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INT. SITTING ROOM. DAY.

The elders are in deep argument with Idara's parents.

EKWERE

It is tradition and tradition must be obeyed.

IDARA'S MUM

(rising) what tradition? I said what tradition? Where was tradition all the times we almost lost Idara? Where was tradition when we couldn't have another child, where was...

UBOM

Woman sit down, I say shut up and sit down before the gods shut it for you permanently.

IDARA'S MUM

My daughter is affected here and I will not keep quiet and watch you people lead her to he death.

IDARA'S DAD

We are trying to save her not kill her.

IDARA'S MUM

God has saved her already. She does not need any more salvation.

IDARA'S DAD

Look, that girl obviously has a problem and if this is the solution, then let us take it.

IDARA'S MUM

She has nightmares, she is young and will outgrow them.

UBOM

This is the problem with educating women. We warned you Etebom about the evil of marrying someone who had learnt the white man's ways, now see the outcome? Challenging the elders.

EKWERE

If Idara does not become the next priestess, there ill be doom in the land, our firstborns will die, our crops will yield no fruits.

IDARA'S DAD

Idara will become priestess. The gods have spoken.

IDARA'S MUM

And they will be disobeyed!

She storms away leaving them fuming.

FADE OUT.