

Beyond The Ultimate Wizard



WHY DIDN'T I LEAVE IT?

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INTRODUCTION

John's Family Vacation

It was early twilight on a Thursday in summer when John's family prepared for their outing the next day. They had promised John a trip as a reward for his excellent grades. Friday came, and the family set off for Tam Tam Beach in Gisenyi.

However, John seemed less excited than the rest of the family. When his mother, Claudine, inquired about his demeanor, he simply replied, "Nothing, Mom." The truth was, he preferred spending time with his friend Jacob, who stayed back as their house help while the family went on vacation.

During the journey, John's unhappiness lingered. His mother noticed and asked, "What's going on?" John feigned nonchalance, saying, "Mom, don't mind me. It's just my mood." His mother smiled and responded, "You should have told me earlier, my son." John apologized, promising not to do it again.

His father, Simon, focused on driving and played along with the younger members of the family, Amillah (the youngest) and William (the second youngest). They shared amusing stories about their teacher, Agnes, who made them sing every time she entered the classroom.

As they reached Gisenyi town and made a stop, Simon asked, "Anyone want to buy something here?" Amillah eagerly agreed, and they all got out to relax. Simon joked, "Make sure you save some space for the rest of your purchases." They indulged in shopping, using the ample funds they were provided. Afterward, they returned to the car, resuming their journey.

Meanwhile, Jacob and the maid, Joy, watched a movie and enjoyed a meal. Joy alerted Jacob to a call on his phone from his father in Abia state, Nigeria. Jacob explained he stayed in Kigali with friends for a short break. His father insisted he come home, sending a ticket for an immediate return. Jacob, torn between duty and plans, decided to leave.

Back in the living room, Jacob pretended to watch a movie while secretly packing. Joy, unaware of his intentions, moved to the kitchen. In Jacob's brief absence, he seized the opportunity to pilfer money from John's father's room. Fearful of being caught, he closed everything carefully, returning to his temporary room. Unbeknownst to him, Joy felt a sense of unease but didn't investigate. Jacob informed her of his departure, leaving her alone with her thoughts.

As John's family continued their journey, the car eventually halted due to a lack of kerosene, leading to a temporary pause in their picnic plans. Simon left to refuel, leaving the family bored and anxious. Upon his return, they resumed their journey to Tam Tam Beach, where they found the atmosphere lively and enchanting. The family indulged in various activities, from trekking to sailing, enjoying the beauty of the surroundings.

Amillah expressed her excitement, promising to bring her English teacher, Agnes, to the beach. They explored hot springs, marvelled at the lake's

landscape, and eventually headed to a motel for a meal. During this, Jacob called John, revealing he was in Lagos due to his father's urgent request. John, surprised and disappointed, kept the information to himself upon returning to the family.

And so, the family vacation continued with its highs and lows, unaware of the secrets unfolding in the background.

John's Best Friend

As we continued to enjoy the moments at the beach, sharing stories and laughter, John took a break from swimming. That's when I noticed his best friend, Praise, and I waving at him. He rushed towards us, embracing and kissing her passionately. I felt a pang of jealousy, having been the one to bring her to the beach. Still, I brushed it off, reminding myself that we were all friends in grade 11. After their reunion, John approached me, shook my hand, and thanked me for coming. We sat together, but I felt a bit awkward, unable to speak freely.

Moments later, John's phone rang, prompting him to move away for the call. While he was away, we continued our cheerful conversations and appreciated the treats John had bought for us.

(John on the call) "Hello Joy, why are you calling me now? Is something wrong?" Joy responded, "Yes, Jacob left in a hurry, and he might have taken something without telling you." John called Jacob, but

he didn't answer. Unfazed, John returned to us, and we resumed our fun.

Meanwhile, I noticed Jannet posing in front of the lake. Memories of my crush from grade 10 resurfaced, and I couldn't resist approaching her. Leaving John and Praise to enjoy their time alone, I dashed towards Jannet. She recognized me, and we exchanged pleasantries. However, a call from John interrupted the moment. They were moving to another place, assuming I would stay with my girlfriend for an extended period.

They left for Kigali, and I stayed with my girlfriend, maximising our time together.

On the family side, joy and cheer filled their day. They indulged in food, conversation, and everything they desired. The father promised a trip to Dubai the next summer if everyone performed well.

By 5 pm, John's mother realised John was missing. After a call, John informed them he had travelled to

Kigali with his best friend. The family decided to head home, content with the memorable day. Amillah and William expressed their determination to excel in their studies.

