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QUESTION 1:THEMATIC THRUSTS

***BETRAYAL***

Keziah Richards, a smart and beautiful lady in Mayflower University, still an undergraduate was portrayed in this theme. Her lover, Demola who constantly chased her around trying seeking for her approval for them to be more than friends. He claimed to love her truly. Despite the harsh words and bashings he continuously received from her, he did not stop. He was determined that he would get her. Even Keziah's friends, Ovie and Bunmi told Keziah that she was being too harsh on Demola and that she should at least give him a chance but she refused. She was focused knowing where she came from and how reputable her family was. Her main focus was on her studies. Demola on the other hand was intelligent too but then he was involved in some activities. So, on a particular day, Keziah was seen in Demola’s room which was off campus. He actually invites her over using an assignment as the reason. Demola comes into the room after going out to find where to get drinks all to no avail. He then remembers that he has a pack of juice in his fridge. He gives it to Keziah and she sips it . Then claiming that she had dirt on her face, he uses a drugged handkerchief on her. Only for her to wake up and find herself in Demola’s bed without her clothes and Demola snoring beside her. She was shocked and disappointed in herself for letting this happen . Not knowing that Demola had this all planned. His friend KK advised him to drug her and then sleep with her in order for them to get closer He thought the plan would work out but he only made things get worse . Keziah was betrayed by him.

***CULTISM***

Demola, a smart and well to do young man in 200 level studying English in the university. He was one of the members of a cult group together with his friends KK(Nkanga Nwoko) in 400 level student studying English and Bentol (Usman Nibo), a 300 level student studying Adult Education. They all belonged to the cult ‘Red Shadows’. They dress in red t-shirt with black beret with Spark as the leader of the cult group. Demola’s friends initiated him into their cult group by making him drink water from a calabash stained with blood. This is their way of initiating people into their cult group . They carried out various activities such as murder, violence and rape until Demola was shot unintentionally by his friend during one of their operations. He was found soaked in a pool of his own blood. Later on, three of them were caught, four managed to escaped while the remaining six sustained injuries and were hospitalised under the watch of policemen to be detained after their recovery. All of them were expelled from Mayflower University including Demola who was already dead with KK and Bentol in court where they were given their judgement.

***RAPE***

In this theme, two characters were portrayed; Keziah and her roommate, Stella. Keziah was drugged and rape by her acclaimed lover who invited her to his room off campus for the purpose of study. He offered her a drink and used a handkerchief that was drugged by him and she lost control of herself and he took advantage of the situation and raped her. Stella on the other hand was a victim of gang rape by four boys when she was fourteen years. She went with her father to the pastor’s house for fellowship. Her father was called aside by the pastor and they had to go out because something urgent came out . Stella was asked to stay with the pastor’s sons, Daniel and Tosin. She tried to make herself comfortable and Daniel came back saying her father wanted to talk to her and she was called to their father’s bedroom. She followed them not knowing what was awaiting her. There she was raped by Daniel and Tosin along with their friends. The four of them took turns to rape her and she ended up in the hospital. Stella was left traumatised as this only happened at a young age. Keziah on the other hand got pregnant after she was raped and she was seen as a disgrace to her family by her father but she was supported by her mother.

***NEGLECT OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES***

In this theme, Demola’s parents, Engineer and Mrs Diran neglected their duties as parents to Demola. They did not care about his welfare or what he was doing in school. He usually got away with lies because his parents did not bother to check up on his affairs in school or how he was coping in school. Demola was a victim of peer pressure. On several occasions, he lied to them. He lied to them about the hostel accommodation not being enough for students because he wanted to stay off campus. His parents neglected their duties in his life. They did not know that their son was part of a cult group and that he was into drugs. They only discovered all these after Demola’s friend KK confessed to them while in detention and they realised how they were never involved in their son’s life.

***NEGATIVE PEER INFLUENCE***

Demola was a victim of negative peer influence in this play. He was a good boy when he entered the university until he met Nkanga Nwoko. KK befriended him and got close to him. Then he made him lie to his parents that the hostel would not accommodate all the students just so that he could stay off campus. KK introduced him to drugs and initiated him into the Red Shadows Confraternity. He was negatively influenced by KK because KK knew he was a good person so he decided to take advantage of that and influence him into doing those things. Nkanga Nwoko was also the person that advised him to drug Keziah and rape her as a means of getting close to her. All the things Demola did was as a result of peer influence because he truly loved Keziah.

