

Life (WT), Episode 2  
Real Community Events

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INT: BASKETBALL COURT

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Montage Sequence:

17 year old Nii is on a basketball court shooting in front of bright lights and a bunch of people. He focuses at the basket, shows good form and when the ball goes through the hoop it falls and becomes a gun.

Nii is shocked to see the gun on the floor and then cops pull up grab him, slam him in a police car. He's being interrogated. Then his mom comes to him and is furious...hits him...kicks him out and he has to stay with a girl... they fight...he goes to court gets locked up.

In the prison Nii gets into fight...then it turns into him getting jumped... when he's laid out on the floor he goes for one last big deep breathe and then wakes up from the dream in his prison bed

CUT TO: BLACK

2

INT: PRISON CELL

2

When Nii wakes up, he sits up in bed, wipes the sweat from his forehead

KIKO

You good bro

NII

Yeah

Nii then starts his regular morning routine: He puts on his clothes, sits on the toilet and begins brushing his teeth. Stands in the corner of his room a starts a the mirror making a tough face.

After finishing his morning workout, Nii grabs his little bible from under his bed, tucks it into his shirt and leaves the cell.

3

INT: JAIL REC ROOM

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3 RANDOM PEOPLE

Whats good Fri money?

NII WALKS THROUGH THE DOOR AND DOWN THE HALLWAY.

CUT TO: JAIL DOOR TO SCHOOL HALLWAY START FOLLOWING KOFI'S CLASS AS THEY WALK INTO HIS FOURTH PERIOD LUNCH

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INT: CAFETERIA

4

In the lunchroom, cliques of first, fourth and seventh graders sit at class tables and enjoying their free period. Most kids are laughing but some are playing card games with each other.

At the deep end of the room Kofi walks up to a buggy Puerto Rican kid sitting alone at the table reading a book about

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Kofi sits down across the kid and he looks up from his book smiling

KOFI

hey Chris

CHRIS

whats up bro

KOFI

not much. new book already?

CHRIS

yeah, my mom makes me read 3 hours everyday.

KOFI

how does she know when you don't do it though?

CHRIS

I get these random tests about the books from my mom or grandmother after dinner.

KOFI

they read the books too?

CHRIS

sometimes, i caught my mom looking at the chapter summaries website on her iPad .

KOFI

what're chapter summaries?

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CHRIS

Just websites that organizes book summaries by chapter and lays out the main points

KOFI

What??? Is that even legal?

CHRIS

Probably. My mom told me its supposed to help people understand the reading better so its not cheating when she does it

KOFI

I wonder if Ms. Diamond uses it for the books we read

CHRIS

I've never thought about that

KOFI

That was the first thing i thought of

(laughs)

CHRIS

Does your mom do anything like that?

KOFI

not really. she just yells at me to do my homework but doesn't really check it afterwards

CHRIS

you're lucky

KOFI

not even man, whether i do my homework or not my mom always tells me i need to do better in school and leave the TV alone. She wants me to be a doctor

CHRIS

I could see you as a doctor, you're good at science.

KOFI

That's a mute point. She wants me to be in school until I'm 40. i'm not even 13 yet

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CHRIS

What's a mute point?

KOFI

Its like when you mute the TV or say something is silent. I thought you've been reading the books man

CHRIS

Thanks for the info. and haha, my mom's still in school but she had me in high school so i guess it makes sense that you'd be really old.

KOFI

timeout,

KOFI STARTS COUNTING ON HIS FINGERS BUT CANT DO IT then how old is your mom?

CHRIS

just turned 30!

KOFI

wow my moms in her 50s

CHRIS

you're moms old enough to be my grandmother

KOFI

i know, theres always someone that says that.

LUNCH LADY

704-LINE UP

KOFI

Finally, it always takes forever for them to.

Kofi gets up from his seat but Chris stays and goes back to reading his book.

When Kofi gets on the lunch line he leans up against a wall and overhears a conversation with three kids.

KID 1

yo mark, do you know the capital of Thailand

Kid 1 and 2 make eye contact

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KID 3  
No, what is it?

