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Transcripts of my visa interview at the US Consular in Lagos in December 2020: a thread ■

- Where are you going?

- How did you hear about the school?

- Did you do a Masters?

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How are you doing?

Well, some good news for you: I GOT MY VISA APPROVED! Yay! 🤩🤸‍♀️🤸‍♀️🤸‍♀️

So I thought to share my visa transcript with you 😊 in a stylish form. 🤓

VISA APPROVED

Date: Friday, November 20, 2020
Time: 11am
Background: No GRE. No TOEFL. Applied to one school.

VO: So where are you going?

Me: I am going to the University of Texas at Dallas to resume in-person and continue my PhD program in Molecular and Cell Biology. I'll be working in Dr. Kelli Palmer's lab on antibiotic resistance in pathogenic bacteria specifically *Enterococcus feacalis* and *Escherichia coli*

VO: How did you hear about the school?

During my extensive search on ResearchGate, I came across Dr. Kelli Palmer's paper on Antibiotic Resistance; after several email exchange and a zoom interview session, she encouraged me to apply for the program...and also offered to accept me in her lab

VO: Did you do a Master's

Me: No

VO: (looks down on my i-20) Oh you don't?

Me: No I don't

VO: So why did you apply for a PhD?

Me: The graduate coordinator, Dr. Zhenyu Xuan, considering my strong academic and research profile, advised me to apply for the PhD program

VO: Are you married?

- So why did you apply for a PhD?

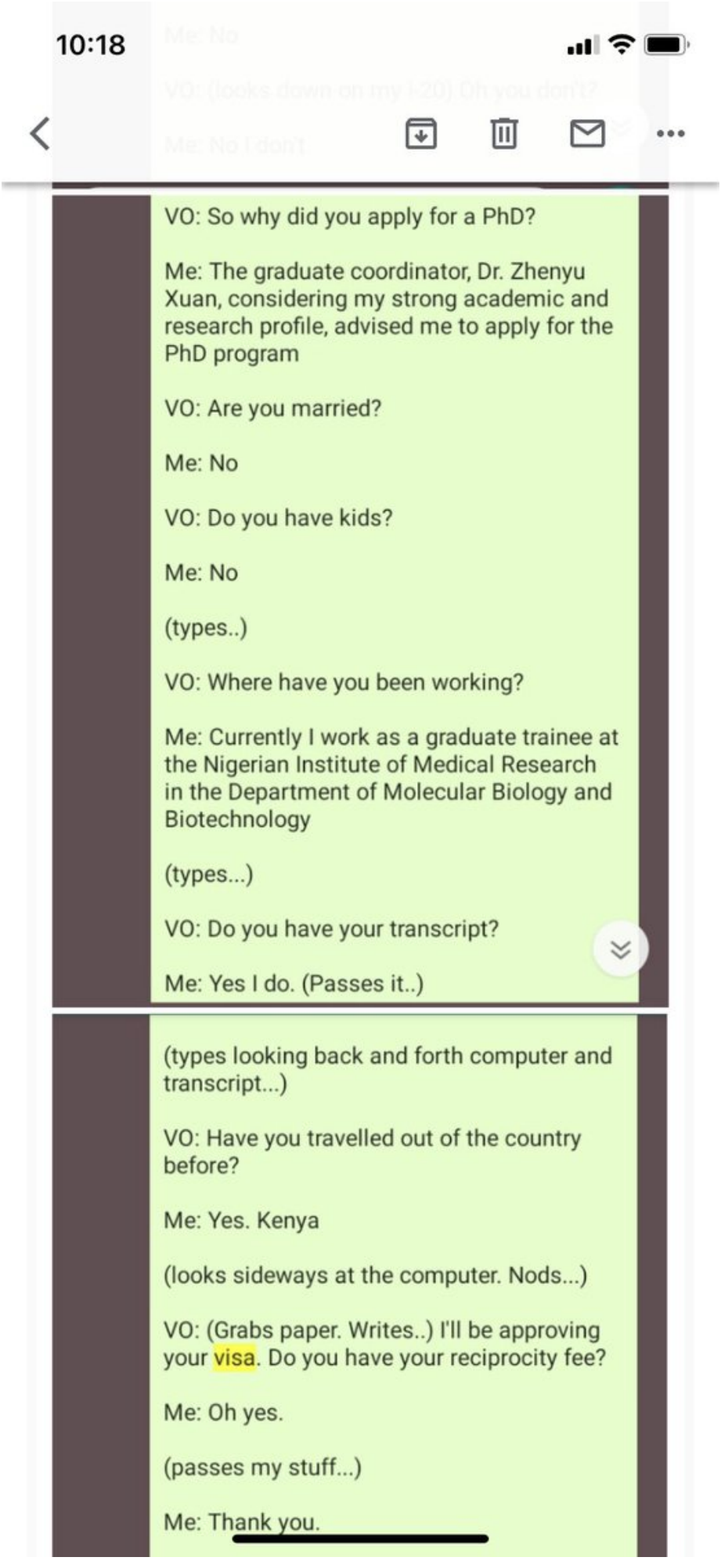
- Are you married?

- Do you have kids?

- Where have you been working

- Do you have your transcript? (Take ALL you documents along! You never know which ones they'll randomly ask for)

- Have you traveled outside the country before?


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VO: Are you married?
Me: No
VO: Do you have kids?
Me: No
(types..)
VO: Where have you been working?
Me: Currently I work as a graduate trainee at the Nigerian Institute of Medical Research in the Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
(types...)
VO: Do you have your transcript?
Me: Yes I do. (Passes it..)
(types looking back and forth computer and transcript...)
VO: Have you travelled out of the country before?
Me: Yes. Kenya
(looks sideways at the computer. Nods...)
VO: (Grabs paper. Writes..) I'll be approving your visa. Do you have your reciprocity fee?
Me: Oh yes.
(passes my stuff...)
Me: Thank you.

- “I’ll be approving your visa. Do you have your reciprocity fee?”

I went to pick up my visa at the DHS office in like three days.

Memorize your answers. Practice and don’t stutter. Be confident!