

The Lion and the Jewel Key Info

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Full Title: The Lion and the Jewel

Written Date: 1959

Where Written: Leeds, England

Published Date: First performed in 1959, published in 1962.

Literary Period: Postcolonial African Diaspora

Genre: Drama, Comedy

Time Setting: late 1950s

Place Setting: Ilujunle, a rural Nigerian village.

Climax: When Sidi reveals that Baroka raped her

Antagonist: Baroka; rapid modernization