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(You said, you have a market store at Bode at first?) Yes (When you was a child did you sold soap?) We sold tomatoes (Yes) (So, all that you know ~~is~~ you say what you have learned and what you do and everything, about your marriage, about bussiness, the changes in your business, how it have changed and everything) (Yes, then, it is good.

I beg you. And say everything you want Yes) Yes, Please, when I was a child,

I was born at Asante New Town (Yes)

And I attended school at Roman Girls

(Yes) When I was at school, my ~~untee~~ uncle told me that, he have a daughter at Accra, so I should go and stay with her (Oh something - Please, start again, something was wrong)

(Its all right, its alright) (Let me see, let me see. Let me look it properly)

(I hold it upwards and see) (It is like this) (Yes it good) (it is low)

(I know it is low) (Look, weather it is working) (Yes) See, wether, the first one has come)

(Yes) (See, wether the first talking will come) (Yes)

(Maybe it has come) (please, lets try again, you said you were at Ash Town)

Yes, I was born at Ash. Town. I attended Roman Girls (Yes) And my uncle ~~send~~ <sup>took</sup> me to ~~her~~ <sup>his</sup> daughter at Accra. (Yes) that I should stay with her. And he didnt

send me to school, till I return back, and I was sent to New Tafo,

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Dah Dechemso (Yes) And at there, I attended school till form two, but I couldn't finish ~~it~~ and I brought forth (Yes) So, at the time I brought forth, it turned turned to marriage and trading (Yes)

So, at first, I was selling tomatoes at Bode. (Yes) When I left there, I again came to this shed and sold onions. (Yes) But the man, whom I was living with him we divorced. (Yes) Now, it is only trading I do. (Yes) that I am doing (Yes, and at

the time you left school, what was the very type of work did you like to do?)

If I come from school - (no) (She said, when you stopped school) Yes (What type of work did you like to do?) When I stopped, what I liked to do was trading. That was what I did. (And what happened that you decided to sell that tomatoes?)

(Why did you like to sell tomatoes?)

Oh. Somebody who didn't finished school, there is no work you can do, so, it is the only thing you ~~can~~ <sup>have to</sup> do or (Yes) sell

There is no work for you to do that you can do (Yes) (Yes) (And why didn't you go and sell the onion early?)

(ho-ho-ho) (You then thought you would get more profit from tomatoes than onions)

No. That was what my mother ~~sells~~ sold then (Aah) And I sold some. (True) Yes.

Before I started selling the onions, that was what my mother sold. (Yes) (But why,? you know that, some people who

didn't finished school, they like to learn something - maybe she would learn how to sew, or maybe she would learn how to dress hair) Yes (Why didn't you liked such things?) About that, please (Or you like ~~to~~ to get quick money?) Yes, but I was not interested in those things (Aah) (Yes) (You are interested in tomatoes?) Yes) (And as you were interested in tomatoes why, then, <sup>did</sup> you stopped selling it?) I said my mother was selling it, and I went to ~~sell some for her~~ <sup>help</sup> her, later I got my own table and I said, I started selling Onions. (Yes) Yes that one, I was selling it with my mother Yes, (And you want to sell Onions by yourself?) Yes, (And ~~z~~, you said that, Onions maybe, why did you stopped selling tomatoes and sell that onion?) (That is why she that, the tomatoes she was selling) (Yes) when she left school (Yes) She went and do the same work with her money. (Yes) Now she is grown up. (Yes) (So she have to move from her mother. (Yes) and work for herself. (Yes) So, she doesn't like her mother's work again. She likes Onions. (Can you sell tomatoes, including your mother's work?) (Aah) (She said) (Why did you left your mother, and sold the tomatoes at a different place?) Yes, I can ~~also~~ sell at the place which was mine, (Yes) If you sell tomatoes at that place, they would not buy it, & that place is only full <sup>of</sup> ~~of~~ onions. <sup>the market</sup> That was the reason why, I also sold



to get property?) you said? . . . . .  
 (Oh it is nothing. And if they received  
 if they made properties, what do they  
 do to get profit than the others?)

