

MY VOTE MY VOICE

Holding Leaders
Accountable



PRESENTED BY:  Monitor  the future project

GOVERNOR RICHARDS IS SITTING IN HIS LOUNGE WITH COMMISSIONER IKE. THEY ARE EATING FROM A BOWL OF ASSORTED MEAT. GOVERNOR RICHARD'S ASSISTANT, UCHE, IS POURING BEER INTO TWO GLASS CUPS.



TODAY, MY FERRARI WILL CLEAR! AND YOU KNOW THAT MANSION I TOLD YOU I'M BUILDING IN BANANA ISLAND? I WILL PACK IN THIS MONTH.

MY ABLE GOVERNOR! YOUR EXCELLENCY SIR!!!

GOVERNOR RICHARDS LAUGHS HYSTERICALLY WITH A MOUTHFUL OF ASSORTED MEAT, RUBBING HIS BELLY AS HE CHEWS LOUDLY AND DRINKS FROM ONE OF THE GLASS CUPS.



SIR, I WANTED TO REMIND YOU OF THE ROAD LEADING TO THE AIKA COMMUNITY THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE FIXED. ALSO, THE GENERAL HOSPITAL ON OUR CHECKLIST HASN'T BEEN ATTENDED TO YET.

THE MEN LAUGH LOUDLY.



BUT SIR...

SIR, THERE IS A PETITION CIRCULATING ON SOCIAL MEDIA. THEY SAID THE BAD ROADS HAVE BEEN CAUSING TOO MANY ACCIDENTS. THE PEOPLE WANT YOU TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT OR FACE A PANEL.. MANY PEOPLE ARE SIGNING THIS PETI...

UCHE, IS IT NOT THE ROAD I USED TO COME HERE?

HELP ME ASK HIM OH.



UCHE, UCHE! MY MAN. IT'S OKAY, I HAVE HEARD.

SIR, BUT THE ROAD IS BAD AND IT'S A MAJOR ROAD IN THAT AREA SO ACCIDENTS THE PEOPLE ARE EXPECTING SOMETHING TO BE DONE AND...



THE ASSISTANT IS INTERRUPTED

SIR...

PETITION?

PEOPLE ARE IMPLYING THAT YOU EMBEZZLED FUNDS FOR STATE PROJECTS.

PANEL?

HE PAUSES THEN CONTINUES, SPITTING THE WORDS OUT HURRIEDLY



GOVERNOR RICHARDS ADJUSTS IN HIS SEAT, TRYING TO HIDE HIS SHOCK AND EMBARRASSMENT

WITH A WAVE OF HIS HAND, THE GOVERNOR DISMISSES HIS ASSISTANT AND HE REACHES FOR THE LAST PIECE OF MEAT IN THE BOWL. COMMISSIONER IKE SITS IN SILENCE HOLDING HIS CUP OF BEER.

COME ON GET OUT OF HERE.



INT. GOVERNOR RICHARD'S OFFICE - DAY

GOVERNOR RICHARD'S ASSISTANT WALKS IN, HOLDING A SEALED ENVELOPE, HEADING TO THE GOVERNOR'S TABLE WHERE HE'S SEATED GOING THROUGH FILES AND SIGNING AT DIFFERENT INTERVALS.

A LETTER JUST CAME IN FOR YOU, SIR

LETTERS COME IN ALL THE TIME, WHAT DOES THIS ONE SAY? AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M BUSY (HE SAYS IMPATIENTLY)

GOVERNOR RICHARDS RESPONDS WITHOUT LOOKING UP FROM HIS DESK



I'LL OPEN IT NOW. IT'S A REQUEST TO REHABILITATE ODO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND THEY MENTION LEAKING ROOFS, DAMP WALLS, SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND MEDICAL FACILITIES AS SOME OF THE REASONS WHY IT NEEDS TO BE ATTENDED TO URGENTLY. THE PEOPLE THERE FIND IT HARD TO ACCESS MEDICAL CARE.

