

Screenplay

SCENE 1

EXT/ DAY

Establishing shots of neighbourhood

Ekow decides to take a stroll in his neighbourhood where he rented a room recently. He spots a beautiful lady attending to customers in her shop and walks to have a conversation with her.

EKOW

Good morning my lady

SERWAA

Morning Sir, are you new here cos this is the first time I'm setting my eyes on you

EKOW

Yeah, you're right. I moved here yesterday

SERWAA

Oh nice, you're welcome then

EKOW

Thanks my lady. Anyway I'm Ekow and you are.....

SERWAA

Serwaa

EKOW

Wow i love local names...Nice meeting you

SERWAA

Same here

EKOW

Since I'm not familiar with this area, can i be with you for a while before i go back to my house

SERWAA

Yeah sure, have a seat

EKOW

Thanks my lady

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SERWAA
(Smiles)
My pleasure

Ekow sits comfortably and observes the activities of Serwaa. He already sees her as a hardworking lady and she tries to multi task. Upon sitting there for close to 3 hours, he gets up to leave.

EKOW
My lady, i have to take my leave
now

SERWAA
Oh so soon

EKOW
Yeah, i would like to go rest for a
while

SERWAA
That's fine, it's been nice having
you here, do come around any time,
any day.

EKOW
I will my lady

Ekow goes to his room and ponders over what his family has put him through. He decides to place calls to few people but realizes his stuff including his phones shipped from the states haven't arrived yet. Since it's evening already, he resolves to go to bed and wait for what tomorrow might bring.

EXT/DAY

Ekow visits Serwaa at her shop.

EKOW
Good morning my lady

SERWAA
(responds)
Hope you slept well Ekow

EKOW
I did and hope you slept well too

SERWAA
Yeah i did, have a seat

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EKOW
Thanks my lady

SERWAA
Wait oo, i told you my name so why
are you do you still call me my
lady, i don't get it

EKOW
Because you're adorable

SERWAA
(roles her eyes)
But we just met yesterday

EKOW
(laughs)
I know right, but that's what i see

SERWAA
Okay oo

EKOW
How much do you charge for calls?

SERWAA
1 cedi for 5 minutes

EKOW
Okay cool

Serwaa hands over the phone to Ekow and wonders why a gentleman like him doesn't have a phone.

Ekow tries to call his friend Jason who's in charge of shipping his stuff to Ghana and to enquire about the delay.

EKOW
Hello

JASON (V/O)
Hello Ekow

EKOW
How's everything?

JASON (V/O)
Cool and how's Ghana

EKOW
Fine, just trying to adjust cos its
been ages.

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JASON (V/O)

Yeah true

EKOW

How far with my things cos i was expecting them yesterday. I mistakenly added my phone and i need to make some calls urgently.

JASON (V/O)

Hmm, sorry bro...some commercial documents got missing hence the delay. I was trying to reach you ealier but to no avail.

EKOW

(sighs)

So when should i expect them now

JASON (V/O)

Should be very soon

EKOW

(shocked)

When is very soon ? so i have to be phoneless till when ?

JASON (V/O)

Sorry bro

EKOW

Please double up for me, I have some pressing issues to deal with

JASON (V/O)

Can i be of help?

EKOW

Don't worry, will let you know if the need be

JASON (V/O)

Will be waiting then

EKOW

Later then

JASON (V/O)

Alright

The call ends and Ekow hands over the phone to Serwaa. Serwaa who was eavesdropping and lost in thought didn't take notice of Ekow. She jolted when Ekow tapped her.

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'EKOW

What's bothering my lady?

SERWAA

Oh don't worry about me I'm fine

EKOW

Okay if you say so, how much do i
owe now ?

SERWAA

One Ghana Cedi

EKOW

That's fine

Ekow gives the 10 cedis note to Serwaa and gets change.
Serwaa who kept wondering why Ekow had to use her call
services now got her answer.

Ekow turns to leave but gets prevented by Serwaa.

SERWAA

Why so soon? You didn't even spend
an hour today

EKOW

I have to go somewhere, I'll see
you tomorrow

SERWAA

Alright, wont you pass by before I
close today ?

EKOW

I honestly dont know how long this
errand is going to take. I have to
check on my stuff at the port and
visit my site. You know our Ghanaian
people, if I dont show up myself,
they will lazy around.

SERWAA

Alright, please take care

AT THE PORT

EKOW

(Places a call from a phone centre
nearby)

Hello, Im around, where are you ?

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VOICE

Hello, At the port you mean ? I'll be with you shortly. Bye

THEY MEET IN THE AGENT'S OFFICE

EKOW

I'm getting a little worried about the delay with the container, are you sure everything is in order ?

AGENT

Yes, everything is in order, you have nothing to worry about.

EKOW

But how am i to relax if we still haven't found the documents and i have everything in there. even an ordinary phone to use, i have to use the services of a call centre

AGENT

Sorry about that, I'll keep following up on it till everything arrives safely

EKOW

I'll be very glad. thanks very much (they shake hands) I have to leave now. Got a few more errands today

AGENT

Alright

Ekow then heads to one of his sites to check on the work progress but finds nothing. He became alarmed and realizes that they've been sending him fake pictures all along.

