

LIFE DON BETA

EPISODE 21

Characters

Isoken

Grace

Edogun

Elvis

David

Scene 1

GRA, Amadasuns Residence. Afternoon

1. **MUSIC:** BRIDGE UP AND FADE UNDER
2. **SFX:** DOOR OPENS. SHUTS GENTLY, SLOW STEPS WALK IN
3. **ISOKEN:** Surprise!!!
4. **ELVIS:** **(SURPRISED)** Wow, Isoken you almost scared me. I thought you said you were coming tomorrow.
5. **ISOKEN:** **(EXCITED)** I know I did Elvis, but I wanted to surprise you, and I succeeded. Your eyes almost popped out. **(LAUGHS)**
6. **ELVIS:** **(LAUGHING)** No way! Isoken, you are all smiles, what's up?
7. **ISOKEN:** **(EXCITED)** Well I have good news. Guess. Guess. Guess.
8. **ELVIS:** Now I will lose woefully. I am terrible at guessing. Just tell me please.
9. **ISOKEN:** Okay, open this envelope.
10. **SFX:** RUMPLING OF PAPER ON MIC
11. **ELVIS:** It's your JAMB result. You passed. Congrats my love.
12. **ISOKEN:** Thank you Elvis, I am so happy. Finally I am going to the university.

13. **ELVIS:** Wow, you are brilliant. Two ninety. I never made that in my time. Oh thank God. I feel so fulfilled because I know I would be marrying a graduate.
14. **ISOKEN:** **(STAMMERS SHYLY)** what do you mean by that?
15. **ELVIS:** I am so happy just seeing you this way. And I just know that I want to make you happy for the rest of my life. I want you to be my wife.
16. **ISOKEN:** **(SHOCKED)** Oh my God! Elvis what are you doing?
17. **ELVIS:** What does it look like?
18. **ISOKEN:** **(SHYLY)** Elvis, what are you doing on your knees? Get up
19. **ELVIS:** **CLEARs THROAT)** Isoken, my queen. I love you very much. I might not be the best man in the world, but when I am with you, I feel like a King. Will you marry me?
20. **ISOKEN:** Yes, yes. **(HAPPILY AMIDST TEARS).**
21. **ELVIS:** Yes!!! This calls for a celebration. Let's pop champagne. **(THEY LAUGH MERRILY)**
22. **SFX:** **CORK POPS OFF A BOTTLE. DRINK POURS TWICE**
23. **ELVIS:** Now, you have made me the happiest person in the world. Cheers to the future Mrs. Isoken Elvis Amadasun, mother of my two children.
24. **ISOKEN:** Cheers to my future husband and father of my three children.
25. **SFX:** **GLASSES CLINK**
26. **ELVIS:** **(CHUCKLES)** No. two kids!
27. **ISOKEN:** **(LAUGHING)** Is this our first major disagreement? You want two while I want three children.
28. **ELVIS:** No its not, because we are having three as you wish; and what else do you want?

29. **ISOKEN:** Mmm, since I would be a successful lawyer, our children must go to a great school and we would live in a place like this with a garden and with a lot of peace and quiet...
30. **ELVIS:** With a dog. And space for football and basketball, you know I love sports. **(JOKES)** I can give you a big TV to watch home videos if you want. **(THEY LAUGH)**
31. **ISOKEN:** Oh Elvis I love you so much. I have never been this close to anyone before.
32. **ELVIS:** Me too. And **(CLEARS THROAT)** I was hoping that we would take our relationship to the next level, **(SLOWLY)** you know what I mean. Come here.
33. **ISOKEN:** **(UNEASY)** Ehmm, I am not so sure about that. Everything is working so well now, I don't want anything to jeopardize our relationship.
34. **ELVIS:** What could possibly go wrong? My family likes you and we will soon get married. So?
35. **ISOKEN:** What if I get pregnant? I am not in my safe period. We don't need unnecessary trouble.
36. **ELVIS:** **(CHUCKLES GENTLY)** That's why I love you. You are so cautious. Don't worry; I will always use a condom. And when we are married we could also go for Family Planning counseling and know the appropriate method for us.
37. **ISOKEN:** **(SURPRISED)** Wow, so you know a lot about Family Planning?
38. **ELVIS:** I always heard about Family Planning but lately, the Get It Together campaign adverts have really educated me.
39. **ISOKEN:** **(CURIOSLY)** I have seen some of the adverts too, but I didn't know that single people use it. Besides, I've not been sexually active so...

