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JUST BEFORE WE BEGIN...

Never mind, let's begin!

THE TAKE-OFF

She was the flight attendant for the 1.00pm flight with Eagles airline. He was headed to Lagos for a business meeting. Shaking his head in disapproval of his seat allocation, he sat down; it was the aisle seat, 15D.

“Welcome on board ladies and gentlemen, as we prepare for take-off, please listen to the following safety procedures”

To his amazement, the anger vanished in a flash as the flight safety demonstrations began.

He saw her, a slender young lady, as she smiled and showed them the emergency safety procedures. He had seen it done a

thousand times, and he didn't even care, but he wondered why this version was so interesting.

As she walked round for final checks before take-off, he made sure he left his phone on and noticeable.

“Please kindly switch off your phone sir” Oh her voice!!! He smiled and nodded, she had noticed him atleast.

The plane took off as he battled with his ear drums; this was his worst part of flying, the temporary partial deafness. But his mind still wondered back to the flight attendant that almost made him take notes from flight safety rules.

“Ladies and gentlemen, the fasten seat belt sign has been turned off, we however advice that you keep them securely tightened. Relax and enjoy the rest of the flight” The voice distracting his thoughts for a moment.

He leaned back as he kept thinking of a way to get her attention. She was paired with a lady that looked to be in her forties, all smiling and cheerful.

Suddenly he had the dumbest idea;

“Water please!” He said as he pushed the request button above his seat. He positioned himself and waited for her

“Your water sir”, he turned and saw the older lady “Oh mehn”, he heaved a sigh with disappointment. He wasn’t even thirsty

Two minutes later

“Water please!” He said praying she would be the one this time

“Your water sir”. It was the older lady again, oh boy, he would fill his stomach to overflowing with water today. He drank it

5 minutes later

“Water please!”

By this time, people were already looking strangely at him, but he would drink all the water till she came herself.

He smiled when he saw her walking toward him....

She walked right by him to the business class section...

“What?!”

The older woman came to him

“Son, If you want to talk to her, try another strategy. You’ll soon pee on your pants today if you don’t stop asking for water”

He just smiled feigning ignorance of his intent.

The plane shook vigorously in that moment and the pilots’ voice was heard

“Ladies and gentlemen please return to your seats and fasten your seat belts, we have just encountered unforeseen turbulence”

There was a loud scream from a lady at the back “Chei, I said it! Witches of the air yaf finally reach me today!”

Everybody started talking among themselves as the plane began to tilt to one corner...

“Ladies and gentlemen, we just lost one engine...”

DID YOU SAY “ENGINE”?

He really needed that water this time, panic overwhelmed him. And to make it worse, he was pressed, because of all that water he had been drinking. A little drop of urine escaped into his cloths.

“Ah, is this how I will embarrass myself here”

The plane started shaking vigorously and he couldn't hold it in anymore, he released everything right there on his seat, praying profusely that he lives to tell the story, or not tell sef. At least be alive to have that choice.

“The air in the plane became thin, and that was when he knew that he really paid attention while she demonstrated the safety procedures.

“Where the hell is this oxygen mask!”

The woman behind screamed again, “Ewoooo, I can’t breathe, God will punish you, evil step mother-in-law, this is how you want to kee me finally abi? Marry your son yasef na, my ghost will chase you down, idiot!”

Every other person kept shouting Jesus! Even the lady in the hijab.

“Ladies and gentlemen, don’t panic, but we just lost the second engine and we have lost our connection to the tower”

"Your father! Useless pilot, we should not panic abi, shege!" That lady at his back must be a really angry woman he thought, he pitied her husband.

Loud screams of terror roared all across the plane, even the slay queen by his side had not noticed that her fake eye lashes were now on her cheek. She was too busy crying and shouting “mummy o, I’ve not even gotten my dream man yet”

“You dey craze! Na dream man you dey think, Oloshi!” That woman at his back had no chill at all.

Suddenly,

He felt a tap on his leg. Looking down he saw her, the slender hostess. She had crawled all the way to his seat.

“Please come, I need your help”

He was totally shocked. Did she know him?

“He unfastened his seat belt and went with her. Both crawling awkwardly, nobody even cared where they were going as the plane still staggered in the air.

They got to the end of the plane, the other lady was seated on the other side close to the cockpit.

“Please help me, please..... help me, I’m so scared I don’t even know what to do”

“We are all scared right now, but what do you want me to do for you. I’m saved and I know where I’m going if anything happens”

“I’m so so sorry”

He was confused

“What are you sorry for”

“Please there’s not much time, you must help me”

“Talk to me”

“I was ready to do it, but I saw you, and I don’t know. There’s something about you that has made me want to stop, but there’s no time, its already started”

“I’m not sure I get what you’re saying”

She paused for a second and spoke in
whispers

“My name is Nana, and I’m the reason for this
flights malfunction”

“What?!”

“I’m sorry, I didn’t have a choice”

His heart started racing faster, his heartbeat louder than the screams in the plane.

“My family is with them, and they will all be killed if I don’t do this”

“Who are they? If you don’t do what?”

