

INT. GARDEN CORNER. NIGHT

Kemi is standing alone staring into the night. The soft music playing at the party echoes in the background. Ebube appears behind her.

EBUBE  
A penny for your thoughts.

(Beat)

EBUBE (CONT'D)  
He couldn't make it. Again.

KEMI  
What are you talking about?

EBUBE  
The husband. Most people are here with their spouses. Yours isn't here as he never is...

KEMI  
With all due respect boss but my personal life isn't any of your business.

EBUBE  
But it is, when you're not happy, how can you make me happy.

She wants to fight but he smiles at her gently and she softens, smiles back. The music changes and Ebube holds her hand and draws her close to him and they dance together. Kemi is temporarily lost in his warmth, she looks up at him, his eyes are filled with love and adoration, their lips very close to each other. As they almost touch, Kemi breaks free and runs into the night.

INT. REUBEN'S HOME. DAY.

Reuben is watching TBN. Kemi stands by the door watching him, she's still in her dinner dress. Without looking at her, he motions for her to come sit beside him. Kemi does, he puts his arms around her but his eyes are focused on the TV.

KEMI  
Won't you at least ask me how the show went?

REUBEN  
This is the best part when he blesses the audience.

Kemi stands and switches off the TV.

KEMI

Look at me Reuben. You listen to these guys all the time.

REUBEN

It's a different message each time.

KEMI

Im getting tired Reuben, you're always at church these days, and when you're not there, you bring church home.

REUBEN

What is this about?

KEMI

It's about us. If there's still an us.

REUBEN

This is just a difficult time in the church, I need..

KEMI

That's what you said last year, and the year before that, and the year before that, come to think of it, that's what you say every year.

REUBEN

I'm a pastor Kemi, I have a flock to feed.

KEMI

You're a husband first Reuben. You have to wife to love.

REUBEN

And I love you, with every breath of my heart but I just need time to get the church on the right part, then we'll take a holiday...

KEMI

When? When I'm no longer here? Because darling, if I no longer feel like a wife or a woman, what's the point?

She walks away. Reuben looks pensive ponders for a minute then switches the TV back on but he's unable to concentrate, so he switches it off and goes after Kemi.

FADE TO BLACK.