He shakes his head and goes back home to think about the way forward.

He gets to Serwaa's shop but didn't even stop to say hi.

Serwaa gets panicked but keeps her cool and hoping he will come around.

Ekow gets to his room and falls asleep immediately.

NEXT DAY

Ekow proceeds to Serwaa's shop to apologise for the turn of events.

EKOW
Good morning my lady

SERWAA
Hmm good morning

EKOW
Apologies for yesterday, i wasn't
in a good mood. I'm truly sorry

SERWAA
Oh never mind, i just pray you
overcome whatever you're going
through

EKOW
Amen, my lady

SERWAA
(nods)

EKOW
Can i make a call please?

SERWAA
Yeah sure

Serwaa hands over phone to Ekow and looks on as Ekow dials the number.

EKOW
Hello Kwesi

KWESI
Hello, who am i speaking with
please?

EKOW
This is Ekow

KWESI
Which Ekow?

EKOW
Your brother Ekow. I'm in Ghana. I
arrived a few days ago

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KWESI

Eheerrh, what can i do for you?

EKOW

(sighs)

Amazing, you didn't even welcome me
and you asked me what you can do
for me

KWESI

You didn't tell me you were coming
so why should i welcome you?

EKOW

(shakes his hood)

No need for this, I'll go straight
to the point....After arriving,i
went straight to the site where i
asked you to put up the 6 bedroom
house for me but i didn't find
anything there, i had to rent a
place to lodge in.

KWESI

And ?

EKOW

Hmmm Kwesi,And I think I went to
the wrong location cos theres
nothing there.But the picture
locations were the same place.Could
it be you havent built anything ?
(Voice still silent) Kwesi ? What ?
I can't believe you did this to
me. I even went to the other sites
yesterday and same story. Kwesi
why?

KWESI

Are you expecting an answer from
me?

EKOW

That was my hard earned money of
several years. I trusted you Kwesi

KWESI

Massa. You should've come back
yourself to do the projects.
(chuckles)

The call drops after Kwesi utters those words.

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Ekow flares up but gets calmed by Serwaa, who has been watching him and listening to the conversation all these while.

SERWAA

Don't get worked up over this

EKOW

God, I'm finished ! I've lost everything !

SERWAA

Pls calm down.It is well

Ekow doesn't want to create a scene since the shop is close to the roadside so he leaves Serwaa and goes home.

Later in the afternoon Ekow goes back to the shop to call his sister

EKOW

Hello sister

VOICE

Hello

EKOW

Good afternoon, hope you're doing well

VOICE

Yes I am. May I please know who this is

EKOW

This is Ekow

VOICE

Eeeii my brother what a surprise?
But whose line is this?

EKOW

I'm at a call centre oo

VOICE

Oh how? Don't you have a phone?

EKOW

Hmm sister, my things haven't arrived yet?

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VOICE
Arrived where?

EKOW
From the States

VOICE
Meaning you're in Ghana?

EKOW
Yeah

VOICE
So why didn't you look for me and
where are you now?

EKOW
I've rented a place for now

VOICE
I thought you your place si
completed. the one Kwesi is
building for you ?

EKOW
Hmmm, Maame Esi, Kwesi messed me
up, he has finished me !

VOICE
What do you mean he has messed you
up ? Where are you ? Whats
happening ?

EKOW
I'm at the place I rented, house
number 12 Akwadu road. Theres a
call centre by the house.

VOICE
Wait, you are at Serwaa's call
centre ?

EKOW
Yeah, you know her ?

VOICE
Yes, I know her, we attend church
together. wait, I'm coming there.

EKOW
Alright, I'll be waiting for you
here (He turns to Serwaa) My sister
is on her way here, she says you
attend the same church together.

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SERWAA

Really ? whats her name ?

EKOW

Maame Esi. she's my step sister

SERWAA

Wait, (trying to figure out which
Maame Esi, Ekow is referring to)
Maame Esi Plange ?

EKOW

Yes, I'm Ekow Plange.

SERWAA

Wow, its indeed a small world. So
ive been nice to the family.

Ekow waits for Maame Esi for 2 hours, she doesn't turn up
but gets a call from her canceling their meeting and
suggesting to converse via phone rather.

Ekow still calls his sister in dissapointment.

EKOW

Hello sister

MAAME ESI

Hello Ekow, I'm so sorry..I was
expecting your brother in law to be
home by now so I can come pick you
up but he isnt and I cant leave
the kids in the house alone

EKOW

Oh never mind, hope they're doing
great

MAAME ESI

Yes oo

EKOW

Back to what we were talking about
earlier...I sent money severally to
Kwesi to put up a house for me and
a few others projects but when i
went to the site and i didn't see
anything of that sort

MAAME ESI

Really?

