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00:00:31.26 --> 00:00:32.26

My name is Edem.

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00:00:36.03 --> 00:00:37.26

I'm 12 years old.

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00:00:38.22 --> 00:00:39.19

I don't know where I come from.

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00:00:41.01 --> 00:00:45.29

One day, when I was 7 years old my mother gave me a bag

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00:00:46.20 --> 00:00:49.24

and sent me away with a stranger.

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00:00:54.00 --> 00:00:55.14

We drove far, far away.

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00:00:58.06 --> 00:01:02.21

The next day, he took me out on a boat.

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00:01:05.20 --> 00:01:09.26

The lake was very big and there were trees growing out of the water.

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00:01:12.06 --> 00:01:14.07

We fished all day and into the night.

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00:01:16.01 --> 00:01:17.19

From then on, all I did was work.

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00:01:18.19 --> 00:01:22.09

I didn't go to school, and I couldn't play.

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00:01:23.06 --> 00:01:25.13

This man became my slave master.

The Rescue List

LAKE VOLTA

Ghana, West Africa

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00:02:09.15 --> 00:02:10.04

Nice work.

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00:02:11.13 --> 00:02:12.19

Let me ask you a question.

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00:02:14.16 --> 00:02:15.29

Are you finished pulling in your nets?

-Yes.

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00:02:18.20 --> 00:02:20.13

Did these kids go to school today?

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00:02:21.05 --> 00:02:21.12

No.

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00:02:22.05 --> 00:02:23.07

Why not?

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00:02:24.02 --> 00:02:24.12

I don't know.

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00:02:25.01 --> 00:02:27.00

Who are they to you?

- My brothers.

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00:02:27.17 --> 00:02:28.15

Your brothers?

- Yes

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00:02:30.04 --> 00:02:32.01

What's that boy's name?

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00:02:32.16 --> 00:02:33.10

- Him?

Yes.

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00:02:36.08 --> 00:02:37.16

Don't you know?

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00:02:39.01 --> 00:02:39.28

Enoch.

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00:02:49.25 --> 00:02:50.11

Cut the motor. Cut the motor.

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00:02:52.11 --> 00:02:53.21

Who's closest in age to you?

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00:02:58.12 --> 00:02:58.29

You're all brothers?

- Yes.

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00:02:59.29 --> 00:03:00.03

Ok.

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00:03:02.03 --> 00:03:04.00

So which one is he?

Is that your older brother?

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00:03:05.17 --> 00:03:07.12

Yes, that one sitting there.

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00:03:08.08 --> 00:03:08.25

You're lying to me.

33

00:03:10.11 --> 00:03:13.12

Why are you here instead of school?

34

00:03:14.24 --> 00:03:15.21

We came to see the lake.

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00:03:15.21 --> 00:03:17.18

You're just sightseeing? Isn't the lake beautiful?

36

00:03:21.24 --> 00:03:23.08

I'm taking these boys away.

-Why?

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00:03:25.20 --> 00:03:28.10

We're taking you to a safe place. Understand?

38

00:03:29.13 --> 00:03:30.18

Get in.

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00:03:33.03 --> 00:03:34.27

Do I need to take you by force?

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00:03:35.06 --> 00:03:35.29

No.

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00:03:40.26 --> 00:03:41.26

Should I pull you in?

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00:03:41.26 --> 00:03:44.07

Come back!

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00:03:44.20 --> 00:03:45.09

Come back!

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00:03:47.23 --> 00:03:48.21

Get him.

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00:03:57.28 --> 00:03:59.24

Get in. You're a good boy.

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00:04:09.28 --> 00:04:11.22

Don't cry. Don't cry.

47

00:04:14.10 --> 00:04:17.15

It's ok. It's ok. Don't cry.

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00:04:26.18 --> 00:04:30.29

She'll give you a letter to explain to your master.

KWAME

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00:04:48.01 --> 00:04:49.23

The day that we are going to do a rescue.

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00:04:50.16 --> 00:04:52.13

I think about a lot of things.

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00:04:54.26 --> 00:04:57.27

On the lake I feel like I have another responsibility.

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00:05:01.11 --> 00:05:03.05

It's like a calling.

53

00:05:04.13 --> 00:05:06.25

Something that I have been called to do.

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00:05:12.01 --> 00:05:13.11

Nice work.

55

00:05:21.06 --> 00:05:23.11

These are baby fish.

56

00:05:24.22 --> 00:05:26.17

- That's how it is.

57

00:05:27.19 --> 00:05:31.29

That's why you're not catching big fish.

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00:05:32.24 --> 00:05:36.27

You've caught all the babies. How will there be any fish to catch tomorrow?

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00:05:47.22 --> 00:05:48.23

I feel like

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00:05:49.04 --> 00:05:53.02

there's one particular child somewhere that I need to rescue.

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00:05:56.12 --> 00:06:00.18

Until that child is rescued, I will continue doing this work.

In 1965, foreign mining companies built a hydroelectric dam on Ghana's Volta River, creating the largest man-made lake on Earth.

Traffickers began to pay families facing extreme poverty to send their children to the lake for short term work.

But the children often disappear.

There are now an estimated 18,000 children enslaved to fishermen in remote villages of Lake Volta.

REHABILITATION CENTER

undisclosed location, Ghana

62

00:06:49.01 --> 00:06:50.25

Assembly please.

63

00:06:52.28 --> 00:06:55.08

Do your best to learn today. Ok?

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00:06:56.20 --> 00:06:57.20

Ok. Let's hear a marching song.

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00:06:58.18 --> 00:07:02.14

Arise Ghana youth for your country.

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00:07:02.28 --> 00:07:06.07

The nation demands your devotion.

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00:07:07.01 --> 00:07:10.09

Let's all unite to uphold her

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00:07:10.21 --> 00:07:13.25

And make her great and strong

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00:07:16.28 --> 00:07:19.02

C A T, Cat.

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00:07:20.04 --> 00:07:21.16

P O T, Pot.

PETER

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00:07:30.23 --> 00:07:33.21

F R O G, Frog.

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00:07:37.21 --> 00:07:40.22

Good. One big soldier clap.

BERNICE & KWESI

social workers

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00:07:55.22 --> 00:07:56.19

Peter,

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00:07:56.29 --> 00:07:59.05

we want to talk about

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00:07:59.19 --> 00:08:03.07

what happened to you on the lake.

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00:08:03.22 --> 00:08:11.23

To start, we'll explain how we use these things.

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00:08:12.10 --> 00:08:14.14

The flowers indicate happiness.

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00:08:15.03 --> 00:08:18.13

Like Christmas. Flowers mean happiness.

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00:08:18.25 --> 00:08:22.20

The big flower means you were very happy.

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00:08:23.07 --> 00:08:26.27

The small flower means you were just happy.

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00:08:28.01 --> 00:08:35.06

The big stone means you were very, very sad.

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00:08:35.19 --> 00:08:38.01

And the small stone means you were just sad.

83

00:08:38.12 --> 00:08:39.09

Understand?

- Yes sir.

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00:08:39.28 --> 00:08:42.01

So, let's start.

85

00:08:43.05 --> 00:08:48.02

Who gave you to your master on the lake?

86

00:08:49.16 --> 00:08:50.16

My mother.

87

00:08:51.05 --> 00:08:57.10

How do you feel about that? Happy or sad?

88

00:08:57.29 --> 00:08:59.01

I'm hurt.

89

00:09:01.15 --> 00:09:07.02

Were you happy doing the fishing work or not?

90

00:09:08.00 --> 00:09:08.25

I hated it.

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00:09:09.10 --> 00:09:11.14

Why did you hate it?

