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ỤMĪEDEMEDE

Nchọcha anyị lebara anya n'egwu dị iche iche, ndị nke masịrị ụmụnwaaanyị nke nọ n'agbata afọ iri asatọ na afọ iri asatọ na itolu (80–89) Anyị siteren'egwu Onyeka Onwenu (1986) weta aha anyị nyere ndị ruru agbata afọ ole a. Ebumnuche anyị dị abụọ: iji usoro utoasụsụ Igbo nakwa mkpuru asụsụ nke Onwu (1961) wee depụta asụsụ egwu; nakwa itulerita udiri egwu ha bu. Ndị e jiri mee nchọcha bu ndi iynom ise na Steeti Imo, ebeegwu anyi nwetara di itolu. Anyi tunyekwara alo gbasara usoro igu aha, site n' agbata omumu wee ruo na nka. Site n'itule udiri egwu anyi nwetara, anyi kowara ha n'uzo asaa ndi a: ofufe nro, ajamma, okendu, ntọochi, mgbashiriiko, ikpe, nakwa omurunwa. Obere nchọcha a, bu iji mee ka otutu mmadu tinye uchu n'inata omenala n'aka ndi okenye tumadi ndi inyom, tupu omenala ndi a, esoro ndi maara ha, wee puo. N'otu aka ahụ, anyi na-atu alo ka ndi niile ihe omumu Igbo na-anuoku n'obi na-etinye uchu n'odide asusu egwu Igbo n'uzo kwesiri ekwesị, ma tibanye anya nke oma, n'iheomumu nkenudi egwu omenala Igbo.

NDUBATA

Egwu, abụ, nakwa uri bụcha akparamaagwa mmeghari ahụ site n'isaghe onu, iku aka, izoukwa n'ala, ikwe n'isi, nakwa ijiri akuku ahụ di icheiche wee gosputa ndanusoro nke dabara n'omenala ohammadu roro arọ. Site n'egwu, mmadu na-enwe obi anuri, eru uju, aja onwe ya ma o bu onye ozo ma o bukwa obodo ya mma. Egwu na-ewekota mmadu na ibe ya onu; egwu na-akasi obi, ma na-akpolite mmuo mgbe obi dara mba; egwu na-echekwaba omenala site n'agugu niile e ji egwu agu, nakwa site n'asusu e jiri wee guoya. Mgbe e jiri oluegwu, iku aka, nakwa izoukwu n'ala wee meputa egwu, anyi na-akpo ya egwu ejingwa. Etu a, ka abụ niile di n'akuko ifo siri wee di n'ih na e jighi ngwa egwu agu abụ ifo. Mana, mgbe e jiri ekwe na ogene, udu na oyo, oja na mgbirị mgba wee kuo egwu, anyi na-akpo ya egwu ojingwa n'ih na e jiri ngwa egwu nke a ruru aru wee guo egwu ahụ.

N'aka nke ya, egwu omenala bu ihe e jiri mara obodo ma o bu agburu, nke e ji asusu ha wee aguputa. Ka o di n'Igbo, ma e jiri ngwa egwu odinala wee kuo ya, ma e jiri ngwa egwu olorohuru wee kuo ya, ha niile bụcha egwu omenala Igbo ma burunoo na asusu Igbo bu isi asusu e jiri wee guo egwu ahụ. N'ih nke a, egwu bu isi ije n'ihe gbasara asusu na omenala Igbo n'ih na e ji egwu eme mmemme puru

iche. A na-esite n'egwu akuzi ihe. Egwu bukwa uzọ puru iche nke umunna na ndi obodo si abiakota onu. N'ih ihe a, anyi ga-as i na mgbe a na-agba egwu, a na-agba oriko.

