

The Peale, Baltimore

Out of the Blocks Storytelling Series

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Lateef Aderomilehin ([00:01](#)):

My name is Lateef Aderomilehin. My business is La Auto Service, 2124 Edmondson Avenue Baltimore, Maryland, 21223.

Yusuf Aderomilehin ([00:12](#)):

Here is the wall full of on different wrenches.

Lateef Aderomilehin ([00:15](#)):

This Yusuf Aderomilehin is my son.

Yusuf Aderomilehin ([00:18](#)):

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Pliers, different kinds.

Lateef Aderomilehin ([00:20](#)):

Yusuf [inaudible 00:00:22].

Yusuf Aderomilehin ([00:21](#)):

My name is Yusuf Aderomilehin. I'm 20 years old.

Lateef Aderomilehin ([00:25](#)):

When he has holiday early he work with me right here.

Yusuf Aderomilehin ([00:26](#)):

I'm going to Morgan soon and just working here when I'm on break.

Lateef Aderomilehin ([00:31](#)):

So people are, they will take their car to everywhere. They can't get a fix. Everybody say, "Take it to La Auto. Take it to La Auto." So when they bring it, I said, "Don't worry. We got you."

Yusuf Aderomilehin ([00:40](#)):

So, we got this green button here for going up that you just press it and... Oil change. You know, everybody's needs an oil change. That's the most common thing. Oil change, brake changes. You know? Maybe somebody need to change their rotors. Pretty much everything that could be wrong with the car, we do it over here.

Lateef Aderomilehin ([01:01](#)):

Yeah, I grew up in Nigeria. My father have 15 wives. And I have over 40 brothers and sisters.

Speaker 3 ([01:11](#)):

Let me get this right. You say your dad has 15 wives?

Lateef Aderomilehin ([01:14](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 3 ([01:15](#)):

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And you have 40 brothers and sisters?

Lateef Aderomilehin ([01:17](#)):

Yes. I have over 40 brothers and sisters. Yeah. My father told me the reason why they have to marry because they were doing farming. Back home they have a lot of wives because they need help to do farming.

Speaker 3 ([01:33](#)):

Are you married?

Lateef Aderomilehin ([01:34](#)):

Yes. I'm married.

Speaker 3 ([01:36](#)):

And you have one wife?

Lateef Aderomilehin ([01:38](#)):

Yes. Yes.

Speaker 3 ([01:42](#)):

Tell me a little bit about your wife.

Lateef Aderomilehin ([01:46](#)):

You met my wife. She have a restaurant very close to me too. Kemlat Restaurant.

Speaker 3 ([01:51](#)):

It must be nice to have your wife working right across the street from you.

Lateef Aderomilehin ([01:55](#)):

Oh yeah. It's very, very nice. So, that's why I'm like this. She fed me.