

Ireti Eda...!

EPISODE 4

Characters

Abokede

Iyabo

Folashade

Oyemade

Lami

Umaru

Scene 1

Ibadan. Lukman's residence.

1. **SFX:** **DOOR OPENS SUDDENLY AND BANGS SHUT**
2. **IYABO:** **(EXCLAIMS)** Ah Ah? Abokede? What happened
3. **ABOKEDE:** **(PANTING AND SOBBING)** I, I ...
4. **IYABO:** **(SHOUTS)** What is it Abokede? What happened to you? Why is your dress torn?
5. **ABOKEDE:** **(STILL PANTING)** Auntie Iyabo! Some boys at the uncompleted building down the road! They, they... **(STARTS SOBBING AGAIN)**...they almost raped me. Auntie Iyabo, they almost raped me.
6. **IYABO:** **(SHOCKED)** What? How come?
7. **ABOKEDE:** I was hawking the bread you asked me to sell. They called me and I thought they wanted to buy bread so I went there to sell it to them. **(STARTS SOBBING AGAIN)**. The next thing I knew, they grabbed my neck and dragged me into the building.
8. **IYABO:** Did they rape you?
9. **ABOKEDE:** **(SOBBING)** I just managed to run out of there and escape. It was God that saved me. I don't know what I would have done if they had succeeded. I would have killed myself!
10. **IYABO:** Hmm, before you kill yourself, where is my money?
11. **ABOKEDE:** **(SURPRISED)** What money?
12. **IYABO:** Bread money! Or did the boys that almost raped you take your brain instead?
13. **ABOKEDE:** There is no money. I had not sold anything before the incident.

14. **IYABO:** Okay! If there is no money at least you brought my bread safely?
15. **ABOKEDE:** Hmn Auntie Iyabo! It's like you didn't hear what I told you. I threw down the tray and the bread when I was trying to escape.
16. **IYABO:** **(CLAPPING HER HANDS)** What kind of stupid girl are you? You lost all my money because of what you say happened with some boys? You should have let them rape you now or what were you preserving, you harlot?
17. **ABOKEDE:** **(SHOCKED)** Enh? Me?
18. **IYABO:** Yes you! You gave all my money to your boyfriends and you are here lying to me about how you were almost raped!
19. **ABOKEDE:** **(STARTS CRYING PROFUSELY)** I am not lying. I don't even have a boyfriend. Look at my clothes, could I have done this to myself?
20. **IYABO:** **(IN DISBELIEF)** Ahh? Do I know for you? I don't even have time to be trading words with you. All I know is that I will collect my money from you. Every kobo! Until I get back my money completely, there is no food for you in this house.
21. **ABOKEDE:** Haa, it was not my fault, maa' mi. please...
22. **IYABO:** Don't you ever call me that, iwo omo orori buruku yi (accursed child). I am not your mother. If it is your mother in heaven that asked you to come and kill me too, you better go and tell her that you can't kill me. I am stronger than both of you combined.
23. **ABOKEDE:** **(CRYING)** Ah! What kind of life is this? God where are you?
24. **SFX:** **DOOR OPENS AND BANGS SHUT**
25. **ABOKEDE:** **(IN TEARS)** Ah Iya mi. she en sun ni? Kilode? Iya yi ti poju! (My mother, are you sleeping? Why? This suffering is too much!) please come to my rescue. **(BURSTS OUT SINGING A TEARFUL, SORROWFUL SONG).**
26. **MUSIC:** **BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND FADES TO**

Scene 2

Ilorin. A restaurant. Evening.

27. **SFX:** **SOFT MUSIC PLAYING IN THE BACKGROUND.**
28. **OYEMADE:** Wow! I am really happy. You have completely made my day, Folashade.
29. **FOLASHADE:** **(CHUCKLES)** I am glad you are happy. Happy Birthday my darling. A toast! To Oyemade, my love, my one and only, my crown, my joy, my king!
30. **OYEMADE:** **(BURSTS OUT LAUGHING)** Only me? Shade! I do love you.

