

# Candida ...Diary of a city girl

## Married to a ruthless monster!

He was every woman's dream of the ideal man come true. Fade was fresh out of college and looking for a job when a friend introduced her to Godwin. "He was much older than my 22-year old but I didn't see him as a potential lover – just a boss", confessed Fade. "My friend had filled me in that most of his empire was in Nigeria but he had a very impressive office in London. His personal assistant just left to get married and he needed an urgent replacement. I didn't have any working experience but he told me I would do. I had the job!"

"Within months, we'd attended various meetings and social events together. I didn't know what I was expected to do officially, but he said I should just look pretty and serve coffee and be his 'man Friday' until I got the hang of the office routine. Before I could do that however, things took on a new dimension. Godwin constantly turned on the charm whenever we were

together that it was easy to fall in love with him. He swept me off my feet – flowers, extravagant meals, jewellery – he made me feel like a princess. It was like a dream come true, like I was living a fairytale.

"When he asked me to move into his house nine months later, I didn't hesitate. He had a house-keeper – all I had to do was give instructions and he at his beck and call all the time, dressed to the nines. He was generous with money too and gave me a gold card. I was on cloud nine and when I got pregnant and feared he would ask me to get rid of it, I was surprised when he suggested we get married. He had a wife and children who lived in one of his property in Nigeria but he told me they were never legally married. All they did was a traditional marriage.

"When I met Godwin, marriage was the furthest thing on my mind. Now it's staring me in the face. I know getting hitched so soon was moving too fast but I was in love with the man and he really was charming, funny,



handsome and romantic. What would I gain by waiting? I may have only been 24, but I was ready for this good fortune. Within three years, I'd given birth to a set of twins and an adorable son. My husband's career had really taken off by now and we had moved house twice – upgrading every time.

Though his business schedule meant he had to work long hours, but it was worth it. He was a good dad – just not

around that often. Every night, I'd go on my knees and pray to God before bed to thank Him for my blessings.

"Sadly, I would soon discover that Godwin was far from perfect. In fact my husband was one of the most ruthless men on earth – an evil monster, a sick and twisted man who caused unimaginable pain and suffering. He was a con artiste per excellence! People had asked me: 'How

could you not know?' But the thing with psychopaths is you can't tell. It's part of the condition. They

mimic normal people and it takes an expert to spot one. According to experts, a psychopath is wired towards making people do their bidding and they can be so charming. Some can go through their entire life undetected. Some even end up running corporations. The business world is rife with them as their utter lack of human compassion makes them good businessmen.

"Almost ten years after we tied the knot, my life fell apart when the police knocked at my door in the early hours of a cold morning waving a search warrant in my face. I told them Godwin had travelled to Nigeria the previous day, but they didn't believe me. They turned the house upside down, seized all the computers in the house. And nothing they said made sense. The police were telling me about my husband but it seemed like they were talking about a completely different person. This person didn't run a legitimate business.

He was a scam artiste, a 'yahoo-yahoo- expert with a string of workers working

for him at home and abroad. Several of his victims had been financially ruined beyond recovery and he'd also dabbled into drugs. The police had been on his trail for weeks after one of his men was arrested with almost four kilograms of cocaine. In exchange for a prosecution deal, he'd told them everything about Godwin.

"My jaw nearly hit the floor as I listened to these horrid stories about my husband and the police refused to believe I knew nothing about his crimes.

But they had no evidence against me and they left me alone. I couldn't get hold of Godwin in Nigeria – he'd changed all his phones and I didn't have any address or contact through which I could reach him. He's wanted for a string of crimes – racketeering, trafficking cocaine, human trafficking, prostitution charges and fraud. It's obvious he's not expected back in Britain any time soon.

Meanwhile, my whole life has been ripped from me. I had no idea what my husband was up to, yet I am being punished for his crimes. The house we lived in, which was in his name, has been confiscated, and I'm now living in a rented flat.

I can't imagine what the families of his victims are going through and I'm truly sorry for what he did. Yet the children and I are victims too..."



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## Why FG must end dollarisation of domestic gas – Aiyela, Welbeck Electricity CEO

By Adesina Wahab

The Chief Executive Officer of Welbeck Electricity, Mr Afolabi Aiyela, has urged the Federal Government to end the dollarisation of domestic gas.

Aiyela said that gas needs to be available if more people are to have access to both Grid and Independent Power and that it must be priced in the local currency like every other product sold in Nigeria.

He also noted that there are two major impediments preventing improved power supply in the country.

Aiyela made the observations at a recent stakeholders' meeting on the Lagos Electricity Market, hosted by the Lagos State Commissioner for Energy, Biodun Ogunleye, at Alausa, Ikeja.

