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GOOD MORNING SODOM

Good morning sodom is a realist rendition that poignantly draws attention to destructive acts often engaged in by students, resulting in cheap deaths of dreams and dear ones on nation's campuses. It discreetly but firmly points our attention to lessons that need to be learnt from mistakes resulting from peer pressure, indifferent parenting, lack of care in relation to one's security and lots more.

THEMATIC THRUST

1. Negative peer pressure

Negative peer pressure does not lead to achievement of goals but leads to destruction of a person's life, dream and also may lead to death.

- All we are saying is that you give him a chance; get to know him. Then you can decide on what to do. (Fifth Movement).
- I succeeded in making him do so many terrible things. I was the one that introduced him to drugs. I even encouraged him to rape a female course mate that has been proving too stubborn. (Nineteenth Movement).

2. Lack of parental care and monitoring

Lack of parental care and monitoring makes a child more prone to criminal behaviours. Such children can easily fall into negative peer pressure.

- We never knew how far we had failed as parents until his friend revealed all those sordid details. Demola lied to us about so many things, and he usually got away with them as we never bothered to check on him, to know how he was doing in school and what his challenges were. And so, his friend took our place! He became his

mentor and persuaded him to engage in different despicable acts, and finally, he succeeded in luring him into cultism and shooting him point-blank afterwards. We have failed Demola; we now live with the consequences of our irresponsibility. (Twenty first movement).

3. Lack of Fatherly Support

Lack of fatherly support leads to diminished self-concept and compromised physical and emotional security. Children feel abandoned when their fathers are not involved in their lives, struggling with emotions and episodic bouts of self loathing.

- Mum, please forgive Dad for everything. His anger towards me is a demonstration of how badly I have hurt him. Dad, please find a space in your heart to forgive me. (Eighteenth Movement)
- My dear I'm really sorry for my actions. I know I have caused you and your mum so much pain in recent times. (Twentieth Movement).
- No matter how badly you must have behaved, I should have been there for you as a loving father. (Twentieth Movement).

4. Cultism in Higher Instructions

Cultism is an evil thing, it destroys, leads to academic failure, leads to untimely death.

- Each of the other accused persons is hereby sentenced to two years imprisonment for the offence of membership of an unlawful society. (Fifteenth Movement).
- Lying lifeless on the ground is Demola, soaked in the pool of his own blood. (Tenth Movement).
- Diran Demola ART01712 English Antisocial vices Expulsion. (Fifteenth Movement).

5. Friendship

Real friendship cannot be bought. Some people will use you for their own gain. Not everybody is your friend.

- Demola I curse the sun that shone the day I set my eyes on you, I curse the feeling of friendship that drew me to this theatre of ridicule. (Seventh Movement).
- Sorry! For drugging me so that you could bestially have your way with me and take away my dignity? (Seventh Movement).

CHARACTER ANALYSIS OF CHARACTERS.

1. Demola

A 200 level Art student of Mayflower University. He came from a nonchalant wealthy family. Due to his parents nonchalant attitude towards his education and lack of proper upbringing he fell victim to negative peer pressure. He was first introduced to use of hard drugs which nearly caused him an accident. He fell in love with a female coursemate named Keziah who he was advised to rape by his friends because she refused to live him back. He was then lured into a cult group which led to his ignominious death long before his time.

2. Mr Richard

A forty-five years old man who did not forgive, support, encourage and show care to his pregnant daughter Keziah who is a 200 level Art student of Mayflower University and a victim of rape. He later learnt his lesson the hard way when his daughter almost commit suicide due to his spirit of unforgiveness and lack of support. He asked for forgiveness from his wife and daughter and also he sent his daughter back to university after she has given birth.

3. K.K

Full name is Nkanga Nwoko. A 400 level Art student of Mayflower University. He was a bad influence in the university. He was a cult member who introduced Demola to the cult group. He introduced Demola into drugs and also encouraged him to rape Keziah by drugging her. He was responsible for Demola's death by shooting him instead of a rival cult member during their operation. He was expelled from the university and was sentenced to life imprisonment for manslaughter.

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

BOOK	FILM
1. Keziah was said to be fair.	Keziah was seen to be dark.
2. While Dr Yusuf was lecturing no student entered the classroom late.	While Dr Yusuf was lecturing two students entered the classroom late and were sent out of the classroom.

3. Keziah sips her drink before Demola starts explaining.	Keziah sipped her drink after Demola had started explaining the assignment.
4. Emmanuella came to meet Stella in her room to talk about the words of God.	Emmanuella came to meet Stella when she was removing her clothes from the line to talk about the words of God.
5. Demola was introduced into a cult group.	Demola was already a member of the cult group.
6. Three young men were introduced into the cult group.	Two young men were introduced into the cult group.
7. Both Dr Richard and Mrs Richard were seated on a sofa in the lounge when Keziah was called.	Only Dr Richard was seated in the lounge when Keziah was called and Mrs Richard later joined them.
8. Keziah was in the kitchen with her mother when the doorbell rang.	Keziah was not in the kitchen with her mother when the doorbell rang.
9. There was no scene where Keziah's mother, in Keziah's room, was begging her to stop crying because of her father.	Keziah's mother was seen begging her to stop crying because of her father.
10. The defence counsel was pleading with the judge to temper justice with mercy.	There was no such scene.
11. Both Engineer Diran and Mrs Diran went to the prison to see K.K.	It was only Engineer Diran that went to see K.K.
12. Demola's mother did not die.	Demola's mother died.
13. Keziah's daughter was named Mourith.	Keziah's daughter was named Heritage.

