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Danger of cultism: The play clearly portrays the danger of cultism primarily in the

life of youths. Demola is led to an untimely death. Also, K.K is rusticated from the university and sentenced to a life in prison. Inadequate parental guidance: Demola parents are guilty of inadequate parental guidance in his life, thereby exposing him to seek advice from external sources. The play points out the consequence of inadequate guidance. Once parents fail to teach their children the right thing someone will teach them the wrong thing. Rape and the emotional trauma it brings on the raped

Hope: The message of hope is preached by Stella as she encourages Keziah to press on. This message is later emphasized in the play as Keziah is given a second

opportunity to pursue her education after the birth of her child.

Influence of negative peer pressure:

Demola had a bright future ahead of him but

its bright light was made dim by his friendship with K.K. In addition, Keziah has a

few blames to throw around as she heeds to the advice of her course mates and gave Demola a chance, a chance she lived to regret.

## CHARACTER ANALYSIS

Keziah Richards: She is a 200lvl English student of Mayflower university, she has a bright future ahead of her as she shows a

high level of diligence to her studies. She becomes the Centre of attraction to her fellow course mate Demola, who tries everything in his power to befriend her. His sweet words continually fall on deaf ears until she is advised by her friends Ovie and Bunmi to give him a chance as he has proven himself to be a responsible and caring boy. She finally gives in as she goes to his room to get some clarification on an assignment.

plan has been mapped out on how Demola will gain access to the hidden treasure

Unknow to her a

between her thighs. Disdained by Damola's actions she is left disorientated and

dejected as she considers herself a fool

for allowing this unpleasant fate befall

her. She finds comfort momentarily in the company of her dear friend Stella who

tells her all hope is not lost as he shares her testimony with her but the damage

had already been done. She sees no remedy and way forward in her present

situation. Few days later she learns of the death of the father to her bastard child

leaving her unconscious on the cold sick bed of the university health Centre. Due

to the controversies surrounding her land at the health Centre, her father makes

an enquiry about her health status only to

discovery his only child is pregnant at a

young age. Distorted and heartbroken by the news, he begins to turn a cold

shoulder towards her despite the pleas of his wife. Ultimately, his actions result

into Keziah attempting suicide. His begins to see the consequence of his actions

and accepts the present situation of his daughter in good fate. Keziah finally puts

to bed, giving life to a beautiful daughter, Mouritha. Her dreams are not shattered

as she is presented another chance to start afresh at the University of Ibadan.

Demola Diran: He is a 200lvl English

student of Mayflower university from a

wealthy family of Engr & Mrs. Diran.

Despite his unhealthy obsession with

Keziah,

he is a bright student. He had numerous dark spots in his life as a result of

parental gap. This resulted to Nkanga Nwoko (K.K) a 400lvl English student

stepping up and guiding him down a destructive part. His genuine love for Keziah

is corrupted as K.K advices him to use the opportunity of her visit to his room to

get what he has been longing for through a devious method. He heeds this

advice and results to raping Keziah. He is downcast by the outcome of events as

Keziah sees him as a monster. He is introduced to cultism and use of hard drugs

by this so-called friend. He officially becomes a member of the sacred Red

sparrows' confraternity but his membership is short-lived along with his life as he

is killed accidentally by K.K in a cult clash. K.K is sentenced to life imprisonment on

account of various charges. Engr & Mrs. Diran visits him and learn the truth about

their son, they make a decision to help in the caring of his child with Keziah.

Stella: She is Keziah roommate and the first person to learn about the

unfortunate event that had taken place in her life. With kind and soothing words,

she tries to encourage Keziah by sharing her testimony as she was also a victim of rape. Seven years ago, she was raped by the two sons of her pastor and their friends. Although the perpetrators are caught by the long arm of the law, the shame and disgrace lead her to a life of immorality and disbelief in God. She has a reoccurring dream, symbolic to her call to repentance. Coincidentally a floormate of hers Emmanuella knocks on her door to share the good news but she turns it

down abruptly. After the good sisters' departure, the message is left pondering in her heart. She decides to submit herself before the altar and plea for the saving gracing. From that point onward she lives a life anew. Few days later she is at the site of Damola's killing, immediately she calls Keziah to come to the scene. After the turn out of events she rushes Keziah to the hospital after she faints and bleeds from in-between her thighs. After Keziah is stable at the Centre, she excuses herself to inform Keziah's mother about the unfortunate event. She is seen as a good friend all around.