

CHARACTER : NAFISA

AGE: Late 30s

. INT. ALHAJI LOKO'S RESIDENCE- EARLY EVENING

NAFISA, Alhaji Loko's wife, is sitting with him at the table as he eats.

NAFISA

Alhaji...you know I never question
your final decisions..

Alhaji Loko, chewing and chuckling, looks at his wife

ALHAJI LOKO

Mmhmm. You don't question...but you
can harass like a fly.

She smiles indulgently and continues

NAFISA

No...it's not harassment but
genuine concern on my part.

ALHAJI LOKO

And what are you concerned about
this time, my queen?

NAFISA

I wonder...with your choice of
Kankada as the candidate for
Governor...how is the deputy likely
to take it?

Alhaji Loko doesn't seem overly worried, shrugging as he
continues to eat

ALHAJI LOKO

He will take it in good faith, as
the will of God and the choice of
the people. It is not his time.

NAFISA

Hmmm, that sounds too simple. I am
not sure he will go down without
resistance.

ALHAJI LOKO

(he stops to level her
with a serious look)
(MORE)

ALHAJI LOKO (CONT'D)

If he tries to resist and make too much noise he will understand just how much things can be messed up for him

NAFISA

Mmmmmmm! Why do I have a strong feeling you have something up your sleeves. Not that I will be surprised.

ALHAJI LOKO

One of the first things to do, in politics, when you are making a move, is to ensure that you are always one step ahead of anybody that can cause you potential trouble. And I am ahead of him, I assure you. I have dirt on him.

NAFISA

(nodding in understanding)

I have no doubts about that. You are a master in this game, but you still need to be careful. So how much Dirt do you have on him?

ALHAJI LOKO

Enough dirt even the bola (trash dump) in rankwashi area is a joke. From the time he was SSG till now...information about his financial dealings he would not like to be made public

NAFISA

Great! It seems the Deputy Governor has been taken care of. But still are you 100% sure of Kankada's loyalty?

ALHAJI LOKO

That man is more loyal to me than his own mother, I tell you

NAFISA

Mm! Mmm!! Fa Alhaji. Try not to trust this one completely...

Alhaji's phone rings interrupting her. He looks at his screen, smiles and holds it up for Nafisa to see: JIBRIN. He picks and places it on loudspeaker.

ALHAJI LOKO

Yaya, Alhaji Kankada...ya ya kake?
(How are you doing?)

JIBRIN

Ranka shi dadai Sah! Good evening
Sah! I just wanted to call you to
greet you and to say na gode, Sah.
Gaskiya, na gode sosai! (Thank you
very much)

ALHAJI LOKO

Haba, haba Alhaji...it is your time
and God has made it so

JIBRIN

Na gode SAH- I remain ever loyal,
Sah. Yaya Hajiya? (How is the
madam?)

ALHAJI LOKO

Mun gode Allah (We thank God)

JIBRIN

I just wanted to greet you Sah.

ALHAJI LOKO

To! Shikenan (that is fine) Lets
meet at the party office Thursday
when you come in to Kowa.

JIBRIN

Will surely do. Let me leave you to
enjoy the rest of the day.

He hangs up and Alhaji gives Nafisa a smug smile. She shrugs
and chews on her food and talks.

NAFISA

Well..he may be earnest...but
loyalty can be bought at some
point. Especially if one isn't
family.

ALHAJI LOKO

What exactly are you getting at,
Nafisa?

She rinses her hands in the bowl as she talks

NAFISA

I mean- why source for the right
candidate outside when you don't
have to?

Alhaji Loko is suspicious

ALHAJI LOKO

Go on...

NAFISA

You already have a candidate who does not lie to you, runs your businesses efficiently, holds your interests to heart and knows the political structure in and out as you have taught him and is about to turn 40- the perfect age for politics.

Realization dawns on Alhaji's face but pretends he doesn't understand her.

ALHAJI LOKO

Who are you referring to?

NAFISA

Dikko!

ALHAJI LOKO

(Burst out laughing)

Have you started sniffing your facial powder?

Nafisa gives him a disgusted look.

FADE OUT.