

GET UP, GET OUT.

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EXT. AERIAL VIEW OF PORT HARCOURT CITY - DAY

It is a clear, sunny day.

Looking straight down, we see the rooftops of residential duplexes and bungalows. Further away, we see skyscrapers and high-rise buildings. All the buildings have twitter profiles- twitter name, number of followers, number following, no picture- on top of them.

Far in the b.g, an industrial chimney belches thick, dark smoke which provides a sharp contrast to the clear sky. Its not very noticeable right now, but the dark smoke is inching very slowly towards us.

EXT. DUPLEX/ EXT. BUNGALOW - DAY/ SPLIT SCREEN

The duplex (@moneyshotzphc, following 567, followers 136) is on the left and the bungalow (@tolos, following 1289, followers 901) is on the right. In the far b.g of both splits, the industrial chimney bellows black smoke.

@tolos tweets

Am I the only one who's concerned about the level of pollution in this city?

Every tweet is accompanied by a CHIMING SOUND

@moneyshotzphc tweets

Are you talking about the gas flaring?

@tolos

Amongst other things, but majorly that. These oil companies shouldn't be allowed to pollute our air like this.

@moneyshotzphc

And the government just sits there and does nothing.

@tolos

We don't have to wait for the government. It is up to us to save our environment and our community.

@moneyshotzphc

How? What can we do?

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@tolos

Organize.

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EXT. DUPLEX/ EXT. BUNGALOW - DAY/ SPLIT SCREEN

The smoke is noticeably closer now than it was before- about a quarter of the way towards us.

@moneyshotzphc

What's up?

@tolos

The smoke is up.

@moneyshotzphc

LOL.

@tolos

I'm not trying to make you laugh. I'm trying to make you think.

We're living under a dark cloud. Literally.

@moneyshotzphc

I know. It's not funny. Half the city is covered in the stuff.

EXT. AERIAL VIEW OF PORT HARCOURT CITY - DAY

The thick black smoke is over a quarter of the way, but less than half way towards us and has swallowed up several buildings.

BACK TO

EXT. DUPLEX/ EXT. BUNGALOW - DAY/ SPLIT SCREEN

@moneyshotzphc

Port Harcourt is turning into Beijing. Covered in smog and we're going to have to wear masks when we go out.

@tolos

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That's not going to happen here. We're not going to let it happen.

CROSSFADE:

EXT. DUPLEX/ EXT. BUNGALOW - DAY/ SPLIT SCREEN

The smoke hasn't moved any closer since the last time we saw it.

@tolos

Has anyone bothered to look up at the sky recently? If not then do so now and tell me what you

see. We are living under a dark cloud. A dark cloud of industrial smoke. There is no greater

danger to our lives and our living space than the pollution being perpetrated by the oil companies.

These corporations are allowed to pollute freely by you and I. Yes, you and I. Not the

government, but you and I. You and I have the power to make a change. And its time we used it.

Experts say that given the current rate of pollution, Port Harcourt is on course to be the

most toxic city in the world in 6 years. If you don't want to see that happen, then tweet

the hashtag #darkcloudsoverphc. Tweet it until those responsible know how we feel.

The retweet logo appears beside @moneyshotzphc's twitter profile and rotates as he tweets **#darkcloudsoverphc.**

EXT. AERIAL VIEW OF PORT HARCOURT CITY - DAY

CUT TO INDICATE TIME LAPSES WITHIN THE SCENE.

The retweet logo appears at the top of the screen and rotates as all the twitter profiles retweet **#darkcloudsoverphc** several at a time. Meanwhile, the smoke keeps getting closer and swallowing up more buildings.

EXT. DUPLEX/ EXT. BUNGALOW - DAY/ SPLIT SCREEN

The number of @tolos's twitter followers and those he follows increases rapidly- faster than we can read- while the smoke which is now more than halfway towards moves faster towards us.

INTERCUT AERIAL VIEW OF PORT HARCOURT CITY AND DUPLEX/BUNGALOW

The twitter profiles in the city continue to retweet **#darkcloudsoverphc**.

@tolos tweets

Gas flaring by night, #darkcloudsoverphc by day. We can't even tell night from day

anymore. We need to take back our nights and days. We need to take back our lives. #tweetordie.

@moneyshotzphc retweets **#tweetordie**.

The twitter profiles in the city retweet **#tweetordie**.

Meanwhile @tolos's twitter numbers keep going up and the smoke, which is now moving very quickly, is now very, very close to us.

CROSSFADE:

EXT. AERIAL VIEW OF PORT HARCOURT CITY - DAY

The city is almost totally swallowed up in smoke now and its only seconds away from being totally swallowed.

Meanwhile, the few twitter profiles that we can still see keep retweeting **#darkcloudsoverphc** and **#tweetordie**.

EXT. DUPLEX/ EXT. BUNGALOW - DAY/ SPLIT SCREEN

The smoke is right on top of the bungalow and the duplex and surely just seconds away from us.

@tolos tweets

I can't believe how big this movement has gotten.

@moneyshotzphc

Yeah, its crazy what we can achieve when we organize.

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@tolos

Keep tweeting. Keep opposing and exposing these oil companies. keep pushing back

those #darkcloudsoverphc.

The smoke takes over the whole screen and we're plunged into a world of darkness.

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The retweeting and everything, it doesn't have an effect without bodies on the ground, without, without flesh and people actually showing up, twitter movements.. without the people on the ground actually here, there is no story.

SUPERIMPOSE: GET UP, GET OUT and do something.

FADE OUT

THE END