

ALL ABOUT THE MCKENZIES

PILOT

WELCOME HOME SON

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EXT. MCKENZIE'S HOUSE - BACK GARDEN - DAY

1

COLD OPENING.

WE HEAR A HIPHOP TUNE 'BOASTY' BY WILEY. THERE'S A BARBEQUE IN A BACKGARDEN. WE SEE A GOOD TURN OUT WITH FAMILY MEMBERS (30 OR SO)- DANCING, LAUGHING AWAY. THERE ARE BIRTHDAY PRESENTS STACKED ON AN OUTSIDE TABLE.

DJ BIG TINGS, BLACK CARRIBEAN, 30'S, A COOL GUY IS MIXING ON THE DECKS.

DJ BIG TINGS

Big tune! Big up Mr Raymond Mckenzie
birt-day-bwoy! Nuff said!

Family and guests go wild. A very lively GRANDDAD, 70'S, BLACK CARIBBEAN, JAMAICAN ACCENT runs out the house

GRANDDAD

Catch me if you can!

He runs off and there are children of multiple ages running with water guns after him. He nearly knocks over the barbecue which is being looked after by RAYMOND MCKENZIE, Black CARRIBEAN, 50'S. DETECTIVE.

RAYMOND

Watch where you going you can't see me
cooking?

GRANDDAD (O.S)

Buoi hush up ya mouth!

Raymond continues to flip the chicken over.

RAYMOND

Cockafart

DELIA MCKENZIE, his wife BLACK CARIBBEAN, 50's wearing a colourful purple dress walks over.

DELIA

Are you cussing Peachy bum?

RAYMOND

Dee can you sort your dad out? I'm
trying to cook here! I have half the
station and the chief super intendant
coming down later, I'm not having him
mess it up!

GRANDDAD
Who mess it up? Buoy shutup!

RAYMOND
(TO ANGEL)
And Angel?

ANGEL MCKENZIE, BLACK CARIBBEAN, 10YRS OLD, who is playing her Nintendo Switch engaged in her game.

ANGEL
Yes dad

DELIA
Angel come off the game its your dad's birthday.

RAYMOND
Where is your sister? I asked her to sort out the salad an hour ago?

ANGEL
I'll go and find her

Angel goes in the house.

RAYMOND
Thankyou! At least someone is doing something I have asked.

DELIA
Ray, don't you think you are being a bit panicky?

RAYMOND
I'm not panicky I just want things in order, this is the first time I have work mates coming over. I want everything to be perfect.

DELIA
Does this have anything to do with that promotion exam?

RAYMOND
I'm just thinking outside the box. Can't a man just do something nice? Oh! That reminds me we need to keep people away from that bees nest in the corner.

Delia takes the instrument out of his hand and rests it on the BBQ and gently pushes him against the wall.

DELIA

I picked out this dress especially for you today, do you like?

RAYMOND

Dee you know I love this dress on you... and when you take it off...

They laugh and kiss. Out of nowhere Granddad raises his head in-between them slowly.

GRANDDAD

What a disgrace! You can't see the youth them? No wonder your kids are crazy!

RAYMOND

DAD!

GRANDDAD

Delia I expect better from you!

Granddad walks off.

DELIA

Samuell will be here soon to take over. Then you my darling can have some fun.

RAYMOND

(PATOIS)

And have him bun up the chicken like last time?

DELIA

Alright then Dad will do it-

RAYMOND

(PATOIS)

And have him eat up the chicken like last time!

GRANDDAD (O.S)

I didn't want it to go to waste

DELIA

Alright, I'll get Andre to do it

RAYMOND
 (PATOIS)
 ...Him know how to season it good?

DELIA
 Oh shush you.

She playfully hits him and they laugh.

CUT TO.

INT. MCKENZIE'S HOME - CHARLENE'S ROOM - DAY

2

CHARLENE MCKENZIE, BLACK CARRIBEAN, 16YRS OLD cute, grinning with a phone held up to her face. There are pictures of male rappers on her wall. She is painting her nails.

CHARLENE
 (ON PHONE)
 Oh my gosh! You look so hot in your selfie with your top off... I've sent you some already, stop it (LAUGHS) Are you mad? You can't come here if my dad finds out I have a boyfriend older than me he would flip

The door opens and Angel barges in

ANGEL
 Charlene, Dad said you have to prepare the salad

Charlene quickly hangs up.

CHARLENE
 Don't you know how to knock?

ANGEL
 I sent you a message on WhatsApp but you ignored me

CHARLENE
 I'm a bit busy right now

ANGEL
 You're busy? I'm busy! I'm on chapter 10 on Skylanders

CHARLENE
 Why don't you do the salad?

ANGEL

Do I look like I'm gonna be in the kitchen at my age?

(PUTTING ON AN ACT)

I could cut myself with a very sharp knife... oh the agony!

(DRAMATIC THEATRE)

And you would be blamed because you are the responsible older sister...