Ndi okenye di nnukwu mkpa n'ihe obula gbasara omenala nakwa odinala. Ha na-echetara obodo nke obula obodo echetagh i. N'ih ihe ya ka e ji atu n'ilu: "okenye akokwala n'ala, iji gwa umuazi na udele abugh i anu oriri". Anyi nwere aha di icheiche nke anyi na-akpo di okenye, mana o na-abukari mkpari ma o bu mgbe anyi chere na ha mere ihe e kwesigh i ekwes i. N'agbanyegh i nke a, otutu ezinulo nwekwara aha di icheiche ha nyere okenye ha, site n'aha o zara mgbe ike ka di ya. Ndi nwere chioma na-aza aha echichi ha chiri. Mana, o bugh i onye obula chiri echichi.

Na nchocha a, Ochiedike bu aha e nyere umunwaanyi ma o bu ndi inyom, ndi no n'agba afọ iri asato na afọ iri asato na itolu. Ihe anyi kporo ndi okenye umunwaanyi, ndi ruru afọ iri asato bu Ochiedike. Anyi sitere n'egwu Onyeka Onwenu wee nye aha a: Onyeka Onwenu jiri nne ya guo egwu, ma na-etu ya "Ochie Dike". N'agbanyegh i na anyi amagh i ma nne Onwenu o ruru afọ iri asato wee zaba Ochie Dike nke nnwa ya nwaanyi na-akpo ya n'egwu ah i, anyi jiri aha otutu a, wee kwaa nwaanyi obula nke sitere n'afọ iri asato wee ruo iri asato na na itolu. Bekee na-akpo ma nwoke ma nwaanyi n'ime ha, Octogenarian.

1. EBUMNUCHE NCHQCHA

Anyi bu n'obi ileba anya n'ime okwu ndi a, n'edemede a:

- (i) Ijiri nsupe na otografi Igbo wee deputa egwu na-amas i Ochiedike Ndiinyom Igbo;
- (ii) Itule egwu na-amas i Ochiedike Umunwaanyi, site n'ileba anya n'odidi nke o bu la n'ime ha.

2. IHE KPOLITERE MMUO NAKWA URU NCHQCHA

Otu n'ime ihe kpolitere mmuo gbasara nchocha a, bu iji wee leruo anya nke oma n'ihe na-amas i okenye n'ezinulo, tumadi n'egwu na-amas i ndi okenye. Otutu ndi okenye nwekwara egwu nke ha, mana umu ha echetagh i itinye olu ha n'obancheta, ka umu umu nuru n'odinihu. Nchocha a, nwere nchekwube na ezinulo obula kwesiri inwe obancheta gbasara okwu ndumodu ndi okenye nyere ha, egwu ndi okenye guru ma o bu gbara, nakwa ihe digasi iche iche, e ji na-elebara okenye anya na ndu, ma na-echeta okenye mgbe ha hapuru elu uwa a. Otu n'ime ndi nchocha a, chetara na mgbe nne ya hapuru, asusu Igbo ka e jiri dee edendu ya, ma jiri otu ihu akwukwo wee deputa ilu iri asaa na asaa, site n'ihe kariri ilu nde puku abuo o turu, nke o nyere m mgbe o di ndu. N'ihina o gbara afọ asaa na asaa tupu o hapu uwa, nnwa ya nwaanyi tinyere ilu iri asaa na asaa n'akwukwo oliliozu ya, ebe e dekwara edendu ya. O di mma ka onye nne ma o bu nna ya di ndu, jiri nwayoo, tutukota ihe o ga-egosi umu na umuumu ya n'odini ihu. N'otu aka ah i, ohere nchocha a, bukwa/ ohere ideputagasi ufodu egwu Igbo site n'usoro otografi nke onwu (1961), nakwa site na nsupe di mma. Na nchocha anyi, anyi choputara na ufodu egwu e dere ede, kwesiri ka ha gbasoo ihu nsupe, ya burugodi na egwu ndi a, bu n'olumba Igbo di icheiche ka e ji guo ha.

