

Charmaine and her daughter Yvette were sitting on the porch one warm April afternoon. They had already shucked two sacks of oysters and each had a coca-cola - they were feeling pretty good.

“Yvette you ever consider what kinda man you gonna marry?” Charmaine asked.

“No. I ain’t give it much thought. I suppose one like Pappa, or Uncle Thibodeaux, or maybe Pierre,” Yvette answered.

“Well girl, you’re 16 now and it’s time you thought on it. Don’t get nobody like Boudreaux, Thibodeaux, or even Pierre - dey ain’t successful men,” Charmaine said.

“Oh, den what makes a man successful?” Yvette asked.

“Child, a successful man is one that makes more money than his wife can spend,” Charmaine started.

“I see,” Yvette giggled.

“Don’t you forget dat now,” Charmaine continued.

“I won’t now that I know what a successful man is. But now I’m wondering - what is a successful woman?” Yvette questioned.

“Girl I thought that would be obvious”, Charmaine concluded, “It a woman who find herself a successful man.”

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