Kid 1 then tries to hit the other kid in the testicles and yells

KID 1  
Bangkok!

The kid deflects the hit but then

DEAN STRONG  
Hey you three, get off the line!

The three kids put their heads down and approach the Dean with a super serious face and gold.

DEAN STRONG  
I saw what you did Dave. You boys know that rough housing doesn't fly in my cafeteria. hey, what are you looking at, better keeps your line moving

Kofi then jumps up and joins the rest of the line.

After 10 seconds of boredom, Kofi scans the room, oddly he stops Manny throwing a milk carton at Chris's head and turning around.

Chris puts his head down, rubs it and doesn't look back in time to catch Manny. Kofi does nothing he then glances at the Dean too busy telling the kids they're going to get detention to notice what happen. Kofi shakes his head, puts his lunch code in and walks into the cafe kitchen to get his food.

Kofi comes out of the kitchen with his food and walks back to the table. He stares at Manny and back at the Dean watching the room so he doesn't do anything.

When he puts down the Styrofoam tray and the Public school rectangular pizza on it jumps and almost falls off. When he sits down, Christian looks up from his book and tries to play it normal. He then grabs his lunch box off the bench and the two boys start eating.

CHRIS  
wants some pepperoni for your  
prison pizza?

KOFI

Definitely, you know that's the  
only reason why we're friends

Kofi looks kinda deflated down at his pizza

CHRIS

Prison pizza, hahaha

The two laugh again and continue eating. The warning bell  
then ring.

KOFI

We never get enough time to eat.

5

INT: SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

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Kwame comes up late to gym class and goes to start talking  
to his friends.

MIKE

What's good bro

They shake up

GYM TEACHER

Alright seniors, get into your  
assigned seats so we can take roll.  
We have a lot to do today so we can  
have out usual interruptions. Okay.  
Aguilar, Anakwuru...

The boys whisper quietly and look at the different girls in  
their class.

GYM TEACHER

So now that we got that out the  
way, Today is the Pacers test 2day  
- you'll be evaluated of your  
physical aptitude on a number of  
test.

CINDY

do you really have to read the  
whole thing Mr.Q?  
(sass)

GYM TEACHER

Yes. I don't want anyone to get  
hurt and i definitely dont want to  
lose my job because i was too lazy  
to read a safety description Cindy.

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CINDY  
i was just asking

The class starts listening to an automated tape on the speaker system. *follow instructions*

KWAME  
Yo bro no bull I'm excited for school next year.

MIKE  
Facts bro. I talked to my cousin and he said Jackson is gonna be crazy.

KWAME  
Just letting you know, Imma going to be the man

MIKE  
Fact. we're gonna get all the girls

KWAME  
Im hype to travel and get that school metro. im tired of walking

MIKE  
I'm just excited to take classes with different people yo.

GYM TEACHER  
Agbe, Harris -- stop talking so much, it'll help you save you breathe

MIKE  
Im Jamaican. We run!

Even though most of the class stops running back and forth 5 boys are left at 102. by 110 its on Kwame, Mike and Jesus still going back and forth.

KWAME  
damn bro, im about to die  
(panting)

MIKE  
meet too i'll lose to you but im not tryna let this kid win.  
(panting)

The two go and come back 1 more time



JESUS  
 ahhh, charlie horse  
 (yell)

MIKE  
 what a pum. lets goooo right now  
 bro

The boys run to the next wall and mike fake falls down

MIKE  
 im done... gooo fool

KWAME  
 True

Kwame then runs to the wall and back and collapses next to Mike. Some classmates come over to commend them, others hate from a distance

GYM TEACHER  
 Ok Agbe -- nice to see you finsh  
 strong with the class best

MIKE  
 (in between coughs)  
 that's my guy

The girls smile at Kwame and Mike at the water fountain. then they go back to the bleachers and one comes up to Kwame.

STACEY  
 Nice job, i didn't know you had it  
 in you

KWAME  
 Big boys can move too. Weren't you  
 the last girl though?