3. ETU E SIRI CHOTA NDI NCHQCHA

Anyi choputakwara na otutu n'ime ndi okenye ndi biburu n'obodo mepere emepe a, bizi n'ulomumu ha n'ebe di icheiche mana o bugh i n'ogige anyi no wee mee nchocha. Anyi ji ekwent i akpozi, mana o bugh i umunwaanyi ndi a n'onwe ha, ka anyi kporo; kama, o bu umu ha ka anyi kporo. Ufodu n'ime ha amagh i udiri egwu na-amas i nne ha. Ufodu gwara anyi na ha ga-akpoghachi anyi azu mana ha emegh i

nke a. Mana, mmadu ise kpoghachiri anyi azu, wee gwa anyi egwu na-amasi nne ha nakwa nneochie ha. O dighi anyi iruwa uka ma o bu eziokwu n'ih na anyi chere na nwa ga-ama eziokwu gbasara nne na nneochie ya, karia nke ndi nchocha juputara.

4. UFODU AHA NKATO MAKAKENYE

Otutu mgbe, a na-agwa okenye okwu nkato na nkoromonu, tumadi mgbe o mere ihe o kwesighi ime. Mgbe ufodu, nwere ike ibu naani mkporomaasi enweghi aha, ka a na-egosi okenye, tumadi n'ufodu obodo ebe, ndi oha mmadu, obuladi umu ha na-ele okenye anya di ka onye na-ewetara umuazi chi ojoo ma o bu onye na-eri umuazi amusu. Ufodu aha ndi a, bu aha ojoo a na-akpo okenye:

- Okongwu imi anwuru
- Agadi ekwe nka
- Agadi na-agwo ofe
- Okenye aruruala
- O di ndu eri amusu

Mana, kedukwanu ihe anyi na-akpo okenye mgbe o mere ofuma? O bu eziokwu na ufodu ndi okenye nwere aha ezinulo ha na-akpo ha, ma o bukw aha echichi ha, o nweghi aha a na-akpo ndi okenye, n'agbata iri fere iri, dika o di n'Asusu Bekee. O di nnukwu mkpa ilebanye anya n'okenye nakwa ihe gbasara ha n'ih na ekpere otutu mmadu bu ka ha onwe ha bitee aka. Onye fee eze, eze eruo ya aka.

5. AHA OMUMU SITE NA TAATA RUO N'OJIMMADU (AFU 0-39)

Isi nchocha anyi ebe a, bu ileba anya n'udiri egwu na-amasi umunwaanyi ndi rurula afu iri asato ma o bu karia. Kaasiladi, anyi jikwa ohere a, eleba anya n'aha Igbo nwere ike ikpo mmadu site n'omumu ya ruo na nka anyaisi (anyaisi ebe a, aputaghi na okenye niile na-ekpu isi; mana Bekee kporo ya "dim years" ma o bu "twilight years"). Ka anyi tinye onu n'okwu a:

- i) Taata. Childhood: Site na mgbe a muru ya ruo afu iri na otu.
 - Nwaigbe (*toddler*): 1-3
 - Otaakara (*preschooler*): 3-5
 - Nwanto (*middle childhood*): 6-11
- ii) Nwaudara. Adolescence:
 - Nwaome (nwaome udara) (early adolescence) 12-14
 - Nwaifuru (nwaifuru udara) (middle adolescence) 15-17
 - Nwaokpu (nwaokpu udara) (adolescence) 18-19
- iii) Ojimmadu. Adulthood:
 - Nwaojimmadu (young adult) 20-39
 - Nneojimmadu; Nnaojimmadu (middle-aged adult) 40-59
 - Nneukwu; nnaukwu; okenye (*older adult*): 60+

