

CHARACTER: ROLAKE

AGE: Mid 20s

3. INT. KALIFAH'S 'THINK TANK' ROOM- DAY

Kalifah and his group of strategists are planning the next moves. The place looks chaotic and everyone is sprawled everywhere with fast food, cans of caffeinated drinks, etc. Kalifah appears dishevelled

KALIFAH

Tosin, what's the next move here?

Tosin looks exhausted

TOSIN

Honestly Boss...I feel like my brain cannot go further. We've been at this since yesterday morning...

KALIFAH

And we'll be here until tomorrow morning if need be until we figure it all out

ROLAKE

We've already sorted out the jingles, paid for the posters although I think you might want to take a few more pictures so we can design two more posters for variety

BENNY

Yes, that's good but then aside from the agric and political aspect we have to move from another level, a new plane, so to speak. What else could appeal to the ordinary man from Kowa? Something that stands out?

Kalifah snaps his fingers as he remembers

KALIFAH

The Ecological Fund! Remember I told you all about that?

TOSIN

Oh yeah, you did! Maybe you could focus on the ecological fund issue and see how you can draw attention to the ecological needs of the state

BENNY

Yes, I think it may be worth pursuing the campaign from that angle: using the fund to tackle Lead poisoning in the villages from the mining

ROLAKE

And you could also think of using part of the funds to set up training centres for potential miners on safety measures and make the process of registering and getting start up loans easier?

Kalifah points to her and nods, giving a clap of enthusiasm

KALIFAH

Good one, Rolake. I like that! You know, I had actually thought about doing something with...

His phone rings and he excuses them to pick up, smiling

KALIFAH (CONT'D)

Ya, Auwal? Yaya dei?
Lafiya...Mmmh...any news?
(his smile disappears and he looks serious)
What? All of them? How?... You mean...what? Ka ce mai? (*you said what?*) He said that? How...
(he looks annoyed and gasps in indignation)
Oh for goodness sake, I didnt think he would go this far. Okay...okay just keep me informed. I'll see what we come up with. Tau, na gode.
Bye

He hangs up and everyone looks at him in expectance and he sighs.

KALIFAH (CONT'D)

It seems all our campaign posters in Kowa were taken down

(MORE)

KALIFAH (CONT'D)
(there is a collective
gasp and a few 'why'
'how' exclamations,
general disbelief)

And my father has even issued a
statement from the Palace saying
that the posters are, and I quote,
'propaganda from mischief makers
determined to soil my son's good
name'...

Everyone looks uncomfortable, looking to one another for
ideas

TOSIN
I don't know how we can come
against that though, Boss. How do
we challenge an Emir? Your father
for that matter?

Kalifah taps on the table as he leans on it, seeming to think

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