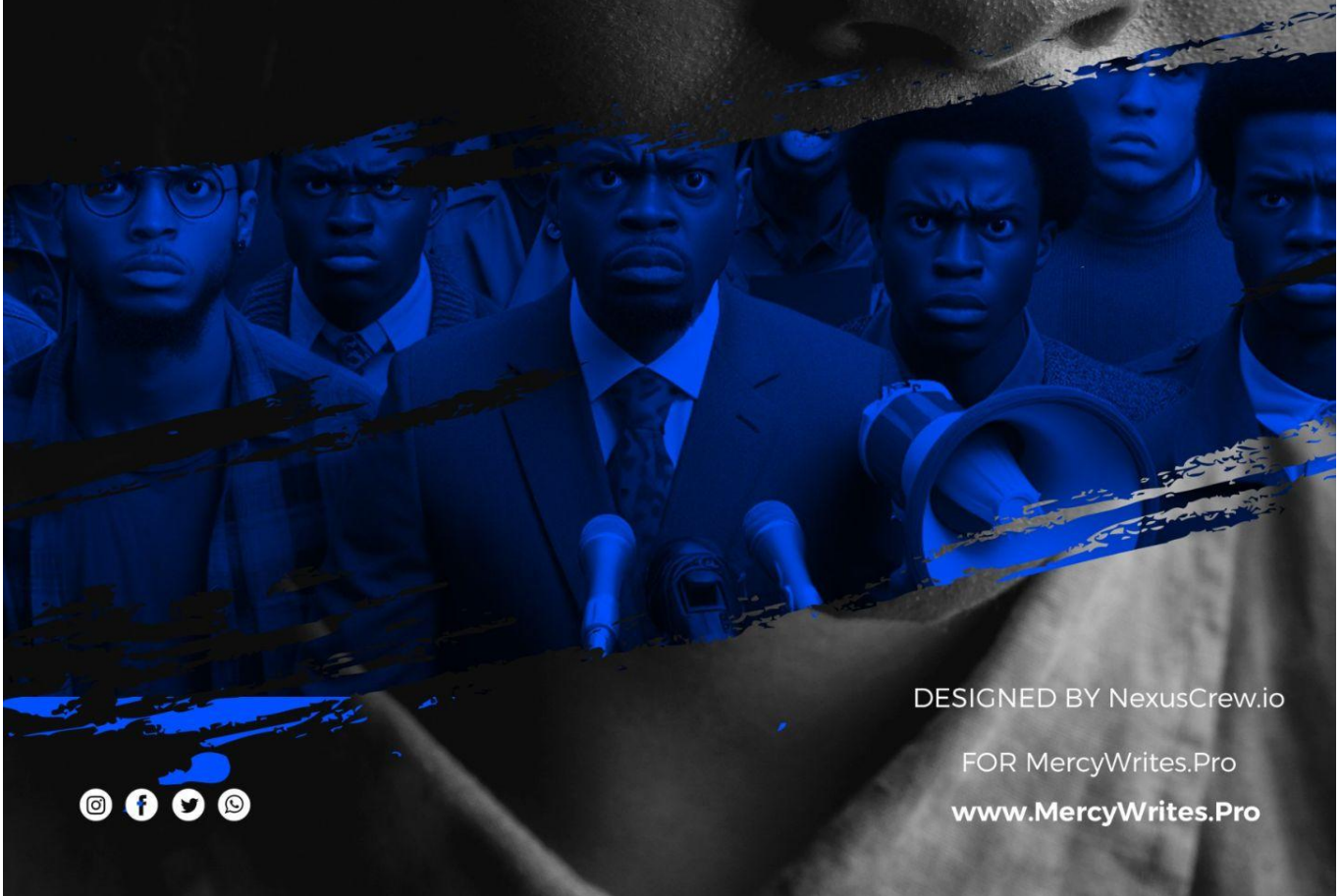


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TWO COUNTS



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EXT, ABUJA INTERNATIONALS BOARDING SCHOOL PREMISES-DAY

We see books scattered all over the ground, some are torn in pieces. We see slippers at the far end of the school gate.

NARRATOR (V.O)

In Nigeria alone, ages twelve to seventeen has been bullied during the school year.

INT. SEYI'S HOUSE-SITTING ROOM-DAY

The room is well furnished with sofas, Tv, Table. We see a girl sitting at the back of one of the chairs. She looks sad and skinny, she is fifteen years old. Her name is SEYI.

Seyi's mother, a woman in her early 40s walks up to her.

SEYI'S MOTHER

Seyi, why aren't you getting ready for school?

SEYI

(voice breaking, sad)

I don't want to go to that school anymore, mom.

SEYI'S MOTHER

You have started again. I have told you before, there's nothing wrong with the school. Boarding school is the best in this country.

Seyi raises her head up to look at her mom, worried.

SEYI

You will never understand, mom.