Back in Kigali, I bid farewell to my girlfriend as it grew dark. She dropped me off in Musanze town, and I took the bus home.

Upon reaching home, the family found Joy and the security guard, Eric, waiting. Following the father's request, they bought beef and drinks for them. Little did they know that their money had been stolen.

As John returned home after a day with Praise, his father criticized him, but his mother defended him, emphasizing the celebration of achievements. However, the family soon discovered the theft when the father checked the money stash.

Reflecting on the vacation, I pondered the shift from a planned outing to spending time with a stranger. A doorbell interrupted my thoughts, revealing Praise.

After a brief chat, she left, and my mother expressed concern about the stranger who spent time with me. I escorted Praise, and she departed.

For the family, the discovery of the theft led to shock and disbelief. They decided to contact Jacob, while Joy faced interrogation. The truth emerged, and the family agreed to call Jacob the next day.

Two hours after Jacob arrived home, his father, Chinua, found him with a stack of money. Questioning him about the source, Jacob claimed it was from a school project. Unconvinced, his father decided to ask Ebere the next day.

As dawn broke, John's father, furious about the stolen money, called John. Together, they attempted to call Jacob, but their efforts were in vain. Angered, they suspected Joy and Eric. Confronted, Joy stammered through her explanation, leading to her dismissal.

The next morning, John's father, still furious, instructed John to call Jacob again. Unable to reach

him, they concluded that Jacob was involved.

Accusations were thrown at Joy and Eric, resulting in their dismissal from the household.

The story continues with revelations, confrontations, and the unfolding aftermath of the theft that shook John's family.

The New School

Two weeks into the holiday, John expressed his desire to change schools to better prepare for university. Despite financial constraints, his parents, considering John's ambitions, reluctantly agreed. Meanwhile, they hired a new maid, Alia, to manage household chores.

Curious about John's plans for the new school, I called him. He mentioned awaiting confirmation from his parents and promised to update me. John persistently pressed his father for the change, oblivious to the family's financial struggles. Eventually, his parents, with limited funds, granted him the opportunity.

His mother, pregnant at the time, required assistance with household tasks, leading to the hiring of the new maid. With everything in order, they prepared for the transition.

One day before the semester began, both families were eager for the new school experience. John's family, in their car, and my mother and I, taking the

bus, set off. Excitement and curiosity filled the air as we anticipated the unknown.

Arriving at the school, John's family received a warm welcome, and after registration, attended a meeting with the school staff. On the bus, I worried about the first day at a new school but remained calm, knowing I'd be with John. The school, situated near the lake, showcased its beauty, creating a pleasant atmosphere.

The next day, the school principal, Albert Kandiho, welcomed everyone with a speech. Parents attended a meeting, and students, divided by grade and courses, headed to their respective classes. Eager to find John, I eventually spotted him engaged in conversation with a girl. Our reunion was joyous, and we entered the new school chapter together.

On the family side, Alia managed household responsibilities while John and his father were away. The family dynamic seemed to be adjusting positively.

As days passed, John and I maintained our close friendship, supporting each other academically. The

new school brought new friends, and together, we navigated tests and assignments successfully.

One evening, John revealed Jacob's betrayal, explaining how Jacob had taken a significant amount of money, plunging John's family into financial difficulties. Saddened by the news, I expressed sympathy, understanding the gravity of the situation.

Concerns for my little sister, Alice, who I used to support academically, lingered. However, I trusted that Praise, John's sister, would fill the void.

In the following days, John's behavior changed, and he distanced himself from me. When questioned, he claimed to have new plans, urging me to mind my own business. The subsequent day, after promising to meet after class, John failed to show up. His friends, Aminallah and Sibanda, were with him, leaving me standing alone in the dark.

On another front, Praise faced consequences for engaging in inappropriate behavior with Carlos, resulting in a two-week suspension. She returned with

a renewed commitment to her studies, signing an agreement to avoid repeating the same mistake.

Meanwhile, John enjoyed the camaraderie of his new friends, joining a lively group. The crew, comprising three boys and two girls, welcomed him warmly. However, their rowdy behavior raised concerns for the school staff.

As the story unfolds, relationships are tested, secrets surface, and the characters navigate the challenges and dynamics of their new school environment.

Prom Night Approaches

Teacher Joshua's wise words echoed in the classroom, but John and his friends remained indifferent, laughing and disregarding the advice. While the rest of the class respected the teacher, John seemed unmoved.

