

CHARACTER: BINTA

AGE: Late 20s

8. EXT. PARK/GARDEN EAT-OUT- DAY- CONTINUOUS

Binta and Nuhu sit outside, under an umbrella sipping on smoothies. He looks tired and she is regarding him with barely veiled curiosity

BINTA

So...are you going to tell me what was so urgent that we had to meet?

Nuhu gives a smile

NUHU

Ah ah? Can't I just want to see you and hang out?

BINTA

Hang out at 2:30 in the afternoon?

Nuhu shrugs and she chuckles

BINTA (CONT'D)

Okay, okay, na gane. (I understand) You don't want to talk about it. It's strange how different you are from your friend, Dikko. You are a man of few words and he is...uhm...

NUHU

Loud, somewhat obnoxious and eager to prove his greatness?

She bursts out laughing

BINTA

A shay, ka gane! (Oh you definitely understand)

He chuckles

BINTA (CONT'D)

Do you know, Dikko interrupted a meeting I had with clients and just...just declared that he would pay for the venue for them just to get them out of the way?!

Nuhu laughs

NUHU
Sounds just like him

BINTA
And to make matters worse he made
them believe I'm his wife!

Nuhu's smile falters and he continues to chuckle, but
mirthlessly this time

NUHU
Is that so? Hajiya Binta Dikko Loko
kenan!

BINTA
(rolling her eyes)
Oh please do stop

NUHU
But in the end did it all work out
with the couple?

BINTA
Yes, yes it did. Well, except that
the photographer is trying to mess
me up. He had promised to shoot the
event but is now saying he has to
be in lagos on the same day as the
wedding. He's excellent and I
really don't know if I can replace
him with someone as good

NUHU
Photographer? I know of a great
one...one of the best. Lotanna
Ezeogu.

BINTA
Oh, I've heard of her. But I hear
she's very exclusive and deals only
with high end clients and I'm not
so sure my clients could afford
to...

NUHU
Don't worry about it. I'll ask
Kalifah to speak to her for you and
I'm sure you could come to some
sort of agreement

BINTA
Kalifah? What does he have to do
with her?

NUHU
 (clearing his throat and
 looking away)
 Uh...he and Lottie are...close

Understanding dawns on Binta's face and she shakes her head

BINTA
 And I'm willing to bet Kalifah has
 himself a gorgeous wife at home
 while he gets up close and personal
 with Miss Lottie, eh?

NUHU
 (shrugging)
 People make their choices and I
 can't control kalifah's. What I can
 control is whether you meet Lottie
 and solve your problem about
 photography.

He gives her a questioning looks and after a sigh, she nods.
 He picks up his phone

NUHU (CONT'D)
 Ya Kalifah...lafiya lau. Mmmhmmm.
 See, I need Lottie's
 number....no...haba haba mutumina.
 If I wanted to 'chook leg' would I
 be so stupid as to ask you for her
 number? I have a friend who'd like
 to meet her for photography.
 Okay...okay text it. I'll be
 waiting. Na gode.

He hangs up and Binta gives him a wry look

BINTA
 One thing I don't get...and is a
 real deal-breaker for me...is when
 a man decides to play the field
 when he can simply just marry. Like
 your friend and lottie...he can
 marry her instead of making his
 wife a fool and his girlfriend a
 whore.

There is a beep and Nuhu holds up his finger as he calls

NUHU
 Hello, Lotanna? Yes, this is Nuhu
 are you free now because I have a
 potential client. Okay...okay great
 we'll meet you up then. Thanks.

He hangs up and looks at Binta, raising his brows

NUHU (CONT'D)

So....she's Waiting. Are you ready
to put aside your feminine outrage
and meet her?

BINTA

Of course. I know enough not to let
personal feelings get in the way of
business.

NUHU

(laughing)
Smart girl. Shall we?

They both get up and walk away together

FADE OUT.