



Aling Nena's Fish Stall

Aling Nena owns a small fish stall in the local market in **their** town. Every day, **she** and **her** husband wake up at one o'clock in the morning to get fish from **their** supplier in Balintawak. Using **their** old jeep, **they** patiently travel along MacArthur Highway to Balintawak—not only to avoid paying toll fees but also because **they** can't use NLEX due to the poor condition of their vehicle's headlights.

After collecting the fish, **they** quickly return to their market stall to arrange and sell **their** goods. While on the road, Aling Nena eats Sky Flakes and feeds **her** husband as **he** drives. This has become **their** usual breakfast because **it** is the cheapest and fastest option. Upon reaching **their** stall, **they** immediately prepare the fish for selling and organize **their** cleaning tools like knives and other equipment.

They cheerfully greet everyone passing by and invite **them** to buy, confidently offering the best-quality and freshest fish in the market. **They** meet different kinds of customers every day—some are kind, some are irritable, some ask for excessive discounts, and some are generous enough to leave the small change behind.

There are days when **they** sell out quickly and can go home early to rest. But more often, **it** takes the whole day before they finish selling their goods. **They** can't go home until everything is sold because **they** need to recover the capital **they** spent for the day, which **they** will also use for the next day's supply.

Their work at the market doesn't end once all the fish are sold. Before closing, **they** must clean **their** stall thoroughly to prepare **it** for the next day of selling.

When **they** get home, **they** are exhausted—but the earnings are just enough to keep **their** business going and to live a modest daily life. Still, there's no time to rest yet—**they** need to clean **their** old jeep to prepare **it** again for the next day's trip to collect fish.

After cleaning the vehicle and cooking dinner, **their** children start arriving home from school. Together, **they** say a prayer of thanks for the food on the table and enjoy dinner as a happy family.

As the couple quietly watches **their** children eat and chat joyfully, **their** hearts are filled with smiles and warmth, knowing that all the hardship and sacrifice are worth **it** because **their** family is happy.

And so, in Aling Nena's thoughts, **she** says:

"**I** will rise again tomorrow to do everything **I** need to do—because **I** do **it** all for **my** family."

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