EXTRACT

Gentle kisses, Strong embraces

a play

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Characters

SAM

IRINA

THE SPAMMER and OSCAR Played by the same actor

Time

2007

Setting

Various.

LIGHTS UP ON **SPAMMER**.

SPAMMER: Miss Nabo and Sister Rama.
Good Day Sir/Madam,
Compliments of the day and how are you doing in life. I hope you are well sounded in good health?
I am miss Nabo and my Sister Rama, 24 year old twins, the only surviving daughters of our late parents, from Liberia Republic, in small town called Grand Bassa.
We are five foot, eight inches tall – one hundred and seventy three centimetres – and we are second year students in the University of Liberia, studying mass communication, before the death of our parents. We are now presently in Dakar Senegal under asylum as refugees under the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. We are open minded persons, easy going girls, confident, hard working, caring, always stand by our word. We don't have any relatives now whom we can go to. All our relatives ran away during the war.
Our late father, Doctor Charles Gyude Bryant, was the Chairman of the National Transitional Government of Liberia, but he was killed along side our mother by his political opponent and all his properties were totally destroyed. After their death our step mother planned to kill us and take over all our late fathers' properties, but we managed to escape with a very important document - The Death and Deposit Certificate of US Fifteen point five million dollars – that's fifteen million five hundred thousand U.S Dollars - deposited by our late father in bank, which proves we are the next of kin.
But we are saddled with the problem of securing a trust worthy foreign personality to help us transfer the money over to his country and into his possession pending our arrival to meet with you.

LIGHTS UP ON **SAM**.

SPAMMER: Twenty five percent of the money will be yours as compensation for your assistance and the time you sacrifice for helping us from this difficult situation.
Twenty five percent. That's three point eight seven five million dollars or three million, eight hundred thousand, seven hundred and fifty U.S dollars.

SAM: Just in case I was wondering.

SPAMMER: If you are willing to help us, we will like you to furnish us with your contact information such as your Home/office

SPAMMER: (CONT) address, Mobile telephone Number, Fax Number, Occupation, Nationality, Position Held, Age, Marital Status, Country and Bank account details to enable us to have the trust and send you the contact information of the Bank, so that you can contact them for confirmation. We will then issue a letter of authorisation on your name, that will enable the Bank to deal with you on our behalf.
Dear Sir, this is very important so please listing carefully.

SAM: Yep, I'm *listing*.

SPAMMER: We are giving you this offers as mentioned above with every confidence on your acceptance to assist us and take us as your sisters and family and manage the money.

SAM: A family as well.

SPAMMER: Please don't tell or discourse this to any body until we come over to meet with you because our life is in danger right now. We have kept it secret for long. The only person we told about this is our Reverend here in the camp. Conclusively –

SAM: Conclusively.

SPAMMER: We wish you send us a reply immediately in our alternate email address,

SAM: Because you'd have one of those.

SPAMMER: sisters2sisters@yahoo.co.uk as soon as you receive this proposal.
Until then, we remain with the best regards
Miss Nabo and Sister Rama.

LIGHTS DOWN ON **SPAMMER**.

SAM: What a beautiful email. And such a touching story. Miss Nabo and Sister Rama – two beautiful and pious young women – trapped in a refugee camp with FIFTEEN AND HALF MILLION BUCKS tucked away in their dead father's bank account.
What will they do – sob – who will help them - whimper.
Not me.
Delete.

LIGHTS UP ON **OSCAR**.

OSCAR: (TYPING) Hey Sam, you comin' in today?

SAM: (TYPING) No mate. Not feeling well.

OSCAR: That's why you're sitting at your computer writing emails?

SAM: Exactly.

OSCAR: I'll cover for you.

SAM: Thanks Oscar. I owe you.

OSCAR: For about the millionth time.

SAM: The fifteen point five millionth time.

OSCAR: What?

SAM: Forget it.

LIGHTS DOWN ON **OSCAR**.

SAM: What else we got? This looks like fun.

LIGHTS UP ON **SPAMMER**.

SPAMMER: DE LOTTO NETHERLANDS!!!
CONGRATULATIONS YOU ARE A WINNER!!!

SAM: Of course I am.

SPAMMER: The Board of Directors of the De Lotto Netherlands, wishes to congratulate you on your success as the STAR PRIZE WINNER in this years' De lotto Netherlands International Promotion - DLP. No tickets were sold -

SAM: No tickets.

SPAMMER: And you were randomly selected as a winner.

SAM: Of course I was.

SPAMMER: This comes with a prize of One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Euros.

SAM: Is that all?

SPAMMER: As a winner you are responsible for the legal charges for the winnings.

SAM: I bet I am. Delete.

SPAMMER: Dear online-banking user!
Please note that from May the 6th the online-banking service in Australia will be suspended due to a vigorous hacker attack.
To get more information on the situation of the online-banking service of your bank please follow the link below:

SAM: To the trash. Delete.

SPAMMER: THE OFFICE OF MR IGBOU DOUDOU,

SAM: Igbou Dudu?

SPAMMER: (CORRECTING PRONUNCIATION) Igbou *Doudou*.

SAM: Sorry.

SPAMMER: DIRECTOR SPECIAL DUTIES, UNITED NATIONS.
COTONOU, BENIN.
Dear Friend, I am a member of the senior staff with the World Bank fact finding and special duties office working in conjunction with the world famous United Nations.

