

APPENDIX I

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Plot Summary

The story started in Princeton, as Ifemelu explain her experience and view of other cities in United States. Ifemelu states that she like that Princeton has no smell, unlike other cities. Ifemelu also states her reason for liking Princeton, in which she can be viewed as others who has specially invited into America. Ifemelu then recalled her experience in dealing with other non-African American people to write her blog, which is called *Raceteenth or Various Observations About American Blacks (Those Formerly Known as Negroes) by a Non-American Black*". Ifemelu describes some interesting encounters, in which she determined that appearance did not dictate a person' opinion. Ifemelu then explain her insecurities, the fact that she had not told her lover that she is moving back to Lagos, Nigeria. Ifemelu finally told Blaine and she then goes to hair salon to prepare to go back to Lagos, in which she has some banter with other characters.

The story cut and goes to Obinze point of view. Obinze received an email from Ifemelu, and then he remembered the last email he had gotten before his marriage. Obinze felt bitter and reply coldly as he felt that Ifemelu is bragging her lover to him. Obinze talks with Gabriel, his driver, when he felt his phone ringing. Hoping it was Ifemelu, he felt disappointed that it was Kosi, his wife. Obinze then came home and chat with his family, mainly with Kosi, and his daughter, Guchi. He then goes to the Chief's party, in which he remembered the first time he came here and how he get the deal with Chief. He remembered how the deal changes his life in which he now got to make a significant amount of money. Obinze still felt confused why Chief offer the deal, in which he became suspicious and even imagine that one day chief will make him assassinate someone.

The story cuts back to Ifemelu, in which she remembered her past. Her mother is involved with Church and her father is miserable after losing his job. Ifemelu remembered the turning point in which her family asked to pay her rent money by the landlord. Her mother convinced them to seek help to Aunty Uju, a member of which benefitted through church and has relation with general. Ifemelu then asked to serve the Church. She refuses, in which she is berated by her mother and nagged by her father.

The story is back to Obinze, in which he remembered his time in university, how he got to know Ifemelu through her friend, Ginika. Ginika was introduced by Obinze's friend, Kayode so that the two can hit it off. However, Obinze is more interested in Ifemelu, in which their intimacy increased by dancing and chatting. Ginika and Kayode then told Ifemelu that Obinze is watching her from the start. Obinze and Ifemelu then date.

Back to Ifemelu, Auntie Uju came home. Ifemelu describes how she wanted to live the first time she saw Auntie Uju's home. Her home is filled with luxury that Ifemelu cannot enjoy. The condition worsens as the landlord took their electricity off after not paying rent for one year. Her father still refuses to seek Auntie Uju's help, fearing the consequences. Ifemelu often spends time with Auntie Uju as she lives with her. Ifemelu observe and sometimes criticize her aunt lifestyle. Ifemelu also met general, criticizing their relationship and Auntie Uju's different behavior in her mind. Ifemelu is slapped when she criticizes the general verbally, shocking her. Time passes, and suddenly Auntie Uju got pregnant. Ifemelu mother want her to abort the baby, but Auntie refuses to as she experienced it once in her university life. General seems happy and often bring thins to care for Auntie, but he wants her to give birth abroad so that the baby can have America's citizenship. General often pamper the baby, Dike. The family is happy for a while, until general got into accident and die. Auntie Uju and her family is then kicked out.

Ifemelu and Obinze continue their relationship, and even talked about marriage. Auntie Uju advises Ifemelu to continue studying in America, as there are strikes happening throughout the university in Nigeria. Ifemelu then went to US to continue her study. Ifemelu said farewell to Obinze, her, and his family. The story cuts back to the present in the salon hair near Chinese restaurant with Aisha and Halima. Ifemelu then remembered how it is when she first got into US and her life with auntie Uju. Ifemelu's life in the US makes her experience a lot of new things, including racism and discrimination which she doesn't understand at first. Ifemelu also baffles at hot her friend, Ginika, accept the bias and misconception of her own race.