31. **SFX:** PHONE RINGS
32. **FOLASHADE:** Is that your mother again?
33. **OYEMADE:** Yes o. She has been calling me all day. I already told her that I will be out late today but she insisted on throwing a birthday party for me.
34. **FOLASHADE:** She is your mother and she loves you. What do you expect?
35. **OYEMADE:** But I am not a child anymore now. If I want a party, I can throw one for myself. My mum just looks for any opportunity to throw a party
36. **FOLASHADE:** **(CHUCKLES)** Money is speaking now.
37. **OYEMADE:** Iwo lo mo (Na you sabi) *(Go on with you!)*.
38. **FOLASHADE:** Well, I think you should go home now. It's not good for you to keep your family and friends waiting.
39. **OYEMADE:** Okay. Will you go with me?
40. **FOLASHADE:** Oyemade, you know I can't!
41. **OYEMADE:** Folashade, for how long will we continue this hide and seek? We can't be seen together in public, you can't come to my house, I can't come to yours.
42. **FOLASHADE:** Oye, it's not our fault. It's our parents! Since they have decided to be enemies for life, what can we do about it?
43. **OYEMADE:** But we can't let their stupid feud destroy our own lives now. The annoying thing is that nobody even knows the origin or cause of the feud.
44. **FOLASHADE:** **(CHUCKLES)** Very true. I have asked my father before what the problem between the Animashauns and the Ojos is and he went on and on about how a land dispute caused a clash between the two families years ago.
45. **OYEMADE:** But Shade, I am ready to face the consequences o. I love you and I want to spend the rest of my life with you, start a family, grow together as a couple.
46. **FOLASHADE:** So do I Oyemade. But I still can't see a way out of our predicament
47. **OYEMADE:** I'm getting tired of this, honestly, Shade. I've asked you to run away with me and elope and you always refuse. Are you going to kill our relationship because you're too afraid to take this risk? Sometimes, I think I care more about this than you do.

48. **FOLASHADE:** How can you say a thing like that? Of course I want this to work but what can I do? I know my father will never agree.
49. **OYEMADE:** Then we need to make a decision. If we want to be together then we should tell them and weather the storm together. Else, we should just call it quits.
50. **FOLASHADE:** **(ALARMED)** You know we can't call it quits. We have invested too much into this to just call it quits like that. And moreover, how am I supposed to live without you?
51. **OYEMADE:** I know and I love you too. But we need to make a decision soon. We are not getting any younger.
52. **MUSIC:** **BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND FADES TO**

Scene 3

Ibadan. Lami's room. Afternoon!

53. **SFX:** **SOUND OF SWEEPING AND FURNITURE BEING MOVED**
54. **LAMI:** **(HUMMING AND BREATHING HEAVILY AS SHE SWEEPS)**
55. **SFX:** **SOFT KNOCK ON THE DOOR**
56. **LAMI:** **(TIREDLY)** Yes? Who is it?
57. **ABOKEDE:** **(OFF MIC)** It's Abokede.
58. **LAMI:** **(ON MIC)** Oh, Abokede, come in.
59. **SFX:** **DOOR OPENS AND CLOSES**
60. **ABOKEDE:** **(EXCLAIMS)** Lami, what are you doing?
61. **LAMI:** I am just trying to sweep this room. See how Malik messed it up
62. **ABOKEDE:** With your pregnancy? You shouldn't be doing such chores again. Give me the broom, Lami.
63. **LAMI:** God, I'm always so tired **(SIGHS)**. **I didn't feel this way with my first pregnancy honestly.**
64. **ABOKEDE:** **(SYMPATHETIC)** Ei-yaa...maybe it's because you didn't waste time after having Malik to get pregnant for this one **(SWEEPING)**
65. **LAMI:** You are right. I was surprised myself when I took in so quickly when Malik was just six months old. **(PAUSES)** Thank you very much Abokede.
66. **ABOKEDE:** No problem Lami. Just call me anytime and I will help you out. I don't want you stressing yourself in your condition.
67. **SFX:** **SWEEPING CONTINUES**
68. **LAMI:** So how was your JAMB score? I hear the result is out.
69. **ABOKEDE:** **(SIGHS DEEPLY)** Lami, it was not good-o.

