

EPISODE 12

CHARACTERS

Jide

Kemi

Tunde

Joke

Azeez Ojekunle

Funke

SCENE 1

Campus. Morning

1. **SFX:**

CAMPUS AMBIENCE

2. **KEMI:**

Jide! What's up?

3. **JIDE:**

Kemi. I'm fine o. I'm just thinking about this our trip to Dubai. I'm thinking of new choreography for us

4. **KEMI:**

That'll be nice. I can't wait. I'm so excited

5. **JIDE:**

But are you going to be able to afford the money Mr. Richard told us to bring?

6. **KEMI:**

Well I am trying to gather the money.

7. **JIDE:**

Hmm... what about the other troupe members?

8. **KEM:**

I was talking to some of them and they are doing all they can to get this money to make the trip.

9. **JIDE:**

For you this might not be difficult but what about me who depends on my father for everything. How do I get this money?

10. **.KEMI:**

That will be a real problem especially when he does not know you are a dancer and a Theatre Arts student?

11. **JIDE:** I hate lying but there is nothing I can do but continue to lie by saying I am going on a Medical Students excursion.
12. **KEMI:** One lie leads to another lie. When will you stop this charade and double life?
13. **JIDE:** I don't know and don't enjoy all these lies. But my father is such a hard man.
14. **KEMI:** Well about this trip, you know if they are going to be processing our visas, the first thing we all need is an international passport.
15. **JIDE:** Can you imagine it? I don't have an international passport at this age.
16. **KEMI:** Most of us don't have too. See Jide I need this trip very to even expand my business. You know I can go to Dubai to do some shopping.
17. **JIDE:** So how are you planning to make the money for this trip?
18. **KEMI:** Well I have increased the number of nights I perform at the Club and I am planning to go to start selling undies and clothes in school to raise more money.
19. **JIDE:** Trust you Kemi to find a way. Well I have to talk to my father tonight and see what comes up!
20. **KEMI:** Daddy's boy! At least you have someone to ask. Go and ask him. At least start with the money for your passport.
21. **JIDE:** You are right about that. I think a passport is my right whether I am reading Medicine or Theatre Arts!
22. **KEMI:** Yes O! Well I pray that God helps us all to get this money for the trip because it will be good for the troupe to get some international exposure.
23. **JIDE:** And Mr. Richard said we will make triple our money if we can perform in all the venues we have been slated to perform.
24. **KEMI:** **(EXCITED)** Yes o. I'm really happy about that. I will bring back lots of human hair to sell.
25. **JIDE:** **(LAUGHING)** Eh Kemi! You and money!

26. **KEMI:** Is it only me? Jide if this works out you will not be able to hide your passion from your dad anymore.

27. **BRIDGE MUSIC:** **UP AND FADES UNDER**

SCENE 2

Funke's tailoring shop. Afternoon

28. **SFX:** **AMBIENCE OF A TAILORING SHOP. SEWING MACHINES ARE WHIRRING. DOOR OPENS**

29. **JOKE:** Good afternoon sir! Can I help you sir?

30. **TUNDE:** My name is Tunde from Pearl Bank. I have come to see Aunty Funke.

31. **JOKE:** Aunty Funke is not in right now. Can I be of any assistance?

32. **TUNDE:** You are new here. I have not met you before? Are you her sister?

33. **JOKE:** Yes I am new here.

34. **TUNDE:** What is your name?

35. **JOKE:** My name is Joke.

36. **TUNDE:** Can I know more about you? I already told you I am working at the Pearl Bank. If you want to know more about me I can tell you.

37. **JOKE:** I don't mean to be rude sir but you can see I am at work.

38. **TUNDE:** No I don't think you are rude. It shows you are a dedicated worker. Aunty Funke must be lucky to have you working for her.

39. **JOKE:** I am glad to be working for her too. Mr. Tunde do you have any papers you want to give her?

40. **TUNDE:** No I will come back and see her. When do you think she will be around?

41. **JOKE:** She won't be here soon. Maybe towards evening.

42. **TUNDE:** Well, why don't you offer me a seat?

43. **JOKE:** Please pardon me for not offering a seat but I thought you won't want to sit down since Aunty Funke is not around. Please sit down
44. **SFX:** **SOUND OF WOODEN SEAT BEING PULLED**
45. **TUNDE:** Thanks you Joke. A sweet name for a sweet girl. What is the full name please?
46. **JOKE:** Please I don't want to talk about myself. I am at work.
47. **TUNDE:** Well I am at work too but I can tell you that my full names are Olatunde Julius Oyebanji. I am really enjoying my job because I am well paid and have a company car.
48. **JOKE:** That is nice.
49. **TUNDE:** Please tell me about yourself or better still let me take you out so we can get to know ourselves better.
50. **JOKE:** Please Mr. Tunde I am not interested in going out with anyone. I just want to be left alone.
51. **TUNDE:** You don't have anything to lose by going out with me. I will give you a good time.
52. **JOKE:** I don't doubt that but I am not interested in going out.
53. **TUNDE:** Just think about it dear. Tell aunty Funke that I will come back
54. **BRIDGE MUSIC:** **UP AND FADES UNDER**

SCENE 3

Jide's residence. Early evening

55. **SFX:** **AMBIENCE OF A SITTING ROOM. SOME MOSLEM MUSIC IS PLAYING.**
56. **JIDE:** Good evening Daddy. You are home early today.
57. **AZEEZ:** Jide how are you? I had to come early. Your mother has been complaining that I come too late and delay everybody from having dinner on time.

