

A zine about tracing steps backwards — through memory and place — to understand how the past lives within the present, and how we continue forward from it.

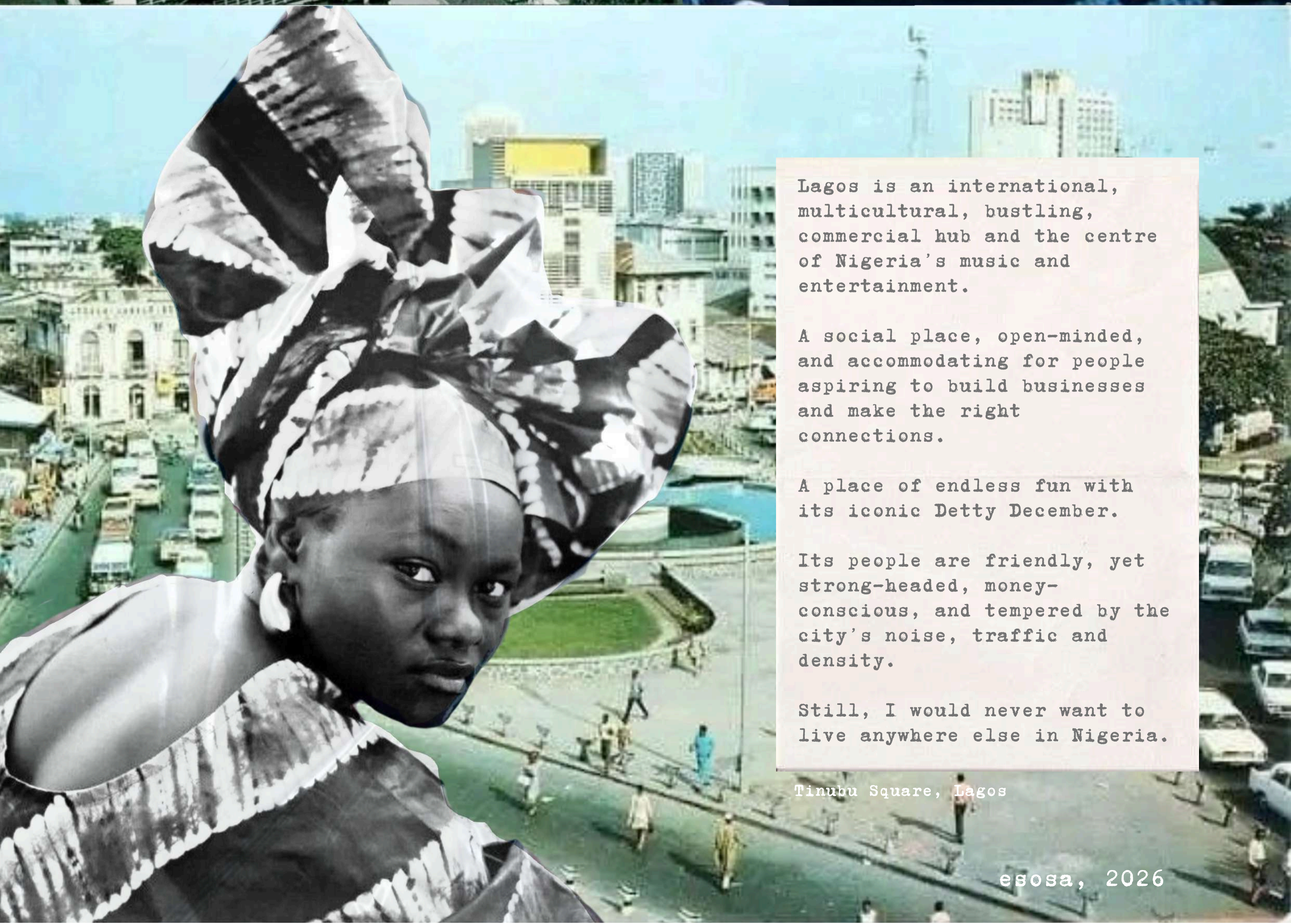
# OBIRIN EKO

a woman from Lagos

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Eko Bridge, Carter Bridge And The Third Mainland Bridge In Lagos



Lagos is an international, multicultural, bustling, commercial hub and the centre of Nigeria's music and entertainment.

A social place, open-minded, and accommodating for people aspiring to build businesses and make the right connections.

A place of endless fun with its iconic Detti December.