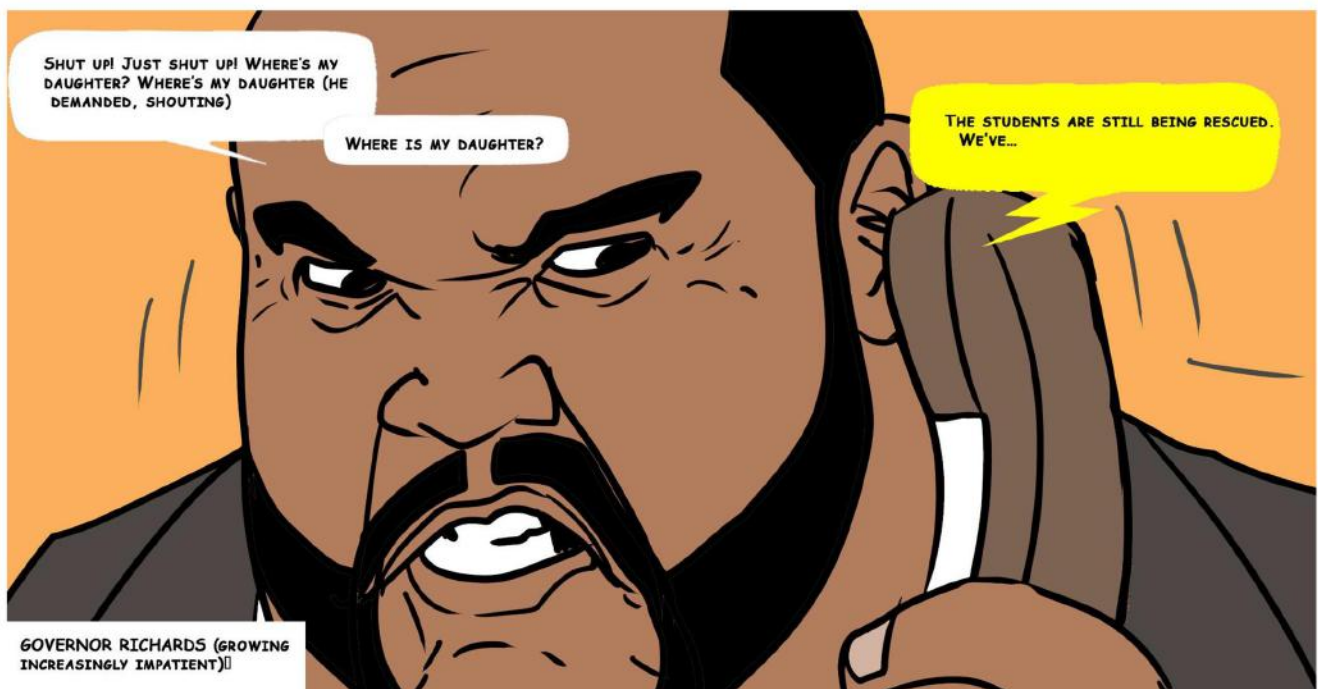
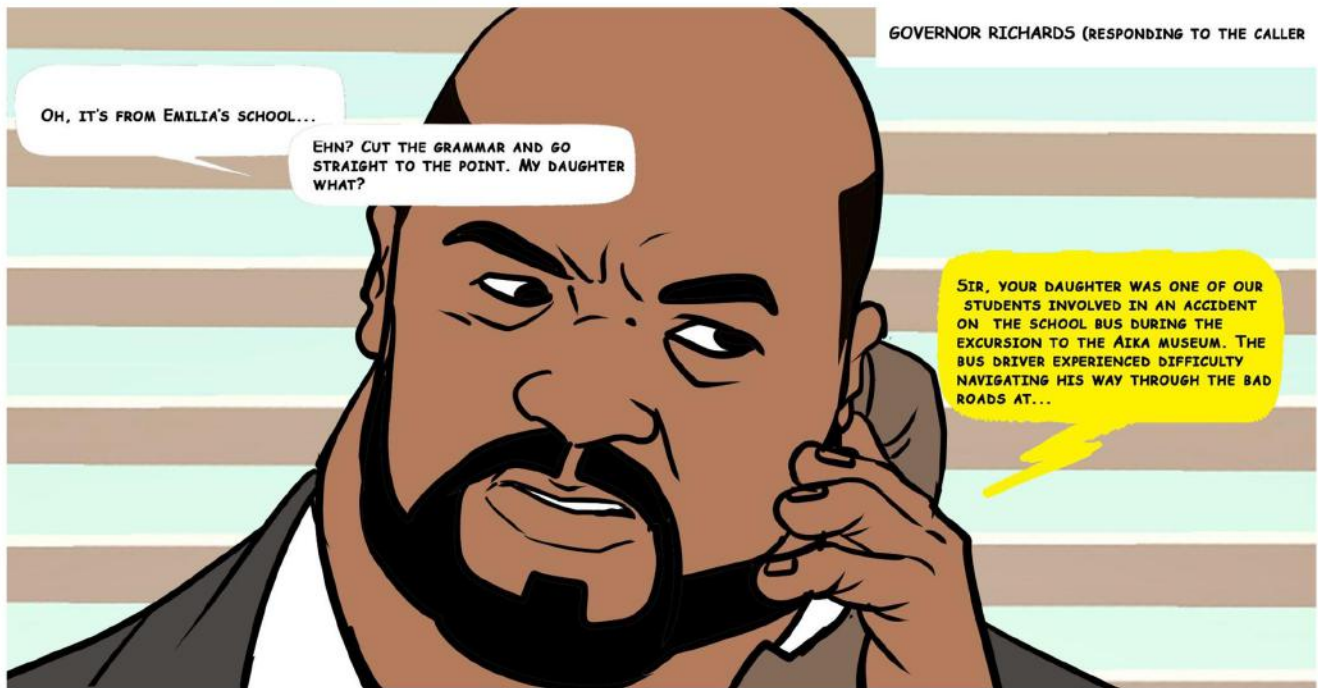
ANOTHER LETTER ON THIS SAME HOSPITAL? YOU ALSO MENTIONED THAT SEVERAL ONES HAVE BEEN SENT ONLINE TOO AND THE PETITION? AND THE SHOWS SPRINGING UP ON RADIO AND TV WITH MY NAME PLASTERED OVER THEM. OKAY. FIND LIKE FIVE OF THOSE INFLUENCERS OR WHAT DO THEY CALL THEM. WE'LL SORT THEM OUT AND KEEP THEM SHUT.