CHARLENE

Fine! I'll be down in a minute.

ANGEL

Glad to hear

Angel walks off then comes back.

ANGEL (CONT'D)

Oh by the way. Its not only that he is older that will make dad flip but its the fact that you even have a boyfriend that will make dad flip.

CHARLENE

You eavesdropping on my convo?!

ANGEL

No, you're voice is just too loud, why don't you whisper like this or talk under your pillow, that's what I do.

CHARLENE

You better not say anything...

ANGEL

You better sort out that salad,

(DRAMATIC THEATRE)

and I like mine crunchy with a bit of mayo on the side mwahahahahaha.

She laughs and walks off like a queen. Charlene screams in frustration.

CUT TO.

EXT. MCKENZIE'S HOUSE - BACK GARDEN - DAY

3

A child runs past and joins a small gathering of children listening to a very wise yet very short, could be mistaken

for a child... ANDRE MCKENZIE, BLACK CARRIBEAN, 15YRS OLD wearing goggles like Urkel and CULTRAL BLACK AFRICAN SHIRT. He speaks with a very posh voice and is talking about Egypt.

ANDRE

And did you know that the Nile is the longest river in the world?

LITTLE BOY

No my dad said it was 'denial'

ANDRE

No you must be confused that's just a saying, basically its-

LITTLE BOY

(ANGRY)

You're saying my dad's a liar, I hate you!

The little boy kicks Andre in the leg.

ANDRE

Ahhhhh you little!

The little boy runs off with the rest of the kids laughing. The doorbell rings, Granddad springs up from up from his sunbed in a panic.

Andre goes inside the house.

RAYMOND

Right that will be them, how do I look?

GRANDDAD (O.S)

Like a eidyat!

DELIA

Perfect like a peach.

Raymond enters the house.

PATRICIA SHELTON, WHITE, 50'S, NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOUR steps into her back garden and locks eyes with Delia. Bitchiness is in the air...

PATRICIA

Ahh Delia Mckenzie.

CUT TO.

EXT. MCKENZIE'S HOUSE - DAY

4

A COUPLE DOZEN WHITE POLICE OFFICERS, SOME IN UNIFORM AND SOME NON-UNIFORM. ANDRE OPENS THE DOOR.

ANDRE

Ello ello ello pleased to meet your acquaintance.

OFFICER

Ah you must be Andre

ANDRE

(PROUD)

I see you've heard of me-

Raymond drags Andre inside and steps to the front door. The police celebrate "Happy Birthday" etc

RAYMOND

Don't mind him. Glad you could come.

He ushers them inside and notices the chief superintendent is not there.

RAYMOND (CONT'D)

Where's chief super intendant Maggie?

OFFICER

Late. You now how it is with the powers upstairs.

CUT TO.

EXT. MCKENZIE'S HOUSE - BACK GARDEN - DAY

5

Things are heating up at the garden fence.

PATRICA

Shame I wasn't invited. Lots of good looking policemen.

DELIA

Well you know, friends and family only.

PATRICA

Oh that's not nice, we were good friends growing up Delia.

DELIA

Well we all make mistakes with who we
keep company with.

Raymond enters with his work colleagues. Granddad stands
there ready.

GRANDDAD

You not eating any of my chicken,
unless it had my secret sauce!

The colleagues are not confused.

RAYMOND

Dad what the hell do you think you're
doing?!

GRANDDAD

I'm protecting the family!

Raymond drags him to the side

RAYMOND

Sorry guys he has Alzheimer's. I am
warning you father-in-law do not mess
my day up! If you want to be useful
why don't you attend to the BBQ and
keep everyone's plates full

GRANDDAD

Sounds like music to my ears

Granddad walks off happy

PATRICIA

(SHOUTOUT)

Oh Ray happy birthday!

RAYMOND

Thanks Patricia, why don't you come on
round we have plenty of food.

PATRICIA

(WHILST EYEING DELIA)

I might just take you up on that

DELIA

(GRIT TEETH)

Don't you dare

PATRICIA

Well you heard your husband, I'm invited. I guess I'll go put on my fancy dress. As you know I am divorced, single and ready to mingle.

Patricia walks back into her house. Delia hurries into hers.

CUT TO.

TITLES.

A SHORT TITLE SEQUENCE WITH THE FAMILY RAPPING THE THEME SONG. ITS A 90'S VIBE AND VERY COLOURFUL, VERY UNIVERSAL ATTRACTING ALL AGE RANGES.

CUT TO.

EXT. MCKENZIE'S HOUSE - BACK GARDEN - DAY

6

At the BBQ cooker we see a queue of police officers waiting to get food. Raymond storms over.

GRANDDAD

(CALLING OUT)

Step right up, step right up!

RAYMOND

Dad they're already standing here.

GRANDDAD

Oh...

RAYMOND

For God sake! Now I need you to pour drinks. And at least try and act like you know what you are doing.

