

# *Situations, Experiences & Outcomes*

## **Chapter 1**

Let's delve deeper into the complex tapestry of our existence. Our existence exposes us to a series of diverse situations, each offering a unique lens through which we perceive the world. These situations bring about unique and sometimes complex experiences. They are the tangible threads that weave together the fabric of our existence, presenting many lasting outcomes that follow us as we exist. These situations are sometimes thrust upon us. They are surprise foundational stones upon which narratives are built.

Within these situations, we are exposed to positive or negative experiences, where our emotions, thoughts, and insights are forged. They serve as the raw material from which our identities are sculpted, leaving a permanent imprint on our psyche. Whether joyous or complex, each experience leaves its mark, influencing the trajectory of our lives and the depth of our connections with others. They are the brushstrokes that paint the canvas of our lives with vibrant tones of growth and self-discovery.

Yet, the true essence of our existence is revealed in the finalization of outcomes, which are positive or negative in nature. These outcomes, born from the relationship of those situations and experiences, crystallize into lasting impressions shaping our perception of the world. They dictate our responses and actions and are etched into our memory as markers of resilience or hopelessness. While experiences may fade with time, these outcomes guide our future encounters by prompting reflections of the emotions they evoke.

Every situation we face, the experience gained from that situation, and the outcome

achieved from that situation represent the essence of our struggles and triumphs, our joys and sorrows. These three intertwined are the milestones along our journey as we navigate the complexities of human existence. So, let us embrace those situations that bring about positive or negative experiences and, in turn, leave us with positive or negative outcomes in all their richness and diversity. Through embracing, understanding, and accepting them, we can truly embrace our existence and embark on the path toward self-realization and fulfillment.

*To emphasize this point, let's delve into a story that dissects the elements of situations, experiences, and outcomes.*

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## **Who's Journey: Rosemary or her Gift.**

### ***(Part 1 – A lasting situation, experience, and outcome.)***

It was May 21, 1984, the year Rosemary Ebenezer Martin attained an unexpected gift due to a self-created situation at the prime age of eighteen. The gift allowed her to love like she had never loved before; however, in the end, it left her feeling pain and regret. Rosemary brought about this gift due to an uncontrollable urge that was satisfied in a short period.

Rosemary placed herself in a situation where she wanted so badly to have a positive experience that she ignored all the warning signs. The most significant warning sign she ignored was forgetting that a young black woman living in a rural area in the South from a low-income family would most likely face more situations that produced negative experiences than positive experiences. This was especially true when the situation involved a young black man who only had two things in mind, the two P's: partying and the pearl.

Rosemary did not expect a beautiful moonlit night so full of pleasure, love, and excitement would give her a lifetime of responsibility. A situation she graciously and naively created gave her one hell of an experience. It brought about an outcome that stayed with her forever. From this situation, she would experience the worst pain of her life in more ways than one, and yet a specific pain-filled morning later down the road, following the end of the situation, brought about a bond that would last a lifetime. This one situation that she created for herself was all due to her putting her trust in a young man who she believed would love her until the day she died. Rosemary trusted and loved a boy she thought was her soulmate, a dark, muscled, toned six-foot-six African warrior she believed was sent by the universe to slay all her desires.

From the moment Rosemary laid eyes on this young man on that hot summer day from the porch of her grandmother's home, a satisfying feeling coursed over her body. To her, it felt like a cool summer breeze on a beautiful morning gently caressing her face as she watched the sunrise. She watched this young man quietly as he stood gleaming in the sun's rays, biting her bottom lip, feeling a tingling between her thighs. Suddenly, after watching the young man and dreaming of him touching her pure skin, out of nowhere, it felt as if she just had an accident in her underwear. Realizing this, she went to the bathroom to check on herself. She clenched her knees together tight as she walked to prevent the massive amount of fluids from dripping down her inner thigh. Entering the bathroom, she reached for some tissue with one hand while the other lifted the hem of her dress before gently sliding down her underwear.

