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Good morning, Sodom

It's a play that addressed the deplorable moral decadence in the society that has spread into the higher institutions of learning. The moral decadence is seen in the use of hard drugs, cultism, brutish sexual drive, negative peer pressure and other anti-social vices. The play shows how seemingly harmless negative influence among student turns out to be destructive. Keziah started out as a good student who was very focused in her but she gets influenced by her course mates which led to her misfortune. She gets pregnant and has to stop school and she is forced to live with the consequences of her action. Demola on the other hand, also died an untimely death because he let himself to be negatively influenced by his friend, k.k and Bentol, this was as a result to parental negligence. Keziah was given a second chance at life. She is given the opportunity to go back to school to complete her education

Themes

- Negative peer pressure

This is one of the main themes of the play, it's one of the social issues the playwright spoke about in the drama. Both Keziah and Demola were victim of peer pressure. Keziah started out as a very disciplined and focused student of mayflower university until she fell in the hands of peer pressure. She disliked the lifestyle of her roommates, she never imagined herself following their lifestyle. Demola was a distraction she planned on avoiding until she got pressurized by her course mates, Ovie and Bunmi, they told her to give Demola a chance saying that he seems like a good person and they got in her head. The next scene she was found in Demola's room sitting on a chair assisting him with his assignments and she got drugged by Demola then he rapped her. Only if she turned deaf ears to her course mates advises, she wouldn't have gotten rapped. Demola was also influenced negatively by his friend. He was advised by his friends to drug and rape Keziah since she was proving too stubborn. After committing that atrocious act, he still goes to beg Keziah. k.k gave him white substance to banish sorrow and guilt and it takes a wild effect on him, he was also introduced to drugs but this same friends. He joins a cult group called the red show. On one of their operations, he got shot by his friend, k.k, mistakenly and he dies an untimely death.

- Suicide

After finding out about Keziah's pregnancy, Mr and Mrs. Richard were very disappointed. The news didn't go down well with them especially Mr. Richard, he was so angry. He told her "You're a disgrace to this family, my name and everything we stand for" he brought up the idea to abort the pregnancy but Mrs. Richard refused. Mr. Richard was being so hard on her and treats her "like a piece of rag". When Mrs. Richard calls Keziah their daughter he disagreed and says she is her (Mrs. Richard's) daughter, he doesn't see her as his daughter anymore since she brought shame to the family and the family's name. All of this gets to Keziah and she decides to commit suicide. She left a letter a letter underneath the remote on the table and reads with his trembling hands, the content of the letter washer apologizing for her not measuring up to their standards and disappointing them. Luckily her suicide note is found by her dad in a hurry and he rushes her to the hospital then the doctor confirms that both Keziah and the baby are fine.

- Lack of adequate parental care and monitoring

Engineer Diran and Mrs. Diran are Demola's parent. They provided for him, gave him all he wanted but refused to provide parental care and attention he needed. They didn't know what he was up to in school. They allowed him to be easily influenced by wayward children. Demola's friends, k.k and Bentol, were bad influence on him. They ruined his life, they introduced him to drugs, cultism and also encouraged him to rape

a female course mate of his who was proving stubborn. His didn't really pay attention to him. They started figuring things out after his death, k.k was the one who made him to leave the school hostel for town and told him to tell his parent that the campus couldn't accommodate all student because he knew Engineer Diran and Mrs. Diran wouldn't find out.

Demola's parents didn't even realize that he was doing drugs. Only if he got the parental care and attention, he needed he wouldn't have been easily influenced by his k.k and Bentol or if he was monitored by his parents, he wouldn't have joined cult, done drug or raped his course mate or have gotten her pregnant, he made stop school because of the pregnancy. Demola's parent handed him over for the inglorious death he suffered. He may have still be alive if he was properly monitored by his parents or was given the love, care, and attention he really needed as a child.

- Love

There are different parts in the play where the theme love was depicted. The love between Demola and Keziah even though it wasn't reciprocated by Keziah. Demola was in love with Keziah, despite several red flags shown to him he was still very persistent. Even after raping her, he still went to ask her for her forgiveness.