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00:09:11.28 --> 00:09:14.16

Because I never went to school.

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00:09:15.22 --> 00:09:17.22

I was working instead.

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00:09:18.14 --> 00:09:20.00

Did your master ever insult you?

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00:09:22.02 --> 00:09:23.25

He told me I wasn't human.

96

00:09:24.12 --> 00:09:26.01

That I was just an animal.

97

00:09:28.09 --> 00:09:30.27

How does that make you feel? Are you sad?

98

00:09:31.17 --> 00:09:32.16

I feel sad.

99

00:09:33.10 --> 00:09:34.20

Take a stone and place it.

100

00:09:40.10 --> 00:09:42.22

Did your master beat you?

101

00:09:43.23 --> 00:09:47.11

Yes, he beat me and so did his son.

102

00:09:53.17 --> 00:09:58.18

With everything you went through on the lake,

103

00:09:59.07 --> 00:10:03.20

are you happy your mother brought you into this world?

Peter was sold to a trafficker when he was three years old.

He worked on the lake until he was seventeen.

Rescued children spend one year at the shelter while staff locate their families and prepare them to return home.

104

00:10:53.13 --> 00:10:55.08

Edem, hand me your sheet.

PETER

105

00:11:07.01 --> 00:11:09.22

Give me the soap.

106

00:11:11.24 --> 00:11:14.13

This shirt I'm washing

107

00:11:15.10 --> 00:11:16.22

was given to me by my friend Teye.

108

00:11:17.11 --> 00:11:19.07

Do you know him?

109

00:11:19.22 --> 00:11:22.18

Who's his master? Is it Ofutu?

110

00:11:23.05 --> 00:11:25.24

No, it's Reuben Papa.

111

00:11:32.09 --> 00:11:34.28

I can't stop thinking about my friends on the lake.

112

00:11:35.17 --> 00:11:38.28

I know they're suffering.

113

00:11:40.04 --> 00:11:43.23

I want the rescuers to go back

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00:11:44.08 --> 00:11:47.28

and bring them here.

115

00:12:00.28 --> 00:12:02.24

What other names did we get?

116

00:12:06.07 --> 00:12:07.18

I think we got three more names.

117

00:12:12.21 --> 00:12:14.20

Aquandowa

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00:12:16.20 --> 00:12:18.19

There's Kweku Abieku

119

00:12:19.08 --> 00:12:22.06

And I think, someone named Arthur

EDEM

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00:12:40.15 --> 00:12:42.28

Excuse me, I need Edem

121

00:12:44.18 --> 00:12:48.04

Are you ok?

122

00:12:49.21 --> 00:12:50.20

Edem,

123

00:12:51.09 --> 00:12:54.11

on the first day at your master's house,

124

00:12:55.06 --> 00:12:57.08

you said you met another boy there. What's his name?

125

00:12:57.24 --> 00:12:59.21

Steven

126

00:13:00.04 --> 00:13:04.24

Can you tell us something about Steven?

127

00:13:08.28 --> 00:13:14.14

Don't be sad. Look at us and tell us.

128

00:13:15.03 --> 00:13:17.13

Give me a smile.

129

00:13:19.17 --> 00:13:25.16

Look and me and tell me something about Steven.

130

00:13:29.04 --> 00:13:31.09

Steven and I were friends.

131

00:13:32.07 --> 00:13:34.22

He never beat me.

132

00:13:35.13 --> 00:13:37.21

And we shared food with each other.

133

00:13:38.29 --> 00:13:40.18

Did you play with Steven as well?

134

00:13:41.04 --> 00:13:42.16

What kind of games did you play together?

135

00:13:43.07 --> 00:13:48.20

Sometimes we'd go fishing and sell the catch to buy something for ourselves.

136

00:13:49.21 --> 00:13:52.16

Where was your master then?

137

00:13:53.06 --> 00:13:54.29

He was traveling.

138

00:13:55.18 --> 00:13:57.27

When the master's away, the boys will play.

139

00:13:58.12 --> 00:13:59.01

Is that so?

140

00:14:00.05 --> 00:14:00.26

Yes.

141

00:14:26.09 --> 00:14:28.09

Good afternoon.

142

00:14:28.26 --> 00:14:29.23

How is everyone?

143

00:14:30.10 --> 00:14:31.01

We are fine.

144

00:14:31.29 --> 00:14:35.05

We have something to ask you.

145

00:14:35.28 --> 00:14:37.06

We want to know if you

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00:14:37.24 --> 00:14:39.07

know other kids working on the lake.

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00:14:39.24 --> 00:14:42.04

It could be your friend or your sibling.

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00:14:42.18 --> 00:14:44.09

But they're not living with their real parents.

149

00:14:44.28 --> 00:14:47.15

They're staying with someone else.

150

00:14:48.06 --> 00:14:50.26

If you know anyone, raise your hand.

151

00:14:51.21 --> 00:14:53.27

How many? 1, 2, 3, 4

152

00:14:54.14 --> 00:14:55.14

Do you know anybody like that?

153

00:14:55.28 --> 00:14:56.18

4, 5

154

00:14:57.05 --> 00:14:58.06

Ok.

155

00:15:06.24 --> 00:15:07.17

What is your sibling's name?

156

00:15:07.26 --> 00:15:08.13

Adjowa

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00:15:10.11 --> 00:15:11.16

Which of your siblings is on the lake?

158

00:15:11.27 --> 00:15:12.14

Sarah

159

00:15:12.28 --> 00:15:14.12

Where is Sarah?

160

00:15:14.29 --> 00:15:16.22

I don't know where she is.

161

00:15:17.20 --> 00:15:20.02

Who gave your sibling to the trafficker?

162

00:15:20.11 --> 00:15:21.29

My uncle.

163

00:15:22.22 --> 00:15:24.07

How many years has your brother been away?

164

00:15:25.04 --> 00:15:26.23

We celebrated Christmas three times.

165

00:15:27.10 --> 00:15:28.09

So three years.

166

00:15:29.04 --> 00:15:30.15

Her name is Hannah.

167

00:15:30.29 --> 00:15:32.09

Hannah. Thank you.

168

00:15:37.01 --> 00:15:38.24

Peter, come here.

169

00:15:43.02 --> 00:15:44.24

Peter, who do you know on the lake?

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00:15:45.17 --> 00:15:46.15

His name is Teye.

171

00:15:47.08 --> 00:15:47.25

How do you know him?

172

00:15:50.07 --> 00:15:50.27

Teye.

173

00:15:51.17 --> 00:15:52.23

He's my master's nephew.

174

00:15:54.27 --> 00:15:57.22

What's the name of the person Teye stays with?

175

00:15:58.09 --> 00:15:59.17

He stays with a guy called Reuben Papa.

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00:16:00.08 --> 00:16:01.05

-Who?

Reuben Papa.

177

00:16:01.25 --> 00:16:02.12

Papa who?

178

00:16:02.22 --> 00:16:04.16

Reuben.

-Reuben Papa.

179

00:16:05.01 --> 00:16:07.08

Reuben Papa is what they call him?

-Yes.

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00:16:10.03 --> 00:16:11.01

What village are they in?

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00:16:11.20 --> 00:16:12.12

Kafabaye village.

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00:16:12.24 --> 00:16:14.00

Kafabaye number 1 or 2 or...

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00:16:14.17 --> 00:16:15.02

Number 3.

184

00:16:15.15 --> 00:16:17.24

Kafabaye number 3. That's where they are?

185

00:16:18.26 --> 00:16:22.10

If we go to rescue Teye, will he come willingly?

186

00:16:22.29 --> 00:16:23.24

Yes, he will.

187

00:16:26.08 --> 00:16:29.04

Okay. We've got it. We'll do our best.

