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He was a cheat

The first time she discovered he was cheating on her was two weeks to their wedding

She was four months pregnant and had woken up that morning with the intention of paying him a surprise visit at his crib in Magodo

He was still sharing a flat with three of his

friends at the time

She got to Magodo at about noon

The apartment was right behind the main house and the gate was almost always locked

Usually she would call him once she got to the gate so that he would come and open the gate for her but on that fateful day, she met the

gate ajar

Someone was driving out of the compound and the big gate was wide open

She walked in, climbed the stairs to the boys quarters and met the door open

She walked in and found them (Her man and a lady) doing it

It was the last thing she expected to see, especially because

he had never given her a reason to assume he was unfaithful

The good news she wanted to share with him evaporated immediately

She found her feet trembling and her knees buckling

It was a terrible experience

The lady saw her first and shrunk from him in shock

He looked at her and

quickly rolled off the bed

Her first thought was to walk away and not to look back, she didn't see any other sensible option

Her people will say when you put a foot in the river and a crocodile pounces on it, you don't need to put the other foot in the river before you know you

are doomed

She had walked halfway towards the main gate before he caught up with her

She couldn't explain how she walked so fast

She wanted to run as fast her legs could carry her but she had to settle for speed walking in her condition

He touched her elbow and told her to calm

She didn't think twice about what she did next

She had wanted to do it from the moment she saw them

She had told herself if he ever touched her again she would do it

She gave him a dirty slap

The slap stopped him in his track

She continued to walk towards the gate

He turned back

and walked back to his crib

He didn't call or text for three days

She wanted to call the whole thing off but she lacked the courage to do so

She knew he was waiting for her move

As far as he was concerned it was over

She kept telling herself breaking off the relationship would be

giving him what he wanted

They had been together for four years

Since she was in her final year in the University and he was rounding off his MBA programme on their campus

He was a chartered accountant

She was studying Economics

It was love and a lot of rubbish at the start

she waited for him to become mature, to propose to do what other reasonable and sensible men do with their girlfriends

He didn't

He wasn't a cheat (As far as she knew) but he wasn't also a serious minded guy who wanted to build a future with her.

She left him briefly when she was

posted to the East for her NYSC but none of the guys she met that year could hold a candle to him

He was her stitch in hand

She wanted to change him but she couldn't find a better replacement and she didn't want to end up empty-handed

She was already twenty-seven when she met him

and she had a lot of catching up to do

He had this thing he does

Asserting that she was her own woman and he was not interested in controlling or owning anyone

Other ladies complain about having possessive, jealous, domineering partners

Her man insisted he was a feminist and was

all for women doing their thing by themselves and for themselves

The problem with that was a strange loop of freedom that hung around them as a couple

If she introduced him as her boyfriend, he doesn't mind but he never introduces her as his girlfriend
He never asks her where she

was or who she was with

He says she is her own person and doesn't have to answer to him

It always made her very uncomfortable because things around them was always weird

She had to operate on a lot of assumptions because he defined nothing the way others did it

He was a strange

guy

A week after she caught him with the other lady, she asked him to meet her at an eatery

He showed up

She asked him what he wanted

As usual, he told her he would go along with anything she decided

She knew he wouldn't beg or even apologize, she wasn't expecting him to but she

really wanted to know if his infidelity was just a one-off or something she would have to deal with all her life

She needed to ask but she didn't know how

So she said "Will you be cheating on me again? If you are it is best you call this marriage off now because I can't cope with

such"

Again she knew he would never take responsibility like that!

He didn't propose until she got pregnant and cried her eyes out with worry

He was too laid back and unassuming

It had always been a problem

She should have walked away but she didn't

She didn't know how to start

all over

Her mother told her every married woman had to contend with one thing or the other

He was not the assertive type

His nature has both its positive and negative sides

The only thing she didn't consider was the fact that he could cheat

By nature, he doesn't chase skirt but

it seems if a skirt chases him, he would not be assertive in saying NO!

That was the aspect she didn't see until two weeks to the wedding

He didn't call off the wedding

She didn't call off the wedding too

Two weeks after she caught him cheating, she said "I do"

He said "I do too"

The challenge became very prominent after they got married

He could handle himself very well around passive and mildly tempered women but the moment as an assertive, domineering, and/or aggressive woman comes into his life, everything goes out of order

He was not a weakling, he

was just weak around some certain kinds of women.

When he got a new boss at the office, he started coming home very late because he didn't want to displease "Madam"
He wasn't sleeping with the woman but he would lie awake all night worrying about many things because he didn't

want the madam finding fault with anything he does

The madam's opinion mattered a lot to him

When the madam was transferred and he got a male superior at work, things became better

He slept better, treated her and their daughter very well, and was less irritable

The same pattern

held sway at the church

Aggressive ladies (like the pastor's wife) can get him to chair a committee or visit some members even when it is not convenient for them as a family

He simply can't say no to assertive women

It was irritating for her and she tried very hard to protect him

from such women but she cannot follow him everywhere

in 2017, he traveled to the UK for a fellowship programme with a University

It was a global grant sponsored programme

Somehow he got caught up in a torrid affair with his boss

He stayed in the UK for 3 years

She knew something

was going on but she had no proof

He kept telling her the fellowship was extending his contract

After two years of arguments and bitter rows, she turned to God

She told God she wanted her husband back home

She had just delivered their second child before he traveled

She was tired

In August 2020, her husband returned home

Three weeks later, she received a package from the UK

Her husband's boss sent her pictures and other proofs that they had been together

The package was titled "Just for your information"

She knew what the woman wanted to provoke her to do

A week after she got the package, she presented it to her husband

She wanted him to see that his weakness was hurting the whole family and to take heed whenever she told warned him off certain kinds of women

Her husband apologized & they both started seeing a Marriage Counsellor

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I wanted to stop writing in 2021 altogether because I don't have the time anymore

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