Anyi choputara na agbata kachasi too ogologo bu agbata nwaojimmadu (young adult), nakwa agbata nne/naojimmadu, ndi nke nwechara afu iri abuo. Anyi tulee site n'agbata nne ojimmadu nakwa nna ojimmadu (middle-aged adult), anyi choputara na aha ha na-agbanwe n'agbata iri agbata iri. Nke a, na-enyere ndi ahuike aka iru oru ha nke oma. O di mkpa ikwu ebe a, na otutu ndi nchocha kewara agbata

afọ ọmụmụ ndị a, n'ụzọ dịgasị icheiche ndị ọzọ. Agbata afọ ọmụmụ, nke anyị jiri wee ruo ọrụ ebe a, bụ nke Megan Elleen McDonough (2020) dere na nsonso a. N'obodo mepere emepe, ọ bụ site n'aha agbata, ka e si amata onye rurula ikwusi ụtụ isi, onye rugooro inarawa ụgwọ ezumiike ọrụ, nakwa onye ga-eketa oke n'ụgwọ ụfọdụ inshorans. N'ihі nke a, afọ agbata ọmụmụ dī nnukwu mkpa. N'edemede a, anyi jikwa afọ agbata ọmụmụ okenye (60+) wee horo ndi anyi choro na nta nchocha anyi. Na nkowa nke na-esote ozugbo, anyi nyere okenye aha di icheiche, nke sitere n'agbata afọ iri agbata afọ iri.

- iv) Okeduru: 60-69: *Sexagenarian*
- v) Okeigbo: 70-79: *Septuagenarian*
- vi) Ochiedike: 80-89: *Octogenarian*
- vii) Okeagu: 90-99: *Nonagenarian*
- viii) Odumuche: 100-109: *Centenarian*
- ix) Odumagu: 100+: *Super Centenarian*

Edemede a, ji ohere a na-ekwu na ọ di mma ka e nye nwoke ma ọ bụ nwaanyi ruru afọ ndi a, aha kwesiri ekwesị. Ezinulo ya kwesiri ijiri ohere ahụ wee meere ya obere mmemme, obuladi itu obere mmamma, ma tuo ya aha di ka afọ ya siri di. Aha ahụ ka ọ ga-aza kwamgbe, ruokwa mgbe ọ kụkwara afọ iri ọzọ, ma zagharị aha.

6. NDI E JIRI MEE NCHỌCHA

E jiri ụmụnwaanyi ise wee mee nchocha a. Ha niile agbaala afọ iri asato mana ha erubeghi afọ iri itolu. N'ihі nke a, ha bụ Ochiedike, dika nkowa anyi n'elu ebe a siri gosi. Anọ n'ime ụmụnwaanyi ise ndi a, nyere anyi egwu abuo n'otu n'otu, ebe otu nyere anyi naani otu egwu. Na nchikota, anyi nwetara egwu itolu, nke anyi jiri wee mee ntotasị anyi n'edemede a. N'ihі na anyi maara m ụmụ ha nke oma, ụmụ ha gwara anyi afọ ole nne ha di, nke bụ na ha agafeela afọ iri asato mana ha erubeghi afọ iri itolu. Ụmụ ha ndi bi n'Owerri ebe m bi, jiri ekwentị wee kpoo nne ha ebe ha nogasi n'obodo ndi ozo, ma choputa udiri egwu na-amasi ụmụnwaanyi ndi a, n'agbanyeghi obere nsogbu anyi nwere maka nke a. Iji maa atụ, ụmụnwaanyi abuo adighizi ndu, mana nnwa otu n'ime ha guoro anyi otu egwu ebe nnwa nnwa ya guoro egwu nke abuo. A bia na nwaanyi nke ozo adighizi ndu, nnwa ya nwoke guoro m naani otu egwu na-amasi nne ya mgbe ọ di ndu. N'ichekwaba aha Ochiedike ndi a, anyi nyere ha nomba, site na I ruo na V. Anyi chikotara usoro anyi siri mee nchocha anyi onu ebe a:

	OCHIEDIKE	OBODO YA	EGWU MMASI YA	EGWU OLE	NCHIKOTA
1.	Ochiedike I	Mbaise (Ezinihite Mbaise)	Agbakwutere m gi Chineke	1	
			Mosquito	1	2
2.	Ochiedike II	Mbaise (Abọ Mbaise)	Mekwee onye di mma enyi	1	
			Ehee, amukwaa nnwa	1	2
3.	Ochiedike III	Urualla (Ideato)	Eze nwaanyi Virgin Maria (Confraternity of the Virgin Mary)	1	1
4.	Ochiedike IV	Ehime Mbanọ	Chewenu mgbe m ga-anwu (Sharman Melody)	1	
			Yawee onye nwe anyi (Abu Oma Group of the Catholic Church)	1	2
5.	Ochiedike V	Ihioma (Orlu)	Ijele erubego (Theresa Onuorah)	1	

			Ugbana (Oliver de Coque)	1	2
	ONUOGUGU EGWU				9

7. NSOGBU E ZUTERE N'INWETA AKANCHỌCHA (DATA)

Anyị hụrụ na inweta ndị okenye gbara afọ iri asatọ na ụma, maka nchọcha a, tara nnukwu akpụ. Ebe ọ bụ na anyị anọghị n'ime obodo, ebe anyị nwere ike ihu ụfọdụ n'ime ha ma ọ bụ zute ha n'ụlọ ha, nchọcha choro ime ka anyị daa mba. Mana, nchoputa anyị mere gbasara ụkọ ndị okenye ụmụnwaaanyị n'obodo mepere emepe bụkwa nnukwu ihe mmepe anya n'onwe ya. Ebee ka okenye ruru afọ iri asatọ na itolu nọkwanụ, ebe ọ bụ na e kwuru na ụmụnwaaanyị na-aka nka nke ukwu?

Anyị abaghị n'imeime obodo, kama anyị tụtawasiri ogigie nchọcha anyị n'ime obodo mepere emepe bụ Owerri. Anyị sikwara n'umụmụ abụọ ndị ha na nneochie ha biburu, wee nweta akanchọcha. N'ebe ndị ahụ, okenye abụọ ndị ahụ alaala mmụọ, mana umụmụ ha chetara nkeoma, ụdiri egwu na-amasi nneochie ya, bụkwa egwu nneochie na-agụ kwamgbe. Ọ dịkwa mkpa ikọwa na ihe anyị lebara anya bụ ụdiri egwu dibu adi, ndị nke na-amasi ndị inyom ndị a; ọ bughị egwu ha roro n'onwe ha.

E lee anya, a ga-achoputa na ndị anyị jiri mee nchọcha a, nke anyị kpọrọ Ochiedike adizighi otutu. Orụ anyị bụ ichekwa ole fọdurunụ, ma chikọta okwuonụ ha nakwa egwu masiri ha, maka mmụta na obioma n'oge ugbua nakwa n'odinihu.

8. ORỤ UMUNWAANYỊ IGBO N'ICHEKWA EGWU OMENALA IGBO

Umunwaanyị Igbo bunnọo obanchara di ndu, nke na-echekwa omenala Igbo. Site n'agburu fere n'agburu, umunwaanyị Igbo na-eji egwu di ichieiche akuzi, echeta, ma na-enyefe omenala. Ebe ọ bula nwaanyị nọ, egwu di ya n'onu. Ọ bụ egwu igugu nnwa ka ọ bụ egwu omurunwa? Ọ bụ egwu oru digasi ichie ichie, di ka isu nkwa, isu utara oha, ikpa ekete, ka ọ bụ egwu nzuko? Umunwaanyị maara ejiri otu mkpuruokwu, mubaa ya ka ọ buru egwu, ma ọ bụ jiri ihe mmadu mere, wee jaa ya mma ma ọ bụ mee ya akaje. Site n'egwu igbankwu ruokwa n'egwu oliliozu; site n'egwu ndumodu ruo n'egwu okpu, dika egwu ilu na akpaalaokwu nke umuaka ga-echeta osijiso, umunwaanyị Igbo kpu egwu n'onu mgbe dum.

