

FDMAT 108 - Week 8

By Three Kids in a Closet

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1 INT. CRAIG'S APARTMENT - EVENING

Craig's Ghanaian roommate, Amadi, sits on the couch working on a savings plan in Excel. Craig comes in the front door, loaded with luggage, and drops his bags on the floor. Amadi looks up.

AMADI

Hey, welcome back! How was your internship?

CRAIG

(like a Sprite commercial)

Ahhh, so good!

He walks over and sits on the other side of the room, facing Amadi.

CRAIG (CONT'D)

(sighing)

You want some advice? Learn the ins and outs of Excel before you graduate.

Amadi looks down at Excel open on his computer and nods.

CRAIG (CONT'D)

What are your plans, anyway?

Amadi looks at him and grins intensely.

AMADI

Well, I graduate this semester.

2 AMADI'S GRADUATION CEREMONY - IN HIS MIND

Amadi, in cap and gown, grinning intensely, receives his diploma and triumphantly raises it in the air.

AMADI (V.O.)

Then I go back to Ghana...

3 AMADI'S FLIGHT HOME - IN HIS MIND

Sketchy graphic of plane following dotted line from one end of the earth to a sketchy drawing of Ghana.

4 AMADI'S HOME - IN HIS MIND

Amadi with his family, all smiling at us.

AMADI (V.O.)
...Where I'll help run my family's
small business.

During voiceover, we see Amadi fishing alone at the ocean. There's a pull on his pole, and he yanks on it to reveal a can of tuna.

Zooming out, there's a giant tank full of tuna cans. In water. The rest of his family dumps tuna cans into the water.

AMADI (V.O.)(CONT'D)
That way I can hopefully save
enough money to buy my own house.
My New Year's Resolution is to buy
my own home within 10 years of
returning to Ghana.

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5 INT. CRAIG'S APARTMENT

CRAIG
You could take out a loan. I just
did...for some very good valid
reasons.

AMADI
Actually, people can't get loans in
my country. I have to save money
and pay for a house all at once.

CRAIG
Oh.
(thinks for a moment)
Can they make an exception in your
case?

Beat.

AMADI
(not grinning intensely)
No.

6 INT. AMADI'S FAMILY'S HOME - IN HIS MIND

Amadi writing on a piece of paper at his desk.

AMADI (V.O.)

I've done calculations to figure
out how much I need to save every
month.

During the voiceover, Amadi writes "4+6=" on the piece of paper. He examines it a moment, then scratches it out and writes underneath it " $A=P(1+r/100n)^{(nt)}$." He grins intensely and nods.

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7 INT. CRAIG'S APARTMENT - EVENING

Amadi turns his computer around to show Craig what he's doing on Excel.

AMADI

I'm making a savings plan with
Excel's math tools right now.

CRAIG

(in awe)

Excel. It solves all things. Can
you show me how to do that?

AMADI

(grinning intensely)
Of course!

FADE TO BLACK