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AN INCISIVE INTERROGATION OF SOLOM A. EDEBOR'S GOOD
MORNING, SODOM, UNDERSCORING AT LEAST FIVE
UNDERLYING THEMATIC THRUSTS THE DRAMA ENGAGES

- 1) PEER PRESSURE: In the play Keziah was pressured by Ovie and Bunmi to give into Demola's request which resulted in her later visiting him in his house and being drugged and raped by him. Demola too was pressured by his friends, k.k. (Nkanga Nwoko) and Bentol (Usman Yibo) to join a cult and rape Keziah.
- 2) BAD INFLUENCE: Demola is the best example of someone who was badly influenced by his friends which later cost him his life, he was pushed to rape one of his fellow course mates, lie to his parents and join a secret cult.
- 3) LOVE: In the play love is displayed most between Keziah and her parents who stood by their daughter after she was raped and almost committed suicide, despite Keziah's father being the most disappointed between the two parents was still mortified to find that his daughter tried to commit suicide and later accepted the child.
- 4) Betrayal: This attribute is shown between Keziah and Demola. Demola betrayed Keziah after earning her trust by bringing her to his house on the false truth of it being about assignment only to drug and rape her.

- 5) Violence and Death: This was portrayed between the two rival gangs which resulted in students being injured and one even losing his life.

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

- 1) DEMOLA DIRAN: Demola was the son of the characters Engineer Diran and Mrs Diran. He was a 200l student at Mayflower University who studied English. He was a confident, persuasive and very persistent person. He admired one of his course mates, Keziah who never showed any interest in him until two of her friends pressured her to accept his request of being friends with him and nothing more. Demola seemed to care about Keziah a lot and always made a show of telling how he felt. Then the day Demola got Keziah to come to his house because of an assignment he took advantage of her after being pressured and badly advised by his two friends(kk and bentol) to do so because he may never have that opportunity again. Demola then blamed his friends for messing things up for him with Keziah for which they gave him drugs to take to clear away his sorrow and guilt. He was later initiated into a secret cult by his so called friends. Demola died during a clash between a rival cult and it was later revealed that Demola had been lying to his parents for a while and they were unsuspecting because they neglected him, never paying attention to what he did and that's why kk had the opportunity to influence Demola.
- 2) STELLA: Stella was the roommate of Keziah . She was a student and a good Christian girl with a tragic past that led her to find God. When stella was 14, her and her dad visited their pastor, then stella was very close to God, her father then left urgently with the pastor to help with a matter leaving her with the

pastor's sons. The pastor's sons then lied to her that she had a phone call from her father in the pastor's bedroom where they planned to take advantage of her and two of their friends where, also waiting, when she arrived they pinned her down and raped her and once her father returned she was taken to a hospital while the boys were arrested. Stella left scarred. She later turned her back to God and became wayward after several years God started calling back to her and sent one of her course mates, Emmanuella. Stella shouted at her to get out saying God didn't love her. She later had a series of dreams and nightmare that pushed her to accept God again.

- 3) NKANGA NWOKO(K.K): K.k. was Demola's course mate and main influencer. K.k was a dangerous and manipulative individual who was later the main cause of his friend's death. He was a cultist and druggie. He was also the one who encouraged his friend to take advantage of the girl he liked after which also introducing him to drugs. He was expelled from school after being caught in a class of rival cults, he himself being a cultist, he was arrested where he later confessed to all he did.

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

- 1) The sixth movement in the book Stella explained to Keziah she was raped when she was younger and a girl, Emmanuella came to preach to her but she had just woken up from a dream then while, in the film Emmanuella came to her when she was washing clothes outside.
- 2) The third movement in the book, the teacher cleared his throat to speak clearer but in the film he was interrupted by two students.