

DERE

INT. THE KOSOKO RESIDENCE - LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

...DERE walks into the living room where OTUNBA's drinking. An ashtray is overflowing with ash and cigarette butts. He smiles when DERE walks in.

OTUNBA  
Hello, my precious -

DERE  
Dad, I've had enough. I've had enough, okay?

OTUNBA  
Dere?

DERE  
You lost your soulmate, I get that, but I lost my mum, and now it feels like I'm losing my dad too!

OTUNBA  
I'm sorry, Dere, it's just that -  
(shrugs)  
I feel so lost without her.  
(Pause)  
She was always the strong one.

DERE  
I get that. But I can't lose you too. There are decisions at work that need your attention. People are looking up to you, dad - it's time to step up. Is this what mum would expect you to do?

OTUNBA  
(roaring)  
This was not our agreement! I'm older, I should have gone first, that was the plan! What am I supposed to do without her?  
(sobbing)  
You shouldn't have done that, Kemi, you shouldn't have left me alone...

DERE  
You're not alone, dad...

OTUNBA reaches for the bottle. DERE puts a hand on his arm, restraining him gently.

DERE (CONT'D)

(Gentler)

You have to find a way, dad. The  
drink's a crutch. You should lose  
it.

(Beat)

And you have to let us help you.

OTUNBA

(long pause)

No, you're right.

(beat)

I'll fix it.

DERE goes to him, kisses and hugs him.

DERE

I love you dad.

OTUNBA

I love you too.

DERE leaves.