It was not Easy, it was Fun.

I don’t quite get it…why do people ALWAYS complain? Why do we have the habit to complain when faced with difficulty? I think I know part of the answer: Because we only love what we want, we love the easy way. But trust me, the only moment everything will be easy is when it is a trap. There’s a tweet I once made:

[embed tweet challenges are speed governors]

I think what makes anything fun and valued is the sacrifice we put into acquiring it. I remember recently when I had this learning experience challenge. Having a degree in Computer Science, I was confident in my programming skills. I then met this opportunity with Andela to become a top software developer (of course after going through a series of tests and training) I thought it was going to be an easy road. I signed up. Then the content of the recruitment process started. I confess I felt I wasn’t good… scratch that, I confess I felt I was terrible. Being introduced to a language I had never interacted with before: Python and a new way to work around things! This should have discouraged many, but this know ye, If it is not easy, It is Fun. That is what motivated me.

Facing challenges and having to think hard to go around a situation is a great quality for anyone who would like to exhibit a growth mindset. I considered that event as an opportunity for me to learn something new; a chance to add to my knowledge base. First trial and things weren’t working for me, but two major things kept me going and studying. 1 The promised opportunity to learn up towards being a world class developer and 2 the challenge that came with it. Here I am today, several miles started with the journey though I know it is still long way ahead. I would look at the far I am yet to go as the amount of new things I am yet to get in. Isn’t that cool?

They say when life gives you lemon, use it to make lemonade. With that attitude, no challenge could be scary to anyone. The ability to conquer fear is a gift.

The Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,

Courage to change the things I can,

And wisdom to know the difference.