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**GOOD MORNING SODOM BY SOLOMON ADEDOKUN EDEBOR**

**1. THEMES:**

**Bad influence (Negative peer pressure):** In the drama, Damola and Keziah were both victims of bad influence and peer pressure. For Damola, he was influence by KK into doing bad things but for Keziah she was pressured by her friends to look on Damola’s proposal.

**Hatred:** Keziah hated Damola for his actions against her, she expressed her hatred by cursing him, she wasn’t happy with him and herself.

**Suicide:** Keziah and Stella attempted suicide individually and on different occasions, Keziah took drugs to kill herself because of the hurt and embarrassment of her situation while stella attempted to drown herself in the river when she thought that she didn’t have any left in life.

**Rape:** In the play, Keziah and Stella were raped on during occasions under different circumstances, this led to Stella loses trail in life and Keziah getting pregnant and putting her education on hold.

**Cultism:** Damola and KK were member of the Red Shadows Confraternity, it was during an operation that Damola got shot.

**2. CHARACTER ANALYSIS:**

**Keziah Richards:** Keziah is the child of Dr and Mrs Richards. She is a 200 level English student of Mayflower University. She is a disciplined and focused student who later falls victim of negative peer pressure and is led into Damola trap (Rape), she becomes pregnant and her education is put on hold. She is left to bear the consequences for this action, she wasn’t happy with herself, she rather blamed herself for her misfortune. Her father and mother are still not happy with her, they are disappointed at their daughter’s action of going off campus to visit Damola. Her father calls her a disgrace and humiliation to their family, he wanted Keziah to abort the “bastard” from her womb and blames Keziah mother of not caring for Keziah. Keziah attempts to kill her self with drugs as she felt embarrassed and hurt for disappointing her parents, but her father comes right in time to save her and the unborn baby. She reconciles with her parents and delivers a baby girl successfully. She then goes back to continue her education in the University of Ibadan as a transfer student.

**Stella:** Stella is Keziah’s roommate in school, she tried comforting Keziah after the unfortunate rape incidence. Stella herself had a traumatizing incident when she was 14 years old. She was raped by four boys, this incident happened when she and her father went to visit their pastor, unfortunately her father and the pastor had to leave the house and leave her under the care the sons of the pastor who were Daniel and Tosin. She was deceived into a room, overpowered and then raped by four boys. After the dreadful experience, she found herself in the hospital, her mother was to press charges against the perpetrators of the heinous crime but due to the persuasion by the parents of the boys and influential elders in the church, she didn’t. For five years she lost interest in worshipping God, she was indeed humiliated and dabbled into all forms of immorality, she even had a dream where she attempted suicide (to drown herself in the river). But at the end God sent someone to talk her out of her misery.

**Nkanga Nwoko (a.k.a KK):** KK is a 400level English student of Mayflower University, a member of the red shadows confranity. He was a friend of Damola, he was responsible for the death of Damola (i.e he mistakenly shot Damola instead of a rival cult during an operation). KK introduced Damola into drugs, encouraged him to do other terrible things, one of which he encouraged him to rape Keziah was she didn’t accept his love, he gave Damola the charm for the act. He was sentenced to life imprisonment for manslaughter and two years imprisonment and a fine of one hundred thousand for unlawful possession of fireworks.

**3. Points of divergence between the published and film version of Good Morning Sodom**

Sixth movement: the book version of the story says in Stella dream four men brought out her clothes to burn them but in the film it was just two men that brought out the clothes. Also, the scene of Emmanuella and stella was in a room in the published version but the scene in the movie was outside while stella was hanging her clothes.

Eighth movement: in the book version of the story it is stated that two men and Demola was to be finally initiated into the red shadow confraternity and KK took the calabash to them to drink from but in the film Demola was not being initiated, he was already a part, so only two men were to be initiated and another cult member took the calabash to the men about to be initiated.

Eighteenth movement: in the book Demola’s mother and father went to see KK at the prison and it was not mentioned if Damola’s mother died but in the movie there was no appearance of Demola’s mother because she died so it was only the father that went to see KK.