

# The Truck Pusher

Hope Comes in the Most Mysterious Forms.

1 x 90' Feature

## LOGLINE:

Afam, a chemical engineer by profession: survives an attempt on his life by a corrupt army major while illegally refining oil. Years later, forced to work as a truck pusher and struggling to make ends meet, he receives news of his mother's death. As a leading member of her community, it is his duty to bury her well, but with no money Afam must take on a dangerous assignment for none other than the major who tried to kill him, a man who is now mysteriously reincarnated as a popular evangelical pastor.

## SYNOPSIS:

While working on an illegal makeshift oil refinery in Port Harcourt, Nigeria, Afam and his colleagues are captured by a highly ranked army major who opens fire on them in cold blood. Afam, hit, falls into a river, left for dead, but while floating unconscious down the river, Afam is rescued by a mysterious figure and defies the clutches of death. He takes on a job as a lowly truck pusher in Lagos's bustling market and falls in love with a prostitute, Nkiru; together they dream of a better life. One day as he hustles for work, he is approached by a young urchin girl, Nkem, who harasses him for money for food. Irritated Afam shoos her away but she pesters him until he relents, starting a tenuous but intimate bond between them. Having just sent money home, he is bereft when his uncle informs him of his mother's passing, reminding him of his duty to provide a 'decent burial' for her given her status as a Christian leader in the community.

With no money to spare, Afam accepts work from a local pastor, whom he discovers is same man who tried to kill him years ago. Despite his reservations, Afam agrees to take a package to a remote area north of Lagos but the pastor wants a guarantee of his return, so Afam leaves Nkem with him. On the journey north, they are ambushed and Afam loses the package. Scared to return to Lagos, he goes home and buries his mother as best he can. Weighed down by guilt however, he goes back for Nkem, breaking into the pastor's house and holding him hostage until they release Nkem. But she has disappeared. While searching the property Afam is shot by the pastor's security but Nkem suddenly reappears and carries the fatally wounded Afam to the lagoon. Here, in the depths of the water they are transformed into fish. The next day, as Nkiru frets about Afam, she is transfixed when Afam and Nkem appear unscathed walking down the road into the market.

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