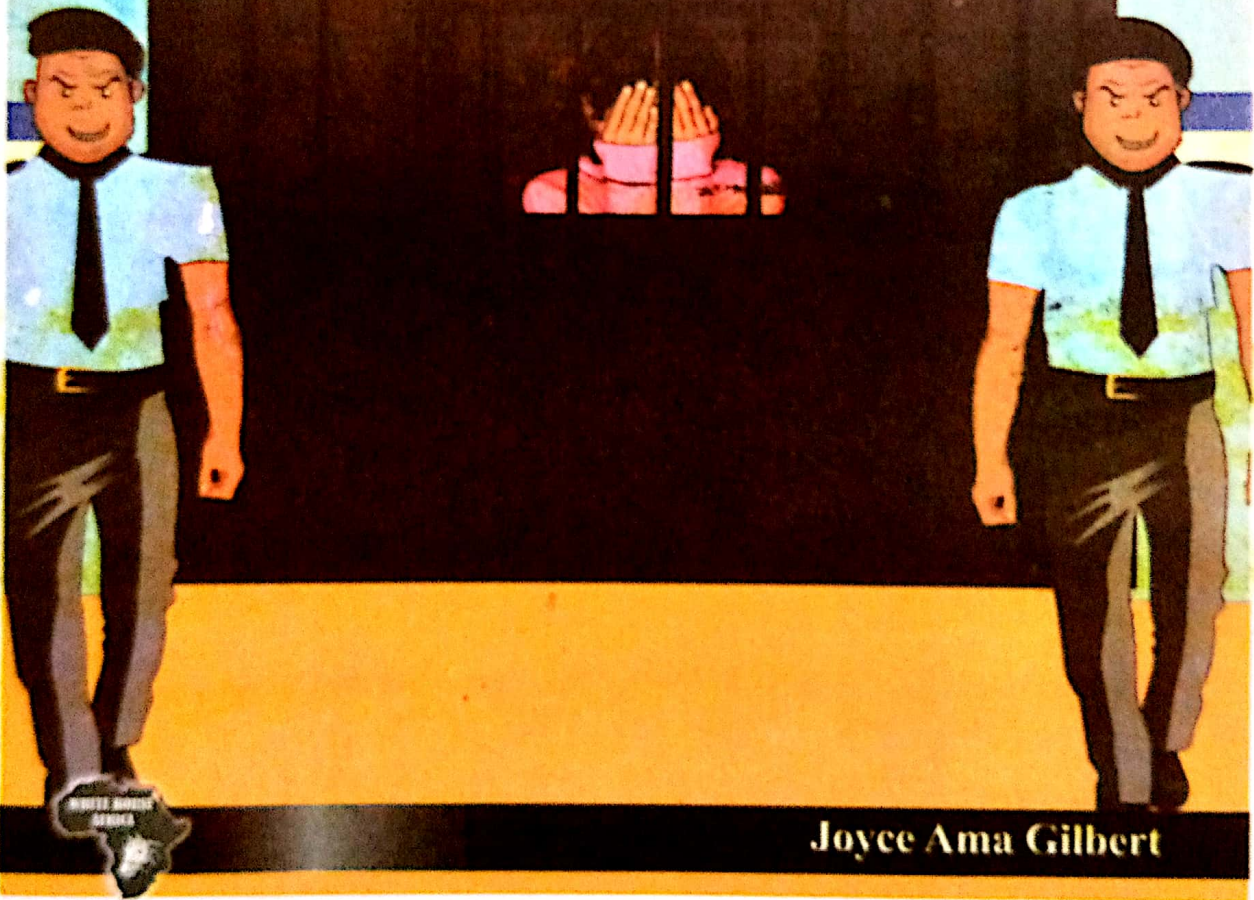


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BEWARE OF BAD FRIENDS



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Chapter One

PRINCE ASARE PROMISES NANCY HER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

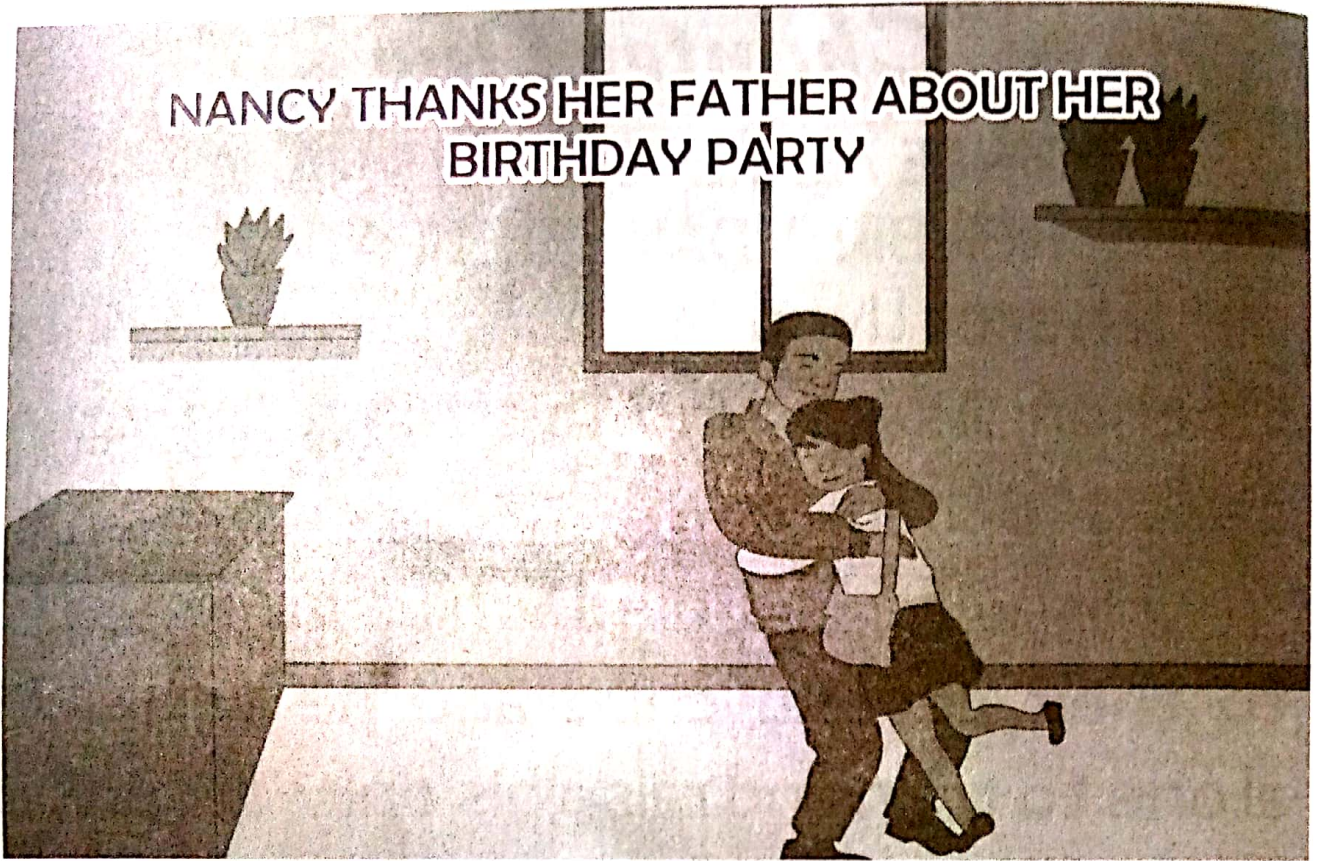
There lived a man called Prince Ohehen Asare who lived in a big town called "Babani Town".

His wife had died while giving birth to their second child and he was left alone to train and raise his only daughter named "Nancy".

The father of Prince Ohehen Asare was a one time paramount chief of the Babani town and he ruled for over twenty (20) years before he passed away.

Prince Ohehen Asare loved his daughter so much that he took care of her very well and also sent her to one of the best schools in town, being that he too was properly educated.

NANCY THANKS HER FATHER ABOUT HER BIRTHDAY PARTY



Nancy, the only daughter of Prince Ohehen Asare had all the care and love she ever wanted from her father and yet he disciplines her severely when she does something wrong.

