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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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