

SCRIPT TITLE – THE GREAT SCHOLAR

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Introduction

Benjamin has been a rugged guy right from his first day in the university that in his final year, he impregnated Roseline who he met at a night party..Roseline pregnancy was rejected by Ben so Roseline had no choice than to raise the child herself but later on, the world proved to be so small for Benjamin.

SCENE 1

In the university campus, Benjamin and his friends planning to attend their final night party in the campus...Chike, Raymond are Ben's friend

Chike – wats up! Ben

Ben – I'm fine..... Raymond how is preparation for tonight party ??

Raymond – it is going to be fun o

Ben – have been crushing on a girl since last semester... I pray she comes

Raymond – Ben Ben ... I trust you...always smart

Ben – what time are we leaving????

Chike – by 10 p.m

Raymond – alright then ... I need to be in school now because I'm having a defense

Chike – okay.... Just don't forget we all meeting in my house

Raymond – ok No problem

Scene 2

Ben and his friend at the party sitting round each other with Guinness and Smirnoff on their table. They are watching ladies coming inside the party. Suddenly, Ben saw the ladies he had been eyeing since all this while. She couldn't enjoy sitting anymore with his friends, so he stood and started tracing the lady's feet. Suddenly,

Ben - (shouted) "Hi" from behind and the lady looked back and said:-

Lady – meeee??

Ben – yea and he repeated “Hi” again

Lady – (shocked) and responded back “hi”

Lady – pls I don’t think I know u

Ben – same here.. just that I was distracted by you when you passed by me inside and I couldn’t control myself since then, so I had to trace you and tell you this feelings

Lady- (smiles)anyway am “roseline” but you could call me rose

Ben – I’m “Benjamin” but my friends do call me ben

Rose –wow!! nice meeting a new face

Ben - its my pleasure hope you don’t mind if we could take a sit together and have drinks so that we can get to knw eachother well???

Rose – no problem

Ben – what drink do you take????

Rose - all drinks except for alchoholic ones

Ben – alright... will be right back lemme order for drinks

Rose – okay

Ben ordered for maltina to fill the table disguising to be a gentle dude to roseline. He filled all the cups with maltina but unfortunately, roseline had a call and she seeks ben’s permission to receive outside...

Ben – no problem

Ben uses that opportunity to order for alcoholic drink and he misses rose drink with an alcoholic drink so that she could sleep off, take her inside to take advantage of her. Ben was successful doing dat but unfortunately, his school identity card feel off his chest pocket and he didn’t notice till he left.....

Scene 3

Roseline saw ben inside the campus and went ahead to face him in an angry mood:-

Rose- hello “do I look familiar”

Ben – don’t think so

Rose - you must be crazy.... Now you don’t know me after making me drunk and sleeping with me last night at the party

Ben was trying to deny but wasn't successful because, rose knew he was denying identity but when rose brought out his school identity card which he forgot at the scene, he was shocked and started apologizing so rose could give back his identity card but rose refused and said she would return the identity card to him after she's assured by the doctor that nothing has happened to her though the rape and she left him angrily.....

Scene 4

Rose after been told that she is pregnant left for ben's house and she met him at his entrance door preparing to go to lecture class

Rose – (crying towards him)

Ben – what is wrong??????

Rose – it is positive

Ben – what do you mean??????

Rose – I am pregnant

Ben sounds speechless but rose, went inside crying bitterly. Ben seeing this couldn't it anymore. He persuaded her that he would be responsible for the baby. That sentence relieved rose a little bit but not fully. Ben cleaned up her face with his hand and escorts her home...

Scene 5

Ben told his friends about rose pregnancy but his friends were like;-

Chike- ben ... are you ready to be a father???

Raymond – why did you promised her collecting the baby????

Chike - you know we only have four weeks left to our final exam.. I will advise you to change house so she won't see you again

Raymond – nice idea chike

Ben was confused and didn't knw what to do.. he just sat down watching and listening to his friends advise. Immediately, chike picked up ben's phone and started texting rose on ben's behalf to abort the pregnancy that he is not ready to be a father

Scene 6

At rose house. She saw the text and couldn't it any longer. She ran to ben's house but she couldn't meet him. All of a sudden, she fainted and landed at the hospital. She latter survived with her pregnancy and lost contact with ben since then.