Sitting on the toilet, she began to dry herself; with each delicate movement of drying, she felt an enjoyable anticipation building within her, a sensation that seemed to radiate from the depths between her thighs, sending shivers of pleasure coursing through her entire being. The

feeling intensified. A tingling warmth spread from the very core of her private area to the tips of her tingling breasts, igniting a fiery passion that danced beneath her skin. Minutes later, lost in the entangled era of temptation, she felt this burst of heat cover her body; she went numb with a feeling of relief; it was at this moment Rosemary realized something else caused the downpour of wetness that ran down her thighs; it wasn't a weak bladder or her time of the month.

On the toilet at that moment, Rosemary realized she found her true crush, all due to some random young man coming to chat with her older brother at the edge of a sugar cane field. After cleaning herself, Rosemary hurried back to the porch to watch as the sun reflected from the young man's face when he smiled. It was as if the world stood still just for her to appreciate a masterpiece of flesh and bone. From that day, she dreamed, day and night, of nothing more but her newfound love to touch her back gently as he kissed her lips. What she was unaware of, her dream, was about to become a reality. Rosemary and the young man would become an embodiment of two love birds singing a perfect tune in the vastness of the world.

Rosemary failed to notice as she daydreamed that the young man saw her beauty and desperation, thus kicking in his primal nature for a hunt. From the moment the young man caught the scent of fresh meat, he began planning his courtship of Rosemary. Eventually, with no time spared, he trapped Rosemary in his net of temptation. It happened in the flickering glow of a bonfire amidst laughter and rhythmic music. Rosemary and the young man found themselves drawn to each other at a barn fire party, a yearly tradition in their small town, where everyone gathered to celebrate the end of summer. And for Rosemary and the young man, it was where their story truly began.

With her crochet box braids cascading down her back, Rosemary caught the young man's attention as soon as he arrived at the party. With his easy smile and mischievous eyes, the young

man couldn't help but be captivated by her presence. As the night wore on and the fire crackled, the young man mustered up the courage to approach Rosemary. With a charming smile, he asked her to dance, and she accepted with a bashful grin. Their bodies swayed in rhythm to the music, each movement bringing them closer together. Under the starlit sky, amidst the warmth of the fire's glow, their inhibitions melted away. They laughed and talked, sharing stories and dreams as if they had known each other for years. And when the music slowed, the young man took Rosemary's hand, drawing her into a gentle embrace. Then, in the soft glow of the firelight, their lips met for the first time. A tender, hesitant kiss that ignited a spark between them. And as they pulled away with looks of forbiddance, they knew this was only the beginning.

As the night went on, their moments grew bolder. In the shadows of the barn, away from prying eyes, their hands explored each other with a tender yet forceful fury. Suddenly, a specific touch from the young man in a moist, warm area sent shivers down Rosemary's spine, and she couldn't help but yearn for more. But as the night waned and the fire embers dimmed, they knew they couldn't stay hidden forever. They reluctantly parted ways with one final, lingering kiss, knowing this was only the beginning of their story. From that moment on, their relationship blossomed with a feeling neither could deny. In the following weeks, they found solace in each other's arms, their bond growing stronger with each passing day. And as they looked back on that magical night, they knew it was the start of something extraordinary.

Rosemary's summer was overtaken by the young man's ambition to seek more than just innocent moments with her on moonlit nights. With a slick tongue and some smooth hands, eventually, the young man manipulated Rosemary, giving her an ultimatum she could not refuse. The young man convinced Rosemary she was ready to venture into a one-on-one artistic dance where two bodies in motion separately became one. The young man was clever, manipulating

Rosemary's emotions to obtain one of the greatest gifts a woman could ever provide a man, and all he had to do was whisper sweet nothings into her ear.

*He whispered to Rosemary: "You are a beauty among all beauties, a gift bestowed on me from the heavens above. Your smile is my sunshine during days of darkness; your touch is that of an angel with the power to heal any man's evil heart. My dear, I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU MORE THAN LIFE ITSELF, and if you allow me to penetrate your mind, body, and soul, my heart will be yours forever."*

*Your true love forever and always*

*XOXOXOXOXOX*

*"Drac"*

This was all Rosemary needed to hear. Her heart was stolen by a sleek talker who knew how to manipulate her mind. Rosemary opened herself up to Drac; she believed his words would be repeated daily for the rest of her life. So, on a late summer's night in the back of a 1982 Ford pickup truck, Rosemary was laid gently on her back in her birthday suit. Her body gleamed as the moonlight reflected off her cocoa-butter smooth skin. She smiled, and yet her eyes showed fear; her beauty at that moment left her soon-to-be penetration specialist speechless. With the wind blowing just right and the grasshoppers playing a song of unconditional love, Rosemary's warrior took the high ground, a position of control. At that moment, Rosemary surrendered herself to a situation she both craved and feared; she unlocked the safe and presented her soulmate with her precious pearl.