Nancy became Ten (10) years old and her father Prince Ohehen Asare decides to celebrate her birthday.

Nancy, my dear daughter, I am very much grateful to God Almighty for keeping you alive for me till this your

tenth year and I am going to celebrate your birthday for you, said Prince Asare.

Oh! thanks so much father, I will indeed be very grateful if you can make me and all my numerous friends happy on my birthday, replied Nancy.

Of course my beautiful daughter I will organise a wonderful birthday you will never forget, said Prince Asare as Nancy hugs him.

Thanks again father, Nancy replied

Chapter Two

NANCY AND HER FRIENDS ORGANISES A MINI BIRTHDAY

By the next day at school during break time, in the classroom, Nancy and her friends organises a mini Birthday celebration and invites all other children from other classes.

Come and celebrate with me my friends, said Nancy as she gives snacks, food, fruit juices and biscuits to all her friends and they started singing a birthday song for her.

" HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU"

" HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU "

" HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU NANCY,
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU.

HIP, HIP, HIP, HURRAY!!!

And they gave her a thunderous claps at the end of the song.

Thank you, thank you, my good

friends. I promise to make all of you happy on the very day of my birthday celebration Nancy said.

You will give us a lot of your birthday cake ooo, said Caroline.

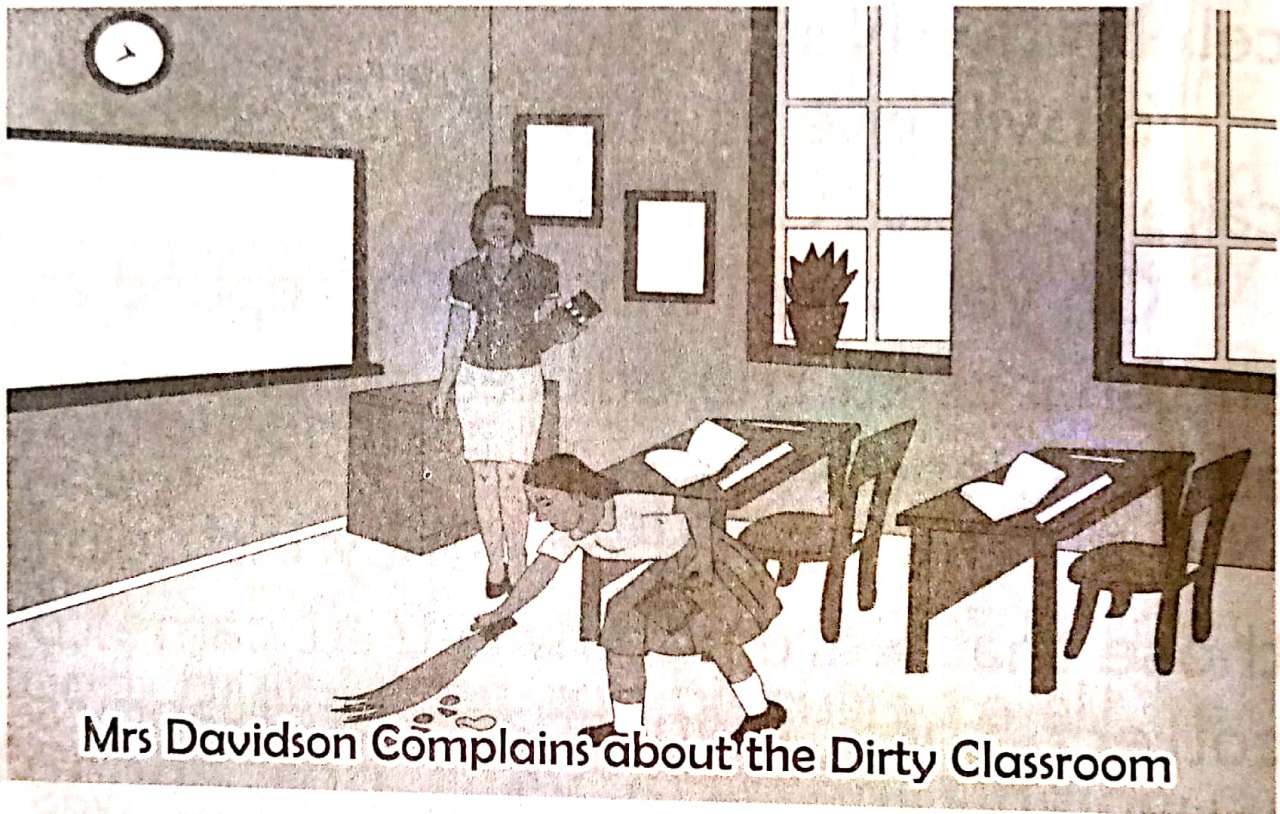
Oh yes sure I will, Nancy replied as she shares all the edibles in her bag to all her friends.

All the friends of Nancy including those that were not invited all came to collect their own share of Nancy's edibles and soon the break time was over.

Mrs Davidson walks into the classroom and sees how the whole classroom was littered with wastes from biscuits, snacks, fruit juices, etc and she asked angrily, what is the meaning of all these?

Sorry madam, a certain boy from another class with some boys came and

dropped them during the break time and they ran away, replied Joyce.



And you children can not take a broom and sweep the classroom as soon as the break was over? asked Mrs Davidson as she walks around the dirty classroom in anger.

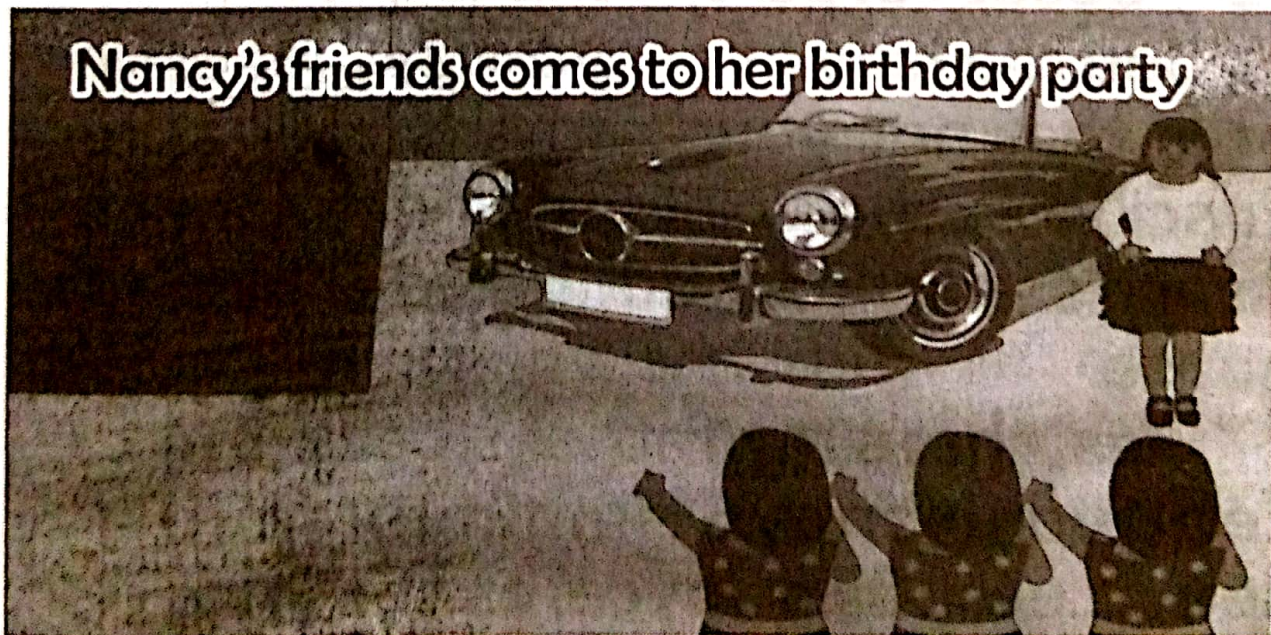
Then Nancy picks up a broom and starts sweeping the classroom and after sweeping, she packs the dirt and throws them away in the dust bin.