Scene 7

One year after convocation, ben and his friends separated. benjamin graduated with a second class upper division... he got a job at an accounting firm . Miraculously, he changed to be a real Christian and to GOD be the glory, she found a wife in his church and his wife name is "Mabel"

Ben and Mabel got married for one year and three months but had no child.

One day they went for prayers in their church about the issues of their being childless but pastor told Benjamin that he is the one delaying their child. That he has a secret he never told his wife and once he reveals the secret to his wife and ask for forgiveness, they will give birth

Ben – its true pastor I once impregnated a lady when I was at university but that was at my unknown days

Mabel – but why haven't you tell me this since all this days (angrily spoke)

Ben – I think I'm at fault hiding it all this whileplease forgive me

Pastor – Sister Mabel, bro Benjamin needs your forgiveness please forgive him

Mabel –GOD owns forgiveness. From the depth of my heart I forgive you ben.....(crying)

Pastor – praise God now am assuring you a gift of the womb from GOD since you have no secret in your marriage

Mabel – if I may ask..... how is the lady now and where is the lady you impregnated?????

Ben – we lost contact since we graduated but I have a feeling she has her family now

Pastor – let's pray.....

Scene 8

At roseline house. Roseline now married to a new husband. Mr. Bello a Yoruba man whose wife died months ago..mr bello promised a fatherly care to kikelomo and he wants her to be called after his name which is kikelomo BELLO..

Kikelomo now in his final class at the primary school and will be having her sent forth party to the college next week

Kikelomo – mum

Roseline – yes my daughter

Kikelomo – tomorrow is my graduation and I need to go for shopping this evening

Roseline – oh! Das true dont worry when its evening we would go to the boutique

Kikelomo – thanks mum ... you the best I LOVE YOU

Scene 9

Cultural display at the graduation event

Headmaster's speech – it is a great privilege to see us all here again this hear to witness this year graduation ceremony.. this school has been unique since decades ago and we also graduating unique pupils every year. All students are amazing but today, we will present prizes to the outstanding ones among them in their various subject.now I would call on Mrs. Animashaun (mother of the day) to come help with the gift presentation while I call out student names:-

headmaster – the best student in English language.....”kikelomo Bello”

haedmaster – best student in mathematics”kikelomo Bello”

headmaster – best student in social studies.....” Kikelomo Bello”

headmaster – best student in itergrated science.....”kikelomo Bello)

headmaster – best student in quantitative reasoning....”kikelomo Bello”

headmaster – best behaved boy and girl.....”alabi olakunle and kikelomo bello”

headmaster – and lastly, neatest boy and girl...”bakare seun and kikelomo bello”

After the gift presentation, the headmaster gave the vote of thanks and called on a parent to lead the closing prayer.

While kikelomo and her mum are on their way to their car, the headmaster ran to her and told her that:-

Headmaster - The school needs kikelomo tomorrow for a regional competition at Ibadan and the winner will be representing the state and the region at the national competition at Abuja. We would like kike to do this for the school as her last competition for the school.

Kike's mum – no problem sir

Scene 10

Kike at the regional competition representing osun state holding at their regional headquarters in Ibadan.

Competition coordinators – here we have representatives from ...”akure”, “osun”, “ogun”, “oyo”, “lagos”

Audience clapped hands as each representative stood for recognition

Coordinator - (addressin the contestants).. we welcome everyone here this day. As we all know that only one winner today will represent the southwestern region at the national competition at Abuja wishing you all a best of luck!

Kikelomo won the first round, came second in the second round, and came back to win the third round. With this result, kike won as southwestern region representative at the national competition in Abuja which comes up on the 29th of October this year.

Scene 11

benamin rushed to the hospital after collapsing this morning in the office during a conference meeting

Doctor – Mr. Benjamin ailment has been diagnosed and he is suffering from toomuch blood which is weakening his body. He needs to give out blood and precise, his blood has been texted and its blood O+ which is very scarce to get.