Parental love was also shown in the play, the love between Mrs. Richard and her daughter, Keziah. When Mrs. Richard found out about what had happened to Keziah, she wasn't happy but she accepted and still

saw her as her daughter. Mr. Richard brought up the idea of aborting the pregnancy because it is a shame to the family and the family name but Mrs. Richard refuses thinking of her daughter's health, she says that abortion can be dangerous sometimes, saying that he never really cared about her. She didn't allow the incident change how she feels about her daughter, she still loved her daughter and was there for her during her bad times.

Mr. Richard was cold hearted towards Keziah when the news was broken to him. According to Mrs. Richard he treats Keziah like a piece of rag. His unfaded love for his daughter showed when she tried to commit suicide and he was very worried. "Please, God! my daughter! My daughter must not die this way". When he got to know that his daughter was fine, he was really thankful to God and he apologized to her and her mother for his action and not being there for her as loving father just like her mum.

- Moral decadence

The play is basically about the moral decadence in higher institutions. Moral decadence is the gross reduction in the moral values in a particular society. This is one of the main themes in the book. The playwright wants all forms of moral decadence eliminated from higher institution. Moral decadences like prostitution, taking of hard drugs, cultism and other anti-social vices.

Demola and his friends were victim of moral decadence and led them to where they didn't expect. Demola died when he went for a cultist operation and

got killed by k.k, his friend. Even his friends, k.k, Bentol and other also faced their own consequence like k.k was sentenced to life imprisonment and others got sentenced for two years with a fine of N100,000(hundred thousand naira).

Characterization of good morning, Sodom.
Demola

Demola is one of the main characters of the play, he is a student of mayflower university. He is Engineer Diran and Mrs. Diran child. Demola lacked parental care and attention which affected his life. Demola was in love with one of his course mates in mayflower university, Keziah. He was so persistent. He kept on trying to get keziah's attention and she kept on giving him the red light but he continued to try Keziah is a disciplined and focused girl refused to reciprocate his feelings but she later falls victim of negative peer pressure.

She is found in Demola's room sitting on a chair and Demola went out to get a cold drink for her but he couldn't get it. He later remembered that he should have a pack of juice in his refrigerator and gives it to her then he uses a handkerchief to clean her face, the handkerchief was laced with a substance and she was raped by Demola. He was encouraged by his friends to rape Keziah since she was proving too stubborn, they

perfected their strategy and everything went as they planned. He was also introduced to drugs and cultism by his friends, k.k and Bentol. He got into the cult group then they went on a of their operations, the operation is between them (the red shadow) and the sparrows because they were responsible for the killing of Dagren and Festula. During the operation, Demola was shot mistakenly by one of his friends, k.k, and he died an untimely death. After his death his parent found out he has a daughter, Mouritha.

Stella

She is keziah's roommate and has been of tremendous help to Keziah. She was the first person to know about the raping of Keziah by Demola and she finds out she laments on how men need to start considering us as treasures that need to be preserved and they should realize that we are like flowers that radiates beauty and gets married when violently plucked.

She assures Keziah that everything would be fine and tells her the story how she was a victim of rape by four boys in her pastor's house when she was at the age of fourteen. It all happened when she followed her dad to the pastor's house, they got to the house and were taken to the living room then her dad and the pastor went aside to talk. Later, her dad came to tell her to stay with the pastor's sons that they had to go somewhere urgently. After they went, two of their friends came to the and they all went to the room (the pastor's sons and their friends), she was told that her

dad wanted to speak with her on the phone which was in the room so she followed him then got raped by the four of them.

It made her hate God because she didn't know why he would allow such a thing happen to her. Stella's parent later relocated believing it would make her feel better but the did has been done already. She wondered why God allowed the pastor's wife car accident take place that day that her dad had to run out to save mother of the boys who were destroying the life of his own child. This incident made her redraw from God and she started doing all forms of immorality.

