

THE LEGAL THIEVES - EPISODE 1

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1 FADE IN

2 INT. OFFICE - DAY

We open on honorable ATTIA behind his desk working. Attia types on the keyboard, his phone rings.

Phone ringing

Attia answers the call.

ATTIA (ON PHONE)

(smiles)

Hello man of God... I'm doing great... I was at the constituency to meet with the delegates, that is why I couldn't make it to church on Sunday... Amen to that... God is good... Alright. Thank you.

Attia ends the call, continues with his typing.

Mr. SABOTEY enters the office, holding some documents. Attia sees him.

ATTIA (CONT'D)

(happily)

Mr. Sabotey, the contractor himself.

Sabotey smiles gently as he gets closer.

SABOTEY

The honorable himself.

ATTIA

Have a seat.

Sabotey sits.

SABOTEY

You look good. The side chicks are really taking care of you.

ATTIA

Shhhhh, that is a secret. My wife doesn't know.

SABOTEY

You mean, our wives do not know.

Attia and Sabotey laugh, exchange handshake, relaxes on their seats.

ATTIA

Ok, time to talk business. I hope the paper work is done?

SABOTEY

Yes, everything is ready. There you go.

Sabotey removes the documents and hands them over to Attia. Attia goes through the documents.

SABOTEY (CONT'D)

The other day, you tried to explain something to me about the projects.

Attia still going through the documents.

ATTIA

Yes... It is obvious from these documents that you didn't get me.

Attia puts the documents down.

ATTIA (CONT'D)

So this is what I was saying. You know, when these contracts come, they present us with opportunities to change our lives and that of our families. So, like I said the other time, increase the contract sum by 50%.

SABOTEY

50%? Is that not too much?

ATTIA

That is how we politicians make money. We spend a lot during campaigns so we have to get all that money back. And this is one of the ways. With this 50% I will give you 5%, 45% for myself and the other directors.

SABOTEY

This sounds good.

ATTIA

There is still more good news. Out of the five school blocks, only three will be built. The other two will be more money for us.

SABOTEY

Won't that raise a lot of questions?

ATTIA

No no no. No at all. The paper work will show five school blocks, but in reality only three will be built. No one will be interested in reading these contract files. After Ghanaians hate to read.

SABOTEY

I hope these doesn't comeback to bite us.

ATTIA

No. I will take care of that. We have been doing this for a very long time. On paper, the camp 2 road is double lanes on either side. But in reality you only see one lane on either side.

SABOTEY

Tell me you are joking?

ATTIA

I'm serious. That is what we do. So redo the paper work and lets make some cool money.

Attia gets up, hands over the documents to Sabotey who is upstanding. They exchange handshake.

SABOTEY

I will do that and come back. Thank you.

ATTIA

You are welcome. The contractor himself.

SABOTEY

Honorable with the big brain.

They laugh as Sabotey exits. Attia takes his seat.

ATTIA

(smiles happily)

I have to make 100 million dollars before I leave this office. I spent a lot during campaign. It is time to make my money back.

Beat...

Attia arranges documents on his desk. A voice is heard.

VOICE

Why?

Attia looks around but sees no one.

VOICE (CONT'D)

Why?

Attia gets up and looks around.

VOICE (CONT'D)

Why are you so greedy? Why do you want to deprive the people of schools for your personal interest. Why are you causing me to bleed? You make yourself and your families rich while others die in poverty. You loot and share while students still sit under trees to learn. Can't you put the country first?

Attia with a disdain look sits.

ATTIA

(aggressively)

I don't know who you are. But I want you to know, that I spent a lot of money before winning the elections. I had to give almost everyone money before they voted for me. I bought their votes. It is time for me to get my money back. Tell them to give me back my money if they want to see development.

VOICE

If you care to know, I'm mother Ghana. You are hearing the voice of Ghana. I'm bleeding, I'm dying, my people are dying And I want you to put me, Ghana, first. I want you to hear my voice and save my people.

ATTIA

(laughs)

This is a kumawood comedy movie. I don't care if you are the voice of Ghana or voice of Nkrumah.

(MORE)

ATTIA (CONT'D)

I don't care if the country is
bleeding blood or burning, I will
still make my money. Sorry.

VOICE

Listen to the voice of the national
anthem. And have a change of heart
and mindset.

Beat... (national anthem playing)

Attia hisses and reaches for his phone and exits the office
as we...

FADE TO:

SCREEN

THE VOICE OF GHANA.
Listen: it is within you

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END