Chapter Three

NANCY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION TAKES PLACE

On the Saturday of the following week, at exactly 12:00noon the birthday kicks off with sounds of music thrilling the compound of Nancy's fathers' house.

The whole party venue was fully decorated with lots of flowers, lot of Balloons, all kinds of Ribbons, clowns, etc. Making it an inviting atmosphere to be.



Nancy's friends comes to her birthday party

Caroline, Priscilla and Joyce comes to the scene of the birthday party

gorgeously dressed in Red and White flowered flowing gowns and immediately Nancy comes out to welcome her friends, and Caroline said WOOOOOW!!! Nancy your father is a very rich man indeed, as I can see and that means you are a very lucky girl. Yes, my father is the crowned Prince of our town and he has everything that money can buy, said Nancy! Hmmmmmmmm, then you are really a very lucky girl, Joyce cut's in as she looks around the very beautiful party venue.

See the kind of car your father drives or is that not your Father's car? asked Priscilla as she points to Prince Ohehen Asare's car parked beside Nancy's house.

Yes, that's my father's beautiful car, replied Nancy. Hmmmmmmmm!!! I see.....ee.... Said Joyce, as she nods her head.

Okay, after your birthday party today, we will form an association of friends at school on Monday and Nancy, you will be the leader of our association of friends.

Okay Joyce, I hear you, replied Nancy as she gives each one of them special chairs to sit down and serves them with some bottles of fruit juices each.

The DJ of the birthday party changes the music to another much more entertaining music and soon the dance floor becomes flooded by guests who had now arrived in large numbers to attend the birthday party of Nancy.

Nancy, her father, Prince Ohehen Asare and his friends with all Nancy's guests, and family members were happy for Nancy and they all danced their hearts out in great spirit of celebration of Nancy's ten years old birthday.

And at exactly 7:00pm, they all dispersed.

Chapter Four

NANCY'S FRIENDS FORMS AN ASSOCIATION AT SCHOOL

Joyce, Caroline, Priscilla and Nancy gets to school on Monday morning at about 7:00am and they form an association which they called " THE LOYAL FRIENDS " and Nancy was made the leader of the association.

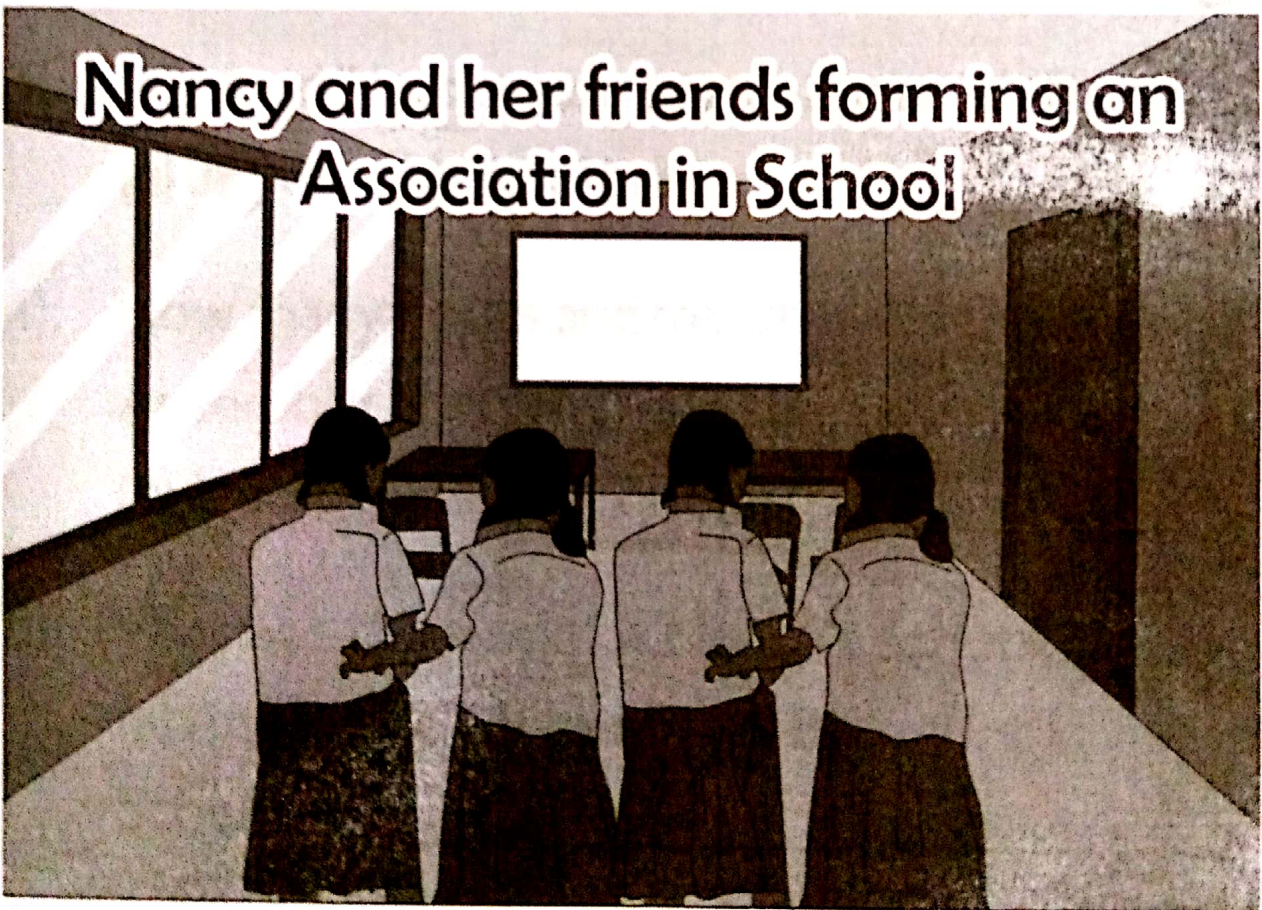
Do you know why we made you our leader? Joyce asked Nancy. No! Replied Nancy, it is because your father is a rich man and can give you money as much as you want and you also can be giving us money to buy anything we need, said Joyce.

Lucky you!!! What a very rich father you have, Caroline said. The only child for that matter, who is so much loved by her father, said Priscilla.

Oh! Please, stop teasing me, Nancy said as she looks at each of them and then the assembly hall bell rang and they all ran out to attend the assembly hall program.

The assembly hall program was held within the space of one hour and thirty minutes and ended.