From that moment, Rosemary's path on her new journey shifted; she transitioned from a level 2 roller coaster to a level 4. Within the first few seconds of the ride, she felt pain from the quick launch, but in a few quick minutes, it went away, and the ride became exciting. For the

next two months, following that memorable night in the back of the pick-up, Rosemary and Drac were entwined in a passion like no one had ever seen. Unfortunately, two months was all it took for Drac to vanish. Rosemary soon realized her love betrayed her trust, leaving her alone with an unexpected gift.

### **The breakdown.**

In life, certain elements we encounter create conditions that assist us with identifying a purpose in life. These elements occur from the moment we are born and follow us all through life. These elements we encounter act as a guide we can use to help us identify a purpose. These elements are:

1. ***The situations we encounter.***
2. ***The experiences we obtain from those situations.***
3. ***The outcomes of those situations.***

You see, the situations we encounter play a massive role in defining who we become in this world. Those situations provide us with experiences that shape our morals and values. The outcomes we obtain from those situations alter our thought processes, affecting our decision-making. To add some clarity to this, let us compare the three elements to Rosemary's situation:

1. ***The situations we encounter.***
  - a. She faced a situation over which she had complete control. It was clear what experience and outcome could follow from the situation. Rosemary knew the situation could have more negative experiences and outcomes than positive, but she ignored the warnings in the name of love.
2. ***The experiences we obtain from situations.***

a. Situations can provide multiple experiences-that may be short or may last for a lifetime. Rosemary's situation gave her many experiences from when it started, lasting for the rest of her life. Here are just a few of her experiences:

i. Her first experience was one to remember, even though it went so fast. It was only going to happen once in a lifetime. Once she experienced losing her virginity, she would never get to experience it again.

ii. She experienced deception from someone whom she believed loved her.

iii. She had an experience that lasted nine months, nine months of gaining weight, uncontrollable urination, shooting pains all over her body, and so much more she never knew existed.

iv. She experienced giving birth to a fatherless child in a world where society deemed single young mothers from a low-income family with a high school education impractical.

**3. *The outcomes of those situations.***

a. Rosemary's outcome came from an unplanned reality. The outcome left an everlasting impression on her life, having to rise and take on the responsibility of raising a child, becoming both mother and father overnight.

This was one of Rosemary's unique situations, experiences, and outcomes as she journeyed through life. While it might not directly relate to your own life, I'm sure you've encountered



situations—whether of your making or not—that have led to significant experiences and outcomes. The point is that we probably will encounter more situations that bring about negative experiences and even harsher negative lasting outcomes. Why? Because those are the ones we resonate with the most, our existence has cursed us to allow negativity to linger on our journey through life. We must understand that when we face situations with negative experiences and negative outcomes, we can either accept them or try to adjust to them. George Bernard Shaw stated, “Life is not about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.” I interpret Shaw’s concept as the situations we encounter throughout our journey are intended to yield both negative experiences and outcomes. So, instead of constantly looking to them solely as determinants of our identity, allowing these negative experiences and outcomes to shape us, we should adopt a mindset that enables us to adjust and create our narratives, building a better version of ourselves.

Focusing on creating ourselves, creating our image in our own eyes. Consider it like this: if we encounter a situation that brings about a negative experience and outcomes, **ADJUST** and modify to the best of our ability to mitigate the long-term effect on our psyche. By adjusting, you now have the power to potentially create a positive experience, which could produce a positive outcome. To improve a situation, it must start with you—NO ONE else but you. You must dig deep, focus on reality, and avoid accepting society's false perceptions.

# The End



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