As Ifemelu continue with her life in US, she encounters money problems and began looking for job. She then encountered racism directly in her face when registering to university Ifemelu silenced by the treatment she got just because she got black skin and from foreign country. Ifemelu began to get stressed of looking for job and treatment she received either because of her race and gender. Her relationship with Obinze began to waver as she ignores Obinze as she doesn't want

to get more stressed. Ifemelu began to ignore Obinze's messages and calls for weeks. Her life remains stagnant until she met Blaine.

Ifemelu met Blaine accidentally, moments after she felt shame for using American accent when talking with a telemarketer. Blaine, an African American, is an ideal man as he is a gentleman. Ifemelu feel soothed as she felt Blaine is not the kind of person who pretend to be cool if interested with women. However, they never met again after their encounter in the bus. Ifemelu's life continues, and she met Curt. Ifemelu met Curt from her cousin, Kimberly. Their relationship seems well, Ifemelu even get close to Curt's family. Because of the relationship, Ifemelu felt free and happy again. Ifemelu then met Kayode, in which she proceeds to contact Obinze.

The story cuts back to Obinze who are in London. He tried to get a relationship there, but Obinze often felt false intimacy. The latest woman he met, Cleotilde, is the same. Obinze began to remember his past. He remembers his failed attempt to go to US. Obinze's mother then faked a visa to the United Kingdom by writing down his name as a research assistant. Obinze then laments in irony while doing his job as janitor. Obinze receive email from Ifemelu. Rather than happy, he felt sad and angry. Obinze struggled to get a job and national insurance number (NI). He seeks his old best friend, but his friend is too busy to care about Obinze. He then seeked other friends and reunite, in which he remembers his cousin, Iloba. He seeks Iloba's help and suprised that Iloba is willing to help him get NI. Iloba tells him that Obinze should have told him that he is here, as he would have helped. Obinze then negotiate with Vincent to get his NI. That day, Obinze became Vincent.

Obinze began to get different jobs with his new identity. As Obinze waits for the job offered to him, he met Tendai in a cafe. Tendai is a widow and a single mother. They felt sexual attraction and have a one stand night. Obinze suddenly remembered Ifemelu in that night. He cleaned the house and felt guilty of doing sex out of lust. Obinze life continue until Vincent want a raise, but Obinze ignores him. Obinze then get reported by him, but his boss gives him a way out by saying he wants Obinze's passport tomorrow. By saying so, his boss gave Obinze opportunity to leave. The story skip to years later, as Obinze is contacted by Chief to hire a white man.

The story goes back to the past, Obinze continues to live in UK. He now lives in Essex. He is in a dinner with his friend Emenike who married with

Georgina, an older British woman. They just came back from American, which soured Obinze's mood.

The story skips as Obinze is about to get married to Cleotilde. He is in photo session. As they walked to civic center, Obinze get arrested as he is an illegal immigrant. He gets jailed and told that even though they can get him a lawyer, his case is too serious and that he will eventually get deported. Obinze calmly accepted that fact, which surprised the lawyer that just got in. He begins to feel nostalgic in detention, remembering Ifemelu once again.

The story cuts back to Ifemelu, now broke up with Curt because she cheated with another man. Ginika reprimanded her as she tells the story of how she broke up. Years later, Ifemelu is in dinner party in Manhattan. The party celebrates the candidacy of Barrack Obama for the president. In the party, Ifemelu gave speech of the problem of racism and dating with white men. Ifemelu remembers and tells her experience with Curt, in which inspires her to create a blog. Ifemelu tries to forget Curt, as she is immersed in her work. Her parents worry about her and visits her. After their visit, Ifemelu felt shame and guilt as she felt relieved that they've gone back home.

Ifemelu immerse herself into writing her blog to escape reality, which in turn makes her one of the leading bloggers about race. Ifemelu got many invitations to diversity talk. At first, she hesitates but eventually agree to attend one. Ifemelu attended a diversity talk, but it ends up disastrous. Most of the attendee is white people that didn't appreciate her critique speech about racism. She ends up receiving a racism email after the talk. After that experience, Ifemelu never talked what she usually writes in the blog but talked about what the audience wanted to hear. She ends up hiring assistant for her blog and eventually able to afford small condominium. The blog also ends up reuniting Ifemelu with Blaine.