QUESTION 2

***KEZIAH RICHARDS***

This play is centred on Keziah Richards. She is a student in Mayflower . She is a smart, determined and studious young lady. She stays in Mayflower University hostel. She is in her late teens and of medium height and fair in complexion. Her parents are Dr Aworawo Richards and Mrs Joke Richards. She is wilful and knows her purpose of coming to school. Her friends are Ovie, Bunmi and Demola who claims to truly love her. Constantly showing unnecessary care and looking for ways to get her attention. She constantly showers harsh words on Demola but nevertheless he keeps coming back. Her friends advised her to give him a chance and that she was being too harsh but she didn’t want to listen. Keziah on the other hand is in no way interested because she feels the only thing he wants is to get intimate with her which he later confirms by raping her. She feels used and she blames herself for allowing such a thing to happen to her. Her roommate consoles her. Keziah later gets pregnant and her mother supports through everything but her dad sees her as a disgrace to his family because according to him, the child should have been aborted. She attempted to commit suicide because she couldn’t take the pain of disgrace but she was saved in the nick of time. After which she meets with Demola’s parents and finds out that she was drugged and charmed by Demola. She later gives birth to her daughter, Mouritha

***DEMOLA DIRAN***

He was also a student of Mayflower University in 200 level studying English. He is a tall, dark complexioned and handsome young man from a wealthy home. His parents are Engineer and Mrs Diran. He claims to love Keziah and tries several times to win her over and prove to her that he truly loves her all to no avail. Keziah keeps refusing to listen to him. So after listening to the advice from his friend KK, he decides to drug her and rape her in order to get close with her. But his plan did not bring them closer instead, she despised him more than ever. Demola was initiated into a cult group by his friends. He joins them in various activities. After which he was found dead and soaked in a pool of his own blood. He was mistakenly shot by his friend KK during one of their operations because he was mistakened for a rival cult member. Demola allowed himself to be negatively influenced by Nkanga Nwoko. He joined the cult group and started taking drugs too.

***STELLA***

She is Keziah’s roommate. She was a victim of gang rape when she was younger. At the age of fourteen when she truly loved God. She went with her dad to the pastor’s house for a meeting and when her dad hurriedly left with the pastor for something urgent she was asked to stay with the pastor’s sons Daniel and Tosin. She saw nothing to be worried about as her mind was clear and she decided to make herself feel at home by watching television with them. She was called by Daniel to the bedroom that her dad wanted to speak with her and she did not know what was coming for her. The rest of Daniel’s friends hid behind the curtains and when she entered the room, she was overpowered by the four of them and she was raped in turns. Thus act landed her in hospital. Her parents wanted to press charges but they were convinced otherwise by church members. She started sleeping around with men due to the trauma caused by what was done to her in the past. She was later called back to the right path after a series of dreams and situations

QUESTION 3

In the third movement in the movie, while Dr Yusuf is teaching, two students enter Dr Yusuf’s class late while he’s teaching and he asks them to get out of his class. Then before he leaves he asks if they have any question and the students all say no before he leaves. In class, Ovie and Bunmi are seated with Demola behind them before he asks about Keziah unlike in the book when he goes to meet them while they are leaving .

In the sixth movement, Stella is seen at a river gathering water with a clay pot. Stella was not in her room like in the published book but instead she was outside gathering her dried clothes from where she spread them when Emmanuella came to talk to her about God. As Stella tells her story in the movie, Keziah and Stella are found strolling outside. When Stella finishes her story, in the book, Keziah sobs while Stella consoles her but in the movie, Keziah and Stella are found outside sitting under a tree.

In the eighth movement, Demola is not kneeling at the centre like it was mentioned in the book instead, he is standing with other members of red shadows wearing a red shirt with a black beret chanting with them after two more members are initiated.

The ninth movement does not occur in the movie instead it proceeds to the tenth movement where Demola is found on the ground lifeless and after Keziah comes she faints and is carried to the hospital. In the thirteenth movement, there are four apprehended cultists instead of three like the book says and the deputy police officer (DPO) is a man in the movie but was a woman in the published book.

In the sixteenth movement, Keziah sobs in her room while her mum consoles her after talking to her dad concerning how he treats her.