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00:16:29.23 --> 00:16:30.17

Thank you.

-You're welcome.

189

00:16:36.04 --> 00:16:37.05

How many names did we add?

190

00:16:39.25 --> 00:16:40.10

Seven.

191

00:16:43.07 --> 00:16:44.15

We'll follow up on the lake.

MARY

Kwameís wife

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00:17:30.29 --> 00:17:32.09

Daddy, I want rice.

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00:17:34.03 --> 00:17:35.16

Have you seen rice in this house?

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00:17:38.01 --> 00:17:38.25

Have you seen rice in this house?

195

00:17:40.04 --> 00:17:40.20

Huh?

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00:17:42.03 --> 00:17:42.26

Manny?

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00:17:43.18 --> 00:17:44.28

Have you seen rice here?

198

00:17:45.22 --> 00:17:46.28

Where is it?

199

00:17:47.14 --> 00:17:48.18

Have you seen rice here?

200

00:17:51.02 --> 00:17:52.17

Where do you guys eat on the lake?

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00:17:55.00 --> 00:17:57.03

Mostly we eat on the boat.

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00:17:57.21 --> 00:18:01.04

Sometimes, we buy supplies and cook.

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00:18:05.22 --> 00:18:06.27

Stop, stop.

204

00:18:08.07 --> 00:18:09.15

Put it back.

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00:18:10.05 --> 00:18:12.01

Don't the masters fight you?

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00:18:13.25 --> 00:18:14.24

Some do.

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00:18:15.28 --> 00:18:18.04

They argue with us.

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00:18:18.24 --> 00:18:23.15

Sometimes a fight breaks out and we have to leave.

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00:18:24.05 --> 00:18:25.18

We go back with the police

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00:18:26.24 --> 00:18:29.02

and force them to release the child.

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00:18:31.17 --> 00:18:33.13

Add more soup to ours. I'm hungry.

212

00:18:35.07 --> 00:18:37.06

There's only a little fish.

-That's ok.

213

00:18:40.22 --> 00:18:42.05

Come and get it.

214

00:19:02.08 --> 00:19:03.23

Sir, we want to watch this one.

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00:19:04.14 --> 00:19:05.07

Sir, we like that one.

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00:19:05.22 --> 00:19:06.25

Sir, let's watch this one.

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00:19:07.16 --> 00:19:09.05

Sir, this one.

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00:20:55.04 --> 00:20:57.07

You should investigate the parents first!

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00:20:57.21 --> 00:20:59.16

Investigate them before you rescue their children.

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00:21:01.07 --> 00:21:02.22

Parents give their children to us.

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00:21:03.07 --> 00:21:05.03

We have them for a week. We've paid the parents.

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00:21:05.21 --> 00:21:07.10

Then, they have you rescue the child.

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00:21:08.05 --> 00:21:10.17

They take our money and we're here working.

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00:21:11.09 --> 00:21:14.24

They take your money!

- That's why you should work with adults.

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00:21:15.15 --> 00:21:18.06

I don't work with children.

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00:21:19.04 --> 00:21:22.21

But the money spent on the child, it's lost. It's wasted!

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00:21:23.24 --> 00:21:24.22

How much is it?

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00:21:25.07 --> 00:21:26.13

It's typically more than 40 dollars.

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00:21:27.04 --> 00:21:28.10

So when parents tell you to rescue their children,

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c 00:21:28.23 --> 00:21:29.10

investigate them first!

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00:21:31.01 --> 00:21:33.15

The thing is, the law says

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00:21:34.08 --> 00:21:38.01

that the person buying the child is to blame.

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00:21:38.15 --> 00:21:41.00

Those parents - they love money!

234

00:21:58.11 --> 00:22:02.11

I see my experience on the lake in the children because

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00:22:03.15 --> 00:22:04.23

I was trafficked as well.

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00:22:10.22 --> 00:22:13.01

There was a time that crop farming wasn't good and

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00:22:14.06 --> 00:22:16.18

I was trafficked to the lake.

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00:22:22.19 --> 00:22:23.29

I didn't know much about the world.

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00:22:25.27 --> 00:22:27.18

All that I wanted was freedom.

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00:22:39.29 --> 00:22:41.20

Have you caught any fish?

- No.

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00:22:43.00 --> 00:22:43.28

Which village did you come from?

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00:22:45.11 --> 00:22:46.13

Where?

-Number 5.

243

00:22:47.04 --> 00:22:48.10

Number 5? That's far!

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00:22:49.18 --> 00:22:52.01

You paddled all the way here?

- Yes.

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00:22:52.21 --> 00:22:55.03

Does your father fish?

- Yes, but he's sick.

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00:22:56.07 --> 00:22:57.22

Do you go to school?

-No.

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00:22:58.24 --> 00:22:59.19

Why?

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00:23:00.02 --> 00:23:01.11

I want to go.

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00:23:03.15 --> 00:23:06.13

Tell your father you should go to school.

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00:23:07.06 --> 00:23:09.18

Or next time they'll take you away.

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00:23:23.09 --> 00:23:24.15

Sometimes when I go to the lake,

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00:23:26.03 --> 00:23:30.06

I think about the torture, the abuses that I went through.

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00:23:34.08 --> 00:23:37.08

The slave masters value their nets more than the child.

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00:23:42.05 --> 00:23:45.12

I remember diving to disentangle nets.

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00:23:49.08 --> 00:23:53.09

Even if you open your eyes, you wouldn't see anything.

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00:23:56.12 --> 00:23:59.25

Some of the children get trapped and die as a result.

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00:24:04.08 --> 00:24:05.06

So,

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00:24:05.21 --> 00:24:07.07

death has become part of me.

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00:24:14.11 --> 00:24:15.15

Edem,

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00:24:16.06 --> 00:24:25.08

What kind of work did you do when you were on the lake with master Ben?

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00:24:26.16 --> 00:24:27.27

I would dive into the lake

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00:24:28.23 --> 00:24:30.18

and I would untangle the nets.

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00:24:31.28 --> 00:24:35.02

For the sake of time let's move on.

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00:24:35.25 --> 00:24:37.11

We need to ask about his friend.

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00:24:37.25 --> 00:24:40.06

Like, when did he last see him?

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00:24:40.21 --> 00:24:43.13

So, on the day Steven disappeared,

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00:24:44.25 --> 00:24:46.13

What happened to him?

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00:24:46.29 --> 00:24:49.11

Did he run away?

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00:24:50.08 --> 00:24:50.13

No.

270

00:24:50.25 --> 00:24:54.06

Ok. Tell us what happened to Steven.

271

00:25:28.03 --> 00:25:30.14

We're looking for Kobina Ototama.

272

00:25:33.11 --> 00:25:34.16

We've got a lot of kids here,

273

00:25:35.03 --> 00:25:37.17

but you show up and point

274

00:25:37.25 --> 00:25:39.08

at only one of them

275

00:25:39.24 --> 00:25:43.14

just because their name is on your list!

276

00:25:45.08 --> 00:25:47.10

Look, we've got the child

277

00:25:47.29 --> 00:25:49.05

and this matter is finished.

278

00:25:56.13 --> 00:25:58.06

No one's going to harm you. Ok?

279

00:26:07.13 --> 00:26:08.28

Rose, hand me the list.

280

00:26:11.27 --> 00:26:13.08

This way or that way?

281

00:26:13.18 --> 00:26:13.26

- That way.

282

00:26:14.04 --> 00:26:15.29

We have to go around.

283

00:26:17.06 --> 00:26:19.04

Not that way. This way.

284

00:26:19.08 --> 00:26:21.17

That way.

- Thanks.

