

The Old Man in The Lake

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1 INT. LAKE HOUSE - MORNING

A **EKWU** stands at a typewriter writing a letters which she takes out of the typewriter and places into an envelope labeled "For My Son".

She seals the envelope and places it on a pile of envelopes some of which are labeled "For My Daughter", "For My Family", and "For My Friends".

2 EXT. LAKE SHORE (BOAT) - MORNING

Ekwu places some rope and a set of exercise weights into a small boat before getting into the boat herself.

3 EXT. LAKE (BOAT) - MORNING

Ekwu drives the boat out into the middle of the lake bringing the boat to a gentle stop.

She picks up a stone that rests in the bottom of the boat and drops it into the water watching it fall deep into the lake and disappearing from sight.

She takes the exercise weights the rope. She feeds the rope through the weights one-by-one.

4 INT. HOSPITAL (MORGUE) - NIGHT - FLASHBACK

The dead body of **STEPHEN** lies beneath a white sheet in the dark room when the lights are turned on.

Ekwu is lead into the room by **DOCTOR** as **ELEANOR** stops outside the door.

ELEANOR

I can't do it, I'm sorry mum I can't.

EKWU

That's ok.
It's ok you wait here.

DOCTOR

Are you sure you want to see him?

EKWU

Yes.

Doctor leads Ekwu into the room and over to Stephen. Doctor takes the white sheets in his hands.

DOCTOR

Are you ready?

Ekwu nods as Doctor pulls the white sheet down to reveal Stephen's head.

Ekwu places a kiss on Stephen's before she takes Stephen's hand from under the white sheet.

EKWU

What have you done Stephen?

5 EXT. LAKE (BOAT) - MORNING - PRESENT DAY

Ekwu finishes feeding the rope through exercise weights before tying the rope around her waist.

She stands up and attempts to lift the weights holding them in her arms as she approaches the edge of the boat.

EKWU

I'm coming to you Stephen.

Ekwu places her foot on the side of the boat as she struggles with the weights.

Suddenly she slips as she steps on a loose stone in the bottom of the boat falling and hitting her head on the side of the boat knocking herself unconscious.

6 INT. BED ROOM - MORNING - FLASHBACK

Ekwu lies asleep in bed holding the hand of Stephen as she wakes.

7 INT. BED ROOM - MORNING - FLASHBACK

Ekwu and Stephen get dressed as Ekwu takes out 2 dresses (one black and one red).

EKWU

Which one do?

She shows the dresses to Stephen. Stephen smiles as he looks at her.

EKWU

What?

8 EXT. LAKE (BOAT) - MORNING - PRESENT DAY

Ekwu lies in the bottom of the boat as Stephen strokes her hair.

She opens her eyes and lifts her head to see Stephen looking back at her.

EKWU

Is it you Stephen?
How is it possible?

STEPHEN

It's not.

Ekwu sits up as she holds Stephen's hand tightly against herself as she sits up.

STEPHEN

What are you doing Ekwu?
This isn't what I want.

EKWU

I miss you so much.

STEPHEN

I'm not going anywhere.
I'm with you, you just have to
wait until we can be completely
together again.

EKWU

I don't want to wait.
I need you here with me.

STEPHEN

You had a life before me, a
wonderful life with me, and you
have a life you still have yet to
discover after me.

EKWU

There isn't a life without you.

STEPHEN

There is always life.
You have responsibilities.

**9. EXT./INT. ELEANOR'S CAR (HOSPITAL CAR PARK) MORNING -
FLASHBACK**

Eleanor sits in the car talking on the phone to **MICHAEL**.

ELEANOR

Mike can you hear me.

MICHAEL

Hey Elle what's up?

ELEANOR

Dad's died.

MICHAEL

What?

ELEANOR

He had a heart attack and died.

MICHAEL

...When?

ELEANOR

A couple of hours ago.

He just said he wasn't feeling well and had a heart attack.

MICHAEL
...Where's mum?

ELEANOR
She with dad holding his hand, she won't leave him.

The door opens and Ekwu gets into the car closing the car door behind her.

MICHAEL
Was that mum (getting into the car)?

ELEANOR
...Yes it was.

MICHAEL
How is she?
How are you mum?

ELEANOR
...I'm not sure she's ready to talk.

MICHAEL
...I need to look at flights. I'll call you back later.

ELEANOR
Ok we'll talk later.

MICHAEL
Ok.

Eleanor hangs up the phone.

ELEANOR
I need to collect Jayden from school.
How am I going to tell him?

A **STRANGER** approaches the car.

STRANGER
Can you close the door I can't get past.

ELEANOR
No problem, we're just leaving.
Mum can you close the door?

Ekwu doesn't react as Eleanor leans across Ekwu and close the door before starting the car engine.