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Autobiography

I am Martin Mwangi a native of Nairobi, Kenya, born on the 21st September, 2001, to Grace and Mwangi. I was born in the picturesque Kiambu County, Kenya, a place of natural beauty and rich cultural heritage. From my early days in the vibrant community, I developed a deep appreciation of the beauty of nature and the warmth of community spirit. This early upbringing laid the foundation for the values and principles that would guide me through life.

But despite the struggles, I was fortunate to have a loving family and supportive community. My father worked tirelessly to provide for us, and we cherished every moment we spent together.

My early years were characterized by challenges, but they also shaped my character and instilled in me the value of hard work and determination. As I grew older, I began to appreciate the sacrifices that my father had made for our family, and it fueled my desire to succeed and create a better life for myself and those around me.

Through education, I was able to transform my life and achieve success beyond my wildest dreams. Today, I am proud to say that I am a respected member of my community, and I continue to work hard to make a difference in the lives of those around me. This autobiography is my story, and I hope it inspires others to overcome their challenges and pursue their dreams.

Growing up with separated parents was not particularly challenging for me, as they always kept me out of their divorce proceedings and got along fine in social gatherings. I resided with my mother until I was 16 years old and in high school. However, during my sophomore year, I started hanging out with a group of friends who introduced me to drinking and smoking marijuana, and I was quickly spiraling down a path of destruction. I am grateful that I realized the consequences of my actions before it was too late, and I moved in with my father, changed schools, and made new friends.

Living with my father was a significant change for me, as he was a strict disciplinarian who valued education and hard work above all else. He worked hard to provide for our family, and I respected his efforts. I made new friends in my new school, and they were a positive influence on me. They encouraged me to work hard and to focus on my studies, and we engaged in positive activities such as sports and community service.

As a result of my new friends' influence and my father's guidance, I excelled in my studies, and I eventually graduated from high school with top grades. I went on to pursue higher education, earning a degree in Business Administration from a prestigious university. After graduation, I secured a job in a reputable firm, and I worked hard to establish myself as a reliable and competent employee.

Throughout my journey, I realized the importance of making good choices and surrounding myself with positive influences. I also appreciated the significance of having a strong support system, as my father was always there for me whenever I needed guidance or support. My experiences taught me that with hard work, determination, and a positive attitude, one can overcome any obstacle and achieve their goals.

My journey has been one filled with challenges and triumphs. However, through it all, I have learned valuable lessons that have helped me become the person I am today. I am grateful for my experiences, and I am determined to use them to make a positive impact on society.

My childhood was filled with happy memories, despite the challenges we faced. I attended a local primary school and was a diligent student, always eager to learn. I was also involved in extracurricular activities such as singing in the school choir and playing netball with my friends. My parents struggled to pay for my education, but they always made sure I had the necessary books and supplies. I was fortunate to have a supportive family and community that encouraged me to pursue my dreams.

During my childhood in Kenya, I attended pre-unit school, which was a memorable experience for me. My school was located in a small rural town and it was one of the few schools available in the area. Even though it was a small school, it provided me with a strong foundation for my education.

I remember my first day of school vividly. I was both excited and nervous. My mother accompanied me to school and helped me get settled in my new classroom. The classroom was full of children of different ages, from three to five years old. I was three years old at the time and it was my first time being away from home. However, I quickly adapted to the new environment, thanks to the friendly atmosphere in the classroom.

My teacher, Mrs. Mwangi, was a warm and nurturing woman who had a passion for teaching. She made sure that every child in the classroom felt comfortable and safe. She always had a smile on her face and made learning fun. I remember how she would use songs, games and stories to teach us new concepts. Her teaching style made me look forward to attending school every day.

During my pre-unit years, I learned the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic. I enjoyed reading storybooks and learning new words. I remember when I learned to count from one to ten, I felt so proud of myself. Mrs. Mwangi made learning fun by using different teaching methods that catered to different learning styles.

Apart from academic work, we also engaged in extracurricular activities such as singing, dancing and playing games. We had weekly sports days where we participated in races and other fun games. I particularly enjoyed playing 'kati', a traditional Kenyan game, which involves throwing a ball and trying to hit other players with it.

