



KATE & KOJI

An asylum seeker and a cafe owner form an unlikely friendship in a new studio-based sitcom from the writers of *Outnumbered*





JOAN'S CAFE

From the creators of *Outnumbered* and *What We Did on Our Holiday*, comes this entertaining studio sitcom series ***Kate and Koji***, starring Golden Globe winner Brenda Blethyn (*Vera*, *Secrets & Lies*) and Jimmy Akingbola (*In the Long Run*).

Kate (*Brenda Blethyn*) runs a small café in a neglected seaside town. Once a thriving concern, the café is now on the brink of going under. Kate develops a strong, if sometimes volatile, friendship with highly-educated, African doctor, Koji (Jimmy Akingbola – *Holby City*) who is seeking asylum.

Koji has a very high opinion of himself, but he's clearly very bright and has a talent for elegant put-downs. Kate's nephew, Medium Dan (Blake Harrison – *The Inbetweeners*), engages the doctor in conversation and tells him about these warts on his tongue, but Koji is as aloof and as dismissive as he can be, and stresses he's not allowed to practise medicine. Medium's persistence wins out and Koji assures Medium the bumps on his tongue are his taste buds.

A mate of Medium's comes into the café to ask Koji's opinion about a

weird lump on his leg. Koji is having none of it, but gets tricked into diagnosing a DVT and tells him to go to hospital or he will die! News of Koji saving Nick's life spreads around the small town and the next morning Kate's café is filled with customers wanting a free consultation with this life-saving doctor. Kate realises that all the unwanted patients are buying food and drinks, and makes the increasingly irritated Koji an offer he can't refuse – free food and drink all day, to continue providing unofficial medical consultations.

Although from very different worlds, a symbiotic relationship is born between this oddest of odd couples.

Written by Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkin (*Outnumbered*).
Directed by Ben Kellett (*Mrs Brown's Boys*).

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