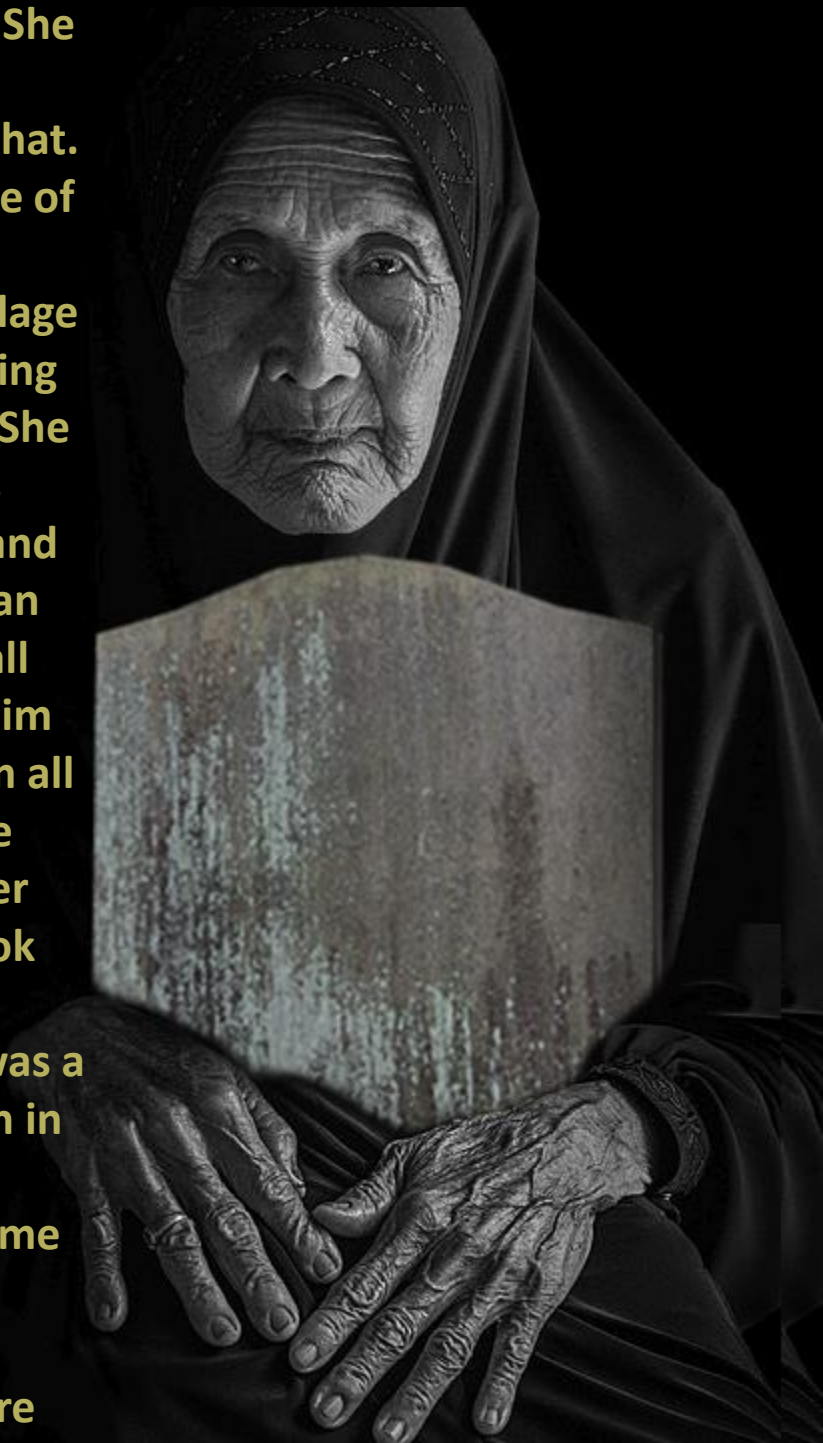


Dead grandmother's visit

A friend of mine, Victor, told me about his grandmother Janet. She was famous in her village as a witchdoctor even she wasn't that. She got that nickname because of her bad temper. She used to argue with everyone in the village and accused her neighbors doing this or that, some nasty stuff. She knew a lot of obscured stories and myths about that region and other stuff. Her husband was an alcoholic man, usually drunk all the time. She always carried him home, yelling and blaming him all the way. Her son, who was the father of Victor was also under her mother's influence. He took after her behavior to some extent. He believed since he was a kid, and even as a mature man in her illusions about ghosts, demons, haunted places to some extent... He went near a local prison in a search for gold because she told him that there was, "some gold buried there". And of course, he didn't find anything.



Once, during another "mission", some dog started chasing him, and Janet told him that it was some possessed dog. Later, when he moved away from her for studies, he was a little better, and he started his family, got a job and had a somewhat normal life. However, he still had some opinions just like Janet had taught him. When Janet started getting older, she became sick. When Victor and his father came to pay her a visit, she told them that she had seen some ghosts nearby and that she needed to lie in the backyard because death was calling her and she had to prepare herself. They sent her to the hospital and it was determined there that she was severely sick and that she might die soon. Then they took her with them to spend her last days with them and she couldn't live all alone either way (her husband died of alcohol some time ago) in that condition. She was constantly seeing dead men visiting her in the apartment in the city where they lived together. Family members were confused and shocked.



And one day she died. They buried her in her village where she was born. After the funeral, they left the light bulb on for the next 40 days after her death, because according to local legends a soul wanders around for 40 days after person's death. Light bulbs and candles help the soul to find its way to the other world easier. Two weeks after the funeral, Victor dreamed that his dead grandmother came to his apartment. She had dirt and mud all over her face. When he asked her why she came as she should rest peacefully in her grave, she replied that they have forgotten about her, and she came to visit them in return. Then he suddenly awoke. He told his family about that. Then they went to the house in the village where she lived and saw that the bulb had exploded! It turned out that Janet visited them to warn them about that bulb, and because of that, she couldn't find her way to the other world!

