

THE BAD SEED [PART 1]

A Stage Play (School Production)

Age Range: 13–19

MORAL LESSON: DO NOT BULLY

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

ADEMILEWA: Main character; a privileged but proud schoolgirl.

MRS. ABIOLA: Ademilewa's mother.

MR. ABIOLA: Ademilewa's father.

JOHN: Member of the 'Faithful Children' group; kind and helpful.

ELIZABETH: Member of the group; polite and timid.

FAVOUR: A classmate who stands up for herself.

MRS. ELIJAH: John's mother.

MR. ELIJAH: John's father.

MRS. ALABI: Elizabeth's mother.

MR. ALABI: Elizabeth's father.

MISS BASHIRU: Class teacher.

MR. ESHO: Principal of Joyful Children School.

SERVANT: Domestic help at the Abiola residence.

THE CHILDREN: Students of Joyful Children School (chorus).

ACT I – Morning at the Abiola Home

FADE IN:

INT. ABIOLA RESIDENCE - MORNING

A spacious, well-appointed family home. Morning light fills the dining room. ADEMILEWA, a privileged but entitled teenage girl, prepares for school. MR. and MRS. ABIOLA sit at the breakfast table. A SERVANT attends to household needs.

ADEMILEWA: Good morning.

MR. & MRS. ABIOLA: How are you?

ADEMILEWA: I am fine.

Ademilewa went to the bathroom to bathe. After she was done taking a bath, she returned to the dining area.

ADEMILEWA: I am hungry!

SERVANT: Madam, What do you want to eat?

ADEMILEWA: One plate of Jollof, Two Chicken and one Five-alive.

SERVANT: Okay ma.

After the servant gave Ademilewa the food, she tasted it and reacted in disgust.

ADEMILEWA: Eww! What is this you cook? It is tasting like Bitter-leaf and salt! (Spits).

SERVANT: Sorry ma.

ADEMILEWA: Sorry for your-self (Hiss).

CUT TO:

ACT II – At School and the Confrontation

EXT. SCHOOL BUS - MORNING

In the bus Ademilewa fights with Favour over a seat. The atmosphere is tense.

ADEMILEWA: Shift, this is where I want to sit.

FAVOUR: Should I stand for you?

ADEMILEWA: Yes!

FAVOUR: Why?

ADEMILEWA: Beacause, I am a princess!

FAVOUR: Sorry madam princess! (Laughs and hiss).

Favour did not stand for Ademilewa, so Ademilewa did not sit until they reached school.

INT. JOYFUL CHILDREN SCHOOL - CLASSROOM - DAY

Miss Bashiru: How are you Ademilewa?

MISS BASHIRU: How are you, Ademilewa?

ADEMILEWA: Fine!

Ademilewa sees John and Elizabeth from her group.

ADEMILEWA: You guys can-not greet me? Eh!

JOHN & ELIZABETH: Sorry ma, Good-morning ma.

ADEMILEWA: How are you?

JOHN & ELIZABETH: Fine ma.

ADEMILEWA: During short-break come and meet me in the dinning-hall.

JOHN & ELIZABETH: Okay ma.

SMASH CUT TO:

INT. JOYFUL CHILDREN SCHOOL - DINING HALL - DAY

During short-break Elizabeth and John comes to meet Ademilewa in the dining-hall.

JOHN: Ma we are here.

ADEMILEWA: Sit, now!

ELIZABETH: Okay ma.

JOHN: Why did you call us?

ADEMILEWA: Where is a your snacks?

JOHN: Here ma.

ELIZABETH: I did not bring snacks.

ADEMILEWA: Give me your snacks now!

Elizabeth was hiding her snacks.

ELIZABETH: Take ma, Sorry ma.

CUT TO:

INT. JOYFUL CHILDREN SCHOOL - CLASSROOM - DAY

The bell was rang for short-break over. They went to class. The class teacher is not in class. Ademilewa attempts to copy from John during the absent teacher's review.

(Whispers)

ADEMILEWA: John! What is number 1 answer?

JOHN: $10 \times 10 = 100$.

