

LIFE DON BETA

EPISODE 17

Characters

Ivie

David

Elvis

Isoken

Grace

FP Provider

Scene 1

David's residence

1. **MUSIC:** THEME MUSIC UP AND FADES UNDER
2. **SFX:** **KNOCK ON THE DOOR**
3. **DAVID:** **(ON MIC)** who's there? come in please
4. **SFX:** SOUND OF DOOR FORCEFULLY OPENED. DOOR SLAMS SHUT
5. **IVIE:** **(CURTLY)** David!
6. **DAVID:** **(CHEERFUL)** Hi, Ivie **(WORRIED)** you seem downcast, is anything the matter?
7. **IVIE:** **(COLDLY)** why act with such pretense? You know what the problem is David.
8. **DAVID:** **(PLACATING)** Ivie, If it's because of the court injunction, yes I know the final injunction has been passed. I'm sorry darling
9. **IVIE:** **(COLDLY)** And I guess you're now satisfied right?
10. **DAVID:** Please Ivie don't take this the wrong way. You know I'm not out to attack your family.
11. **IVIE:** Yea right!
12. **DAVID:** Ivie love, I'm only doing my job and honestly I truly believe that the Uwa forest needs to be preserved.

13. **IVIE:** Aha! Your job eh? Do you think this is a joke? Do you know what your actions have caused not just my father but our entire family business? **(ALMOST IN TEARS)** do you? **(AT THE TOP OF HER VOICE)** answer me David
14. **DAVID:** **(SOFTLY)** Please Ivie stop doing this?
15. **IVIE:** Stop doing what David?
16. **DAVID:** Believe me Ivie I understand how you feel, but I had to do my job.
17. **IVIE:** **(SCREAMING AT THE TOP OF HER VOICE)** Job you say David! At the expense of our happiness? You seem not to understand that millions of pounds have been spent and lost. **(CRYING)** How would my father ever recover from this blow?
18. **DAVID:** Ivie why are you being so sentimental about this matter. Why not look at it from my own perspective too.
19. **IVIE:** **(SOBBING)** I'm sorry I can't, because you didn't think of me or put me into consideration before accepting the assignment.
20. **DAVID:** Ivie, I can understand that you're very upset but please don't be selfish about this matter...
21. **IVIE:** **(INTERRUPTING AND VERY UPSET)** Now you say I'm being selfish? Selfish! Me?
22. **DAVID:** I'm sorry my love I didn't mean to say that. It's just that I'm disappointed that you're not making any attempt to see things from my own perspective too.
23. **IVIE:** **(LIVID)** don't you call me your love... if you love me the way you claim to do, you wouldn't have gone this far to hurt my family the way you've done.
24. **DAVID:** Don't talk like this, Ivie
25. **IVIE:** You know what David, as far as I'm concerned this relationship is over.
26. **DAVID:** **(SHOCKED)** Ivie! Try to reason with me for once. Sit down and let's discuss this issue like adults.
27. **IVIE:** **(CRYING)** Leave me alone, it's over. You hear me? It is over!

28. **SFX:** **DOOR IS FLUNG OPEN AND SLAMMED SHUT ON MIC**
29. **DAVID:** **(SHOUTING AFTER IVIE) Ivie! Ivie!!**
30. **MUSIC:** **BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND FADES UNDER**

Scene 2

Isoken's business place

31. **SFX:** **CAR DRIVES OFF MIC AND GRADUALLY COMES ON MIC CAR STOPS. DOOR OPENS AND CLOSES. FOOTSTEPS**
32. **ELVIS:** Hi Isoken
33. **ISOKEN:** Elvis, welcome. **(SHYLY)** What are you doing here at this time of the day?
34. **ELVIS:** **(CHUCKLES)** I am on lunch break so I decided to just come over here and buy some recharge cards you know
35. **ISOKEN:** You must really make a lot of calls o. You are always buying recharge cards
36. **ELVIS:** **(LAUGHS)** I thought that will make you happy
37. **ISOKEN:** **(CHUCKLES SHYLY)** Of course, I am always happy to sell. As usual?
38. **ELVIS:** Yes, as usual
39. **ISOKEN:** Here. Take.
40. **ELVIS:** Okay thanks. Here's your money.
41. **ISOKEN:** Thank you.
42. **ELVIS:** **(CASUALLY)** I saw this wrist watch in a store close to my office. Do you like it?
43. **ISOKEN:** It's nice.
44. **ELVIS:** It's for you

