

EPISODE 7 “VIRUS, SPAM AND MUSIC PIRATES”

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CHARACTERS

ANNOUNCER Male Adult

ZAPCOM A 23-year-old computer geek, by village standards.

GEORGE 20 years old. Waits tables at his Uncle Kilu’s restaurant.

UNCLE KILU 55 years old. George’s uncle, owner of KULA TU FOODS.

OMWA 19 years old and jobless. Female.

INTRO

1. MUSIC: THEME MUSIC

2. ANNOUNCER HELLO AND WELCOME TO ANOTHER EPISODE OF THE ‘LEARNING BY EAR’ SERIES ABOUT NEW MEDIA. THIS IS EPISODE 7, ENTITLED ‘VIRUSES, SPAM AND MUSIC PIRATES’

IN THE LAST EPISODE, UNCLE KILU LEARNT A LOT ABOUT THE MANY USES OF THE MOBILE PHONE. INDEED, ZAPCOM AND GEORGE ALSO LEARNT HOW TO USE THE NUMEROUS FUNCTIONS OF THE PHONE TO IMPROVE ON BOTH THEIR CAFÉ AND THE RESTAURANT BUSINESS. AND THEY KNOW THAT WAS NOT ALL. THE EXCITEMENT CONTINUES AS THEY DISCOVER THE POTENTIAL OF NEW MEDIA. JOIN THEM AND LEARN WITH THEM ... LISTEN ON...

SCENE 1

3. A-SFX: A BUZZ OF EXCITEMENT. YOUTHFUL VOICES AND A BACKGROUND OF POP MUSIC AT A DISTANCE.

4. **UNCLE KILU (SOUNDING HARRASSED AND SHOUTING ACROSS)**... George, George, come over and help...come take the customers’ orders.
5. **GEOREG** In a moment, Uncle, in a moment!
6. **B-SFX: BACKGROUND MUSIC AND EXCITEMENT INCREASES.**
7. **UNCLE KILU (GETTING ANGRY)** George, I need you here now!
8. **C-SFX: MUSIC AND EXCITEMENT INCREASES.**
9. **UNCLE KILU (MUTTERING TO HIMSELF SOFTLY)** What are they doing there? What is engrossing George so much. **(APPROACHES).**
10. **D-SFX: MUSIC AND EXCITEMENT GETS LOUDER AS HE APPROACHES**
11. **UNCLE KILU (TO OMWA)** Omwa, what is going on? Why is no one responding. Where did you get all this money?
12. **OMWA (EXCITED).** We are making good money, Uncle, they are buying CDs.
13. **UNCLE KILU (PUZZED)** CDs?

- 14. OMWA** (STILL EXCITED) Music CDs, they have been queuing up all day for them.
- 15. UNCLE KILU** Whose music?
- 16. OMWA** Well, anyone’s and everyone’s, whatever popular music we can get from the internet.
- 17. UNCLE KILU** I am very confused. You are getting other people’s music from the internet, you put it on those ... those... CDs and sell it for money?
- 18. OMWA** Yes! It’s so exciting. Such an easy way to make money. I have to go now... I need to burn more CDs.
- 19. ANNOUNCER** UNCLE KILU IS RATHER PERTURBED. HE DOES NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT DOWNLOADING MUSIC FROM THE NET, NOR ABOUT THE TECHNOLOGY OF BURNING CDS, BUT SOMETHING DOES NOT FEEL RIGHT. HE GOES TO FIND ZAPCOM, AS USUAL, FOR HIM TO EXPLAIN.

SCENE TWO: KULA TU FOODS. LATE IN THE DAY.

20. ATMO: RESTAURANT

21. UNCLE KILU Zapu... my son, tell me, the music George and Omwa are selling...

22. ZAPCOM Yes?

23. UNCLE KILU Did they buy it?

24. ZAPCOM Oh, yes... they are making quite a lot of money.

25. UNCLE KILU No... not them, not your business but the people who made the music. Did they sell it to you?

26. ZAPCOM **(LAUGHS)** No, Uncle, the music is free... well, there are websites where they sell it and you can send money and they allow you to download it.

27. UNCLE KILU I am confused, it is up for sale and also free. I mean, it's like, like me advertising my famous goat soup at a specific price then letting you take it for free. What people give their products for free when they are already selling them?

- 28. ZAPCOM** **(A CONSPIRATORY WHISPER)** Well, you can find a way to download it for free.
- 29. UNCLE KILU** **(ANGRY)** Thieves!
- 30. ZAPCOM** **(SURPRISED)** What? You cannot accuse us of stealing.
- 31. UNCLE KILU** **(VERY ANGRY)** Explain, what are you doing if you are not stealing. To make it worse, you steal their music then you make money from it. Are you giving the owners the money you collect? Are you? Tell me. Where’s the logic in this?
- 32. ZAPCOM** **(UNCOMFORTABLE)** Well... I... it is not exactly stealing....
- 33. UNCLE KILU** **(FIRMLY)** What do you call it, then? I do not like it. I do not want to have thieves for business partners.

34. ANNOUNCER INDEED, WHAT DO YOU CALL IT? TAKING SOMEONE ELSE’S HARD WORK WITHOUT PAYING A CENT FOR IT. DOWNLOADING MUSIC WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE OWNERS AND THEN MAKING A PROFIT FROM IT – BY UNCLE KILU’S MORAL STANDARDS, IT IS THEFT. HE HAS RAISED SOME LEGAL AND MORAL QUESTIONS. QUESTIONS THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL SHOULD CONSIDER AND MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION FOR HIM OR HERSELF.

