



Lenzaba ikhuluma ngaCharlotte Maxeke.

Nga-1901, waba ngulomsikati wekucala
longumuntfu lomnyama waseNingizimu Afrika
lowatfolo tiku tasenyuvesi.

Charlotte Maxeke bekasishosovu, ahlakaniphile
futsi angumholi kutenkholo.

Lencwadzi yetindzaba ihlonipha kuphila kwakhe.



BoKhanyisa naNthuseng babuya esikolweni baya ekhaya.

Libalele futsi njengobe bengca esibhedlela, bancuma
kuphumula kancane ngephansi kwempheme wesiteshi
semabhasi ngasegedeni lekungena.

Lesibhedlela yiCharlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic
Hospital.



“Yemngani, uyati yini kutsi bekangubani Charlotte Maxeke, nekutsi yini leyenta betsa lesibhedlela ngelibito lakhe?” Khanyisa abuta umngani wakhe.

Nthuseng uyaphendvula, “Uyati ngihlale ngengca lapha, kepha angikaze ngacabanga ngaloko ngaphambili ngiyacala lamuhla.”



Kwengca sitjudeni njengobe lamantfombatane acoca.
Sifundzela iSayensi Yetemphilo eNyuvesi
yaseWitwatersrand.

“Mine nginganitjela kutsi bekangubani Charlotte!” kusho
Busisiwe, sitjudeni.



“Charlotte Makgomo Mannya watalwa ngabo-1870,” kusho Busisiwe.

“Hawu, cishe eminyakeni le-150 leyengcile!” kumangala Khanyisa.

“Yebo, futsi kunyenti lokushiwoko ngekutsi watalwa nini nekutsi watalelwaphi Charlotte. Labanye batsi watalelwa eMpumalanga Kapa, labanye batsi watalelwa eLimpopo,” kuchubeka Busisiwe.



“Charlotte wafundza esikolweni lesiyimishini, lapho wafike waphasa kahle kakhulu khona. Bekaphasa kakhulu tifundvo telulwimi netibalo. Bekakwati kubhala siXhosa, siDashi kanye nesiNgisi.”

“Charlotte washeshe wasicedza sikolo kwengca labanye bantfwana,” Busi utsi kuma kancane. “Maye uyajabula Charlotte!” kusho Nthuseng. “Bekahlakaniphile Charlotte,” kusho Khanyisa.



“Charlotte bekahlakaniphe kakhulu. Bekaphindze abe neliphimbo lelihle nakahlabelela,” kusho Busisiwe.

“Ngemuva kwekutfolakala kwemadayimane eNingizimu Afrika, umndeni wakhaboCharlotte watfutsela eKimberley, eNshonalanga Kapa.

Charlotte waba nguthishela futsi wacula nekwaya i-*African Jubilee Choir*.”



“Charlotte waya eNgilandi nekwaya i-*African Jubilee*. Baculela tibukeli letikhetsekile eLondon, babese bayahamba bayovakasha eMelika,” kuchubeka Busisiwe.

“Charlotte watfola umfundzate wekuyofundza eWilberforce University eMelika. Bekuyinyuvesi yekucala leyakhiwa Bantfu Labamnyama BaseMelika.”



“Ngesikhatsi asafundza, Charlotte wangenela ipolitiki. Bekaya emihlanganweni lekhuluma ngemalungelo abomake. Wafundza nesishoshowu sepan-Africanist lokutsiwa ngu W.E. Du Bois. Bekakhutsele nasesontfweni lakhe.

ENyuvesi yaseWilberforce, Charlotte waphindze wahlangana nemyeni wakhe, Marshall Maxeke.”



“Charlotte naMarshall babuyela eNingizimu Afrika basebenta njengebafundisi. Bebafuna kucinisekisa kutsi bonkhe bantfwana batfola imfundvo lesezingeni lelisetulu.

Lisontfo labasita bakha sikolo eJozi, lesentelwa bantfwana labamnyama baseNingizimu Afrika. Betsa lesikolo lesiphumelelako ngekutsi yiWilberforce Institute.”



“Charlotte wanaka kakhulu tinkinga tenhlalakahle
letihlupha bafati labamnyama. Kepha bekaphindze
ahlanganyele nasemacenjini abomake betinhlanga
letingafani. Wasita ekuhlelweni kwemibhikisho lemelene
nemitsetfo yemakoloni. Bekahlanganyela
nasemibhikishweni yetisebenti.

Bekangumholi esontfweni, anguthishela, angumlobi,
aphindze abe sishosovu. Bekamangalisa kakhulu!”



Busisiwe uyaphetsa, “Ngafundza ngaCharlotte Maxeke ngobe bengite kulesibhedlela! Ekucaleni besibitwa ngekutsi yi-Johannesburg Hospital, kepha nga-2008 kwatsiwa yiCharlotteMaxeke.”

“Ungumake lobalulekile emlandvweni!” kusho Khanyisa.

“Kufanele basifundzise ngaye esikolweni!” kusho Nthuseng.



Busisiwe wavumelana naloko lokushiwo
ngulamantfombatane wase utsi, "Nisale kahle, sekufanele
ngiye eklasini manje."

"Siyabonga ngekusicocela lendzaba! Sitohlale simkhumbula
Make Charlotte, Dkt Maxeke," kusho Khanyisa.

"Ningakhohlwa, bantfu labasikati labamnyama
banemandla lamakhulu! Ngitawunibona enyuvesi!" kusho
Busisiwe.



—Imibuto

1. Watalelwa kuphi Charlotte?
2. Besiyini sikolo lafundza kuso?
3. Bekaculela yiphi ikwaya?
4. Bekutsiwa yini libito lesibhedlela nyalo lesesibitwa ngelibito lakhe?
5. Charlotte Makgomo Mannya washada nabani?
6. Yini lebangela kutsi Charlotte Maxeke abaluleke emlandvweni?
7. Charlotte Maxeke wawaveta kanjani emandla akhe?
8. Yini leyenta bantfu babhikishe ngaletinye tikhatsi?



—Tincwadzi letikuloluchungechunge

- Andile Mji
- Asnath Mahapa
- Bongani Mayosi
- Charlotte Maxeke
- Mmantsane Moche Diale
- Mulalo Doyoyo
- Tebello Nyokong
- Tshilidzi Marwala



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