

## Radio Drama Character Profiling

### **Name: ABOKEDE (Ibadan girl) Lukman's daughter and Iyabo's step-daughter**

Age: 20

Sex: F

Marital status/No of children: SINGLE

Religion: MUSLIM

Occupation: Shop girl at a road-side cell-phone recharge card outlet

Education: SSCE Has 5 credits but unable to pass JAMB in 2 attempts so far

Character traits: HUMBLE, HARD WORKING, SOFT SPOKEN, RESPECTFUL, A GOOD LISTENER, very sensitive and emotional.

Quirks or distinguishing factor: Embodies a sadness that is heard in her tone, which we see fade off as her relationship with Bello progresses, Easily scared, has little sense of humour AND LONELY person but that trait in her voice would also be gradually removed as her relationship with Bello and his mother progresses, beautiful, tall, with very dark shiny complexion. She wears natural hair in *didi* (inverted cornrow) style always.

She evokes her mother's help every time she has any problem or difficulty (*Iya mi-o, eduro ti mi-o* meaning "My mother please don't forget me-o!")

### **Name: LUKMAN (Ibadan Man)**

Age: 50

Sex: M

Marital status/No of children: MARRIED with 6 children

Religion: MUSLIM

Occupation: Retired/laid off RAILWAY WORKER/Landlord of the family house

Education: STANDARD VI

Character traits: KIND, QUIET, Easy-going AND RELIGIOUS

Quirks or distinguishing factor: He has Oyo tribal marks, a very tall slim man with a sharp sense of humour and a big laugh

Likes to advise Patience in all situations and his favourite saying is *suru lere (Patience pays)*.

### **Name: IYABO (Ibadan woman) Lukman's wife**

Age: 40

Sex: F

Marital status/No of children: MARRIED with 5 kids from Lukman and 1 secret child

Religion: MUSLIM

Occupation: Petty trading and Hair braiding from home.

Education: SECONDARY SCHOOL DROP OUT

Character traits: Nice enough to some people, hypocritically friendly, VENGEFUL, HATEFUL, and cunning, a neat freak, loves to party and collects “aso-ebi” (group uniform for a celebration) whether she knows the celebrants or not.

Quirks or distinguishing factor: SHE CLAPS HER HANDS when she is trying to make a point or argue, SHE SINGS insulting songs when offended by older people...she is afraid of Baba Wasiu, she thinks he knows her secrets. Likes to say “*aremisee*” (May God spare us till the time of the party or event) to every party invitation.

**Name: TAYO (Ibadan girl) Iyabo’s secret daughter who is unaware of it.**

Age: 24

Sex: F

Marital status/No of children: SINGLE

Religion: No religion

Occupation: Self-employed as a mobile/itinerant manicure-pedicurist

Education: JS 3 drop out

Character traits: Impatient. Lazy and spoilt. Thinks she’s beautiful, stylish and sexy  
Generous and giving.

Quirks or distinguishing factor: Likes to fix cheap fake weaves to her hair, and does her false long nails. She is short and shapely. Likes to purchase things on credit and borrows clothes to attend week-end parties (owambe).

She usually completes her sentences with “you know” (*Se o mo*). Note that Tayo doesn’t realize Iyabo is her mother but calls her “Aunty mi.”

**Name: DOTUN (An Ilorin Man) Lukman’s brother-in-law and Wosilat’s husband**

Age: 38

Sex: M

Marital status/No of children: MARRIED with 4 children

Religion: MUSLIM

Occupation: UNEMPLOYED driver

Education: Secondary school leaver

Character traits: A disappointed man that is giving up on life and then takes to drinking but he still loves his wife and tries to be a provider, a gambler who plays the pools (*baba ljebu*).

Quirks or distinguishing factor: DEMANDS SEX A LOT FROM HIS WIFE, has a receding hairline, use to be well built but he is emaciating. He is prematurely grey and not really taking care of his grooming, his good looks are beginning to fade...

Uses English endearments in talking to his wife (his special love name for her is “*Wosy mi*”)

**Name: WOSILAT An Ibadan woman married to an Ilorin man) Lukman's sister**

Age: 37

Sex: FEMALE

Marital status/No of children: MARRIED with 4 children

Religion: MUSLIM

Occupation: TRADER

Education: Primary six

Character traits: HARDWORKING, KIND, FRIENDLY, TENACIOUS, VIRTUOUS, NOT VERY DISCREET AND LIKES TO TALK AND GOSSIP.

