

DAUGHTERS OF EVE

EXT/NIGHT

Shot opens on a quiet neighborhood, A taxi approaches. Two ladies, Nicole and Lisa come out of taxi very excited from the fun they had at the bachelorette.

They walk into the house holding their shoes and bags.

NICOLE

Girl that bachelorette was something else, she has raised the bar oo.

LISA

Of course it was but hey, wait for mine for my wedding with Chris.

NICOLE

I know right. But, they haven't even had the wedding and you comparing already? Girl you are something else

(They enter the hall, throw their shoes around, Lisa takes off her wig cap and falls into the sofa. Nicole turns on the home theatre with music)

LISA

Whew, I'm tired as hell...

Lisa's phone rings. She heaves a sigh of relief upon seeing the name (Chris) of the caller, signals Nicole to turn down the volume of the music. She smiles and answers the call.

LISA

Hey sugar

CHRIS (V/O)

Baby, Sorry I missed your call, there's a lot going on with me...I can't really talk about it now. It's 9am here in Germany and I'm at work at the moment, will call you later alright. Bye

(Chris hangs up without waiting for a response from Lisa)

(Lisa sobs silently, wondering what the future holds for both of them)

(Nicole gets back to the living room and sees Lisa in tears)

NICOLE

Lisa what's going on?

LISA

Things haven't been working out lately between Chris and I. No texts and he hardly calls. We're drifting apart Nicole.

NICOLE

Did you make your concerns known to him?

LISA

He doesn't even give me the chance to talk. When he called just now, he didn't ask about how I was faring. He keeps giving me the time difference excuse

NICOLE

Wow, too bad. But hey, give him time, he will come around. You know he left not long ago and maybe he's now settling down

LISA

Till when? I miss him Nicole, I always yearn for his touch but the distance is killing me. I'm fed up.

NICOLE

It's too early for that Lisa...I think you're exhausted, just wash down and get some rest, we would talk about this tomorrow.

(Whiles they make their way out of the living room, Lisa's phone rings again. She sees Edem's name displayed on screen and picks up.)

LISA

Hello

EDEM

How was your day Lisa?

LISA

It was great

EDEM

Are you okay cos you don't sound well?

LISA

I'm fine, just tired

EDEM

I know you Lisa, there's something bothering you, do you care to share?

LISA

I will be fine Edem , thanks

EDEM

So I was right, something is bothering you

LISA

Hmm

EDEM

But is there something I can do to help?

LISA

Never mind

EDEM

I don't know why you're sad but let me tell you something...I used to get disappointed in people cos I expect much from them and at the end I just get hurt for nothing. But you know the popular saying "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger", to avoid disappointment, don't expect too much from people, so cheer up.

LISA (sighs)

Thanks Edem, I feel much better

EDEM

Anytime love, do remember you have a shoulder to cry on. Sleep well Lisa

LISA

You too

LISA (V/O)

I've been caught up with thoughts of Chris that I forgot to pay attention to Edem's good qualities and his kindness towards me.

Starting over again with someone else is the last thing on my mind right now but he keeps pushing me away.

(Lisa tries to call Chris again but the line gets busy)

I sometimes think because he wants to prove his worth, he works late, gets home late and too stressed to talk. I really miss us, especially our routine jogging because I get to see him everyday.

She then drifts to sleep

NEXT DAY

LISA (V/O)

I'm thankful I woke up early, had a restless night after that sad episode last night.

A call comes through whiles she was lost in thought. It's Edem so she picks up.

EDEM

Hey Lisa, hope you slept well

LISA

Yeah I did, thanks to you

EDEM

Wow I'm glad I helped, so your plans for the day?

LISA

Nothing much, I just wish to be indoors throughout the day

EDEM

Do you mind if I come over? Maybe we can watch movies together

LISA

I want to be alone for now, maybe another time

EDEM

So are you avoiding me because of my proposal?

LISA

It's not like that

EDEM

Hmm Lisa, I truly love you, I just need a chance, I promise you won't regret.

LISA

Edem, it's far from what you're thinking, I just want to be alone for now

EDEM

Okay, cool...Will call to check up on you later, take care

LISA

I will, thanks so much Edem

LISA (V/O)

Chris might be free now, lemme call him so I can hear his soothing voice.

CHRIS

Sweetheart, I'm so sorry for last night but I have to go now

LISA

So you won't even ask if I'm okay, what's going on?

CHRIS

You know our time zones are so different, the time I close from work is your bed time so I don't want to border you.

LISA

I'm not complaining Chris, when you were in Ghana I could even stay awake for your sake so what has changed

CHRIS

I will make it up to you, have a good day

LISA

Thanks, love you

Chris hangs up again without a reply...Lisa keeps thinking again.

She reminisces about how her day gets brighten every time she sees Chris and how she could stare at him and still feels she haven't had enough of him.

Nicole joins her

NICOLE

Babe, how do you feel now?