She also told Keziah about how she repented and was accepted by God. The dreams she dreamt telling her to go back to the lord and he will accept her the way she is. Stella said all this to make Keziah know that she still has hope and its not the end of life. She is also the one who found Keziah at the school gate unconscious and informed her parents about it

Dr. Richard

He is keziah's father and the husband to Mrs. Richard, He is forty-five years old. His attitude towards Keziah changes when he realizes that she was pregnant. He wants to abort the pregnancy but Mrs. Richard refused, thinking of the complications of abortion. Mr. Richard was so disappointed in Keziah that he treats her like a piece of trash.

He never stops reminding her of how much shame she has brought to the family and its name. He doesn't consider her as his daughter anymore because

of the shame she brought to the family. When Mrs. Richard said she's our daughter he rebuked and said "yours" that Keziah isn't his daughter but Mrs. Richard's.

Mr. Richard was the one who found Keziah suicide letter, while he was reading it, he was his hands were trembling, he found Keziah lifeless body on the floor in her room and he rushed her to the hospital while he was begging God not to allow his daughter die "God, p-l-e-a-s-e! My daughter! My daughter must not die". Even after they got to the hospital, he was till muttering those words, despite the way he treated her he still cared about her he didn't want her to die. He was happy when the doctor said Keziah was okay and they had flushed the poison out of her system. When they got back from the hospital, he apologized to her and her mum for the way he behaved after he received the news. They later went to see Demola's parent Engineer Diran and Mrs. Diran; Demola's parent told them that k.k already told them all what happened and they all agreed to allow Demola's parent associate with the child. After the birth of Keziah's child, Mouritha, Mr. Richard made arrangement for Keziah to continue schooling in the university of Ibadan.

Points of divergence in the between the published and the film version of good morning, Sodom.

There are a lot of points of divergence in between book and the film. In the book the second movement, Demola didn't enter the library with her they had their conversation while they were on their way to the library and she left him standing but in the film, Demola was in the library with her and they were also speaking in the library.

The third movement of the book, Dr Yusuf taught the student and he left but in the play two student are seen entering the class late then Dr Yusuf sent them both out of the class.

In the book after Keziah got raped, stella was narrating her story to Keziah and she said Emmanuella came to knock on the door but in the film Emmanuella met stella when she was packing her clothes from the line outside. In the film, stella and Keziah were seen walking around while stella was narrating her story but in the book she narrated her story in the room.

The publication, tells us that Demola was part of the newly recruited cult members but in the film he was already part of the cult members and was part of those who initiated the newly recruited members. In the book, they were recruiting three new members but in the film they were recruiting two new members to the group.

In the twelfth movement, the book tells us that both Keziah's parents were present at the hospital after she was rushed to the hospital when she found out that Demola was dead. Meanwhile in the film, only the mother was

present in the hospital she was even on the phone with dr. Richard.

After Keziah was discharged, in the book we were told that she was being taken to the car by parents then she pauses to hug stella. In the film, Mrs. Richard and stella were the only ones who escorted her into the car and they all went into the car then it drove away.

In the movie it was seen that four people were arrested but in the book it was stated that three people were arrested.

The film shows us that the DPO is a man while the book tells us the DPO is a woman. In the book, k. k's mother was present at the court and she collapsed after the judge had given his verdict but in the film, k. k's mum was not shown at all. The film didn't show the argument prosecution counsel or defense counsel but the book, the defense counsel was begging the judge to temper justice with mercy and the prosecution counsel also asked the judge to let justice prevail.

In the book, engineer Diran and his wife, Mrs. Diran went to visit k.k in the prison but in the film only engineer Diran went to visit him. In the book, when Demola's parents went to visit k.k he gave them a picture but in the film, they weren't given any picture.

In the book, when Dr and Mrs. Richard went to visit the Demola's parent, Mrs. Diran was sobbing silently but in the film Mrs. Diran had died she wasn't shown in the movie at all.

In the film Keziah's child was named Heritage Demola-Diran but in the book the child was named Mouritha.

The whole of movement wasn't in the movie but it was summarized at the end with a writing saying "Keziah daughter was later named Heritage Demola-Diran Keziah now continues her education at the university of Ibadan as her transfer was processed with her 100level results.