

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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