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I was touched by her story.Please never despise commercial sex workers,never write them off,it isn't a must u have sex with them before u give them a shilling,none of them wishes to do it,if u take them 4 granted by using them n dumping them just know that you too will give birth 2 a child who might become anything n face everything.

One night a week ago after watching soccer, i sat sipping my cold Coke,this young lady came and sat yards away,she wasn't alone,there were several others around,from the look she wanted to capture [my](#) attention,she probably thought i would pay for her services and sleep with her but that was not to be.A few minutes later a local civic leader passed by,the girls started 'mheshimiwa tununulie hata soda" Honourable buy us even if it is just a bottle of soda,the man just went away not even looking at them,then the girls started talking of how they may never vote him back,i was particularly attracted to the reasoning of the lady who sat close to me,her name is Hadija.



I want to quote her " someone like this man pretends not to see us here yet they are the elected leaders who should help us,instead of helping us he calls me and tells me he wants to pay me and sleep with me,is it really fair when such happens,most of us here do not love this place it is because of such people,they fail at home as parents and we are forced to look after our own"

When she saw I was keenly listening to her now she faced me,and her friends also gave attention,she narrated to me how she was forced to start selling herself,she is the last born in her family,he mother is Ugandan her father Kenyan,when her mother died its when she realized through a community meeting that she was actually not her 'fathers' daughter,she was born from another man,her siblings used to be taken care of but she was segregated,she was told to find a life of her own,she went to Uganda,at one time became a housemaid to survive,she gave birth to her first child in 2004,the kid is now six years,she had to feed the

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kid,cloth her and the owners of the house could not allow her to go on working there because she had a kid,so she was thrown out,she decided to go to the streets,to at least get something for her baby,at this point she narrates to me why she started drinking alcohol ,because she was surprised I don't take alcohol,she tells me in her kind of trade she has to be high to even think of sleeping with a man for a pay,she explained to me how she even smokes bhang and cigarettes,for her she has to get high before she can get the courage of 'selling her body' (this shows she dislikes the whole thing)

What touched me is what am about to say,it brought me into tears,



I know you might see this story as being very long but please read through to the end.this girl gave birth to another kid who is now 4years old,the father was just one of her night out customers,the man refused to support the kid and even threatened the girl,she speaks of her (kid) with pride,she narrates how the kid is not going to school but intelligent as a grown up,when she is back in the morning and somebody knocks at their door the kid always tells them to go away her mother is tired and needs rest,the kid doesn't even wake her mum when she feels thirsty instead she goes to the neighbor when asked why she didn't take water from their house 'mum is tired she worked the whole night I don't want to disturb her' – that is the small bit about the kid,now one day this girl wasn't going to work at night 'parking in the street' she decided to rest so she put some milk to burn on the stove she left the kid and went to buy sugar,unlucky enough,the kid knocked of the candle which later lit the mattress,the house was on fire,the kid got literally burnt to unconsciousness,when the neighbours came in to put off the fire they even never knew the kid was in the mattress they just poured water and left,now when this lady came back,she found the kid crawling,she tried to talk to the neighbours to assist her to take the kid to hospital that night but none helped,she slept with her daughter till morning,she couldn't get help so she went out that night and worked till 1pm,a man who had interest in her gave her some kshs.1600/= with this and what she had earned that night she took her daughter to hospital the next day,the drugs alone cost her ksh.2600/= she bought and went back home with daughter,

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