SAM: Very world famous.

SPAMMER: I am writing you this letter based on the fact that cool penny is better than millions of dollars –

SAM: You can say that again.

SPAMMER: I am writing you this letter based on the fact that cool penny is better than millions of dollars –

SAM: Boom boom.

SPAMMER: which means it's better for one to live and die poor honest man than a rich dishonest one.

SAM: Which is why you launch hoaxes on the internet.

SPAMMER: I am Mr. Igbou Doudou,

SAM: As you said.

SPAMMER: The son of Professor Former –

SAM: Professor Former –

SPAMMER: Interior Minister Emile Boga Doudou and a great politician in Benin political arena.
Because of my father's sincerity,

SAM: Which clearly you did not inherit.

SPAMMER: He was killed on the 19th of September 2002 by unknown soldiers in his residential house during the coup plot in Benin.

SAM: I think you'll find that coup was actually in Cote D'Ivoire.

SPAMMER: Before his death he disclose to me and my sister about the diplomatic money he deposited in Finance House, which is US$6.5million - six million Five hundred thousand dollars –

SAM: Why do they always do that?

SPAMMER: And my name was the next of skin –

SAM: The 'next of *skin*'? Which is right next to my button marked - delete

SPAMMER: Jackson Henderson.
If you don't play - you can't win
Over $500 million in prizes

SAM: Delete.

SPAMMER: Victor Anderson, I Q Test
I spend $150 on advertising.
I get $2,625 in profit.
Do I do it again?

SAM: Yes. I do. Delete.

LIGHTS UP ON **IRINA**.

SPAMMER: Sexy lady looking for some fun in Australia!
Hi, My name is Vicky Hatchetson, I'm just a college girl who just arrived in Australia and looking for a sex partner.
All what I need is -

SAM: To be deleted.

SPAMMER: Jude Torres. Separate yourself from other men.
Penis Enlarge Patch rX will expand -

SAM: Great. Delete.

SPAMMER: Courtoy Antonello.
God *dag*,
Virus found in this message, please delete it without futher reading.

SAM: Will do. Delete.

IRINA: Hello I am Irina and I search for greetings the man from other country read the letter! You probably do not know who I and what for I have written to you. I shall start with that I would like to explain to you -

SAM: Del –

IRINA: I am Irina from country Russia, city Kazan.

SAM: Russia … What's the email address?

IRINA: To me 29 years.

SAM: monti2@yandex.ru

IRINA: I send you two photos that you could see as I look.

LIGHTS DOWN ON **SPAMMER**.

SAM: Virus check? (BEAT) Clean. (BEAT) Virus check again? (BEAT) Clean.

PAUSE. **SAM** CONSIDERS.

SAM: Open. (BEAT) Cute. And fully clothed.

IRINA: I have addressed in agency of acquaintances in the largest agency international and asked them to pick up for me the person and to me spoke your address of mail that I contacted you.

SAM: Doe she mean introduction agency? I never signed up to -

IRINA: I have paid for this service about 250 roubles or 10 dollars.

SAM: That much.

IRINA: So I shall be very sad if you simply do not answer me. I would like to know you want to get acquainted with me whether or not?

SAM: Is she speaking English or Russian?

IRINA: Pardon if I do not write so goodly.

SAM: You don't say.

IRINA: I write the letter –

SAM: It's actually called an email –

IRINA: In Russian and then use online translation service to make to the English. I ask you if you answer me also to send the photo and the description of appearance. I search the man for love and more even for a marriage.

SAM: She's not mucking around.

IRINA: If you do not want correspondence write to me and tell that you do not wish with me correspondence and then I go to agency that they return mine of money.

SAM: Open second photo.
(BEAT)
Very cute.

IRINA: So I wait for your answer and I very much hope that you well understand me. I shall write to you more about myself and I send to you more my photo if you answer me I wait for your letter.
Gentle kisses, strong embraces.
Irina Surnina. Kazan.

LIGHTS DOWN ON **IRINA**.

SAM: "Gentle kisses, strong embraces".
(BEAT)
It's not legit. Can't be legit.
(BEAT)
Spam. Has to be.

SAM: (CONT) (BEAT)
(TYPING) Hi Irina,
Very nice photos.
(STOPS) What am I doing? Delete.

LIGHTS UP ON **SPAMMER**.

SPAMMER: Kendrick McNeil, Helicopter pumpkin rainbow

SAM: What?

SPAMMER: Viagra only $2 per pill.

SAM: Delete.

SPAMMER: Jenny Brooks – Mrs. Help the motherless Children.

SAM: Who?

SPAMMER: Viagra only $2 per pill.

SAM: Delete!

SPAMMER: Antonio Torres,
Housewife brought in $71,OOO in 4 weeks!

SAM: Really?

SPAMMER: Viagra only $2 per pill.

SAM: Delete!!

SPAMMER: Toshiko Willis, Happy or not.

SAM: Not again.

SPAMMER: Viagra only $2 per pill.

SAM: Delete Delete Delete!

LIGHTS DOWN ON **SPAMMER**.

PAUSE. **SAM** CONSIDERS AGAIN.

SAM: (TYPING) Hi Irina Surnina from Kazan,
Very nice photos. Thank you for sending them.
I am very curious.
Why did you decide to write to me in particular