70. **LAMI:** Why? Abokede, you couldn't have worked hard enough because I know you are a smart girl.
71. **ABOKEDE:** Lami, how will I pass when my step mother will not let me study? It is one chore after the other. You know everything now, Lami.
72. **LAMI:** I know that she is hard on you but I didn't know that she stops you from studying for your exams.
73. **ABOKEDE:** Well, that's how it is, Lami. **(PAUSES)** Remember the incident that happened to me... the near rape incident when I was hawking bread for her? Instead of her to be worried about me, she said she wouldn't give me food for a week until the bread money has been repaid.
74. **LAMI:** I remember you told me that. But is she really following through with her threats? I mean is she serious?
75. **ABOKEDE:** **(SIGHS)** Very diligently! You know the annoying part is that I will assist her with the cooking o but I will not eat out of the food. Then I will also wash the dishes afterwards.
76. **LAMI:** **(EXCLAIMS)** You can't be serious. Why don't you just tell your father?
77. **ABOKEDE:** Enh? You want aunty lyabo to kill me?
78. **LAMI:** Na wa o! Umar and I are worried about you but we know your stepmother very well and we don't want to do anything to offend her as she is our landlady.
79. **ABOKEDE:** I understand Lami, thanks for your concern though. Enough about me. How are you fairing? I can see you are very heavy.
80. **LAMI:** Yes o. The doctor says it can happen any day now.
81. **ABOKEDE:** Well, I'm here if you need me, especially with looking after Malik
82. **LAMI:** I know. Thanks
83. **ABOKEDE:** I better leave now before aunty lyabo starts looking for me
84. **LAMI:** Not before you eat something. Take this rice and eat.
85. **ABOKEDE:** Thank you very much Lami
86. **LAMI:** No problem. Just don't let your stepmother find out.
87. **MUSIC:** **BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND FADES TO**

Scene 4

Ibadan. Lami's residence. Early evening!

88. **SFX:** **DOOR OPENS AND CLOSES**
89. **LAMI:** Ah, Umar! Welcome.
90. **UMAR:** Nagode (thank you) my dear Lami. How was your day?

91. **LAMI:** I am tired. To be honest Umar. **(SIGHS AND GROANS A BIT)**
Taking care of the house, Malik and this pregnancy is not a joke.
92. **UMAR:** **(WORRIED)** I have noticed how you are with this
Pregnancy, Lami and I wish we gave a good gap of some years
though I'm happy that we'll soon have another child **(ATTEMPTS
TO LAUGH)**
93. **LAMI:** **(WEAK LAUGH)** Of course you are happy we are having another
child...you are not the one pregnant and always worn out, Umar!
94. **UMAR:** Sorry Lami, my dear. After this one, I promise not to touch you
until you have recovered properly.
95. **LAMI:** **(BOTH LAUGH)** Alright I've heard. Where is Malik?
96. **UMAR:** He is outside with Abokede. You know how she likes to carry
him.
97. **LAMI:** I know. Malik likes her too. **(SIGHS)** Abokede is such a kind girl.
98. **UMAR:** Yes she is. But she is such an unhappy girl.
99. **LAMI:** Umar, Hmn. That girl is suffering o. Do you know that lyabo her
stepmother has been starving her for days now?
100. **UMAR:** **(SHOCKED)** What? How can she do that? That is so mean!
101. **LAMI:** That is lyabo for you. I had to give the poor girl some food today
102. **UMAR:** All this happening right in her father's presence. How can he
allow it? Because at this rate, this woman will kill her o
103. **LAMI:** Abokede is so afraid of lyabo. She fears that if she says anything
to her father, he won't be able to do anything and then lyabo
will only get meaner.
104. **UMAR:** Wow! Then Lami, we have to do whatever we can for her.
105. **LAMI:** Yes!
106. **UMAR:** But be careful. Whatever you do, don't get lyabo angry o. She is
still our landlady and we don't want to be in her business.
107. **LAMI:** I know.
108. **UMAR:** Let's leave Abokede's matter o **(Teasingly)** So how is my baby
doing?
109. **LAMI:** Your baby is kicking furiously. I think she is ready to come. Kai, I
can't wait.
110. **UMAR:** Do we have all the baby things now?
111. **LAMI:** Yes. It's all complete. Everything is ready for the baby.
112. **UMAR:** You know I have been thinking. What if I am not around when
your labour starts? How will you get to the hospital?
113. **LAMI:** Abokede will come and call you from your shop in Sabo.

114. **UMAR:** Who will take care of Malik then?
115. **LAMI:** Abokede will take care of him till you can take him from her.
116. **UMAR:** Abokede! Abokede!! Everything is Abokede! What if Abokede herself is not around to help?
117. **LAMI:** She will be. And Umar, I don't know why you are worried. Everything will be fine, Insha Allah.
118. **MUSIC:** **THEME MUSIC UP AND CROSS FADE TO ...**