GRANDDAD

Buoi shutup. Me know how to pour drinks

The first person steps up PC DANIEL GRAY, BLACK, 40'S, he is really fat and has a pop belly that is showing underneath his Shirt.

GRANDDAD (CONT'D)

Hey! Step back

PC DANIEL

I'm two meters away

GRANDDAD
Well your belly takes up an extra
meter, step back-

RAYMOND
You have to forgive him he's at that
age (LAUGHS) So Dan how's life
treating you?

PC DANIEL
Great thanks still working out

RAYMOND
Mmmmmhmm

GRANDDAD
Mmmmmhmm

Raymond doubtful. Granddad looks at Daniel up and down...

Raymond is about to put a chicken on his plate then Granddad
stops him.

GRANDDAD (CONT'D)
Nah man, him already have too much to
eat

PC DANIEL
I haven't eaten today I just arrived

GRANDDAD
Why you lie fa? Mi granddaughter make
some salad in the kitchen I think that
will do you some good.

RAYMOND
Alright dad that's it, just move and
go stand over there

PC DANIEL
(CONFIDENT)
Well guess what the women love this!

Daniel holds his pop belly and then walks off.

GRANDDAD
And you know what? The women love
this!

He does a little Michael Jackson spin leg movement and
moonwalks away from the cooker.

Raymond spots CHEIF SUPER INTENDANT CHARLOTTE MAGGIE, WHITE,
LATE 50'S walk out of the house with a couple of female

colleagues one of them who is 18yrs old. He stops what he is doing.

RAYMOND
Andre? Take over!

Angel walks over to the DJ and whispers in his ear.

DJ BIG TINGS
Special request from sweet little
Angel. Back in the day old school.

He plays the next track its SHABBA RANKS 'TELEPHONE LOVE'.
Some of the older generation can relate and are loving it and dancing away.

Raymond dances his way over to the chief super intendant.

RAYMOND
Chief super intendant Maggie glad you
could make it.

CUT TO.

INT. MCKENZIE'S HOME - KITCHEN - DAY

7

Charlene is in the kitchen chopping up the salad aggressively and mumbling to herself.

CHARLENE
Why don't you do the salad no why
don't you do it- who does she think
she is? When I see her I'm gonna wring
her neck

Like perfect timing Angel appears taunting her by dancing and singing to the tune 'Telephone love'.

ANGEL
"When you call I feel so good, wish
you were livin' in my neighbourhood so
you can hang up the phone and rush on
over, take off where we left off under
the-

CHARLENE
Brov are you feeling brave?

ANGEL
I'm feeling parched. I think you
should get me a drink

CHARLENE
Get your own!

ANGEL
DAD!

CHARLENE
Alright fine! What dyu want?

ANGEL
Tropical juice

Charlene pours hers tropical juice in a glass and puts it on the table.

ANGEL (CONT'D)
Actually... I changed my mind, cola.

CHARLENE
Are you having a laugh?

ANGEL
Do you see me laughing?

Charlene sighs and pours a glass of cola and puts it on the table and crosses her arms.

ANGEL (CONT'D)
What... no ice?

Charlene screams. Delia enters.

DELIA
What's wrong?

Angel grabs the tropical juice, raises her glass in the air as if to toast and walks in the backgarden smiling.

CHARLENE
Oh nothing just hate doing salad
(CHANGING SUBJECT)
Mum we need to do dad's cake?

DELIA
We have to wait until Samuell gets here

CHARLENE
What Mr Actor with his celebrity late appearances? You look good by the way!

DELIA
 Girl no one can look this good. Now
 excuse me.

Delia exits.

CUT TO.

EXT. MCKENZIE'S HOUSE - BACK GARDEN - DAY

8

Raymond is standing with Chief Super intendant Maggie with her two colleagues. They are having a conversation.

Andre at the BBQ Cooker spots the young police officer near Raymond. His eyes light up like a child in a candy store.

ANDRE
 Holy Egypt!

He stops what he's doing and heads over very curiously.

CHIEF SUPER INTENDANT MAGGIE
 Quite a turnout you've got here
 Raymond

RAYMOND
 I'm not going to get in trouble
 because of this am I?

CHIEF SUPER INTENDANT MAGGIE
 Well you are past the limit for tier 2
 but seeing as it's your birthday and
 you're a well respected officer, class
 this as I wasn't here.

She winks at him. Delia approaches.

RAYMOND
 Ahh Chief Superintendent Maggie this
 is my darling wife Delia

CHIEF SUPER INTENDANT MAGGIE
 Raymond please call me Maggie

CHIEF SUPER INTENDANT MAGGIE DELIA
 Thankyou lovely to meet you

Lovely to meet you Delia you ladies! look stunning!

RAYMOND
 Yes she's a woman with many talents
 (MORE)

RAYMOND (CONT'D)
and a very talented hairdresser

Andre approaches.

