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GOOD MORNING SODOM BY SOLOMON EDEBOR

1. The thematic thrust in this story are as follows:

- Peer pressure
- Lack of parental monitoring
- Rape
- Cultism
- Unwanted pregnancy
- Bad parenting advice
- Hard drugs

- **PEER PRESSURE:** Peer pressure is the direct or indirect influence of members with similar interests or experiences. Demola was influenced by the pressure from his friend to rape keziah and also to join cultism. Keziah was also influenced by her coursemates to give in to the advances of Demola. In this story peer pressure influenced both keziah and Demola negatively which led to their dreams being shattered.
- **LACK OF PARENTAL MONITORING:** Reading the story there was no case of Demola's parents calling him to talk to him, his parents left him without care or guidance. Although keziah's mom came to visit her in school, advised her and talked to her, her dad never came nor did he call to talk to her. Parenting is not a one sided job keziah's mom did her but keziah's Dad did not.
- **RAPE:** Rape is a type of sexual assault involving sexual intercourse or other form sexual penetration without the other person's consent. In this case Demola drugged and raped keziah because Keziah refused to be his girlfriend he decided to get what he wanted either by nook or crook although he regretted his actions later, the deed had already been done. Stella, keziah's roommates was also raped by her pastor's sons and their friends. The rape incident brought down her self esteem and confidence.
- **CULTISM:** Demola's friends K.K and Bentol introduced Demola to cultism. In the tenth movement Demola was found dead due to the fight outbreak that occurred between Demola's cult group and another cult group. His friends and other cult members were expelled from school.

- **UNWANTED PREGNANCY:** In movement fourteen keziah was found to be 9 weeks pregnant for Demola who was already dead, her parents were disappointed and angry for humiliating their name.
- **BAD PARENTING ADVICE:** In movement sixteen Dr Richard keziah's dad was angry at keziah and mom for agreeing to keep the pregnancy. Keziah's dad wanted keziah to abort the pregnancy to avoid a stain on their family name. This was a bad advise given by a father, Dr Richard was supposed to show his care and support for his daughter who was going to a very trying time.
- **HARD DRUGS:** Hard drugs are substances taken into the body which is detrimental to human health. In the seventh movement Demola was seen regretting his actions of raping keziah when his friend K.K came to give him hard drugs to calm his nervous, Demola rejected at first saying that the first he took he almost had an accident but he still gave in to K.K.

2. Detailed explanation on 3 characters

- KEZIAH
- DEMOLA
- STELLA

KEZIAH

This character talks about a girl who has a firm mindset from home not to get involved in any relationship or get involved with bad friends that can mare her. She made up her mind from home not to disappoint her parents but she was a victim of peer pressure from her coursemates to yield to the advances of Demola, she decided to be his friend which led to her rape and she got pregnant which ended her dreams and ambition. Keziah played the female lead.

DEMOLA

This character talks about a boy who lacked parental care and guidance and allowed peer pressure to sway him away from his goal, he took the advise of his friends to drug and rape keziah and then he got introduced to cultism through the same friends which cut his life and ambition short as he d friend ied during a fight breakout between his cult group and another group. Demola Played the male lead.

STELLA

This character played keziah roommate who was also raped by four boys at the age of 14, the rape incident cause a lot of psychological trauma which made her indulge in atrocities, but she came back to God when God reached out to her. She consoled and helped keziah during the time she was facing the trauma of being raped. Stella Played the role of the type of we need to have by our side during trying times and child of God.

3. Area of divergence between the novel and the movie.

There were some point of divergence between the and the novel

In the novel keziah was described to be a light skinned girl but in movie keziah was portrayed to be dark skin girl.

In movement right, Demola was being initiated into cultism, as he was found kneeling in their to be initiated into cultism, but in the movie Demola was not being initiated, he was part of the other boys initiating others.

In the movie the ninth movement was skipped, as there were no sound of gun shots heard in the movie. Demola was just found dead in the school premises.