285

00:26:21.23 --> 00:26:23.14

Good afternoon.

286

00:26:24.02 --> 00:26:25.12

Is this the way to the village?

287

00:26:25.22 --> 00:26:26.21

This way?

288

00:26:28.05 --> 00:26:29.11

We'll have to cross the lake.

289

00:26:44.08 --> 00:26:46.05

Where's the Chief's house?

290

00:26:47.09 --> 00:26:50.11

We mean no harm. We're looking for Ayew.

291

00:26:51.08 --> 00:26:54.28

If you want to talk to her, you have to talk to me first.

292

00:26:56.27 --> 00:26:59.26

Someone told them! Someone told them we have Ayew!

293

00:27:00.08 --> 00:27:02.25

They did! That's how they found us!

294

00:27:11.01 --> 00:27:12.23

Let go, you're hurting him.

295

00:27:13.07 --> 00:27:14.11

No, you are!

296

00:27:16.05 --> 00:27:17.20

Hey Bernice, we need to go!

297

00:27:18.02 --> 00:27:18.24

Hit it!

298

00:27:22.01 --> 00:27:23.29

We won't hurt you.

299

00:27:47.24 --> 00:27:49.24

Adoko are you sleeping?

300

00:27:51.25 --> 00:27:54.01

Adoko is out!

301

00:27:57.15 --> 00:27:59.12

Back off! Leave me alone!

302

00:28:00.18 --> 00:28:01.28

Jerks!

303

00:28:04.07 --> 00:28:06.25

If a boy from my hometown is rescued,

304

00:28:07.05 --> 00:28:10.23

you're taking the bottom bunk and he'll get the top bunk.

305

00:28:11.05 --> 00:28:14.20

- If someone from my town comes,

306

00:28:15.13 --> 00:28:19.28

I'll boot Afakoh out of his bunk!

307

00:28:21.09 --> 00:28:25.05

When Teye comes, he'll sleep in the bottom bunk,

308

00:28:25.19 --> 00:28:27.15

and we'll do everything together!

309

00:28:28.03 --> 00:28:32.28

Eat, sleep, school, play. Everything!

310

00:28:33.07 --> 00:28:35.26

And if anyone messes with him, I'll report you!

311

00:28:36.05 --> 00:28:38.11

- He's not coming!

312

00:28:39.04 --> 00:28:41.17

He's coming. I'm praying he's coming!

313

00:28:42.10 --> 00:28:44.09

And when he gets here, I'll be so happy.

314

00:28:44.26 --> 00:28:49.25

He'll sleep in the bottom bunk. So Amelanyo, you get the boot!

315

00:29:03.28 --> 00:29:05.06

Which way is Kafabaye number 3?

316

00:29:06.22 --> 00:29:09.08

Number 3 is that way. It's far.

317

00:29:18.02 --> 00:29:20.01

We need the herdsmen to move the cattle.

318

00:29:21.06 --> 00:29:23.24

I don't like the way they're looking at us.

319

00:29:32.19 --> 00:29:33.23

Good afternoon.

320

00:29:34.19 --> 00:29:36.09

How are you?

321

00:29:37.05 --> 00:29:41.02

Where can we find the Chief's house?

322

00:29:47.06 --> 00:29:51.01

We come in peace. We're here about a child.

323

00:29:52.14 --> 00:29:53.28

The boy's name is Teye.

324

00:29:55.12 --> 00:29:56.27

His name is Teye.

325

00:29:57.08 --> 00:30:00.20

We believe that you are Reuben Papa, we believe that you have him.

326

00:30:01.13 --> 00:30:06.19

Who told you he was here?

327

00:30:06.28 --> 00:30:10.11

The reason I'm asking is

328

00:30:11.00 --> 00:30:14.13

we all know what this world is like.

329

00:30:15.14 --> 00:30:17.15

We've got a lot of kids working here.

330

00:30:17.20 --> 00:30:20.00

Some are our own kids, and the rest are other people's children.

331

00:30:20.16 --> 00:30:23.21

The work you're talking about, if the police find out

332

00:30:24.13 --> 00:30:27.04

you'll be arrested. It's called child labor.

333

00:30:27.20 --> 00:30:32.07

It's the government's fault. It's their fault.

334

00:30:32.18 --> 00:30:35.16

that we have so many children trafficked on this lake.

335

00:30:36.01 --> 00:30:38.22

I know life is difficult here.

336

00:30:39.09 --> 00:30:42.14

My father sent me here when I was a child.

337

00:30:42.22 --> 00:30:47.12

I worked so my sisters could go to school.

338

00:30:47.20 --> 00:30:49.14

But I was rescued.

339

00:30:49.23 --> 00:30:55.23

Now, I'm the most educated person in my family.

340

00:30:56.12 --> 00:31:00.04

If everyone could go to school

341

00:31:00.14 --> 00:31:05.04

we would see the God-given talent in everyone.

342

00:31:05.25 --> 00:31:08.11

That's the best explanation I can give you.

343

00:31:08.20 --> 00:31:11.00

- Well said.

344

00:31:11.14 --> 00:31:17.01

The kids we have all go to school.

345

00:31:17.19 --> 00:31:20.18

- I think you should give the boy to them.

346

00:31:21.00 --> 00:31:22.19

- We aren't going to do that!

347

00:31:22.28 --> 00:31:26.06

So whether school or no school

348

00:31:26.14 --> 00:31:29.20

they still want to take the kid away?

349

00:31:29.29 --> 00:31:32.10

- Relax, we can handle this.

350

00:31:32.26 --> 00:31:34.13

The issue is they want to take the boy.

351

00:31:34.25 --> 00:31:37.23

If they have a problem.

- It's not our concern.

352

00:31:38.08 --> 00:31:39.16

- Oh no. Don't say that.

353

00:31:40.00 --> 00:31:40.27

What?

- Relax.

354

00:31:41.07 --> 00:31:43.10

Oh no!

- I'm not angry!

355

00:31:43.16 --> 00:31:44.12

- Relax!

356

00:31:44.19 --> 00:31:47.22

Let the boy go. If he succeeds, you could benefit.

357

00:31:48.01 --> 00:31:49.00

Excuse me.

358

00:31:52.02 --> 00:31:57.02

Listen to what they're saying about the child.

359

00:31:57.15 --> 00:32:00.27

When I see this child, I know he can go far.

360

00:32:01.11 --> 00:32:03.23

If they take the child away, it could benefit you.

361

00:32:04.05 --> 00:32:06.04

They're not lying.

362

00:32:07.01 --> 00:32:09.04

The child will return to his family.

363

00:32:12.24 --> 00:32:18.20

I'll go get the child because I've got nothing else to say.

364

00:32:19.01 --> 00:32:23.13

Calm down. Relax.

365

00:32:24.18 --> 00:32:28.09

I don't want this to turn into a fight.

366

00:32:50.18 --> 00:32:52.00

Here he is.

367

00:32:54.07 --> 00:32:57.10

This is Teye. This is the boy you're looking for.

368

00:33:00.20 --> 00:33:02.13

He said he wants to bring his clothes.

369

00:33:02.24 --> 00:33:03.25

Go with him.

370

00:33:27.06 --> 00:33:29.03

Did you go to school today?

371

00:33:29.23 --> 00:33:31.25

No, I don't go to school.

372

00:33:32.26 --> 00:33:34.21

My investment is lost!

373

00:33:35.25 --> 00:33:39.13

Go, go! You don't remember what I've done!

374

00:33:44.01 --> 00:33:47.09

You're a good boy. That's why they're upset you're leaving.

375

00:34:39.24 --> 00:34:41.21

The children call me Big Teacher.