Nancy and her friends forming an Association in School

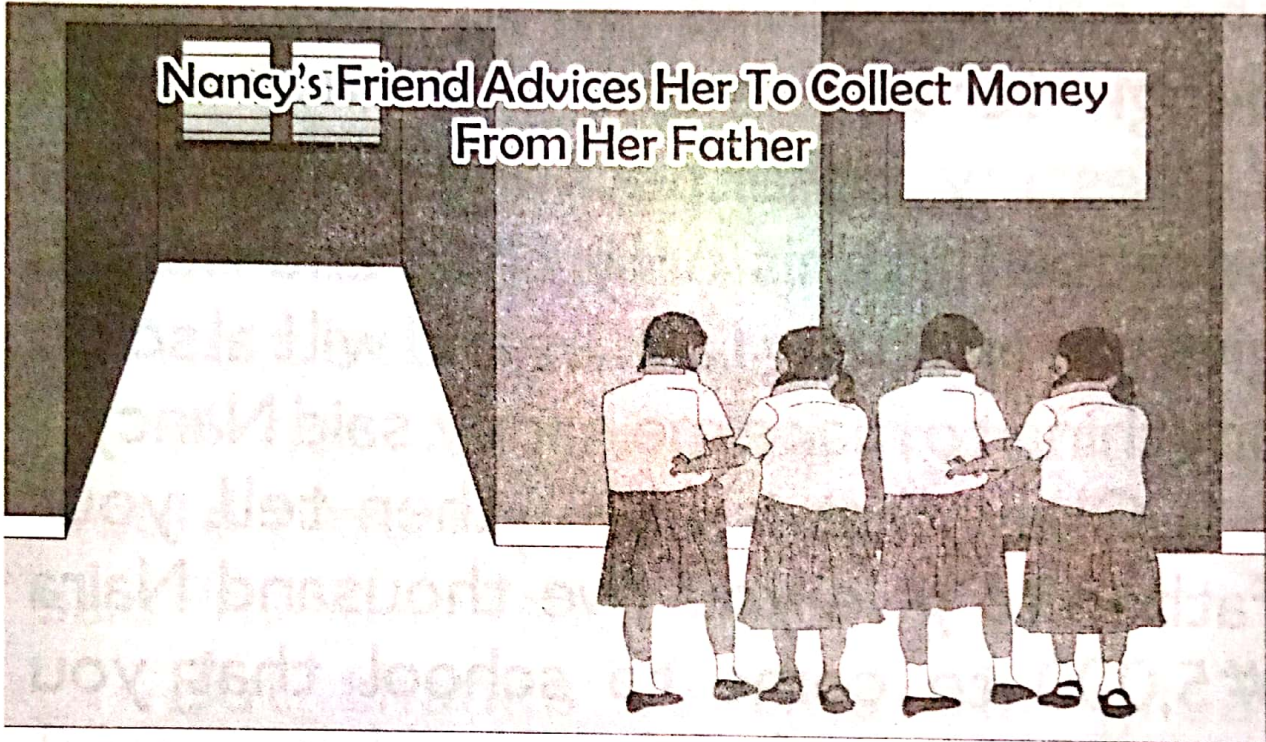


All the students of Babani international school marched on lines according to their various classes to their respective classrooms.

Nancy, Caroline, Joyce and Priscilla gets seated and their class teacher Mrs Davidson walks in and all the students greets her.

Chapter Five

NANCY'S FRIENDS ADVICES HER.



At school during the break time, Nancy takes her friends out for a nice treat. She buys them each a take away packs of fried rice with fruit juices.

She buys biscuits and snacks for them too. You see how good this leadership fits you Nancy, said Priscilla.

I love your care and spending for us and I would like it to continue, said Joyce.

It's only you that can make us your friends happy like this, Caroline said as she happily looks at all that Nancy bought for her.

Yes, my father pets and pampers me because I am his only child and he can give me anything I ask of and will also do anything to make me happy, said Nancy.

Okay, that is nice , then tell your father to give you five thousand Naira #5,000 to come to school that you want to pay for a school practical tomorrow, said Joyce.

No problem friends, I will do just that because my father has plenty of money and that #5,000 is just a very small money, replied Nancy as Priscilla cut's in, then by tomorrow when you come with the money, you are going to buy me something very very special.

Yes, I will Priscilla, because you all

are my good friends, replied Nancy.

Oh yes, yes! Yes! We are because we do teach you in class especially when there is any class tests or Examinations and you pass, especially mathematics which you find very difficult, said Caroline.

If not for us your friends, you would have repeated your last class, said Priscilla as she laughs stylishly.

But thanks to this our great association that helps one another, said Joyce. Oh yes, a friend in need is a friend indeed, concluded Joyce as she shakes Nancy's hand, Caroline's hand and Priscilla's hand and they all walk back quickly to their classroom as the " BELL BOY" rings the bell indicating that the break was over.

Chapter Six

NANCY ASKED HER FATHER FOR MONEY



When Nancy got home that day at about 3:30pm, she dropped her school bag in her room and goes to meet her father in the living room where he was sitting and watching the television as he changes the T.V station with the use of its remote control device in his hand.

Daddy, good afternoon sir, said Nancy

as she sits down near her father. Good afternoon Nancy and welcome back home, replied her father as he looks at her closely.

Thank you father, but I need a favour from you now, said Nancy as she puts her face down. Okay, what favour? Asked her father as he drops the TV remote control and holds Nancy's hand.

I need some money to buy some items for a class practical at school, said Nancy.

Okay, and how much do you need? asked her father as he removes his hand from Nancy's hand and puts his hand into his pocket and brings out his wallet.

It is Five Thousand Naira Only (#5,000), said Nancy as she begins to scratch her head stylishly. Oh! Okay, here you are, take the money and use it for the class practical at school, said

Prince Ohehen Asare as he gives Nancy the money and continues watching the television programme.

Thanks so much Daddy, said Nancy with so much joy and excitement as she goes to her room and puts the money into her school bag.

Chapter Seven

NANCY SPENDS THE MONEY WITH HER FRIENDS

By the following day at school during the break time, Nancy takes her friends out on a special treat and Caroline said, woooooow!!! Nancy, how did you do it to get such a big money from your father?

Hmmmmmm, I told him I needed the money to buy some items to be used for a classroom practical here in school said Nancy.

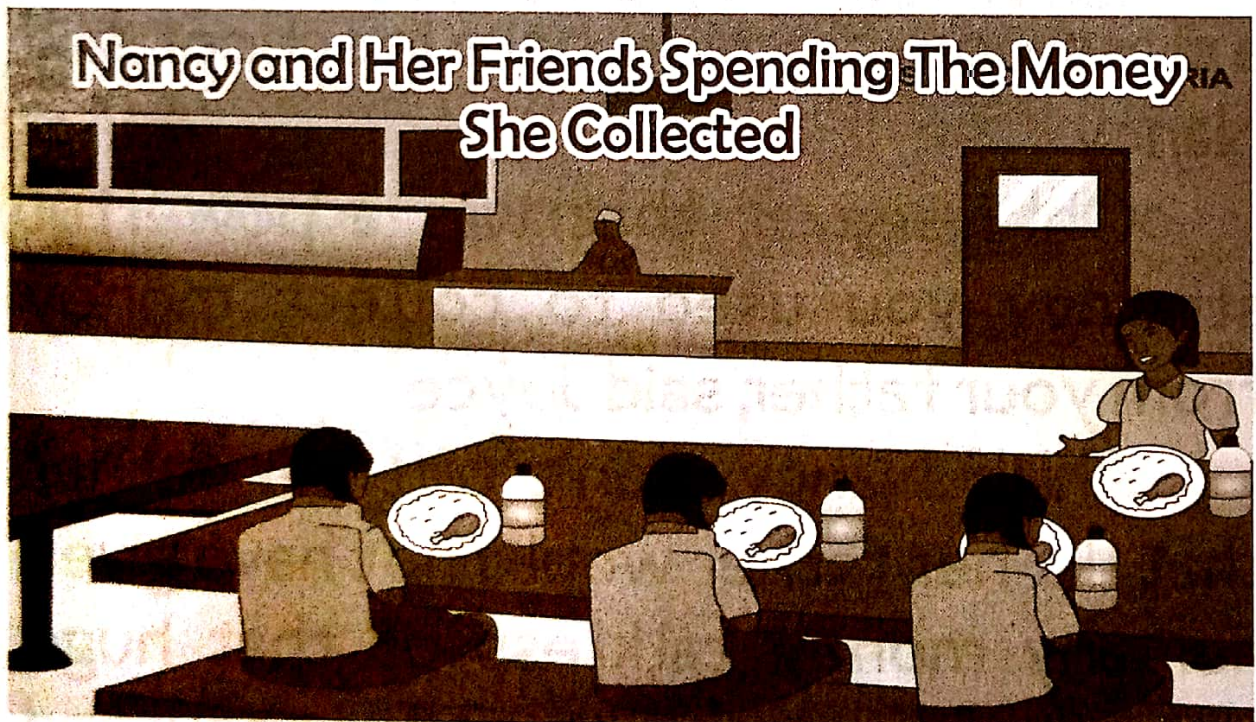
Oh! I see..... that was a powerful strategy you used to collect money from your father, said Joyce.

Ah! If Nancy didn't tell her father that lie, her father would not have given her any money, talkless of that huge amount of money as big as five thousand (5,000) naira, said Priscilla as they walked slowly to the school canteen to eat.

In less than five minutes, Nancy and her friends gets to the school canteen and gets sittted.

So girls, what are you going to eat? asked Nancy as she looks at all her friends one by one and dangles her head.

