

**Lov Na Swit Tiq**

**A Skit in Two Acts**

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Mr. Jabez	70 ia Krio man i tap Friton
Jorku	65 ia Krio umam i tap Friton
Bisodu	38 ia man i tap na New Brunswick
Kobola	35 ia uman i tap New Brunswick
Ainajogoh	63 ia uman we na Jorku in kongosa cousin i tap Friton
Ainatunde	60 ia uman we na Ainajogoh in paddi i tap Friton
Babatunda	60 ia man na Kobola papa i tap New Brunswick
Biodu	57 ia uman na Kobola mama i tap New Brunswick, NJ
Nasiru	63 ia man na Kobola unku i tap Friton
Balkisu	53 year-old uman na Nasiru wef i tap Friton

**ACT I**

**SCENE I**

**SETTING**

**Jabez en Jorku sidom na pala na den os, Jabez de cut in bia smol smol afta i don it in Satida shakpa en fufu. Jorku in ol needle patch trəd i de em Jabez trösis we cher. Bisodu den pikin we de obasea foh tɛlɛfon**

**Jorku**

Bisodu se i wan tɔk to wi dis ivin.

**Jabez (de sɛn in bia go don)**

ɛnti i don yus fɔ cɔl. Watin do i nɔ tɛl yu watin i wan tauk bot?

**Jorku (yei de na di trösis)**

i sa na wi tu i wan tɔk to (Jorku put di trösis na in lap en se) op i nɔ don gi pipul pikin belleh oh.

**Jabez (laf lawd lawd wan)**

yu de frayd i go sho se i na man en yu nɔ drink in pis.

**Jorku**

Ainajogo bin se i de cam disivin

**Jabez**

tɔk, tɔk Ainajogo, di gayl de tɔk lek mashin.

**Bisodu**

(Di phon riŋ en Jabez pik am kwik.)

**Jabez**

Halo, halo, halo a nɔ de yeri

**Bisodu**

Papa yu di yeri mi naw

**Jabez**

Yes, a de yeri yu naw

**Jorku (ala from usay i sidom)**

Bisodu watin yu wan tɔk bɔt, a bin de tɛl yu papa sa, op yu nɔ dɔn gi pipul pikin  
bele o.

**Jabe**

lef dis pikin.

**Bisodu**

a wan tɔk bɔt mi en Kobola, a bin rayt to una bɔt am. Una si ol di tin wa a sen fɔ  
una na mi en Kobola sen am. Mi en in pipul den naya tɔk en a tɛl dem sa a wan  
engag am, den gri sa i awrayt fɔ du am na toŋ we i cam waka.

**Jabez**

Yu wan engag uman yu de yanda. (stil ol di fon en de tauk to Jorku) i sa i wan  
engag

**Jorku**

Aw yu wan du dis tiŋ

**Jabez**

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Yu mami de ask aw yu wan du dis tin. Yu bin sa in mami and daddi de America  
bot wudat na dem fambul na ya.

**Bisodu**

Dem fambul comot Magazincut

**Jabez (tauk oba Bisodu)**

Magazincut watin you mean, noto marabu dem? (Jorku put di trosis doŋ en go  
tinap nia Jabez we ol di fon).

**Bisodu (tauk oba in papa)**

Papa dem fambul to di Mahdi, Iscandri, Gabisi, en Cole na Aberdeen.

**Jabez**

Wi go wan no bot di fambul.

**Bisodu**

A go get more information bot di fambul a go col una sa.

**Jabez**

Halo, halo, halo

(Jabez put di fon doŋ i en Jorku sidom fo tauk naw)

**Jorku**

A dis na in card don don so, duya udat na dis pikin in fambul dem?

**Jabez**

Na Magazincut den comot, i sa den fambul to di Mahdi, Iscandri, Gabisi en den  
Cole na Aberdeen

**Jorku (ala)**

Ibosio, uskayn wahala dis, na marabu pikin Bisodu wan marade. Yu enkōraj am?

**Jabez**

Watin, ... yu de blaim mi

**Jorku (at pwel)**

Uno de ansir

**Jabez**

A tɛl Bisodu sa a go investigate, mi na shotat man a nɔ de jɔyn kaka dɛbul.

## SCENE II

Na Mɔnde mɔnin, Ainajogo ɛn Ainatunde de waka ɛn tɔk wa dɛn de go makit.  
Ainajogo tɛl Ainatunde ɔl wetiŋ i yeri appin na Jorku dɛn os Satide

**Ainajogo**

Di tiŋ wa apin Satide, mɔt nɔ de fɔ tɔk am.

