and went home.

## **PART TWO**

### **ENVIES & VENGEANCE**

C

**The Boy with a Bag on His Stomach**



Once upon a time, there lived a king called **“Eze Omeni Oha 1 of Iyasara,”** he had two wives, the first wife was named **“ORIDI”** meaning husband’s best, while the second wife is **“ANASI”** meaning next to her husband’s heart.

Both of them had a son each, the first son is **“Omekanaya”** meaning a child that acts like his father, while the other son is **“Nwaeze”** meaning the son of a king.

The first wife’s son was delivered with a bag on his stomach, and such a person is called **“Nwa-ekpa”** and that was Omekanaya.

One day as Omekanaya was going to the market he saw a very handsome man that called him by his name, charmed him and told him to come, he followed him, on their way they saw a big ocean and the man vanished and appeared across the ocean.

The boy looked into his bag and brought out a magic rope which he threw across the ocean and crossed. They continued their journey until they saw a pit filled with snakes. The man crossed the pit with his vanishing powers. The boy tried his ropes but it failed him, so he brought out an egg and threw it into the

pit and he was able to cross. As they were going they saw a shrine, the man vanished and appeared with a goat which was sacrificed to appease the gods. And they passed through, getting to the man's hut, he showed the boy his room, and entertained him.

His family were worried and sent a search party but to no avail. When it was midnight the man tried to kill the boy, after countless stabs with his knife, to his amazement when he opened the bed spread it was a big trunk of plantain, Omekanaya has escaped.

He first ran to the man's store room, took a cow, goat, hen eggs, clothes, shoes, and some other valuables and put in his magical pocket that can contain many things and fled.

As he got to the shrine he sacrificed the goat he took, it was then he realized that the man was a spirit and wanted to use him as sacrifice.

The man appeared with other deadly spirits and they chased after Omekanaya, they couldn't hold him because he had magical powers and was too fast the gods were with him.

When he got home he told his parents all that has happened and showed them the things he brought back, which made them so happy, his dad, The King was so proud of him. But the king's second wife was angry and jealous, and stitched a very big bag to her son's stomach and sent him on the same journey Omekanaya came back from.

Nwaeze obeyed his mum, went to the market and same strange man took him. He couldn't cross the ocean and the pit, he was just crying, it was the man that crossed him. Reaching the man's hut, the boy ate to his satisfaction.



At night the boy fell asleep, not remembering the task his mother gave him, Omekanaya had a night mare about his brother that he was about to die, he woke up with his magical powers and speed, he got there on time and put his younger brother inside his pocket while he was still asleep, took all valuables from the man's store and fled. When the man noticed what happened it was late.

They arrived home safely and the king's second wife begged for forgiveness, for her selfish actions. The king forgave her, there was peace and everyone was happy again in the community.



After the death of **“EZE OMENI OHA 1 OF IYASARA,”** Omekanaya became the next king of Iyasara Community. **“EZE OMENI OHA 2 OF IYASARA,”** got married and the community continued in peace and harmony, throughout his reign.

D

#### **The Tortoise and the Eagle**

Once upon a time in the animal kingdom, there lived a tortoise that was very clever; one day he asked his fellow animals to accompany him to his in-laws place. Only a female tortoise named “Aribo” accepted to go with him.

The tortoise took 7 stones and 3 spoons, while Aribo took 3 spoons and 2 stones. When they got to a point they decided to throw away their stones, when Aribo’s stones got finished the tortoise asked her to bring her spoons and they both threw their spoons away, but the tortoise hid one spoon, when they got to his in-laws place they welcomed and served them dinner, the tortoise told Aribo to go and wash her hands, which she did, when she came back the tortoise told her that there is sand in her hands, that she should go and wash it well, knowing too well that she will crawl on 4 legs, this she did twice, before she came back the tortoise had finished the food.

Then Aribo was so angry to the extent that she went to the tortoise in-laws to report the incident, the in-laws promised to give her some food, she told the tortoise in-laws that she would be on white gown when they come to deliver the food.

