

EPISODE 10

Characters

Mairo
Najib
Yankat
Moses
Ehi
Dafe
Zainab

SCENE 1, Zainab's shop, Afternoon

1. **SFX:** **SOUND OF SEWING MACHINES WORKING.**
2. **ZAINAB:** **(PLEASED)** Hello Dafe, welcome.
3. **DAFE:** Hello Zainab, how are you today?
4. **ZAINAB:** I'm ok, just busy as you can see.
5. **DAFE:** Ok, that's good now. More work, more money.
6. **ZAINAB:** **(LAUGHS)** So what brings you here today.
7. **DAFE:** Well, I wanted to invite you to a comedy show I'm performing at this weekend.
8. **ZAINAB:** Are you a comedian?
9. **DAFE:** No oh, I am a musician.
10. **ZAINAB:** Really! I didn't know that. I thought you were into real estate.
11. **DAFE:** **(JOKINGLY)** I am an all-rounder, you know... a man of many talents. I'm into a lot of things.
12. **ZAINAB:** **(LAUGHS)** Hope nothing illegal though?
13. **DAFE:** No, not at all. In addition to the real estate stuff, I also buy and sell clothes, I did a small training and fix people's decoders, I link buyers and sellers of various goods.
14. **ZAINAB:** **(SLIGHTLY IMPRESSED)** Wow, you're very hard-working o.

15. **DAFE:** Ah, Zainab, that's the life of a hustler in this city. No place for dulling.
16. **ZAINAB:** But Dafe, with all that you're doing, when do you have time for the music?
17. **DAFE:** Well music is my dream, and I am working towards it. But I can't be dulling in the meantime, you know.
18. **ZAINAB:** I understand. Nothing good in life comes without hard work.
19. **DAFE:** It's true oh. Considering that I never finished secondary school, my life is a lot better than even some graduates sef.
20. **ZAINAB:** **(SURPRISED)** You didn't finish secondary school? How come? Did you drop out because of the music?
21. **DAFE:** **(SAD)** No, Zainab. I was young and stupid. I thought I was in love and made some bad decisions.
22. **ZAINAB:** Heya. I'm sorry to hear that, Dafe. The same thing happened to me sha. Now I find it hard to trust anyone.
23. **DAFE:** O-ho, so that's why you were so quiet. Me I was now thinking that I was smelling.
24. **ZAINAB:** **(LAUGHS)** Dafe, you're such a clown.
25. **DAFE:** See this is why you should go out with me, Zainab.
26. **ZAINAB:** **(AMUSED)** Why?
27. **DAFE:** **(LAUGHS)** Since we both have this shared experience of unlucky love, we should share a date.
28. **ZAINAB:** **(EMBARRASSED)** I don't know o, Dafe.
29. **DAFE:** Ok, just come to the show, it'll be fun, I promise. If it is bad, you can flog me with *koboko*. You and Femi.
30. **ZAINAB:** **(LAUGHS)** You're not serious. Ok o, Dafe. I'll come for your show.
31. **MUSIC:** **BRIDGE UP AND FADE**

SCENE 2, Najib's House, Evening.

32. SFX: **TV NOISE (OFF MIC). LOW HUM OF AC UNIT.**
33. NAJIB: Wow Mairo, I can't believe I'm about to be a father sometimes.
34. MAIRO: Me too, I can't wait **(LAUGHS)**.
35. NAJIB: Remember when we first got married and we weren't even ready to have a baby?
36. MAIRO: Thank you for not pressuring me then, Najib. I really appreciate it.
37. NAJIB: Your studies were just as important to me, as they were to you, Mairo. It would have been tough to manage final examinations, IT, project and a new baby.
38. MAIRO: Ah thank goodness for family planning o. And now with our baby on the way when we're ready, it's so worth it.
39. NAJIB: I still can't believe it worked so well. It seemed to good to be true. Something that would allow us to enjoy each other with worrying about getting pregnant before we were ready?
40. MAIRO: When Sister Halima was telling me, I didn't believe her at all. But she was right, modern family planning is safe and reliable.
41. NAJIB: Let me confess now o, Mairo. I was concerned it would be difficult to conceive when we were ready.
42. MAIRO: Me too, but see how easy it was for me to get pregnant when I stopped using it.
43. NAJIB: **(LAUGHS)** I know!
44. MAIRO: Me, I was worried about the rumors of all the side effects, but thanks to Sister Halima, I was prepared and they were only temporary.

45. **NAJIB:** That woman has been a big help. Does she know that we're going to call our baby Halima, if it's a girl?
46. **MAIRO:** Not yet. I'll wait until the baby is born.
47. **NAJIB:** Ok.
48. **MAIRO:** By the way, how are Mimi and Osato? I feel so bad that I haven't been to commiserate with Mimi since her grandmother died.
49. **NAJIB:** Don't worry I explained to Osato that you are almost due, and you would come and see her when the baby is born.
50. **MAIRO:** Thank you, even though we are not so close, I really should go and see her.
51. **NAJIB:** It's ok, you know she might not even be in Abuja right now. She's looking for her mother and twin sister?
52. **MAIRO:** What? I thought she was an orphan?
53. **NAJIB:** On her deathbed, her grandmother told her that her mother and a twin-sister were still alive. So she has been trying to find them since, going all over Nigeria.
54. **MAIRO:** Wow. It is like a film. **(GASPS)**
55. **NAJIB:** What is it?
56. **MAIRO:** I think my water just broke. It's time. The baby is coming.
57. **NAJIB:** **(AGITATED)** Don't worry Mairo, everything will be fine.
58. **MUSIC:** **BRIDGE UP AND FADE**

SCENE 3, Restaurant, Afternoon

59. **SFX:** **SOUND OF CASH REGISTER. A POPULAR SONG PLAYS ON THE SPEAKERS.**
60. **DAFE:** **(FLUSTERED)** Mehn, sorry for the delay.

