

## Nina

Aunt Lucy: So you're Campbell's wife, well I have got to hear the reason why he's living here with his friends instead of at his home with his wife.

Nina: Well as I was about to tell Bridgette, once again I'm in a relationship where I'm doing everything. I'm working, I'm cooking, I'm cleaning, and I'm handling the bills.

Aunt Lucy: Were you always doing this in the marriage?

Nina: When we got married, we both had jobs. Six months into our marriage I was laid off and it took me close to a year to find permanent work. I admit during that time he took care of everything.

Aunt Lucy: Did he complain about it?

Nina: No, but that's not the point. Two months after I started working again. His job shut down. A year and half later, we're here.

Bridgette: I understand Nina. But Campbell is a good man.

Nina: I know he is, but this is not how I pictured my marriage 4 years after I said I do.

Aunt Lucy: I'm sorry baby, but so what.

Bridgette: Aunt Lucy!

Aunt Lucy: Look I've been married for 34 years and Marriage won't always turn out the way you plan, because it's not up to you, alone, it's up to the both of you. Marriage is about being mature enough to manage the good times, and courageous enough to overcome the bad times as one body. Anybody can do this when everything is good.

Nina: I understand that but I've been in situations where I took care of a man for years and got nothing from it. I promised myself I would never do it again. But look at me I'm married to an unemployed black man. And I don't know if he'll ever get a job.