While the tortoise will be on black, Aribo slept off and the tortoise switched the clothes. When the food was served the tortoise ate it and they never knew it was him.

The tortoise rubbed oil on Aribo's mouth, when she woke in the morning; she asked the tortoise in-laws why they didn't wake her last night for the meal? They were surprised, they said we served you dinner and you ate to your satisfaction.

Aribo began to cry and left the tortoise at his in-laws place in anger, but Aribo died of hunger on her way home. The tortoise took her body and ate it. When Aribo's brother the eagle heard of the incident from a rodent, he became very furious and promised to avenge his sister death.

So he went to the tortoise and asked to join him on his next visit to his in-laws house, the tortoise agreed. 2 weeks later they embarked on the journey. When they got to a spot the tortoise with his cunning attitude told the eagle that they have to throw away their stones and spoons. The tortoise was holding 7 stones and 4 spoons, while the eagle had 14 stones and 8 spoons, the tortoise was unaware of this, he taught his stones and spoons is greater in number.

When they started throwing away their stones, the tortoise stone got finished, but the eagle's stones were still remaining. And they also threw away the spoons, the tortoise spoons got finished, but the eagle still had 4 spoons. At the in-laws place, they were served a bowl of rice, the eagle not minding about the tortoise, started eating with his spoon, while the tortoise went to wash his hands. When he came back the eagle told him that his hands were still dirty, that he should go back and wash his hands and he repeated the process three times, before he came back the third time the eagle has finished the food.

The tortoise was so hungry and he told his in-laws what has happened, and they promised him another dinner, and he told them that his dress code will be white, while the eagle will be on black.

The eagle heard the conversation, and while the tortoise slept off he took his white gown and wore him his own black and ate everything that was due the tortoise that night, and also rubbed oil on the tortoise lips. At the break of dawn, the tortoise went to his in-laws to ask why they failed to give him dinner. But his in-law asked him of the particles of food in his lips and the oil, so he told his in-laws that he knows nothing about it.

His in-laws later gave him meat, fish and other items that he went home with. The eagle flew and saw maggots on the ground and he told the maggots to walk round his body but not to enter inside his body and the maggots did according to his instruction.

When the tortoise came close to where the eagle was laying, thought the eagle was dead and he said "You wise bird, I will wash you with salt, cook and eat you and throw your bones to the dogs to eat."

The tortoise picked up the eagle, removed the maggots and put the eagle inside his bag. The eagle ate up everything in the bag. When the tortoise got home he called his wife and children to bring a big basin, when they brought it, he poured out the contents in the bag, and behold the eagle flew and only excretes was left in the basin.

The eagle landed on the head of tortoise's wife, as the tortoise was trying to kill the eagle with a cutlass he killed his wife, next was his son and his daughter, and he ended up killing his family.

Finally the eagle landed on the tortoise head and he killed himself on his quest to kill the eagle.

The Eagle became happy for avenging the death of his sister Aribo, whom the tortoise killed.

## E

### **The Python and the Woman**

Once upon a time, there lived a man called "Amadi," who had 2 wives, Utugpe and Egumma.

One day Utugpe went to the bush to fetch some fire wood, luckily she saw 8 eggs, she took it and went home.

She called her mate Eguma to come and take 4 of the eggs she brought, but her mate refused and decided to go look for her own eggs.

The next day Eguma went to the farm without informing anyone, she went to the farm in search of eggs.

She saw a heap of eggs and she took it all. When she got home, she went straight to the kitchen to cook the eggs for herself; she cooked the eggs for 2 hours to no avail, so she rubbed palm oil on the eggs and swallowed it. She was not only greedy but stupid.

Unknown to her that the eggs were python eggs and it was time to hash and the Python was searching for her eggs. The python could perceive her eggs from a distance, so it tracked down Eguma, tore her stomach and brought out her eggs, hashed them and they feasted on Eguma's corpse and left.

This story makes us to understand that Eguma died because of her greed, selfishness and hatred for Utugpe.

