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## **THEMES IN THE PLAY 'GOOD MORNING SODOM'**

1. **THEME OF RAPE:** *This theme could be seen in movement six. Two characters in the play experienced this tragedy, Keziah and Stella. Keziah went to visit Demola in his apartment of campus. Demola used a hanker chief that was drugged and cleaned dust that he claimed to have being on Keziah's face. She started feeling dizzy and Demola took his chance and raped helpless Keziah. Keziah woke up and she saw that she was naked and saw Demola beside her, it dawned on her that she has been raped. She burst into tears, Demola wanted to explain to her but she was too angry to listen so she left the apartment. She got back to her hostel and Stella saw her in tears and ask what happened to her, she told Stella that she was raped. Stella began to console her and Stella shared her own rape experience. Stella was raped when she was 14 years old. She escorted her father to see his friend that is a pastor, her dad and the pastor stepped out to attend to something and left her with two of the pastor's sons and two of their friends came over. She was in the living room when one of the pastor's son called her and told her that her dad is calling her on the phone in his parents room, she went to the room and the two friends came out from the curtains and the four boys raped her.*
2. **THEME OF CULTISM:** *This theme is classified under antisocial vices. The name of the cult present in this play is Red Shadows Confraternity, its members are Onoja Edmund, Usman Yibo, Nkanga Nwoko. These are the three main members of the cult,*

*Demola later joined the cult. He did not know that his membership in the cult would lead to his death. There was an inter cult rival and he got shot.*

3. **THEME OF DISAPPOINTMENT:** *This feeling was expressed by Dr. Richards. When he found out that Keziah was pregnant. His behavior changed towards her, from being the caring father he was to a very rude one.*
4. **THEME OF PEER INFLUENCE:** *Demola was a victim of peer influence. He had a friend who is a member of the Red Shadows Confraternity, his name is Nkanga Nwoko. He gave Demola hard drugs to take, he made him convince his parents to get an apartment of campus and finally he influenced him to drug Keziah and rape her.*
5. **THEME OF BAD PARENTING:** *Demola parents are examples of bad parents. They did not monitor their son's life, rather they left him to spoil and granted all his request without questioning it. All these things contributed to his downfall.*

### **CHARACTERS IN THE PLAY**

**KEZIAH:** *Keziah Richards is a female undergraduate in 200 level a student of Mayflower University. She is a very focused, determined and serious student. She is a major character in the play because the drama revolves around her. She had an admirer and his name is Demola, he loved Keziah so much but she did not reciprocate the feelings. Demola finally had his way with her and she got pregnant and this put her in a state of shame and regret. Her father heard of the news and he treated her badly, a day came when she was tired of the shame and she*

*committed suicide, but her father came to her rescue and took her to the hospital and she survived including the baby she was carrying. In the end she had her baby and her dad gave her the opportunity to go back to school.*

*2. **DEMOLA:** Demola is a male undergraduate in 200lvl of mayflower university. In the drama he is a victim of bad influence. He had a friend, his name was Nwoko Nkaga he introduced him to drugs, convinced him to drug and rape Keziah and finally he initiated him into Red Shadow Confraternity but his initiation led to his death.*

*3. **STELLA:** Stella is Keziah's roommate. She consoled Keziah when she told her about Demola raping her. Stella also told her about her experience with rape. Stella was 14 years old when she was raped by her pastor's two son's and their two friends that came over so she was raped by four boys and from that day she started hating God because if He was indeed God He would have come to her rescue. She has several dreams and the interpretations were that God still loves her and she should not give up on him.*

### **DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE MOVIE AND WRITTEN PLAY.**

- 1. In the book the DPO was a lady, in the movie it was man.*
- 2. In the book, when Stella was telling her rape story two guys went inside but in the movie three guys went inside to discuss.*
- 3. In the book Demola was said to be joining cult but in the movie he was already in the cult.*

