

EPISODE 11

Characters

Ajoke (Joke)

Kafilat

Abokede

Tayo

Aunty Funke

Zainab

SCENE 1, Aunty Funke's Shop, Morning

1. **SFX:** **MORNING TRAFFIC, PEOPLE HAWKING PUFF-PUFF, BUNS, BOILED EGGS (OFF MIC). DOOR OPENS.**
2. **KAFILAT:** Good morning, Aunty.
3. **AUNTY FUNKE:** Good morning, Kafilat. This is Joke, please show her around the shop. Joke, listen to what she says. I have to go to a Fashion Designers Association meeting now meeting now, we'll discuss more when I come back.
4. **SFX:** **DOOR CLOSES**
5. **JOKE:** **(SHYLY)** Good morning, ma.
6. **KAFILAT:** **(MOCK ANNOYED)** Ma? Do I look that old that you're calling me ma.
7. **JOKE:** **(QUICKLY)** No, it's not that. I thought you were going to be my supervisor.
8. **KAFILAT:** So what?. You can just call me Kafilat.
9. **JOKE:** Ok. It's a pleasure to meet you, Kafilat.
10. **KAFILAT:** Same here, Joke. Ok so let me show you the shop.
11. **SFX:** **BABY CRYING**
12. **KAFILAT:** Oh sorry. My baby woke up.
13. **JOKE:** **(INTERESTED)** You have a baby?
14. **KAFILAT:** Yes oh, only six months old.

15. **JOKE:** **(ADMIRINGLY)** She's so big. Can I carry her?
16. **KAFILAT:** Sure. Let me just check if she's dry.
17. **SFX:** **BABY CRIES SUBSIDE.**
18. **KAFILAT:** Ok, my sweetheart, let Aunty Joke carry you eh?
19. **JOKE:** Kafilat, she is sooooo beautiful. **(SINGS A NURSERY RHYME)**
20. **KAFILAT:** She likes you.
21. **JOKE:** Are you sure she's only six months.
22. **KAFILAT:** Yes, why do you ask?
23. **JOKE:** You look so good. I can't believe that you only delivered six months ago.
24. **KAFILAT:** **(PROUD)** I am very lucky to have married the man I did. He is so patient and loving.
25. **JOKE:** **(TEASING)** Wooow.
26. **KAFILAT:** I mean we don't have much money but I'd say we're so happy.
27. **JOKE:** How so.
28. **KAFILAT:** Well, my husband is a mechanic. And I'm a tailor. So you can understand. But we're not stressed.
29. **JOKE:** Really. Not even with the baby?
30. **KAFILAT:** Not even with the baby. We were completely prepared for the baby.
31. **JOKE:** Prepared? How?
32. **KAFILAT:** When I met my husband, even though he didn't have much, I fell in love with him because he had dreams and he had plans.
33. **JOKE:** That's good. It's not where you are but where you end.

34. **KAFILAT:** So you like proverbs too.
35. **JOKE:** **(LAUGHS)**
36. **KAFILAT:** Anyway, so when we married we decided we'd put our resources together and save money for a few years so we could afford to properly take care of the baby when she comes.
37. **JOKE:** Wow, that's good. But what if you got pregnant, while still saving?
38. **KAFILAT:** We used family planning. Still do. I took injections until we were ready to have our baby. Now I'm using the implant. It's so easy, no stress, especially with the implants. When I was taking injections I had to go every 3 months.
39. **JOKE:** Wow, when I meet the person I will marry, I will definitely use family planning too o.
40. **KAFILAT:** **(DISBELIEF)** A fine girl like you doesn't have a boyfriend?
41. **JOKE:** **(EMBARRASSED)** No oh, I don't. I didn't have before the accident and now I have other things on my mind than boys.
42. **KAFILAT:** How was life before the accident? Aunty Funke told me that you lost your family. I'm so sorry.
43. **JOKE:** **(CHANGING SUBJECT)** Kafilat, that is talk for another day. You better show me the ropes before Aunty Funke comes back.
44. **MUSIC:** **BRIDGE UP AND FADE**

SCENE 2, Abokede's House, Morning

45. **SFX:** **DOOR OPENING**
46. **ABOKEDE:** **(ANNOYED)** Tayo!
47. **TAYO:** Good morning, Abokede.

48. **ABOKEDE:** Good morning. What happened now? You didn't come back last night.
49. **TAYO:** I'm sorry. I went to a party and by the time we left, it was late so I stayed with my friend, Zainab.
50. **ABOKEDE:** Zainab?
51. **TAYO:** You know her now? The hairdresser. I sometimes assist her in making nails. I didn't want to come back and be waking you up, so I stayed in her house.
52. **ABOKEDE:** I see. I hope you're not returning to your old ways. This one that you're staying out late like this.
53. **TAYO:** I'm sorry, Abokede. This is the first party I've gone to in how long. I only even went because Zainab said we should celebrate my getting the job. It won't happen again.
54. **ABOKEDE:** **(PLACATED)** Ok, just be careful please. We don't want history to repeat itself.
55. **TAYO:** What do you mean?
56. **ABOKEDE:** Unplanned pregnancy nau!
57. **TAYO** **(DISMISSIVELY)** Oh, that. I'm not having sex with anybody now. And anyway, I'm on the implant at least until I settle down with Mr. Right.
58. **ABOKEDE:** I hope so oh, Tayo. Please, just be careful.

