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She kept hanging around him
She told herself she was just being a friend
He was somebody she could talk to
He was somebody she could relate to comfortably
She enjoyed being around him
He enjoyed being around her too & he made it obvious
But he told her right from the outset that

he was a single parent with children
His wife had died giving birth to his twin girls
He had a thriving pharmaceutical drugs import business and was making a lot of money
She met him by chance
She imported some goods for her online business from China
When the goods arrived

the country, she realized she didn't have enough money to clear them
She reached out to some people for a loan
A friend told her about this guy in their church who definitely had the money and would love to help
She went to the church the following Sunday and asked to see him

the service
She told him what the problem was and he sent her the money she needed instantly
He was rich
He was the kind of person she would like to relate with on more than a transactional basis
He was a friend worth having but they had nothing in common
There was no basis for

any familiarity
She cleared her goods and went to return the loan two weeks later
He thanked her for keeping her word and that was it
She changed her church the following week
She wanted to be around him

Perhaps its the money or the fact that she didn't have such as him in her

world

She invited him to the formal opening of her shop a month later

She wanted him to see what got the loan for

He was impressed

Later that evening, she sent him a thank you message & asked if he wouldn't mind having lunch with her and some friends
sometimes the following week

She said the lunch was for her birthday

He obliged again

He got to meet her friends and got to know her better

The day was a public holiday and he was free

Later that same day, they went to the mall together in his car

He said he needed to pick some things and she said she wanted

to see a movie

She just wanted to be with him, stay in his sight and on his mind

When they got to the mall, she asked if she could accompany him to do his shopping as she also wanted to pick some
things up

He shrugged and smiled

He shopped while they talked about the movie she

wanted to see

When he was done shopping, she insisted on paying

Then he asked her if he could tag along to see the movie

They bought tickets, got their popcorns and watched the movie while whispering in each other's ears

It turned out to be a wild evening

After the movies, he

took her to a recreational center close to the mall for karaoke night

She sang and danced and laughed

When it was 9pm, he drove her home

Neither of them wanted the night to end

As she was alighting from his car, she realised he had not eaten anything since the lunch she invited

him to

She told him she had food in her flat

Would he prefer to wait in the car for her to pack some food for him or would he rather come upstairs and take a bite?

He followed her upstairs

Of course, she didn't get to pack the food

It was too much proximity, too much "feel good"

memory

The emotions of the night altered their perception and judgment

As soon as they got to her flat

Humpty-dumpty was smashed on the rug and the chair and ended up in the bedroom
It was the kind of smashing that scattered Humpty-dumpty everywhere
He left early the next morning

at about 5AM

She was still sleeping when he left

When she woke up at around 9am, she didn't know what to think

She felt like someone who can't swim but wore a swimsuit with the intention of sitting at the poolside and perhaps dipping her feet in the pool only to find herself

falling into the deep end of the pool

She didn't know if to laugh or cry

She didn't know how he would take things going forward

She knew he was married and she ought to respect that but she didn't think she ought to come that far within the reach of her goal and walk away because

they had sex

She had no intention of sleeping with him but it had happened

Must the sex colour everything?

She wanted to be his friend because she wanted access to his money

She wanted to be able to ask for support or help when she needed it and get it from him

The sex gives her

that access in her book

The next thing was how to manage her emotional asset with him

She didn't want to sleep with him anymore

It would be pointless as she planned to get into a relationship and get married within the next year

At the same time, she felt the sex had earned her

a soft spot with him

She just needed to keep him as a sort of insurance for her business until it is stable

That was all she wanted from the outset

Someone with enough free money she could access in a jiffy until her business becomes financially viable

That was all she needed

from him

She waited throughout that day for his call

She felt it was important for him to be the one to call, so that she can tell him what happened was a mistake that shouldn't affect their friendship

She had the words written out and rehearsed but he didn't call throughout that

day

She waited for his call throughout the second day - Nothing...

She suddenly felt used and angry

His lack of communication didn't only rubbish the memory they shared that night, it also guaranteed that all her efforts at getting close to him had gone down the drain

She was

back to square one

She wanted to dust her skirt and walk away but she needed to have the last say on the matter

It was a matter of principle for her

He deserved to be told off

The next morning, she got a mail from him

It was a plane ticket to Abuja for the weekend

He didn't ask

her if she wanted to go

She felt her plans should still work if she manages the situation with wisdom

She packed her bag

They met at the airport and flew together

When they got to the hotel, she insisted on staying in a separate room

He paid for the room and disappeared all-day

When he returned in the evening, he gave her a call

They met at the restaurant of the hotel

He apologized for his silence and told her he had arranged with a friend to introduce her to another businesswoman who imports goods from China just like she does

He said he felt the lady

could be of help to her.

It was the last thing she was expecting

He had a business plan and all drawn up for her

When he invited her over to his room to rehearse and prepare for her meeting with the woman the next day, she couldn't say no

She told herself she had everything under

control

She went to his room and before she could say stop it, she had started singing "Arise O compatriot, to his body"

They sang the national anthem all night

She met the woman the following day and nothing concrete came out of the meeting

Again, he got what he wanted and she

got nothing

Later, after being with him for another night, she realized she had overestimated her manipulative ability in a huge way

As much as she tried, he didn't fall for any of her mind games,

She suspected he was even somehow irritated by her "attempts" in a way

It felt to

her like the bait had swallowed the hunter

When they returned to Lagos, she told herself it wasn't worth it and stopped picking his calls

One must know when to walk away

One year later, they met at the Night of Glory

He came because he got filled with the Holy Ghost and had

started to grow in the things of the spirit

She came because her desire to meet her husband had not panned out and she needed a miracle

When he was speaking with the brother in Jeans and t-shirt after the service, he mentioned her name and stated that he was surprised to see her

in a spirit-filled church

They had both met at another kind of church

They rekindled their friendship and this time, they were both straightforward and did things the right way

He proposed and she said yes

They will be getting married in Ibadan on December 26, 2020

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