376

00:34:42.19 --> 00:34:43.22

I think you know Peter?

377

00:34:44.08 --> 00:34:45.07

Peter is with us.

378

00:34:46.12 --> 00:34:49.09

Peter asked us to rescue you.

379

00:34:50.08 --> 00:34:52.22

We're not going to hurt you. We're not going to kill you.

380

00:34:53.10 --> 00:34:55.11

We are not going to use you for ritual sacrifice

381

00:34:55.20 --> 00:34:57.29

as you may have been told.

382

00:34:59.04 --> 00:35:03.01

You're safe now. You can relax. Understand?

383

00:36:22.16 --> 00:36:23.16

What's your name?

384

00:36:23.27 --> 00:36:25.02

Teye.

385

00:36:29.25 --> 00:36:32.21

Teye, stand on the scale.

386

00:36:48.03 --> 00:36:48.19

Teye!

387

00:36:51.08 --> 00:36:52.10

I've been waiting to see you.

388

00:36:52.20 --> 00:36:55.09

You're older. You've really grown up!

389

00:36:55.21 --> 00:36:57.00

It's been so long.

390

00:36:57.09 --> 00:37:00.11

I saw you and I was like, "Is that him?"

391

00:37:01.05 --> 00:37:03.28

At first, I didn't see you

392

00:37:04.22 --> 00:37:06.14

and I thought

393

00:37:07.14 --> 00:37:08.20

what if they didn't find him?

394

00:37:09.01 --> 00:37:11.22

I'm happy to be here, but I'm worried.

395

00:37:12.11 --> 00:37:14.14

I'm worried about my brothers on the lake.

396

00:37:14.27 --> 00:37:19.09

Listen to me - there's no more fishing bro. That's done!

397

00:37:19.27 --> 00:37:29.06

After you left, they made me do all the work!

398

00:37:30.02 --> 00:37:35.09

Did they make you dive to untangle the nets?

- Yeah. I was the only one!

399

00:37:35.22 --> 00:37:38.14

Hey, I'm in school now.

400

00:37:39.01 --> 00:37:39.25

Wow!

401

00:37:40.03 --> 00:37:45.23

I held the pencil, but I didn't know how to write.

402

00:37:46.13 --> 00:37:49.12

But a teacher taught me my ABCs.

403

00:37:50.15 --> 00:37:53.05

Hey, how's Martha?

- Who's Martha?

404

00:37:53.17 --> 00:37:54.09

The cat!

405

00:37:54.25 --> 00:37:55.25

Oh! She had kittens!

406

00:37:56.01 --> 00:37:57.02

Again?

- Yeah, again!

407

c 00:37:57.22 --> 00:38:00.17

Did they kill them?

- Yeah, but they let a few live.

408

00:38:01.00 --> 00:38:03.26

I saved the bottom bunk for you bro.

409

00:38:04.05 --> 00:38:05.16

- Teye, come join us!

410

00:38:09.22 ≠ --> 00:38:11.13

- Peter, you too!

411

00:38:17.15 --> 00:38:18.12

Ok. So,

412

00:38:18.21 --> 00:38:20.09

we're grateful.

413

00:38:20.27 --> 00:38:23.03

We're thankful for our new brothers and sisters.

414

00:38:23.23 --> 00:38:26.25

We're thankful they've arrived.

415

00:38:26.29 --> 00:38:28.11

So what do we say?

416

00:38:28.16 --> 00:38:32.09

Welcome home!

417

00:38:32.26 --> 00:38:35.01

And how do you respond?

418

00:38:35.15 --> 00:38:37.19

Thank you.

419

00:38:38.00 --> 00:38:40.01

Now, tell us your proper name.

420

00:38:40.24 --> 00:38:43.19

The name you want us to call you.

421

00:38:50.08 --> 00:38:52.04

Take these down.

422

00:38:53.19 --> 00:38:56.06

Do you have that old shirt I gave you?

423

c 00:38:56.24 --> 00:38:59.28

I think I saw it in the bag, but it's got a hole.

424

00:39:01.18 --> 00:39:04.10

Yeah, here it is.

425

00:39:05.02 --> 00:39:06.21

Man, it's old.

426

00:39:07.26 --> 00:39:10.03

It's ripped, but you can wear it.

427

00:39:17.18 --> 00:39:20.15

Looks good. It's yours now.

428

00:40:26.06 --> 00:40:29.24

We want to know if you have been to school.

429

00:40:30.11 --> 00:40:32.19

Everybody should write 1, 2, 3.

430

00:40:33.07 --> 00:40:38.28

And then write your name so we can decide which grade to put you in.

431

00:40:51.08 --> 00:40:53.19

Move your hand.

432

00:40:54.02 --> 00:40:55.26

We want to see what you're writing.

433

00:40:56.07 --> 00:40:57.14

What is your name? Teye Abadi?

434

00:40:58.06 --> 00:40:58.26

Teye Adi

435

00:40:59.12 --> 00:41:00.10

Teye Adi

436

00:41:12.16 --> 00:41:16.18

Adi. "D" is not written that way.

437

00:41:20.06 --> 00:41:23.13

Look at my hand.

438

00:41:42.07 --> 00:41:44.01

Sit by your own food not someone else's.

439

00:41:55.08 --> 00:41:57.05

The porridge is good and it's a big portion today.

440

00:41:57.16 --> 00:41:59.10

Wait! I didn't get much porridge at all!

441

00:41:59.25 --> 00:42:02.01

Oh my God! You can eat a lot.

442

00:42:02.14 --> 00:42:03.29

I'll eat so much they'll have a food shortage.

443

00:42:03.29 --> 00:42:05.25

Peter! I'm only half done.

444

00:42:07.08 --> 00:42:08.24

Eat your bread!

445

00:42:09.15 --> 00:42:13.05

Quit waving it in our faces like that.

446

00:42:13.17 --> 00:42:16.13

Leave him alone! He wants to keep some in his pocket.

447

00:42:17.10 --> 00:42:19.06

He's just doing what he knows.

448

00:42:43.03 --> 00:42:46.17

Do you know why we're going to the beach?

- Yes madam.

449

00:42:47.12 --> 00:42:48.28

What are we going to do?

450

00:42:49.26 --> 00:42:51.03

I'm going to pray.

451

00:42:52.04 --> 00:42:53.00

Who are you going to pray for?

452

00:42:54.14 --> 00:42:56.16

I'm going to pray for a friend.

453

00:42:57.05 --> 00:42:59.23

What's the name of your friend?

- Steven.

454

00:43:00.28 --> 00:43:02.18

After saying this prayer

455

00:43:03.10 --> 00:43:05.04

we hope you'll be able to

456

00:43:05.25 --> 00:43:08.14

play when you want to, sleep when you're tired,

457

00:43:08.25 --> 00:43:12.08

and stay focused in school.

458

00:43:12.15 --> 00:43:14.04

Do you understand?

459

00:43:14.17 --> 00:43:16.25

Yes madam.

- Ok.

460

00:43:32.11 --> 00:43:37.01

So now anything you want to tell Steven, you can stand here

461

00:43:38.18 --> 00:43:41.08

and close your eyes and pray to him.

462

00:43:41.22 --> 00:43:47.01

We'll leave you alone so you can say your prayer.

463

00:43:47.22 --> 00:43:48.29

Understand?

- Yes sir.

464

00:43:49.24 --> 00:43:52.21

Bernice, let's let him say his prayer.

465

00:43:57.09 --> 00:44:00.27

Steven, I came to pray for you.

466

00:44:01.18 --> 00:44:04.00

We both suffered so much on Lake Volta.

467

00:44:04.17 --> 00:44:06.18

I remember our last day together.