Mabel (wife) – no problem doctor

Doctor – he would be okay by tomorrow and ready for discharge. Make sure he doesn't take toomuch sugar and milk for a while

Mabel – alright sir

Scene 12

Kikelomo on his way back home after winning tha regional competitionat Ibadan. Kikelomo was dropped at her street junction and was told to board motorcycle to her house because the road is not conducive for vehicle.

Kikelomo now on motorcycle on her way home just a bit left, she had an accident and was rushed to the hospital. After getting to the hospital she was rushed to the intensive care unit and the doctor said;-

Doctor – she is unconscious and she has lost so much blood. She needs a compactible blood and this most be provided within the next 6hrs to avoid further complications.

Roseline – here am I ...I'm her mother. Have some of my blood for her

Doctor – am sorry ma.... Her blood is not compatible with yours

Roseline – what do we do now??? (Asking the doctor)

Doctor – let her biological father come and let's have his blood. It might be compatible with her own

Roseline – her biological father is distanced and can't even say if he's still alive or dead

Doctor – alright ...I think the only option left now is that you go to the laboratory to buy blood. She's o+ you need to go now because we have 2hrs left to start the blood transfusion

Roseline went to all laboratory she knows but she was been told that the prescribed blood group is scarce. While she was still thinking of what next to do, the doctor's call beeps her phone

Doctor – hello o Mrs. roseline.... How far about the blood. Have you gotten it???

Roseline – no

Doctor – but we have 30minutes left for the transfusion Ok then.. hope you don't mind directing you to a doctor colleague

Roseline – would be grateful sir

Doctor dictated colleague address for her. When she got there;-

Roseline – good day sir. We want to buy a blood group O+

Doctor – we have but am sorry we can sell it out cause its scarce..... And precise, how do you know I would have???

Roseline – doctor matt directed us here. My daughter needs blood urgently at his hospital

Doctor – matt?? He's a real colleague in the field. For his sake I would sell it out for you

Roseline – thank you sir.

Roseline on getting back to the hospital only had five minutes to her daughters transfusion. Doctor matt trusted his colleague so he didn't bother testing the blood again since time is not on their side any longer.. while transfusing the blood, the doctor noticed that his patient is not responding but instead behaving strangely. This made the doctor worried and eager to test the patient to know what is going on and from the test, he discovered that the blood transfusion into her body is from a sickle cell (SS).

Doctor – OMG!(he told his nurse to call mrs roseline to his office)

Mrs roseline came in and sat down

Doctor – we had a successful transfusion but the blood is a sickle cell blood

Roseline – (shocked)! Sickle what???

Doctor – she can still live well. She just have to be in the hospital for a while so that we could give her necessary treatment

Roseline (crying)

Doctor – just pray for her because we only treat. God heals.

Scene 13

Headmaster and teachers at the hospital to look after kikelomo's health

Doctor – you welcome sir

Headmaster – how is kikelomo now

Doctor – we trying our best but she hasn't talked and eat since we did the blood transfusion. We only feed her though the drip we pass to her body

Headmaster – please doctor we are ready to pay any amount. Just make sure you do your best because she is representing the state at a national competition next month

Doctor – sir! God will help us. Just pray along

Headmaster left the hospital sadly

Scene 14

Headmaster and teachers having an emergency meeting on kikelomo's issue, to deliberate on what they need to do in time to get her agile and healthy before the competition day. While they were discussing, the state commissioner for education call came in on the headmasters phone

Headmaster – honorable commissioner sir

Commissioner – how is work going for the day??

Headmaster – fine sir

Commissioner – I heard the student representing the state at the national competition at Abuja is from your school

Headmaster – yes sir....."KIKELOMO BELLO"

Commissioner – make sure she is properly coached before the competition so she could make the state and region proud at the national competition

Headmaster – alright sir.... Alson working towards that

Commissioner – don't hesitate asking for financial help toward her expenses

Headmaster – okay sire ... thank you very much sir.

