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AN INCISIVE INTERROGATION OF GOOD MORNING, SODOM UNDERSCORING AT LEAST FIVE UNDERLYING THEMATIC THRUSTS THE DRAMA ENGAGES

NEGATIVE PEER INFLUENCE: Solomon A. Edebor’s Good Morning, Sodom shows the extent to which peer influence can change a person, especially negative peer influence. This is explained through Nkanga(K.K)’s role in Demola’s life. K.K persuaded him to lie about the hostel situation, introduced him to drugs and even encouraged him to rape Keziah. All of these played a part in Demola’s getting into the Red Shadows Confraternity and his eventual death. It is a fact that negative peer influence brings nothing good to a person as in Demola’s life and Good Morning, Sodom emphasizes the consequences.

LACK OF ADEQUATE PARENTAL CARE AND MONITORING: Engineer and Mrs Diran played a huge role in their son’s derailment. In a bid to secure Demola’s financial future, they neglected the place of physical, moral and psychological upbringing. They never bothered to check on him or to know how he was doing in school and so he was wrongful influenced. They basically drove their son to his tragic end.

INABILITY OF CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES TO TAKE DECISIVE STEPS TOWARDS CURBING THE MENACE: Measures should be taken to curb the prevalence of moral decadence in higher institutions of learning. It is no news that a lot of universities experience inter-cult rivalry and their subsequent attacks yet little to nothing has been done about it. Night patrols by officers of the law and inspection of university grounds could have prevented the cult clash and death of Demola.

IMPACT OF PARENTS IN THE RECOVERY OR DESTRUCTION OF THEIR CHILDREN’S LIVES: After Keziah’s parents initially found out their daughter was pregnant, Dr Richards, her father was very unforgiving and desperately wanted an abortion. This attitude pushed her to the point of attempting suicide and even though her parents later came around and saw the bright side of the situation, she could have died then. Keziah was a victim of rape and that in itself was more than enough to attempt suicide.

THE ROLE OF STUDENTS IN MAKING DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEM POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY: Keziah started out as a very focused student, constantly turning down Demola’s advances but somewhere along the line, she began to waver and eventually fell into his trap. Demola also had the choice of being focused in school despite his parents’ neglect but he let himself be influenced negatively. He did drugs, joined a cult and even raped Keziah. Students also have the responsibility of setting their priorities right.

DETAILED CHARACTER ANALYSES OF THREE CHARACTERS IN GOOD MORNING, SODOM

KEZIAH RICHARDS: Keziah was the daughter of Dr and Mrs Richards, a medium height, slightly rotund, fair young lady in her late teens. She was a 200-level student of Mayflower University and started out as a focused student, all about her education. She turned down Demola’s advances a few times but was persuaded by her course mates, Bunmi and Ovie to give him a chance. She gave him an audience by going to his house for an assignment and got drugged and raped. Keziah slumped after hearing and seeing Demola dead only to be informed later about her pregnancy. She attempted suicide after much disapproval from her parents. Eventually, she gave birth to her daughter, Mouritha and was sponsored by her parents to return to school. Keziah was a victim but later became a victor, primarily because of her parents’ support.

DEMOLA DIRAN: Demola was the son of Engineer and Mrs Diran. He was a course mate of Keziah and one to constantly express his love for her. He was negatively influenced by K.K and joined the Red Shadows Confraternity. He was also persuaded by K.K to rape Keziah. His parents did little to nothing in training and guiding him. He died eventually during a cult clash.

NKANGA NWOKO( K.K): K.K is a 400-level student of Mayflower University who influenced Demola negatively and accidentally caused his death. He started out as a cultist looking for small prey and when he found out Demola was from a rich family, he went for him. He destroyed Demola’s life and got imprisoned for manslaughter. He later confessed his actions to Engineer and Mrs Diran.

POINTS OF DIVERGENCE BETWEEN THE PUBLISHED AND FILM VERSION OF GOOD MORNING, SODOM

In the third movement of the published version, there was no place where two students who were late for Dr Yusuf’s class came and were sent out as in the film.

In the book, Demola excused Ovie to ask about Keziah but in the film version, Demola talked to both Ovie and Bunmi together after class.

In the nineteenth movement of the published version, Engineer and Mrs Diran visited K.K in prison on invitation and later met with Dr and Mrs Richards but in the film, Mrs Diran was said to have died.

The twenty second movement where Keziah was seen in the labour room with the doctor and nurses was absent in the film version.

Towards the end of the film, there was no place where Mouritha, Keziah’s daughter was shown. Mouritha was named Heritage Demola-Diran in the film also.

There was no mention of Nkanga’s mother in the film version.

In the book, the Emmanuella and Stella scene happened in the room but in the film, it happened where Stella was spreading clothes.

The last movement of the book was not acted in the film version.