Ifemelu and Blaine's relationship started with long distance one, and they ended up dating and living together. By living together, Ifemelu ended up joining Blaine's healthy lifestyle. However, Ifemelu often doesn't understand the high standard Blaine has set. Nonetheless, their relationship continues as Ifemelu even talked about Blaine to her parents. Their view of life continues to clash as Ifemelu met Blaine's sister, Shan. Ifemelu ended up feeling wronged as Blaine easily agreed to Shan's view of race and racism. Ifemelu continues to feel uncomfortable as her view of culture is also dismissed and treated like a joke by Blaine's friends.

However, Ifemelu still continue her relationship with Blaine as she thinks that he is still a good person and will not cheat on her.

Ifemelu and Blaine's relationship continue, until one day they argue as Ifemelu didn't want to attend Blaine's protest of assumed racial discrimination. Blaine remains silent, as Ifemelu packs out and stays with Aunty Uju. Times passes, as they get together again. However, their relationship has changed and remains still. One day however, as Obama wins the candidacy, their relationship gets better. Nonetheless, the couple get new source of anxiety as many people still didn't want Obama, a black person, to be the president. The racism grows worse, whether it is in the blog or reality. The couple felt betrayed as Obama avoids talking about race, but they also felt momentary happiness as Obama elected as the new president of United States. However, one day, Ifemelu is started by the news that Dike is found overdose by Aunty Uju.

The story cuts back to Obinze, checking his phone too much as he is anxious about Ifemelu's return to Lagos. He then remembers how he tries Facebook. He also remembers the death of his mother. Obinze and Ifemelu talked and emailed each other often after that incident. Obinze begins to check Ifemelu's blog as he fears how changed Ifemelu was.

The story changes back to Ifemelu, as she is going back to Nigeria because of Dike's condition. The story is back to the present as Ifemelu is back in Nigeria. Ifemelu reunites with all her friends and family. She also gets a new job as a magazine editor, and she also resumes writing for her blog. Her live continues, until the topic of marriage came up. Ifemelu tried to lose weight before reuniting with Obinze. Their relationship got better as they spend times together. At last, Obinze get divorced with Kosi as he promised to support their child financially. They argued, but in the end Obinze chose Ifemelu as they start new relationship.

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APPENDIX II

CHIMAMANDA NGOZI ADICHIE

Biography

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is a Nigerian author whose work includes short story, novels, and non-fiction. She writes extensively, but not limited to Biafran war, Racism, and Feminism. Adichie is born on September 15, 1977, in Enugu, Nigeria. She grew up in Nsukka town in Enugu State. Adichie's Father, James Nwoye Adichie (1932–2020), was as a professor of statistics at the University of Nigeria. Grace Ifeoma (1942–2021), her mother, on the other hand, was the University of Nigeria's first female registrar.

Adichie was inspired by the book *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe. Adichie also almost lost everything in the Nigerian Civil War (1967 – 1970), which inspires her to write about Biafran War. She finished her secondary education at the University of Nigeria in which she was awarded several academic prizes. Adichie also studied medicine and pharmacy there for a year and a half before moving to United States. In United States, she attended Drexel University before transferring to Eastern Connecticut State University to receive the bachelor's degree in communications and political science. Adichie got her master's degree in John Hopkins University. She also studied African History at Yale University.

Adichie has been nominated and won many awards from her work. In 2005, *Purple Hibiscus* (2003) won the Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Best First Book (Africa) and Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Best First Book (overall) in the same year. In 2007, *Half of a Yellow Sun* (2006) became an international best seller and gained the award of the Orange Broadband Prize for Fiction. Eight years later it also won the "Best of the Best" Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction for the "best" prize winner from the previous decade. Adichie's other fiction work includes *The Things Around Your Neck* (2009) and *Americanah* (2013). She also wrote several non-fiction works, essay, and books such as *We Should All Be Feminists* (2014) and *Notes on Grief* (2021). Adichie also has been awarded several honorary degrees from the year 2016 – 2019 by Johns Hopkins University (2016), Haverford College (2017), The University of Edinburgh (2017), Amherst College (2018), Universite de Fribourg (2019), and Yale University (2019).