Okay, give me fried rice and chicken with " Don Simon Multi Fruity juice ", chilled one please, said Caroline.



Get me jollof rice mixed with coconut rice and fried turkey with a Don

Simone juice well chilled too, said Joyce.

And you Priscilla? asked Nancy, yes, Nancy, get me fried yam with eggs mixed with sardines and spaghetti with any kind of fruit juice that is chilled to go with it, said Priscilla.

Okay girls, now going to get all your goodies, I will be back soon, said Nancy as she goes to bring the food each of her friends ordered for.

In less than ten minutes, Nancy returns with three chefs of the school's canteen carrying all the food she and her friends ordered for as they placed the food in their front on the dinning table as Nancy pays for the food and they leave.

Soon Nancy sits down to eat and drink with all her three friends as they also laughed and chatted with one another.

Chapter Eight

NANCY GOES AGAIN TO HIS FATHER FOR MONEY.

Two days later, Nancy's friends comes to her in the class and tells her that she should go to her father again for money.

Again??? Asked Nancy in surprise. Yes, Nancy, go to your father and tell him that there is an excursion to an educational site and you were asked to pay for it by the school authorities and that we your friends have all paid and he will give you the money, said Joyce.

Oh! Okay!!! That's another uncommon strategy I can use to collect money from my Daddy, said Nancy as she nods her head happily in agreement to Joyce's advice.

And at exactly 3:00pm, Nancy and her friends leaves the school because it was closing time.



Nancy Goes to Collect money from Her Father Through Lies Again.

On getting home, Nancy quickly approaches her father who was fast asleep in his bedroom after a hard day's work.

Good afternoon Daddy, said Nancy as she taps her sleeping father on the back and he opens his eyes. Welcome my dear Nancy, said her father as he opens his eyes and rises out of the bed.

Yes Daddy, I am back from school and there is a good news oooo, we are going on an educational excursion, infact, all my friends have paid and registered to go except me, said Nancy.

Really? asked her father as he wipes his face with his two hands and sits up on the bed. Yes Daddy, replied Nancy.

So how much is the school collecting for the excursion? asked her father, as he touches his two trouser pockets searching for his wallet to give money to Nancy.

Daddy, it is only seven thousand naira even I may bring some change for you later when I return, said Nancy.

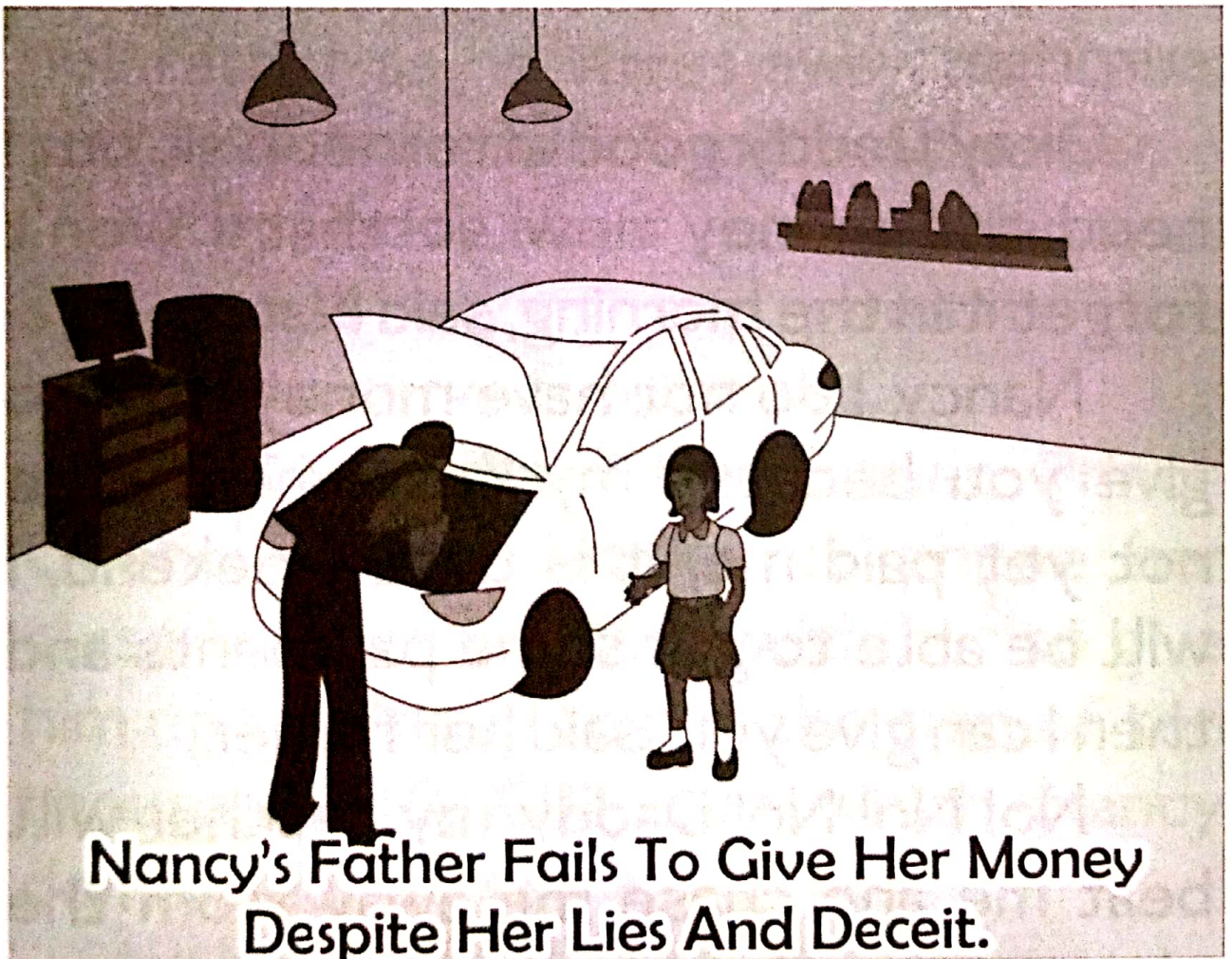
Oh! Okay, my wallet is on that table, said her father as he points towards the table in his room where his wallet was placed.

Should I bring it? asked Nancy. Take seven thousand naira from the wallet and pay for the programme of excursion tomorrow, said her father as Nancy goes to take the wallet and collects seven thousand (7,000) naira and returns to her room.

Chapter Nine

NANCY GOES TO HER FATHER THE THIRD TIME

Nancy spends the whole seven thousand naira on all her three friends at school within three days and plans to go back to collect more money from her father as being advised by her friends.



As soon as she gets home that day,

she walks up to her father who was busy working in his workshop as an Engineer.

Daddy, I am back from school and I need money for a programme at school, said Nancy. So Nancy, you can't even say good afternoon to me before asking for money? asked her father in great surprise.

Okay Daddy, good afternoon sir, but I need the money now so that I won't forget it in the morning, said Nancy.

Nancy, I do not have money now to give you because my customers have not yet paid me, it is until weekend, I will be able to get some payments and then I can give you, said her father.

No! No! No! Daddy, my teacher will beat me and chase me away from the classroom if I don't pay the ten

thousand (10,000) naira by tomorrow morning, said Nancy as she begins to cry.

Really? asked her father as he stops working and looks at her. Yes Daddy, said Nancy as she cries even louder the more.

