

## IF I COULD INVENT SOMETHING

My mother always encourages me to be innovative, creative and be a problem solver wherever and any situation I find myself. These, she said are some of the core values of life that must be imbibed. This makes me to always be a problem solver in my immediate environment.

Walking through the streets of Lagos daily, I come across different forms of garbage, stagnant water on the roads, streets and drainages! This sincerely makes me feel bad, as it is a serious issue to the climate change. With the population of 1,538,800 (2022 report), the State of Excellence is presently experiencing an outbreak of cholera, as published in the Punch Newspaper of 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

My school sometimes nominated me among those who would carry out the community service for the month of May. We went to clean Sabo Yaba Round About. Oh my God, the environment, the bridge on Herbert Macaulay Road was a disaster, as the whole bridge was filled with excreta! This made me wonder why humans will do this to themselves. I thought of a major solution that could be proffered, which brought the idea of inventing something. I will create sophisticated robots that will carry out three major assignments.

First, the robot will serve as cleaning agent, cleaning agents. This idea was bathed from a science fiction cartoon named "*Sofia the first*" where the princess used a robot to clean the whole town in minutes, in preparation for a royal event. I thought if I have such a robot, the environment will be cleaned as quickly as possible. The robot that will clear garbage and put them in a right place, it will as well suck up the water on the road and clear the drainage system every single time.

Second, this robot will detect those that pour dirt on the road and hand them over to the Enforcement Agent. This robot will be situated in every moving vehicle in Lagos to get those who pour dirty from a moving vehicle to the road and get them arrested and punished.

Finally, the robot will be able to educate people, sensitize them and create awareness about the clean environment, proper disposal of refuse, risk of a dirty environment and its consequences.

Can this invention be created? Yes! I am so positive this can be done, with the daily invention of sophisticated technology. It is said that some high tech robots have been developed in some advanced countries to work as waiters, accountants and also a cartoons of different functions. We can as well, with the advancement of coding in schools and robotic studies in schools, also invent a robot that will serve this dream of mine.

In conclusion, the purpose is to make Lagos State the clean, safe and healthy for all, a society free from epidemics including cholera.

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