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EKOW

The most painful part is he even sent me pictures and i was so happy, Little did I know they were all fake

MAAME ESI

Jesus Christ ! You see? I told you but you didn't listen....cos I'm your step sister,you don't trust me and look at what you've gotten yourself into

EKOW

The quarry site that i asked him to acquire for me so it can be a source of income isn't there as well

MAAME ESI

Hmm, so have you heard from him

EKOW

I did, he didn't show any sign of remorse and dropped the call

MAAME ESI

Ekow, thank God you've seen things for yourself, so what's the way forward?

EKOW

Right now, i don't know what to do, my stuff are even stuck, no phones, nothing Maame Esi

MAAME ESI

Hmmm, this world, but how could Kwesi do that ? Thats cruel

EKOW

I'm sorry for not listening to you sister

MAAME ESI

Don't worry, it's difficult to trust step siblings sometimes, especially being the only one among you too. I just hope we find a way out of this.

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EKOW

I pray so too...I will call you
later...Enjoy your afternoon

MAAME ESI

Thanks, i wish you same, bye

EKOW

Bye....

Ekow bid Serwaa goodbye and leaves for his house.

He was however bemused by the recent happenings and the fact he doesn't have a phone. But he's happy cos he gets to see Serwaa everyday. He's now fond of Serwaa and wish to see and be with her everyday. He hopes this brings a new beginning.

NEXT DAY

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Ekow greets Serwaa and asks to place a call again. His ex-girlfriend Naa came to mind and he decides to check up on her.

EKOW

Hello

NAA

Hello

EKOW

Good morning Naa

NAA

Who am i speaking with please

EKOW

Ekow here?

NAA

Ekow? I'm lost here cos i know a
lot of them

EKOW

Your one and only Ekow

NAA

Wait oo, Ekow Plange?

(CONTINUED)

EKOW

Yeah you got it right there

NAA

Wow, how have you been?

EKOW

Managing, as we're speaking I'm in Ghana

NAA

Really?

EKOW

Yeah

NAA

Welcome home

EKOW

Thanks

NAA

So are you enjoying Ghana? How are you doing ? How long have you been back ? Where are you now ? Did you come with your girlfriend or wife ?

EKOW

May I please have one question at a time. You havent changed. And hey, Ghana is something else now.

NAA

Oh why that?

EKOW

The economy is too hard, immediately i change money from dollars to Ghana cedis, it finishes within a twinkle of an eye

NAA

That's Ghana for you oo

EKOW

I don't think i can survive here

NAA

A whole billonaire? I will save your number so i can get some cash

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EKOW

This isn't my number, I'm actually
calling you from a call centre

NAA

Why what happened to your phone

EKOW

Hmm, it's a long story....a lot has
been happening

Ekow then narrates his predicaments to Naa who encouraged
him not to lose hope.

After speaking with Naa Ekow decides to call the agent to
check on his stuff but number gets busy.

Later in the afternoon Ekow went for lunch and thought of
calling his colleague Jonathan whom he works with as a
comedian under the same manager in the states.

EKOW

Jonathan, this is Ekow...

JONATHAN

Hey man, it's been a long spell

EKOW

Yeah, i need you to make
arrangements for me so i can come
back as soon as possible

JONATHAN

I thought you were gonna stay
longer than this, what's the
problem?

EKOW

Don't worry i will explain later

JONATHAN

Ayt, you good ?

EKOW

Yeah, I'll get in touch soon.

After the call, Serwaa engages Ekow in a conversation

SERWAA

Ekow.....

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EKOW
Yes my lady

SERWAA
I really want us to talk

EKOW
I'm all ears

SERWAA
I overheard your conversations, i
know it's wrong but there must be a
reason why it happened that way.
You're going through but still
smile amid those problems.

EKOW
Hmmm

SERWAA
Now what's the way forward?

EKOW
I'll be goeing back to the States

SERWAA
I mean your brother

EKOW
Honestly. i have no idea

SERWAA
I'm thinking he should be brought
to book

EKOW
He's my brother for crying out loud

SERWAA
But what he did isn't right, he
must pay, he might do it to someone
else

EKOW
I will think about it my lady

SERWAA
Alright

As Ekow gets home, he ponders over what Serwaa told him. He
wants to find a way and leave the country since he's close
to going broke.

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For two days, he's been indoors trying to find solutions to his problems. The third day he goes to see Serwaa to tell her about his decision.

SERWAA

Eeeiii i've been worried, what happened to you

EKOW

Nothing, just wanted to be alone for a while

SERWAA

Okay

EKOW

I thought about what you said and i think i will go for it

SERWAA

Wow nice, so what can i do to help?

EKOW

Just be safe for me my lady

Few days later, Ekow lodged a complain at the Police station and an arrest warrant was issued.

Kwesi finally gets arrested and Ekow also gets to know Kwesi kept part of the money somewhere so he goes to retrieve it to prepare for his trip.

After the trial, Ekow professes his love to Serwaa and promises to work things out for her so she could join him abroad.