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CHARACTER ANALYSIS

Keziah Richards: She is a 200lvl English student of Mayflower university, she shows a high level of diligence to her studies. She becomes the Centre of attraction to her fellow course mate Demola who tries to be friend her. His sweet words continually fall on deaf ears until she is advised by her friends Ovie and Bunmi to give him a chance as he has proven himself to be a responsible and caring boy. She finally gives in as she goes to his room to get some clarification on an assignment. Unknow to her a plan has been mapped out on how Demola will gain access to the hidden treasure between her thighs. Disdained by Damola’s actions she is left disorientated and low in spirits as she considers herself a fool for allowing this unpleasant fate befall her. She finds comfort momentarily in the company of her dear friend Stella who tells her all hope is not lost as he shares her testimony with her but the damage had already been done. She sees no remedy and way forward in her present situation. Few days later she learns of the death of the father to her bastard child leaving her unconscious on the cold sick bed of the university health Centre. Due to the controversies surrounding her land at the health Centre, her father makes an enquiry about her health status only to discover his only child is pregnant at a young age. Distorted and heartbroken by the news, he begins to turn a cold shoulder towards her despite the pleas of his wife. Ultimately, his actions result into Keziah attempting suicide. He begins to see the consequence of his actions and accepts the present situation of his daughter in good fate. Keziah finally puts to bed, giving life to a beautiful daughter named Mouritha. Her dreams are not shattered as she is presented another chance to start afresh at the University of Ibadan.

Demola Diran: He is a 200lvl English student of Mayflower university from a wealthy family of Engr & Mrs. Diran. Despite his unhealthy obsession with Keziah, he is a bright student. He had numerous dark spots in his life as a result of parental gap. This resulted to Nkanga Nwoko (K.K) a 400lvl English student stepping up and guiding him down a destructive part. His genuine love for Keziah is corrupted as K.K advices him to use the opportunity of her visit to his room to get what he has been longing for through a devious method. He heeds this advice and results to raping Keziah. He is downcast by the outcome of events as Keziah sees him as a monster. He is introduced to cultism and use of hard drugs by this so-called friend. He officially becomes a member of the sacred Red sparrows’ confraternity but his membership is short-lived along with his life as he is killed accidentally by K.K in a cult clash. K.K is sentenced to life imprisonment on account of various charges. Engr & Mrs. Diran visits him and learn the truth about their son, they make a decision to help in the caring of his child with Keziah.

Ovie: She is Keziah’s coursemate at Mayflower university, Demola’s love for Keziah is expressed when she speaks to him. She aids Demola in attempt to get Keziah’s trust, she advises Keziah to give him a chance, she is the cause of Keziah’s misfortune.

THEMATICS OF THE PLAY

* Negative Influence: Demola was a victim of bad influence, his friends Nkanga Nkwoko and Usman Yibo introduced him to bad things, they acted as an opposite force to his parent’s past teachings, he was introduced to hard drugs, cultism and he was pressured to take advantage Keziah. This all later led his demise.
* Hope: Keziah was raped and unable to continue her education, she was driven to despair by the tragic event, fortunately after the birth of her child she was able to continue her education. This shows as long as you breath there is hope.
* Inadequate parental care: Demola’s parents failed to guide him and focused only on his financial needs rather than find out his challenges and provide guidance.
* Remorse: Damola showed Keziah that he regretted what he had done. Nkanga Nkwoko Demola’s friend regretted what he did to his friend .
* Ignorance: Demola wasn’t knowledgeable about the danger of hard drugs and cultism. He also couldn’t identify and tell apart bad friends from good friends. Ignorance brought about his downfall.

Points of divergence between written and film version of good morning sodom

* In the written version no one was told to get out by the lecturer in the third movement
* In the sixth movement Demola showed no courtesy as he snatched the phone
* Demola got slapped by Keziah which was not stated in the novel
* The novel stated three students were blindfolded but in the movie only two students were blindfolded
* In the novel Demola got indoctrinated while in the movie he was already a cultist
* There was no labour scene in the novel