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EPISODE 17

CHARACTERS

Jide

Joke

Tayo

Richard

Tunde

Zainab

SCENE 1

Jide visits Joke in the shop

1. **THEME MUSIC:** UP AND FADES UNDER
2. **SFX:** AMBIENCE OF A TAILORING OUTLET. MACHINES WHIRLING, CLOTHES BEING RIPPED. FOOTSTEPS
3. **JIDE:** Hi Joke!
4. **JOKE:** **(SURPRISED)** Aah Jide? You are here again? I thought you said you will call to find out if the costumes are ready?
5. **JIDE:** Well! After calling your phone severally without a response, I decided to come over.
6. **JOKE:** I see, welcome. You came just in time. I just finished ironing your costumes. Please hold on while I pack them for you
7. **JIDE:** Thank you Joke!
8. **SFX:** RUSTLING OF PAPER BAG
9. **JIDE:** **(CLEARS THROAT)** But Joke why didn't you pick up your phone?
10. **JOKE:** Don't mind me, I forgot to store your name last time. And I don't pick calls from unknown numbers.
11. **JIDE:** That's ok; it's not unusual for a beautiful girl like you to have many calls coming in from interested friends, you know...
12. **JOKE:** **(DISMISSIVELY)** Well, I don't have time for that.
13. **JIDE:** **(WITH A SMILE)** Well, I definitely have noticed that. If you are not working, you are reading. I like that
14. **JOKE:** **(CHUCKLES)** Thank you Jide. I love books.

15. **JIDE:** (MYSTERIOUSLY) I know and that is why I brought you this book. It is a classic and I know you'll love it
16. **JOKE:** (EXCLAIMS) Oh my God! "Opera Woyonsi" by Wole Soyinka.
17. **JIDE:** (CHUCKLES) Yes. I bought it for you
18. **JOKE:** For me? Oh this is so thoughtful of you but....
19. **JIDE:** (CUTS IN) but what? Please don't say NO Joke, I know you love Wole Soyinka because the last time I was here, you were reading "The lion and the Jewelry"
20. **JOKE:** (LAUGHS) Jide don't tell me you have been spying on me?
21. **JIDE:** Guilty as charged! (BOTH LAUGH)
22. **SFX:** SUDDEN BLAST OF MUSIC
23. **JOKE:** Ah, this NEPA people suddenly remembered us today. I had to use coal-iron to iron your costumes o
24. **JIDE:** Wow, I love this song.
25. **SFX:** CHAIR IS PULLED BACK AS MUSIC PLAYS AND DANCE STEPS IS HEARD. JIDE MAKES SMALL SOUNDS AS HE DANCES
26. **JOKE:** (LAUGHS) Wow, you dance really well. You must love dancing so much to dance your way to the shop.
27. **JIDE:** (A LITTLE OUT OF BREATH) You can say that again, I love dancing so much and can even dance to the sound of a bird.
28. **JOKE:** I actually love dancing too. But I don't dance as well as you do.
29. **JIDE:** (PLEASANTLY SURPRISED) Really? That's nice. Please would you come to one of my troupe rehearsal?
30. **JOKE:** (RELUCTANTLY) I don't know...
31. **JIDE:** Come on Joke, I promise that you will have a great time
32. **JOKE:** (CHUCKLES) Okay. So where does the rehearsal hold?
33. **JIDE:** At the school theater hall. So tell me about yourself. Where are you from? What about your parents?
34. **JOKE:** (TIGHTLY) Hmm.. Jide, these are your costumes. I need to finish up other people's clothes now
35. **BRIDGE MUSIC:** UP AND FADES