SIR, I... IT'S... IT WON'T WORK SIR

THEY ARE A FORCE. UNITED AS EVER. THEY ARE NOT ONLY DETERMINED. THEY ARE ANGRY TOO AND ERMMM...

HE PAUSES AS GOVERNOR RICHARDS STARES AT HIM, MOTIONING HIM WITH HIS EYES TO SAY MORE OR NOT SAY MORE BUT HE CONTINUES...





Address! Address! Please!

I'll text you the address of the hospital right away sir, but don't worry, your daughter would be fine.

Right away sir!!

GOVERNOR RICHARDS TURNS TO HIS ASSISTANT WHO'S NOW LOOKING PERPLEXED).



Uche, how was I not aware of the excursion to Emilia's school? How ehn?

Sir, I'm not aware either. Maybe it was contained in that newsletter the school sent that you asked me to give to your wife.



I didn't check it at all. Are you sure? Couldn't you have checked? Couldn't you have known somehow? Why didn't Bola discuss it with me? Oh, God!

BUT SIR, YOU'VE NOT BEEN HOME IN A WHILE. MAYBE...

MAYBE YOU CAN ALSO CALL YOUR WIFE SIR.

THE ADDRESS. THEY HAVE SENT IT. PASS ME MY KEYS. MY CAR KEYS

ASSISTANT (HANDS HIM HIS KEYS)

GOVERNOR RICHARDS HEADS OUT, RESPONDING DISTRACTEDLY TO HIS ASSISTANT'S SUGGESTION AS HE FIXES HIS GAZE ON HIS PHONE SCREEN WHILE HURRIEDLY WALKING OUT.

EHN, OKAY OKAY, YES. CALL THE NECESSARY PEOPLE TO START THAT HOSPITAL RENOVATION. THESE NOTIFICATIONS COMING IN ON MY PHONE DON'T LOOK GOOD.

THE ASSISTANT WATCHES THE GOVERNOR LEAVE AND WHILE PICKING UP THE PHONE TO 'CALL THE NECESSARY PEOPLE', HE WONDERS WHAT NOTIFICATIONS GOT THE GOVERNOR TO CHANGE HIS MIND.

ASSISTANT (TALKING TO HIMSELF) NOTIFICATION? OH, THE PEOPLE HAVE BECOME MORE ADAMANT AND NOW THEY CAN S-T-O-P H-I-M? (HE CHUCKLES TO HIMSELF AND THEN INSTANTLY STOPS WHEN HE REALISES THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION). WOW!

Accountability breeds response-ability.
Holding our leaders accountable is the first
step towards getting the good governance
we deserve as Nigerians.

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