ANDRE
Greetings fellow servers of the law

Delia scans the garden for Patricia and locks eyes on her as she enters wearing a classy yellow dress and grabs eyes of some of the male police officers. Delia walks away.

RAYMOND
This is my youngest son Andre

ANDRE
(FAST)
I just want you to know that I was not part of the black lives matter protest and did not take down any statues

The youngest colleague JANINE SCOTT, BLACK CARRIBEAN 18YRS smiles.

CHIEF SUPER INTENDANT MAGGIE
Oh... err... thanks for that, I hope not...

ANDRE
Now that we're on the subject what are your views about the movement?

RAYMOND
Andre?

CHIEF SUPER INTENDANT MAGGIE
No no I love a good Q&A. I think everyone should be treated fairly regardless of race, religion or ethnicity and I am totally behind freedom of speech

RAYMOND
As it should be-
(CHANGES SUBJECT)
So I just wanted to say thankyou for coming

CHIEF SUPER INTENDANT MAGGIE
You said that already Raymond

RAYMOND

I did? Silly me.

CHIEF SUPER INTENDANT MAGGIE

Lets speak later, I want you to enjoy your birthday. Go on get out of work mode have some fun!

The ladies leave, Raymond is nervous and walks off, Andre grabs the hand of Janine.

ANDRE

So how do you know my dad? You look quite young to be a police officer?

JANINE

I'm not the police exactly, I'm part of the 18 graduate scheme but my goal is to be an officer then a detective.

ANDRE

(WHILST DOING HIS SIGNATURE DANCE)
Holy Egypt Jheeeezzee!

She laughs. He's nice.

JANINE

Sorry how old are you?

ANDRE

I'm 15...

JANINE

Oh-

ANDRE

(FAST)
But everyone says I'm 21 due to my maturity and being the leader of the black history club.

JANINE

Amazing, I love black history!

ANDRE

You do?

He smiles.

Patricia is dancing with a male police officer. Delia approaches.

PATRICIA

Oh Delia have you met DS John? He's a right little troublemaker

DELIA

If only he knew who he was dancing with.

PATRICIA

I've been stung by many men in my life but this ones a keeper

DELIA

Glad you are happy maybe you could exchange numbers and then you can leave.

PATRICIA

Now now be nice.

DELIA

You sure that colours wise?

PATRICIA

What dyu mean? John likes yellow. Jealous?

DELIA

(SMILES)

Oh never.

Charlene pulls Delia away

CHARLENE

Mum don't waste your time with her.

DELIA

Charlene this is an important day for your dad, I don't want little miss naughty leaving a bad smell and flirting with the whole police force.

CHARLENE

Mum, she's divorced, alone with no kids- she's unhappy. I feel sorry for her. You are married to dad and you have 4 children and a grandchild. She really looks up to you even if she doesn't admit it. Be like frozen and let it go.

DELIA

You know what Charlene? your right.

CHARLENE

Aren't I always? Hi six.

They high six each other with one hand and one finger and let out a mummy daughter scream and laugh.

Granddad is slightly drunk and is dancing away eyeing up females in the BBQ. He backs up and accidentally bumps into the DJ decks, making the music stop. Everyone looks over to the DJ "What the hell?!"

DJ BIG TINGS

What wrong with you man?

GRANDDAD

It wasn't me

A loud airhorn is blown by an energetic and smiley SAMUELL MCKENZIE, BLACK CARIBBEAN 26 YRS OLD entering with his girlfriend ANNIKA LEWIS, BLACK CARRIBEAN 26 YRS OLD and their daughter PRECIOUS MCKENZIE, BLACK CARIBBEAN, 2 YRS OLD. He is holding Precious and puts his fist in the air and yells out...

SAMUELL

BLACK LIVES MATTER!

Everyone stares at him. Various looks of disapproval from police officers.

SAMUELL (CONT'D)

Too much?

Being a man who loves attention he uses his embarrassment to his advantage... He looks at the DJ...

SAMUELL (CONT'D)

Well gimme some music this is my intro bro!

DJ Big Tings plays SEAN PAUL- SHAKE THAT THING. The BBQ resumes as normal as Samuell makes his way through greeting everyone. They all know him. He goes to hug his mum and dad. This hero intro stops when Granddad slaps him round the back of the head.

GRANDDAD

Eh big ed' buoi! Why you not come
(MORE)

GRANDDAD (CONT'D)

visit me?

SAMUELL

Granddad you're one of the reasons I left. That and having a child remember?

GRANDDAD

Awww she look like me

SAMUELL

Nah she doesn't

GRANDDAD

Buoi hush up ya mouth! Anyways its good to see you. I love you. I really really love you

Granddad hugs him hard.

SAMUELL

Oh my god you're drunk aren't you?

He pushes Granddad off and heads to the DJ table. DJ Big Tings and Angel are jamming, they greet each other.

DJ BIG TINGS

Long time long time! How's the acting going?

SAMUELL

Little bit quiet due to this pandemic but I've been writing some great shows though. Angel?