45. **ISOKEN:** No, no. Elvis I can't take that
46. **ELVIS:** Why not?
47. **ISOKEN:** I don't take gifts from strangers
48. **ELVIS:** **(LAUGHS)** Stranger? Me, stranger?
49. **ISOKEN:** **(SHYLY)** Yes. I don't know you that well. So you are still a stranger
50. **ELVIS:** When will I qualify to be your friend? I come here everyday
51. **ISOKEN:** To buy recharge cards
52. **ELVIS:** **(LAUGHS)** Do you really think I make that much phone calls every day?
53. **ISOKEN:** Well... I thought..
54. **ELVIS:** **(WITH A SMILE)** Isoken, I have been coming here every day to see you.
55. **ISOKEN:** Oh! I didn't know
56. **ELVIS:** Yes. And I need you to start seeing me as a friend, not just another customer. So please take the watch as a token of our friendship
57. **ISOKEN:** Okay. Thank you
58. **ELVIS:** **(SIGHS HAPPILY)** Finally! Thank you too. I love your new hairstyle
59. **ISOKEN:** **(TAKEN ABACK)** Really? How do you notice that?
60. **ELVIS:** Well, I notice a lot of things about you Isoken. Just like I've noticed that you are always reading anytime I come here
61. **ISOKEN:** Well, I'm preparing for my JAMB
62. **ELVIS:** Nice... All the best with that. I really need to get going. I have a meeting and emm.. **(CAREFULLY)** Em.. Isoken, my mum would like to meet you
63. **ISOKEN:** **(SHOCKED)** What? Why?

64. **ELVIS:** (LAUGHS) Don't be scared. She just wants to say thank you.
65. **ISOKEN:** (NERVOUSLY) Thank me for what? Elvis please, you people should stop making a big deal out of what I did.
66. **ELVIS:** It is a big deal to us Isoken. To me especially
67. **ISOKEN:** You have thanked me already and that is okay. I don't want to meet your family.
68. **ELVIS:** Why?
69. **ISOKEN:** I don't know.
70. **ELVIS:** Look, Isoken, just indulge me okay? Since the day I told her about you she has been pestering me to invite you to the house. And my mum can be very persistent. Please just this once!
71. **ISOKEN:** Elvis, I can't come. I am always busy.
72. **ELVIS:** Well, just come one of these evenings after you close from work.
73. **ISOKEN:** I can't. I have to hurry home to assist my aunty
74. **ELVIS:** What about weekends?
75. **ISOKEN:** I attend JAMB lessons on weekends
76. **ELVIS:** Please Isoken, don't disappoint my mother now. She is really looking forward to meeting you. Just once. Please!
77. **ISOKEN:** (RELUCTANTLY) Okay. I have heard
78. **ELVIS:** (ELATED) Thank you. Will you make it this evening? Give me your address let me pick you up at home
79. **ISOKEN:** There is no need. I know your house. I will come by myself. Just give me time
80. **ELVIS:** 8 o'clock this evening?
81. **ISOKEN:** No problem. I will be there
82. **MUSIC:** BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND FADES UNDER

Scene 3
Health centre

83. **SFX:** CLINIC AMBIENCE. KNOCK ON DOOR. DOOR OPENS AND SHUTS QUIETLY
84. **FP PROVIDER:** **(FRIENDLY)** Come in Mrs. Grace, you are welcome
85. **GRACE:** **(NERVOUSLY)** Thank you Nurse. I hear this is the family planning clinic?
86. **FP PROVIDER:** Yes Mrs. Grace, you are in the right place. Please sit down
87. **SFX:** SOUND OF CHAIR BEING PULLED
88. **FP PROVIDER:** My name is Nurse Onome. How may I help you today?
89. **GRACE:** I am here to do family planning. My sister in law told me that this is where she does her own. .
90. **FP PROVIDER:** Welcome. Before we start, I want you to be assured that anything you tell me will remain between us. It's totally confidential.
91. **GRACE:** **(SIGHS IN RELIEF)** Thank you
92. **FP PROVIDER:** So why don't you tell me a little bit about yourself?
93. **GRACE:** Yes Nurse. I have 4 children. My husband lost his job more than a year now. Things are hard for us at home and to be honest, I'm tired.
94. **FP PROVIDER:** Okay. Have you done any family planning method before?
95. **GRACE:** No o Nurse. We were using withdrawal method, but it didn't work. We have tried charm, we have tried safe period but I just kept getting pregnant.
96. **FP PROVIDER:** Okay. I'm happy that you've decided to take this bold step. I will like to tell you all the various modern FP methods that you can choose from.
97. **GRACE:** Okay?

