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Granta Magazine contributor Pwaangulongii Dauod targeted in anti-gay attacks after publication of essay

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August 16, 2016—Writer Pwaangulongii Dauod reports that his home was seriously vandalized and a guard viciously attacked after his essay, “Africa’s Future has No Space for Stupid Black Men” was published by *Granta Magazine* (<https://granta.com/africas-future-has-no-space/>). The essay addresses the homophobia that remains prevalent in Africa, and reveals the heartbreaking and conflicted story of Dauod’s friend “C. Boy,” the young founder of an underground gay club who committed suicide in 2015. Granta.com published the piece online on July 14th and it appears in the most recent issue of *Granta*, entitled “Legacies of Love,” which went onsale on July 19th.

On the evening July 17th Dauod (his pen name) was in his home in Kakuri, a district and ghetto in Kaduna state, north of Nigeria, a predominantly conservative and Muslim community. Several unknown assailants armed with machetes, sticks and basic weapons gained access to his compound, beating and severely injuring the guard, who was hospitalized and is recovering. Dauod’s home was looted and his clothing and possessions burned. He escaped without injury, jumping a fence with only his wallet and the clothes that he was wearing, and went into hiding at an unidentified location.

Since publication Dauod has received both accolades and attacks online, including death threats on Facebook and Twitter. It is suspected that his identity was revealed to a group of homophobic writers in Nigeria. Dauod is now safe in the United States and studying for his MFA. He is at work on a story collection and memoir.

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