Debt

Angela was sick and tired of what defined her, who she was: debt. Student loans had to be repaid on top of rent, food and other expenses. She drove an old clunker, wondering how long before she could no longer afford it. Her job paid well, but well, never enough. Angela had to rid herself debt.

An experienced hacker, she considered hacking into her creditors' accounts but they were heavily protected. Then she considered hacking less protected systems which would allow her to channel her debts to apparently be someone else's. The Dean of her former college became responsible for paying her student loans. Her landlord became responsible for paying his rent to himself.

Her debt-free days did not last long.

Everyone she targeted complained, of course. The redirected payments stopped but no one could trace it back to her. And she knew the amounts involved were small enough to mean the case would be dropped. But Angela still faced her debts. So she decided to take hacking one step further by hacking away herself. Angela disappeared, electronically. Her debts remained but her creditors had no way to find her, unless they came and knocked on her door (she moved.)

Yet Angela was a decent person and felt qualms. She owed the money. So she created a second digital Angela who never went to college, never had debts and had a great record as a media consultant. She moved into the second Angela's apartment and became her. Freed of the debts, and doing well as a consultant, Angela within a couple of years repaid all her debts.

Satisfied, Angela created Angela 3, who lived on a pleasant Caribbean Island, and she moved there. By the time she arrived, everyone knew of her and she was accepted. She took a job tending bar, which she enjoyed, making drinks so her patrons could try to forget who they were.

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