

I cant blame anyone

It later ended in tears

We lost him

He's dead

Rohan died at the age of 30 after so much of pain, he has 4 younger sisters

The mother was a teacher while the father happens to be a car dealer.

Rohan's mother was a loving and caring mother which every man would pray to have while the father is also a responsible one then.

It all happen when he was 2 when he had a serious illness, he was taken to the hospital and the doctors checked, he was diagnose with a serious malaria which has led to a low pcv .hmmmmm,

Rohan need blood because the results state that he has just 15% left.

The parents was shocked and they asked the doctor

What should we do?

The doctor says he need a blood transfusion and before then, we will have to carry out some tests on him to know his genotype and blood group.

After that we will know what next to do.

“fine it happens that the father can give him blood because there genotype and blood group was the same which is AA, O positive.

After some weeks he get better and they were discharged from the hospital and he resumes to school.

Two months later Clara the first daughter also fall sick and was rushed to the hospital but unfortunately she died before the doctor could even check on her.

What a life, just a month after Rohan sickness clara died what a great loss to Fred family.

The couple tried to be strong for the other children but deep down in their heart they were really hurt with the loss of their daughter but what can they do.

“Life goes on

Rohan mother resume work and the father also travelled, they continue with their normal life.

Then it was April, the family was preparing for Rohan 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, they were all happy and they couldn't hide it.

“Yes the day has come today is 18<sup>th</sup> of April says Mr. Fred, he called his son and prayed for him as well as the mother, they were all happy because it is their son's birthday.

They all eats drinks and have lots of fun.

It was exactly 9pm when Rohan started vomiting, it is like a play but he keeps vomiting, they tried checking his temperature with a thermometer.

You won't believe it, he was 39.9.

Ahhhhhhhhh! the mother exclaimed, they quickly rushed him to the hospital, on getting there the doctor was not around the nurse checked and he was admitted, the mother was crying profusely.

She tell the nurses and today happens to be his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, after some hours the doctor arrived and he attended to him.

The second day the doctor sent for Rohan father to meet with him privately.

Hello Mr Fred

Hi doctor sam

I have wanted to see you since but I think this is the right time to have the conversation. It is about your son sir.

I was shocked when I met him yesterday, we just discharge him not more than a month and now he is here again.

I am also getting tired says Mr fred. When he his not a sickle cell why getting sick all the time, doctor seriously I am confused. It has been affecting my business lately even his mother, they have been complaining about her at her place of work because of his infidelity and everything is because of Rohan's health. Doctor please kindly help us.

Don't be tired Mr fred says the doctor, this time we will carry out all the necessary tests to know what is really wrong with him. Because I will not lie to you I am also confused, with his blood group and genotype he is not

suppose to be getting sick always but we will try our best to know what is actually wrong, so please calm down sir.

After so many series of test carried out on Rohan the doctor can't say exactly what the problem is, after some weeks he was later discharged and they all return back home.

By this time he was about to do exam into secondary school, with help of his mom and aunty he was able to do well in the exam. He was very happy he did well in his entrance examination. Even though the school was a boarding school.

Some months later he resumed to the school but his sisters were not happy, they all care about his health and they will miss him as well. But rohan was very happy and he said I can't wait to meet my new friends, my room mates, our hostel master and others, don't worry my sisters I will come with a lot of gift when I come home for mid term holiday, they all laughed at him and his father took him to school.

“Rohan at school.

Rohan and his friends were playing ball on the field suddenly he fell down and was unconscious his friends were scared and they quickly rushed him to the school clinic, he was given some first aid and they later take him to a general hospital to get the treatment he needed, when they got there they call his parent so they can know his present situation.

Rohan parent rushed to the hospital the second day because it was already late that day, when they get there they met with a senior doctor who is interested in Rohan's case. The doctor invite the both parents to his office so they can have a serious discussion about their son.

The doctor advice the both of them to go for another blood group and genotype tests. They both respond why?

The doctor says because your sons result state that he has a sickle cell. They both shouted, how is that possible?

The doctor replied it is possible that I why I said you should both go for another tests that is when we will know where the problem is from. They

still don't believe but the doctor urged them to do the tests He says "this is the best for the both of you"

After persuading them they both accept to go for the test. They both headed to the laboratory to give their samples, they were told to come for the results the second day.

They both couldn't doze not to talk of sleeping because they were very anxious to see their test result, as you can see they are confused. During this time they are calling Mr. fred for a business but he couldn't respond because of the situation he find himself and already he has not been financially stable due to his son crisis.

Yes it is morning already Mr. and Mrs. fred were already waiting for their result.

Good morning sir says the lab technician

Here is your results sir, he collected it and they both checked what is inside.

Hmmmmmm

You can't believe they were both AS which is why their son is a sickle cell, I can't believe this, how on earth is this possible I did mine two times before we got married and we both did it once after our marriage and my result is always AA it is my husband that is AS, so how do you expect me to believe this result, she started crying that no one could stop her even the husband as he was also confused and speechless.