STACEY  
 basically. iight well Imma go get  
 ready for math now

KWAME  
 iight see you there then

MIKE  
 Yooo, why didn't you book that bro?

KWAME  
 what you mean. Stacey, you know  
 we're just friends

MIKE

I thought you light skinned cats  
knew something about getting girls?  
fool, she definitely likes you

KWAME

nah bro. im telling you-- look at  
me, im drenched right now. there's  
no way she's into me

MIKE

that's even better. My cousin told  
me pheromones are in this season.  
you gotta get on that asap

KWAME

boy, what does that mean?

MIKE

i really don't know its something  
about sweat but its supposed to be  
a good thing. just trust me. im  
bout to be late b. gotta run or i  
wont graduate

Mike peaces out and then Kwame grabs his stuff. He then  
hears the phone in Mr. Q's office ring.

KWAME

Yoo Mr. Q!!... alright i'll get it.

FADE TO: BLACK WALL

6 INT: HOUSE LIVING ROOM-1:59PM

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Eureka is sitting at home, lying down on her couch loosely  
watching tv while on the phone. As she gossips with her  
coworker, the time and weather come on the TV and announces

TV ANNOUNCER

The time is 2:00pm . WHRN reminds  
you to clean your cell phones and  
not touch your face to prevent the  
spread of illness

EUREKA

Ah, my children are coming home  
soon, I should make them something  
to eat...

ok. see you at work tonight

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She then gets up and slices onions to prepare the snack, the phone rings. Eureka's eyes widen and she's rushes to pick it up

"Ehh" Akorsua. Where is my phone?

Then she leaps up and picks up the phone.

EUREKA

AKORSUA... HELLO, HOW IS GHANA?  
HELLO, HOWWW IS GHANAaaa? OH GOOD  
- GOOD

She then puts the phone on speaker and starts to crack eggs.

NIECE

auntie, I spoke with ma and she is ready to go ooh

EUREKA

Great, great. I miss my sister dearly. cant wait to see her again

NIECE

Aaaa, that is good to hear auntie. I will tell her the good news when she comes back from the shop

EUREKA

cant wait. How are you doing my child?

NIECE

I am very fine, my brother is great too . he was just home but he left some time ago.

The boys then walk in from school

KOFI

Hi mommy  
(positive)

KWAME

Hi  
(lazily)

EUREKA

oh yes, the boys just came home from school. Hey, come here and say hello to your cousin

KOFI  
can we go outside today?

EUREKA  
get out of here. you have homework  
to do, you're going outside.

KOFI  
i don't, i did it in school

She then shoes the boys off

EUREKA  
why do you want to go outside huh.  
this is your house, stay home,  
don't be pressed to go outside.

7 INT: JAIL REC ROOM- MIDD AFTERNOON

7

Nii is playing chess with an old man on one of the round  
tables. He stares at the board, taking his time between the  
moves. The older inmates gives commentary between the moves.

OGGG  
I see something is on your mind

NII  
aint nothing man, im just focused  
on this game

OGGG  
nah young boy, i see it in your  
eye. you're thinking about  
something deeply

NII  
I thought chess was a game about  
being quiet and analyzing the plays

Then Nii takes a piece

OGGG stares at the board and chuckles

OGGG  
you're only partially right  
youngin. it's in part about staying  
low but you also about making  
calculated noise when you have the  
chance to change everything

he then moves his queen across the board to take a free  
rook. Nii is shocked

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life's a balance, you gotta know  
when to sit back and analyze and  
when to play your moves and make a  
difference youngin. You kids just  
want to have it all

Nii then nods and continues looking at the board.  
so I'll ask again - what's on your  
mind?

Nii pulls out the pamphlet that Charlotte gave him from his  
pants and slides it to the old head

He scans the document and asks  
Oh shit I heard about this for you  
youngins. you tryna get into it?

NII

nah OG I'm just not tryna get  
caught up in nothing shit crazy -  
you know how i move

OGGG

Have you ever heard of an  
opportunity? or is your head stuck  
up your ass?