One of my fondest memories of pre-unit school was the Christmas party we had. We all dressed up in our best clothes and had a lot of fun singing Christmas carols, dancing and exchanging gifts. It was a joyous occasion that brought the whole school community together.

As I progressed to the second year of pre-unit, I was given more responsibilities such as being the class monitor. I was responsible for collecting classwork and homework from my classmates and ensuring that everything was in order. This experience helped me develop leadership skills and boosted my confidence.

Looking back, pre-unit school was a fun and formative experience for me. It laid a strong foundation for my education and helped shape me into the person I am today. I will always be grateful to my teacher, Mrs. Kariuki, and the entire school community for the wonderful memories and lessons that I learned during my time there.

My primary school days were some of the best times of my life. I grew up in a small village in Kenya and attended a local school called St. Mary's Primary School.

Every morning, I would wake up early, put on my uniform, and head to school. I remember walking with my friends along the dusty roads, chatting and laughing as we went. When we got to school, we would line up for morning prayers, then head to our classrooms.

Our teachers were strict but caring, and they always pushed us to do our best. We would spend hours each day studying math, English, Swahili, science, and social studies. I loved learning new things, and I was always eager to ask questions and explore new ideas.

But it wasn't all work and no play. We had plenty of breaks throughout the day, and we would spend them playing games with our friends. We would play soccer, hopscotch, and other games, and we would always have a great time.

One of my fondest memories from primary school was the annual sports day. Each year, the school would hold a big sports event where students would compete in various races and events. There were running races, relays, sack races, and even tug-of-war. I remember how excited we all were to participate, and how proud we felt when we won.

Another highlight of my primary school days was the end-of-year exams. Even though they were nerve-wracking, I always enjoyed the challenge of testing my knowledge and skills. I worked hard to prepare for the exams, and I was always proud of myself when I did well.

Looking back on my primary school days, I realize how much they shaped me into the person I am today. They instilled in me a love of learning, a strong work ethic, and a sense of community and belonging. I will always cherish those memories and be grateful for the education I received at St. Mary's Primary School.

In my humble opinion, secondary school was the best time of my life. I had the opportunity to discover myself and develop my character. I attended a mixed day school, and I loved every moment of it.

In my first year, I was shy and reserved, but my teachers helped me come out of my shell. They encouraged me to participate in extracurricular activities, such as drama, debate, and music. I discovered that I had a talent for public speaking, and I quickly became involved in the debate club. I also joined the music club and the school choir, which helped me develop my singing voice.

As I progressed through my secondary school years, I began to take my academics more seriously. I had a passion for numbers and problem-solving, which led me to choose mathematics, economics, and accounting as my main subjects. With the help of my teachers, I excelled in these subjects and maintained high grades throughout my four years of study.

Apart from academics and extracurricular activities, secondary school also taught me valuable life skills. I learned the importance of time management, teamwork, and leadership. I was given the opportunity to lead my class as the class prefect in my final year. This position taught me how to be responsible, accountable, and a good role model to my peers.

In terms of personal development, secondary school was a turning point in my life. I made lifelong friends, who have remained close to me even after graduation. These friendships taught me the value of loyalty, trust, and unconditional love. I also had my fair share of relationships with boys, but I learned to prioritize my studies and not to compromise my values for a relationship.

Overall, my secondary school experience was amazing. It prepared me for the challenges of adulthood and instilled in me a passion for continuous learning and personal development. I will always cherish the memories and lessons learned during my time in secondary school.

My university experience was amazing! I enrolled in the a Mechatronics Engineering program, which was my dream course, and I made a lot of great friends along the way.

As a first-year student, I was excited and nervous at the same time. I was finally entering the next phase of my life, and I wanted to make the most of it. On the first day of classes, I was surprised at how many students there were, but I was determined to get to know as many of them as possible.

As the days went by, I slowly started to make friends. I met people from different parts of the country, and we bonded over our love for accounting and our shared experiences as university students. We studied together, attended lectures together, and even participated in extracurricular activities together.

One of my fondest memories from my time at the university was participating in a debate competition with my classmates. We worked hard to prepare for the competition, and in the end, we emerged victorious! It was an incredible feeling to know that our hard work had paid off, and we had made our university proud.

