

EPISODE 13: IRETI EDA

Characters:

Tunde

Joke

Abokede

Iya Risi

Nurse Taiwo

Aunty Funke

Bello

Scene 1

Funke's shop, interior, mid-morning

1. **MUSIC:** **BRIDGE UP AND FADE**
2. **SFX:** **DOOR OPENING AND CLOSING**
3. **JOKE:** **(APPREHENSIVE)** Good morning Mr. Tunde. What can I do for you today?
4. **TUNDE:** **(JOVIAL)** Hey! It's the new girl. Joke, Joke. How are you doing
5. **JOKE:** I'm fine. And aunty Funke is not around.
6. **TUNDE:** Joke, I didn't come to see aunty Funke. I came to see you. How have you been?
7. **JOKE:** I've been fine, thanks.
8. **TUNDE:** That's good, good. I'm glad to hear that. So listen; have you given any more thought to that dinner date?
9. **JOKE:** There is nothing to think about Mr. Tunde. I am not interested
10. **TUNDE:** Just call me Tunde. See Joke It will be fun, I can guarantee you. It will give us a chance to get to know each other better, you know? Really get ... intimate with each other.
11. **JOKE:** Hmm ... no thanks.
12. **TUNDE:** Why not though? You must have a reason.
13. **JOKE:** Well I'm just not ready for anything like that right now.

14. **TUNDE:** Aww; that's no excuse. If it comes to it I bet I can make you ready. You just need to let loose a little, and give me a chance.
15. **JOKE:** I'm sorry, I'm just not –
16. **TUNDE:** Do you like parties Joke? I'm sure you do; who doesn't like parties? I can get you into all of the most exclusive parties here – you know I'm always on the invite list. And we're talking VVIP here o. Not one V, but *two*.
17. **JOKE:** Tunde, I don't like parties. Either with a V or 2 Vs
18. **TUNDE:** Joke, I will take care of you. And all these things you girls worry about – whether na weave-on, facials, manicures – all those ones come with the package, of course. You know I'm a banker; you're guaranteed to enjoy yourself with me.
19. **JOKE:** I don't do all those stuff. I am perfectly contented with what I have
20. **TUNDE:** Joke, I know how hard you've had it in life; that's why I will make it my personal mission to raise your spirits so you don't keep being depressed.
21. **JOKE:** **(EXASPERATED)** Tunde, I am not depressed. I'm just not interested, thank you very much!
22. **TUNDE:** Or is it because we're here in Ibadan? You don't like IB abi? It's too dry; it's not exciting enough? Fine! We can always jet over to Lagos or Abuja. I'm a big boy in both those cities, and if we're dating you'll be the big girl by my side. So what do you say to that?
23. **JOKE:** The same thing I've been saying since morning – no, thank you! I don't know why you won't take no for an answer.
24. **TUNDE:** **(DISAPPOINTED)** Hmm. Well, I'm hearing you loud and clear. And let me tell you; I like a challenge. I want you to know that I am serious about this, about you and I.
25. **JOKE:** There is no you and I
26. **TUNDE:** I don't know what it will take to get you to change your mind, but I will keep trying. I won't give up. I'll see you on some other day then, Miss Joke. Take care of yourself, okay?
27. **JOKE:** Okay, thank you, bye!

28. **SFX:** **BRIDGE MUSIC**

Scene 2

Family Planning Clinic, interior, afternoon

29. **SFX:** **QUIET, CLINIC WAITING ROOM CHATTER**

30. **NURSE TAIWO:** (**WARMLY**) Hello! How can I help you?

31. **IYA RISI:** (**TENTATIVE**) Good afternoon. Sorry; is this the family planning clinic?

32. **NURSE TAIWO:** Yes, it is. Welcome; I'm Nurse Taiwo. May I ask your name?

33. **IYA RISI:** People just call me Iya Risi.

34. **NURSE TAIWO:** Well it's lovely meeting you, Iya Risi! What can I help you with today?

35. **IYA RISI:** (**NERVOUS**) Oh, well ... I'm not even so sure yet, you know ... it was my friend Funke that even told me to just come and check out this clinic.

36. **NURSE TAIWO:** That's good; you have very wise friends.

37. **IYA RISI:** (**LAUGHS POLITELY**)

38. **NURSE TAIWO:** Well Iya Risi you're very welcome here. Please know that anything you say here will not leave this room

39. **IYAR ISI:** Really?

