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My dear Perry. I hope that you are now safely home. I hope that your family are sound, in health. I expected to hear from you but could not. I have been trying to get your address and I finally got it from Mr Nwabugwu. Thanks for your Kindness to me during your stay in Nigeria. I miss you a lot. Even at this critical moment of my life. I have been praying and wishing I could get in touch with you. And now God has heard my prayers. You can not imagine how happy I am now that I am writing you. My dear Mr Perry, I must tell you frankly that life has been tough with me. So many things have been happening and I am just left alone with my mother. At girl I was engaged to, nearly ruined me.

I have been trying my possible best but when things don't seem to go nice at all, it leads to frustration. When you see those whom you were better-off progressing and you are stagnant with-out hope, I twist a lot I must say.

As a last resort I have been appealing to good old friend to help, as a matter of fact, some have really responded to my call for help. Mr Obiora Agusiobo, has got me a school in Wisconsin. I intend to come to States and study while I work after school hours. It is a good idea if it works out well.

The school is Wisconsin School of Electronics. My dear Perry I am begging you to help me. I trust that you can help me and hope that you will, because you know that I will always be grateful for what ever a man does for me. I am on my knees and I am begging you to render me one who might have been your brother, a great assistance. I am begging you to save me from frustration.

I implore you in the name of God, in your dear mother's sake, in the name of your wife and all that is dear to you, to help me, Please save my life. For I can not recall how many

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times the idea of taking my life and ending all these troubles have entered my mind. I can not say how I have resisted that temptation. You may not know why I am writing to you. But let me tell you. One day I saw a boy who has been with me as a school mate, and who is not have as intelligent, he came to see me, he was shocked, he told me that he is now an Engineer at Onitsha and that he is married with two kids.

He invited me to his home and told me that he left the country 5 yrs ago and with the help of a good friend he has completed his course. I went home and while I was asleep I dreamt of how I ~~you~~ picked me from a scum gutter, bailed me and clothed me, also fed me. I woke up and the desire to get in touch with you was driving me day and night. I know at once that you are my only hope and my last chance in life.

And this morning when I got your address these seems as if a great load has been taken off my heart and I am full of hope. So please my dear Perry, please, please, please help me. I need money for my transport from Nigeria to Wisconsin U.S.A. Being the only child of my mother I have persuaded her so that we have sold one plot of land belonging to us for \$40.00. I have got \$35.00 in the bank and I hope to sell some of my personal belongings. Some friends are willing to give me some pounds to help.

I will use the money from the land and the \$35.00 for my school fees and boarding fees. And I will need some for clothing. So I need help from you. Please I need the transport money from you. If you can help me with any amount, I will be pleased. Even if you can get some one who can give me enough money for my transport so that I can pay back when I finish my course I will be great full to pay with interest. I can even bring along some old ivory carvings from my family collection and I am told that

people buy them in states. I can also bring some very old wooden gods used by my great grand fathers. Please my dear Perry I am willing to serve any body you can get for me who will give me my transport money. Please I will not forget you, I will repay you for your kindness, to me in one way or the other.

Please the country is getting too tough, unless you have a good qualification or you have some body backing you, if not you will be thrown out of job. If you are asked you can only get a new job if you can pay £75!... bribe.

I want to improve my condition of life, and every thing depends on you. You have my life in your hands. You can make me live or die. Please! Perry help me. I wish you can see how things have changed. You can not get promotion unless you are from Britain or have a well known uncle or aunt to pave your way.

Please my dear Perry help me. Please in God's name. Please I hope and trust in you. You are now my only hope, my father, my mother and my brother. I am anxiously waiting for your reply. I beg you to reply, even if you can not help you might have a good suggestion to make. Please I am convinced you are my only hope. I saw you in my dream. I know you can brighten my future. Every day I pray and hope you will please help me. Please, Please! Please help me.

Extend my warm greetings to your wife and daughter. I wish and pray to see to Gende and protect you in all your undertakings. Wishing you the best. Please Reply soon.

I am your true
Friend.
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