**Ainatunde**

A yeri sa dɛn kaych sɔm tif man dɛm wit gun, wusay dem pul di gun dɛm

**Ainajogo**

Mi nɔ de tɔk bɔt tif man, a de tɔk bɔt watin appin na mi ɔsin Jorku in os

(Ainajogo tinap ɛn Ainatunde de luk insay in mɔt)

**Ainatunde**

Den fet demsef, duya lagbaja in ge trɛnk fɔ fet

**Ainajogo**

Ainatunde, big wɔd nɔ de brok jabon, mek a tɛl yu watin apin na dɛn os

**Ainatunde (cut in wɔd bifoɪ tauk don)**

ubin de de

**Ainajogo**

Yu wan yeri ɔ yu nɔ wan yeri, nɔ kot mi wɔd

**Ainatunde**

A baig padon o mami.

**Ainajogo**

Broda Jabez en Cosin Jorku dem boy pikin wan marrade one marabu titi. Dem no want de marade atol.

**Ainatunde**

usi yu yerri dis?

**Ainajogo**

Tunde, noto li li yus dis. We waytman kin se from di orses mouth. Dem no no sa a bin de insay de yad. If dem bin no dat na dog bingo it mi sɔpa. Na fon dem bin de tok obasea

**Ainatunde**

A get bocu marabu krio fambul dem, na mi mami en daddi sye.

**Ainajogo**

Wisef ge dem A sho sa cosin Jorku mus col mi.

**Ainatunde**

Yu no sa a de insay insay dis tin

**Ainajogo**

insay ... watin yu min?

**Ainatunde**

Di uman fambul densef no want di man o

**Ainajogo**

Watin, uskyn kas dis, aw yu do no

**Ainatunde**

Mi en Kobola daddi na fus cosin, in nam Babatunde, mi nam Ainatunde. Na di mitin, di fambul densef no gladi dat di pikin wan Bisodu, den wantam fo marade

marabu boboh. Som oo un oo sa den no go gri. Duya no tel yu fambul dem o, mek  
den no siŋ, kongosa man tot yu bamboo bench pan mi

**Jabez i go do iyone investigation bɔt Jorku i cɔl in cosin Ainajogo ɛn in frɛn  
Ainatunde fɔ tɛl dɛm bɔt di aybi yus**

**Ainajogo**

Ainatunde na u, mɔnin, usi yu de go dis mɔnin, wais mata?

**Ainatunde**

A get mesayg frɔm Jorku sa mi ɛn yu fɔ go to am dis ivin. Duya nɔ tɛl am sa a go  
mitin to Kobola in daddi fambul dem o, i go cɔl mi tusyd penɛf

**Ainajogo**

uswan na mi yone da, wi go si watin go apin dis ivin. (Ainatunde don tɔk don ɛn go  
na i os)

**(Ivintɛm na Ainajogo fɔs rich)**

Koŋ, Koŋ, Koŋ

**Jorku**

(di domɔt opin Ainajogo) Cɔsin kabɔ, yu bin say yu de cam Satide.

**Ainajogo**

A bin yeri voys, a mean una gɛ tranja so a tɔn back

**Jorku**

Na wi nɔmɔ bin de pas we Bisodu cɔl frɔm America.

**Ainajogo**

Na fon una bin de tauk so

**Jorku**

Yu yeri wi, wi bin de ala, i no di yeri wi, wi no de yeri am. Yu no sa from Satide a no de slip fayn.

**Ainajogo**

Watin apin, na di pressure?

**Jabez (i de waka cam insay di pala)**

Ask am ...

**Ainajogo**

A jus wan ask fo yu, broda.

**Jorku**

Di tin we de mona mi i haybi.

**Ainajogo**

Watin de mona yu so ... cosin no put natin na yu at o

**Jorku**

Na bot Bisodu. i fon sa i wan mek wi ask fo wan gayl wa kam waka from America. A no no aw i wan do dis tin we i de yanda?

**Ainjogo**

Ibi ibi, okor mami no de ya.

**Ainatunde**

okor mami de, ibi, ibi

### **Jorku (blo haybi wan)**

Dis wan nɔ swit mi, mi sista na marabu gayl i wam marrade.

### **Ainatunde**

Yu no sa wi ɔl fambul to marabu.

### **Jorku**

Mi nɔ get marabu fambul o

Ainajogo

wodat na dem fambul?

### **Jorku**

Bisodu sa den de Magazincut bot mi nɔ wan no, in papa don ask bot dem.

### **Ainajogo**

If yu nɔ no dem, aw una wan do dis tin

### **Jorku**

Posin fɔ kam tomara fɔ tɛl wi bot dem.

Ay mi pikin ... a op sa den nɔ don gi mi pikin tin fɔ it o, i yas ɛn i yei sɛt.