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SCENE THREE: AT THE INTERNET CAFÉ

35. OMWA (FRUSTRATED, SNEEZING AND COUGHING)
Zapcom, at times my job here at the Internet Café is very frustrating. I do not understand. My documents keep vanishing and... and the computers are just not loading. Something is wrong.

36. E-SFX: DOOR OPENS. COUGHS, SNIFF, NOSE BLOWING. CHORUSES FILL THE AIR.

- 37. UNCLE KILU (SURPRISED)** What is going on? Have I just entered a hospital casualty ward?
- 38. ZAPCOM (SNEEZING AND SPLUTTERING)** It’s George, he passed on the flu virus! (TO OMWA) Omwa, please help me switch on those computers.
- 39. OMWA (COUGHS)** Ooh no. Something is wrong. It won’t boot correctly.
- 40. ZAPCOM** What do you mean?... **(PAUSE, SNEEZE)**... Oh no, this one too!
- 41. OMWA** And this one as well!
- 42. UNCLE KILU** What is going on?
- 43. ZAPCOM** It’s all of them. We have a computer virus.
- 44. UNCLE KILU** I know that, that is why you are coughing and spluttering all over my place.
- 45. OMWA** Oh no, this is a disaster. **(COUGH)** What do we do now.
- 46. UNCLE KILU** Hospital. That is why we have hospitals. For the sick, the unwell and you...
- 47. ZAPCOM** It’s a virus... we should have ...

- 48. UNCLE KILU (INTERRUPTS)** Then stop talking and go to the hospital.
- 49. ZAPCOM (IRRITABLE)** I am talking about the computers. They have a virus.
- 50. OMWA (SNIFF SNIFF)** This is a disaster. What are we going to do?
- 51. UNCLE KILU** I am confused now. You have a cold and your computer has the virus?
- 52. ZAPCOM** It’s, it’s **(SNEEZE)** ... yes... the computer has a virus.
- 53. UNCLE KILU** Explain yourself young man, otherwise I think the virus in your body has messed up with your brain.
- 54. ZAPCOM (COUGH)** That’s it, Uncle. The virus in our computers copied itself, infecting and spreading through the network of files and systems. **(SNEEZE)**
- 55. UNCLE KILU (NOT EXACTLY UNDERSTANDING)** It sounds bad. You should go to the hospital. Do they have hospitals for your sick computers?

- 56. ZAPCOM** We need an antivirus programme...ok, let me explain. An antivirus programme is software, which when installed on the computer, is designed to prevent, detect and remove computer viruses.
- 57. OMWA** **(SOUNDING VERY MISERABLE)** Why didn't we install it earlier?
- 58. ZAPCOM** We did, but new viruses come up all the time. If a new type of disease comes up, the medicine available may not cure it immediately and new medication must be developed. It is the same principle.
- 59. OMWA** What shall we do now? I can't be out of a job again.
- 60. ZAPCOM** I will make sure that, besides updating the antivirus programme, we also have a firewall.
- 61. UNCLE KILU** Fire wall?

- 62. ZAPCOM** A firewall is part of a computer system that is designed to check communication in and out of the computer. It blocks unauthorised computer traffic based on specific rules. It provides a set of security criteria and uses that criteria to either allow or block information coming to our computers.
- 63. UNCLE KILU** Sounds complicated...
- 64. ZAPCOM** Not necessarily, think of it like a sieve. You use one in the kitchen, you use it to remove that which you do not want and hence, you are left with the good stuff. That’s your kitchen firewall.**(SNIFFLES)**
- 65. UNCLE KILU** If you put it that way.
- 66. OMWA** What are we waiting for? Let’s get the firewall and the antivirus software and all that stuff.
(COUGHS)
- 67. F-SFX: MORE UNCONTROLABLE SNEEZING, COUGHING AND NOSE BLOWING**
- 68. OMWA** It is so unfair. We also have all this unwanted mail flooding our inboxes.

- 69. ZAPCOM** Yes. It’s called spam mail. We will also have to identify it and put it in a special folder, called the junk folder.
- 70. OMWA** Someone should sue those people. They shouldn’t mess our work like this by developing viruses and sending them to us.
- 71. ZAPCOM** **(TO OMWA)** ... The world is not fair Omwa. Some of these viruses come through the internet, others are from those flash disks that our customers plug into our computers. Who knows? **(SNEEZES)**
- 72. OMWA** Let’s all go to the hospital. It is too late to blame George. **(SNIFFLES)**

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73. ANNOUNCER AGAIN, OUR TEAM CONTINUES TO LEARN THAT THE SAME TECHNOLOGY THAT BRINGS THE WORLD TO THEM ALSO BRINGS TO THEM THINGS THAT ARE UNWANTED. IT SEEMS CAUTION IS REQUIRED WHEN USING THE INTERNET. WHILE A LOT OF USEFUL INFORMATION IS ON THE INTERNET, LIKE IN ANY SOCIETY, THERE ARE THOSE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO HARM OTHERS AND MAKE OUR LIVES DIFFICULT.

HAVING INTERNET ACCESS AND ALSO HAVING OTHERS USE THEIR COMPUTERS MEANS THAT THEY RISK GETTING VIRUSES. WILL THEIR COMPUTERS RECOVER? WILL THEY CONTINUE DOWNLOADING MUSIC ILLEGALLY? WHAT ELSE IS IN STORE FOR THEM?

TUNE IN TO OUR NEXT EPISODE AND FIND OUT HOW THE STORY CONTINUES. YOU CAN ALSO VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.dw-world.de/lbe FOR MORE INFORMATION ON LEARNING BY EAR PROGRAMMES. DON'T FORGET TO SEND US YOUR COMMENTS AS WELL. UNTIL NEXT TIME – GOOD BYE.