ADEMILEWA: What of number 2?

JOHN: $3 \times 9 = 27$.

ADEMILEWA: This is the last one, what of number 3?

JOHN: $20 \times 2 = 400$.

During class, Ademilewa submits her work. As she collected it back she saw she failed and started to cry.

(Crying)

ADEMILEWA: I failed my work.

JOHN & ELIZABETH: Madam, what happen.

ADEMILEWA: I failed my work (Sniffs).

JOHN & ELIZABETH: Sorry ma.

ADEMILEWA: (Angrily) It is that teacher that English-teacher.

CUT TO:

INT. ALABI RESIDENCE - EVENING

The bell rang for closing time. The Faithful Children group reach their homes and Elizabeth complains to her mums about Ademilewa.

ELIZABETH: Mummy!

MRS. ALABI: Yes!

ELIZABETH: There is a girl in my class her name is Ademilewa. She is the leader of Faithful children group.

MRS. ALABI: Okay, That is nice.

ELIZABETH: No, it is not nice at all!

MRS. ALABI: (Surprised) really?

ELIZABETH: Yes!

MRS. ALABI: (Clears thought) Okay what happen?

ELIZABETH: She eats my food and snacks.

MRS. ALABI: Okay.

ELIZABETH: She also collects my money gives me her home-work.

Mr Alabi that has been listening said.

MR. ALABI: (Shouts) You and who?!

ELIZABETH: John.

Mr Alabi: Let me call his mum. Mrs Elijah phone rings then she picks the call. Mr Alabi: Hello. Mrs Elijah: Hello. Mr Alabi: Please give the phone to your husband. Mrs Elijah: Okay. Mrs Elijah calls her husband when he comes down-stairs she gave him the phone.

MR. ALABI: Hello.

MRS. ELIJAH: Hello.

MR. ALABI: Please give the phone to your husband.

MRS. ELIJAH: Okay.

Mr Elijah joins the call.

MR. ELIJAH: Hello.

MR. ALABI: Has your son been bullied by Ademilewa?

Then he pause the call and asks John whether he has bullied by Ademilewa then he said "yes". then he un-pause the call.

MR. ELIJAH: Yes.

MR. ALABI: My daughter too.

MR. ELIJAH: (Scared) What do we do! (Worried laugh).

MR. ALABI: Let us go to the school tomorrow.

MR. ELIJAH: (Worried voice) Okay! (Fake laugh).

CUT TO:

ACT III – The Assembly and Consequence

INT. JOHN'S HOUSE - MORNING

Next morning. At John's house.

JOHN: Good-morning ma and sir.

MR. & MRS. ELIJAH: How are you?

JOHN: Fine.

INT. ELIZABETH'S HOUSE - MORNING

At Elizabeth's house.

ELIZABETH: Good-morning daddy and mummy.

MR. & MRS. ALABI: How are you?

ELIZABETH: Fine.

INT. ABIOLA RESIDENCE - MORNING

At Ademilewa's house.

ADEMILEWA: Good-morning.

MR. & MRS. ABIOLA: How are you?

ADEMILEWA: I am fine.

The Faithful Children group went to bath. After bathing, at John house. John: Mum, What am I eating? Mrs Elijah: You are fasting. John: (Complains). At Elizabeth's house. Elizabeth: I am hungry! Mrs Alabi: There is no food at home. Elizabeth: (Cries). At Ademilewa's house. Ademilewa: Give me food! Servant: Madam what do you want? Ademilewa: I want two Apple-juice and two Donut.

SERVANT: When the servant gave Ademilewa the food.

ADEMILEWA: Yum!

SERVANT: Thank-you ma!

Ademilewa laughs wickedly.

EXT. SCHOOL BUS - MORNING

In the bus John and Elizabeth fights with Ademilewa.

JOHN: How are you?

ELIZABETH: Fine.

ADEMILEWA: Is that how to greet?

ELIZABETH: (Mocks).

JOHN: (Shouts) Leave me alone!

ADEMILEWA: (Surprised) A princess like me!

