





The Masked Trend of All Time

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Once upon a time, there were two siblings named Non-stationary and Stationary. Their lovely home was situated in a country called Yemen. Yemen was known to be a fragile state - characterised by weak state capacity or weak state legitimacy, leaving citizens vulnerable to a range of shocks.

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Yemen was one of the poorest countries in the region, and most of the population were living below the poverty line. This fuelled grievances around unemployment, economic conditions, and corruption, leading directly to frequent protests.

Non-stationary was very vigilant and was true to herself and the city. She would tell things as they were and would not shy away from expressing herself. From a young age, she was concerned about her family's and society's standard of living. She was never an average girl and could adapt quickly. On the other hand, Stationary was more concerned about fitting in and succumbed to society's standards. She did what she was told to do without analysing or critically thinking about it. She was an average person.

The two siblings had studied Future Prediction and how people made and spent money, but Non-stationary had a greater vision and determination than Stationary. After studying, they both served in the president's office in Yemen. Still, Stationary was preferred to Non-stationary because her economic interpretations were just average and gave hope to her superiors about the future state of the country.

Stationary found herself in a much higher position of power and authority, where she established official policies for the country. She served in forecasting rooms and could dress up in the most luxurious robes, such as the ARMA robe, without having to change a thing about herself because she hid the realities of the future and did not expose the risks of the economy of Yemen.

Whenever Non-stationary was appointed to complete economic tasks, when extra hands were needed to assist Stationary, she had to go through many hash tests and assessments, namely the character test, the ADF personality test, and the differencing assessment. After going through all the assessments and tests, she would then be given the ARIMA robe, which was the less expensive relative to the ARMA robe.

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Non-stationary was always aware that she was the answer to every issue facing her nation, but she did nothing because she was afraid of losing her job and being exiled from her own nation. Stationary saw that the fear will hinder her from doing what was need for the country. And so she planned on reminding Non-stationary all about her strengths and purpose.

She reminded her that their strengths work hand-in-hand to solve the problems Yemen. This gave Non-stationary the courage to go through all those tests in order to become the solution to her country's challenges.