LISA (sighs)

NICOLE

Talk to me dear

LISA

Not seeing or hearing from Chris frequently is really taking a toll on me

NICOLE

Do you wish to join him abroad? We can work it out

LISA

The problem is we don't even get to talk for long so I can lay bare my problems to him.

NICOLE

This is serious, give him some time, he will come around cos I don't want you to take any action and regret. Relationships are hardwork and long distance relationships are even harder so just endure a little more.

Their friend Tasha walks in...

TASHA

Eeeii relationship expert, preach on

NICOLE

Oh please

TASHA

Sup babes, Lisa you don't look good

LISA

I'm fine Tasha

TASHA

Me dieer if I talk you don't take me serious, since Chris travelled you've been different, I told you countless times to ditch him

NICOLE

Tasha!!!

TASHA

What? Tell her the bitter truth

LISA

So what do I do now?

TASHA

Listen Lisa, Edem has been head over heels about you, can't you see? Give him the chance, he's close.

LISA

I love Chris

TASHA

I'm not sure you do

LISA

Honestly, when talking to Edem, I feel at peace and I'm drawn to him

NICOLE

You've come a long way with Chris dear

TASHA

Oh cut the crap Nicole

NICOLE

Let's help her to make the right choice but not decide for her

TASHA

Lisa, Chris isn't meant for you, who knows maybe he has gotten someone else abroad hence that attitude

LISA

It can't be true

TASHA

Listen eerrh, if Chris were to be close to you now, you wouldn't be looking this miserable, in fact, I wouldn't even meet you here. Can't you see how I'm glowing, I went for five rounds before coming here. You need it girl, so look sharp.

NICOLE

I don't even know what to say anymore, the choice is yours Lisa.

Lisa is in a coffee shop looking expectantly on her laptop, awaiting a Skype video chat from Chris to mark their relationship anniversary like they did last year.

After calling and waiting for 5 hours, she finally shut down her laptop and calls Tasha ...

LISA

(Sobbing)Tasha, he didn't come through

TASHA

I have said and I will repeat again and again Lisa, can't you see you are holding on to someone who is long gone? You know I am right, and you know what you should do. Do it.

LISA

It is clear he doesn't love me like he used to, but I can't let go, it hurts Tasha.

TASHA

Edem loves you Lisa, I'm sure of it, just give him the chance, Chris isn't worth it anymore.

LISA

I think I've had enough of Chris, I need to move on

TASHA

Yes, now you're talking, we need to celebrate over a glass of fine wine. Will hit up Nicole to set things up.

LISA

I owe you one guys, you've really been helpful

TASHA

Aww don't mention but remember you owe me (Laughs)

LISA (V/O)

My mind is made up now and it will only be fair to Chris if I let him know that I'm moving on. Edem, hmmm Edem, he has been there for me through thick and thin but I kept him in the friend zone. I'm counting down the minutes to finally see the joy on his beautiful face when I tell him he is finally out. But I need some time to put myself together and also end things with Chris.

The ladies met to celebrate

TASHA

Yo geng! (She raised her glass) this is a toast to new beginnings for our lovesick friend Lisa

NICOLE

So this is what the celebration is about? Tell me more. New beginning? How? When?

LISA

Nicole, I've finally decided to break it off with Chris and work things out with Edem.

NICOLE

Honestly, I am happy you took this step though I wish things shouldn't have ended this way between both of you, but I think you need to think about this again.

TASHA

Madam you dierr oh Nah... Think about what again? Lisa call Chris right now and tell him you are done. Ah what is this?
(Chuckles)

Lisa picks up her cellphone and calls Chris but he did not pick up.

TASHA

Waa look, what kind of human being is this? And you call him your boyfriend? Communication is not in his veins at all.

NICOLE

Tasha, Tasha...

TASHA

Oh leave me alone!!! Lisa darling, you've done your part. We are all witnesses, just forget him.

A week later...

Lisa returns Edem's calls after not answering him for a week

EDEM

You really got me worried, why did you ignore my calls?

LISA

Hmm a lot has been going on with me, but I am okay now and happier than before.

EDEM

Mmm? Happy?

LISA

Yes, happy

EDEM

And what must be the reason?

LISA

(Voice breaking)Edem you are really good and you understand me like no one else has. I can't recount all the moments you made me feel special because there are a lot of them... Edem

EDEM

(Speaks earnestly) Lisa... I'm listening.

LISA

I love you too Edem. I took this break because I thought about it and I would rather spend my life with you than anyone else.

EDEM

I don't know what to say Lisa... I can't describe how happy you've made me feel. I love you so much, I just want to be with you, we will laugh, smile, and cry together. We will share our sadness and happiness. There's no place beautiful for me in this world, but when you are with me, every place and everything looks beautiful. I just want to be with you always Lisa

(V/O)

Lack of proper communication in a long distance relationship situation was the reason behind the premature end in the relationship between Lisa and Chris. On the flip side, the presence of good communication was the foundation for the start of a relationship between Lisa and Edem.