CUT TO:

INT. JOYFUL CHILDREN SCHOOL - CLASSROOM - DAY

Miss Bashiru asks Ademilewa why she is not friendly to her group.

MISS BASHIRU: Why are you not talking to your group?

ADEMILEWA: We had a fight.

MISS BASHIRU: Go and tell them sorry.

ADEMILEWA: Why?

MISS BASHIRU: Because they are your friends.

ADEMILEWA: (Laughs) No! they are not my friends.

MISS BASHIRU: Then what are they?

ADEMILEWA: Servants!

Miss Bashiru was surprised when she heard this and went to tell John the conversation she and Ademilewa had.

MISS BASHIRU: John!

JOHN: Ma!

MISS BASHIRU: (Whispers) Ademilewa said “ You and Elizabeth are not her friends”.

JOHN: (Whispers) Then what are we?

MISS BASHIRU: (Shouts) Servant!

After some time Mr Alabi and Mr Elijah reach the Joyful Children school and they went to the Faithful Children group class.

MISS BASHIRU: Class greet.

EVERY ONE: Greets except Ademilewa.

MR. ALABI: Where is Ademilewa?

MISS BASHIRU: That is Ademilewa (Pointing).

MR. ELIJAH: Please can you sign my auto-graph.

MR. ALABI: (Clears throat).

MR. ELIJAH: (I mean please can you call your dad.)

Ademilewa calls her dad with her tab and he picks.

ADEMILEWA: Hello my darling-princess.

MR. ABIOLA: Hello my darling-princess.

ADEMILEWA: (Command) Come to school now!

Mr Abiola comes to school. At school.

MR. ALABI: Our children are in your daughter's group and she has been maltreating them.

MR. ABIOLA: what are their names?

MR. ELIJAH: Sign, my and auto-graph.

MR. ALABI: (Sign).

MR. ELIJAH: (Clears throat) I mean John and Elizabeth.

ADEMILEWA: It's a lie they.....

MR. ABIOLA: (Shuts) Shut-up there.

Mr Alabi and Mr Elijah goes to report Ademilewa's act to the principal.

INT. JOYFUL CHILDREN SCHOOL - PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE - DAY

MR. ESHO: Good-morning sir.

MR. ALABI: Good-morning sir

MR. ESHO: What happened?

MR. ALABI: A girl named Ademilewa has been bullying our children.

MR. ELIJAH: Speak for yourself not your child.

MR. ALABI: (Whispers) Do not mind he is scared of Ademilewa.

MR. ESHO: Okay I see!

The principal calls Ademilewa to his office.

MR. ESHO: Can't you greet?!

ADEMILEWA: no! I can-not.

MR. ESHO: I see you have been bullying your friends? Abi!

ADEMILEWA: I have no friends.

MR. ESHO: John and Elizabeth.

ADEMILEWA: Oh! they are my servants.

MR. ESHO: Are you insane?

ADEMILEWA: No, I am Ademilewa.

MR. ESHO: Get out of my office.

CUT TO:

EXT. JOYFUL CHILDREN SCHOOL - ASSEMBLY GROUND - DAY

Ademilewa went out of the principal's office then he rang the bell for emergency assembly.

MR. ESHO: Good morning everyone.

CHILDREN: (Chorus) Good-morning sir.

MR. ESHO: How are you?

CHILDREN: (Chorus) We are fine.

He calls Ademilewa to come out then she cat-walked out.

ADEMILEWA: Thank-you, thank-you.

CHILDREN: (Clap).

MR. ESHO: Ademilewa is a bully.

Children gasp.

MR. ESHO: She is going to be expelled.

CHILDREN: (Praising).

ADEMILEWA: No!,you can't I am a princess.

FAVOUR,ELIZABETH AND JOHN: (Chorus) Mama princess sorry oh (Hiss).

CHILDREN: (Laugh).

MR. ESHO: Do not be like Ademilewa.

CHILDREN: (Chorus) Okay sir.

ADEMILEWA: Be like me.

CHILDREN: (Hiss).

Ademilewa has been expelled from the school because of bullying.

FADE OUT.

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