(LOOKING HER UP AND DOWN)

you've grown, last time I saw you you was this high.

He raises his hand to to his waistline

ANGEL

You're right I'm a big girl now, you've grown too. Last time I saw you your head was this big

(WIDENS HANDS)

and now its this big. Evolution at its best.

She walks off laughing. DJ Big Tings laughs at him.

Charlene approaches Samuell

SAMUELL

Sis!

CHARLENE

Precious!

She grabs Precious and walks away.

DJ BIG TINGS

Family matters?

SAMUELL

Brov play the music

Charlene goes back to Delia

CHARLENE

Mum? We should do the cake.

DELIA

Yes you're right. Tell the DJ turn down the music in 2 minutes.

(TO PRECIOUS)

Hello gorgeous how are you?

(CALLOUT)

Angel, Andre, Samuell come here please.

They walk into the kitchen, Samuell last, he notices Annika standing looking a bit down.

SAMUELL

You alright?

ANNIKA

Yeah... just got a bit of a headache...

SAMUELL

Get some food maybe that will make you feel better. Be a bit social too...

They enter the kitchen. Annika looks annoyed.

CUT TO

INT. MCKENZIE'S HOME - KITCHEN - DAY

9

A birthday cake is in a box on the table nearby bottles of drinks. Angel opens the box and there's a carrot cake with cream but a slice is missing...

ANGEL

Err mum?

DELIA

Who ate the cake?

SAMUELL

Must have been that big officer dude
he's going on like today's his last
meal.

They hear some quiet giggling near the other side of the table and Granddad is sat down with cream on his face.

DELIA

Dad?!

GRANDDAD

I'm sorry man it looked too good

CHARLENE

What do we do?

DELIA

We haven't got time, light the
candles.

GRANDDAD

(LICKING LIPS)

Good cake though.

CUT TO.

EXT. MCKENZIE'S HOUSE - BACK GARDEN - DAY

10

The music has quietened down and the family enter with the cake. They sing happy birthday. Samuell gestures for Annika to join them but she doesn't want to. Raymond stands happy and everyone joins in singing.

RAYMOND

(SUSPECTING GRANDDAD)

There's a slice missing...

GRANDDAD
It wasn't me.

ANGEL
Make a wish anyway.

Raymond blows out the candles. Everyone claps, the party resumes.

GRANDDAD
What dyu wish for?

RAYMOND
(SMILING)
That you was in a care home

Raymond walks off smiling.

GRANDDAD
Eidyat!

He looks at the BBQ Cooker which is now attended by another family member. He smiles and walks over. Annika is sitting on her own with the world's worries on her head.

GRANDDAD (CONT'D)
Pick up your lip and let me pass

ANNIKA
Hi Granddad.

GRANDDAD
Why you not with Samuell? Why you not socialising?

ANNIKA
Oh I just needed a moment to myself, quite tired actually.

He ushers the family member to move away from the cooker

GRANDDAD
Mmmhmmm It alright I got this, MasterChef Granddad is here!

Raymond is with Chief superintendent Maggie and a few other male and female colleagues. They are all laughing having a fun conversation.

Granddad is dancing away flipping the chicken.

GRANDDAD (CONT'D)

And now for my granddad's secret sauce

He pours his special concoction over the chicken on the BBQ.
He takes a bite.

GRANDDAD (CONT'D)

(BURNED)

Ahhhh chicken too hot man!

He throws the chicken, not knowing his strength the force of his throw moves the chicken to the other end of the garden landing in Chief Superintendent Maggie's drink which splashes in her face.

CHIEF SUPER
INTENDANT MAGGIE

RAYMOND
Oh gosh!

AHHHHHHHHHHHHH

RAYMOND SHOOTS A LOOK TO GRANDDAD. IF LOOKS COULD KILL...

GRANDDAD

It wasn't me? It's flying chickens!

CUT TO.

INT. MCKENZIE'S HOME - BASEMENT - DAY

11

Raymond drags granddad into the basement.

GRANDDAD

Nah man let me go!

RAYMOND

(PATOIS)

You tink you can fool me around with your stupidity?

GRANDDAD

It was an accident I didn't mean it

Raymond handcuffs him to some pipes.

GRANDDAD (CONT'D)

Hey what are you doing? Stop this foolishness!

RAYMOND

Now you have been making an ass of yourself all day making my guests feel

(MORE)

RAYMOND (CONT'D)
 uncomfortable. This is a big
 opportunity for me and you may have
 just blown it!

He takes a few steps and walks back

RAYMOND (CONT'D)
 And NO ONE eats my cake!

GRANDDAD
 So what? You're gonna arrest me?

RAYMOND
 I wish. Now you are going to stay here
 until the BBQ is over.

GRANDDAD
 But that's not for hours.

RAYMOND
 Don't worry I'll bring you a plate of
 food
 (QUIET)
 maybe...

