

Sentient Africa - Season I

Pilot Synopsis

Logline: Nigerian firefighter Martin Dozie emerges from a collapsed building to discover an apocalypse has wiped out Lagos and the inhabitants of the city have vanished.

Characters:

Martin Dozie, firefighter, male Titi, rescuee, female Oma, Dozie's missing daughter Detective Kingsley, Titi's brother Fire chief, male Dapo Adekunkle, firefighter, male Yusuf, Police Sergeant, male

Plot Summary:

Firefighter Martin Dozie, while on a rescue mission, gets trapped in a building, parts of which eventually collapse onto him and Titi, his rescuee. Sometime later, the two find themselves in a post-apocalyptic world, seemingly free of people but full of dead bodies, placed in vehicles. As the bodies disappear, the shocked Dozie and Titi, both now determined to find out the truth, start searching the deserted and ruined city in seeking survivors, including Oma, Dozie's daughter, and detective Kingsley, Titi's brother. Meanwhile, an unexpected airplane roars above their heads.

Dozie ends up in a club house hoping to find Oma, however what he sees only terrifies him: numerous dead bodies float in the pool. Dozie fears that Oma is, most likely, dead.

He quickly to the fire station. Titi accompanies him throughout. As he arrives at the fire station, he sees that it's completely desolated. He reaches the Fire chief's office only to find him tied to the chair, barely breathing. Dozie looks in vain for medical supplies to save him. The Fire chief mutters something and Dozie asks him if he knows what's happened. He quickly learns from the Fire chief that it's Dapo Adekunkle, a co-firefighter, that did this to him, and that Dozie should be careful.

Immediately after the conversation with the Chief fire, Dozie sees Dapo through the window and instantly runs out to get him. As he chases Dapo down, the latter disappears in the mist.

Titi suggests that they report Dapo to the police, hoping that detective Kingsley may help. They arrive at the police station and see that it's also damaged and empty. Titi goes to Kingsley's office and there, she sees ashes of a human body on the floor. She cries.

Looking to leave, Dozie notices sergeant Yusuf who opens up and says that they "should brace for anarchy". Yusuf tells Titi that her brother left "for a mission", giving her hope that the ashes she saw don't belong to her brother. Yusuf tells Dozie that "someone has taken away everything".

Meanwhile, an unexpected airplane roars above their heads, again, after which they witness an explosion.

As the night quickly approaches, Dozie and Titi stop by a house with its power supply shut down. They light a lantern and then go to sleep.

Dozie wakes up from a nightmare and sees someone staring at him through the window. He thinks it's Oma and goes for her, but the figure disappears. He goes back to bed. Exhausted, he closes his eyes, and the moment he does that, the figure shows up again.

Dozie looks outside to discover his house is surrounded by a ghostly life-form and there is no way out.