Despite my efforts to guide John onto a better path, our relationship soured, and we became like enemies. His grades plummeted, and his behaviour worsened. Counselling sessions aimed at addressing his academic and behavioural issues yielded no positive change. John became involved in fights, causing disruptions in the school.

In the third trimester, John and his group's disruptive behaviour persisted, causing unrest in the school. Their actions were a constant source of frustration for everyone.

Tragedy struck when the company employing both John's father and my mother faced a crisis. Bandits attacked, resulting in casualties and injuries among the workers. Unfortunately, my mother lost her life in the

incident. This devastating loss left my sister Alice and me in deep sorrow. Our grandmother took us in as her wards.

Despite the hardships, I returned to school after a week, pouring my grief out to John. For the first time in a while, he listened and seemed broken by the news. His own struggles at home added to the weight on his shoulders.

John's father, injured and unable to work, faced financial difficulties. The burden of providing for the family fell on John's mother, who was already struggling. In these tough times, John showed a more compassionate side, turning away from his previous negative actions.

Keza, a reliable friend, supported me during this challenging period. She helped with homework and provided a sense of strength and resilience.

However, the challenges persisted. One day, John and his friends skipped class to indulge in drugs.

Discovered by the teacher, they lied about their whereabouts, but the smell betrayed their actions. The school principal was informed, and the consequences loomed.

Meanwhile, at home, Alia, the maid, faced difficulties as she was not adequately compensated. John's mother worked tirelessly to cover expenses, while Praise took care of Amillah and William.

The school administration had grown weary of John and his friends' disruptive behaviour. The dean of students issued a stern warning, threatening negotiations if such actions recurred.

Prom night approached, and Keza expressed her desire to dance disco with me. Excitement filled the grade 12 class as plans for fireworks and discussions on dress code and performances took centre stage. The prospect of finishing high school added to the anticipation, creating an atmosphere of both excitement and relief.

Beyond The Ultimate Wizard Game - Part 1: The Oppressive Reign

Winnny, a classmate, excitedly suggested that we reenact the story of "Beyond The Ultimate Wizard," a tale our Literature teacher, Liz, had taught us. The idea was met with enthusiasm, and we eagerly grabbed the books Liz provided, ready to immerse ourselves in the narrative once more.

The story unfolded in the northern hemisphere of the Ohuru kingdom, where numerous people lived under

the oppressive rule of King OSANU. The king, known for his cruelty, ruled alongside his queen, CHERTY, two princes, two princesses, two-step wives, and a formidable Witch Magician. The kingdom faced the ominous presence of a wicked force, with the witch magician ROBU exercising control over its affairs. Remarkably, she could peer into the kingdom's happenings and even spy on neighboring realms, including the arch-enemy GAIN kingdom, located at Ohuru's borders.

The people of Ohuru endured nearly five decades of strife and suffering under King OSANU's despotic regime. Despite the king's powerful army, the kingdom possessed weak weapons, thanks to the influence of the witch magician, ROBU. This paradox intrigued many, as the king's might was sustained by a magician rather than advanced weaponry.

Families bore the brunt of oppression for over 47 years, with King OSANU's reign bringing only pain and shame to their lives. The king's oppressive measures included exorbitant taxes, frequent

slaughters, and inevitable bloodshed. Many were left homeless, while others suffered as slaves under the king's rule.

As the story unfolded, the kingdom found itself ensnared in a cycle of suffering, with no relief in sight. The oppressive rule and the ominous presence of ROBU cast a dark shadow over Ohuru. Little did the people know that within this despair, a glimmer of hope would soon emerge, setting the stage for a tale of resilience, rebellion, and the pursuit of freedom

The Dark Night in The Game

Three inseparable friends, Prince WIVER, JAY, and RAY, had grown up together, sharing meals, undergoing joint training, and harbouring deep respect for one another. Despite their different backgrounds - WIVER

being the king's prince, JAY the son of warrior Mr. KEEN, and RAY the son of a commoner named KELLER - their camaraderie remained unshakable. However, fate had a different plan for these prodigious buddies, turning them into unscrupulous enemies.

One fateful day, a man named KELLER fell victim to theft. His entire house was ransacked, leaving the family in dire straits. With nothing left and the looming burden of overtaxation, the family faced a grim future. In the Ohuru kingdom, refusal to pay taxes led to a gruesome public execution in the center of the kingdom, under the harsh midday sun. The prospect of such a fate added to the family's anguish, as they knew there would be no mercy from the oppressive ruler, King OSANU.

