

Audition Sides for **KEMI KOSOKO**

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Characters:

Kemi Kosoko - Early - Mid 50s

Cinderella (Dere) - Early 20s

Scenario:

Cinderella has just discovered that her love interest in the UK, Jason, has just dumped her, and has been seeing someone for the past 3 months prior. She's devastated. Her mother returns and comforts her.

KEMI

Dere? What happened?

CINDERELLA can't hold it in anymore and she starts to sob. KEMI's instantly at her side, and sits down beside her on the bed.

KEMI (CONT'D)

Jason?

CINDERELLA nods.

KEMI (CONT'D)

You broke up?

CINDERELLA

He dumped me mum -

KEMI

Dere -

CINDERELLA

He dumped me. He's been seeing someone for the past three months.

KEMI

I'm so sorry -

CINDERELLA

Joke told me long-distance relationships don't work - I just thought -

KEMI

I'm sorry - I know it hurts, but -

CINDERELLA

I trusted him, mum. I trusted what we had. But I was so wrong. How can I trust myself again?

KEMI

Dere, you're not going to let one experience define you.

CINDERELLA

But I trusted him mum -

KEMI

I know -

(She shrugs)

And he betrayed your trust. But that's a part of the human experience, Dere. It's not what he did that matters, it's how you respond to it.

CINDERELLA

It hurts.

KEMI

I know.

CINDERELLA

It really hurts.

KEMI

I know. But as far as I'm concerned, he didn't deserve you.

CINDERELLA

Mum, please -

KEMI

Anyone who treats a priceless gift with contempt, never deserved it in the first place.

They hug.

KEMI (CONT'D)

What are you going to tell your father?

CINDERELLA

The truth.

KEMI

D'you want the boy to die?

CINDERELLA half-sobs and half-laughs at the same time. KEMI hugs her again.

KEMI (CONT'D)

How about some ice-cream?

CINDERELLA

That's such a cliché, mum -

KEMI

I don't know what you're talking about. It works for me!

CINDERELLA

When was the last time you were dumped, mum?

KEMI pretends to think

KEMI

Someone was supposed to go shopping with me last week -

CINDERELLA

Oh, mum, come on!

KEMI laughs and hugs CINDERELLA again.

KEMI

Keep laughing, keep smiling, keep
talking. And soon, all that hurt
will melt completely away.

CINDERELLA

Heart, courage, faith -

KEMI

- and love.

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