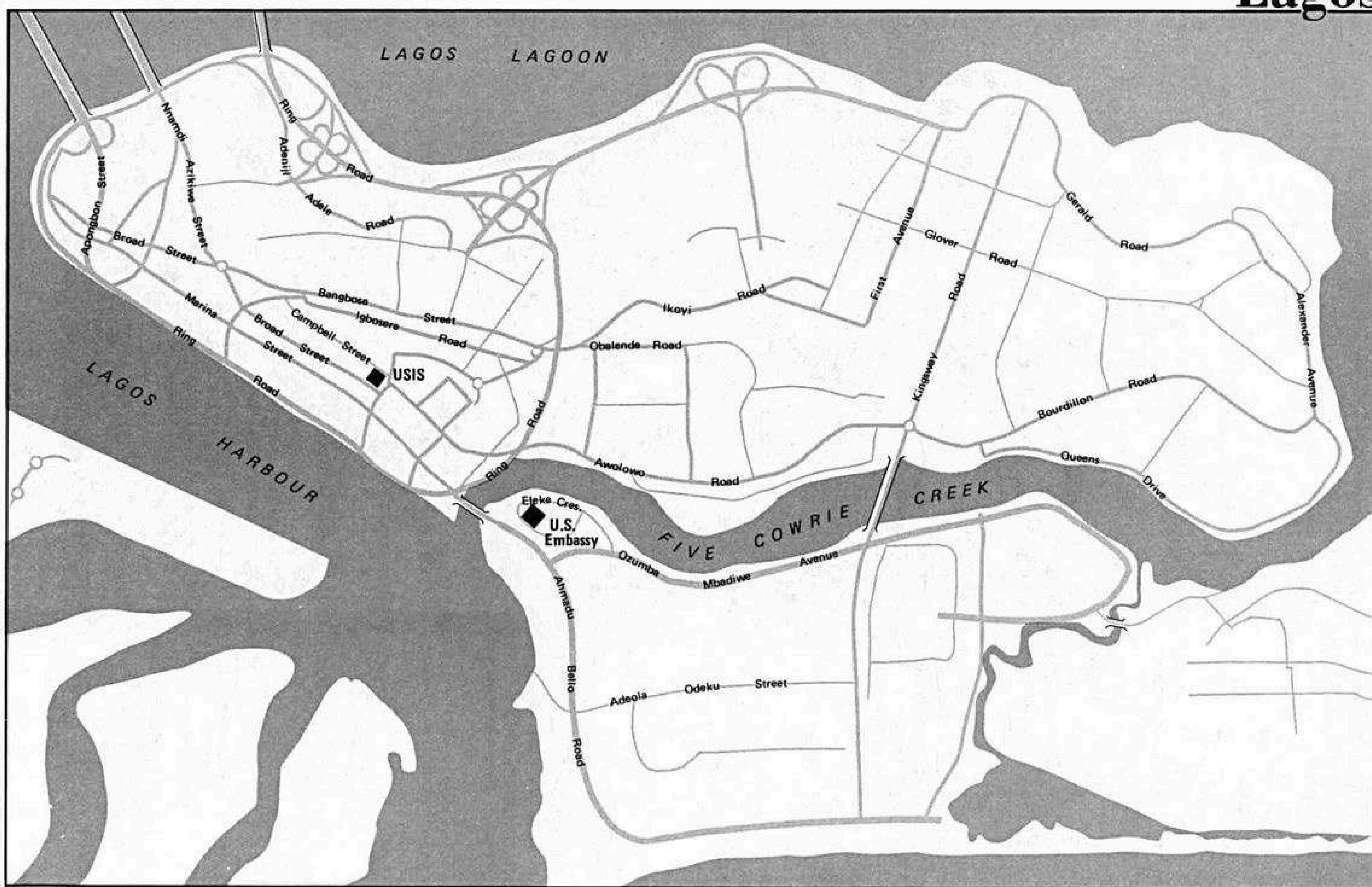
Its people are friendly, yet strong-headed, money-conscious, and tempered by the city's noise, traffic and density.

Still, I would never want to live anywhere else in Nigeria.

Tinubu Square, Lagos

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# Lagos



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Until 1975 it was the capital of Lagos state, and until December 1991 it was the federal capital of Nigeria.

By the late 15th century, Lagos Island had been occupied by Yoruba fishermen and hunters, who called it **Oko**. From the late 16th century to the mid-19th century, the area was dominated by the kingdom of Benin, which called it **Eko**.

The local **obas** (kings) enjoyed good relations with the Portuguese, who called the island Onim (and later Lagos) and established a flourishing slave trade.

The topography of Lagos is dominated by its system of islands, sandbars, and lagoons. A system of bridges connects some of Lagos's islands to the mainland.

The main business district occupies Lagos Island's southwestern shore and contains an increasing number of multistory buildings. This is the heart of the city, the centre of commerce, finance, administration, and education.

Lagos Island - "U.S. Dept. of State  
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**AsỌ-Ẹbí:** AṢọ in means 'cloth', Ẹbí means 'family group'. It is a family dress code or uniform worn during family ceremonies such as weddings, funerals, birthdays and anniversaries as an indicator of cooperation, camaraderie, solidarity and close friendship.



The original **Marina General Post Office** remains a highly regarded historical monument in the historical and administrative archives of Lagos. Over the decades, digital transformation fundamentally shifted the reliance on traditional mail, and while the physical site still holds symbolic importance.



