**Fee Fraud Letter (To Taylor Swift)**

Dear Madam,

My name is Wanda Naidoo. I am 20 years old, and have listened to your music for years. I am unmarried but have one daughter, my sunshine Ariel. I am writing this letter to you because I know how kind-hearted you are, and that with your take-charge attitude, you will do something about it.

I have lived in South Africa my whole life, and had a relatively good life, except for my father. He was abusive to my mother, Esmerelda, myself, and my siblings. One day, when I was about 16, he finally went too far, and Mother left for good. Father’s behavior got only progressively worse, and your music was one of the only things that kept me going.

I have always wanted to go to school to become independent, and help to provide for my siblings, but my controlling father never let me. When I was almost 18, I found out that my mother left for me 5 million South African rand, about 400,000 US dollars. Father hid this fact from me for more than a year, intending to take the money from me when I came of age. This is also about the time I had Ariel.

Then, I decided to take the money and Ariel and get an education in another part of South Africa. On the day I was leaving, I accidentally made a noise, and Father caught me. I had thought I might be found out, so I hid the money in a storage warehouse the night before. Father tried to get the location out of me, but I stayed strong. The worst part is he took Ariel away from me, to be raised by my sisters.

Over the course of 3 years, I have been kept below my Father’s house, with no one besides family even noticing I was gone. My sisters bring me food, water, and some comfort, but they dare not directly defy Father. However, I do not blame them. The only reason I had the opportunity to send this letter is they worked up the courage to mail it for me.

Now, I plea for you to help me. I have not seen my baby girl for years, and I am desperate to have her in my arms. If you could send a few thousand dollars, I could bribe my way out of my prison, and reward you with one fourth of the money Mother left me. I will give another fourth to my sisters and use the rest to raise Ariel and get an education. I have attached my mother’s letter to me below as proof of my situation.

I know you are always supportive of women wanting to become independent, and always willing to help your fans, so I have confidence you will send help. I hope you can use the money I give you to empower other women and light up the world.

My eternal thanks,

Wanda