NII

I know what an opportunity is, i  
just don't know if this one isn't  
for me

OGGG

lil nigga that's the stupidest  
thing I ever heard. You see me -  
look me in the eye - you see me I'm  
what they call a three time loser,  
I never leaving this damned place.  
You know how many of these lost  
souls in here would fucking kill  
for the opportunity to get one less  
day in here?? Huh. You know what -  
you're getting me tight, bounce.

NII

What?

OGGG

you heard me - bounce. I thought  
you know I keep you around because  
you were smarter than the average  
dude. but if you're gonna be on  
some stupid shit then you gotta go.

NII

Are you being serious? let's finish  
this game

OGGG

No point, you're not as formidable  
of an opponent as I thought you  
were if you can't see the right  
move in front of you.

Nii then gets up, takes the pamphlet and goes back to his  
cell.

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INT: PRISON CELL

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Nii sits on his bed and stares at the pamphlet until Kiko  
comes in

NII

fuck happen with you and big homie?  
Thought you were his best buddies  
or whatever?

KIKO

lately, you been on some other  
shit. Your mommy finally come to  
see you or something?

Nii gives him a "watch your mouth" stare. Then passes the  
pamphlet to Kiko. Kiko looks it over leaning against the  
sink

KIKO

where'd you get this from?

NII

You remember when the CO came

KIKO

yeah bro, i thought you were  
snitching

NII

What? you thought I was

KIKO

Chill fri, Im fucking with you  
hermano. but you were talking about  
that lawyer

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NII  
yeah bro. I can still smell the  
liquor on his breath from my trial

KIKO  
whats the new guy like

NII  
she's a baddie.

KIKO  
she? yoo, you're the luckiest guy i  
kkow

NII  
not even, let me show you this  
bullshit

KIKO  
oh shit then you're getting out  
bro. I never in my life thought of  
some shit like this. You just gotta  
be a positive role model for some  
other fuck up and you're good to go  
papa. you better do this shit".

NII  
no, what I look like doing that  
shit? And do you forget this little  
hustle we got going on? how its  
gonna look if I get caught. They'll  
put me and yo ass on death row for  
that kinda embarrassment to their  
precious island

KIKO  
fuck what you look like! you'll be  
out bro, then we can really make  
plays. And we fam so you know imma  
hold that down.

NII  
i know. i thought about it

KIKO  
No wonder that old clown is mad at  
you- he's never getting out - gotta  
be around this nasty shit. At  
least this way you get out sometime  
soon, when I get out next year then  
we go from there.

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NII

Fuck it. I'm go take care of this  
business

Nii gets up and goes to the phone down the catwalk.

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INT: AT JAIL PHONE

9

Nii goes to the phone and starts to dial one number but then stops. He then dials another one and a girls vioce picks up.

G.O.P

what do you want? This isn't a good  
time

NII

yo, chill. I just wanted to hear  
your vioce

G.O.P

chill? I thought I told you not to  
call me anymore.

NII

I thought you love me, why can't i  
call you.

G.O.P

You know we're just in two  
different places right now.

NII

Of course I know that, im the one  
looked up. Maybe if you'd write  
back to my letters then you'd know  
how im doing, you'd know if im stll  
alive or if things are getting  
better

G.O.P

Im happy for you, its just...  
(voice gets softer)

ANOTHER VIOCE

Tell him  
(whisper)

NII

Who the fuck was that? Monique?  
Who. is. that?

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G.O.P

Look, I don't want you to get mad.  
You know you got that temper

NII

Yo shawty, stop playing with me,  
who was that?

G.O.P

Look don't get mad, That's...Malik

NII

Malik?... That cornball from Jack.  
Word, thats how you doin me?

ANOTHER VIOCE

Cornball, Nah fuck that. he's  
corny. you need to let him know  
what it is now

NII

Oh word. Say no more, when I come  
home its on sight for you boy. Best  
believe.

G.O.P

I gotta go Richard, I can't deal  
with this right now.

NII

don't hang up.