40. **ELVIS:** My dear, Family Planning is for everyone. And it would be my pleasure to care for you and ensure that our future is well planned by using it.
41. **ISOKEN:** **(SHYLY)** Elvis thank you for always listening to my concerns and looking after me. I love you
42. **SFX:** **BRIDGE MUSIC**

Scene 2

Benin, Edogun's Family house. Night

43. **SPX:** **CAR ZOOMS OFF. OFF MIC**
44. **ISOKEN:** **(OFF MIC)** Okay Elvis my love. Bye.
45. **SPX:** **KNOCK ON DOOR. DOOR LOCK CLICKS. DOOR OPENS. CLOSES**
46. **ISOKEN:** Aunty Grace *wo yee*, and where is everyone?
47. **GRACE:** They are all asleep. Or don't you know what time it is, Isoken?
48. **ISOKEN:** **(APOLOGETICALLY)** Aunty Grace, I am so sorry I came at this late hour. It would never happen again.
49. **GRACE:** Alright, I hope not. Anyway Isoken I have something important I want to talk to you about. Sit down.
50. **ISOKEN:** Okay aunty I am listening.
51. **GRACE:** If I don't talk to you, then I would be doing you a great disservice, as you live in my house and I want the best for you.
52. **ISOKEN:** I know Aunty.
53. **GRACE:** Isoken, I am getting really concerned about your recent late nights. It's unlike you, and it doesn't speak so well of you.

54. **ISOKEN:** I am sorry ma, and I promise no more story. I would return to my old routine. I got a little carried away.
55. **GRACE:** My dear I know that you are an adult and can handle your relationships, but I need to know about that young man Elvis. What are his intentions for you?
56. **ISOKEN:** **(DREAMILY)** Oh Aunty Grace, Elvis really loves me and is very serious about me. In fact his entire family loves me; his mum is great his sister is wonderful. Oh aunty and above all, Elvis has proposed to me.
57. **GRACE:** **(PLEASANTLY SURPRISED)** Wow, that's great news. Congratulations my dear, you deserve the best. **(SCOLDS LOVINGLY)** But how come you're just telling me? So if I didn't ask, you won't tell? This is the kind of thing, you should have told me immediately.
58. **ISOKEN:** Oh I am sorry Aunty. I must've been too excited.
59. **GRACE:** I understand, my dear. Ha! Praise God, **(SINGS 1ST LINE OF NATIVE SONG)** Isoken you will have such eminent in-laws who will look after you. God, I thank you o **(SINGS 2ND LINE OF NATIVE SONG)**
60. **ISOKEN:** **(LAUGHING)** Aunty wait, there is more o. Elvis said that they would offer Uncle Edogun a job at their office.
61. **GRACE:** **(HYSTERICAL WITH JOY)** Heeey! Isoken! Isoken! Is what you are saying true? Hey God o, God where are you? I want to thank you o. Heey!
62. **ISOKEN:** **(LAUGHING)** Aunty o, keep your voice down. People are sleeping.
63. **GRACE:** Abeg, let me rejoice. Let them hear. When I was drinking garri without fish, they knew. Now let them know that I will be eating big chicken.
64. **ISOKEN:** **(LAUGHS)** Ah aunty, you are so funny.

65. **GRACE:** Where is Edogun o. I can't wait to tell him. Let me go and wake him up.
66. **ISOKEN:** **(LAUGHS)** Haba Aunty he is asleep. Abeg tell him in the morning.
67. **GRACE:** Okay, I will. Let me try and calm down. Oh Isoken thank you. God will bless you. Whatever you want God will double it for you. You will not go hungry in your life. Money will be plenty in your hand *yanfu yanfu*.
68. **ISOKEN:** **(CHEERFULLY)** Amen o, Aunty. **(SERIOUSLY)** But aunty Grace, I owe it all to you. You saved me from aunty Efe. Ah Aunty, it is you who have done so much for me.
69. **GRACE:** Oh Isoken. You are really special, just like your mother.
70. **ISOKEN:** Thank you Aunty. Well, please tell Uncle Edogun that the great Mr. Monday Amadasun wants to meet with him as soon as possible.
71. **GRACE:** **(SURPRISED)** Heey the *Oga at the top?*
72. **ISOKEN:** Yes o.
73. **GRACE:** Hey I must go and tell Edogun about this. Thank you Isoken. You are truly a blessing to this family. Abeg, get up, let us celebrate.
74. **ISOKEN:** **(LAUGHING)** Okay o, Aunty Gracie.
75. **SFX:** **MUSIC BEGINS TO PLAY AS THEY LAUGH OFF MIC**
76. **SFX:** **BRIDGE MUSIC**

Scene 3

Benin, Edoguns FAMILY house. Night

77. **SFX:** **DOOR OPENS. CLOSES**
78. **EDOGUN:** E Gracie. I am home o.

