

## THE SMART FATHER

***Opportunities for all pupils: How does father Linus resolve the problem between the children here in this drama?***

### SCENE 1

### LINUS'S SHOP

SFX: MARKET AMBIENCE.

LINUS Five tins of milk, two packets of sugar, I packet of matches, em...

NGOZI: papa, I want ....

LINUS Bia Ngozi allow me concentrate. What kind of problem is this ehn? I have told you to go and play with other children.

NGOZI: no papa, I want stay with you for the shop

LINUS: mba. Ngozi, tell me the truth, for some days now you have not play outside. Are you sure everything is alright?

NGOZI (STAMMERING) they will beat me if I went to play with them, they go beat me and collect my biscuits.

LINUS Who is 'they'?

NGOZI: Major and Ibrahim.

LINUS: hmmm! Is that so? Ngwa follow me. but let lock the shop first

## SCENE 2

## RECREATIONAL CENTRE

SFX MAJOR IS BOUNCING HIS BALL PLAYFULLY.  
LINUS AND NGOZI ARRIVE.

LINUS Major my dear how are you?

MAJOR: I am fine o Sir oga Linus.

LINUS Em...I want go buy some goods and I want Ngozi to stays with you until I come back.

MAJOR with me? But oga Linus, Ngozi...

LINUS Major, I want to leave her in the care of a very responsible person, to protect her from rascals... and you are just the right person....please Major, I trust you will look after Ngozi for me okwa ya?  
Biko

MAJOR Em...em no shaking Oga Linus

SFX NYLON RUFFLES

LINUS oya Major, take this biscuit. I have given Ngozi her own.

MAJOR	Thank you Oga Linus. I will look after her well well.
LINUS	Okay bye bye. Ngozi don't give Major wahala o.
SFX:	FOOTSTEPS AS LINUS LEAVES AND IBRAHIM ARRIVES
NGOZI	Papa bye bye
IBRAHIM	[off to on] Major, how far now? You, common bring that biscuit. So you think your papa will make us fear? Oya!
NGOZI	Major!
MAJOR	Ibrahim leave that girl's biscuit for her o before I break your head.
IBRAHIM	Haba Major! You want to chop her biscuit alone abi?
MAJOR:	Eat wetin? My friend, no body will touch this girl again o.
IBRAHIM:	Major na wetin be this now, why?
MAJOR:	you no see that she dey under my care and protection?
IBRAHIM:	kai!

## MUSIC BRIDGE

***Linus wisely gave Major some responsibility in this incident. What sort of strategies can you use in your classroom and school to deal with difficult situations like bullying?***

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