Episode 8 - Amadi

By Three Kids in a Closet

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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.

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...

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.

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 v.o., we see Amadi fishing at the ocean. There's a tug on his pole, and he reels in the line to reveal the can of tuna he has caught.

Zooming out, recently caught tuna cans float in a tank full of water on the shore behind him. Amadi's family dumps more recently caught tuna cans into the tank.

>   AMADI (V.O.)(CONT'D)
>   My New Year's Resolution is to buy
>   my own home within 10 years of
>   returning to Ghana.

>   BACK TO:

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.

INT. AMADI'S FAMILY 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 v.o., 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.

> BACK TO:

INT. CRAIG'S APARTMENT

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