Headmaster told his teachers what the commissioner said and they went speechless thinking of what to do. All of a sudden, they all held hands together and sent forth prayer words to her at the hospital'

Scene 15

Back at Benjamin's family. Benjamin's son "SAMSON" now in primary four also representing his region (north east) at the national competition in Abuja. Samson is also a brilliant pupil

Benjamin – Samson you really impressed me today. Now you have made it to the national competition at Abuja to face scholars like you

Samson – hmmm.... But dad u need to buy me more textbooks. I need to read wide

Benjamin – I would don't worry . have even spoken to your headmaster to get me good teachers to train you ahead of the national competition

Samson – wow! Das a good idea dad

Mabel – I strongly believe my son would win them all at the nationals. My son has always been the champion of all time and he would prove that to his mate at the national competition.

Benjamin – that is it my dear.. he is truly the son of his father....(*winks)

Mabel – not of his mother??... how many local competition did you go when you were like him not to talk of national competition...(jokingly saying)

Benjamin – ha! What do you mean??? It's me that use to tell them to allow my junior ones to go instead of me

Mabel and Samson laughed and went to the dining table to eat dinner

Scene 16

Kikelomo's condition became more critical at the hospital that she is not responding to treatment at all. The doctor is doing his best but he is at the same time scared and had the following conversation with kikelomo's mother;-

Doctor – ma, kikelomo is not responding to treatment at all . we need to direct her to hospital at Abuja where they have enough and standard equipment and facilities. If we don't do that in two days it might be dangerous

Roseline – (speechless) went inside to see her daughter, looked at her and wept bitterly on her.

Doctor coming behind her called her and said to her...

Doctor - "its okay" I would assist in making necessary arrangement for ambulance to take her to Abuja.

Roseline – thank you sir... but please doctor, don't tell anybody that she has been redirected to Abuja

Doctor – no problem ma... I will tell no one

Scene 17

The next morning, kikelomo headteacher went to the hospital to check on her. Ongoing inside, he met the doctor at the entrance of the hospital on his way out

Headmaster – hello doctor

Doctor – hello sir

Headmaster – I was the one that came the other day with teachers to check on kikelomo..... I'm her headmaster

Doctor – oh! Oh! that is true

Headmaster – how is her condition now?? Can I see her??

Doctor – I'm sorry sir. You came late. Her mum came this morning to relocate her hospital and I cant also say precisely where she is relocated to

Headmaster was confused and did not know what to say so he immediately left for kikelomo's house. On getting there, he met the dorr looked.

Scene 18

Headmaster went back to school and told teacher what had happened and they were deliberating on what to do. Everybody got confused and were thinking of replacing kikelomo at the competition with another student in their school. The idea would have gone well but kikelomo identity and passport has already been known by the competition management

Headmaster - I think it is high time we forget about the competition because we cant even find our representative

Teacher – (speechless) worked out silently.

Scene 19

Kikelomo at hospital in Abuja receiving treatment

Roseline – doctor how is my daughter???

Doctor – we are trying our best but still yet to open eyes. We believe she would be fine

Roseline went inside to look at kikelomo's face and doctor coming behind her saying

Doctor – don't worry madam.. I will call on two to three expert like me and we will bring up ideas to make kikelomo back to normal

Roseline – alright doctor..... Thanks

Scene 20

Samson prepared for Abuja competition. He went on shopping and came back home to pack his load for the next day Abuja journey

Samson – dad... thanks for the shopping

Benjamin – boy.. you must make me proud at the national competition

Samson – trust me dad

Benjamin – what time are they picking you up tomorrow???

Samson – 6a.m in the morning

Benamin – safe trip son

Samson – thanks dad

Benjamin – I will be joining you tomorrow morning at the competition venue

Samson – really?? I'm happy to hear that dad

Scene 21

The next day, Benjamin left for Abuja. They got there around 7p.m and lodged at a hotel

Teacher – hope you are good to go for tomorrow's competition

Samson – by GOD's grace

Teacher – all the best

Samson – thank you sir

Teacher – u need to go to bed now because we are leaving as early as 7a.m tomorrow morning

Samson – okay sir

Teacher – goodnight

Samson – goodnight sir

Scene 22

At the hospital, kikelomo was dreaming about how she won ticket to the national competition at the regional. She dreamt about how she lifted the award she received, how she was announced as the regional representative to the nationals and lastly dreamt about how the national competition date was pronounced. Immediately, she opened her eyes. The doctor, coming in to carry out his daily checkup on her saw her eyes opened and was very happy

Doctor – kike... finally you opened eyes

Kikelomo responded – sir! What is today's date??