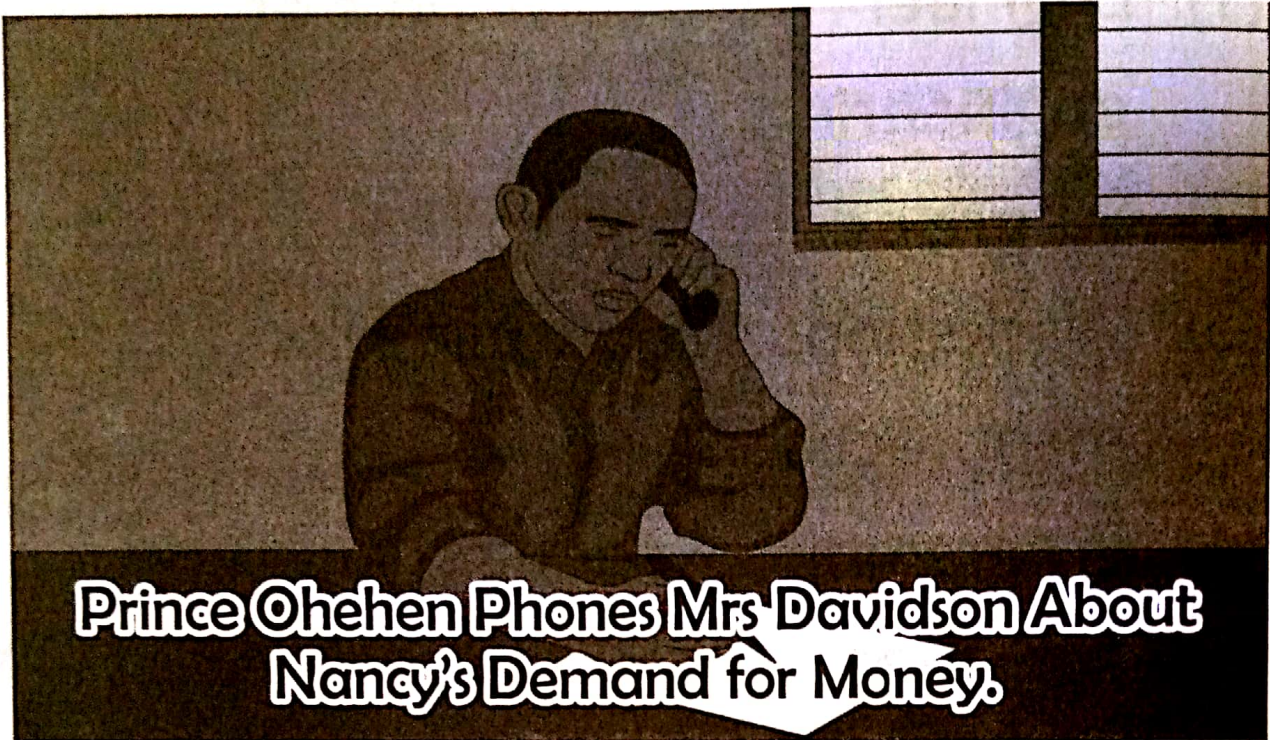
Okay, okay, stop crying my dear Nancy, I will see what I can do today said her father as he wipes away her tears with his handkerchief and cuddles her.

Okay Daddy, I hear you, said Nancy as she stops crying and goes to the kitchen to serve food to eat.

Meanwhile, her father, Prince Ohehen Asare decides to phone her class teacher to plead with her to give him up till Friday to pay the sum of ten thousand (10,000) naira which Nancy demanded.

Chapter Ten

PRINCE OHEHEN ASARE GETS A SHOCKING INFORMATION



Prince Ohehen Phones Mrs Davidson About Nancy's Demand for Money.

Hello Mrs Davidson, said Prince Ohehen Asare as he formerly introduces himself as Nancy's father to her class teacher.

Yes good afternoon, Prince Ohehen Asare, how are you sir? said Mrs Davidson. I am fine madam, and you? said Prince Asare. I am good too, replied Mrs Davidson.

Please, I am calling to plead with you about my daughter's money which I have not yet been able to pay, I mean the programme money, please madam, you remember that last week I paid five thousand (5,000) naira for her, for a classroom practical and also the same last week, I paid another seven thousand (7,000) naira for an educational Excursion programme organised by you. So please madam, kindly bear with me up till Friday morning, I will give Nancy the money to bring for you, please do not beat her or even drive her away from your classroom madam, I beg you, said Prince Ohehen Asare.

Did I hear you say things about money? asked Mrs Davidson in great surprise. Yes madam, replied Prince Ohehen Asare.

Please, please, please, there was no any kind of programme at all organised at the school or even outside the school and no money collected by me or even any teacher in the school, revealed Mrs Davidson.

What??? What did you just say now Mrs Davidson??? Asked Prince Ohehen Asare in great astonishment.

I think your daughter Nancy had been lying to you and collecting your money to go and spend with her group of bad friends in the class, so you need to investigate her immediately, said Mrs Davidson.

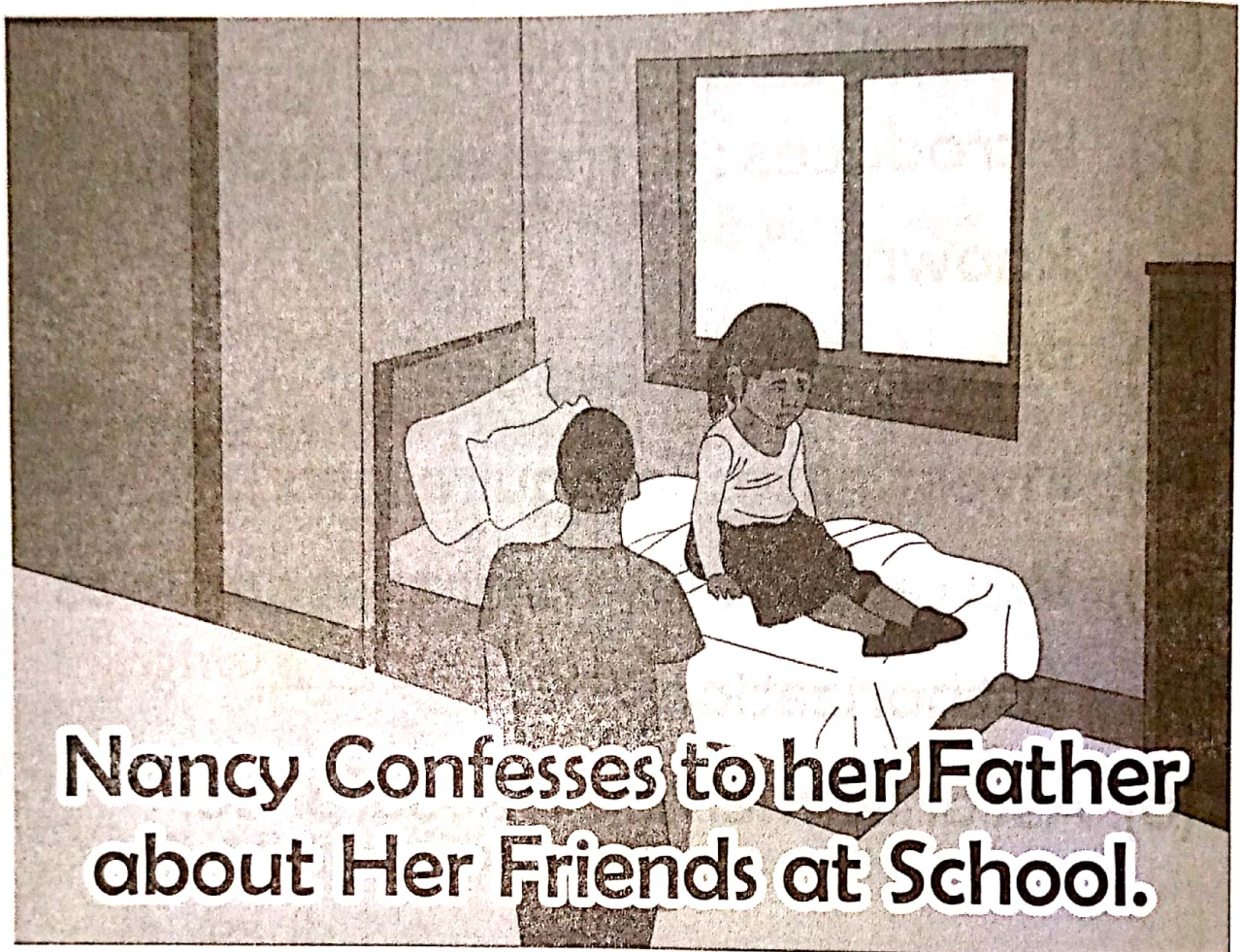
Prince Asare, please there was no activities and there won't be any activities this week or even next month and I think you need to check on your daughter because she needs to "BEWARE OF BAD FRIENDS" in the school, especially that my classroom

which I teach, said madam Davidson.

