

## **Drama Sketch From RED Sapphire Nig. Ltd**

### **SCENE 1:**

(Stage opens with Good Luck addressing members of community Leaders meeting)

#### **Good Luck:**

So, having felt the pulse of the people what is our candid opinion on Mr. Monday.....Elder?

#### **Elder:**

Hmm! The Observation is that from the past, he has been sponsoring people and the people may not support his.....

#### **Youth leader:**

Aside that, chair, the entire community insists that no amount of thuggery will deter them from voting for credible and dependable candidates for the forth-coming election.

#### **Elder:**

Chairman the youths and the community at large are earnestly asking for a violence free election.

#### **Youth Leader:**

One time!!

#### **Mama Precious:**

Hmm.....Leaders of our community. I think this matter is one that calls for careful consideration. We all know what Mr. Monday did to this our community during elections in the past. How he imported thugs who terrorized everybody.

**Youth Leader:**

With due respect Mama Precious we are merely pointing out our observation.

**Mama Precious:**

Don't I have eyes and ears? The point I am making is that, should anything go wrong in the course of this election hmm.....women o.....children o ah

**Elder** (Impatiently hisses)

There she goes again! That is the reason why Mr. Monday, must be told the situation on ground! In the interest of peace, harmony and development, the people say no to electoral violence!

**Youth Leader:**

Ah! Here comes Mr. Monday! (Mr. Monday enters exchanges pleasantries and sits)

**Chief Good Luck:**

Mr. Monday, once again you are welcome!

**Mr. Monday**

I thank you all very much.

**Chief Good Luck:**

Em..Eye brows have been raised since you made known your intention to run for the position of the chairman of our community.

**Mr. Monday:** (Pretending)

Ehee? Uhmhhh!

**Chief Good Luck:**

Yes, about your approach to electioneering and your use of thugs to inflict pain on people and force them to vote for you.

**Mr. Monday:**

Ah.....Ah.....haba that is why I came to see you our leaders. You all know that is not true!

**Youth Leader:**

Chairman, you see.

Chief Good Luck: (Shocked and utterly embarrassed)

Good Luck, what do you mean?

**Mr. Monday:** (Looking up in smiles).

Ah.....Ah....Haabaa I know that a few of my opponents are at work, but I know that by the grace of God; they shall all fail.

**Youth Leader:** (enraged by this action)

Chair, you see! The man dodging the question and trying to hide his whole body behind one finger!

**Mr. Monday:**

Eh? Why are you behaving as if you are not in this community? Get yours first then get the people over, I mean we should be grateful that I Mr. Monday, "De Major" has offered to serve our great our People!

**Elder:**

Em....That is true Mr. Monday, but the people say they don't like violent approach to politics, the people will rather vote against violent Politicians, the people will.....

(Reaction of agreement from other community leaders).

**Mr. Monday (Hotly)**

The People? The People? Are we not the people? Eh, who says I am violent? I only persuade people!

**Chief Good Luck:**

Through violence? Now Monday, count me out of the people you are referring to .

**Other Leaders:**

Me too oo!

**Mr. Monday:**

Uh? Is that soo!

**Mama Precious:**

Hmm! There is always another time. The people believe you are not ready for the position you seek.

**Mr. Monday:**

Ready? Ready! I see!

**Youth Leader:**

Everybody knows you have not contributed a single kobo to better the lot of our community. We also know how you came to be in that position. Our people will not vote for violent politicians. Once, you had the opportunity and you corruptly enriched yourself and shooed the people away.

**Mr. Monday:**

Hmm? Ha - ha-ha-ha-haaaa

**Chief Good Luck:**

Mr Monday, you are my brothers only living son, but you have heard from the representatives of the people. When you see leadership as an opportunity to serve, and peaceful conduct as a means to attain leadership, the people will see it, feel it and know it. Then they will carry you on their shoulders and make you their chairman, I would advice you forget about this election and try again!

**Mr. Monday:** (Angry and hotly)

Try again? No way! God has made me the chairman and this is politics. I will crush every opposition to my victory! (To his P.A) Talle (He whispers and his P.A nods and takes off) I will see those who will not vote for me at the election tomorrow and if you will not join me, the people will!