## **PART THREE**

### **Stories of Significance**

## F

## The Orphan Girl of Silver Spoon

Nkiru is a fine pretty girl, her parents were happy when she was born, because for 10 years they've waited for a baby.

The parents of Nkiru were God fearing and gave her a Christian home training, and also a quality education. But there was a problem, Nkiru had Asthma and an Un-known deadly disease, her parents tried preventing it, she was always with her inhaler and constantly took her pills to prevent a sudden death, and her parents were solemnly by her side.

At seventeen Nkiru graduated with a degree in Marine Engineering 1<sup>st</sup> Class, and since her family has already built an empire and they've come of age they mentored her for 6 months and made her The Managing Director (MD).

So one day during Christmas Nkiru's parents promised her a trip to New York, USA for the festive period, she was excited. But they travelled to Lagos Nigeria first to make preparations for their international flight, so they told their daughter that they would be back in 3 days' time.

Mr Ezenna and His wife Uremma, Nkiru's parents died in a domestic flight from Port Harcourt to Lagos Nigeria. When Nkiru heard the news of her parents death in a crash, it pained her that she can't even see their corpse to pay her last respect, since all passengers on board were burnt beyond recognition on ashes all over. Immediately she started crying, her extended family, friends, staff and church members came to console her.

Her Pastor told her to be strong; That God is a father to the fatherless and mother to the motherless. 3 weeks later her parents were buried, her uncles and family members wanted to claim what is rightfully hers since she was a girl child. But she told them that "She's too big a fish to be cut with a razor." Meaning that she's not willing to agree to their selfish and evil plan, she called her lawyer and her Dad's will was read before everyone that all his empire has been willed to his only daughter Nkiru Ezenna. Her wicked Uncles all left in shame.

5 Years later, Nkiru was 22 years old and had just finished celebrating her birthday, and her business empire had grown rapidly, Nkiru was generous, always helping the orphans, poor, needy, staffs and everyone around her. She sends relieve materials like; Food stuffs, Toiletries, and books to motherless Baby homes and orphanages monthly. Everyone in her city was grateful to her because of her good habits and humility. At age 22 she already had her PhD in Marine Engineering.

One day Nkiru was at the hospital after a brief illness, after series of tests, the Doctor opened up to her that she had stage 4 Cancer, that she has just 2 weeks to live. She started crying, the doctor consoled her and told her not to cry but to start preparing for her funeral, but after leaving the office she forgot her faith in God and never prayed, instead she went home locked herself in her room and wept for 2 days, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day she called all her staff and paid them huge amounts each, and set a standard should in case she's no more the next in line among the board members will take over the mantle of leadership, but she never disclosed her health challenges and her limited time to live.

The next day she called her driver ken to take her to the airport that she would be travelling to Australia to spend some time there.

After her driver left, she took a taxi to an unknown remote community. On reaching the village, she brought out the Ghana must go bag she bought, inside were some simple wears, and she disguised herself.

Walking in the streets of the village she saw a notice on a local restaurant with the caption "Sales girl wanted" she went in and applied and luckily she was accepted and she began her duties immediately. Knowing that she had but a week and 2 days to live, she never wanted to die in luxury.

Mr and Mrs Kunle, the owners of the business loved Nkiru's industrious nature, how she handled the dishes, cleaned the chairs and attitude to customers. But they told her that her salary will be #1,000 monthly, since it's still a growing business. She agreed, at 10pm when they closed, Nkiru had nowhere to go, so she pleaded to Mr & Mrs Kunle that she was an orphan, that she wouldn't mind doing house chores just for shelter, Mr & Mrs Kunle felt sympathy when they saw the tears in her eyes, and agreed to help her.

They took her home to their little hut, Okpeyemi and Eyawomi (A Boy & a Girl) were their kids, and they were both in secondary school. Everybody loved Nkiru, because she is humble and hardworking, she works at the restaurant, fetches fire wood with Eyaomi, cooks, ran errands and was loyal to everyone in her neighbourhood and she sings very well in their local church.