SCENE 2

Tayo and Richard in a hotel room

36. **SFX:** **SOUND FROM AN AMERICAN ACTION MOVIE.**
DOOR OPENS AND CLOSES
37. **TAYO:** Richard honey! You are still watching this movie
38. **RICHARD:** Tayo baby. This movie is hot (**SOUND OF GUN FIGHT FROM THE MOVIE. RICHARD SUDDENLY EXCLAIMS**) Kai! This guy is going to shoot.
39. **TAYO:** Eh eh? Na wa o
40. **RICHARD:** (**SIREN BLOWS IN THE MOVIE**) Yes! Thank God the police has arrived!
41. **TAYO:** (**HEAVES A SIGH OF RELIEF**) Thank God the movie has ended. (**SULKING**) You didn't even give me any attention throughout that movie.
42. **RICHARD:** Aww sorry Tayo my baby, come here
43. **SFX:** **KISSING SOUNDS**
44. **RICHARD:** Men! The actor in that movie is a very brave dude; I will certainly meet with him next time I jet out to the US.
45. **TAYO:** (**IMPRESSED**) Really! Richard, so you mean you can meet with an actor of his caliber just like that?
46. **RICHARD:** That's a very little thing to do; the Niga himself will be pleased to meet me.
47. **TAYO:** (**CHUCKLES**) Mmmmm... I hope you will take me with you next time o
48. **RICHARD:** (**AMOUROUSLY**) Of course! It's in the works.
49. **SFX:** **KISSING SOUNDS**
50. **TAYO:** (**LAUGHS SEXILY**) Ah ah Richard, you want to go again
51. **RICHARD:** (**SEXY VOICE**) you know I can never get enough of you.
52. **TAYO:** I know, baby, I have something I have to tell you.
53. **RICHARD:** (**KISSING**) It can wait baby! Come on
54. **TAYO:** No Richy, I have to tell you now. I have been waiting for you to finish your movie.
55. **RICHARD:** (**CURIOS**) I'm all ears deary, is the business in pound sterling, dollars or Euro?

56. **TAYO:** (LAUGHS) Oh common Richard, it's none of the above. But it's good news
57. **RICHARD:** Then what could this be?
58. **TAYO:** (EXCITED TONE) I am pregnant
59. **RICHARD:** (SHOCKED) preg what?
60. **TAYO:** (TAKEN ABACK) Ah ah? I mean I am carrying your baby.
61. **RICHARD:** (VERY UPSET) Are you crazy? Tayo, I can see that you are out of your mind.
62. **TAYO:** (EXCLAIMS) What do you mean? Richard, you told me that you would marry me if I get pregnant for you.
63. **RICHARD:** (SHOUTS) I said no such thing. I told you that in my family, a girl has to be pregnant first before we do the wedding ceremony. I wasn't referring to you
64. **TAYO:** (VOICE SHAKING) Oh my God. I can't believe this
65. **RICHARD:** How can you even be pregnant? You assured me that you were on FP implant? And that's why I stopped using condoms
66. **TAYO:** (IN TEARS) I went to remove the implant because you said you'll marry me if I become pregnant.
67. **RICHARD:** That's bullshit I never promised to marry you.
68. **TAYO:** (SOBS) Richard, you are wicked. You said you loved me
69. **RICHARD:** Listen girl, don't pin this bastard on me. I am responsible for your pregnancy. You better go and look for the father.
70. **TAYO:** (CRIES OUT) Richard! How can you say that? I have been with just you and you know it.
71. **RICHARD:** Please dress up and leave here now, I thought you were reasonable.
72. **TAYO:** (STAMMERS) so what's going to happen to the pregnancy?
73. **RICHARD:** Are you asking me? Go and give it to the owner. You think you can just dump someone's pregnancy on me.
74. **TAYO:** (SCREAMS) NO! You must marry me, I'm carrying your baby.
75. **FSX:** (SLIGHT STRUGGLE)
76. **RICHARD:** Get out of this place now.
77. **TAYO:** (CRYING) Richard! Richard! You can't do this to me.
78. **BRIDGE MUSIC:** UP AND FADE

SCENE 3

Tunde and Joke at Funke's Tailoring shop

79. **SFX:** **AMBIENCE OF THE TAILORING SHOP. MACHINES WHIRLING. FOOTSTEPS APPROACHING**
80. **TUNDE:** Hello Joke, how are you today
81. **JOKE:** **(SURPRISED)** Oh Mr. Tunde! Auntie Funke is not around
82. **TUNDE:** I'm not here to see auntie Funky! I'm here to see you
83. **JOKE:** Me? Why?
84. **TUNDE:** **(STARTS SINGS)** Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you...
85. **JOKE:** **(LOOKS AROUND)** whose birthday is it?
86. **TUNDE:** You of course and here is your gift. See enh Joke, I took time to select this gift just for you from one of the biggest store.
87. **JOKE:** **(BEWILDERED)** But Tunde, today is not my birthday
88. **TUNDE:** **(LAUGHS)** Well, Joke, since you've refused to tell me your actual birth date, I'm just improvising.
89. **JOKE:** **(NOT AMUSED)** I'm not sure I appreciate that kind of improvisation. Today is not my birthday and it can never be
90. **TUNDE:** Easy Tiger! Okay my bad. I just needed an excuse to bring you a gift
91. **JOKE:** I don't take gifts from strangers
92. **TUNDE:** **(LAUGHS)** Me? Stranger? Joke, you cant say that. I have been toasting you since God knows when. You can't call me a stranger
93. **JOKE:** Okay, you are not a stranger but I still don't want the gift
94. **TUNDE:** Come on, please don't do this Joke. I really took out time to go shopping for this gift. Please just humor me
95. **JOKE:** **(HESITANTLY)** Okay... I...
96. **TUNDE:** **(INTERRUPTS HAPPILY)** Take it Joke, I swear, you will like it; I know how much it costs me to get this thing, just open it..
97. **SFX:** **(UNRAPPING A NYLON PACK)**
98. **JOKE:** **(SHOCKED)** What? A red pant and bra?
99. **TUNDE:** **(WITH A HUGE GRIN)** I told you that you will like it.
100. **JOKE:** **(THROWS STUFF AT HIM)** How would you give ne a thing like that?
101. **TUNDE:** Joke, it's your size honestly and you will look good in it.
102. **JOKE:** **(UPSET)** Please take this away, I can't accept it. It's highly inappropriate!

