

Crossroads Generation – Season 4: Facing New Challenges

EPISODE NINETEEN: The Flood Hits

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- VOICE - M ADULT
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INTRO:

1. **NARRATOR:** Hello and welcome back to Crossroads Generation, our ongoing radio drama about a group of African teenagers and the solutions they find for their problems. We're on the nineteenth episode of this fourth season, "Facing New Challenges". Last time, Niki visited his parents and finally told them about his status:

2. FLASHBACK: EPISODE 18, LINES 69-70, 72-73

NIKI: (...) I'm HIV positive.

MRS. JUMBE: (SCREAMS) Wuui! I knew it! I knew there was something wrong with that tramp Mercy! (...) She's infected him with HIV! (...)

NIKI: Mum, Mercy's not the one to blame! I --

3. **NARRATOR:** Mrs. Jumbe stormed out in a huff! Where was she going? Meanwhile, Dan's father Kanyama and his business partner Mukaraba met at Kisimba Airport:

4. FLASHBACK: EPISODE 18, LINES 7-8, 10

KANYAMA: (LAUGHS) Moses Mukaraba! So glad to see you, my old friend!

MUKARABA: (HAPPY) Sospeter Kanyama! You made it, my friend! I didn't think you would - so many flights have been cancelled because of the bad weather. (...) Come on, get in the car. We have to get going before it starts pouring with rain again.

5. NARRATOR: Dan doesn't know that his father, Kanyama, is in town. Actually, he has other things on his mind. Recently, Dan and Tina both confessed that they liked each other. They were on a date in a restaurant when they heard on the news that Tandika bridge had collapsed because of the heavy rain. People have been warned to stay where they are until the floodwaters subside. But not everybody has heard the news... Today's episode, "The Flood Hits", starts on the highway, where Kanyama and Mukaraba are trying to find their way through the rainstorm...

SCENE 1: BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLY TOGETHER

6. ATMO: INSIDE CAR ON A BUSY HIGHWAY

7. SFX: HEAVY RAINFALL

8. SFX: SOUND OF WIPER ON WINDSCREEN

9. KANYAMA: This weather is terrible. Can you actually see anything, Mukaraba?

10. MUKARABA: (JOKES) My car knows these roads very well Kanyama. I don't even need to steer.

11. THEY LAUGH

12. **KANYAMA:** You were always so sure of yourself. I remember you were already this confident back in university.
13. **MUKARABA: (CHUCKLES)** Anyway... As I was saying, they stopped me from running for office again.
14. **KANYAMA:** Yes, I heard about that. Terrible thing.
15. **MUKARABA:** I didn't know it at the time, but it was actually a blessing in disguise.
16. **KANYAMA:** Why?
17. **MUKARABA:** Well, there are benefits to living a private life, my friend. Suddenly I found myself with too much time on my hands, so I decided to concentrate on our timber business. That's when I discovered how much money there is to be made in this business.
18. **KANYAMA:** And you've done a good job of it, I see. There's barely a tree standing in Kisimba nowadays!
19. **THEY LAUGH**

KW BEGIN

20. **KANYAMA:** Seriously, though. Thank you, Mukaraba, my friend - if it weren't for the money you keep sending me, I don't know how I would survive, with my accounts frozen and all.

21. **MUKARABA:** No problem, my friend. It's your company, too! Your profits from the investment are --

KW END

22. **KANYAMA:** Watch out, Mukaraba! The bridge is broken! Oh my God! Watch ouuut! **(SCREAMS)**

23. **SFX: BRAKES SCREECH**

24. **MUKARABA: (SCREAMS)** Shiiit!

25. **SFX: SPLASH AS CAR HITS THE WATER**

Musical interlude

SCENE 2: MRS JUMBE CONFRONTS MERCY

26. **ATMO: LIGHT TRAFFIC, URBAN NEIGHBOURHOOD**

27. **SFX: RAINFALL**

28. **SFX: CAR SCREECHES TO A HALT**

29. **SFX: DESPERATE HOOTING**

30. **MRS. JUMBE: (SHOUTS)** Come out! Come out, Mercy, you
Jezebel! Come out right now!

31. **SFX: HOOTING**

32. **MRS JUMBE:** I said come out here right now, Mercy Msoto!

33. **SFX: DOOR OF HOUSE OPENS**

34. **MERCY: (FROM A DISTANCE)** Mama Niki? Is everything
okay?

35. **MRS. JUMBE:** You have killed my son! You have killed my son, you
she-devil!

36. **MERCY:** What do you mean? Niki's not dead.

Flashback Ep. 20, line 4

37. **MRS. JUMBE:** You infected my son with HIV. *HIV!* Do you have
any idea what you've done?

38. **MERCY:** What?

39. **MRS. JUMBE:** Don't try and play the innocent with me!