98. **FP PROVIDER:** We have pills that you will use every day. There are injectables also. Infact there are two types of injectables, the 2-monthly type and the 3-monthly type
99. **GRACE:** I can't take pills every day because I will forget. And I don't like injections
100. **FP PROVIDER:** Okay. We have implants. That one lasts for 3-5 years and it will be put in your arm
101. **GRACE:** Okay
102. **FP PROVIDER:** And apart from that, we have IUD. That one lasts for about 10 years
103. **GRACE:** **(EXCITED)** Enh enh! That is the one I like
104. **FP PROVIDER:** **(WITH A SMILE)** Okay, let me take your BP and let me check the if the IUD is suitable for you
105. **GRACE:** Okay Nurse.
106. **SFX:** **SOUND OF CHAIR SCRAPING THE FLOOR. RUSTLING OF PAPER**
107. **FP PROVIDER:** Mrs. Grace, you BP is good and you can use the IUD if that is what you want. So do you have any questions?
108. **GRACE:** Yes Nurse. I hope it is safe and I won't have any future problem
109. **FP PROVIDER:** Mrs. Grace, all family planning methods are safe. And if you have any concern you can always come back here.
110. **GRACE:** So how much is it?
111. **FP PROVIDER:** It is absolutely free. And emm.. Mrs. Grace, have you spoken to your husband about this?
112. **GRACE:** Yes o. He was even the one that told me about family planning. And both of us have agreed that I should use a method that will last for a long time
113. **FP PROVIDER:** Okay then. Let's get started.
114. **MUSIC:** **BRIDGE UP AND FADE**

Scene 4

Amadasun's residence (David's room) Evening

- 111.SFX: LIVING ROOM AMBIENCE. SOUND OF MUSIC PLAYING ON THE TV
- 112.IVIE: (SITS DOWN SUDDENLY AND HEAVES A SIGH OF TIREDNESS) Hi brother!
- 113.ELVIS: Hey Ivie, what's up? You look tired
- 114.IVIE: Elvis, tired is an understatement oh. (SIGHS) Work was really hectic today
- 115.ELVIS: (SNIFFS) Hmm. Nice perfume. You just got that?
- 116.IVIE: (WITH A SMILE) Yes. David got it for me
- 117.ELVIS: (APPRECIATIVELY) Nice! What is the name? I might get it for Isoken.
- 118.IVIE: (CHUCKLES) Na wa o. (TEASINGLY) Elvis! Everything these days is Isoken. Gist me, what is happening?
- 119.ELVIS: (CHUCKLES) Ivie, nothing yet o. Still working on it
- 120.IVIE: Hmm, Elvis, working on it. You? You that always have women at your feet
- 121.ELVIS: (LAUGHS) This one is different. She is special you know. Strange, interesting, special...
- 122.IVIE: (BURST OUT LAUGHING) Elvis, don't tell me you are in love with her
- 123.ELVIS: (SHYLY) Ivie, please...
- 124.IVIE: Hmm, look at you blushing. This is so adorable. So is that why you are here daydreaming in front of the TV.
- 125.ELVIS: (CHUCKLES) Daydreaming ke? Abeg Ivie, leave me joor. I just don't feel like going out now. Must I go out every night?
- 126.IVIE: Elvis, this girl has taken over you o

- 127.**ELVIS:** Na you know. (**CHANGING THE SUBJECT**) So how is David?
- 128.**IVIE:** David is there but that is not what we are talking about now
- 129.**ELVIS:** (**WITH A SMILE**) I thought we are through with the Isoken matter. Yes I like her but she is not yet my girlfriend
- 130.**IVIE:** (**TEASINGLY**) Hmm Elvis, Elvis
- 131.**ELVIS:** (**CHUCKLES**) What's happening with your own boyfriend, David
- 132.**IVIE:** (**MILDLY SAD**) There is no need talking about it. The situation is still the same.
- 133.**ELVIS:** No improvements?
- 134.**IVIE:** None. It just gets more complicated each day
- 135.**ELVIS:** And I'm sure the lawsuit is not helping matters
- 136.**IVIE:** You bet. See Elvis, I really don't want to talk about David now.
- 137.**ELVIS:** Come on, let's get out of the house. I know just the perfect place that will brighten up your mood
- 138.**MUSIC:** **BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND FADES TO**