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Daddy's Little Ploy

As far as he is concerned
She is only good enough for non-African men
But in the event that an African man regularly frolics with non-Africans,
and is abroad
Then surely such an African must be good enough

And so her life proceeds through elementary, high and tertiary
Each in the most western phantoms possible, albeit at home in Africa
Soon comes the trendy 'going abroad for studies' of the 'big man's'
daughter
Whence his farewell is complemented by the resounding advice: "stay
away from Africans" ...

Thus, daddy's ploy is set in play, scarring and corroding unsuspecting
targets
Not minding the abiding baggage from hormonal and impressionist drives
from yesteryears
For though she resided at daddy's all the while, she was just one in
disguise
A rash bearing, cough nurturing, collector cum host of multicultural cum
multiracial cum ...