

Chapter 4

Esther boards the van and takes a seat next to the window as Brian remains standing staring at her. She smiles back at him and the van is started as she waves at him with a broad smile on her face. Brian waves back the same way as he watches the van disappear. This was the first time that he thought he had not pulled out all his strings and show his intentions to a woman but he hoped that they will one day meet and at least he knew the only one place he could find her and this made him happy.

He heads back to his house thinking about it on and on. Esther travels for around two hours as she eagerly awaits to reach her new place of work since the journey was now becoming long and tiresome. The van passes through a lot of old towns and Esther could only notice one church along the way and this implied that the people in the area might be of other religions or most of them did not believe in any religion at all.

They come to different stations where some of the passengers are dropped. It comes at a particular time

where there is only Esther and two other old people who seemed to be couples.

"Hi, am Esther" she decided to break the long silence between them.

"Good ,am Barbara how are you darling" replied the old woman next to her with a shaky voice and a broad smile on her wrinkled face.

"Am fine,are we close?" Esther asked happily now that she had get to know new friends she felt so comfortable and free again from the love they showed.

"Yes we are darling, answered the old man besides Barbara,just a couple of minutes away,you seem new here?" Asked the man.

They all looked happy and friendly, and they seemed to be filled with a lot of joy around her too.

"Yeah am new to this place,i just got a transfer to take care of the orphanage" she answered happily.

"Yeah, its a good place daughter, you will have to hang out with some good and humble souls around the place,no regrets at all" the man told her.

Esther became excited on hearing this,she now begun to have some eagerness on reaching the place and was

almost forgetting everything about her previous convent. They shared a lot in the van and became very good friends and this seemed to be a character Esther hardly realized since she was easy in making new friends whenever she went. They oftenly broke out in some sudden laughter eacha and every time.

"Here we are girl" The old man said as the van approached a station as it made a stop.

The place was so quiet and Esther could not hold her excitedness but look around everything before even getting out.

It seems like a perfect place for her but not until she noticed some bars and night clubs around the place and the numbers were uncountable. This did not trouble her because she was a strong believer and new that she will at least be of good impact to the people living at the place if not all of them at least she will have to change a few.

The place also looked to be an area of a lot of drug users since she spotted several lads laying around the streets high on drugs and this did not bring a good picture to her. The van came to a stop and they were the last passengers to get out since it was the last stop of the van.

They get out all the four of them exhausted from the journey. Esther had some luggage with her which seemed to be a big deal to carry but as she looked around the noisy place she noticed se random people who were always ready to help carry away luggages for anyone who arrived their but just at a small fee.

The old couple also took their belongings and quickly called for a taxi because they seemed familiar to the place and they looked like good business people.

Before they left they came to Esther to let her know they were leaving.

"Hey sister,we have to get going,hope you have a good time at this place" Barbara said while holding her hand.

" I am sure i will with God's grace " she replied to them.

"Only one thing you need to be careful when you get to the orphanage,be careful with that old auntie incharge of the place, she does not look good to me" said Barbara.

"What?" Esther Esther asked with a big surprise.

"Yeah, that's all daughter,its not much,we have to get going" her husband came and added as he broke their almost silent conversation.

They waved to Esther as they boarded their taxi. Esther waved back to them while smiling.

She remained their thinking of what to do next. Luckily enough a taxi guy approached her and asked for her destination and she frankly told him. They come to an agreement on the fare and leave almost emediately.

It was a short distance to the orphanage since they only took around fifteen minutes to get to the place. Their ride was so quiet and with no conversation at all. Esther was almost freaking out at the moment they approached the place. It seems to be a very nice place and it was more than her entire expectations.

The place was located in a very perfect and green environment,it looked so convenient to her since it was so quiet and looked peaceful.

She stands at the main entrance and takes a minute before knocking on the gate. She did not know why but she just had to take a minute before she could get in. Maybe she did this to forget about her past but she finally knocked. She was warmly welcomed by the gatesman and entered the place.