GRANDDAD
 Don't walk away from me!

RAYMOND
 Cockafart

Raymond waves the handcuff keys and laughs and walks up the
 stairs and switches the light off.

GRANDDAD
 Hello! Hello!

CUT TO.

EXT. MCKENZIE'S HOUSE - BACK GARDEN - DAY

12

A song has just finished and Patricia and DS John stop
 dancing.

DS JOHN
 You've got a lot of energy Patricia-
 I'll get us some more drinks

PATRICIA
 Yes! rum punch please

He walks off. Patricia whips out her phone and takes a selfie of herself. Delia approaches.

DELIA
Someone's happy?

PATRICIA
Is that a crime?

Unbeknownst to both of them a wasp is flying around and lands on Patricia's bum

DELIA
Well I wish you good luck

PATRICIA
Like I need your blessing for good
luck I am perfectly- AHHHHHHHH

She notices she's just been stung and starts swatting herself uncontrollably.

PATRICIA (CONT'D)
Ahhhhh bloody bees!

Charlene and Angel approach. Delia is laughing.

DELIA
Remember when I said that wasn't a
wise colour?

Patricia looks at the sting on her bum cheek. Its swollen and red. Delia, Charlene and Angel stare.

ANGEL
If you look close and squint one eye
it looks like a cherry bakewell!

DELIA
You said you were stung by a lot of
men in your life, who would of thought
you'd get stung by a wasp too!

DELIA
High six!

CHARLENE
High six!

They laugh hard. DS John returns with 2 drinks.

DS JOHN
Now they didn't have rum punch so I
got you a...

DS JOHN (CONT'D)
 (NOTICING THE SWELLING)

What the?

An embarrassed Patricia limps off, walks through the garden and accidentally knocks Andre who spills drink on himself.

ANDRE
 Hey!

(WIPING HIMSELF OFF)
 Janine can you wait a few minutes
 while I change my shirt?

JANINE
 No problem Malcom X.

Andre walks off. Delia notices that Samuel and Annika are looking uneasy.

ANNIKA
 Why do we have to always do what you
 want?

SAMUELL
 Keep your voice down its my dad's
 birthday

ANNIKA
 You know what I want to go home

SAMUELL
 We're not going home we just got here

ANNIKA
 (SHOUTS)
 I want to go home now!

Various people start looking over, Delia approaches. Raymond walks from inside the house.

DELIA
 Is there a problem?

RAYMOND
 (LOUD WHISPER)
 Are you two mad? I can hear you from
 inside. If you have an issue go in the
 house and sort it out, not in front of
 family and friends and my work

(MORE)

SAMUELL
What is going on Annika?

ANNIKA
(PAUSE)
I'm tired of this, I have been for a while...

SAMUELL
What do you mean?

ANNIKA
This! Us! It's not the same, it's lost it's-

SAMUELL
Where's this all coming from?

ANNIKA
I just need more Sam...

SAMUELL
You know what I think this is? Its coz I'm an uber driver innit.

ANNIKA
Its not that... I'm bored.

SAMUELL
You waited to tell me all of this at my dad's birthday?

ANNIKA
I know its selfish, and I'm sorry.

SAMUELL
Is there someone else?

ANNIKA
No! I just feel with everything that has happened I just need to do me and find myself again. And If I ain't happy how can I make you happy?

SAMUELL
This is because I haven't made it big as an actor yet

ANNIKA
No

SAMUELL

This is because you're ashamed that
mans driving uber and ain't making
John Boyega money

Andre sniggers to himself.

ANNIKA

No! This has nothing to do with your
job, your career ambition or even
money. This is all me.

SAMUELL

Look lets just enjoy the enjoy the
BBQ, and talk about this at home, I'll
sleep on the couch tonight if that
helps.

ANNIKA

No... I want you out Samuell

Andre is horrified.

SAMUELL

You want me out? Out out as in move
out?

ANNIKA

Yes

SAMUELL

Are you seriously ending this? What
about Precious? We have a two year old
together.

ANNIKA

I have no intention on keeping you
away from your daughter, we'll sort
something out. Look I gotta go.

She gets up to leave

SAMUELL

So what that's it! Where am I supposed
to go?

ANNIKA

Stay here

Andre is shaking his head rapidly in disapproval.

SAMUELL

Stay here?! Are you mad, a devil as a little sister, Granddad smelling up the place, Andre thinking he's smarter me? No!

ANNIKA

Its over Sam... Lets not drag this out. Come by later and get your things.

She walks out. Moments later Delia enters with an empathetic energy and looks at her son. She sits next to him and the bed takes on more pressure leaving Andre more uncomfortable

SAMUELL

I take it you heard that?

DELIA

Gosh these heels are killing me.

She takes her heels off and is barefoot right next to Andre's face. He can't stand the foot smell.

DELIA (CONT'D)

What has been going on with you two?

SAMUELL

I don't know mum.

She puts her arm around him.