On the day Nkiru's Doctor has told her that she would die, she fell down while sweeping the shop and she was at the verge of dying. Mr Kunle said to his wife "If that we knew we wouldn't have employed a sick girl to work for us but all the same we will help her."

After some herbal consultations and medications, she recovered, thanked the family. The next day she sneaked to a nearby town, went to a hospital and ran series of test, the test results showed that she was no more asthmatics and no more symptom of any disease whatsoever.

Knowing she was totally free, Nkiru came back and thanked Mr & Mrs Kunle for saving her life, a month later she told them that she wants to go, they asked why & where? She said never mind, but I'm going to the city for a greener pasture, I will be back.

Nkiru got back to the city, met her doctor, who ran another test on her and confirmed that this must be a miracle, it's beyond his intellectuals. She told him how she was saved, went to her company and was well welcomed, and operations were going on smoothly, she got home, her domestic staff were happy to see her, she called her driver, gave him #500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Naira) to give to Mr & Mrs Kunle That owns a restaurant in Omagwa community. That he should convince him that the money is a grant from Angel Investors to growing business, to foster rapid economic growth and development. Which the driver did perfectly and Mr & Mrs Kunle were very happy and expanded their business and built a new apartment.

5 Months later, Mr & Mrs Kunle heard the villagers yelling "come and see oh," they came out of their shop and saw a convoy and construction workers too, because prior to Nkiru's arrival, on her orders, her company had started building roads in that community, schools, electricity and pipe borne waters. And the community thought it was the government that has remembered them.

Nkiru greeted the people of Omagwa Community and when she saw Okpeyemi and Eyawomi coming to embrace her she was very happy, and she turned and saw Mr & Mrs Kunle coming towards her direction she ran and hugged them. They went inside their shop and she told them her story and how she is eternally grateful to them for saving her life. That same day, She took Mr & Mrs Kunle and Family to the City, Showed them her empire, told them that they are now her adopted parents, gave them good jobs in her company, and opened a bigger version of their restaurant there in the city with well-equipped and competent staff, theirs is just to supervise.

Okpeyemi and Eyawomi wrote their WAEC (West African Examination Council) in the city and got admissions into the university; their parents attended adult education and also joined the university year later. Nkiru got married, moved to her husband's home and they lived happy ever after.

## G

### The Great Disguise

In the land of Igbudu, there lived a king named Eze Omeri-Ora1 1 of Igbudu Kingdom, he had a wife and a son, Queen Agnes and Prince Uchenna.

Years Later, Prince Uchenna wanted to get married, his Dad wanted to choose a wife for him, but he refused and told his dad that he would do it himself. On the fourth night he disguised himself, because previously he had been played and cheated upon by girls who were after his money and status and not love, so he embarked on a journey to an un-known village, where he built a yam barn, and a hut and started farming, and was simply known as Uchenna in that community.

One afternoon Uchenna saw a beautiful young maiden. Hello, he called, she heard and never answered, because she was on her way to the stream and it's running late.

Uchenna followed her to the stream, and when she was done getting the water into her pot, he offered to help, and she said "No thanks" and helped herself.

I'm Uchenna, what's your name? I'm Ulemma.

I would like to be your friend, he said.

But you don't even know me? She replied.

That doesn't matter, with time I will, replied Uchenna.

She looked at him, and said I'm late, we would talk later, and she left.

The following morning Uchenna rushed to the stream to wait for Ulemma, knowing that she normally comes to that stream to fetch water, not quite long, she came, she was shocked to see Uchenna that early morning, "Chimo(My God)" she shouted in amazement.

I'm sorry, I never meant to scare you, said uchenna.

I just came so I can see you again and get to know you.

So they talked at length.

Weeks later they were already in love.

Ulemma took Uchenna to her parents and he did the introduction according to their customs, as a sign of his marriage proposal. But his royal Identity was still hidden.

