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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?

31

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

Yes, that one sitting there.

32

 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.

35

 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?

37

 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!

44

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

Get him.

45

 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.

48

 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.

54

 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.

58

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

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

59

 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?

64

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

Ok. Let's hear a marching song.

65

 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

68

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

And make her great and strong

69

 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.

84

 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.

91

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

Why did you hate it?

92

 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?

95

 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

114

 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

118

 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

120

 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.

148

 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

157

 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?

170

 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.

176

 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...

183

 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.

188

 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

192

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

Daddy, I want rice.

193

 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?

196

 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.

203

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

Stop, stop.

204

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

Put it back.

205

 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.

215

 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.

222

 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.

225

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

I don't work with children.

226

 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.

229

 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!

231

 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.

233

 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.

240

 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!

244

 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.

250

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

Or next time they'll take you away.

251

 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.

255

 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.

259

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

Edem,

260

 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.

263

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

For the sake of time let's move on.

264

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

We need to ask about his friend.

265

 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?

269

 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.

536

 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.

553

 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.

559

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

Which of us looks familiar?

560

 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.

563

 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.

587

 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?

589

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

I think that's that.

590

 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.

596

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

Yeah, but it was the second goal.

597

 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.

599

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

Let's go.

600

 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.

618

 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?

627

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

Yes madam!

628

 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!"

633

 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.

637

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

Ok, bathtime.

638

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

Don't cry.

639

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

Don't cry.

640

 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.

647

 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.

649

 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.

659

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

Oh, you're leaving me!

670

 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!

673

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

Where's your bag?

674

 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.

676

 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.

679

 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.

682

 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.

685

 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.

690

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

Welcome!

691

 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.

699

 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.

701

 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.

703

 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.

709

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

Don't let anyone copy your work at school here.

710

 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.

713

 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

Veera

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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?

729

 01:13:36.28 --> 01:13:38.11

What class is this?

- Three.

730

 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.

732

 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.

737

 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.

745

 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!

752

 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.

757

 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.

761

 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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