(Those who are able to make  
 properties, what do <sup>they do</sup> to get profit to  
 do properties, while some of them  
 couldn't ~~not~~ get some?) Et those people  
~~others~~ <sup>the</sup> elders who have sold it for a  
 longer ~~period~~ period. So, they received  
 it more, and we go and ~~get~~ <sup>collect</sup> some from  
 them. \* Every time, they get more  
 profit. And we collect some from them.  
 We collect from them, so she can  
 save it in Government bank, she save  
 it at all the banks, so she can save  
 it (So, they received more profit) Yes  
 it is like, you see that, if we leave  
 it, and it becomes more, you get profit)  
 Yes, the profit come in ~~but~~ bulk.

(And if ~~it~~ is little) Yes, you see. Like  
 we, we buy it little by little, but they  
 buy it more. And we buy it <sup>some</sup> from  
 them. And they again add some money  
 o. How they bought it, they add more to  
 it again. And you would go and buy  
 from them. So after you have finished  
 your profit will reduce. (Yes)

(Those people whom you started to  
 selling the onions with them at the  
 same time, have some of them got  
 money than the others?) Yes, peoples  
 who started at the same time, some of

them have got money than the others.  
 (Yes, and some have got money than  
 the others, what did she do that she  
 became prosperous in her trading?) O.K.

If somebody is there, and she have no  
 money, something like that, this and that

when none  
 are there

If you go for one onion, <sup>Alata</sup> / hundred  
 thousand, if you didn't pay for it, they  
 would not allow you to bring it (Yes)

Some of them don't have money to pay  
 (Yes) So, if somebody goes and buys it, she  
 also goes and buys some from her. So, that  
 person's money, it is not plenty. The one

who has money, would get money (Yes)

Hmm. (And what do they do to get money,  
 that they have money?) You said, <sup>why</sup> ~~what~~

did they do to get money? (Hmm, you  
 said, some have money to buy more,  
 some have no money) Then it is from

her home. Maybe <sup>it comes from</sup> her husband (oh, so?)

gave it to her, maybe ~~her~~ a father gave it  
 to her, maybe ~~her~~ a mother gave it to her

You cannot know. (Yes) So, she has her  
 money. She <sup>owns</sup> ~~handles~~ it. And she uses it

for her business (Yes) And maybe you, your-  
 self, you have no money, which it is your

own to do business. So everytime yours  
 are low (Yes) Yes (So, if you have money

in your home, your business will be  
 prosperous?) It will be prosperous (Yes) (So

who gave you the capital. Or you start  
 it little by little by yourself?) I started

it little by little by myself. Like I said it,

Just

I collect it from somebody and sell it  
 If I finished and received five hundred,  
 little by little, <sup>I got something and</sup> I used it to buy some (Yes)  
 (So now, can you buy more by yourself?)  
 Yes (And you also give some ~~of~~ it to  
 somebody) Yes (Aah, then you also have  
 money) O.K. Now, I can't buy as many  
 as that. If I ~~take~~ <sup>buy</sup> one bag, I can't buy  
 more again. Somebody also can buy about  
 four (Yes) Hmm. And if I buy one, and  
 it ~~hasn't~~ <sup>has</sup> finished, I cannot buy one again  
 (And if you have money, will you  
 continue to sell the onions, or you  
 would use your money in another  
 business?) If I have more, I will stop  
 and do another business (What kind of  
 new business will be good for you?)  
 I can travel (So?) Yes. (To bring what?)  
 Even, this Christmas time, I can go and  
<sup>bring</sup> ~~buy~~ children, dresses and shoes. If the  
 money is ~~not~~ <sup>little</sup> enough, you can't go, so  
 you have to sell only this. (Yes)  
 You said you have five children?)  
 Hmm. My children, they are six. (Six?)  
 You said, you <sup>became</sup> ~~got~~ pregnant while you  
 were in school?) Hmm. I left school, when  
 I was in form 2. I stopped before I  
 became pregnant. (Aah) Yes. So, all the  
 six children, their father is still there,  
 or you are the one who is taking  
 care of them.) Their father is there.  
 (Are All of them are with you?)  
 All of them are ~~set~~ with me. (Hmm)

