

MOTHER

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## MOTHER (BIRTH AND NURTURING NARRATION)

Olufunmito my jewel! I am fond of calling you my Testimony because of the obscured path you took through me to this sardonic world. You see, Bi omode o ba d'ebi eru, won ni eru o kin ba. Omode ara mi d'ebi eru. Oku die ki osan d'oru. My envied, yet beautiful and poised world almost collapsed. These rollercoaster of emotions swung into after I took the bold step of tying the knot with whom my heart yearned for; gbogbo oju lori lojo naa. I began to see eyebrows raising towards me. What transpired? (chuckles)

Ere'di igbeyawo di abeere momi l'owo. My proclaimed barrenness stupefied my chances to fight back. A barren should not own any notion after all. I was dejected and criticized by the old, young, rich, even the poor. **(CHUCKLES)** I got entangled in the web of the humans. I repeat H-U-M-A-N-S!

**(SIGH)** I began to suck in threats, drops , re-considering people's opinion, especially Boye's mother, whose only advice throughout that time was for my husband to capitulate me into the hands of my unfortunate destiny and take in another woman. Murky days but God shined his light again and I conquered.

**(CHUCKLES)** Humans! Man proposes, God disposes. Finally, Joy, in form of fetus decided to start co-cohabiting with me. As expected, Aye gbo, orun mo. Awon elegan ati onilara tun gbe igba ejo kana. They never expected the situation at hand because I had been canceled, especially by swines from your father's family. Orisirisi alakala loru. Pre trauma took the best of me. I never asked for a troublesome child **(SMILES)**. but guess who toughed the distress till the last minute of trimester, I did!

**Oh!** Guess what? My water finally broke in the middle of the night with just one woman to help out. **(SIGH)** Olufumito Abike, I labored for good 7 hours. I saw death from aloof, proudly striding towards me. I lost my voice few minutes into labor because you wanted to come out the wrong way. **IGE** lo ba je, "**Odaju omo, omo bi iya ba le ku ko ku**" I adore the dexterity and experience of that woman. You finally came out the right way. I Conquered again! I lost all weight and became frustrated. Lot of days without reckoning with the nature. Aimoye ojo ti ebi pa okere mi sun. Nurturing a glorious toddler was not as easy like I thought. **(SMILES)** Alas! I conquered again!

Nothing has made me more proud, as a woman and as your mother than witnessing and celebrating this glorious day with you. My dear daughter, on this day, I pray and ask for the grace I got from God to become evident in your life. You

shall become a force to reckon with. You will succeed in all ramification! Abike, Wa goke, Wa tayo, Wa bori. Omo araye o ni ba e sukun. Ninu olanla olohun, won o ni bo bata ofo si enu ona mi nitori e. You are a star. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY OLUFUNMITO ABIKE! IGBA ODUN, ODUN KAN NI O! EMI E SE PUPO LAYE, NINU EMI GIGUN ATI ALAAFIA. MY LOVE TO YOU.**