468

00:44:07.03 --> 00:44:10.12

When the master forced us to dive and untangle the net.

469

00:44:11.05 --> 00:44:15.12

And you dove first so I could go second, Steven.

470

00:44:16.05 --> 00:44:18.17

But you dove down and never came up, Steven.

471

00:44:19.04 --> 00:44:20.21

You never came back, Steven.

472

00:44:21.15 --> 00:44:23.14

And then I was left alone, Steven.

473

00:44:24.03 --> 00:44:25.17

I was all alone, Steven.

474

00:44:26.06 --> 00:44:27.28

If I wronged you -

475

00:44:28.15 --> 00:44:30.13

If I sinned against you,

476

00:44:31.00 --> 00:44:33.04

please forgive me, please forgive me.

477

00:44:34.00 --> 00:44:36.09

Steven, all the games we played together

478

00:44:36.27 --> 00:44:39.01

have stopped now that you are dead.

479

00:44:39.18 --> 00:44:41.20

Wherever you are, God bless you.

480

00:44:42.12 --> 00:44:47.07

Thank you for hearing my prayer for Steven. Amen.

481

00:44:50.25 --> 00:44:54.12

Now that you've prayed for Steven,

482

00:44:55.03 --> 00:44:56.21

Do you feel some relief?

483

00:44:57.25 --> 00:44:59.15

Let's put our feet

484

00:45:00.12 --> 00:45:02.14

in the sea before we leave.

485

00:45:03.01 --> 00:45:04.00

Yes, sir.

- Come, come.

486

00:45:28.26 --> 00:45:30.17

When I give it to you, rinse it out.

487

00:45:33.19 --> 00:45:35.15

Rinse it out.

488

00:45:42.06 --> 00:45:42.29

First,

489

00:45:43.10 --> 00:45:45.10

I sweep the compound.

490

00:45:45.29 --> 00:45:50.19

Then I fetch water for my parents.

491

00:45:51.00 --> 00:45:52.27

I wash mys-

492

00:45:53.20 --> 00:45:54.10

myself,

493

00:45:55.00 --> 00:45:57.08

then I have breakfast.

494

00:45:58.02 --> 00:46:02.15

What do you have for breakfast?

495

00:46:04.02 --> 00:46:05.12

What does it say?

496

00:46:05.21 --> 00:46:06.27

Porridge and bread.

497

00:46:07.12 --> 00:46:08.16

Porridge and bread.

498

00:46:13.03 --> 00:46:14.10

Do you see any ripe papaya?

499

00:46:16.11 --> 00:46:19.17

Do you think that one's ripe?

500

00:46:22.05 --> 00:46:23.03

It's not ripe.

501

00:46:38.18 --> 00:46:39.26

It's ripe.

502

00:47:20.24 --> 00:47:22.17

Okay, so we can start with Edem.

503

00:47:23.11 --> 00:47:26.07

You could see that for him he was also affected a lot.

504

00:47:26.17 --> 00:47:28.22

Because of the death of the friend on the lake.

505

00:47:29.22 --> ≠ 00:47:31.17

With that one I think he has overcome it

506

00:47:32.03 --> 00:47:36.12

to some extent because he's not too withdrawn like before.

507

00:47:39.07 --> 00:47:40.20

Like, he doesn't

508

00:47:41.11 --> 00:47:43.06

feel shy to talk about it if you should ask him.

509

00:47:43.25 --> 00:47:45.03

Before he was like

510

00:47:45.24 --> 00:47:47.13

it took time before he could totally open up.

511

00:47:48.03 --> 00:47:49.23

But for now there, he's fine since we

512

00:47:51.07 --> 00:47:53.12

we did the intervention after the therapy.

513

00:47:53.29 --> 00:47:55.09

He's really recovered also.

514

00:47:57.25 --> 00:47:59.18

Do we think Edem can be reintegrated

515

00:48:00.09 --> 00:48:01.08

with the next batch?

516

00:48:02.17 --> 00:48:03.26

Yeah. I think he can.

517

00:48:19.19 --> 00:48:21.10

Edem, where is Peter?

518

00:48:25.20 --> 00:48:26.27

How are you both?

519

00:48:27.18 --> 00:48:29.16

Lift your head. Smile, Edem.

520

00:48:30.27 --> 00:48:34.01

Don't worry, you're not in trouble.

521

00:48:34.28 --> 00:48:41.24

Your mothers and uncles are coming for a visit.

522

00:48:43.17 --> 00:48:44.23

Are you happy or not?

- Happy!

523

00:48:45.14 --> 00:48:49.11

When they come for a visit,

524

00:48:49.18 --> 00:48:52.02

you can ask any questions you have.

525

00:48:52.13 --> 00:48:56.12

Anything about your family.

526

00:48:56.25 --> 00:48:58.03

Do you understand?

527

00:49:39.17 --> 00:49:43.22

Edem, your mom's beautiful!

- Stop.

528

00:49:45.04 --> 00:49:49.03

How can you be so ugly?

529

00:49:50.17 --> 00:49:53.05

That's your mom!

- Stop! Stop!

530

00:49:53.11 --> 00:49:56.02

It's your mommy!

Go to her!

531

00:50:20.15 --> 00:50:22.23

So did you know what he'd do on the lake?

532

00:50:23.12 --> 00:50:23.26

No.

533

00:50:24.03 --> 00:50:25.25

You didn't know what he was going to do?

534

00:50:29.19 --> 00:50:32.25

After they took Edem, what did she do?

535

00:50:39.11 --> 00:50:43.13

I was sad because he's my only son.

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00:50:43.27 --> 00:50:48.18

My sister's son knew where Edem was,

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00:50:49.03 --> 00:50:52.24

but when I asked her for help, she wouldn't.

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00:50:54.12 --> 00:50:56.01

Ok, so how can she assure us

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00:50:57.00 --> 00:50:59.16

of Edem's safety when Edem comes home?

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00:50:59.28 --> ≠≠ 00:51:01.06

That now, Edem will not follow

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00:51:01.25 --> 00:51:03.20

anyone, to go anywhere.

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00:51:04.03 --> 00:51:06.03

And she would be sitting there, and just watching?

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00:51:06.17 --> 00:51:08.18

For the small boy to go with someone like that?

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00:51:09.07 --> 00:51:10.02

It can't happen like that.

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00:51:10.27 --> 00:51:12.04

I want her to answer for me.

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00:51:19.15 --> 00:51:23.02

He's my only son. I will take care of him.

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00:51:23.16 --> 00:51:27.11

I want you to assure me

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00:51:28.00 --> 00:51:32.14

you won't send him away with anyone ever again.

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00:51:33.07 --> 00:51:34.00

I promise.

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00:51:34.08 --> 00:51:36.26

From now on you will take care of him

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00:51:37.12 --> 00:51:40.02

and you won't send him away with anyone else.

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00:51:40.17 --> 00:51:41.10

No.

- Ok.

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00:51:42.08 --> 00:51:44.20

Does she have anything to say or tell us?

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00:51:51.07 --> 00:51:52.21

She just says, thank you people.

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00:53:23.25 --> 00:53:25.25

Where is Peter?

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00:53:32.17 --> 00:53:33.24

Do you recognize any of us?

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00:53:35.13 --> 00:53:36.11

I think I know you.

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00:53:36.23 --> 00:53:38.16

Do you remember us from before?

- He thinks he recognizes us.

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00:53:39.01 --> 00:53:40.14

Which of us looks familiar?

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00:53:46.02 --> 00:53:48.26

I guess she's my mom?

- You think she's your mother?

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00:53:51.03 --> 00:53:52.07

She looks like my mother.