Ulemma now stays in Uchenna's hut, cooks and does other house chores, she was his heart desire.

A woman who loves him for who he is.

She was humble, loyal and a loving maiden. That knows when her man is hungry, happy, sad and in pains, and knows how to make him happy and comfort him. "A true friend they say is one who walks in, when the rest of the world walks out."



After the farming season, Ulemma returned home to help her parents, since she has not been fully married.

The next week Prince Uchenna, went to the Palace to break the news of his new found bride to his Father the King, His father was so happy and the next day they visited Ulemma's home.

When Ulemma's family saw Uchenna in his royal attire with his dad, his mum and kinsmen they were surprised. And he told them how happy he was to have found a virtuous woman in their family, and narrated why he had to disguise himself in search of a true love.

"Bia Lere oh" (Come and see oh), Ulemma's mum shouted, and the whole villagers gathered, and were all astonished to see that their most generous yam farmer is a Prince, they were all happy and that day Prince Uchenna got married to Ulemma.

Ulemma's family and village were elevated because of that connection.

The marriage was blessed with a son "Ugonna" and a daughter Nkechi. When the king died, Uchenna was crowned king, and Ulemma his Queen, and their kids were Prince and Princess and they lived happy ever after.

## H

### Blame it on me

Mrs Ali was an entrepreneur, after her husband's death, she was managing her husband's resources with her 4 kids; Ken, Steve, Tina and Tricia.

One evening when Mrs Ali was driving home from work, on her way, she saw a young man bleeding seriously, she thought of leaving him behind, but she couldn't, so she reversed her Jeep and stopped, took him to the hospital, and made sure they saved his life, took him home fed and sheltered him till he recovered.

When the young man recovered he asked her "Where am I?" she answered "In my House," I saw you bleeding yesterday and I saved your life.

Thanks ma, I'm grateful. The boy replied.

Who are you? Mrs Ali asked looking at the poor little boy.

I am Benneth Benito, he answered and slept off.

Some days later, Benneth was fully strong and was still under the woman's roof, since all her children are in hostel. One cool breezing morning Benneth woke up did all his chores and walked to the sitting room, looking at Mrs Ali, he said thanks ma for all your love, care, clothing, and shelter, thanks for saving my life and feeding me like royalty, I'm totally grateful to you, but Ma, I've recovered and now strong, so I want to go, she pleaded for him to stay a little longer, but he refused. So Mrs Ali went to her save and brought out #30,000(Thirty Thousand Naira) and gave to him.

He shouted "All this for me?" It's nothing Mrs Ali said, Take it, Thank you Ma, Said Benneth, don't mention replied Mrs Ali.

Benneth got to his rented apartment, his gang came and they drank, clubbed, smoked and did all sorts of dirty things together.

When the party was over the gang leader called for an emergency meeting and told them that there is a new mission.

Beneth had wanted to leave the gang after the incidence that nearly took his life, before Mrs Ali saved him. But there code is "There is no going back."

It was a holiday season, they were 5 in number, well-armed, with "Terror Badoski" as their leader, and everyone was on mask. Benneth never knew that the house they were to rob also belonged to Mrs Ali. When they knocked, Tricia Mrs Ali's last born asked who is knocking. They never replied but the robbers forced themselves into the house.

Bring all the money in this house, "Your money or your life?" Mrs Ali brought out the #500,000(Five Hundred Thousand Naira) she had in the house that she wanted to pay into the bank the next day. Kenneth never recognized Mrs Ali because he was high on drugs. He shot and killed Patricia, and when they were about to leave, he looked closely at the woman; he was shocked that it was Mrs Ali and that it was her daughter he just killed.

With anger he told Terror their leader to spare the woman's life and the money as well. Benneth was the 2<sup>nd</sup> in command, and he was also a Don. They left the place without killing Mrs Ali and without the money.

His crew were all angry with him, then Terror pointed a gun at him "Why you wan pour sand sand for my Carry" (why spoil our plans). I'm sorry please I will explain Said Benneth.

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