

THE CALLER RETURNS

Log line – *“A young woman learns that the mysterious calls from a prank caller are from a psychopath who murdered her parents years ago, who will stop at nothing to fulfill his twisted vengeance. But she and her best friend are not going down without a fight. But he is not the only one seeking revenge.”*

SYNOPSIS

NIGERIA, 2008.

TWELVE-YEAR OLD YETUNDE witnesses her parents -- PASTOR ADENIYI (55) and IQUO (35) -- tortured by HANNU (28), a religious psychopath bent on vengeance from a perceived slight he is unable to reconcile dating back over a decade. Despite being tortured by Hannu, Yetunde manages to escape and find help, though it was too late to rescue her parents. Hannu is arrested, convicted, and imprisoned for life. Since Yetunde survived, Hannu’s vengeance -- for the moment -- remains unfulfilled.

MONTANA, 2023.

Yetunde (27) is now a citizen of the United States, taken in by her godfather SHERIFF RUSS CALDWELL (mid-50s) since the horrors in Nigeria. Sheriff Caldwell (“Uncle Russ”) befriended Adeniyi and the family during their annual trek to vacation in Montana. Sheriff Caldwell became family over that time and is fulfilling a promise made to Adeniyi to care for her should anything ever happen to them. Yetunde lives in their vacation home, a gift from Sheriff Caldwell. She is assimilated into her new life, carefree, self-employed, with a career as an artist beginning to bloom. She is thousands of miles away from her haunting past, and the man who killed her parents, who rots in a Nigerian prison.

When a mysterious caller begins to call on the anniversary of her parent’s death, it never occurs to Yetunde that the caller might be a more deadly threat that she could ever imagine.

As the calls become more and more personal and disturbing, Yetunde and her best friend FARIDA (27) soon discover that the caller is much more than he appears to be. And when the caller’s identity is revealed, it becomes a life and death game of cat and mouse.

Yetunde realizes that Hannu will stop at nothing to complete his vengeance, but she and Farida are not going down without a fight. Hannu’s not the only one seeking revenge.

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Cast Character Breakdown

Yetunde

Yetunde (27, African) is a survivor. Fifteen years previous, her parents were murdered in Nigeria by a psychopath on a self-directed mission of vengeance. She lives with the horror of that night every time she closes her eyes but has learned to live with it by strengthening both her mind and body.

By the Grace of God, or luck, she now lives a whole ocean away from Nigeria, adopted into her life in Montana by her late father's best friend, Sheriff Caldwell.

Yetunde's family vacationed in Montana every summer in a beautiful and remote home near the mountains, that Sheriff Caldwell would rent to tourists. Over the years the sheriff developed not only a deep friendship with the family, but a very special bond with Yetunde. At Adeniyi's request, Sheriff Caldwell became her godfather and made a promise to Adeniyi that he would take care of her in the event of their death. When the unthinkable happened, Sheriff Caldwell was true to his word and became Yetunde's guardian. Yetunde became the daughter he and his late wife never had.

Under Sheriff Caldwell's care, Yetunde grows into a beautiful, strong, independent, intelligent woman.

When Yetunde's mysterious caller on the anniversary of her parent's murder turns out to be Hannu, it becomes a life or death fight to prevent Hannu from fulfilling his twisted vengeance.

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Young Yetunde

Yetunde (13, African) is a pretty, smart teenager living in Nigeria. She's benevolent and kind, with an easy smile and a mind eager to explore. She's led a sheltered life -- the life of a Pastor's daughter -- shielded from the worse things the world has yet to show.

When she walks in on her parents being tortured by a vengeful psychopath, she's emotionally and mentally unprepared to process the sight. In that moment, as she's frozen with fear to the spot, her entire innocent life is left at the door, never to be seen again. She's captured and tied to a chair and witnesses her father murdered by the psychopath. Her mother -- tied to a chair beside her -- is next to die. And then it's her turn.

When her mother distracts the psychopath, Yetunde escapes and is out the door.

When Yetunde returns with help, her mother is already dead, and Hannu the psychopath gloats over his kill. He's captured and she's orphaned but will soon move to the United States to live under the care of her adopted Uncle.

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FARIDA

Farida (27, African American) is a young college student at the community college in Livingston. She's beautiful, spirited, smart, and hilarious. She's been Yetunde's best friend since her arrival from Nigeria. There was something about Yetunde's tragic past that prompts Farida to always try to make her happy and keep her laughing.

A troublemaker by nature, Farida escalates the danger by playing her own game with Yetunde's mysterious caller.

She's an odd contrast to Yetunde's more serious nature; a bit cowardly and skittish, but a more faithful friend you will never find.

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The Prophet Adeniyi

The Prophet* Adeniyi (55, African male) is a tall remarkable and fair man loved by his Nigerian community and his Christian parishioners. He wears his full Sunday cherubim & seraphim clothing whether in Nigeria or Montana. He is a wonderful husband and amazing father to Yetunde, his beautiful 12- year- old daughter. She is his entire world, the light of his life.

Adeniyi and his family vacation in Montana every Summer. What was once a rental cabin is now a second home to them since Yetunde was a toddler. The owner of the rental -- Sheriff Caldwell -- is now his best friend. Sheriff Caldwell is a no-nonsense Montana lawman with a gentle heart and kind demeanor. Their cultural differences and curiosity for one another brought them together, as close as brothers. Adeniyi loves and trusts Sheriff Caldwell so much that he makes him Godfather to Yetunde and makes him promise to become guardian to Yetunde should the worst ever happen to him and Iquo, a promise Sheriff Caldwell keeps when Adeniyi and Iquo are brutally murdered in Nigeria by a psychopathic parishioner with a promise of revenge for a slight that happened years ago.

*A *Pastor* or *Priest* in non-African countries

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Sheriff Russ Caldwell

Sheriff Russ Caldwell (mid-50s, Caucasian) is the local sheriff of the small town of Livingston, Montana. A native of the state and well-liked and trusted by the residents, Russ enjoys his job with no complaints. He is a widower with no children and has dedicated his life to law enforcement.

The sheriff is a long-time friend of Adeniyi, his wife Iquo and their young daughter Yetunde. The Nigerian family spent their summers vacationing in Montana.

After many years of friendship, Russ became Yetunde's Godfather. Watching her grow through the years fills him with love and pride. Yetunde was the daughter he and his wife never had. During Ade's last visit he asks his friend to watch over Yetunde should anything ever happen to him and his wife, to promise to see that she is safe, happy, and educated in the U.S., a promise he hopes he would never have to keep.

A few years later Yetunde's parents are killed in Nigeria, and Yetunde is sent to Montana to stay with the Sheriff. There she grows into a beautiful, strong, confident young woman who attends the local university. She eventually moves into her parent's small summer home, which now has become hers. Russ is proud of the woman she has become, her accomplishments and the future ahead of her.

Late one night Sheriff Caldwell gets an urgent call from Yetunde that Hannu has crossed an ocean to finish what he started: The murder of Yetunde.

