

Choose a Character from the Casting Character Bible.

Genre: Family Drama / Youth Drama / Crime / Social Impact

Format: Feature Film

Primary Production Locations: Nigeria

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PRINCIPAL CAST

1. DANIEL OBAFEMI

Age: 26–29

Gender: Male

Nationality/Background: Nigerian

Status: Lead Character

Family: Eldest son of Pastor and Mrs. Obafemi

Summary

Daniel is intelligent, charismatic, outspoken and emotionally complicated.

He grew up in a respected Christian home where his father is a well-known pastor. From the outside, Daniel appears privileged. In reality, he feels emotionally neglected.

His greatest frustration is that his father appears to have time for everyone except his own children.

Daniel does not initially see himself as a criminal. He sees himself as a young man who wants independence, money and respect.

His vulnerability is his **need to be seen and valued**.

Personality

Confident

Charismatic

Street-smart

Emotional

Ambitious

Impatient

Rebellious
Protective of his siblings
Persuasive
Occasionally arrogant

2. BAYO COKER

Age: 22–26
Gender: Male
Nationality/Background: Nigerian
Status: Principal Character

Character Summary

Bayo is the intellectual of the trio.

He is exceptionally intelligent and technically gifted. He understands computers and technology at a level beyond the average young person around him.

Unlike Daniel, Bayo is naturally quiet.

He does not seek attention.

His greatest weakness is that his intelligence makes him believe he can control situations that are bigger than him.

Personality

Quiet ,Brilliant, Introverted
Analytical, Sensitive, Curious, Anxious ,Loyal
Conflict-avoidant

3. AYO JAMES

Age: 22–26
Gender: Male
Nationality/Background: Nigerian
Status: Principal Character

Character Summary

Ayo is ambitious, entrepreneurial and hungry for success.

He has watched his parents struggle financially and has developed a deep fear of poverty.

Unlike Daniel, who wants respect, and Bayo, who wants recognition for his intelligence, Ayo wants **financial security**.

He genuinely loves his parents.

Ironically, his desire to rescue his family becomes one of the reasons he makes dangerous choices.

Personality

Ambitious, Energetic, Optimistic, Business-minded, Persuasive
Confident, Competitive, Resourceful

4. MARCUS

Age: 28–35

Gender: Male

Nationality/Background: Nigerian or Nigerian/ American **Status:** Principal Antagonist

Character Summary

Marcus is charismatic, street-smart and extremely confident.

He is the most experienced person in the group's criminal world.

Unlike the three young men, Marcus understands exactly what he is doing.

He presents himself as a successful entrepreneur and social-media personality.

He knows how to make young people feel important.

Personality

Charismatic
Manipulative
Fearless
Funny
Confident
Calculating

Dominant
Risk-taking

5. TIMOTHY

Age: 25–32

Gender: Male

Nationality/Background: Nigerian

Status: Major Supporting Role

Character Summary

Timothy is aggressive, impulsive and confrontational.

He believes he deserves more money from the group's deal.

His anger gradually turns into a direct threat against Marcus.

Personality

Hot-headed

Confident

Street-smart

Fearless

Confrontational

Proud

Impulsive

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6. PASTOR OBAFEMI

Age: 48–60

Gender: Male

Status: Principal Character

Character Summary

Pastor Obafemi is a respected Nigerian pastor and church leader.

He is disciplined, principled and deeply committed to his ministry.

He genuinely loves his family.

His greatest flaw is that he often confuses **discipline with communication**.

He knows how to preach to thousands of people but struggles to communicate with his eldest son.

Personality

Authoritative
Disciplined
Spiritual
Intelligent
Principled
Proud
Emotionally reserved
Protective

7. MRS. OBAFEMI

Age: 43–55

Gender: Female

Status: Principal Character

Character Summary

Mrs. Obafemi is calm, compassionate and family-centred.

She is often the emotional bridge between her husband and children.

She recognises Daniel's pain much earlier than her husband does.

Personality

Warm
Compassionate
Intelligent
Patient
Strong
Protective
Emotionally perceptive

8. KEVIN OBAFEMI

Age: 18–22
Gender: Male

Character Summary

Kevin is Daniel's younger brother.

He initially appears more balanced and obedient.

He loves his brother but does not fully understand his frustration.

Kevin becomes an important voice later in the story when he publicly defends his father's character.

Personality

Calm
Thoughtful
Respectful
Idealistic
Articulate
Loyal

9. ELIZABETH OBAFEMI

Age: 17–20
Gender: Female

Character Summary

Elizabeth is Daniel's younger sister.

She loves her brother and is excited when he begins buying expensive gifts for the family.

She is initially unaware of the source of his money.

Character Function

She represents the innocent family member who benefits from Daniel's money without knowing the price behind it.

10. PROFESSOR COKER

Age: 50–60

Gender: Male

Status: Principal Character

Character Summary

Professor Coker is a respected academic.

He teaches ethics, education and intellectual development but fails to recognise the emotional needs of his own son.

He is proud of Bayo's intelligence.