Quirks or distinguishing factor: ONE little TRIBAL MARK ON EACH CHEEK, has very long hair, average height woman, plump with big buttocks. Heavily accented

**Name: BABA WASIU (Ibadan man) Old lay-about AND funny man**

Age: 52

Sex: MALE

Marital status/No of children: SEPERATED

Religion: MUSLIM

Occupation: A former professional musician who left a successful band to start his own but fails to make it. NOW JOBLESS AND LIVES OFF HIS wits and friends. A one-hit wonder in is 20s, now in his 50s he is very poor and goes uninvited to parties to sing unsolicited for tips.

Education: PRY 6

Character traits: FUNNY, SINGS, JOKES AND uses a whole LOTS OF PROVERBS

Quirks or distinguishing factor: he is a pretend drunk who uses this trait as a cover to speak/sing the truth about everyone. He seems to have a gift of seeing through people to the things that they are hiding, this trait makes lyabo constantly scared of him and tries to avoid him anytime their parts cross, he enjoys watching lyabo squirm in his presence. He has a penchant for breaking into philosophical songs.

**Name: BELLO ANIMASHAUN (ILORIN MAN) Abokede's love interest**

Age: 28

Sex: MALE

Marital status/No of children: NOT MARRIED

Religion: MUSLIM

Occupation: WORKS FOR HIS FATHER'S BUSINESS

Education: BSc Engineering

Character traits: LOVING, FOCUSED, VERY THOUGHTFUL, dependable, very close to his mommy (whom he calls "Maami")

Quirks or distinguishing factor: Impatient, but a bit too laid back.

**Name: MR Wale ANIMASHAUN (Yoruba man from Omuaran) Bello's father**

Age: 55

Sex: M

Marital status/No of children: MARRIED and 3 kids

Religion: MUSLIM

Occupation: BUSINESS MAN

Education: BA History

Character traits: UNDERSTANDING, GENTLE, Constantly has flings with young girls, a secret he keeps from his family. Seems pious on the outside. A philanthropist who is well-respected by the community. Has many titles and chieftaincies. Usually easy-going except when it concerns his family's feud with the Ojos.

Quirks or distinguishing factor: He has a deep base voice, exudes a lot of confidence and finesse, he does not talk too much, he hardly ever loses control of his emotions. Uses a lot of proverbs and riddles.

**Name: MRS Bisi ANIMASHAUN (Ilorin woman)**

Age: 50

Sex: FEMALE

Marital status/No of children: MARRIED with 3 children

Religion: MUSLIM

Occupation: (Former teacher) Shop owner. Sells expensive Lace fabrics and jewellery

Education: NCE

Character traits: IMPATIENT AND KIND HEARTED AND GENEROUS. Has a strong love for her family; especially close to her son and younger daughter.

Quirks or distinguishing factor: She is plump, has a great sense of fashion, a fair lady that has streaks of grey hair which she doesn't dye, she is always very well groomed and a quietly assertive woman, she is a quiet and kind looking woman, a disciplinarian who likes to control the behaviour and choices of her children. She is well loved by her family and friends.

**Name: BABALAWO (Native Doctor/Juju-priest)**

Age: 68

Sex: MALE

Marital status/No of children: Undetermined

Religion: TRADITIONALIST

Occupation: NATIVE DOCTOR

Education: NONE

Character traits: CUNNING and manipulative

Quirks or distinguishing factor: LONG TRIBAL MARKS AND BAD BREATH, short with a small frame, has a baldhead with many strands of grey hair scattered about the back of his

head...he has tobacco stained teeth, he talks through his teeth when he has used his tobacco.

**Name: ASHAKE (Dotun's sister. Ilorin girl)**

Age: 35

Sex: FEMALE

Marital status/No of children: NOT MARRIED

Religion: CHRISTIAN

Occupation: Cleaner at the University of Ilorin

Education: Primary Six

Character traits: She is a smallish woman, full of mischief, sometimes pleasant most times very hurtful, she lies and doesn't believe Wosilat is as innocent as she portrays herself, she is pushy when in a relationship to the detriment of it. She's very anxious to get married and she is focussed on that purpose so much so that whenever she starts a new relationship she is too eager and clingy and the man invariably makes a run for it. She is jealous of her brother and Wosilat's seemingly happy marriage. Kind and loving to her nephews and nieces, always bringing back snacks and titbits for them.