Oh! Okay! Thanks so much madam, but I am in a great shock as I speak because I had earlier wondered what kinds of activities were going on in the school weekly that warranted such huge money, said Prince Ohehen Asare, as the phone line cuts off.

Chapter Eleven

NANCY'S FATHER QUESTIONS HER ANGRILY.



Nancy Confesses to her Father about Her Friends at School.

Immediately Prince Ohehen Asare ends the conversation with Mrs Davidson, he angrily enters Nancy's room and starts questioning her based on the information he got from her teacher.

Nancy, what had come over you that you should be lying to me your father to collect money and spend with your friends? asked her father angrily as he looks straight into her eyes and Nancy starts trembling with fear.

Daddy, I am very much sorry please, I did not mean to do what I had done, it was my friends that advised me to keep collecting money from you through lies and deceit, pleaded Nancy. But I gave you all that you asked for, I tried my best to please you, I did all that a good father would do for his daughter, said her father.

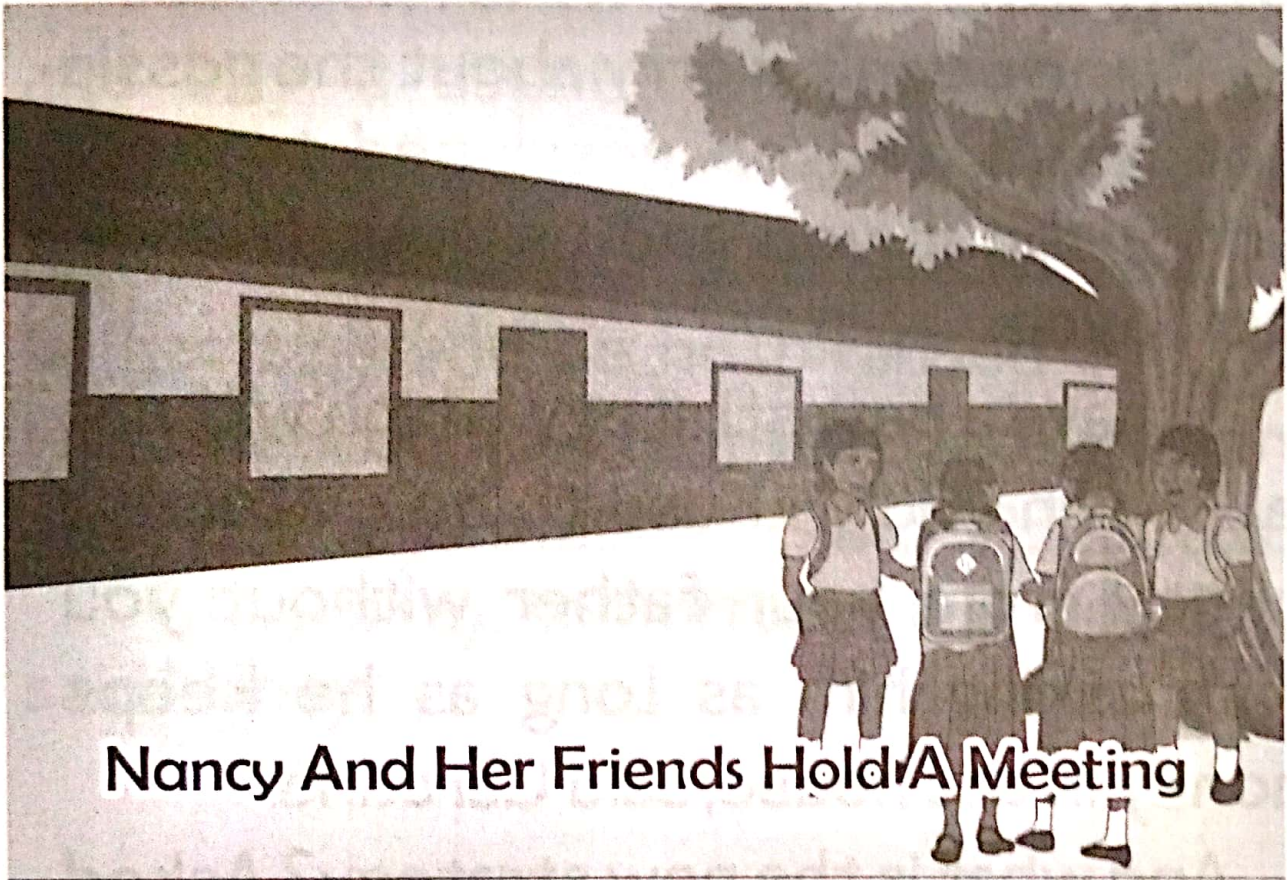
I am deeply sorry daddy, kindly forgive me daddy, I will never do that again in my life, Nancy pleaded as she goes on her knees begging her father and also crying.

You must take me to all of those your bad friends in school who had influenced you to become a bad egg like them, said her father.

And by the following day being Tuesday, Prince Ohehen Asare and his daughter Nancy gets to Nancy's classroom in the school and officially reports the matter to her teacher Mrs Davidson and she calls all Nancy's three friends and gives them serious warnings and threatens to punish them.

Chapter Eleven

NANCY AND HER FRIENDS HOLD A MEETING



Nancy And Her Friends Hold A Meeting

Joyce, Caroline and Priscilla becomes an object of mockery and insult in the class and the whole school because of what they had done and they all decided to come up with a new strategy for Nancy to still collect money from her daddy.

After closing hours, all the four friends gathered under a big mango tree to have a meeting.

Nancy, don't worry about the gossip that Mrs Davidson gossiped to your father about you and us your friends, said Joyce.

I have a new strategy which will not fail which you will use to be collecting money from your father without you even asking him as long as he keeps money in the house, said Caroline.

And what is the new strategy? Asked Nancy in anxiety. You will put bleach in your father's food and he will become very sick and be sent to the hospital and by so doing, you will have full and easy access to all his money, said Caroline.

Hmmmmm powerful!!! Shake me, said Nancy as she shakes Caroline. This

is really one touch strategy, said Priscilla.

Just look for two hundred (200) naira and buy a sachet bleach used for washing white clothes and pour it into his tea every morning and he will begin to get sick and be hospitalised and he will never be able to investigate you on any money matter, said Priscilla.

Okay, okay, tomorrow, I will do that, said Nancy.

Chapter Thirteen

NANCY POISONS HER FATHER AND GETS ARRESTED

Nancy gets home that afternoon and goes straight to her room to sleep without going to greet her father as usual at his workshop.

But her father still comes to look for her in her room to know what was the matter with her.

What is the problem, Nancy? Asked her father. Nothing!!! Replied Nancy and continues sleeping.

