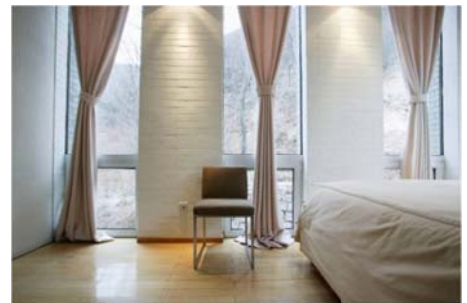


# *The Executive*



## *Part 1*

**S**haniqua woke from her night's sleep. She sat up and looked around for her husband. "Good," she thought, "*he's gone to work.*" Although she slept, she still felt tired. Shaniqua got out of bed slowly wishing she could go back and lay down. She used the toilet, then brushed her teeth and washed her face. She looked at the shower. She preferred to take a shower in the summer. She turned on the shower and dragged herself in the stream of water pouring down. After her shower she hurried and got dressed to reach work quickly.



# *The Executive*

Shaniqua was the President of their advertising agency. Her husband TJ, headed the company as the Chief Executive Officer. They both seemed to work well together. However, he has been getting on her nerves lately. TJ tells her what to do and demands that she does it. When she “disobeys” he gets angry with her and tells her how stupid and stubborn she is, using curse words. What has gotten into him anyway? Why is he acting like that; sometimes in front of the employees? He keeps telling me “I’m ticking him off.” Doesn’t he know he’s ticking me off too? Shaniqua looked at the time.

“Uh oh, I better hurry up and get to work so he doesn’t have a reason to get ticked off.” Doesn’t he realize how he makes me feel? I may mess up but I’m not stupid. I do not need someone who claims he love me, making me feel bad only to make himself feel good. Why did he say curse words to me?

“Lord God Almighty, please let me and my husband get a long and be happy. Bring back joy to our marriage. Let him realize how he’s treating me.”



On her way to work, a thought came to Shaniqua.

*“How are you treating TJ? You belittle him the other day and yesterday, and sometimes in front of your employees. How do you think he felt?”*

*“Well,” she answered back in her thoughts, “he gets on my last nerves.”*

The thought came back, *“You told a grown man, in front of employee that he’s acting like a child.”*

*“Lord, he was acting like a child.”* The thought came back.

*“You asked me to let you and your husband get along. Let him realize how he’s treating you. Shaniqua check yourself first. You also told him in front of employee ‘don’t tell you what to do.’ Shaniqua you both agreed for him to be the CEO of the company. Plus he is your husband, the head of your household.”*

“But God, he was mean to me. . . .,” she said aloud. “God? Father, God? Are you still there? Hello.” Shaniqua drove on waiting for a response. “Okay,” she finally said, “I’m sorry. Show me what to do then. Um, Father, please, what do I do? I’m willing to listen.” A thought ran through her mind.

*“Call Etta, your mother’s good friend.”*

“Lord, why should I call her? Lord? Okay, I’ll call her when I get to work.

# *The Executive*

Shaniqua and TJ worked very hard to get their business up and running. They prayed together daily. When the money started to come in abundance, they were so busy running business that they grew apart. TJ became demanding and Shaniqua was not having it. They argued constantly. They said words to each other that were malicious. She could not forgive him and he could not forgive her. She did not want to be around him anymore and he was getting disgusted with her.

**Continue to Part II of the story. Stories are written in parts if you are a busy individual. -- See what happens when TJ continues to be mean to Shaniqua. See what she does to get him back.**

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