Kabiyesi o!  
there is no one to question  
your authority

**Dobale:** lying on the  
ground face down -  
'meeting the earth',  
showing respect to  
parents, relatives,  
royalty and elderly  
people.

**Kunle:** women  
traditionally kneel as  
a sign of respect.

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no fall my  
hand

OMO

wahala be like  
bycyle  
las las

Shine Your Eyes

Má fó

Oloriburuku

ode

Abi?/Na so

E Choke

Wetin Dey Sup

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Konko below  
ko below

Konko below ko below

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ko below

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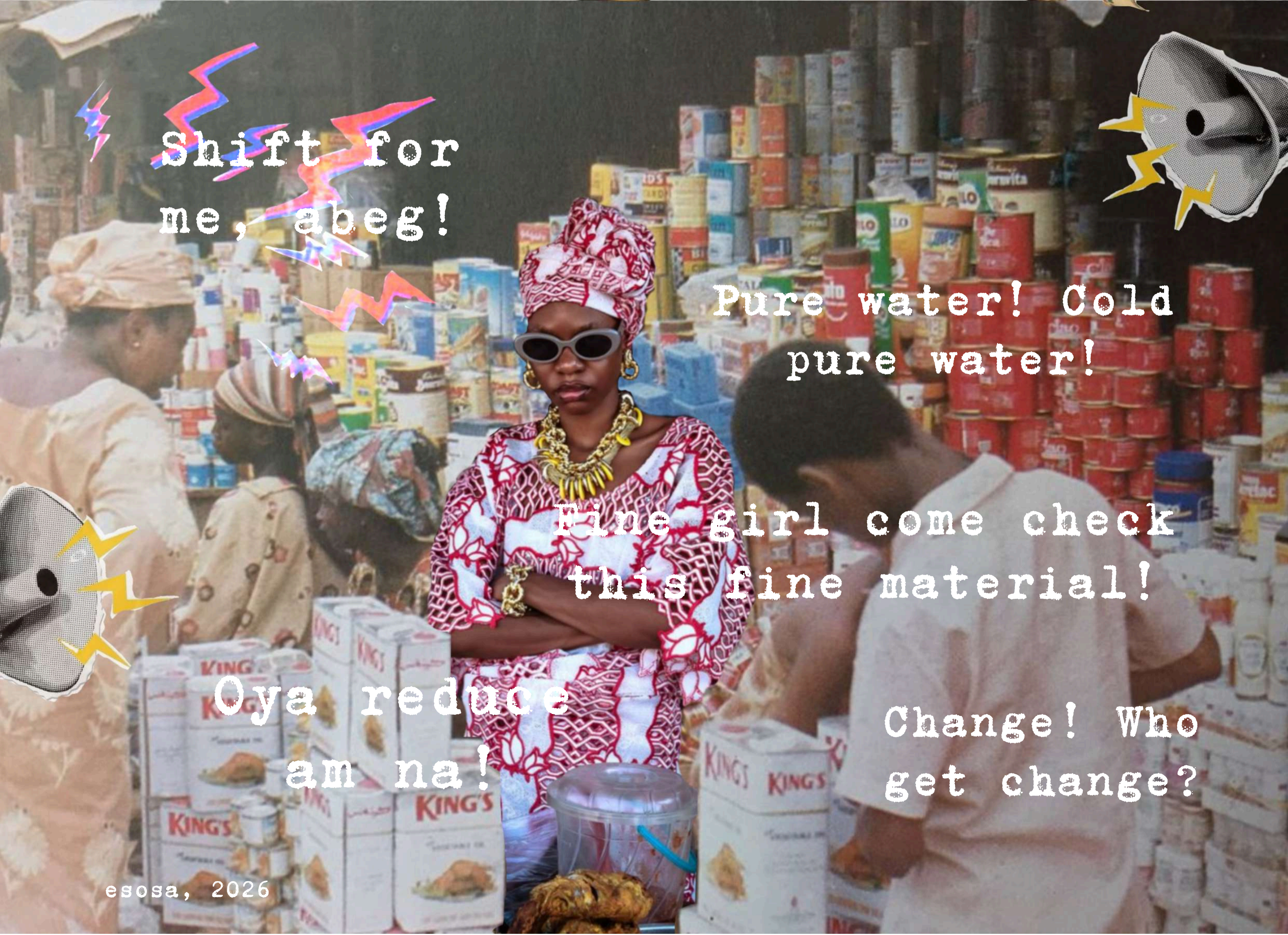
Konko below ko below

Ah thunder  
Ah onibata yi o kare  
eee

Ah thunder  
Ah onibata yi o kare eee

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Shift for  
me, abeg!

Pure water! Cold  
pure water!

Fine girl come check  
this fine material!

Oya reduce  
am na!

Change! Who  
get change?

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