(He leaves in anger)

**Mama Precious:** (shouting after him)

No matter what you do, people will vote against violent politicians like you o o!

(They all exit)

## **SCENE TWO**

(We see Talle, and Mr. Monday. To their left and right are thugs either smoking or wrapping Indian hemp)

**Talle:**

Yes they all have been fortified!

**Mr. Monday:**

Very good! Talle, to their Houses, one by one show them! Anybody who stands in your way bring that bastard down; go! (Thugs 1 Leaves with others). The say they are the community leaders eh? They must bow and I must win this election. That is why I am called Mr. Monday "Major"!

**Talle:**

Major! Major!! (They both exit)

(Pandemonium and Violence, in the community. Chief Good Luck, Mama Precious, Elder are badly manhandled. Tausayi is stabbed to death. We see people on a queue casting their votes and counting of votes).

## **SCENE THREE:**

(Scene Opens and Baba Tyo-ekpev is engaged in a discussion with Mr. Monday who puts up an air of genuine concern).

**Mr. Monday:**

What is this I hear about a disturbance Baba Tyo-ekpev?

**Baba-Tyo-ekpev:**

That is why I came to see you this evening!

**Mr. Monday:**

Ah ah! To see me, why?

**Baba-Tyo-ekpev:**

Your house appears to be the only one speared in the mayhem and Katakata that took place last night. It was a surprise attack! At first we thought they were armed robbers, but they stole nothing. Men were injured, women raped, young men killed and children manhandled.

**Mr. Monday:**

Terrible! This must be the handiwork of our enemies from the neighbouring community!

**Baba-Tyo-ekpev:**

No, I don't believe so. Because the say, one of the persons arrested by the police is from this community.

**Mr. Monday:**

Is that so? That scapegoat must be made to face the full weight of the law...what is that wailing outside my house...(A knock is heard on the door) Yes! Come in. (Enters Mama Precious) Sister! What happened?

**Police Officer:** (presenting his I.D Card).

Mallam Dole, I am superintendent of Police Okro Williams. Please do you know this man?

**Mr. Monday:**

Uhn? No, never! I did not send anybody fa!

**Talle:**

Aah! Major! You send us now! You give me money say make I hire boys and show dem pepper, you say you must win this election. You say if we fit kill make we kill anybody wey say e no go vote for you!

**Mr. Monday:**

Lie! Lie! Me, me? (Youth leader enters)

**Youth Leader:**

Your nephews' corpse is lying outside your house.

**Mr. Monday:**

Hey!!.....Monday? My namesake? Eeh sister, wa yooo!!! Kai Talle you have finished me!

**Police Officer:**

Oh! You do know the suspect then Mr. Monday?

**Mama Monday (Amidst Sobs)**

Haba Monday, see what you have turned me into. A widow, now my only child, my son Monday your nephew! For goodness sake, because of election? Dole ne? is it by force?

**POLLING AGENT: (Rushing into the house)**

Ah! Oga Monday wetin de happen?

**Mr. Monday:**

This is a disaster after everything? Inna please forgive me.

**Police Officer:**



Mr. Monday, based on my observations and your actions so far, I have reasons to take you into custody this way please.

**Baba-Tyo-ekpev:**

Why? why? Why must men choose to be violent to serve their people? Why? If you kill those you want to serve, are you truly sure you want to serve?

Like Mr. Monday here, the outcome of electoral violence stares him hard in the face. From a family of two, Mallam Dole has no children of his own, his only sisters only son is now dead through his own hands. I am sure his conscience finds him guilty even before he comes before a judge. Imagine, the wanton destruction of property, maiming of our own brothers, sisters, friends children! Kai! We all must say, "No" to electoral violence because, you could be the victim and everybody loses! (Exit) END

## CAST

1. Youth Leader
2. Chief Good Luck
3. Elder
4. Mama Precious
5. Mr. Monday " Major"
6. Talle (Personal Asst)
7. Police Officer
8. Thug 1
9. Thug 2
10. Thug 3
11. Mama Monday
12. Baba-Tyo-ekpev