N'ihia na otutu umunwaanyị okenye Igbo bukarị ndi no n'ulo okpu nke ha, ha na-enwekarị ohere itunye onu n'ozuzu umuaka, ma site etu a, nyefee omenala ndi a. Nke ozo, umunwaanyị bu ndi ji igwe, otutu, nakwa idinootu wee kporo ihe. Ha anaghi aga otu onye otu onye, kama, ha na-adi otutu wee kpebie ihe ha choro ime n'ime obodo. N'ihia nke a, igbakota onu wee guo egwu ma gbaa egwu abughiri ha ihe oheru. Ndiinyom na-esite na nwata guwa ma gbawa egwu, wee gafeta n'agboghọ, ruo nne nwaanyị, ma ruokwa n'agadi. Otutu n'ime ha na-ebu okpukperechi uka n'isi, ma na-agazucha ihe niile gbasara uka, site na block rosary ndi katolik wee fere n'uka ndi nne n'ubochi satodee mbido onwa o bula, tinyekwara otu di ichieiche n'uloka. N'ihia ihe ndi a, egwu di ha n'onu kwamgbe, obuladi mgbe ha ruru afọ iri asato ma o bu kari. Ka o di ugbua, otutu n'ime ndi ruru afọ iri asato bu ndi a muru n'ihe dika site n'afọ 1936 wee ruo afọ 1949. Ọ bụ eziokwu na otutu umunwaanyị amachaghị afọ a muru ha kpomkwem, mana site n'agugu ha kwuru na ndi muru ha guru, ha jiri etu ahụ, wee mata ndi ebiri ha, tumadi ndi gara uka ma nweekwa asambodo Mmirichukwu. Ọ dikwa mkpa ikwu ufodu ihe iribaama mere n'Alaigbo site n'afọ 1936 ruo 1949. Nke a, na-enye aka icheta aguguala gbasara ihe iribaama mere n'ala Igbo n'oge gboo.

- <https://en.wikipedia.org>N'afọ 1944 ha e hiwere NCNC (National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons, nke Herbert Macaulay na Nnamdi Azikiwe bụ ndị nọ n'isi ya (<https://en.wikipedia.org>).
- Nafọ 1940 ka ụmụnwaaanyị ahịa Onicha gosiputara iwe ha gbasara ụtụisi nke ọchịchị mbaọcha jiri wee adoghachi ụmụnwaaanyị azụ. Nke a, yitewere ogo ụmụnwaaanyị n'Aba (Amarachi Attamah: <https://www.facebook.com>).
- <https://www.facebook.com>N'afọ 1949 ka ndị orụ icheku oku mere nnupu isi, nke mere ka ndị ọchịchị mbaọcha wakpogide ha, ma jiri egbe, gwepia otutu n'ime ha. Ihe a kpọrọ nke a bụ Ngwepia n'Enugwu (Amarachi Attamah: <https://www.facebook.com>)
- N'afọ 1937 ka Nnamdi Azikiwe hiwere akwukwo mgbasaozi nke o kpọrọ West African Pilot, nke jiri ohere a, wee na-ebuso ọchịchị mbaọcha agha maka ọchịchị nchigbu ha.

N'oge nka ha, ụmụnwaaanyị na-agu egwu nwere asusu, o bughị egwu bụ naanị nkwa ma o bụ egwu e jiri naanị ngwaegwu wee kuo. Egwu nwere asusu bụ egwu nwere nghota nke na-enye aka ihiwe omenala okputorokpu. N'agbanyeghi na ọchịchị mbaọcha nakwa ndi otu kraist batara Alaigbo, egwu omenala Igbo notori, site n'asusu e jiri wee guo egwu ndi ahụ.

