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FIVE UNDERLYING THEMATIC THRUSTS GOOD MORNING SODOM ENGAGES

1. NEGATIVE PEER PRESSURE

Good morning Sodom places a large focus on negative peer pressure in both Demola's and Keziah's life . Both of them were bright kids and good people until they were negatively influenced by their friends.

Keziah started out as a well disciplined and focused student but later fell victim of negative peer pressure as Ovie and Bunmi , Keziah's course mates , bring negative pressure to bear on her as they led her into Demola's trap by telling her to give him a chance and convincing her that Demola was different from the guys in the campus and he cares about her , that she should stop being hard on him. Keziah fell for Demola's trap by going to his house and she was drugged and raped.

Demola was also a bright and good person. He was negatively influenced by K.K and Bentol. K.K introduced him into drugs , sexual abuse and also cultist which eventually led to his untimely death.

2. INADEQUATE PARENTAL CARE AND MONITORING

Good morning Sodom emphasised on the lack of adequate parental care in Demola's life. Engineer Diran and Mrs Diran failed him as a parent as they allowed the desire to secure their children's financial future to cloud their sense of duty as parents. They weren't there for Demola physically and psychologically. They never bothered to check on him and how he was doing and even what his challenges were and that was what led to his inglorious death.

3. SOCIAL VICES IN HIGHER INSTITUTION I.E CULTISM

Activities of cultism were going on in Mayflower University. Demola's friends introduced him to cultism, THE RED SHADOWS where he was initiated. They went on a riot in the university the next day where Demola was mistakenly shot by his friend K.K who thought he was an enemy. The other members of The Red SHADOWS who were caught by the Police Officers were

sentenced to two years imprisonment for membership of an unlawful society and a fine of Hundred Thousand Naira for unlawful possession of firearms while K.K was sentenced to Life Imprisonment for the offence of man slaughter

4. CONSEQUENCES OF UNWANTED PREGNANCY

Keziah got pregnant after being drugged and raped by Demola. She brought shame and disgrace to her and her parents. She had to stop her education for the main time. She was treated like a piece of rag by her father who wanted her to abort the pregnancy to secure her future and the unborn baby's future. She lived in disdain to the point where she almost committed suicide because she failed her parents and herself by falling into Demola's trap and getting pregnant and she thought her parents would never ever forgive her for not living up to their expectations.

5. CHILD NEGLECT

Keziah felt neglected by her father. She failed to live up to their expectation and brought tears and pain to the family. Her father's anger and disappointment towards her made her want to commit suicide. Her father's anger towards Keziah made her commit suicide then maybe he would forgive her for hurting him.

Fortunately, her father came home and rushed her to the hospital and she was lucky to be alive and her baby safe and sound. Her father then forgave her and regretted his actions towards her when she came home with the pregnancy.

DETAILED CHARACTER ANALYSES IN GOOD MORNING SODOM

1. KEZIAH RICHARD

Keziah was a 200 level student of May Flower University who fell victim of Negative Peer Pressure. Keziah was a well disciplined student who was focused on her education. Demola was a guy who came disturbing her for a relationship she wasn't interested in. Ovie and Bunmi, Keziah's coursemates encouraged her to give Demola a chance that he is not like the other boys and he appeared like a serious, intelligent and hardworking boy. Keziah succumbed to what they said and decided to give Demola a chance. Keziah went to Demola's House to solve a question, and she was drugged and raped by Demola. She woke up to see her chastity has been gone. She went in tears to her hostel and was absent in school for a week. The following week Demola came to her to apologise, she cursed him and the day they met and also the feeling of friendship that drew her to this theatre of ridicule.

Weeks later when she fainted while seeing Demola's dead body in the school compound, a test was ran on her and it was found out that she was nine weeks pregnant. Her parents were angry and disappointed with her. She has failed to live up to their expectations and brought shame and disgrace to the family.

Keziah had to stop her education due to her pregnancy and almost committed suicide because of the pain and disappointment she caused her parents. She was saved by her father and taken to the hospital where they flushed the drugs out of her system and luckily the baby was also fine.

Months later, Keziah gave birth to her baby girl named Mouritha. Demola's parents promise to perform Demola's responsibilities in the child's life .

Keziah was finally able to go back to school, her father helped her process her transfer with her 100level results to the University of Ibadan where she would Start her Second year afresh.

2. STELLA

Stella was also a 200 level student of May Flower University who was also a victim of rape in her teenage years. She was raped when she was 14 years old by four boys .She went for fellowship in her pastors house with her father . Unfortunately, something terrible happened to the pastors wife and her father had to leave her with the pastors son. She was lured by the pastor Son Daniel , that her father wanted to speak with her with the phone in his dad's bedroom , the three other guys were there waiting and she was raped .

She hated God because of what happened to her and stopped serving and praying to God for five years. She was involved in all forms of immorality until one night when some people om her neighbourhood burnt her clothes and she was left with nothing. A man showed up in her dream and gave her new clothes. The same morning, God sent someone to tell her,He loves her dearly and that he will heal her wounds if she can come back to Him. She hesitated and refused to answer. She had a dream that some night after that God was pointing attention to her disgraceful act and she forfeited that moment and went to church that Sunday.

She let God take control of her pain and wounds and she was healed.

3. DEMOLA DIRAN

Demola was also a 200 level student of May Flower University. He was negatively influenced by his friends K.K and Bentol. They advised him on raping Keziah and also taking of hard drugs. They also introduced him into cultism where he shot by mistake by his fellow friend K.K

This was what led to his untimely and inglorious death.

POINTS OF DIVERGENCE BETWEEN THE PUBLISHED AND FILMED VERSION OF GOOD MORNING SODOM

1. In the book, three people were initiated including Demola while, in the film two people were initiated
2. K.K brought the calabash they were to drink from in the book while in the film , another member brought the calabash
3. In the film ,movement 17 was omitted except from the judges last decision, while it was written in the book

4. In the book, the court did not mention the other criminals name while, in the film , the other criminals name were mentioned
5. In the book ,Demola had a mother while in the book, Demola's mother was dead
6. In the book , Demola's daughter was named Mauritha while in the film, Demola's daughter was named Heritage Demola Diran