

LEARNING BY EAR

"Soccer made in Africa – much more than a game"

EPISODE NINE: "Friends and enemies of African football"

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INTRO:

- 1. NARRATOR:** Hallo and welcome to the ninth episode of the Learning by Ear series, as we continue with the African football radionovela entitled, "**Soccer made in Africa – much more than a game**". In the last episode, the famous footballer Metogba talked to the young players of his football clinic about drugs and alcohol in football. He and Mr. Wakasa, the federation chairman, also told the team of an upcoming match between them and Tambarare F.C. Hon. Makemba was arrested and later released on bail, and Chedede was freed and rejoined the team at the soccer clinic. What awaits us in this episode? Stay tuned to find out who the "**Friends and enemies of African football**" are. We begin today's episode at the Makemba's residence.

SCENE ONE: AT THE MAKEMBA'S RESIDENCE

- 2. HON.MAKEMBA:** Jonathan, listen to me son, everything I did was for you.. You are still young, you don't understand.
- 3. JONATHAN:** Yes, I may be young. But I understand. What you did was wrong. Dad, you once told me, football is played with the feet, head and chest, not with money that exploits ,betrayals and slanders!
- 4. HON.MAKEMBA:** I wanted you to be the best! (**Shouts**) I still do. I will be there at the match today to support you.

5. **JONATHAN:** **(Shocked)** What!!! How can you even show your face in public after what you did?

6. **HON.MAKEMBA:** **(Sarcastic)** Easy. I am a public figure. I hold a public office. The public love me. These charges will be dropped. It's my word against some street boy from Tambarare. Who do you think the court will believe ?

7. **JONATHAN:** **(Sarcastic)** Is that so? Then, you are in for a surprise. It is your word against the team, and against mine. I heard the evidence that you linked up with Komora to do this robbery and blame it on Chedede. In other words it's your word against the public. I'm off to the stadium for the match.

8. **HON.MAKEMBA:** I can drive you there.

9. **JONATHAN:** **(Almost in tears)** No, thank you Dad, I have always looked up to you, I wanted to be like you, talk like you, act like you, even play like you. I thought you were a friend of football but you are an enemy of the game. You have disappointed me. Good-bye!

10. **SFX: DOOR BANGS SHUT.**

11. **NARRATOR:** Jonathan was almost in tears as he left for the match. He was very disappointed in his father. Meanwhile, at Aunt Lily's place Safina and Aunt Lily were just finishing their lunch.

SCENE TWO: AT AUNT LILY'S PLACE

12. SFX: CUTLERY SOUNDS AS WHEN PEOPLE EAT.

13. AUNT LILY: **(Laughs out loud)** Safina, you thought I was working as a what?

14. SAFINA: **(Also laughing)** Can you blame me, Aunt Lily? I felt so embarrassed when you told me you work as a waitress. But I don't understand. Why do you have to wear such short dresses?

15. AUNT LILY: Because the owner of the restaurant believes that waitresses need to look attractive, and it works. I earn more in tips than he pays me at the end of the month. **(Chuckles)** Safina, you need to hurry up to be in time for the match.

16. SAFINA: Yes. I am so excited. Aunt Lily, I am really happy that you are coming to see the match. Earlier I thought you hated football but now I see you have become a fan, a friend of the game.

17. AUNT LILY: You have made me a fan. You, Chedede, Metogba and the rest. Now go and get ready, I will clear away the dishes. You have been doing so much.

18. SFX: PLATES AND SPOONS BEING CLEARED.

19. NARRATOR: As Safina got ready to go to the match, at the local police station Dede had arrived to see his once best friend now turned enemy, Komora. Listen on.

SCENE THREE: POLICE STATION TAMBARARE CITY

20. SFX: METAL DOOR BEING UNLOCKED

21. INSPECTOR TINO: You have...

22. CHEDEDE: Five minutes, and in here that means two and a half minutes.

23. INSPECTOR TINO: You have a good memory. I will leave you two alone.

24. CHEDEDE: Hi there, Komora.

25. KOMORA: **(Indifferent)** What do you want from me, Dede? Have you come to make fun of me in here?

26. CHEDEDE: No, I would never do that. I only came to tell you that today is the day of the big match.

27. KOMORA: I know, all the officers are talking about it. So, I guess you are here to get some support from me, right?
(Hatefully) I hope you lose! I hope they break your leg and you never play football again. Football is a stupid game anyway. It is the reason I am here now.

- 28. CHEDEDE:** I feel sorry for you, Komora. I really do, I see now you were never really a friend. You were always jealous of my football skills, and even after everything you did to me, you still harbour hate and bitterness. Football is supposed to unite people, to make bridges between the east and west, north and south, the rich and poor, the blacks and whites, but you..you and Hon.Makemba have done the opposite. Good-bye Komora.
- 29. KOMORA:** **(Shouting)** You will lose!, Dede..you will never make it. Once a street boy, always a street boy.
- 30. INSPECTOR TINO:** Silence!
- 31. SFX: METAL DOOR BEING LOCKED.**
- 32. NARRATOR:** Football in Africa is an extension of life. Some people even treat it almost like a religion. No wonder that afternoon the city stadium was absolutely packed with fans. Even the President had taken the time to come and see the match. As Hon. Makemba was making his way to the VIP stand, he caught a glimpse of a familiar face.