So the father looks after them?) Yes.  
 (Do you marry him?) Me, we have divorced for about three year now. (So all the children are from one father?) yes. (And you divorced him?) Hmm (Eer you will suffer) Heiss! (You dont love him anymore) It is not because I dont love him any more. He have married. (Ehee) He have a new wife, so he ~~seek~~ divorced. It is not my fault. (He divorced you) Yes. If he have divorced you, give his children to him) Ah, we are talking about it. He said he will come for them. (If he bring you money to look after them, then its all right) At first, he brought the money. But now, he brings it anytime he likes (Hmm, then, its a bit difficult) (Hmm. And your children, are they grown ups?) Oh, they have grown up (Some of them have completed school?) Hm, the girl have completed. Even, the boy also will complete very soon. But the rest are very young. (One of them would sell something?) (The one, who have completed school?) Yes (Will she join you?) Yes, she sell something. (They have<sup>they</sup> finished school and they selling things?) Yes. (What do they sell?) She also, is in the same market. She sells, (Yes, one of them sell onions?) Hmm. (Yes) (Why did you not allowed her to continue? Or you didnt like that?) The



who did it. It was the person who looked after her, ~~he it was his fault~~. And myself, at that time, I have none to help her to continue (Yes) So, I also, I cannot let her stay idle. The person also have not made up his mind that, yes, maybe the man open his mouth that, maybe he have now think about it to help her to continue, even, a woman, it is not necessary. Maybe he will allow her to continue. (So, how many of them are still in school?) Now, they are four . . . (I mean, only one of them have completed) Hmm. And, at the time you started selling things in the market, the living, was it like now, or you seen some difference?) Now, I am not like while I was staying at home. (No) (She said, when you started selling things, at first, what is the different between the first and now. How things was at the first and how things is at now, is there any difference?) EEE, at first, they buy things all right. But nowadays, <sup>maybe now</sup> when we are entering Christmas, <sup>maybe</sup> they would buy things allright. But now, it is not <sup>the same</sup> like <sup>the same</sup> that. There are differences. It is not ~~like that~~ <sup>the same</sup> that. Now, the trading, it is not ~~like that~~ the same. (Yes) (Why is it not the same?) Ah, EE now, today, you cannot know how <sup>to do it</sup>. Now, everything is too expensive for them. If they asked for something, the price is expensive. (Yes) You also, you have bought it for a higher price.

So, you cannot reduce it. (Yes) And if, you yourself go and buy the goods, at first, did you get it like now, or you have seen some difference? (in ~~the~~ <sup>your</sup> business?)

At first, if I go\* and buy the goods <sup>by</sup> myself, (Yes. You see that, you said that, at first, they buy <sup>more</sup> goods than now. But yourself, have you seen any difference in your business?) (At first, you ~~said~~ that, they buy good, now they don't buy goods, And have you seen the difference?

have you seen any difference? Nowadays they don't buy goods. You said that the good are expensive. You see?

Maybe at first, it was cheap. So, she want you to explain that, at first, maybe it was like this, and today, it is like this) Hmm (Yes) Hmm. At first it was cheap. Because it was cheap, everybody can buy some. Even twenty if you come, you will get twenty

But now, we don't even arrange it in fifty. (Fifty cedis) Yes (You don't arrange it in fifty cedis.) Yes. So it is expensive

nowadays. Some of them, the money she brings to the market, it is not enough so, she cannot buy, even hundred cedis onions. (Hmm) So, if she stop buying it and do it like that, it will be fine

(Hmm, no) And they don't buy the goods. (Yes) (At first, when you started selling onions, <sup>did</sup> many people sell onions like now?) Many people don't sell onions like now.