40. **MERCY:** Mama Niki, please calm down. Come, let's talk in the house, people are starting to stare!
41. **MRS. JUMBE:** Don't tell me to calm down! I knew it! That was your plan all along! This is why you wanted to marry him despite my opposition!
42. **MERCY:** Mama Niki, you don't know what you're talking about!
43. **MRS. JUMBE:** I *do* know what I'm talking about! Niki just told us himself!
44. **MERCY:** Niki *told* you? Did he tell you that I infected him?
45. **MRS. JUMBE:** Of course he did! How do you think I know? Did you think you could kill him and inherit his birthright? Well, let me tell you something, you miserable slum dweller, you are very much mistaken!
46. **MERCY:** Okay, this doesn't make any sense. I'm sorry, I'm going back in the house.
47. **SFX: DOOR SHUT**
48. **MRS. JUMBE:** Come back here!
49. **SFX: MORE HOOTING**

50. **MRS. JUMBE:** Come back out here! Come out here and face me,
you witch! I swear I will kill you! I will kill you if it is
the last thing I do!

51. **SFX: LOUD THUNDER, HEAVY DOWNPOUR STARTS**

Musical interlude

SCENE 3: BIRDS OF A FEATHER DIE TOGETHER

52. **ATMO: RIVER RAGES**

Flashback Ep. 24, line 6

53. **MUKARABA: (CHOKES ON WATER)** Help! Kanyama! Help! I can't
swim! Kanyama! Where are you?

54. **SFX: RAGING RIVER**

55. **MUKARABA: (DESPERATE)** Please - somebody help!

56. **KANYAMA: (FROM A DISTANCE)** Over here, Mukaraba!

57. **MUKARABA: (GASPS FOR AIR)** I'm drowning! Help!

58. **KANYAMA:** Hold onto that root! I'm coming!

59. **MUKARABA: (GASPS)**

60. **MUKARABA: (ALARMED)** Watch out for the log! Watch out!
Watch out, Kanyama!

61. **KANYAMA:** **(SHOUTS)** Where is it? Where's --
62. **SFX: SOMEBODY HIT BY LOG**
63. **KANYAMA:** Help! **(VOICE DISAPPEARS AS HE SWALLOWS)**
Help!
64. **MUKARABA:** Damn it! DAMN it! He's gone! **(PANICS)** What do I do? What do I do? I can't swim!
65. **SFX: MORE WATER RAGES IN**
66. **MUKARABA:** **(SWALLOWS WATER, GASPS FOR AIR)** Help....!
(SWALLOWS) Hel...(GASPS) Help! **(SWALLOWS)**
67. **MUKARABA: SILENT**
68. **SFX: WATER RAGES, THUNDERCLAPS**

Musical interlude

SCENE 3: DAN SAVES A MAN

69. **ATMO: RAGING FLOODS**
70. **SFX: HEAVY RAINFALL**
71. **TINA:** Well, Dan, this is certainly an interesting date. I didn't imagine we'd end up on the roof of the restaurant!

72. **DAN:** Yeah... and around us only water and more water...
I can certainly say I've never had a date like this
before, my sweet Tina.
73. **TINA:** It's not the most romantic atmosphere. But it's better
than drowning, of course!
74. **VOICE:** **(FROM AFAR, SOMEBODY SWALLOWS WATER
AS HE SHOUTS)** Help! Help!
75. **DAN:** Oh my God - there's a man in the river! **(SHOUTS)**
Hold on! I'm coming!
76. **TINA:** Dan, wait! The current's too strong!
77. **VOICE:** Help! **(SWALLOWS)** Help!
78. **DAN:** I have to help him! Can't you see he's losing his
grip? He'll drown if we leave him.
79. **TINA:** I'm scared, Dan! Please don't leave me alone on
this roof!
80. **DAN:** I'm not leaving you alone - I'll just lie on the edge
and pull him out. Just hold on tight to that beam - I'll
be right back!
81. **VOICE:** Help!
82. **DAN:** Hold on! I'm coming!

83. TINA: Be careful, Dan!
84. SFX: WATER SPLASHING AS DAN LIES DOWN ON THE EDGE
85. DAN: (URGENTLY) Quick, give me your hand...
86. VOICE: (STRAIN OF PERSON TRYING TO PULL THEMSELVES UP)
87. DAN: (GRUNTS AS HE HEAVES PERSON UP)
88. VOICE: (COUGHS AND SPITS WATER) Thank you... tha--
(COUGHS)
89. DAN: (PANTING) Shh! Don't speak!
90. SFX: CRACKING SOUND AS TELEPHONE POLE BREAKS

Flashback Ep. 21, line 2

91. TINA: Dan! Watch out! The telephone pole is falling!
92. SFX: HEAVY THUD AS SOMETHING FALLS.
93. DAN: CRIES OUT
94. TINA: Oh my God! Dan, are you okay?
95. DAN: (NO RESPONSE)
96. TINA: (WORRIED) Dan! Dan! Are you okay? - Somebody!
Help!

OUTRO:

And on that desperate note we come to the end of Crossroads Generation for today. It seems that the floods are churning everything up ... Will Dan be all right? And will Kanyama and Mukaraba manage to get out of the raging water? You'll find out when you tune in next time! If you'd like to get in touch with us, please visit us on Facebook, or write an e-mail to lbe@dw.de. Until next time, it's goodbye from all of us.