58. **JIDE:** I am glad you are home early. I have something I want to discuss with you.
59. **AZEEZ:** That is good. What is it?
60. **JIDE:** I have been selected to go on a medical convention abroad.
61. **AZEEZ:** That is nice! I am proud of you son!
62. **JIDE:** **(CLEARING HIS THROAT)** I need some money to finance this trip.
63. **AZEEZ:** Is the school not financing the trip? I thought you said you were selected?
64. **JIDE:** Yes I was selected but our parents are also supposed to fund the trip.
65. **AZEEZ:** What is the use of the trip anyway? Is it just a jamboree that parents are supposed to pay for?
66. **JIDE:** The trip is an opportunity for us to interact with our foreign counterparts.
67. **AZEEZ:** How will interaction make you a better doctor?
68. **JIDE:** Daddy but we need the exposure. At my age I don't even have an international passport.
69. **AZEEZ:** Jide you don't have a passport because you have nothing to do abroad.
70. **JIDE:** Now that I have something to do, I hope you will give me money to get a passport.
71. **AZEEZ:** But I am not sure this trip is necessary, so I am not sure about getting you a passport. I have other children too.
72. **JIDE:** Daddy do you know Ola? Your friend, Mr. Ojualape's son. He has a passport? And he is a medical student like me o
73. **AZEEZ:** Okay Jide, you win. How much will it cost me to get you a passport?
74. **JIDE:** I think N20,000 will do for me to get the passport.
75. **AZEEZ:** I can afford that. Go and bring my briefcase.

76. **SFX:** **BRIEF CASE SNAPS OPEN.**
77. **AZEEZ:** Take this N20,000 and get yourself the passport
78. **JIDE:** Thank you Daddy. But please I will need some more money to be able to go for the trip after I get my passport.
79. **AZEEZ** Jide, that's all I can give you for now.
80. **BRIDGE MUSIC:** **UP AND FADES**

SCENE 4

Funke's shop. Early evening

81. **SFX:** **CAR PARK. CARS ARE DRIVING IN OUT. CAR DOOR OPENS**
82. **FUNKE:** Tunde, Tunero!! Tunde Tilapia! Banker Tunde. How are you?
83. **TUNDE:** Aunty Funky! You have become so hard to see o
84. **FUNKE:** Tunde, it is not my fault o. you know that as the president of our Fashion Designers Association, I am always busy
85. **TUNDE:** I know o. Anyway, we have opened your association's account o
86. **FUNKE:** Wow... I am glad. Thank you Tunde for making it easy to go through the process. Some other people would have made me come and queue in the bank.
87. **TUNDE:** That is my job Aunty Funke. I am glad to be of service.
88. **FUNKE:** The women in the Association were very happy with the gifts like the pens, caps and umbrellas you gave to us.
89. **TUNDE:** You are welcome aunty Funke. Enh enh! I didn't know you now have a new girl in your shop o.
90. **FUNKE:** Who? Joke?
91. **TUNDE:** Yes! I saw her here earlier. She is such a good-looking girl
92. **FUNKE:** **(LAUGHS)** Please Tunde, don't come and mess with my girl o

93. **TUNDE:** Aunty, since I was transferred to this place, have you ever seen me with any girl?
94. **FUNKE:** Well, I don't know o. but I know you have been a responsible young man
95. **TUNDE:** Thank you for that aunty. But your girl is not even giving me face at all.
96. **FUNKE:** What do you really want from her?
97. **TUNDE:** I want a steady relationship with her. I am serious about her. I think she will make a good wife material.
98. **FUNKE:** I have grown to love Joke like my younger sister and I don't want anybody messing with her.
99. **TUNDE:** I am not about to mess with her. Aunty Funke since I moved to this town I have not met any girl with the quiet charm that Joke has.
100. **FUNKE:** Tunero!! Well the truth is I quite agree with you. She is just charming and sweet in a quiet way.
101. **TUNDE:** But why is she blocking me? She is not rude or anything like that. She is just closed up.
102. **FUNKE:** Well if you want Joke you have to be very patient. She has gone through a lot. See, she lost her whole family in one day.
103. **TUNDE:** Oh my God! How terrible! So she is an orphan?
104. **FUNKE:** Yes really terrible, so you see why I say you need to give her time. Joke just needs time to sort herself out and to start all over again.
105. **TUNDE:** And I promise I am ready to support her in any decision she takes. I will be there for her.
106. **FUNKE:** I don't know if she wants to go to school first or start her own fashion designing shop
107. **TUNDE:** Whatever she wants, I will stand by her. Even if she wants to wait for a little while after the wedding before she starts having babies, I will support her
108. **FUNKE:** **(SURPRISED)** You know about family planning?

109. **TUNDE:** Aunty Funky, anybody who wants the best for himself/herself must know about family planning o
110. **FUNKE:** That means you are a very very responsible man. Even more than I thought
111. **TUNDE:** Thank you aunty Funke. Just promise to talk to her for me
112. **FUNKE:** I will talk to her but promise me you will take care of her.
113. **TUNDE:** I promise Aunty Funke. I am very serious about her.
114. **THEME MUSIC:** **UP AND FADES**