

Audition Sides for **OTUNBA KOSOKO**

No. Of Pages: 2+

Characters:

Otunba Kosoko - Late 50s

Cinderella (Dere) - Early 20s

Scenario:

Otunba, Cinderella's father, has taken his daughter out for a meal to gently and diplomatically break the news that he has found new love after the untimely demise of his wife. He's tentative, unaware that 'Dere already knows he has a new love interest.

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OTUNBA and CINDERELLA are having a meal. They both look relaxed and seem to be enjoying each other's company. OTUNBA pours CINDERELLA some more wine.

CINDERELLA
This is nice, dad.

OTUNBA
I'm sorry I haven't been 'present'.

CINDERELLA
You lost your soul-mate.

OTUNBA nods and takes a sip from his glass.

OTUNBA
How about you? When are you bringing home your soul-mate?

CINDERELLA
Too busy for that at the moment.

OTUNBA
You mustn't let work dominate you, Dere. I wish - I wish I'd taken Kemi on more trips, more cruises -

CINDERELLA
You did your fair share -

OTUNBA
If I'd known, we'd have gone on holiday once a month, maybe. I thought we'd grow old together.

CINDERELLA sips from her glass. What was there to say?

OTUNBA (CONT'D)
You should find someone, Dere. Someone who'd treat you just like a Cinderella should be treated -

CINDERELLA
Like a housemaid, you mean?

OTUNBA
No, like the jewel the prince scoured the kingdom for.

CINDERELLA smiles.

OTUNBA (CONT'D)
I want to ask you something.
(pause)
I've been seeing someone.

CINDERELLA smiles, waiting expectantly.

OTUNBA (CONT'D)

You know?

CINDERELLA

Everybody knows, dad.

OTUNBA

You don't mind?

CINDERELLA

Does she make you happy?

OTUNBA

(shrugs)

She's not your mother, but -

CINDERELLA

Nobody can be like mum, dad -

OTUNBA

I can taste my food again. And colours are starting to replace the grey. I could do worse.

CINDERELLA

Then I'm happy for you.

OTUNBA

(hesitantly)

We're thinking of getting married.

CINDERELLA

(stunned)

Wow!

(beat)

Wow.

OTUNBA

(worried)

You don't like the idea -

CINDERELLA gets out of her chair and hugs him.

CINDERELLA

Congratulations dad! I'm happy for you!

OTUNBA

Thank you, Dere. I was so worried -

CINDERELLA

You seem to forget that you're an African man, an Otunba. You don't need my permission -

OTUNBA

Oh, but I do. I want you to be
happy.

CINDERELLA

I will be.

CINDERELLA raises her glass in a toast and they clink
glasses. Then continue to eat, laughing at a shared joke as
the cam retreats, giving them some privacy.

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