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AN INCISIVE INTERROGATION OF SOLOMON A. EDEBORE’S GOOD MORNING, SODOM, UNDERSCORING AT LEAST FIVE UNDERLYING THEMATIC THRUSTS THE DRAMA ENGAGES

1. PEER PRESSURE: This was portrayed in the book. Keziah fell victim to peer pressure from her course mates, Ovie and Bunmi. Also Demola was pressurized by his friends to rape Keziah. The same friends lead him to doing drugs and cultism.
2. RAPE: This can be seen clearly in the play. As it happened not one but two characters of the play. Both Keziah and Stella both fell victim of this, although the situations and the way it came about were not same both characters were victims of a nasty thing that take place even in the university of today’s.
3. DRUG ABUSE: This was portrayed vividly in the play. As it can be seen in the seventh movement, demola abuse a hard drug offered by KK although he didn’t want it, he later succumb to KK pressure to take. Demola also drugged Keziah to get what he wanted from her. In the play it was seen that not only demola but his friends also abused drugs which makes them become wild and reckless as the drug takes effect.
4. LACK OF ADEQUATE PARENTING: As seen in the play Demola parents had a fault in his downfall as they didn’t pay adequate attention to their son. Demola parents only cater to his needs financially and not emotionally and physically. Demola's parents didn't realised how their son has changed overnight.
5. REDEMATION: 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. 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.

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 hard working when it came to her studies. She studied English in mayflower university. She starts off as a disciplined and focused student but later fell victim to negative peer pressure. She was admired by the character demola, who was one of her course mates. But she knew he was a distraction, so she never gave in to him. After bad advices from her course mate to give the boy a chance , she finally let him be her friend. Keziah had no other intentions with him but demola had more in stock for her. One day Keziah goes over to the house of demola to get an assignment done, then demola drugged her and took advantage of he. When Keziah woke she found out what had happened and she ran out of his house to her hostel. Keziah’s roommate who was warry about her relationship with demola. She embraced her and told her it was all going to be well. Keziah continued on with her life. There was a cultist fight in the school, Keziah ran out immediately she got a call from her roommate, Keziah saw the dead 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. Not long after, Keziah gives birth to a girl named “mouritha”. The family of demola soon visits her and the agreed to take full responsibilities of their dead son. Keziah’s father surprises her with a letter of admission to a new university with accommodation and some one 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 leaving her with the pastor’s sons and their two friends. The four boys planned on taking advantage of stella. The pastor’s sons told stella she had a call from her father in the pastor’s bed room. When she got in, the four boys pinned her down making her to collapse while they took turns 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, God started calling back to stella through dreams and one day her floormate Emmanuella came to stella telling her that God wants her closer to him, this was after one of her dreams. Stella sent her out. Later on, stella had the same series of dreams and decided it was a calling from God. Stella stopped her old way and went back to the things of God.

3. Dr Richards: Dr Richards a 45 year old man and father of Keziah Richards was a man big on discipline and morals and who thought it to his daughter but was very disappointed after finding out about his daughter’s pregnancy. The character Dr Richard was put in the light of being a hypocrite because he suggested an abortion for his daughter even though he himself was against it but suggested it either way claiming the situation was different. He was filled with shame and disgrace and let the fear of what other people would think of him and his family out weigh the love and compassion he has towards his daughter and because of this he started treating his daughter with so much distain but came back to his senses when she tried to kill herself, his love for his daughter was renewed by the fear of loosing her. He evidently started treating her and ger child with love.

Point of divergence between the written version and film version of Good morning sodom by Solomon Adedokun Edebor.

1. In the book Demola's mother was alive but in the film she is dead.

2. In the book Keziah's child's name is mouritha but in the film the name is heritage.

3. In the book it was after Demola raped keziah that he became a member of the cult group but in the film he was already a member before he raped keziah.

4. In the book they arrested three cultists but in the film four cultists were arrested.