

# CONVERSATIONS WITH

We here at Strut were very excited to receive an offer of \$450,000 from “Mrs. Caroline Hawa, Wife of the Late Chief Hawa Banura from Sierra Leone” in our inbox. All we had to do was send “her” some personal information and we would be rich. However, before accepting such a generous offer, we decided to have a little chat first. This is the actual dialogue between Strut and an online scammer, spelling errors and shaky grammar intact.

APRIL  
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SCAMMER

Good Day,  
I am Mrs Caroline Hawa from Sierra Leone. I was married to Late Chief Hawa Banura who was a contractor with the government of Cote D'Ivoire before he died after few days in the hospital. When my late husband was alive, he

deposited the sum of US\$22.5 Million with a Bank in Cote D'Ivoire. Presently this money is still in the custody of the Bank here in Cote D'Ivoire. I will like to invest some part of the money into three investments there in your Country. If you can be of assistance me, I will be pleased to offer to you a very pleasant percentage of 25% of the total fund while the balance will be invested by me. I await now for your soonest response.

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SCAMMER

Please do forgive me for bordering you with my problem. I know that you must be surprised to have received such a letter from me since we have not met before. I contacted you after my praying and fasting to God for 3 days, coupled with my ugly situation here and the bad situation

which nature has subdued me too; I decided to reach you believing that you will not betray this trust which I have bestowed on you. The fund as well is legal as I have all the legal deposit documents with me of which I shall be sending to you on your demand. Please do not entertain any fear as I contacted you with a clean mind and you will never regret whatever help which you might render to me for just this cause. I will advise you to keep all our communications confidential, as you can understand that this world is full of wickedness and greed. Please sir, do try to understand me and be of assistance to me and God in heaven must surely reward you at last. Your earliest response will be highly appreciated.

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STRUT

Dear Mrs. Hawa,  
I am so sorry to hear about your situation. You are in my thoughts. May God bless you.  
Mrs. Marta Stugzine

MAY  
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SCAMMER

Dear Madame Marta,  
How are you doing today together with your family, I hope everything is alright. Please, I always be check of you email but cannot hear it. However, I am still waiting for you response as to proceed. Kindly reply

me as soon as you receive this message. Thanks and may God guide you all. Looking forward to hear from you soonest.

APRIL  
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STRUT

I am very sympathetic to your problem. It must be horrible to know your life can be blessed but problems are always in the way. I do not know how I can help, as all I can offer are my deepest prayers and some kind words, of which I will offer you both tonight. I am here

in Canada and do not know how else I can help, although I dearly want to. I hope everything works out and that you can free yourself from all misery. May God bless!



# A CROOK

MAY

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## SCAMMER

Hello My Dearest One Mrs Marta,  
How are you doing for today? I hope fine? Please this is to let you know that am still waiting to hear from you. Can you please give response to my previous letter so that I will know what next to do? I hope to hear from you soonest. Thanks with Love.

MAY

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## STRUT

My dearest Caroline,  
Of course I read your emails about your terrible plight with great care. I am not young and it takes me a long while to read and understand everything, so please be patient. I am not sure I understand what I can do to help your terrible situation. I was also called "sir" many times in your letters but I am a woman. Maybe it is not me you are looking for?

MAY

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## SCAMMER

Good Day to you and thanks for your mail. Well I am very happy to hear from you in this regards and I pray for the good lord to see us through for the fund release into your account. However, I will like you to send me the following information so that I can forward it to the bank here for the immediate transfer of the fund into your account. The following information is: Your full name and address, private phone and fax numbers, a scanned copy of your international passport, banking account information, bank name and address, and your occupation. Please be informing that as soon as I receive the above information, I shall then forward it to the bank here for the immediate fund transfer to your account. Me and my son will come over to your country for the investment of the fund. Waiting for your immediate response. Remain bless.

MAY

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## STRUT

I am so happy to hear from you! I get great joy from our conversations. What a blessing to hear your son will be visiting me. I so look forward to meeting him. I am sure you are very proud. Please tell me when I can see him. I will plan something special for him here in Canada. Has he ever been here? I will show him around with my car. I only have one passport. It is blue with gold writing on the cover. It says "Canada." I do not know if it is international. Please advise.

MAY

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## STRUT

I have not heard from you in many days and nights. I hope everything is okay. Please send word when you have time. You must be very busy.

NO RESPONSE...