

CHARACTER: GALADIMA

AGE: Late 50s

3. INT. EMIR'S PALACE, KOWA - DAY

Kalifah walks in to the Audience/Council Room, seeing the Galadima and Waziri there. They both get up to greet him, with traditional greetings. He greets back and they all sit.

WAZIRI

(clearing his throat)

I hope you had a good journey,
Wambai. It is good to have you back
home

Kalifah gives a wry smile, relaxing into his chair

KALIFAH

I do not plan to stay too long-
only to speak to my father on the
issue of the removal of my campaign
posters and the statements issued
by the Palace on my behalf...

GALADIMA

I can assure you, Wambai, that your
father did so only with your good
name and character in mind

Kalifah appears mildly irritated

KALIFAH

Well then perhaps I ought to have
been consulted before the decision
regarding my 'good name and
character' was made

WAZIRI

Wambai, please...as much as you may
be offended by your father's
decision please take care to
remember that he is the Emir of
Kowa

KALIFAH

Oh trust me, I know that all too
well. I have never been allowed to
forget

GALADIMA

I do agree with my colleague,
Wambai. You must remember who you
are and what is at stake

KALIFAH

Meaning?

GALADIMA

(appearing to choose his
words very carefully)

While you may not be interested in
the dealings of the Palace for
now...there are those who would use
a gap between you and your father
to suit their own purposes

Waziri's eyes dart to Makama with suspicion and a hint of
annoyance and Makama returns the gaze without changing his
expression

GALADIMA (CONT'D)

You are still the Firstborn to His
Royal Highness, and as such, a lot
rests on your shoulders.

KALIFAH

(waving away)

Ach, leave that. You make it sound
like a web of intrigue when in
reality, it isn't

Galadima gives Waziri a pointed look

GALADIMA

You'd be surprised

Kalifah shrugs

KALIFAH

At any rate, I've made no secret
that I am not really interested in
Palace politics.

GALADIMA

Yes, Wambai. But there are those
who are

KALIFAH

Then let 'them' play their games.
I'm running for bigger stakes

Waziri coughs and gets up

WAZIRI

Wambai...if I may- I shall go to
see how your father is faring and
let him know of your concerns.
Don't worry, I will see to it that
he understands in the most delicate
way possible

He smiles at Kalifah, giving Galadima a curt nod as he
leaves.

FADE OUT.

4. INT. CONFAM'S ROOM- INDETERMINATE TIME