61. **EHI:** Dafe Dafe. How now? Which girl's place are you coming from?
62. **DAFE:** See your mouth? How do you know I am coming from a girl's place?
63. **EHI:** I can see it in your face mehn. The face of a man who is happily dating someone.
64. **DAFE:** Well it's true. I am dating that tailor I was telling you about?
65. **EHI:** Zainab? The one that came to your show?
66. **DAFE:** Yes oh.
67. **EHI:** Ikooo! Congrats, she's very pretty. So you are now a good boy, no more prepping ehn. Chei.
68. **DAFE:** **(LAUGHS)** Bros, it must be maturity ohhh. I saw her and I started thinking 'bride material'.
69. **EHI:** Ikoooo! So I hope it works out sha. What of Chacha?
70. **DAFE:** What of Chacha? You tell me?
71. **EHI:** How do you think she is going to react to this relationship?
72. **DAFE:** Why would she care? We aren't together so I don't see how it's her business!
73. **EHI:** Okay o.
74. **DAFE:** As far as I'm concerned I am free to pursue Zainab, if she will agree.
75. **EHI:** Hmmm Dafe, this "love wantintin" you're doing is serious eh! A whole prepper like you?!
76. **MUSIC:** **BRIDGE UP AND FADE**

SCENE 4, University, Late-Afternoon

77. **SFX:** **STUDENTS TALKING AND LAUGHING.**
78. **MOSES:** **(SHOUTING)** Yankat! Yankat!!
79. **SFX:** **STUDENTS TALKING AND LAUGHING**

80. **MOSES:** **(SHOUTING)** Yankat!!!! Hey you, help me call that girl.
81. **SFX:** **FOOTSTEPS COMING ON MIC**
82. **MOSES:** **(SLIGHTLY BREATHLESS)** Yankat! Ahn ahn! Didn't you hear me calling you?
83. **YANKAT:** **(NERVOUS)** Oh Moses, is it you? Sorry, I've been really busy. My mind was focused elsewhere.
84. **MOSES:** Hmm Yankat, I haven't seen you in a while.
85. **YANKAT:** Yeah, I've been busy, Moses. This French is not easy.
86. **MOSES:** Anyway, I said that today I must see you. I even skipped my lectures and waited outside your department for you. I know a good girl like you will never miss classes.
87. **YANKAT:** **(LAUGHS NERVOUSLY)** Well that's why I am here now, Moses... Anyway, I have to go and...
88. **MOSES:** **(INTERRUPTS)** Hmm, Yankat, I'm beginning to think you're avoiding me o. This one has passed being studious.
89. **YANKAT:** No, nothing like that Moses. Honestly.
90. **MOSES:** So when are we going to go out then, Yankat? I really want to take things to the next level between us.
91. **YANKAT:** Look Moses, I'm sorry if I gave the wrong impression but I'm not really looking for a romantic relationship. I just don't have the time to put into it. You know?
92. **MOSES:** **(DISBELIEF)** Are you serious? Yankat, you're rejecting me?
93. **YANKAT:** Yes. I am. I'm sorry, Moses. I'm not ready to date anyone right now.
94. **MOSES:** **(ANNOYED)** Listen here you this Yankat. Do you know who I am? I'm offering you a small girl like you the chance to be a big girl on campus and you're telling me you don't have time?!

95. **YANKAT:** **(WEAKLY)** Erm.. well... my studies...
96. **MOSES:** Why are you dulling yourself, Yankat? Do you see any freshers dating big boys on campus like me. I can show you the world, baby.
97. **YANKAT:** I don't want to see the world. I just want to get my degree and do something with my life. Please stop making this difficult, Moses. I like you, but only as a friend.
98. **MOSES:** Listen, maybe you think I'm not serious, or you think I am a small boy. Think about it. I really like you and if you take some time to think about us going out and how good it will be, I'm sure you will reconsider.
99. **YANKAT:** Honestly, Moses, my answer is not going to change. I'm not ready for a relationship right now. I don't want anything to distract me from my studies. Maybe when I finish.
100. **MOSES:** So you think I will wait 4 years for you?
101. **YANKAT:** I'm not saying that. I'm just telling you the truth. **(NERVOUSLY)** Besides, I'm not the only girl on campus. I'm sure there are dozens of girls here who would die to have a man like you in their lives.
102. **MOSES:** **(OMINOUSLY)** See this girl, Yankat, you're joking with me o. You can't tell me no o.
103. **MUSIC:** **BRIDGE UP AND FADE UP AND UNDER**