Olmami sidom te i de si fa pas pikin we klem tik.

**ACT II**

**SCENE I**

**Satide Nasiru and Balkisu den os we Kobola tap**

**Nasiru**

(Nasiru nak na Kobola in rum domot) Kobola

**Kobola**

Yes unku

**Nasiru (tinap na di domot)**

Yu daddi bin fon sa wi ge smol jamma dis ivin, bifo Bisodu fambul den go kam. A wan mek wi tok

**Kobola**

Yu wan tok naw, unku

**Nasiru**

Awrayt ... Balkisu lef watin yu de do mek wi tauk bifo di jamma den go cam

**Wen Kobola kam na do, i luk konfus**

**Kobola**

Unku na watin de go on?

**Nasiru**

Yu daddi se a fo sik in intrest, Bisodu fambul we wan put stop fo yu, mi a no no da fambul de.

**Kobola (no luk appi)**

Watin do yu col jamma unku, na engagment? watin do jamma fo cam insay dis?

### **Nasiru**

We una don de yanda long una no no kolchur agayn. Yu kant ask mi da kwestion de ... dis younman we wan marade yu na Kristian

### **Kobola**

Mum en dad no cia

### **Nasiru**

No tok wa a de tauk

### **Balkisu**

Kobola mek i don, bifo yu tauk.

### **Kobola (Ben in ed don en de luk in fon)**

### **Nasiru**

Yu na mi broda fos pikin, den bin fo fen posin fo yu. Luk Remileku in bobo, na gud gud marabu yonman.

### **Kobola**

(twis in fase i luk i unku up en don en put in yei bak na di fon)

### **Nasiru**

Dis na grate difference na wi kolchur. We di jamma kam som no go want yu fo marade kristien. Dis America mek una no no unasef agayn. A no want dis man.

### **Kobola**

(no ansir)

### **Balkisu**

Yu yeri yu unku

**Kobola**

i sa mek a no tok

**Nasiru**

If na so yu go wan bihav to yu kristien man en in fambul a si yu fa

**Balkisu**

Mek wi yeri from yu naw.

**Kobola**

A no ge natin fo sa bicos mum en dad gri fo Bisodu.

**Nasiru**

Den don pwel yu pata pata.

**Balkisu**

Nasiru, wi ol go eng ed, i don sa na im i want.

**Satiday ivin Kobola no beliv wa i si ol di pipul wa kam. Six pipul na dem kam  
fo di mitin plus Nasiru, Balkisu en Kobola**

**Nasiru**

Fambul una gudivin, na Kobola dis, Babatunde en Biodu den pikin, a cɔl una fɔ eng ed. Kobola mit wan Krio boy wa wan marade am bɔt na Kristian. Plenti tin da wa nɔ go izi if i marade dis yonman.

**Ainatunde**

Lekɛ watin so.

**Nasiru**

Den go wan baptize am, ker am go church, tɔn di granpikin agaynst den muslim grani en grandpa

**Imam**

Lɛt wi pre (di imam se in prayer) Mek wi yeri frɔm Kobola.

**Kobola**

Thank you sir. A tɛl unkuɔl sa mum en dad gri fɔ Bisodu. Den no sa in na kristien. Mi nɔ go fus Bisodu fɔ go na maslasi en i nɔ go ask mi fɔ go joyn church. Wi dɔn gri bɔt dat.

Ainatunde

Una no sa a get kristien en muslim na fambul. Wi ɔl na wan, lɔv en rɛspɛkt na im important na marade os ... Kobola, yu lek Bisodu?

Kobola

Yes anti.

**Ainatunde**

If Kobola i mami en daddi we bun dem pikin don gri uswan na wi yone.

**Nasiru (tauk lawd)**

Tunde, i pikin na mi pikin, mi pikin na Tunde i pikin. So nɔ tɛl mi uswan na wi yone de.

**Balkisu**

Wi nɔ de mek plaba, nɔto plaba tem dis.

**Nasiru**

A go tɔk to Tunde tomara.

### **FINAL SCENE**

**ɔlman at dɔn kol, Jabez dɔn investgate, Nasiru bin ɔl jamma. Dɛn no sa Bisodu ɛn Kobola dɛn lɔv dɛnsɛf bad bad wan so dɛn don gri fɔ di engagement. Bɔt Jabez ɛn Jorku dɛm gɛ fɔ go to Kobola fambul ɛn tɛl dɛm sa Bisodu wan engage dɛm pikin**

**Wan awa bifo dɛn lɛf nahim Ainatunde sen sa i nɔ go abul go**

**Jorku**

uskyn disapɔntment dis (i de tɔk to Jabez) A de sɛn to Ainajogo fɔh mek i kam wit in lili sista Ibirunke, ɛnti i nɔ gɛ fɔ tauk na fɔ ad to di nomba.

