HARMATTAN; TRIAL OF WIND

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Caption: nine years ago

Panel 1

Taiwo wins a race.

He crosses the finish line with other kids behind.

We can see that in the last position is Kehinde struggling for her life.

Taiwo and Kehinde are around 6 years old.

Taiwo: winner!

Kehinde: how… ugh.. did taiwo … fast… must..ugh cheated They are both 7 years old.

Panel 2

Taiwo and Kehinde compete in an eating contest.

They are trying to eat as many puff puffs as possible.

There is a giant plate of puff puff in front of them and a crowd of kids cheering them on.

Off panel: and the only contestants that are left are Taiwo and Kehinde. Look at them go!

Panel 3

Pov from the mirror

Taiwo and kehinde compete to see who can brush their teeth better.

They are standing in front of a mirror and brushing their teeth while glaring at each other.

Taiwo: my teeth are going to be shinier than yours.

Kehinde: My teeth will be cleaner than your own.

Taiwo: it's a lie

Panel 4

Taiwo and Kehinde are measuring their heights.

They have their backs to the wall. Their parents are using markers at the place where their head reaches.

They glare at each other.

Taiwo: I'm taller than you. Ne ne ne ne neeee

Kehinde: in your dreams.

Mama twins: can't you kids stop bickering for one minute?

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Caption: six years ago

Panel 1

Grandpa Tutu’s arms appear out of nowhere and grab each twin.

One hand grabs taiwo and the other grabs kehinde

The twins [*they are 10 years old now]* quarrel with each other as they are being lifted off the ground.

Kehinde: whenever I'm trying to practice my routine you're always looking for my trouble

Taiwo: but didn't you meet me playing here… ehn

Grandpa: Okay. There would be no quarreling while…

Panel 2

The twins are seated on Grandpa Tutu’s laps.

Grandpa Tutu has a big smile on his face and a gold book in his arm.

Taiwo and Kehinde try to make their case to their Grandpa

Grandpa: Grandpa is around.

Kehinde: grandpa tutu, you know that he is always agitating me

Taiwo: Grandpa tutu, she saw me playing and came to do her dancing there…

Panel 3

Over the shoulder view of Grandpa Tutu and the twins.

Grandpa Tutu and the twins stare into the book their grandfather was holding.

Inside the book we can see the image of wind blowing

Grandpa tutu: why don't we put the arguments on hold until after I tell you another story about Harmattan.

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Panel 1

Establishing shot of the desert.

We see the Harmattan winds blowing out of and across the desert

Caption: every year, when the month of November arrives, the Harmattan Chief summons Harmattan…

Panel 2

The Harmattan winds fly over the countries of West Africa. We can see Ghana, Benin and Nigeria.

Caption: and sends it east, from the Sahara desert through the countries to the Atlantic.

Panel 3

We see a stick or cartoonish figure of grandpa tutu standing on a road with taiwo and kehinde beside him.

They look happy and are dressed for cold weather as Harmattan breeze blows through and past the 3 of them.

Caption: when the harmattan winds enter Nigeria, do you know what that means for us?

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Panel 1

We return to Taiwo and Kehinde seated on Grandpa Tutu’s laps.

Taiwo screams for joy while Kehinde looks at him with disappointment.

Grandpa tutu smiles

Taiwo: Harmattan Day… with lots of cold drinks like Kunu, Zobo and juice

Panel 2

Kehinde has an “i know better than you look” as she speaks while Grandpa Tutu watches her.

Opposite her, Taiwo sticks out his tongue at her.

Kehinde: No silly. That's the time that your lips get dry, you can't breathe well and the nights are very cold.

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Panel 1

Grandpa Tutu laughs heartily as Kehinde and Taiwo send glares at each other.

Grandpa Tutu: hahahahahahahaha! Wonderful!

Panel 2

Grandpa Tutu hugs both Taiwo and Kehinde at the same time.

They all have smiles on their faces.

Grandpa Tutu: you're both correct but Harmattan is so much more than you can imagine.

Kehinde: We would love to hear more

Taiwo: promise to tell us all about it

Panel 3

Clow up on Grandpa Tutu’s face. He has a huge smile on his face.

Grandpa Tutu: I promise. I'm not going anywhere