Quirks or distinguishing factor: she talks really fast and has a high pitched voice. Though a cleaner/janitor, likes to dress like some of the female students., with hair and make-up always over-done

**Name: ALABA**

Age: 52

Sex: MALE

Marital status/No of children: MARRIED with children

Religion: No religion

Occupation: BIG SUCCESSFUL TRADER

Education: PRIMARY 6

Character traits: HARDWORKING, WOMANISER, FAIRLY SUCCESSFUL, GENEROUS, HAS A HUGE APPETITTE FOR FOOD...

Quirks or distinguishing factor: Fat with pot belly, talks like he is out of breath, sweaty, bald, husky voice, braggart, very lecherous.

Favorite saying is "no problem" in English

**Name: WOSILATS MOTHER-IN-LAW (Alhaja) (From Igbomina)**

Age: 65

Sex: FEMALE

Marital status/No of children: 2 and several step children

Religion: MOSLEM

Occupation: SELLS FOOD STUFF

Education: NOT EDUCATED

Character traits: SHE IS HARDWORKING, CARES FOR HER GRANCHILDREN AND PROTECTIVE OF HER CHILDREN, TRIES TO SPEAK ENGLISH WITH HER GRANDCHILDREN BUT MAKES A MESS OF IT, SHE IS A CLEAN WOMAN AND LIKES TO KEEP HER ENVIRONMENT CLEAN, SHE IS STILL STRONG AND DOES THE HOUSE HOLD CLEANING HERSELF, EVEN IF WOSILAT OR ASHAKE CLEANED EARLIER, LOVES LIFE AND DOES NOT LIKE TO BE CALLED OLD, EATS REALLY LITTLE AND BELIEVES NO ONE CAN COOK WELL ENOUGH FOR HER, SHE ALWAYS HAS FOOD IN THE HOUSE AND LOVES TO EAT WITH HER GRANDCHILDREN  
Quirks or distinguishing factor: HEAVILY ACCENTED, SHE IS A FIT SLENDER WOMAN, HAS A LONG LOCAL CHEWING STICK IN HER MOUTH IN THE MORNINGS, HAS BIG BULGY EYES THAT THE CHILDREN MAKE FUN OF, SHE STILL HAS TRAITS OF HER YOUTHFULNESS

**Name: OYEMADE OJO (first son of the well-known and respected Ojo family)**

Age: 27

Sex: MALE

Marital status/No of children: SINGLE

Religion: CHRISTIAN

Occupation: ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST

Education: B.SC.

Character traits: HE IS TALKATIVE, KNOWLEDGEABLE, OPINIONATED

Quirks or distinguishing factor: DARK SKINNED, TALL, WELL-READ, FASHIONABLE, ALWAYS IN TUNE WITH CURRENT HAPPENINGS

**Name: KOLAWOLE OJO (second son)**

Age: 25

Sex: MALE

Marital status/No of children: SINGLE

Religion: CHRISTIAN

Occupation: LAWYER

Education: LL.B; B.L

Character traits: HE IS PROUD AND A MODERNIST. HE IS A SMOOTH AND FAST TALKER

Quirks or distinguishing factor: HE IS SHORT, A BIT MUSCULAR. DARK COMPLEXIONED

**Name: FOLASHADE ANIMASHAUN – Daughter of a rival dynasty who loves the Ojo's son**

Age: 24

Sex: FEMALE

Marital status/No of children: SINGLE

Religion: CHRISTIAN

Occupation: BANKER

Education: B.SC.

Character traits: PLEASANT, SOFT SPOKEN AND QUIET, WELL MANNERED. Approval junkie especially from her Dad

**Quirks or distinguishing factor: SHE IS OF AVERAGE HEIGHT, SLENDER AND FAIR.**

Umaru and Lami

Age: 28 and 21

Sex: MALE AND FEMALE

Married with one child and later another is born (2 children)

Religion: Muslim

Occupation: Tailor with a shop and Petty trade of local beverages (Zoobo or Sorrel and Kunu)

Education: His is Islamiya and she is JS1 drop-out

Character traits for Umoru: Patient and Peaceful. Ambitious and business like. A bit aloof and hates to be drawn into conflicts.

For Lami: Gregarious, makes friends easily and out-spoken. Not easily intimidated. Naive and trusting but keeps strong grudges if wronged. Does not forgive easily.

Quirks or Distinguishing factors: Lami: her Yoruba is weak and accented. Umaru's Yoruba is good but accented.