**(tri oclock di mɔtokar don kam pik dɛm. Jabez, Jorku, Ainajogo ɛn Ibirunke na dɛn lɛf)**

**Jabez, Jorku ɛn dɛn fambul dɛm go for tɛl Nasiru sa dɛm wan marade in broda pikin. dɛn gɛ fɔ fix dayt fɔ di marade. We dem rich na de os, Kobola, i unkuɔl ɛn anti kam mit dɛm na domɔt. Dem ɔl gladi bad, i tan lɛk se dɛm don no dɛmsɛf. Insay di os oda pipul bin don sidom)**

**Nasiru**

Wi tɛl una kabor kabor, una welcome. Una ki insay nɔ.

**Jabez**

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Wi kam fɔ no una, Bisodu sa pan ɔl di uman na dis wɔl ɛn insay America i nɔ si ɛni  
uman pas una pikin Kobola.

**(Kobola luk in anti ɛn smyl)**

**Nasiru**

Na di saym tiŋ mi broad se dat Kobola ɛn Bisodu lɛk dɛsef ɛn wi want gud man fɔ  
wi pikin dɛm. Nɔ to bin izi tiŋ fɔ wi ɛn a no sa nɔ to izi tin fɔ unasef fɔ briŋ tu  
fambul ɛn rilijus kɔlchur togɛda.

**Jabez**

Wi na gud gud Kristian i nɔ izi fɔ wi fɔ cam tɛl una se mi pikin wan marade una  
pikin we na marabu

Nasiru

i nɔ izi fɔ wisef fɔ gi wi pikin to una

**Balkisu**

Unkul a kin se somtin sa

**Nasiru**

Wetin yu wan se

**Balkisu**

Na bɔt Jabez (**Jabez tɔn kwik en lok Balkisu**) yu nɔ memba mi (**swɛt koba  
Jabez**)

**Jabez (i tauk slo en de wap in fase)**

Mi .. nɔ... memba yu atul

**Balkisu**

Nah wi bin tep naba yu grani na Mary Street. Yu nɔ member mi, mi sista en cusin dem Ramatu, Hafsatu, Kadija en Sallay we yu en yu broada una kin de rakpala wit wi. Yu nɔ memba

**Jabez (blo kam doŋ in nɔ no wetin fɔ se)**

Aw mus ia webin ol so

**Jorku (de lok Jabez badyei)**

Na dis wi kam ya fɔ

**Balkisu**

We i de tauk bot maraba mek i nɔ foget se i bin de kakpaa wit marabu pikin dem

**Nasiru**

nɔ to dat wi kam ya fɔ ... Balkisu i do so

**Balkisu**

Yes unku, ah baig padin sa

**Nasiru**

Papa Jabez en mama Jorku na di fɔs pat dis fɔ mek wi no wisef. As wetman cɔl 'introduction', wi dɔn sabi wisef. Wi go ficks di tem we una go wan kam back.

**Jabez**

Di pikin dem mek loɔv dɔn briŋ dem togeda, na so loɔv go briŋ di fambul togeda en di tu rilijon togeda.

**Nasiru**

Amin. Wi go ask Imam fɔ pre.

**(Aw den de pre Jorku si sombodi wa feebe Ainatunde, i dres lek Aja.)**

**Jorku**

(i tok sicrit to Ainajogo) Luk da uman da i feebe Ainatunde bot we i koba i ed a no  
si i fase gud.

**Nasiru**

Di tu fambul don bi one. Wi tel God tenki. Wata we na fo yu no go run pas yu.

**Jorku (ty i fase en no de smyl sef )**

Le wi de go no

**Jabez**

Wi tel God tenki

wi go de undastand wisef as wi de go bifo .. watin a de si sho sa lov na swit tin

**Nasiru**

We di tem de kam, i go sen wan big man we go de wit una

**Jorku**

Fo watin, wi ge person

**Nasiru**

Fo di serimoni

**Jabez**

Awrayt sa

**Nasiru**

Ah tak yei ker una go

**As dɛm lɛf so, Muslim bigin siŋ Iyawo o iyawo ɛn Kristien de siŋ Orko mami  
abbi so**

**Jabez, Jorku, Ainajogo ɛn de odda fambul waka go na di ca.**

**Jorku**

**(suck tit) Behol yo bin kip marabu gayl**

**Jabez (krack laf)**

**So yu de jɛlos, ay ay, we binch raw in nɔ fol blai ... mi wef de jɛlos hi-hi-hi**

**THE END**