SCENE FOUR: MATCH AT CITY STADIUM

33. SFX: CHANTS / CHEERS FROM FOOTBALL FANS, SONGS ETC.

34. HON.MAKEMBA: (Aloud) Lily!.. Lily!..Is that you? Hey, you are looking good. It's been a long time, huh? How many years exactly?

35. AUNT LILY: (Painfully) What difference does it make to you, Makemba? Why now? You want to know how many years it's been? It's been 15 years. 15 long and painful hard years.

36. HON.MAKEMBA: I am sorry Lily. I was young, silly and naive.

37. AUNT LILY: (Angry) Look who's talking. I was only 18! You left me just when I needed you the most.

38. HON.MAKEMBA: Lily, you have no idea how much I regret doing what I did. Tell me, what happened with...you know...

39. AUNT LILY: I did what I had to do. The match is about to start now. I don't want to miss any of it.

40. SFX: CHANTS AND CHEERS FROM FANS.

41. METOGBA: This is it! It's make or break time. Tambarare F.C. is an experienced team, but remember, the ball is always round. Concentrate, play as a team and whether we win or lose, let's enjoy the game. Oh, and by the way, the soccer agent is somewhere in the crowd. Go, Go, go!!!

**42. SFX: WILD CHEERS / BOOS THEN WHISTLE BLOWS...CHANTS
CONTINUE IN BACKGROUND**

43. NARRATOR: The match was being transmitted live on radio and television because the President was attending it. Chedede thought he was dreaming when he saw the thousands of people gathered in the stadium to see whom? The President! He made a silent vow, and it didn't take long for it to come true as we pick up the match from the commentator.

44. COMMENTATOR: We are in the 31st minute, the score is still 0:0, in case you have just joined us, of what has been called by journalists the "David versus Goliath match". Tambarare F.C., last years champions, are up against a young team mostly made up of amateur players who have been attending a soccer clinic conducted by Metogba. So far, the young team has done a great job of defending.**(Excited voice)** Good cross over for young Jonathan and...

45. SFX: BALL KICKED HARD.PUNCHED AWAY BY GOALKEEPER.

- 46. COMMENTATOR:** What a shot! What a blistering shot by Jonathan Makemba and a spectacular save by the Tambarare F.C. goalkeeper. First corner kick of the match, and would you believe it? It goes to the young players!
- 47. SFX: WHISTLE BLOWS .BALL KICKED**
- 48. COMMENTATOR:** Here comes the ball and.....
- 49. SFX: BALL HEADED IN. WHISTLE BLOWS AGAIN**
- 50. COMMENTATOR:** Gooooooooooooaaaaaaal! Unbelievable!. Stunning header by the young player, Chedede. Tambarare F.C. cannot believe what just happened!
- 51. SFX: WILD CHEERS AND BOOS GROW LOUDER AND LOUDER**
- 52. COMMENTATOR:** Tambarare fans, seem unhappy with the referee's decision..some are throwing bottles and stones onto the pitch. Oh dear things don't look good here at the City stadium.The President has just been whisked away by his security personnel. The referee is also leaving the pitch. It is total chaos now...everybody seems to be trying to get out of the stadium as the police fire tear gas towards the hooligans.
- 53. SFX: POLICE SIRENS, NOISY CROWD**
- 54. METOGBA:** (Shouts) Chedede, get everyone off the pitch, to the changing rooms.

55. CHEDEDE: **(Shouts)** Hey! Guys! Metogba says we all go to the changing rooms. Now!

56. SFX: NOISE FROM THE STADIUM FADING OFF

57. COMMENTATOR: What a shame. It's such a shame that this match has had to be abandoned just because of a small number of disgruntled fans, who can't stand losing. One thing's for sure, they are not doing anything for the development of football in this country. They are enemies of the game. Now it's up to the soccer federation to discipline those responsible. And now back to the studio.

58. SHORT MUSIC INTERLUDE

OUTRO:

59. NARRATOR: And that brings us to the end of the ninth episode of our football radionovela, "**Soccer made in Africa – much more than a game**". Will Aunt Lily manage to leave the pitch safely during the commotion? What secret has she been keeping from Hon. Makemba for 15 years? Who will Metogba name as the best player and offer the contract from his club to play in Europe? What player will the agent pick for the other contract? All the answers to these questions and more will be revealed in the final episode coming up next week. To listen to this episode again or any of the earlier ones, visit www.dwworld.de/lbe.
Until next time, Cheer on!