

CHARACTER : HAMZA

AGE: Early 30s

7. INT. KALIFAH'S RESIDENCE- DINING- DAY

Kalifah and Hamza are having breakfast and Ziha comes in and wordlessly places a dish in front of them and turns to leave. Hamza's eyes follow her but Kalifah is indifferent.

HAMZA

What's your problem with her? If  
Baba would arrange a wife like that  
for me I would be extremely happy

Kalifah shrugs

KALIFAH

You know very well married life  
wont suit you, Hamza. Besides,  
arranged marriage isn't  
exactly...the best

HAMZA

That's what you say

KALIFAH

Anyway tell me: what have you been  
up to? I haven't heard from you in  
ages

HAMZA

Oh I've been into business in  
Lagos: luxury armoured cars. With  
all those Lagos 'big boys' always  
out to kill each other I am  
breaking bank

Kalifah nods, impressed

KALIFAH

You plan to expand?

HAMZA

That's actually why i'm in Abuja

KALIFAH

Are you sure you will be able to  
run your business successfully from  
Kowa once you become Emir?

Hamza stops chewing and gives Kalifah a dry look

HAMZA

No need to joke about it. We both know Baba has had you set to succeed as Emir from the start

KALIFAH

Baba doesn't control me. Besides, with the way he acts you would think he doesn't have any other sons.

Hamza chuckles and shakes his head

HAMZA

You're the firstborn and I...well, according to him I have 'irredeemable character traits that make me 'unsuitable' for the Throne

Kalifah chuckles and looks at Hamza

KALIFAH

Da gaske? He actually said that?

Hamza immediately imitates the Emir's voice and posture

HAMZA

Hamza, you are not responsible enough to even handle your own life, talk less of the Emirate. Why can't you be like your brother, Kalifah?

Hamza then gives Kalifah a dry look and Kalifah shakes his head

KALIFAH

Honestly, with the fuss that is being made over that local traditional stool you would think the whole world revolves around it

HAMZA

But that *is* our world, Kalifah

KALIFAH

Yours, maybe...but not mine. I am not interested in becoming Emir, Hamza. I would suggest that you start grooming yourself to step in because if not...

HAMZA

Haba bro...you mean you would leave  
the Throne empty? If our family  
doesn't step up it will go to the  
next family...

Kalifah wipes his mouth and drops the napkin on the table  
with an air of finality

KALIFAH

Then so be it.

He rises

KALIFAH (CONT'D)

I'm heading to my campaign office.  
Would you like to come?

HAMZA

Nah...I think I will just try and  
get some rest. I'm still...jet  
lagged

Kalifah grins

KALIFAH

Ah ah? Jet lagged? From Lagos?

HAMZA

You would be shocked at how  
stressful it is to entertain  
clients

KALIFAH

...with music, pretty girls and  
parties, eh? Yes indeed: very  
stressful

They share a laugh as Kalifah gets set and then leaves. As he  
exits Hamza is looking at him with a slightly calculating  
expression

FADE OUT.