

ADJUA'S PREDICAMENT

Focus: Dealing with Sensitive Issues

Synopsis

Titus dismisses the children for the day. Children rejoice wildly and rush out of the classroom enroute home. Titus notices Adjua sitting in her corner looking miserable. He goes to her and asks if she is not going home. She says she does not want to go home and please could she stay in the school or better still go home with Titus. Titus asks why? She is silent and starts sobbing. Titus calms her down, pressing for her to confide in him. An hour later, Adjua is sitting in Titus's office eating food he had bought for. Mama Adjua arrives his office worried that Adjua had not come home and angry at Titus for delaying her daughter and getting her worried. She tries to take the girl home. Adjua shrinks from her and clings to Titus. She wonders what the matter with her daughter is. Titus tells her to sit down as they had a veru big problem in their hands. Mama Adjua asks what. Titus explains to her that Adjua was afraid to go home because her step father had been inviting her to sit on his laps and play with his 'thing' and she did not want to. But he had threatened her that morning and she knew he would find an excuse to punish her when she gets home. Mama Adjua is scandalized and cannot believe it. She accuses Adjua of lying and wanting to ruin her marriage. Titus tells her to calm down and face the truth so that both of them can find come up with a solution to the problem. He suggests that perhaps she might consider sending the child to stay with a relative or something.