Personality

Intellectual

Calm

Disciplined

Respected

Analytical

Reserved

Proud

11. MRS. COKER

Age: 45–55

Gender: Female

Character Summary

Bayo's mother is compassionate and observant.

She senses that something is wrong with her son before the truth becomes public.

Personality

Warm

Concerned

Observant

Protective
Emotionally intelligent

12. MR. JAMES

Age: 45–60

Gender: Male

Status: Principal Supporting Role

Character Summary

Mr. James is a hardworking businessman who has experienced serious financial difficulties.

He loves his family but feels ashamed that he cannot provide everything they need.

His tears beneath the tree become a key moment in Ayo's character development.

Personality

Hardworking
Proud

Responsible
Emotional
Family-oriented

13. MRS. JAMES

Age: 40–55

Gender: Female

Character Summary

Mrs. James is a hardworking street/business vendor.

She believes education is the best route to a better future for her son.

She initially has no idea that Ayo's entrepreneurial success has a darker origin.

Personality

Warm
Practical
Hardworking
Supportive
Protective
Optimistic

14. AYO'S BUSINESS/CONTENT FRIENDS

Age: 20–30

Gender: Male/Female

These supporting performers appear around Ayo's business activities and online marketing content.

They should feel contemporary and natural—not exaggerated “social-media characters.”

MARCUS' CREW

15. MARCUS' FRIEND / CONTENT CREATOR

Age: 22–30

A young social-media personality who is constantly filming Marcus and their lifestyle.

Character Function

Represents the culture of documenting everything for social media.

His footage later becomes potentially important evidence.

16. MARCUS' SECOND ASSOCIATE

Age: 25–35

A quieter, more intimidating member of Marcus' circle.

He does not speak much.

His physical presence creates tension whenever Marcus is challenged.

17. MARCUS' BODYGUARD

Age: 30–40

A physically imposing man with very few words.

He is loyal to Marcus.

He becomes directly connected to the confrontation with Timothy.

Audition Direction

The performer should communicate danger primarily through presence, restraint and body language rather than excessive dialogue.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

18. SENIOR POLICE OFFICER / DETECTIVE

Age: 40–55

Gender: Male or Female

Character Summary

Experienced, observant and composed.

This officer leads the investigation and quickly recognises that the three young men may be hiding something.

Personality

Professional
Sharp
Calm
Authoritative
Persistent

19. SECOND POLICE OFFICER

Age: 30–50

Supports the lead investigator and is involved in the arrest and evidence collection.

MEDIA / SOCIAL-MEDIA CHARACTERS

20. LIZZIE — SOCIAL-MEDIA INFLUENCER

Age: 20–28

Gender: Female

Status: Supporting / Major Media Character

Character Summary

Lizzie is a confident, outspoken digital commentator.

She represents the speed and aggression of modern social media commentary.

After Daniel's arrest becomes public, she produces highly critical videos about Pastor Obafemi and his family.

Personality

Bold
Opinionated
Articulate
Confident
Provocative
Social-media savvy

21. NEWS ANCHOR

Age: 30–50

Professional television journalist who reports the arrest and growing scandal.

22. TALK-SHOW HOST

Age: 30–55

Charismatic presenter who leads a discussion about pastors, parenting, youth crime and social media.

23. TALK-SHOW PANELISTS

Three or four young adults/experts.

Their purpose is to represent different perspectives:

One condemns the young men.

One questions the parents.

One questions social media culture.

One argues for accountability without destroying the families.

24. CHURCH MEMBERS

Age: 20–70

A range of believable Nigerian church members.

They appear in church services, meetings and Pastor Obafemi's counselling scenes.

25. UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Age: 18–30

Students surrounding Bayo and Ayo's university/social environment.

They help establish the modern youth atmosphere.

26. CUSTOMERS / COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Supporting background roles for the James family business.

27. COURT JUDGE — JUSTICE EMMANUEL

Age: 50–70

Gender: Male or Female

Character Summary

The judge is composed, serious and authoritative.

The courtroom scenes must never feel theatrical or exaggerated.

Audition Direction

Strong diction, controlled delivery and natural judicial authority.

28. COURT CLERK

Age: 25–60

Responsible for the formal courtroom announcements.

29. PROSECUTOR

Age: 35–60

Represents the state.

Professional, forceful and precise.

30. DEFENCE COUNSEL

Age: 35–60

Represents Daniel, Bayo and Ayo.

Should communicate urgency and intelligence.

Suggested Priority Casting

Daniel: Strong dramatic male lead with charisma.

Bayo: Subtle, emotionally intelligent actor capable of carrying internal conflict.

Ayo: Likeable, energetic actor with strong screen presence.

Marcus: Experienced character actor with natural intimidation and charisma.

Pastor Obafemi: Mature actor with authority, spiritual credibility and emotional depth.

Mrs. Obafemi: Strong dramatic actress with understated emotional power.

Professor Coker: Distinguished actor capable of intellectual authority.

Mrs. James: Warm, grounded actress capable of portraying financial struggle without cliché.

Timothy: Strong supporting actor with explosive emotional energy.

Lizzie: Young actress with exceptional social-media/camera presence.