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AN INCISIVE INTERROGATION OF SOLOMON A. EDEBOR `S GOOD MORNING SODOM, UNDERSCORING AT LEAST FIVE UNDERLYING THEMATIC THRUST THE DRAMA ENGAGES;

1.Thematic thrust

<u>Love</u>: Love is a deep and tender feeling of affection for or attachment or devotion to a person or persons, a great interest and pleasure in something. In the theme of thrust in the sixth movement in the good morning, Sodom: when the unfortunate scenario that happened to Keziah: she was raped and deceived by Demola.

Thereafter was consoled and comforted by stella trying to make encourage and make her feel better by shedding some of her disheartening past experience on life when she was raped at a young age, about seven years ago, she had accompanied her father to the house of her pastor who was the fellowship unit leader in our area. She was fourteen years old then. She had lost her faith in God after this terrible incident that happened to her, she was raped by the pastor's sons: Daniel, Tosin and two of their friends. Then the thematic thrust of love was expressed when stella's Parent, particularly her mother was determined to press charges on those unfortunate rascals that raped her daughter and her parents also made a good decision by relocating where they live to make her feel better. She kept on having nightmares till she finally gave her life to Christ and God delivered her. While still narrating her sad story to Keziah

Keziah still felt disheartened and she continued to weep uncontrollably thereafter with stella still trying to console her. Another thematic thrust of love that could be related to the book as it relates with Keziah and her parents. Keziah loved her parents so much and her parents equally loved her. They made sure she was comfortable, even after she gave birth to her child, they still provided a means for her to continue her education. This is a true act of love.

2.Victimization: This is one of the things that could be pointed out in the book. There were more than one characters that were victims to different things. Characters like Keziah and stella were both victims of rape.

<u>3.Betrayal:</u> This attribute could be elated to the book in the case of Keziah's and Demola's friendship. Demola betrayed their friendship and took advantage of Keziah by making her come over to his house to educational purposes with an assignment excuse but unfortunately, he drugs her and rapes her. This is a true act of betrayal.

4.Peer pressure: This was also portrayed in the book, The character Demola was pressured by his friends to deceive Keziah, make use of the opportunity he had and rape her. It was also this same friend that influenced him to doing drugs and join cult that led to very terrible consequences.

<u>5 Redemption:</u> This can also be noted in the book. The character stella repented of her old ways after being wayward for years after she was raped and was in denial in the faith of God. The character was formerly into the word of God but after she felt neglected, she stopped following his words and became wayward. But after a series of events, she decided to turn back to God.

2.DETAILED CHARACTER ANALYSIS OF ANY THREE CHARACTERS IN SOLOMON A. EDEBOR'S GOOD MORNING SODOM.

1.Keziah Richards: Keziah Richards was the daughter of the characters Mr. and Mrs. Richards. She was a very studious and hardworking when it came to her studies. She studied English in Mayflower University. She was admired by the character Demola, who was one of course mate. But she knew he was a distraction, so she never gave in to him. After bad advice from her course mate to give the boy a chance, she finally let him be her friend, gave in and trusted him. Little did Keziah know but Demola had interior motives towards her with her pure intentions while Keziah had pure intension and a pure mind towards him. One day Keziah goes over to Demola's house to get an assignment done, then Demola drugged her and took advantage of her. When Keziah woke, she found out what had happened between them and she ran out of his house to her hostel. Keziah's roommate who was wary about her relationship with Demola. She embraced her and told her it was all is going to be well. Keziah continued on with her life. There was a cultist fight in the school, Keziah saw the dad body of Demola on the ground, Keziah fainted. She was immediately taken to the hospital her parents came to take her home. When she had recovered, her father revealed to her that she was nine weeks pregnant. Keziah fell into depression, because her father now disliked her and she couldn't continue her education. When her family was to travel Keziah decided to poison herself but her father arrived exactly at the right time, when he went back home to get his document. He took her to the hospital, soon her mother was at the hospital. She was taken care of, she and her unborn baby survived. Keziah and her family reunited after they returned to the hospital. Not long after, Keziah gives birth to a girl called "Mouritha". The family of Demola soon visits her and the agreed to take full responsibility of their dead son. Keziah's father surprises her with a letter of admission to a new university with accommodation and someone to take care of her daughter while she was at school. Keziah thanks her parents for all the love and support they have given to her.

2.Stella: Stella was the roommate and friend of Keziah. She was a Christian and a good person although

her past was tragic. At the age of 14, stella and her dad visited their pastor, Stella was very close to God then, but her father had to leave urgently with the pastor and left her with the pastor's two sons; Daniel and Tosin. After a while the pastor's sons two friends came and they planned to rape poor stella, had no clue what they had in store for he. The pastor's son told stella that her dad was on a call wanting to talk to her in the pastor's bedroom. When she got in, the four boys pinned her down making her to collapse while they took turns in raping her. when her father returned, she was taken to the hospital. The boys were arrested but the scar never left stella. Stella turned her back against God and diverted into the things of the world. After several years

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

- 1. In the book, Demola's mother was alive, but in the movie his mother was dead.
- 2. In the book, Keziah's daughter's name was Mouritha, but in the movie we were told she was named heritage.
- 3. In the movie it was seen that four people were arrested but, in the book, it was stated that three people were arrested.
- 4. During the cult meeting in the book, it was stated that three people were initiated that night including Demola, but in the movie, he was already a member of the cult and only two people were initiated.
- 5. In the book, during stella's flash back, it was stated that her floormate Emmanuella came to talk to her in her room, but in the movie, Emmanuella spoke to her while she was spreading her clothes outside.
- 6. When Demola was trying to talk to Keziah on her way to the library, in the book it was stated that they had a conversion on her way the library, but in the movie, they had the conversation in the library.
- 7. The whole of movement twenty-three was not in the movie rather it was summarized at the end with a writing saying "Keziah's daughter was later named heritage Demola-Diran Keziah now continues her education at the university of Ibadan as her transfer was processed with her 100 level results."
- 8. In the book, after Keziah returned from the hospital, she tried to kill herself, it was said that she was laying on her bed in her room while she had a talk with her dad, but in the movie, she was laying on a chair.