SAMUELL (CONT'D)

How can she be bored? I'm like the funnest guy ever

DELIA

I think there's more to this. Maybe you should just give her time. Me and your dad have had our fights but we always found a way to come round.

SAMUELL

Precious mum? I never pictured being not around her.

DELIA

Like I said give her time. In the meantime you can stay here.

Samuell pouts.

DELIA (CONT'D)
 Oi, pouty pops! Cheer up, we all love
 you here and there will always be a
 place for you to stay.

SAMUELL
 Thanks mum

Suddenly they hear a banging noise.

DELIA
 What on earth was that?

They both get off the bed and exit. Moments later Andre comes
 out from under it.

ANDRE
 I love you mother but DAMN your feet
 smell so bad!

CUT TO.

INT. MCKENZIE'S HOME - BASEMENT - DAY

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Delia opens the door and switches on the light, Samuell and
 Delia make their way down the steps.

SAMUELL
 You sure the sound came from down here
 mum?

DELIA
 I know my house

They spot granddad.

DELIA
 DAD!

SAMUELL
 Granddad!

GRANDDAD
 Delia, I don't know how much longer I
 have to live. Raymond him a demon I
 tell you.

SAMUELL
 Dad handcuffed you? Maybe its for the
 best- lets go mum.

Delia hits Samuell in the arm.

GRANDDAD

Buoi shutup! With your big head, your head so big Delia needed a C-section!

DELIA

Now dad, I'm gonna sort this out right now.

Delia heads back up the stairs in a hurry.

SAMUELL

So what did you do this time, steal a monkey?

CUT TO.

EXT. MCKENZIE'S HOUSE - BACK GARDEN - DAY

15

Music is playing and Angel is dancing near the DJ at the booth. Raymond is having conversations with Chief superintendent Maggie who is with her colleagues.

RAYMOND

So Maggie, I just wanted to thank you for the recommendation for the promotion exam. I'm itching to know when will I find out?

CHIEF SUPER INTENDANT MAGGIE

You are something you know that Raymond. Very eager. I've spoken to everyone in your family today including your dad... before it started raining chicken and peri sauce

RAYMOND

(PANIC)

You spoke to my dad? He is my father-in-law just so you know maybe a little crazy and drunk-

CHIEF SUPER INTENDANT MAGGIE

He spoke very highly of you.

Raymond is shocked.

CHIEF SUPER INTENDANT MAGGIE (CONT'D)

Judging from the news I've heard from your superiors and you passing the exam, I needed to know for myself what its like with you in a family

(MORE)

CHIEF SUPER INTENDANT MAGGIE (CONT'D)
capacity.

She puts her hand out.

CHIEF SUPER INTENDANT MAGGIE (CONT'D)
The DCI position is yours if you want
it?

RAYMOND
Of course thankyou!

He shakes her hand and hugs her.

Delia storms through stops the music and grabs the
microphone. She puts on a pleasant smile. Everyone is
standing confused.

DELIA
Good afternoon. Thankyou all for
coming down and supporting my darling
Raymond's birthday.

RAYMOND
THAT'S DCI RAYMOND MCKENZIE!

Everyone claps and congratulates him.

DELIA
I hope you have enjoyed the food and
the music...
(CHANGE OF TONE)
but now you all have to leave.

Various reactions from the crowd: "what?", "It's only half
5", "is she serious?", "oh man I just got here".

CHARLENE
What's mum doing?

ANGEL
I have no idea

RAYMOND
Err Dee?

DELIA
We have urgent family business to
attend to and we thankyou for coming,
feel free to grab some food for your
trip back

Everyone still stands confused. Is this a joke? Potbelly PC Daniel runs over to the BBQ taking no risks.

DELIA (SHOUT)
DID YOU JUST HEAR WHAT I SAID I SAID
MOVE IT!

Everyone scarpers at warp speed. Raymond storms over to Delia. Andre spots Janine hurrying out.

ANDRE
Janine!

JANINE
Sorry Andre I'm not arguing with your
mother, it was lovely meeting you.
Good luck.

She hurries off, Andre is defeated.

RAYMOND
(ANNOYED)
Dee you have some explaining to-

DELIA
I found dad.

He ushers people to move

RAYMOND
(SHEEPISH)
OK everyone thankyou for coming.
Please grab some food for your
journeys. Peter, Lewis, Shirley...
Maggie thankyou

CHIEF SUPER INTENDANT MAGGIE
Good luck...

FADE IN.

EXT. MCKENZIE'S HOUSE - EVENING - 2 HOURS LATER

16

The family home.

We hear Granddad whining.

GRANDDAD (V.O)
And then him hit me and started
calling me mean names.

CUT TO.

INT. MCKENZIE'S HOME - LIVING ROOM - EVENING

17

Raymond stands with his arms crossed. The family are sitting down.

GRANDDAD

I thought I was gonna die

RAYMOND

You don't seriously believe this do you?