Aside from academics, I also got involved in various clubs and organizations on campus. I joined the accounting club, which provided me with many opportunities to learn and grow as an accounting student. We organized workshops, seminars, and networking events, which helped me to build my skills and connect with professionals in the accounting field.

During my final year, I began to focus more on my career prospects after graduation. I attended career fairs, applied for internships, and worked on building my resume. I was fortunate enough to secure an internship at a reputable accounting firm, which allowed me to gain valuable experience and apply the theories I had learned in class to real-life situations.

Overall, my university experience was amazing. I not only gained knowledge and skills in accounting, but I also made lifelong friendships and memories. The university provided me with a supportive community, and I am grateful for the opportunities it has given me.

My journey in accounting began when I was pursuing my undergraduate degree in Commerce at the University of Nairobi. The accounting courses fascinated me, and I developed a keen interest in the subject. After completing my degree, I joined a small accounting firm as an intern, where I was exposed to different accounting tasks such as bookkeeping, tax computation, and audit preparation. It was a challenging and exciting time, and I was eager to learn and gain practical experience.

In 2015, I joined a multinational company as a financial analyst. The role was different from my previous job in that it involved more financial analysis, budgeting, and forecasting. I was responsible for preparing financial reports and presentations for senior management, analyzing key performance indicators, and providing insights on financial trends and projections. It was an exciting role that exposed me to different business units and enabled me to broaden my knowledge of financial analysis.

Balancing Financial Statements What actually stands out for me in my accounting job is balancing financial statements. Financial statement preparation is a critical part of accounting, and it requires accuracy, attention to detail, and knowledge of accounting standards. Balancing the financial statements involves ensuring that the assets equal the liabilities plus equity. It may sound simple, but it requires a thorough understanding of accounting concepts, reconciliation skills, and the ability to identify and correct errors. Balancing financial statements can be time-consuming and tedious, but it is a vital task that ensures the accuracy of the financial information presented to stakeholders.

Challenges and Lessons Learned Throughout my career in accounting, I have encountered various challenges that have tested my skills and resilience. One of the significant challenges is managing conflicting priorities and tight deadlines. In accounting, clients and stakeholders have different expectations and requirements, which may conflict with each other. As an accountant, I have had to prioritize tasks, communicate effectively with clients and colleagues, and manage my time efficiently to meet the deadlines. I have also learned to be adaptable and flexible, as the accounting profession is constantly evolving, and one needs to keep up with the latest developments and technologies.

Another challenge is dealing with ethical dilemmas. As an accountant, I have encountered situations where I had to make difficult ethical decisions, such as reporting a client's wrongdoing or refusing to comply with a client's request that violated accounting standards. Such decisions require integrity, courage, and professional judgment, and I have learned to consult with colleagues, seek guidance from professional bodies, and always.

Throughout my life, I have had many friends and boyfriends, some of whom have come and gone, while others have remained in my life for a long time. Growing up in Kenya, I was always surrounded by a large group of friends, and we would often spend our days playing games, telling stories, and exploring the outdoors.

In primary school, I had a best friend named Lucy. We did everything together, from sharing our lunches to studying for exams. We would often walk to and from school together, talking about our dreams for the future and giggling about our crushes on the cute boys in our class.

As I grew older and entered high school, my circle of friends expanded, and I became more interested in dating. I had my first boyfriend in Form 2, and although it didn't last very long, it was an exciting experience. I felt grown-up and sophisticated, and I enjoyed spending time with someone who made me feel special.

Over the years, I dated several other boys, some of whom were good for me and others who were not. I had my heart broken a few times, but I learned valuable lessons about love, trust, and respect.

After high school, I attended university and made even more friends. We would spend our days in class, studying, and hanging out in cafes, discussing our future careers and aspirations. I had a few more boyfriends during this time, but I was more focused on my studies and building a successful future for myself.

As I entered my twenties, I started to value my friendships more than ever. I realized that good friends were hard to come by and that the ones who had stuck by me through thick and thin were the ones who truly mattered. We would support each other through tough times, celebrate our successes, and create lasting memories together.

Now, as I approach my thirties, I am grateful for the friends and boyfriends who have been a part of my life. Some have moved on to different parts of the world, and others are still by my side, but all of them have left a mark on my heart. I have learned that friendships and relationships take work, but the ones that are worth it are the ones that will last a lifetime.

