- **EXTORTION**

The case of extortion or admission selling was raised in Scene One of the second chapter when Dada, Kiyota, Momodu and Nosa were playing Ludo game in front of a house:

مَوْمَوْدُو: (يتوقف من اللعب هنيئة) اسمعوا إلي، أفلا نتفكّر إلى شأن أولادنا الذين يلتمسون الالتحاق بجامعة كَاكَادُو؟ جمعنا أموالا وأرسلناها إلى أَخُلِي فهل سمعتم شيئا منه منذ ذلك الوقت؟[12]

Momodu: (briefly stopped the game) said: Let`s reason together about the admission request for our children in Kakadu University and discuss the contributed money given to Akhuli in that regard. Is there any response from him since that time?

نُوسَا: والله يعلم ما فعل أخلي بأموالنا. منذ شهرين لم يزر قريتنا مع انّه كان يزورها مرة في كلّ أسبوعين.

Nusa: Only Allah knows the truth about the money, because Akhuli who used visit our village every fortnight has stopped since two months ago.

دَادَا: بناءا على ما خبرت بالأمس، لا يدفع المال طلبا للالتحاق بالجامعات في نيجيريا. فأخذه أموالنا يدلّ على أنّه غشاش...

Dada: Based on reliable information that I got yesterday, admission into Nigerian universities is not for sale. Therefore, his request for money proves to be fraudulent.

The author through the above scene calls the attention of every evil doer that people know what the trick is all about. People are talking but they may not be able to be confrontational.

In the second scene of the chapter, the villager summon their courage to confront the professor when they heard of his visit to the village, but they did not meet him rather they got the message across through his brother, Mundi, who delivered the message to him:

مُنْدِي: كنا في انتظارك منذ زمن طويل. وقد كان كثير من أهل القرية يأتون إليّ من حين إلى حين، سائلين عنك وزمن مجيئك إلينا ... إنّهم يطمعون في أن يفادوا خبر التحاق أبنائهم بالجامعة.

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