G.O.P

Bye

NII

Mo, Mo, Monique? iight, fuck you  
then too bitch.

Nii bangs the phone down and looks around at two white  
inmates watching him.

NII

Yo mind your own fucking business

The two men then get up and lock eyes with Nii

GUY 1

Who you think you talking to? Im  
not your little girlfriend but i'll  
put you in your place right now boy

NII  
who you calling boy. You better  
check where you at. Dark side nigga

Kiko then pops out the cell with his shiv concealed.

GUY 2  
It's your lucky day. Yo lets get  
outta here Steve.

Nii turns around to make another call and Kiko goes back  
into his cell

FADE TO BLACK

10 INT: KID'S BEDROOM - EVENING

10

Kwame stares at a laptop on his bed. He's filling out  
information for a social media account. His brother then  
walks in

KOFI  
Do you wanna play a fighting game?

KWAME  
nah, im busy right now

KOFI  
what are you doing

KWAME  
nothing, as a matter of fact, leave  
me alone

KOFI  
you're still mad about the other  
day?

KWAME  
Yo, what do you mean? you can't  
just be acting like a little girl  
like that. You know im going to  
high school next year.

KOFI  
yo i had it. no one told you to  
jump in. i dont care if those kids  
are afraid of you or them

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KWAME  
calm down tough guy

KOFI  
whatever.

Kofi then leaves the room and Kwame continues making his social media profile.

11 INT: HOUSE LIVING ROOM -EVENING

11

EUREKA  
Where's your brother? Isn't he  
going to eat?...KWAME, COME AND EAT

KOFI  
He's finishing up his homework

KWAME(O.S)  
Im doing something for school

EUREKA  
oh okay, well take your food and  
eat

Eureka says this and lay back on the couch to catch some sleep.

KOFI  
what, Are you going to work  
tonight?

EUREKA  
Hey, are you trying to throw a  
party in my house?

KOFI  
No! i just wanted to know

EUREKA  
No, im off tonight. I worked a  
double shift today. Hey look, if my  
job calls don't pick up the phone

KOFI  
Why not?

EUREKA  
You are asking me why? look im too  
tired for this.

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Kofi gets his food while his mom dozes off. First he sits down at the table then he gets up. Sneaks the remote from under her and watches TV while he eats his food on the glass center table.

EUREKA

Hey, be careful with my table, it's older than you

KOFI

Okay

Eureka puts her head back down and Kofi goes back to flipping through channels and see what was on TV

MONTAGE OF DIFFERENT LATE NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Then the phone rings

EUREKA

Its my job. Hey, pick it up and tell them in not here

Kofi then runs to the phone

KOFI

I got it

EUREKA

pick it up quick

KOFI

Hello...it's Francis, she's not here...im not sure but I'll tell her.

Im in seventh grade now.

I always behave in school. My brother is good too.

okay, I'll tell her when she comes back. Bye

EUREKA

alright, good.

KOFI

Why don't you just call out

EUREKA

Everyone I work with will do the overtime. If i call out they'll

(MORE)

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EUREKA (cont'd)  
take me off the list for tomorrow.  
This way, if I don't go in then I  
would do

Eureka then goes back to sleep. Kofi then goes back into his room and Kwame is on the computer with the lights off

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INT: KID'S BEDROOM

12

The computer in front of Kwame is the only source of the light in the room

Kwame and Kofi lock eyes but say nothing

A large impact sound comes into the room from outside. Kofi runs to the window

KWAME(O.S)  
you're so nosey

KOFI  
Shut up, yo turn down the screen.  
They're fighting

KWAME(O.S)  
Really

Kwame joins Kofi at the window and the two comment on the fight and laugh together. When the IM sound comes from the computer Kwame goes to it and starts smiling as he sees a message from Stacey welcoming him to a social life

KOFI  
Dragon Ball Z is about to come on.  
Aren't you a super fan

KWAME  
Go put the episode on, Imma be  
right there, Dont wake mommy up

Kofi then goes to do it but Kwame stays and IMs Stacey.

FADE OUT