Seyi stands up and runs away.

SEYI'S MOTHER

(loud)

You better get ready, let me drive you.

NARRATOR (V.O)

Seventy eight percent (78%) of bully victims are from boarding schools, and approximately fifty thousand teenagers have skipped school because of bullying.

EXT. ABUJA INTERNATIONAL BOARDING SCHOOL PREMISES-DAY

SIMON, a 15 years old boy, he looks skinny. He holds a cane to support him as he is limping. He carries a bag pack on his back and he starts to walk inside the school premises.

Immediately, someone kicks the cane from his hand and he falls down. Students begin to laugh. Simon looks up to see three boys, 17 years old. They look huge for their age. They are; KEVIN, BALOGUN, A-KAY.

SIMON

I don't want any trouble.

KEVIN

(sneer)

What do you mean, Simon? You tripped and fell.

They laugh. A-kay picks up the cane and hits it on Simon's head.

A-KAY

Oops. Just wanted to see how strong it is.

They burst into laughter again.

BALOGUN

Good one, A-kay.

Then a female teacher walks in on them. She is in her 30s. Her name is MISS ANITA.

MISS ANITA

Kevin, A-kay, Balogun, what are you doing?

Balogun starts dusting Simon's body.

KEVIN

We just saw him fall and just trying to help. A-kay, give him the cane. He needs it for support.

A-kay hands the cane to him, and Simon flings it from him angrily.

A-KAY

You stupid idiot!

Ms. Anita stares at him.

KEVIN

Let's go guys.

Kevin walks towards Simon, bends down to his level, and leans towards his ear,

KEVIN

(whispering)

If you dare say a word about this to any teachers, you are dead.

Ms. Anita quickly drags Kevin away from Simon. Kevin and the boys walk away.

MISS ANITA

Are you okay, Simon?

SIMON

(hesitating)

I'm fine, Miss
Anita.

He stands up and starts walking away as students pave way for him to pass. They look at him in pity.

INT. CLASS ROOM-SAME DAY

The class is full of students. Seyi sits at the back row of the classroom and Simon sits at the front row of the class. Miss Anita is teaching, then the school bell rings. Students begin to pack their books and bags.

MISS ANITA

Okay guys. You know this is a new session, and no more going home for the next four months. So make sure your dorm room are clean and keep the rules. Breaking the school rules will lead to suspension or being expelled. See you next monday.

STUDENTS

Thank you, Miss Anita.

Miss Anita walks out. Students starts hugging their friends and chatting.

KEVIN, BALOGUN, A-KAY walks into the class and everywhere suddenly goes quiet, all eyes on them. Seyi immediately carries her bag and tries to run out, Balogun grabs her arm and pushes her back.

BALOGUN

Where do you think you are going?

KEVIN

(loud)

Everyone get out!

Students begins to run out in a hurry. Simon stands up and tries to walk out, Kevin pushes him back.

KEVIN

I was not talking to you.

SIMON

Kevin, I have no beef with you and your crew, so please, allow me to go.

Kevin and his boys exchange surprise glances.

KEVIN

So you can talk?

Kevin immediately hits his mouth.

SEYI

Please, I haven't done anything. Just let me go. I will not tell anyone.

Balogun and A-kay laughs.

BALOGUN

Where is the money?

SEYI

I don't have any money.

Balogun drags her school bag from her, turns everything in the bag on the ground, then a purse falls out.

SEYI

(about to cry)
Balogun, please.

Balogun opens the purse and brings out a bundle of two hundred naira (200) notes.

KEVIN, BALOGUN, A-KAY

Ooooooh!

Kevin flings the money from Balogun.

SEYI

Please, that money is for my text books for the term. You can't take it.

A-KAY

We already did, Seyi. Now, run along.

SEYI

I need that money back, please.

KEVIN

Seyi, Seyi, Seyi, I really don't want to hit you, don't push me to.

Balogun pushes her out of the classroom.

Kevin brings out a note book and throws it at Simon.

KEVIN
That's my assignment.

SIMON
So what?

The three friends looks at each other and laughs. Kevin walks closer to Simon, places his hand on his shoulder.

KEVIN
You are going to help me do it.

SIMON
I am not in your department.

KEVIN
That's your cup of tea. I wanna score an A+.

They start walking away, and Kevin stands and turns back to him.

KEVIN
And it is to be typed. Not less than fifty pages.

SIMON
How do you expect me-what money will I use to work on this?

KEVIN
I dont't know. Your money, maybe? Failure to do so, consider yourself dead.

EXT. CLASSROOM- CONTINUES

We see Seyi sitting on the floor besides the class room. She is crying.

NARRATOR (V.O)
Bullies don't attack confident people. They attack people who they know are weak and can never fight back. This is the story of Simon and Seyi.

Kevin and his crew steps out of the classroom, they walk past Seyi.

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