In desperation, the family made a daring decision. On that fateful night, they chose to flee the kingdom and seek refuge in a neighbouring realm, GAIIN, known for its enmity with Ohuru. The decision was fraught

with uncertainty, but the family believed it was their only chance for survival.

As they embarked on their journey through the darkness, the night witnessed the departure of KELLER's family from the oppressive monarchy of Ohuru. The shadows concealed their movements, and the stars bore witness to their silent escape. The weight of the unknown hung heavily in the air as they ventured towards an uncertain future in a kingdom that had long been considered their enemy.

Little did they know that their departure marked the beginning of a series of events that would alter the destinies of not only WIVER, JAY, and RAY but also the entire Ohuru kingdom. The threads of fate were unravelling, setting the stage for a tale of betrayal, loyalty, and the intricate dance between darkness and light.

A Forest of Trials

As Keller's family traversed the dark night, they encountered unforeseen challenges that would test their courage and resilience. Guided by the distant chirping of birds, the family moved cautiously down the hill,

unaware of the impending danger behind them. It was a night filled with gladness, yet it held secrets that would unravel with time.

In the midst of their journey, a chilling realization struck Keller's family - they were being pursued. The telltale signs of an approaching threat became evident, causing panic and confusion. The family, disguised and distressed, faced an unknown assailant on their trail. In a moment of selflessness, Keller made the heartbreaking decision to separate from his family, urging them to continue while he faced the impending danger alone.

Little did Keller know that their every move was being orchestrated by a witch magician. The magic had unveiled the family's escape plan, prompting King OSANU to dispatch Lieutenant KEEN and his unit to capture them and bring them back alive.

Back with Keller, his courageous stand-off with Lieutenant KEEN and his warriors unfolded. In a desperate attempt to divert the military unit from his family, Keller boldly challenged them, vowing to fight

to the death. A strategic move led to a confrontation, resulting in Keller eliminating one of the soldiers. Despite this small victory, the odds were stacked against him.

The soldiers, mourning their fallen comrade, pressed on in pursuit of Keller. The forest echoed with the clashing of swords and the soldiers' determination to capture the defiant man. Realizing the inevitable, Keller surrendered, accepting his fate as a captive destined for the king's palace.

The heart-wrenching cries of Keller's family echoed in the night as they heard their beloved father's shouts. Fear and worry gripped their hearts as they continued their journey, uncertain of Keller's fate.

Meanwhile, the forest snake's unexpected attack on Keller's wife further darkened the night. Tragedy struck, and the family faced another devastating loss. The grieving children buried their mother, their tears mingling with the darkness of the forest.

In the aftermath, RAY and RACHEL pressed on towards the border. The forest, vast and teeming with life, served as both a sanctuary and a treacherous path. The siblings, determined to survive, encountered hunters and discovered a flicker of hope within the depths of the forest.

Welcomed by the kind people in the forest, RAY and RACHEL found solace. They shared their harrowing tale, reliving the pain and loss. The forest inhabitants, empathetic and caring, provided a newfound family for the orphaned siblings.

As the night waned, RAY and RACHEL embraced the opportunity for a fresh start. Amidst the struggles of forest life, they found moments of joy, shedding the weight of their past. The forest, once a place of trials, became a haven for resilience, love, and the promise of a brighter tomorrow.

In the midst of their newfound haven in the forest, an

air of mystery began to shroud RAY and RACHEL's lives. The forest, though offering them refuge, harbored secrets that unfolded gradually. As days turned into weeks, a peculiar occurrence unfolded, leaving the inhabitants puzzled.

One fateful night, under the shroud of darkness, a mysterious event transpired. Whispers of an unsettling presence echoed through the trees. The inhabitants gathered around a small clearing where an ancient, mystical stone stood. In the morning light, the forest discovered a cryptic message etched on the stone – a foreboding prophecy that hinted at an impending tragedy.

The siblings, RAY and RACHEL, found themselves entangled in the enigmatic tapestry of the forest's secrets. The prophecy spoke of an unforeseen demise, and a pervasive sense of unease gripped the hearts of the forest dwellers. As the siblings navigated through their new life, an unspoken tension hung in the air, and the mysterious forces at play seemed to weave a complex web of fate around them.

Amidst the green canopy and vibrant life of the forest, a chilling uncertainty lingered. The siblings now faced not only the trials of survival but also the cryptic threads of destiny that hinted at a loss yet to come. The mystique of the forest intensified, enveloping them in a veil of secrets that would shape their journey in ways they couldn't comprehend.

Ray died!