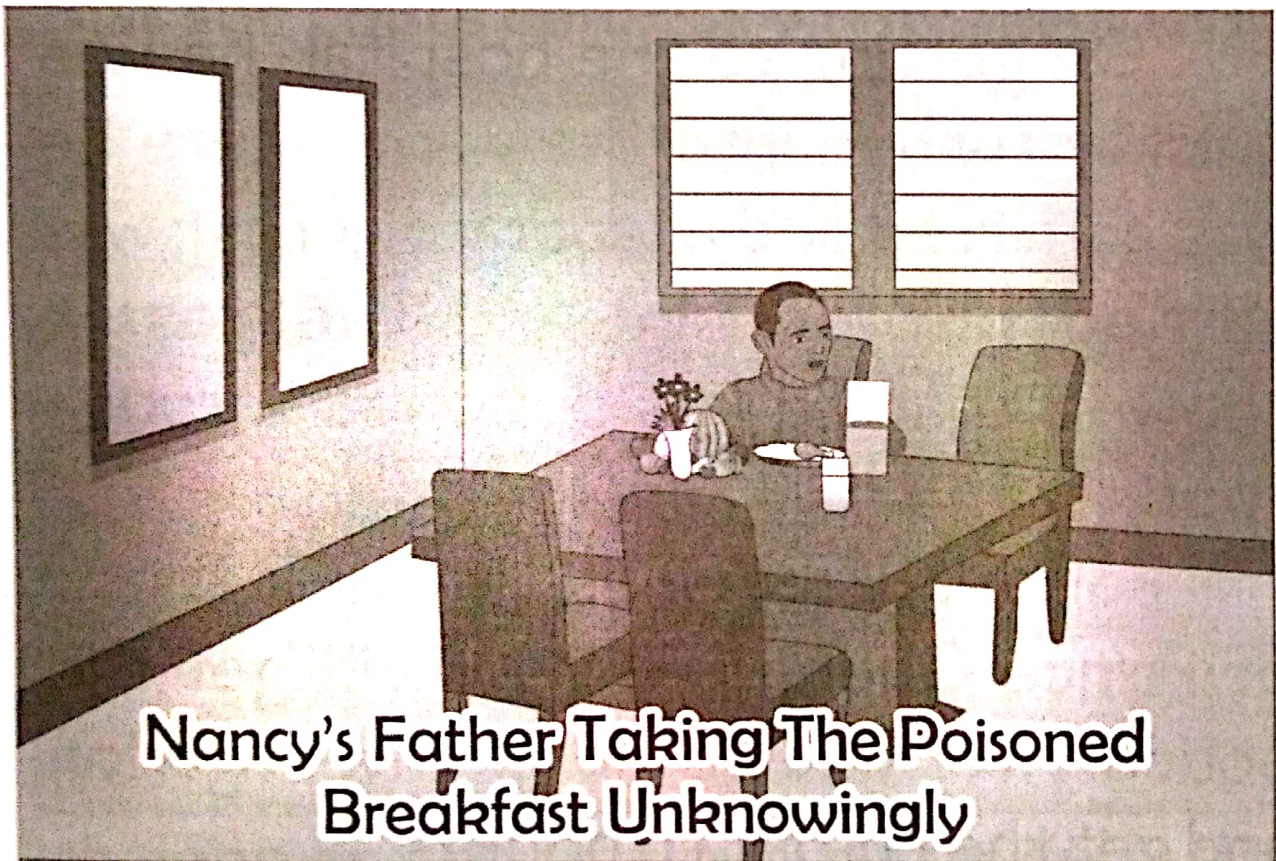
Okay, if you say nothing, no problem, but remember to eat your food because I am busy now working, said Prince Ohehen Asare as he leaves her room.

By the following day in the morning as usual, Nancy opted to prepare some tea for her father and as she made the

tea she poured four sachets of bleach into his tea and served her father.

Daddy, your breakfast is ready now and I am also about to be on my way to school. So can I have my feeding fee? said Nancy as she carries her school bag.

Yes, my dear, said her father as he gives her five hundred (500) naira and begins to eat his breakfast of tea and bread with fried eggs.



Nancy's Father Taking The Poisoned Breakfast Unknowingly

In about fifteen minutes time of having finished eating, Prince Ohehen Asare begins to vomit severely as he shouts for help and collapses suddenly.

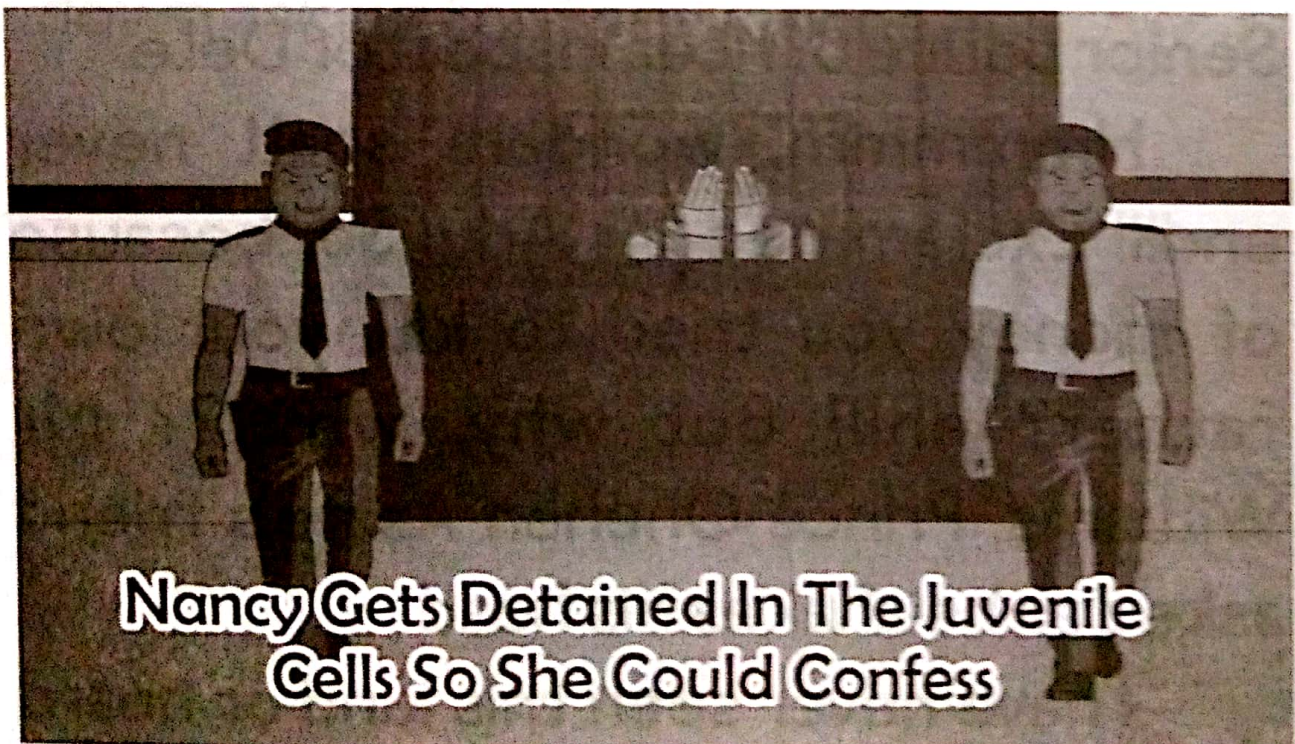
Some neighbours and friends came around so as to help take him to the hospital, and on the way to the hospital he started vomiting blood as he becomes very weak and could no longer talk.

On getting to the hospital, he was quickly rushed into the ward where he was admitted and a laboratory test was carried out on him and the result showed that he was poisoned through food.

Poisoned??? Asked Mr Adu a friend of Prince Ohehen Asare. I will get the police informed to do an investigation and get the culprit to book.

The police begins to make their investigations based on who gave Prince Ohehen Asare food to eat that morning and the crime suspect turned out to be Nancy, his only daughter.

As soon as she returned from school, she was immediately invited to the police station for questioning and a Senior police officer requested she should be put into the juvenile cell so that she could confess what she did and



as soon as she was put in the cell, she

broke down in tears and started saying please sir, I WILL CONFESS, I POISONED MY FATHER TO BECOME SICK SO THAT I CAN HAVE ACCESS TO ALL HIS MONEY. AND IT WAS NOT MY INTENTION SIR, IT WAS MY FRIENDS IN SCHOOL.

What??? Your friends in school told you to do that evil against your father and you obeyed them? Asked the Senior police officer, inspector Dele.

Hmmmmm, wonders shall never end!!! Exclamated Mr Adu. So, because of money you tried to kill your own father? eh!!! But why, why??? Mr Williams, Prince Ohehen Asare's friend asked as he shakes his head.

I have never seen this kind or heard of this kind of a case before that a

young child as you, a girl for that matter will hurt her own father just because of the LOVE of money, said inspector Dele.

Nancy, you need to " BEWARE OF BAD FRIENDS " And we hope that your father, Prince Ohehen Asare survives this attack, said Mr Williams.

I will never ever follow bad friends again in my life, said Nancy as she cries out loud in the juvenile cell and knees down asking for forgiveness.

THE END.