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

SCENE 4

Tayo and Zainab at the saloon

104. **SFX:** **SALOON AMBIENCE WITH WOMEN VOICES IN THE BACKGROUND**
105. **ZAINAB:** (CONCERNED) Ah ah Tayo? What is wrong with you? Why are you crying
106. **TAYO:** (SOBS) Zainab, I am finished. Richard has ruined my life, I'm finished. I'm finished o.
107. **ZAINAB:** (SURPRISED AND CURIOUS) Calm down Tayo, what is the problem?
108. **TAYO:** (STILL SOBBING) Richard denied me. He said he is not the father of my child. Zainab, where will I go? What will I do?
109. **ZAINAB:** (CONFUSED) I don't seem to get it. Is the pregnancy not supposed to hurry him up for the engagement plans?
110. **TAYO:** He said he didn't promise me marriage o. And the worst, and the worst...
111. **ZAINAB:** What is the worst?
112. **TAYO:** When I visited his guest house, they said Richard has moved out and nobody knows where he is
113. **ZAINAB:** (SURPRISED) What nonsense. Where is my phone?.
114. **TAYO:** What do you want to do?
115. **ZAINAB:** We have to speak to Richard at once. Is he drunk or something?
116. **TAYO:** (CRIES HARDER) He has switched off all his phones. I can't reach him
117. **ZAINAB:** But Tayo, how can you get pregnant for a man who was not going to marry you? This is madness.
118. **TAYO:** (SHOCKED) Zainab! Why speak from both sides of the mouth? Didn't you advise that if I don't gamble, I can't win
119. **ZAINAB:** (SARCASTIC) Well, I didn't tell you to be stupid. You were supposed to be sure that he'll marry you before you removed your FP
120. **TAYO:** (IN TEARS) What I'm a going to do, I'm finished.

121. **ZAINAB:** Stop behaving like a child, go and flush out that thing. Its clear Richard is not going to accept you or your pregnancy.
122. **TAYO:** **(SHOCKED)** I will do no such thing. I have been warned. If I dare try another abortion, I may die.
123. **ZAINAB:** So you knew all these and still went ahead and got pregnant.
124. **TAYO:** Zainab please help me, I don't know what to do. I can't tell Abokede. She warned me o.
125. **ZAINAB:** Hold on let me think **(PAUSE WHILE TAYO SOBS)** Okay. I know what we can do. You have to find another father for your baby
126. **TAYO:** I don't understand Zainab
127. **ZAINAB:** Wake up Tayo. You live with your sister in GRA and you are surrounded by rich fine men. Can't you find one of them to pin the pregnancy on?
128. **TAYO:** All the men are either married or engaged. Even in our office
129. **ZAINAB:** **(LAUGHS)** Who cares? Your baby needs a father. **(PAUSES)** Hmm... What about your in-law Bello or even your boss, Oyemade
130. **TAYO:** **(SHOCKED)** Ahhh. That is crazy. Those people have been good to me and I don't want to ruin Abokede's life. I can't do that
131. **ZAINAB:** **(DISMISSIVELY)** I think I have to leave you now to sort out things yourself. I've run out of options
132. **TAYO:** Please don't leave me, I'm sorry.
133. **ZAINAB:** Now listen to me, your life and your future is important to me and I will do everything to cover this shame.
134. **TAYO:** But how can we pin the pregnancy on either of them as neither Bello nor Oyemade is even interested in me.
135. **ZAINAB:** Leave that to me. I will show you what to do. Come close, let me whisper in your ears **(WHISPERY SOUNDS)**
136. **TAYO:** **(THOUGHTFULLY)** Mmmm Zainab, I'm not sure this will work o
137. **THEME MUSIC:** **UP AND FADES**