I am a person who is deeply committed to social causes, and I actively participate in various initiatives and activities to make a positive impact on my community.

One of my most notable involvements is with an organization called Kijana Mwema, which translates to "good youth" in Swahili. The organization works to empower and uplift young people in disadvantaged communities across Kenya. I have been a volunteer with Kijana Mwema for several years now, and it has been an incredibly fulfilling experience.

Through Kijana Mwema, I have had the opportunity to work with young people from different parts of the country, helping them to develop skills and gain knowledge that will help them succeed in life. We organize mentorship sessions, skills training, and educational programs that aim to build self-confidence, promote leadership skills, and encourage positive attitudes towards life.

One of the most rewarding experiences I had with Kijana Mwema was a project we did to raise awareness about the importance of education. We visited several primary and secondary schools in rural areas, where we talked to students about the value of education and encouraged them to take their studies seriously. It was heartwarming to see the positive impact our message had on these young minds.

Apart from my involvement with Kijana Mwema, I am also a member of several other organizations that work towards social causes. For example, I am part of a team that organizes medical camps in underserved communities, providing free medical checkups and treatments to people who cannot afford them.

I am also passionate about environmental conservation and have been involved in several tree planting and clean-up campaigns in my community. Through these initiatives, we aim to promote sustainable practices and create awareness about the importance of taking care of our environment.

Being involved in these activities has not only given me a sense of fulfillment but has also helped me grow as an individual. I have learned valuable life lessons such as teamwork, leadership, and the importance of giving back to society. I have also met amazing people and made lifelong friends.

In conclusion, my commitment to social causes is an essential part of who I am. Through my involvement in various initiatives, I hope to contribute towards building a better society and creating a positive impact on the lives of others.

As a Kenyan, leisure time is an important part of our culture, and I am no exception. I love to explore new places and travel whenever I can. My love for travelling began at a young age when my family would take trips to different parts of the country during school breaks. These trips allowed me to experience new cultures, meet new people and try different foods.

Now as an adult, I make it a priority to travel to new places whenever I get the chance. Whether it's a weekend getaway to a nearby town or a longer trip abroad, I find it rejuvenating to step outside my routine and immerse myself in a new environment.

One of my favorite hobbies is photography, and travelling gives me the opportunity to capture beautiful moments and memories in different parts of the world. I love to document the landscapes, people, and wildlife that I come across during my travels, and it's always exciting to look back on those memories and share them with others.

In addition to travelling and photography, I have a wide range of other hobbies that keep me busy during my leisure time. I enjoy reading books, listening to music, watching movies, and trying out new recipes in the kitchen. I also enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, swimming, and cycling.

One of my most recent hobbies is gardening. I have always been fascinated by plants and nature, and I decided to try my hand at growing some vegetables in my backyard. It's been a rewarding experience to watch the plants grow and produce fruits and vegetables that I can use in my cooking.

Overall, I believe that hobbies and leisure activities are important for our mental health and well-being. They allow us to unwind, recharge, and explore our passions. As a Kenyan, I am grateful for the many opportunities to explore my hobbies and interests, and I look forward to continuing to pursue them in the years to come.

Being a Kenyan, I am proud to say that I am a multilingual person. Growing up, I learned to speak several languages including English, Swahili, and Kikuyu, which are the most commonly spoken languages in my country.

English, being the official language in Kenya, is one of the languages that I speak fluently. I first learned English in primary school, where it was part of the curriculum. Since then, I have honed my English language skills by reading books, watching English movies, and engaging in conversations with native English speakers. As a result, I am able to communicate fluently and effectively in English, both in written and spoken form. This has helped me to interact with people from different parts of the world and has opened up numerous opportunities for me.

Swahili, on the other hand, is the national language in Kenya and is widely spoken across the country. I learned Swahili at a very young age, and it has been an essential part of my communication with people from different regions within Kenya. Swahili is a language that I use in my day-to-day activities, such as when interacting with friends and colleagues, making transactions, and when conducting business. Being able to speak Swahili fluently has also helped me to appreciate the cultural diversity within Kenya and has enabled me to understand the nuances of different ethnic groups.