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00:53:53.08 --> 00:53:54.06

She looks like my mother.

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00:53:54.16 --> 00:53:56.08

She looks like your mother?

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00:53:57.13 --> 00:53:58.09

Go greet your mom.

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00:54:01.09 --> 00:54:03.02

Mom, please stand so he can hug you.

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00:54:08.14 --> 00:54:10.10

You've been away too long.

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00:54:11.00 --> 00:54:12.18

Mom, do you recognize him?

- Yes.

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Chief of Peterís village

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00:54:20.27 --> 00:54:27.09

Tell me how you ended up on the lake.

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00:54:28.14 --> 00:54:31.02

My mother said she was giving me to a man

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00:54:31.15 --> 00:54:33.25

and that I would go and work.

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00:54:36.02 --> 00:54:36.23

They said we'd go fishing.

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00:54:37.27 --> 00:54:40.09

If I protested he threatened to beat me.

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00:54:41.11 --> 00:54:44.25

So I'd get into the boat and go with them.

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00:54:46.03 --> 00:54:47.29

Were you paid for your work?

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00:54:48.13 --> 00:54:48.27

Never.

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00:54:50.10 --> 00:54:54.04

My master's son abused me.

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00:54:54.23 --> 00:54:56.26

He would beat me bloody.

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00:54:57.19 --> 00:55:01.28

So I learned to work as hard as I could.

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00:55:03.26 --> 00:55:10.09

Do you want to stay here, or go home and go to school?

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00:55:10.27 --> 00:55:13.13

I'll go when it's time to leave. I can't stay here.

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00:55:14.25 --> 00:55:20.01

You described what you endured because of your mother

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00:55:20.13 --> 00:55:25.25

so I'm offering to take care of you and your education.

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00:55:26.12 --> 00:55:28.07

You can live with me and go to school.

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00:55:29.02 --> 00:55:32.01

The decision is yours to make.

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00:55:37.09 --> 00:55:40.00

Do you want to stay with me or your mom?

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00:55:43.14 --> 00:55:45.03

I'll stay with you.

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00:55:45.16 --> 00:55:47.07

You want to stay with me?

588

00:55:54.09 --> 00:55:58.25

No matter what, he can't return to the lake. Ok?

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00:56:04.22 --> 00:56:06.02

I think that's that.

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00:56:07.06 --> 00:56:11.10

Peter, keep up with your prayers.

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00:56:48.26 --> 00:56:50.11

Before Adokoh scored that goal,

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00:56:50.26 --> 00:56:52.18

we scored two points.

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00:56:53.07 --> 00:56:54.06

Final score was 5-2.

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00:56:54.21 --> 00:56:56.09

No, 5-3, ask anyone!

595

00:56:59.03 --> 00:57:01.11

When Peter came, that's when we scored.

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00:57:01.26 --> 00:57:04.07

Yeah, but it was the second goal.

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00:57:18.02 --> 00:57:20.07

How'd you hurt your leg?

-A cleat to the shin.

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00:57:20.18 --> 00:57:22.24

Whose cleat?

- Sir Kwesi's.

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00:57:24.04 --> 00:57:25.11

Let's go.

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00:57:28.10 --> 00:57:30.08

You're going home soon.

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00:57:30.22 --> 00:57:34.04

You won't be living with your mom.

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00:57:34.21 --> 00:57:37.15

You'll stay with your village Chief.

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00:57:38.03 --> 00:57:39.20

Be respectful.

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00:57:40.11 --> 00:57:44.20

He has a good heart to take you in.

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00:57:46.00 --> 00:57:46.29

Yes sir.

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00:57:47.24 --> 00:57:49.12

I also worked on the lake as a child.

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00:57:49.29 --> 00:57:53.19

I was thirteen when I came home.

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00:57:54.04 --> 00:57:55.24

All I knew was hauling in the fishing net.

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00:57:56.10 --> 00:57:57.17

That's what we do.

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00:57:58.06 --> 00:58:00.11

All I knew was fishing. That was all I knew.

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00:58:01.02 --> 00:58:02.11

The kids laughed at me.

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00:58:03.00 --> 00:58:05.29

They sang "Father of First Grade." Do you know it?

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00:58:06.16 --> 00:58:08.25

They may sing that song for you.

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00:58:10.02 --> 00:58:11.15

But don't let it bother you.

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00:58:12.04 --> 00:58:17.14

People can do a lot of things to discourage you.

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00:58:18.05 --> 00:58:21.23

Don't listen to them. You have opportunities.

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00:58:22.12 --> 00:58:25.10

You can do better than I've done.

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00:58:27.07 --> 00:58:29.14

It doesn't matter where you come from.

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00:58:31.01 --> 00:58:33.23

It's where you want to go that matters.

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00:58:38.20 --> 00:58:41.05

It's going to rain again.

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00:59:00.14 --> 00:59:02.09

Everybody meet in the library.

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00:59:14.08 --> 00:59:15.25

As it stands now,

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00:59:16.18 --> 00:59:18.07

tomorrow, some of you

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00:59:19.09 --> 00:59:20.27

will be going home

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00:59:21.16 --> 00:59:22.29

and the rest will stay here.

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00:59:28.12 --> 00:59:29.20

Are you happy to be going home?

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00:59:30.08 --> 00:59:31.17

Yes madam!

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00:59:32.09 --> 00:59:35.23

At home, sometimes it may be difficult

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00:59:36.08 --> 00:59:38.00

to find enough food to eat.

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00:59:38.14 --> 00:59:40.16

You know the homes you come from.

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00:59:41.11 --> 00:59:44.15

You may eat only once a day at home.

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00:59:45.04 --> 00:59:48.18

Your mother might say, "I'm broke!"

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00:59:49.03 --> 00:59:51.18

That does not mean you stop going to school.

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00:59:52.07 --> 00:59:56.06

No matter what, go to school and do your best.

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00:59:57.03 --> 01:00:00.24

Always remember: school is the priority.

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01:00:01.17 --> 01:00:02.24

Let's hear a clap.

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01:00:06.13 --> 01:00:07.29

Ok, bathtime.

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01:00:42.13 --> 01:00:43.11

Don't cry.

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01:00:47.04 --> 01:00:48.14

Don't cry.

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01:00:48.29 --> 01:00:50.17

No. Don't cry.

641

01:00:52.12 --> 01:00:54.17

I'm going home.

642

01:00:55.04 --> 01:00:57.22

But you will too, when it's time.

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01:00:58.24 --> 01:01:00.24

When I came here,

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01:01:01.02 --> 01:01:03.22

I cried a lot too.

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01:01:04.08 --> 01:01:09.12

And one day, I just stopped.

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01:01:10.01 --> 01:01:11.17

After that, it was easier to learn.

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01:01:12.09 --> 01:01:14.02

What you have to do is,

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01:01:14.22 --> 01:01:15.26

study hard.

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01:01:16.12 --> 01:01:24.08

Focus on school, and accept that you'll be here a while.

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01:01:37.08 --> 01:01:38.08

You know, Teye

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01:01:38.23 --> 01:01:41.01

we'll see each other again.

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01:01:42.15 --> 01:01:46.13

I want to give you some things before I go.

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01:02:09.25 --> 01:02:13.14

This morning, he died for me

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01:02:14.11 --> 01:02:17.09

He died for me

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01:02:17.27 --> 01:02:20.20

I have life

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01:02:21.11 --> 01:02:23.07

because of the blood

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01:02:23.23 --> 01:02:26.24

because of the blood I have life

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01:04:36.05 --> 01:04:38.20

Edem hold on. Wait.

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01:04:41.01 --> 01:04:42.22

Oh, you're leaving me!