40. **NURSE TAIWO:** Yes. So have you used any family planning before?

41. **IYAR ISI:** No o

42. **NURSE TAIWO:** Okay. Why don't you tell me a little about yourself?

43. **IYA RISI:** Okay, thank you. Though I still don't know where I should start from even ...

44. **NURSE TAIWO:** Okay, why don't we start with why your friend Funke said you should come and see us?

45. **IYA RISI:** Nurse Taiwo, as you see me like this I have four children, and I'm tired! And to make matters worse, my husband doesn't have a job and I sell sweets in front of our compound.
46. **NURSE TAIWO: (SYMPATHETIC)** I can only imagine how stressful that must be. Like I said earlier it was very good of your friend to advise you to come and see us. Family planning can help you so that your situation does not get worse, or out of hand.
47. **IYA RISI:** How does it work though?
48. **NURSE TAIWO:** Well there are different methods, and they all have the same end goal. It's up to you to choose which one you prefer, and which one fits your lifestyle most. There are pills, that you take everyday.
49. **IYA RISI:** **(SKEPTICAL)** I don't know about pills o ... whenever I have malaria it's even Baba Risi that has to be reminding me to take my medicine – is it now this one I will remember?
50. **NURSE TAIWO:** That's fine; there are other methods that might be better for you. We have the injection type. That one we will be giving you every 2 or 3 months.
51. **IYA RISI:** That sounds good ... but which time will I have to be visiting the clinic every two two months?
52. **NURSE TAIWO:** What about implants? They are like small matches and if we put them in your arm, that way you won't get pregnant. When you are ready for another baby, you come back, we remove it and you can get pregnant again
53. **IYA RISI:** **(SURPRISED)** Ah ah; that one sounds like majic o.
54. **NURSE TAIWO: (LAUGHS)** It is not majic o. it is science. And you can leave it in for up to three to five years. We also have IUD. People also call it loop, coil or copperT. And it can be left there for up to ten years, and it keeps you safe from pregnancy all that time.
55. **IYA RISI:** Ehen! I like those ones you can have for so long!
56. **NURSE TAIWO:** Yes, and if you're sure that you don't want any more kids you can even do a permanent one where we tie your tube.
57. **IYA RISI:** Nurse, I may come and do that later o. but let me start with that mone that you put in the arm. Plant abi what did you call it?

58. **NURSE TAIWO:** You mean the implants?
59. **IYA RISI:** Yes, those ones! But I have a question; you said those ones can be left in for up to three years abi?
60. **NURSE TAIWO:** Yes exactly; three years for the implants,
61. **IYA RISI:** But I hope it is safe o.
62. **NURSE TAIWO:** Of course! It is very safe. Many of my clients are very happy with it.
63. **IYA RISI:** Good! Is it possible for me to get it today?
64. **NURSE TAIWO:** Yes it is. Just follow me. This way please.
65. **SFX:** **BRIDGE MUSIC**

Scene 3

Ajibola household, living room, afternoon

66. **SFX:** **TELEVISION PLAYING ON LOW VOLUME**
67. **JOKE:** Auntie Funke, this is the buba you said I should adjust
68. **FUNKE:** I can see you're picking up things at the shop very quickly; that's great, Joke. I'm proud of you.
69. **JOKE:** Thanks Auntie Funke. I'm trying my best, and it's the least I could do to pay you back for everything you've done for me.
70. **FUNKE:** **(DISMISSIVELY)** Please; any good Samaritan would have done the same. It was nothing. **(PAUSE)** And ... there have been no difficult customers, abi? Nobody has been showing you a hard time?
71. **JOKE:** Not really. There's one guy who always comes there to talk to me, but he isn't too much of a bother sha. At least not yet. Hopefully it won't get to that level.
72. **FUNKE:** **(COOLY)** Is that Tunde you're talking about?
73. **JOKE:** **(SURPRISED)** Auntie, you know of him?
74. **FUNKE:** Yes, my dear. I opened an account with his branch. He is a good guy; very successful.