Kikuyu is my mother tongue, and it is a language that I hold dear to my heart. It is the language spoken by the Kikuyu people, who are the largest ethnic group in Kenya. I learned Kikuyu from my parents and grandparents, who are fluent speakers of the language. Speaking Kikuyu has helped me to maintain a strong connection to my roots and culture. It has also enabled me to communicate effectively with my relatives and other members of the Kikuyu community.

Being able to speak multiple languages has had a significant impact on my personal and professional life. It has helped me to connect with people from different backgrounds and has allowed me to appreciate the diverse cultures within Kenya. Moreover, it has been an essential skill in my career, particularly in the field of business and commerce. Being able to speak different languages has enabled me to communicate effectively with clients, partners, and suppliers, which has facilitated successful business transactions.

In conclusion, as a Kenyan, I am proud to be multilingual. My ability to speak English, Swahili, and Kikuyu has enabled me to connect with people from different parts of the world and has opened up numerous opportunities for me. Speaking multiple languages has also been an essential part of my cultural identity and has helped me to appreciate the diversity within my country.

I have always been passionate about acquiring new skills and expanding my knowledge base. Over the years, I have developed a diverse set of skills that have helped me in both my personal and professional life. Some of the skills that I have developed and continue to hone include video editing, photography, and academic writing.

Video Editing:

Video editing has always been a fascinating skill for me, and I have been honing my skills in this area for several years. I have experience using a range of video editing software, including Adobe Premiere Pro and Final Cut Pro. I have used these tools to create a range of video content, including promotional videos, short films, and music videos.

One of the most challenging projects I have undertaken was creating a promotional video for a non-profit organization that was focused on raising awareness about climate change. The video required extensive research and planning, and I had to work closely with the organization's team to understand their vision and goals for the video. The final product was well-received, and it helped the organization to reach a wider audience and increase their impact.

Photography:

Photography is another skill that I have developed over the years. I have experience using a range of cameras, including DSLRs and mirrorless cameras, and I am proficient in using editing software like Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop. My photography work has been featured in a number of exhibitions and publications, and I have also done freelance photography work for events like weddings and corporate functions.

One of my most memorable photography experiences was when I was asked to document a community development project in a rural area of Kenya. The project involved the construction of a new school, and I was asked to document the construction process as well as the impact that the new school would have on the community. The experience was incredibly fulfilling, and it gave me the opportunity to use my photography skills to tell an important story.

Academic Writing:

Academic writing is another skill that I have developed over the years. I have a strong foundation in research and writing, and I have worked on a range of academic projects, including research papers, case studies, and literature reviews. I am proficient in using research tools like JSTOR and Google Scholar, and I have experience using citation styles like APA, MLA, and Chicago.

One of the most challenging academic writing projects I have undertaken was a research paper on the impact of social media on political activism in Kenya. The project required extensive research and analysis, and I had to work closely with my supervisor to ensure that the paper was of the highest quality. The paper was well-received, and it was even published in a peer-reviewed academic journal.

I have developed a diverse set of skills that have helped me in various aspects of my life. My passion for learning and acquiring new skills has allowed me to explore my interests and broaden my horizons. I am always looking for new opportunities to expand my skill set and challenge myself, and I believe that this attitude will continue to serve me well in the years to come.

Looking back at my life, it's amazing to see how much I have grown and the experiences I have had. From my humble beginnings as a newborn to where I am now, I can say that it has been a journey full of ups and downs. I was born to loving parents who did their best to provide for me, despite the challenges we faced. Losing my mother at a young age was a difficult experience, but my father's love and support helped me to persevere.

Growing up, I faced my fair share of challenges, including financial struggles and the temptation to follow the wrong crowd. However, with the help of my family and friends, I was able to stay on the right path and achieve my dreams. Throughout my education, I discovered my love for accounting and pursued it with passion. My journey through university was filled with both academic and personal growth, and I am grateful for the experiences and friendships I gained.

In addition to my education, I have also cultivated a wide range of skills, from video editing to photography and academic writing. These skills have opened up opportunities for me and allowed me to express myself creatively. I am grateful for the chance to explore my passions and turn them into valuable skills that I can use to make a difference in the world.

As I look back on my journey so far, I am proud of the person I have become and the experiences that have shaped me. I am excited to see where life takes me next and the adventures that await. With the support of my family, friends, and community, I know that I can overcome any challenges that come my way and continue to grow and thrive.