79. **GRACE:** Edogun, my husband, welcome, sit down. I have been so restless waiting for you. So, how did the meeting with the Amadasuns go?
80. **EDOGUN:** **(OVERJOYED)** Egracie I got the job!
81. **GRACE:** **(SINGING AND DANCING)** Yes, yes, yes....thank you God.
82. **EDOGUN:** **(LAUGHING)** Gracie dear, please calm down.
83. **GRACE:** Oh Edogun please let me dance now. I am filled with joy.
84. **EDOGUN:** Don't worry my dear, we would dance very well. But I want us to be prepared for this new level in our lives.
85. **GRACE:** Okay my husband, what do you have in mind?
86. **EDOGUN:** Grace, we need to plan our finances, especially now that money will be coming in. They want me to start soon, so we need to be sure of what we want for our family.
87. **GRACE:** You are right Edogun, so what are your plans?
88. **EDOGUN:** I want us to first write down what financial issues are most pressing for us.
89. **GRACE:** Well, for me the first thing for us is to get an apartment and leave this your family house, then return the children back to their private school. Then expand my business.....
90. **EDOGUN:** **(CUTS IN)** Grace hold on, all you have said are good ideas, but we have to understand that some are immediate while some would be spread over time.
91. **GRACE:** I have not even mentioned change of clothes and some things at home.
92. **EDOGUN:** I am aware of all the changes we need to make in our living conditions. But like I said we would deal with all these issues gradually. Remember we also have to pay off our debts too. That one comes first on this list.

93. **GRACE:** Yes o, that's true. Once the debts are out of the way. Then we can properly readjust and plan abi?
94. **EDOGUN:** No, we have already started planning. Don't worry; we will deal with all those issues one by one.
95. **GRACE:** Okay Edogun. I am with you. So what else are we writing there?
96. **EDOGUN:** You know that I really owe Isoken a lot. She is very dear to my heart. I am putting her name on the list.
97. **GRACE:** That is okay. What are we going to do or get for her in appreciation?
98. **EDOGUN:** I don't know yet. But we will think of something. What about their wedding plans?
99. **GRACE:** I think they are taking their time. There is no rush.
100. **EDOGUN:** That is good. I am very happy for her. This is a girl that has been through so much but still has a heart of gold.
101. **GRACE:** Yes o. She is one in a million.
102. **EDOGUN:** As a man who couldn't feed his family. And didn't know the way out of his predicament. You don't know what she has done for me.
103. **GRACE:** Isoken is indeed a blessing to our family.
104. **EDOGUN:** She is more than that. I bless the day Isoken came into this home.
105. **SFX:** **BRIDGE MUSIC**

Scene 4

Benin. Davids office. Afternoon

106. **SFX:** **INTERCOM BEEPS**

107. **DAVID:** **(ONE SIDED CONVERSATION)** Yes, Faith.... Who is here to see me.... Elvis Amadasun, really? Okay let him in.
108. **SFX:** **DOOR OPENS. CLOSES**
109. **DAVID:** Elvis you are welcome. What a pleasant surprise. Please sit down.
110. **ELVIS:** Thank you David.
111. **DAVID:** Well, I guess congratulations are still in order, on your engagement to Isoken. I saw it on Facebook. It is a Great step for you.
112. **ELVIS:** Well, yes it is. Thank you.
113. **DAVID:** **(SERIOUSLY)** Okay, now that the pleasantries are out of the way, please tell me, what is wrong with Ivie?
114. **ELVIS:** **(AMUSED)** Hey, relax. All is well.
115. **DAVID:** You won't go through all the trouble of coming here if there was nothing wrong with her. Please, tell me she is okay.
116. **ELVIS:** Hmm you are a smart man. Truthfully, Ivie is a mess, and you David have to do something real fast.
117. **DAVID:** **(SADLY)** Hmmm. Ivie. **(SIGH)** She broke up with me, you know. It was her decision to walk away, so what can I do? I really have no idea what to do now.
118. **ELVIS:** David, I understand you're hurting. But if you love Ivie, as much as I think you do, then you need to find a way to pacify my father. If you want to marry Ivie, which is very possible, then you have to do something.
119. **DAVID:** **(SAD AND HELPLESS)** Elvis what can I do? She doesn't want me, so why bother?
120. **ELVIS:** David Ivie is my only sister, and I don't joke with her. My sister has become suicidal. So please look beyond your pain.
121. **DAVID:** **(SHOCKED AND WORRIED)** What?! Suicidal. My Ivie. Oh God.

122. **ELVIS:** Regretfully so. And the atmosphere at home is not helping matters.

123. **DAVID:** With due respect Elvis, I don't understand why Mr. Amadasun is so held up on this feud. The truth is my own family doesn't even care about it. And they have loved and accepted Ivie from the first day they met her knowing who she was.

124. **ELVIS:** Well, right now it's actually more than the feud. The fact is David Osifo, you humiliated my dad with this injunction. He lost both face and a whole lot of money in business, and that is the current insurmountable issue.

125. **DAVID:** HmMMM (SIGH)

126. **ELVIS:** So please I still maintain that you do something fast and find a way of ensuring that my father feels like he has been paid back for the losses he incurred.

127. **DAVID:** Well Elvis I actually have an idea of a business opportunity. Something that might be of interest to you and Mr. Amadasun. The week is almost gone, can you join me for lunch sometime next week and I will run it by you.

128. **ELVIS:** Sure David, it would be my pleasure. I promise I am going to lay the ground work, don't worry I know how to work on my dad.

129. **DAVID:** Elvis, thank you so much. I really appreciate your dropping by. Expect my call in a few days.

130. **SFX:** **BRIDGE UP AND FADE**