

EXT. THE KOSOKO RESIDENCE - BACKYARD - MUCH LATER

FABRICE is outside finishing on his phone. TAWA is hanging up some washing.

DERE (O.S.)
Mr. Fabrice!

FABRICE
I'm here -

He hangs up. DERE pops her head out of the door.

DERE
I'm going to the gym. D'you want me to get anything from the shops?

FABRICE
There's no need.

DERE
Okay.
(stops)
What's the matter? Everyone at home okay?

FABRICE
Everything is fine. No problem.

DERE
So what's wrong?

FABRICE
(pause)
Dere, I have been with oga a long time.

DERE
Mr. Fabrice, what's going on?

FABRICE
I think it's time for me to go back home.

DERE
(shocked)
Why?

FABRICE
(blurting)
I don't like that woman.

DERE
Which woman?

FABRICE

That woman. Mrs Adami. I don't like her.

DERE

Mr. Fabrice, I'm surprised. You get along with everybody!

FABRICE

I know, but this woman -
 (shakes his head)
 - all this ceremony - cook, bring for oga, breakfast, lunch, dinner - hm, I don't know o -

DERE

Mr. Fabrice, I understand. I am a bit uncomfortable with it, but *sebi* we wanted your oga to improve, abi?

FABRICE

Yes -

DERE

Ehen! Since she has been coming, has oga not improved?

FABRICE

He has - but, Dere, we're Africans. A man should be careful how he eats another woman's food, especially if he is recently widowed -

DERE

If you're thinking what I think you're thinking, I'm surprised, Mr. Fabrice! All this time, I didn't see you as the superstitious type...

TAWA

Aunty Dere, hmm. This isn't a joking matter o! African woman are dangerous -

DERE

Don't be silly. If the woman wants to bring food, let her bring food. At least it makes your job easier, abi?

FABRICE

I'm more concerned about your father, Dere.

DERE

He's better, Mr. Fabrice. Mrs Adami has been partly responsible for that. Let's be grateful...

FABRICE

Okay, Dere. I hear you -

DERE

Mr. Fabrice, you're a Christian. Pray for dad. You've always had his back.

FABRICE

Okay o!

(Beat)

So, I shouldn't make food for you too, abi?

DERE

What d'you mean? Who's food will I eat if not your own, Mr. Fabrice?

He smiles despite himself.

FABRICE

The usual?

DERE

What else?

They exchange a high-five

DERE (CONT'D)

I'm off! See you later!