After some minutes the doctor send the attendant to call both of them to his office. Please don't cry says the doctor, I understand you've done the test several times but the deed has been done, you should get hold of yourself so you can both take care of Rohan. He really need proper medical attention.

The doctor says, do you notice he has a wound on his left leg while playing ball with his friends, I am sure you don't know but I will advice you withdraw him from the boarding school he his so he can get the proper care he needed, I checked the wounded and it has been getting severe because of lack of proper care, so we need to pay full attention to him at



the hospital and you should be watchful at home, I pray it heals, the mother started crying again.

She says doctor I think I will have to bring my other kids for their test as well because I am just tired of everything. So this is why my son is always sick. Ahhhhhhhhhh I have suffered I will have to sue those hospitals for deceiving my entire life, so my son is a sickle cell. Oh my God. Why me? why me?

The husband stopped him not to cry again Says my love please don't cry again we tried our best not to be a victim of a sickle cell child but here we are. what can we do?

Faith yes faith

We have to accept it and move on so we can take care of them all, now that we know that he is a sickle cell we will know what and how to take care of him and I pray he gets better. They both go home.

The second day they brought the other kids to the hospital so they can run test on them as well, they take them to the lab so they can have their samples while they both go to the ward where Rohan is admitted.

After checking on him they return to the doctors office to ask if there is progress, on getting there the he told them that Rohan has a wound on his ankle when playing ball in school and he hasn't been taking care of it for a long time, so we tried running a test on him and we diagnose it is leg ulcer the mother exclaim. Why again?

The doctor explained to them the causes of the leg ulcer and the major reason is because he his sickle cell patient, he furthered is explanation by telling them some other symptoms that might occur in the future.

This is beyond his parent thinking because they never imagine such could happen to their son.

Five years later Rohan is still battling with his wound but now it has now become very severe but he's still hoping it will heal, at this stage his parents are very tired they have spent a lot and it has affect his father's business but no improvement.

They tried many hospitals but everything is to no avail the doctors keep saying it will get better but over the years no improvement it just getting worse, this made his parents to lose hope but they are still trying all there

possible best because Rohan is in pain and this is really hurting the mother watching is son going through pain but she can't do anything, at some point Rohan started giving himself injection without anyone knowing even the doctors are not aware but he has to do the pain is so much for him that hardly could he get to sleep so he started taking pain reliever to suppress it. He did this for so many years hiding it from everyone. One day Rohan met with Doctor Sam on his way to the pharmacy the doctors was so sad to see his condition, he has become so lean that he could hardly recognize him, he sit him down and ask about his health and also after his parents. He tell his to invite his parents to his place that he would like to have a very serious discussion with them, when he get home he tell his parents whom he met on his way and he give them his number, Mr. Fred called him and they fixed the date to meet.

It was Saturday morning when they both went to the doctor house when they get there he offered them a drink and they start discussing. Firstly I will want to appreciate you for all your efforts on Rohan, you have really tried and I pray to God that you reap the fruit of your labor, in fact you

have really done well. The main reason I asked you to come is about your son, I will like to give some advice though I don't know if you will accept but as a specialist I think as at now that will be the right thing to do. I am sorry to say this but I think the best option is to amputate his leg, he's been through a lot of pain for over years and there is no improvement rather it keep getting worse and to buttress my point if we don't amputate it will later affect some other areas in his body system and he won't be able to fight it because he is weak already.

They both sigh”

They are really short of words they have been through a lot because of his sickness and the boy is also in pain, they don't really agreed with the doctor but what can they do, they tell him to give them some time to think about it and also tell Rohan you know it is not easy when he is not born like that so we have to persuade him and tell him he doesn't make him less a human being, they thank him and return home.

After some days they summoned the courage to inform their son what the doctor says, they explained to him and he started crying how will I cope

this is not the way i was born which kind of life is this, after so much pain and endurance so this is what will end it, I will now have one leg oh my lord why me I have been through a lot so this is the end, mum there is no problem it is not as if I have a choice, what can I do in such situation I will just have to accept my fate that is even if the surgery is successful they all busted in tears

Some weeks later they went to the hospital and they booked him a date for the surgery, since then he has become so cool that he hardly talk with anyone the mother will even beg him before eating.

Yes the day has come they all go to the hospital even his sisters, when they get there the nurses usher him to the prepared theatre room, the parents stay at the reception praying to God to be successful. After some hours the doctors come out and tell them it was successful they asked if they can see him but he refuse and tell them he his sleeping that they should wait till the next morning. It is morning already they couldn't sleep they were already at the door to see their son but on getting there they

wake him but he didn't wake they quickly called the doctor to check him,  
some minutes later the doctor inform them that Rohan is dead.

Dead?

Yes he is dead says the doctors please you have to take heart. This is how  
Rohan met with is fate and died.

THE END.