“I can’t tell you their name, for your own good”

“There’s no time for explanation, why did you call me, how do we stop this”

“There’s nothing you can do”

“What?! Look, you called me here, asked me to help and you’re telling me there’s nothing I can do, girl don’t joke with me, this is not the time”

“I have a bomb on me”

His mouth opened, unable to form any more words

“What...wha...what in heaven’s name are you doing with a bomb on you, how did you even get into the plane?”

“See, these people are powerful people. They said the bomb is scan proof, I don’t know how this went unnoticed in the scans”

“Can you disarm it?”

“No, they have the remote on them, and we have 6 minutes left”

“How does this connect to the plane’s malfunction?”

“It’s all a distraction, so the investigation won’t trace it to a murder”

The pilot’s voice came back on

“Ladies and gentlemen, we have just one more functioning engine, from my calculations; we are close to the Benin airport. Let’s see if we can land there before we lose the last one, that will take about 8 – 10 minutes” The pilot sounded like he had just peed in his pants too.

“Father Lord in heaven, you see that my car, I will dash you, if I come down from this plane today. Even that my shoe that I stole from mama Nkiri’s shop, I will return o, biko just don’t allow my village people get me.”

That same woman, she was something else.

“We won’t make it there in time, I don’t know what to do, I don’t want to die, and I don’t want to kill all these people either, but the man told me this was revenge against

someone on this flight and this was the way he wanted him dead”

He looked into her eyes and all he could see was fear, deep deep fear

“We can find a way, let me see it”

“No! If I as much as shift it forcefully, they will know”

“How many minutes do we have left

“4 more minutes, there’s only one way”

“What’s that, anything”

“I have to jump out”

“Ehn?”

“Its either I die or we all die”

“No please, no”

“Three minutes, and twenty seconds left”

“Let me at least try”

They moved into the lavatory and she raised a side of her shirt, he saw it, just a tiny box, with a little beeping red light”

His hands were visibly shaking as he moved them closer to the box, he even forgot to breathe.

“Please be careful, please I beg you, be careful, these people may be watching, I don't even know”

"Be quiet, I'm trying to be careful, you think I want to die?"

He was just about to hold it when the plane shook sharply and his hand hit the bomb, the red light immediately turned green and he inhaled sharply when he saw those numbers, it had begun to count down

20...19....18.....

“No! What have you done!”

"20 SECONDS, AND IT'S OVER"

Those were the longest twenty seconds of his life.

"Oh my God...I'm sorry, we are out of time!"

"I have to go now, it's over"

He didn't even realize he was crying. He just stared at her face

"Hey, we don't have time! I gotta go!!

They left the lavatory, he held her hands and they staggered as they moved through the aisle. All the panic stricken passengers were screaming at them

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17.....

16.....

“What’s happening? Where are you going?
You want to leave us here to die abi?”

That angry woman stood up and followed
them

“Stay away ma, for your own safety”

“Stay away for what? I knew it all this while,
the way you were asking for water like fish,
you had something planned”

15.....

14.....

“Ma this is not the time for this, you won’t
understand, She has to go!”

“Go where? Is this one chance bus that she
can just enter and be going anyhow?”

They didn't bother answering her, they moved straight to the exit door.

"14 seconds! It's time to go!"

The woman ran after them and dragged Nana away from the door.

"Let me go! Do you know what you are doing?!"

13.....

"Everybody stand back, if you don't want to die!" He shouted

12.....

The children in the plane were crying so profusely... the pilot was screaming from the cockpit "Nobody should go near the doors, Nana what am I hearing, you want to jump!? We are almost at the Benin airport, just five minutes away. Don't try it!!!"

11.....

The elderly flight assistant was too terrified to move an inch away from her seat.

10.....

"There's no more time... Let me go"

9.....

8.....

The exit door was opened

With tears in his eyes, he held her shoulders, pressing down hard on them

"Why did it have to be you"

She turned away "Goodbye, Mr, whats your name please?"

"Wait, forget my name, are you safe?"

"What do you mean?"

"Are you born again?"

7.....

"I don't think so"

“Please just accept Him now before you jump,
so I am sure I will see you again”

6.....

“How?”

Repeat after me and be sincere “Lord please
have mercy on me, accept me into your
kingdom, be my Lord and Saviour”

She said it, with tears in her eyes “I do hope
he has forgiven me”

5.....

“He promised He will, I can't say goodbye to
you Nana... see you on the other side”

4.....

“Goodbye John, that's the name I will call
you. Please find my family, I have 3 seconds
more”

She took a deep breath.....

He held his breath.....

She closed her eyes and.... jumped.....

The bomb beeped its' final count

3.....

2.....

1.....

Silence, no explosion, no bomb. He watched her fall, did they lie to her? Was she the target? Did she just jump off a plane for nothing?

“Oh my God,
Nooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo
oo” he screamed in terror.

Nana, please nooooooooooooooooooooooo,
why, why whyyyy!!!

Suddenly,

He felt a tap on his shoulder

Turning sharply, he looked up and saw her, the slender hostess, with a cup in her hand, smiling at him....

"Nana?!" He screamed

With shock written all over her face, she quietly said

"Sorry to wake you sir, do you care for water please?"

THE END



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