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01:04:43.12 --> 01:04:45.12

Don't forget me, okay?

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01:04:45.25 --> 01:04:47.24

- C'mon, Edem!

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01:05:17.03 --> 01:05:18.28

Welcome home!

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01:05:19.28 --> 01:05:21.24

Where's your bag?

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01:05:27.07 --> 01:05:32.20

I want to say something to Edem's mom especially.

675

01:05:33.06 --> 01:05:35.13

Edem says he wants to be a teacher.

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01:05:36.08 --> 01:05:39.20

I pray he'll go to school and become a teacher.

677

01:05:40.11 --> 01:05:44.04

He can't achieve that by himself.

678

01:05:45.09 --> 01:05:49.05

You need to do your part as well as the boy.

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01:05:50.02 --> 01:05:53.07

Now, concerning his behavior.

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01:05:53.25 --> 01:05:56.27

Because of the way he was beaten and abused

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01:05:57.08 --> 01:06:02.16

his behavior, his entire life, has changed.

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01:06:03.04 --> 01:06:05.22

So even though he's home,

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01:06:06.06 --> 01:06:08.15

he's a bit like a stranger.

684

01:06:09.01 --> 01:06:12.20

Please be gentle with him.

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01:06:34.27 --> 01:06:36.28

What you've just signed

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01:06:37.14 --> 01:06:39.04

states that, by law,

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01:06:39.19 --> 01:06:42.17

no child from this home will be sent to Lake Volta.

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01:06:43.01 --> 01:06:44.28

If that happens, it's called re-trafficking.

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01:06:45.18 --> 01:06:50.21

And you will go to prison for fifteen years.

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01:08:08.06 --> 01:08:08.26

Welcome!

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01:08:11.04 --> 01:08:16.28

If you hear of anyone taking children to Lake Volta,

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01:08:17.19 --> 01:08:20.11

and enslaving them, and not bringing them home,

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01:08:20.21 --> 01:08:27.06

you must tell me so I can identify the traffickers.

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Peterís mother

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01:08:27.17 --> 01:08:34.28

and have them arrested and tried in the capital.

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01:08:44.24 --> 01:08:47.18

You're bearing witness that we've returned Peter.

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01:08:48.10 --> 01:08:54.02

We need your thumbprint to affirm that we've brought Peter home.

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01:09:25.19 --> 01:09:26.21

You're not eating it all.

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01:09:27.02 --> 01:09:27.24

I'm full.

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01:09:28.12 --> 01:09:29.13

Finish your plate.

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01:09:29.22 --> 01:09:30.21

I'm full.

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01:09:43.14 --> 01:09:45.23

At the shelter, what grade were you in?

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01:09:46.01 --> 01:09:47.00

Third grade.

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01:09:47.19 --> 01:09:52.00

The boy who was rescued with me

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01:09:52.18 --> 01:09:54.22

he and I sat together in class.

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01:09:55.10 --> 01:09:57.10

He would look at my answers

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01:09:57.24 --> 01:10:01.02

and copy them so we moved up a grade.

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01:10:08.22 --> 01:10:10.17

We were the best in our class.

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01:10:10.27 --> 01:10:13.00

We led the class.

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01:10:15.11 --> 01:10:20.06

Don't let anyone copy your work at school here.

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01:10:20.14 --> 01:10:24.14

If I have to share a desk, they'll be able to see my work.

711

01:10:57.06 --> 01:10:57.23

Let me through.

712

01:11:02.09 --> 01:11:03.18

Thank you.

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01:11:05.01 --> 01:11:07.17

If you go to Ivory Coast you can see

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01:11:08.26 --> 01:11:13.05

women spreading their legs and taking photos.

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01:11:15.06 --> 01:11:16.03

It's very challenging

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01:11:16.26 --> 01:11:18.27

when we're bringing the children home.

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01:11:22.09 --> 01:11:24.24

If the child falls back into trafficking

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01:11:26.00 --> 01:11:27.10

or drops out of school

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01:11:27.25 --> 01:11:28.13

you feel like

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01:11:29.06 --> 01:11:30.09

your work is not completed.

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01:11:32.11 --> 01:11:33.27

You feel like whatever you did,

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01:11:34.19 --> 01:11:36.04

you didn't achieve anything.

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01:11:38.07 --> 01:11:41.23

But if the children are well prepared at the rehabilitation center,

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01:11:42.11 --> 01:11:44.26

then the work at home is easy.

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01:12:20.08 --> 01:12:21.11

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01:12:22.02 --> 01:12:23.23

Ranvi can run!

EVANGELINE

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01:13:31.25 --> 01:13:32.28

First grade.

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01:13:33.14 --> 01:13:35.02

First grade is here?

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01:13:36.28 --> 01:13:38.11

What class is this?

- Three.

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01:13:41.27 --> 01:13:45.02

When you arrive in the morning, you sweep the yard.

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01:13:45.12 --> 01:13:48.05

And then at 6am they take attendance.

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01:13:51.12 --> 01:13:56.25

If you're late, you'll be caned.

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01:13:57.05 --> 01:14:00.08

And if you're acting stubborn, you'll be caned.

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01:14:08.18 --> 01:14:09.17

Father in the name of Jesus,

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01:14:11.03 --> 01:14:13.24

I present this child into eternal grace.

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01:14:14.20 --> 01:14:16.21

You know what this child has been through.

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01:14:17.23 --> 01:14:20.08

But today your grace has found him.

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01:14:21.01 --> 01:14:22.15

Let your power

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01:14:23.07 --> 01:14:24.05

your eyes

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01:14:25.00 --> 01:14:25.29

be upon him.

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01:14:27.03 --> 01:14:28.18

You will protect him.

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01:14:28.29 --> 01:14:31.05

Your angels will guide him.

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01:14:31.29 --> 01:14:34.23

And you will open his mind.

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01:14:36.00 --> 01:14:39.22

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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01:14:59.22 --> 01:15:01.02

Is there school tomorrow?

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01:15:01.15 --> 01:15:03.26

No. Not until next week.

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01:15:06.13 --> 01:15:11.09

When you start school, you'll meet everyone.

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01:15:11.26 --> 01:15:14.15

You'll have lots of friends to hang out with.

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01:15:18.01 --> 01:15:19.23

When I got here, I was embarrassed

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01:15:21.27 --> 01:15:25.03

because I didn't know anybody to tutor me.

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01:15:25.16 --> 01:15:27.20

I can help you!

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01:16:27.05 --> 01:16:28.28

One may ask, what are vowels?

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01:16:30.17 --> 01:16:32.00

What are vowels?

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01:16:34.17 --> 01:16:37.11

So let's try together the sound of these vowels.

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01:16:38.24 --> 01:16:41.18

Let me see your mouth.

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01:16:42.00 --> 01:16:43.19

Everyone look like this. Let's go.

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01:16:50.16 --> 01:16:51.08

Open your mouth.

758

01:16:53.01 --> 01:16:54.22

Good. The word:

759

01:16:55.02 --> 01:16:55.24

TOLD

760

01:16:56.17 --> 01:16:58.06

Now you say that for me. TOLD.

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01:17:08.00 --> 01:17:08.19

Good.

762

01:17:08.29 --> 01:17:10.07

Clap for him.

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01:17:11.20 --> 01:17:13.10

Clap for yourselves!

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01:17:15.06 --> 01:17:17.28

Let's move to the next one.

Peter is 19 years old and in fourth grade. After primary school, he plans to apprentice with a mechanic.

Edem is 14 years old and in third grade. He hopes to complete high school, attend college, and become a teacher.

Teye is 16 years old and has been reunited with his mother. He visited Peter on his way home. All three boys are being monitored by shelter staff for two years.

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