SCENE 3, Aunty Funke's House, Evening

59. **SFX:** **DOOR OPENS AND CLOSES. A BOLT BEING LOCKED.**
60. **AUNTY FUNKE:** Ah, Joke. How are you? What of the children?
61. **JOKE:** **(SADLY)** Yes ma. They are watching tv, but I made sure they did their assignments first.

62. **AUNTY FUNKE:** That's good, you're very good with them.
63. **JOKE:** **(VOICE BREAKS)** They remind me of my younger brother.
64. **AUNTY FUNKE:** Are you ok, dear?
65. **JOKE:** **(BURSTS INTO TEARS)** I miss my family so much.
66. **AUNTY FUNKE:** **(COMFORTINGLY)** It's ok. It's ok.
67. **JOKE:** **(SNIFFING AND SOBBING)** I'm sorry. I...I was just remembering how I met Kafilat today and played with her baby, and I would have told my dad, and then I remembered that he was... that he wasn't around anymore.
68. **AUNTY FUNKE:** I'm sorry. I know I can't ever replace them, but I can be a big sister to you. I'll be your family.
69. **JOKE:** **(SNIFFING)** Thank you so much Aunty Funke. I can never repay all your kindness, love and support.
70. **AUNTY FUNKE:** I know you have suffered a huge tragedy, but your parents would not like to see you crying like this. Just try and live life. God kept you alive for a reason, so start living.
71. **JOKE:** I will try.
72. **AUNTY FUNKE:** Good. You don't want to scare away all the eligible young men with a sad face nau. Abi, you don't want to marry.
73. **JOKE:** **(SHY AND EMBARRASSED)** I do. One day.
74. **AUNTY FUNKE:** Ah, you're shy. Don't be, I'm just teasing you. That's what big sisters do.
75. **JOKE:** **(LESS SHY)** I know. I'm glad you take me as a little sister.
76. **AUNTY FUNKE:** If that is the case, you should open up to me a bit more. It's only through open communication that I can help you, you know?

77. **JOKE:** I will try, Aunty. I'm just a very private person. Very reserved, I don't mean to offend you.
78. **AUNTY FUNKE:** I understand, Joke. But you can trust me, and you can also trust people like Kafilat. In fact, I hope you'll make friends with her, she is a very sensible young lady that is 'getting it together'
79. **JOKE:** Thank you again, Aunty. I really like Kafilat. She really helped me today.
80. **AUNTY FUNKE:** Ok. That's good. Anyway, let's hurry and make dinner before my husband returns.
81. **MUSIC:** **BRIDGE UP AND FADE**

SCENE 4, Zainab's Shop, Afternoon

82. **SFX:** **BELL RINGS AS DOOR OPENS**
83. **ZAINAB** There you are, Tayo. I've been waiting to gist with you about last night.
84. **TAYO:** Well, Zainab, you just slept off as soon as we got to the house, and I had to leave early to go back to my sister's house.
85. **ZAINAB:** How are you? I didn't really see you at the party last night. Did you enjoy it?
86. **TAYO:** I did oh. It's been a while. It was nice to be sociable.
87. **ZAINAB:** That's good.
88. **TAYO:** **(GIGGLING AND SECRETIVE)** You didn't see me because I ran into an old friend from Ibadan. We were just chatting and catching up.
89. **ZAINAB:** Who? I won't even bother to ask male or female. The way you're smiling it has to be a man. **(LAUGHS)**

90. TAYO: Yes oh. One guy I used to party with in Ibadan called Richard.
91. ZAINAB: Really. That's good.
92. TAYO: It is ohh. I felt we really connected again.
93. ZAINAB: Hmm, ok oh. Don't fall too fast ohh.
94. TAYO: Zainab, the bobo is doing well oh. The guy is just travelling anyhow. Dubai this week, London next week. He is an international business man.
95. ZAINAB: **(MORE POSITIVE)** That's great. And he's not married?
96. TAYO: No, he's still single. Zainab, this is wonderful if this works out. He's good looking, and he's rich, it's everything I ever wanted.
97. ZAINAB: Wow, so when are you going to see him again?
98. TAYO: Well, we exchanged numbers. I hope he calls.
99. ZAINAB: Mehn, Tayo, such ripe fruit is scarce on the tree. Don't dull yourself oh, that type is rare.
100. MUSIC: **BRIDGE UP AND FADE UP AND UNDER**