Doctor – 29th of October... what is wrong??

Kikelomo – nothing sir just that I'm in the wrong place at the moment

Doctor – what do you mean??

Kikelomo – I should be in Abuja at the moment to represent my state at a national competition

Doctor – here you are in Abuja.... But precise, a healthy person should think of competition right now and not someone like you

Kikelomo – that is true... but keeping me where I shouldn't be at the moment will keep me more unhealthy.. I prefer dying doing what I wish now than lying here all day

Doctor – but u can't go anywhere because your mu is not around

Kikelomo – a minute more here in this hospital can be dangerous for me.. I just need to be where my mind wish at the moment

The doctor cooperated with her and told one of his nurse to dress her up and they left for the competition but unfortunately, her mum arrived immediately kikelomo left with the doctor

Nurse – hello ma

Roseline – how is my daughter??

Nurse – she just left with doctor

Roseline – to where??

Nurse – she said she won't respond to treatment until the doctor take her to a competition she must be right now.

Roseline immediately rode her car and traced the doctor to the competition

Scene 23

At the competition venue after all participant has been recognized and introduced in about 5minutes to the first question, kikelomo came in and claimed to be representative from the south western region.. he was allowed in and she sat with her colleague

First round – kike led them all with two point margin, seconded by samson

Second round – kike led them all again with three point margin again

Third round – Samson led by five point margin and now on tie with kikelomo

Fourth round and final round – as kikelomo was about answering the last question and to be announced winner if answered correctly, she fainted and was immediately rushed out and they poured water on her head. As they pour the water on her head she started seeing visions of how she won the regional competition again.. at once, she stood up and went inside by herself.

The competition directors never knew she would still come back. They had already decided announcing Samson as the winner of the competition since kikelomo couldn't finish. But when they saw kikelomo coming back, they quickly reversed the decision and they asked kikelomo the final question which she answered correctly and she was announced the winner of the national completion and Samson comes the first runner up.

after kikelomo received her award as the winner, she turned and faced the crowd who were hailing her great performance. Suddenly, she saw her headmaster. She was shocked and ran out of the podium to hug him.

The headmaster – I came by flight this morning after watching you from television coming in into the competition. I was very happy..

When they all got outside, Benjamin saw roseline and went to meet her

Benjamin – hello

Roseline – hello sir

Benjamin – roseline.. right?

Roseline – yea.. who are you??

Benjamin – its me Benjamin.. then at the university

Roseline – OMG.. what a small world so we could still meet again??

Benjamin – yes o Why you here???

Roseline – the girl that won the competition is my daughter.. sorry our daughter

Benjamin – our daughter??

Roseline – yes... she is the pregnancy you gave me then at the university

Benjamin – rose please forgive me.. I'm really sorry for everything

Roseline – no problem... GOD owns forgiveness

Benjamin – thank you so much.. (he hugged her)..... the boy that came second is my son

Roseline – really??

Benjamin – can u please introduce me to kikelomo???

Roseline – why not... she is inside the car . let us move towards her

Benjamin and roseline left to meet kikelomo in the car

Roseline – do you want to know your father??

Kikelomo – I don't think its necessary anymore

Roseline - please kike you have to know him.. (She persuaded her)..... He is your biological father..
(roseline pointed to Benjamin)

Immediately' kike fainted and landed back in the hospital.

Scene 24

At the hospital

Kikelomo – (crying on the bed)

Benjamin – (apologizing to her)

Roseline – (begging kikelomo to forgive her father)

Kikelomo – mum! Don't you think it's too late for him to be apologizing? Assuming he didn't left you (mum), I won't be in this health situation I am now. Your blood wasn't there when I needed it most. Although, I had an accident but it wouldn't have been so complex as it is now ...but your blood want there for me...(crying)

Roseline (crying)

Benjamin hugged her on the bed and wiped her face

Kikelomo – dad I forgive you

Benjamin – thanks daughter.. I promise I would do my best by flying you abroad for poper treatment...

Benjamin lifted kikelomo up from the bed and the three of them had a hug..... THE END