"Investors, both foreign and local, are reluctant to make new investments in the Nigerian power sector due to the constraints that come with a market whose tariffs are still set by the government. Subsidised markets have never attracted high levels of investment, an example being the lack of investment in oil refining over the decades. It is a bitter pill to swallow, but Nigerians must understand that subsidy removal is a prerequisite for private sector investment leading to better service.

"Current MYTO electricity tariffs average around N85/kWh for high demand users. An average Nigerian spends approximately N200/kWh and N392/kWh to fuel their generators with petrol and diesel, respectively and this does not include the capital



Inset: Mr. Afolabi Aiyela, Welbeck Electricity Chief Executive Officer

cost or maintenance costs. "N200 to N392 per kilowatt hour is significantly higher than the tariff would be if there was no subsidy, meaning that if the government removes subsidy and as a result, supply of electricity improves, most Nigerians would eventually be spending less on power than they are now with their mix of public utility grid power and private generators. It may also interest you to know that in Lagos alone, over 20,000MW of diesel generators are used to power Lagosians during blackouts. This is over four times the total average grid generation," Aiyela said.

Echoing a recent observation of the Minister of Power, Adebayo Adedun, that "proposing domestic gas payment in Naira is a key step toward stability, aligning with our economy's needs and

promoting sustainable energy production," Aiyela said: "If the Minister, along with his Petroleum counterpart, are able to work with the legislature to make this change happen, it will see things stabilise in our sector. Independent power producers are the lifeblood of industry in some areas, while more and more estates are turning to independent power. The gas needs to be available if more people are to have access to independent power and it must be priced in our local currency like every other product sold in Nigeria."

On his part, Biodun Ogunleye said: "Domestic gas must be priced responsibly and in local currency" in order to sustain the power industry and ensure affordability of electricity for end users.

With regards to the subsidy, Aiyela further said: "The government has to remove the subsidy if it is serious about attracting foreign investment. There is also a huge knock-on effect as power affects almost every aspect of our lives. In order to strengthen our Naira, we need to produce more of the products we buy and consume at home and import less, which can only be achieved with steady power."

According to him, "if we as a country can get power right, we could become the manufacturing hub of Africa and begin to rival countries like even China. We can learn from some of the countries that make up the BRICS group, such as South Africa that produces 58,095MW or Brazil with their 181,532MW."

## Akasa lauds Oborevwo over inspection of projects in Uvwie

The Unuevwo of Uvwie Kingdom, High Chief Hope Akasa, has hailed Governor Sheriff Oborevwo over his inspection of road construction projects in Ohorie/Adagbasa, Uti roads in Uvwie Local Government Area and other parts of the state.

Akasa who is the highest ranking traditional chief in Uvwie Kingdom made the commendation in a chat with our correspondent at his Alaka residence, Effurun.

He remarked that Governor Oborevwo has made Okpe, Uvwie and indeed Urhobo people proud with his leadership style so far.

He also remarked that the inspection visits were testimonies to the fact that the governor has passion for quality and that he also meant well for Deltans.

Akasa justified his claim with Governor Oborevwo's award of the construction of flyover bridges in Uvwie LGA to Julius

Berger. He, however, appealed for the rehabilitation of the deplorable Osubi/Orerokpe/Eku Road and that the rehabilitation work should be done by same Julius Berger.

He expressed confidence that it will be difficult for any other governor to beat the achievements of Governor Oborevwo's one year in office.

While praying for more success for Governor Oborevwo, he urged Deltans to support him for a second tenure.



•High Chief Hope Akasa, the Unuevwo of Uvwie

## Mieyefa objects to registration of Okoea Trust over chairmanship

A designated trustee in the Okoea Host Community Development Trust of Delta State, Mr Mieyefa Akpoapaye has raised objection to the proposed registration of the Trust due to the issue of Chairmanship of the Trust.

In a letter of objection addressed to the Registrar General of the Corporate Affairs Commission in Abuja, Mr Akpoapaye maintained that the issue of chairmanship of the Trust has not been agreed to by consensus and so urged that the process be stopped forthwith until the issues are sorted out.

Hear him: "I, Mr Mieyefa Monday Akpoapaye hereby raise an objection to the

registration of the above mentioned Trust as earlier published on Monday, February 12, 2024 due to the following reasons:

"That it is not the duty or function of the settlor to handpick or designate any of the Trustees as Chairman; That it was not a consensus decision of the Trustees before the said publication, hence we therefore urge the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja to kindly stop the registration process of the OKOEa HOST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST pending the appointment of a substantive Chairman," the letter added