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#### Characters

**Otunba Femi Kosoko:** 'Cinderella's father. Busy, 'old-school' gentleman; distinguished and greying, had 'Cinderella' late in their marriage. Wife is Kemi Kosoko, childhood sweetheart & soulmate. Otunba Kosoko is a businessman and financial consultant to the UN & AU and travels frequently. He is an occasional drinker, partial to single-malt whiskies, and he enjoys listening to old hi-life and juju music. He is mild-mannered, easy-going, and unaccustomed to the aggressive Nigeria way of conducting their affairs. He is totally besotted with his only child, nicknamed, Cinderella. He is in his late 50s.

**Chief Mrs Kemi Kosoko:** Cinderella's mother. She is beautiful, black and intelligent. Her law practice consults with most of the top financial institutions in Nigeria. She shares her husband's love for cultural events and outings including plays, poetry readings, concerts and museum visits. She had Cinderella after many years of marriage. She contracted a mysterious lung disease and died quite suddenly, leaving her husband and child devastated. She was Otunba's soul mate. She was in her early to mid 50s.

**Cinderella ('Dere') Atinuke Kosoko:** Named 'Cinderella' by her eccentric paternal grandmother, she is the precocious, beautiful, naive, indulged and only child of the Kosoko's. She graduated with a first from St. Andrews University in Scotland, studying Law and International relations. She is an avid social media user, reader and film enthusiast. Once back in Nigeria, her long-term boyfriend dumps her, increasing her sense of isolation, desperation and desolation.

**Mrs Adami:** Cinderella's stepmother and second wife of Otunba Femi Kosoko after the death of his first wife. She is a proud, arrogant and ambitious widow, and has two adult children from a disastrous relationship when she was younger. She later married a rich older Alhaji who adopted her two daughters, but did not give him any children. Mrs Adami is a vindictive, two-faced woman who is used to having her way, and is very dominating. She enjoys the social life, frequenting parties on weekends, and managing her successful textiles business in Isale Eko. She is in her mid 50s.

**Indira Adami:** Cinderella's older step sister. She is Mrs Adami's eldest daughter, and studied English at OAU. She works as a PA to a lascivious banker on the Island. Adopted by Alhaji, she is extremely resentful of Cinderella's seeming ease in life, and is determined to make life miserable for her, preying on her to discover her dreams and thwart them. She has a lover, but has no commitment to him as she is on the hunt for a rich man. A voracious devourer of gossip magazines, she is in her early to mid 30s.

**Kadija Adami:** Younger of the two stepsisters to Cinderella. She is the viper to Indira's bear; she appears harmless and unassuming, but is quietly deadly and vicious. She studied Business Administration and works in Advertising. She's star struck and a serial 'selfie' queen, and



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secretly nurtures dreams of being a Nollywood diva. She is seeing an older rich married guy, and is in her late 20s to early 30s.

**Joke Oyekanmi:** Joke is an Assistant Office Manager at Badmos Group International (BGI). She's in her mid 20s and went to Unilag to study Business Administration. She comes from a poor family, and has had to work hard to get to where she is, with the help (as we later discover), of a wealthy and married benefactor. She is also responsible for paying the school fees for her two junior brothers who are also in University. She quickly becomes Cinderella's (Dere) close friend and confidant.

**Sarah:** Sarah is Cinderella's BFF in the UK. Since Cinderella returned to Nigeria, they've tried to maintain intermittent communication via Skype with a level of difficulty. Sarah was the only one Cinderella could confide in, apart from her dead mother, and is soon misled into believing her friend was cutting her ties with her. She is in Early-mid 20s.

**Aunty:** Aunty is the mysterious woman who meets Cinderella at the graveyard. Of unknown origin and indeterminate age (we'll say in her 60s, but sprightly and animated), there's a hint of something mystical about her that we're never really able to explain. She has a bright smile, and makes people automatically want her to be their aunty. She makes things 'happen' around Cinderella, through seeming coincidences, and enables her to go to the party. She also has the knack of sensing a need and providing material comfort, like a sweet, a handkerchief, some sticky-tape, etc.

**Mofe Badmos Jnr:** Only surviving male heir to the Badmos multi-billionaire company. A graduate of Harvard, he was a former investment banker in the US. He works hard and plays hard, the quintessential commitment-phobe. He is notorious for casual affairs with a string of celebrities and young wannabe's, but is secretly longing for the right person to share his life with. His Executive Assistant Chichi is his 'friend with benefits' who keeps the hordes at bay. Mofe is in his mid 30s.

**Chief Mofe Badmos Snr.:** Is Mofe's father. An irascible, down-to-earth man with no airs and graces. He studied Business Administration by correspondence many years ago, and completed it with distinction. He is a hard-nosed businessman who started off his business manufacturing affordable school shoes. His business has now diversified into Agriculture, Finance, Media, Telecommunications and Marketing. Mofe is his only surviving son, his other children having died in a plane crash on their way back from Portharcourt many years back. He is in his late 60s.

**Chief Mrs Esohe Badmos:** Is Mofe's mother, and a woman who has seen a lot of pain and grief, but has withstood the storm with an almost philosophical acceptance that 'God knows best'. Mofe Badmos Snr. is her first and only love, and though she knows he plays around with a lot of young money-hungry girls, she turns a blind eye to it, satisfied that her returns home to her every night. She prides herself on personally cooking his meals, and has supported him through thick and thin. She is the only woman her husband really trusts, and can confide in. She's in her mid 50s.



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**Chichi:** Mofe's Executive Assistant and lover. She is an accomplished and sophisticated urban young woman with a BA in business admin from Uniben, and an MBA from the Lagos Business School. She is well-travelled, uninhibited and a Commitment-phobe like Mofe. Both parents live in Onitsha, and her 3 brothers are in Canada. She is mildly religious, and is in her early to mid 30s.

**Usman:** Usman has been Mofe's best friend since they both attended the American International School in Lagos. They both went on to study at Harvard, specialising in investment banking. Usman also has an MBA in Finance and Business Administration. He is the current head of corporate strategy at one of the most successful banks in the country. He is the youngest of three brothers and one sister, enjoys playing polo, skiing, jet-skiing and football. He and Mofe work hard and play hard, and have no illusions about the women they attract. He would do anything to protect his best friend. He's in his mid-30s.

**Chief Oseni:** Is one of Mrs Adami's former lovers, now close friend and confidant. She has no female friends as she doesn't trust them. He was very active in politics, particularly on the local government level, and was a counselor in one of the wards on Lagos Island, where he was allowed to serve his term, under the suspicion of looting the treasury, and leaving essential services in the local government area to fail. He is a rich man who only dresses in native, with a cap cocked to one side. He loves his food, and his women, but he has a grudging respect for Mrs. Adami and will watch her back – when it suits him.

**Facilities Manager (Kenneth) :** The facilities manager at BGI, is a young, intense man responsible for the smooth running of the facilities in the BGI offices. He is restless, efficient and effective. He's in his late 30s, unmarried, and slightly awkward around women.

### Servants

**Fabrice:** Loyal cook who has been with the family for over 25 years. Mid to late 50s.

**Sule:** Driver, has been with the family a few years. Late 20s.

**Tawa:** Has been in the family since she was a teenager. Now in her early 20s. Fiercely loyal.

**Musa:** Has been in the family a few years. Mid 20s. Deeply respectful, but sometimes sneaks out to meet his girlfriend.

### Others

There may other characters who may surface, but perhaps with one or two lines at the most. E.g., A **Doctor** (which we currently have, but no lines) and a **Nurse**.