75. **JOKE:** **(SARDONICALLY)** Yes; I got that impression.
76. **FUNKE:** He also likes you.
77. **JOKE:** I know, Aunty Funke. He has come to the shop to talk to me twice now, and to ask me out. Both times I've turned it down, but he doesn't seem to want to understand that I'm just not interested!
78. **FUNKE:** Yes; I think it's because he really likes you!
79. **JOKE:** Well, I'm just not interested in pursuing anything with him. Or with any boy OR man, for that matter.
80. **FUNKE:** That's good, that's good. I'm glad to see that you're not one of those girls who run after boys without thinking through things first. It's always good to know when you're ready.
81. **JOKE:** Hmm.
82. **FUNKE:** Although ... Tunde is a generous, well-educated man. I'm very surprised that you would say no to a man like him.
83. **JOKE:** well.. I..
84. **FUNKE:** **(LAUGHS)** Abi I've gotten so old that I don't even know what is desirable to young women like you anymore? Because I feel like any woman would kill for a man like Tunde.
85. **JOKE:** And I'm sure they would, Aunty. He really is a decent guy, and he's very well-established. He is also quite good-looking. He has a lot of good points, really.
86. **FUNKE:** **(EXCITED)** So you know? What is the problem then?
87. **JOKE:** **(FRUSTRATED)** Aunty, I'm really just not interested; that's all!
88. **FUNKE:** Ah, okay o! I hear you. You know I'm just trying to look out for you, that's all. Your happiness is important to me.
89. **JOKE:** Thank you Aunty, I really appreciate it, but I'm just not interested in Tunde.
90. **SFX:** **BRIDGE MUSIC**

Scene 4

Abokede and Bello's household, dining room, evening

91. **ABOKEDE:** **(PLAYFULLY)** Dinner is served.
92. **SFX:** **SOUND OF SERVING DISH BEING OPENED**
93. **BELLO:** **(BREATHING IN DEEPLY)** Aaaaah; that smells lovely. Is that egusi?
94. **ABOKEDE:** Yes o Bello; and pounded yam, with goat meat.
95. **BELLO:** Mmm, Abokede my wife! You will not kill me good food in this house. I love you darling!
96. **SFX:** **KISSING SOUNDS**
97. **SFX:** **CUTLERY SOUNDS**
98. **BELLO:** Ah ah; what of Tayo? Isn't she coming to eat?
99. **ABOKEDE:** No; she said she's not very hungry tonight. I've left hers in the fridge though, in case she changes her mind later.
100. **BELLO:** Okay. I hope it's not stress that's disturbing her sha, with school and this her new job with Oyemade.
101. **ABOKEDE:** I don't think so. I've heard that she's doing a great job there. I was at Oyemade's house earlier today even, to visit with Folasade.
102. **BELLO:** **(TEASINGLY)** Oh you were? You've gone for your usual time-out with Junior abi?
103. **ABOKEDE:** **(LAUGHING)** Ha, Bello, it almost sounds like you're jealous o! Abi is that not jealousy I'm hearing in your voice?
104. **BELLO:** **(LAUGHING)** Me ke? Jealous? No o! He can have you during the day; that's fine with me. So long as by the time I'm coming home from work in the evening, he can release you to me so that I can see that beautiful smile as I walk into my house ...
105. **ABOKEDE:** **HICCUPS AND COUGHS**
106. **BELLO:** **(WORRIED)** ah ah, is anything wrong? Why are you doing your face like that?
107. **ABOKEDE:** **(QUEASY)** No, it's fine. I just feel somehow ... **(HEAVES)**

108. **BELLO:** (AGITATED) What's the matter? Are you feeling well?
109. **ABOKEDE:** (HEAVES AGAIN) I ... I feel ... I feel – excuse me!
110. **SFX:** CHAIR SCRAPES BACKWARDS
111. **SFX:** HEAVY FOOTFALL RUSHING OFF MIC
112. **SFX:** DOOR OPENING OFF MIC
113. **SFX:** SOUND OF VOMITING OFF MIC
114. **SFX:** TOILET FLUSHING
115. **BELLO:** (AGITATED) Abokede what's wrong? You are vomiting!! Are you feeling fine? Do you want to go and see the doctor?
116. **ABOKEDE:** (TIRED) I don't know what's wrong. I've been feeling sick and nauseous all day. I was actually already thinking of going to the hospital tomorrow.
117. **BELLO:** We will go together eh? Don't worry. We'll go to see the family doctor. You just rest up tonight.
118. **SFX:** BRIDGE UP AND FADE