DELIA

Me and you Raymond shall discuss this later. Now I know this is short notice, but Samuel will have to move back in the house, hopefully temporarily.

CHARLENE

No way!

ANGEL

What?

GRANDDAD

And sleep where?

RAYMOND

There's no space here Dee and why?

DELIA

Well before your little abduction tactic, Annika broke up with him.

RAYMOND

I wasn't aware...

GRANDDAD

Well she did have a face like a smacked bottom all day.

ANGEL

They will sort it out, they have a Ross and Rachel relationship. Their just

(DRAMATIC THEATRE)

"on a break"

ANDRE

Mum what room is he going to stay in?

RAYMOND

Dee he's old enough to figure this out, him moving back in isn't going to help his growth as a man.

GRANDDAD

What you know about a man? You think now coz you're Luther you's a big man now? Does a grown man lock his father in a basement with no food? - eidyat.

RAYMOND

Well if we put you in a care home he would have a room all to himself.

CHARLENE

What happened with them mum?

DELIA

It's not my business to discuss with you. I want you to all to understand that he is very upset right now.

Samuell enters with a black bin liner.

SAMUELL

Oh don't stop on my account

GRANDDAD

Its OK Big ed'buoi you can top and tail with me. I get the top you get the bottom. Speaking of bottoms, some nights, my stomach not so good so me have tummy pain and you know what they say "Better out, than in".

SAMUELL

I'd rather die get hit by three cars in a row and dragged through hell before I even agree to that.

DELIA

I've made a decision and Angel you will share with Andre in the meantime while Samuell has your room.

ANGEL

That's not fair!

ANDRE

No way!

Charlene laughs

CHARLENE
 Haha Karma miss Tropical juice!

ANDRE
 Mother I have rights a boy my age has
 needs!

DELIA
 Do explain

ANDRE
 (EMBARRASSED)
 Well.. you know... I'm a teenager
 and... I have lots of studying to do.

ANGEL
 I think he should have Charlene's room

CHARLENE
 Ha! Yeah pigs are flying everywhere

Angel leans in to Charlene.

ANGEL
 I really think he should have your
 room...

CHARLENE
 Ain't gonna work

ANGEL
 Fine. Dad, Charlene has a
 boyfriend that's older than
 her! She's got topless
 selfies of him in her phone

CHARLENE
 No I don't she's lying!
 Don't believe her!

RAYMOND
 What!

SAMUELL
 What!

CHARLENE
 No! Dad I'm 16 and have my head in my
 books, I'm a geek like Andre- scouts
 honour!

SAMUELL
 You never joined the scouts.

CHARLENE
 I thought that was just a saying...

DELIA

Everyone just calm down! Samuell for now until we have cleared the spare room you can take the couch.

RAYMOND

Everyone can you please clear the room so I can talk to Samuell in private?

They all get up to leave.

DELIA

I'm still angry with you but congratulations baby. Love you lots like jelly tots.

RAYMOND

I love you too.

They kiss. Raymond grabs Granddad by the shoulder.

RAYMOND (CONT'D)

Dad, thanks for whatever you said to Maggie, and I'm sorry for what I did.

GRANDDAD

Buoi we may not always agree. Yes you still is a eidyat but, I want the best for this family coz me love all of you.

They all leave, leaving Raymond and Samuell alone.

RAYMOND

What a ting...

SAMUELL

Is this a woman ting? What exactly have I done wrong?

Raymond sits next to Samuell

RAYMOND

There's a lot to learn about women son.

SAMUELL

She's bored, that's all I got. 4 years and its over just like that.

RAYMOND
 Just give her time. She'll come back.
 Your mother always did.

DELIA (O.S)
 Excuse me!

RAYMOND
 I said everyone upstairs, take a joke
 Dee

Delia kisses her teeth.

RAYMOND (CONT'D)
 Relationships are hard son, they come
 with highs and lows, ups and downs-

SAMUELL
 Dad that's the same thing.

RAYMOND
 I'm on a roll, don't interrupt.

SAMUELL
 I just... I've been feeling very lost
 recently, the whole lockdown, acting
 not taking off, and now it's done with
 Annika. It won't be the same with me
 and Precious.

RAYMOND
 I know its hard, but everything

 happens for a reason, and maybe this
 is an opportunity for you to reinvent
 yourself. I've had my fair share and
 now I'm DCI.

SAMUELL
 That's big!

RAYMOND
 Yep. With that responsibility, there's
 gonna be a lot of changes from now on.
 You should start looking at your life
 with that thought.

SAMUELL
 (INSPIRED)
 Thanks Dad.

Raymond touches Samuell on the shoulder and gets up and goes towards the door.

RAYMOND

Oh and by the way, now that you are back here...

(SERIOUS IN PATOIS)

You have fi pay rent, no free ride
inna mi yard

SAMUELL

Dad seriously?!

RAYMOND

Welcome home Son, welcome home.

END OF EPISODE