

THE SHOW MUST GO ON



Being a professional: What does being a professional mean to you as a teacher? Listen to the drama and consider how Ejike acted in a professional manner at the prize giving ceremony.

SCENE 1: ASSEMBLY GROUND WITH CANOPIES (EXT).

SFX: CHATTER OF EXCITED CHILDREN, CRACKLE OF MICROPHONE

EJIKE: Yes, I hopes you are all enjoys this speech and prizes giving day, I ams once again, your one and only MC, www. Ejyks. Dot.com. Fine boy no pimples, with 2 dimples.

SFX: LAUGHTER (ADULT AND CHILDREN)

EJIKE: This last prize is for...

SFX GSM BEEPS

EJIKE excuses me one minute

SFX: WHISPER OF TWO PEOPLE

EJIKE: [into gsm] yes Oga Linus...(IN A HUSHED AND SHOCKED VOICE) My Jehova Armageddons! Aunty Beatrice? O..ok...(Clears throat and speaks up though shaky) Yes, as I was saying....the last prize

is for every pupil...for comings to school every days of the term, for being good pupils. You are all winners!!

SFX: CHEERS, SHOUTS FROM CHILDREN, EJIKE SOBBING

EJIKE: (SHAKY VOICE) I am so happys, I sheds tears of joy (sobs some more) how manys of you can cries like Ejiks fine boy?

ALL Me! I! I fit cry like you.....

EJIKE That is goods. (SOBBING) children you can all comes forward to collects your prizes one by one so that you does better next time.

SFX: CHILDREN SCURRY FORWARD EXCITED

EJIKE: Thanks you very much, the shows is over, hip, hip, hip,

CHILDREN: Hurray!!!!

MUSIC BRIDGE

SCENE 2: LITTLE DISTANCE FROM ASSEMBLY GROUND

SFX: DISTANT SOUND OF CHILDREN, SOBBING IN IBO LANGUAGE, FOOTSTEPS APPROACH

MVO: Ah, ah, Ejyks, wetin be the problem, I thought it was tears of joy you were shedding; now the show is over and you come this corner and is still crying with your head in your hands

EJIKE: (Between sobs) that phone call I gets when I am givings last prize, Oga Linus calls to tell me bad news (sobs)

MVO: Bad News! What happened?

EJIKE: Beatrice, my uncle wife, is dies!

MVO: Yeh!!!! Ejike, you receive this kind bad news and you still finish the MC job so well?

EJIKE What else will I does? Will I lets my problem spoil everything? Every body was looks up to me... so the show had to goes on. Ewuooo, Aunty Beatrice o.....

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As a class teacher, what are your responsibilities to the children in your class?

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