But now, the onions the people who are selling it, are too much. (Yes, and those people who sell onions, at first, did they work like now? do they work like now?) Those who sold onions earlier (Yes) I mean, was their work prosperous like now?) It is not prosperous. It is, do you want to sell onions or do something else. But now, you don't do it like before, do you, ) (I am asking how the way that they <sup>sell</sup> things is it the same? Not the price (aah) But just the way they go and buy, whom, is it the same?) (At first, the way use to sell your goods, how you <sup>go and</sup> buy them, you see? How you use to sell goods, and now, what is the difference? in it. Maybe at first, you buy it like this, or you take lorry to that place, or they bring it to you, or we buy it ~~at~~ at this price, or we buy it at this price, or they have increased it) At first, we buy it at cheap price (yes) We also sell it at ~~cheap~~ cheap price. (How much did you buy it?) Everyday have a different price because it is a vegetable, so, today, if it is more, if they bring it, we reduce it at a low price. But tomorrow, when it is arrived, maybe they would add about hundred cedis difference. (Yes) But it was not like now At first, the transportation, <sup>charge</sup> was not difficult. (Yes) So, we also can take )

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money <sup>and go</sup> <sup>bring some back.</sup> and to buy some, and bring it here, (Mm) So <sup>there</sup> was a way <sup>more</sup> than today (Yes) (How the cost of transportation is too much, you see?) Hmm (Where did you go for it?) (At first, did you buy it from the travellers like now?) Eh, now it is expensive from the travellers (Yes, but it is left with the price, the price, if you buy it from the travellers, or if you go and buy it yourself, which of them is good?) (No, I said is it only the price, which have changed, or something else?) (She said, is it only the price that have been changed, the price you bought it, is it the only thing that have been changed, or is there any changes again?) Eh, it is the price, that have been changed. The price of the car is high and have also add to it. (Yes) So, the price is high. The price have changed (And if the price have changed, is there any have something also changed?) No (Couldn't you believe believed that, maybe, those who grow the onions at first were more or they were few. Maybe now, those who grow it, they are more, and the price is expensive, or those who grow it at first were few and it was cheap) Now those who grow it are more, At first, those who grow it were few. But there was a way. In those days, they have no knowledge. So those

who grow it were few, but they <sup>did well by us.</sup> gave it to us in moderate price. But now those who grow it are more. But the price is high. If somebody grows it and harvest a full of this, and if she bring it, she must give it to you, this 'hundred', she would tell you that, 'three hundred' (Yes) Because, she have grow it by herself, and she is selling it she would sell it at a price she like (Yes) So, those who grow it are plenty, but the price is high. First they were few. But it was good (Yes) (At the time you started selling onions, what was a very good job in this city?) (At the time you started selling onion in the market, what was a very good <sup>or serious</sup> job that was good?) Truly, I cannot tell the good job at that time, which was good (Yes) Because (It means, what you were doing was good for you. You see) Yes, yes (But you don't have, you didn't see any work again?) No, I didn't see. (In the market) Who? (But, cloth seller were there, yam sellers were there, some of them sold many things, cosmetic and so on. So you couldn't know that maybe, this kind of work, is more profitable than onions?) Myself, as soon as said, I would do it, as soon as I announced it, (He-he-he) And it was in my sight. So, I didn't set my mind on in

any business again. (Hmm) (Yes, the first time you said you attended school and now, how is the difference) Eeh when I was in school, the living. Ee. (like feeding, drinking, clothing, money matters) When I was in school, it was good. The living was good. Because, your mother can give you fifty to school, even you can use it for feeding and you would be satisfied. Today also, if you are going to school, now, if they give you hundred cedis ~~or~~ even in your hands, it will not do you anything (Yes) (At the time you left school, if you didn't left school, and ~~the~~ you have money in your family, and if somebody would give you a little help, what kind of work would you do? Maybe you would do?) Since I settled, when I left school, and had ~~money~~, and somebody helped me, maybe I would travelled (Now) I would go and bring things. Anything, if only I go there, and see anything they would buy, anything, I would bring it (Now) But, there because there was nothing there, so I come and sell this. (And those people, who travel, do they get more profit?) Yes, they get profit. (And, what kind of work is there again, which is profitable at that time?) At that time, I cannot know (Yes) (Yes, have <sup>got</sup> A)

Something to say or to ask Mary?)  
Please, I have nothing. (All your words  
in your mouth is finished, you see?)  
He-he-he-he. (Yes) It is good that, the  
words in your mouth is finished. Ah.  
(Yes) How is trading? About trading,  
maybe <sup>when</sup> we enter December, that  
they would buy the goods, But now  
the trading is slow. (They don't  
buy it) Yes (Yes) Ah Humm )

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