9. NCHỌCHA NDỊ ODEE MERELA

Site n'egwu omurunwa ruo n'egwu igugunwa, ụmụnwaaanyị bụ agburu a maara n'ichekwaba omenala. Dika Okeke (2010) siri kwuo, ụmụnwaaanyị di nnukwu mkpa n'ichekwa Asusu Igbo. N'otu aka ahụ, Onyeji (2002) kwadokwara na ụmụnwaaanyị bụ ndi isi n'iro egwu ohuru di ichiche, dika n'igbankwu nakwa n'oliliozu. Nke a, na-akwalite omenala na asusu, ma na-enyekwa aka ime ka okenye bitee aka, ma chumie owu na-eribido ha n'oge nka, mgbe umu ha puchara. Ozokwa, a maara ụmụnwaaanyị dika ndi na-eme mbem akwamozu ofuma, site n'ikpo aha onye nwuru anwu, agburu ya nakwa etu o siri wee bie ndu n'elu uwa. Nke a, bu isiuru Sam Uzochukwu (1985), onye tulere oru Loolo Chinyereudo, bu nwaanyị ude ya suru nke ukwu n'ihe gbasara abu na mbem akwamozu.

N'ileba anya n'egwu alaukwu Afirika, a maara Nketia (1974) na Ekwueme (2006) gbasara nke a. Dika Nketia (2006) dere, egwu alaukwu Africa abughị naani nkwa, kama o sitere n'umi ndu ha, ma na-arụ oru di ichiche, nke a maara nke oma; nke na-enyekwa amamiihe nke ohammadu na-aghota. N'odide nke ya, Ekwueme (2006) kwuru na Egwu alaukwu Africa bu ezigbo nka ohammadu nwe; n'ihia nke a, ihe omumu sitere na mmekorita nakwa omenala, ndi nke bu ebe o siri wee pulite.

A makwara otutu odee di ka ndi tinyere anya n'aguguala gbasara nkenudi egwu odinala Igbo. Odee ndi a, gunyere Nzewi (1991), Okafor (2005), nakwa Uzoigwe (2013). Nzewi (1991) hutara egwu alaukwu Afirika di ka okpurukpu mmuta, o bughị naani uda na mkpotu. Kama, o bu ogbe nghota nke webatara amamiihe na aro niile obodo jiri wee biri. N'aka nke ya, Okafor (2005) kowara na egwu na-arụ oru dika ugbo nke na-ebufeta mmekorita, mmuta, nchekwa akparamaagwa, nakwa nchekwa omenala, n'obodo Najirija. N'iganihu, Uzoigwe (2013) ruturu aka n'egwu Okendu di ka udiri egwu malitere, site na mpakota egwu Okpu Igbo nakwa nke mba ndi ozọ (tumadi mbaocha). N'agbanyeghi nke a, Okendu jisiri ejirimara ya ike, di ka oduahia nke na-eleba anya n'onodu obibi ndu Ndigbo.

Mgbe a na-atule oru ndiyyom na ndi okenye n'egwu Igbo, Okeke (2010) nakwa Udeagbala (2015) tinyekwara echiche ha. N'ikwu gbasara egwu na omenala, Okeke (2010) kwuru na Omenala na odinala ka bukwu usoro e si enyefe akuzi, echekwa, ma na-eme ezi nkwa gbasara egwu Igbo, site n'agburu

fere n'agburu, ebe Udeagbala (2015) kowara umunwaanyi Igbo di ka ndi jiri egwu mere ngwaoru maka mmuta, nkuzi nduma, nakwa nchekwa omenala.

10.NDEPUTA EGWU NA-AMASI OCHIEDIKE INYOM, N'USORO UTQASUSU IGBO

1. OCHIEDIKE I:

1.1. Egwu 1:

Agbakwutere m gi Chineke
 Agbakwutere m gi onye nwe m
 O nweghi chi ozọ mu nwere
 Oo Kristi, echefukwala m oo!

1.2. Egwu 2:

Mosquito first day warning
 Mosquito second day warning
 Mosquito kwee
 Ka Livy boy hierenu gi ura!

2. OCHIEDIKE II:

2.1. Egwu 1

Mekwee onye di mma enyi
 Ee
 Mekwee onye di mma enyi
 Ee
 Mekwee onye di mma
 I ga-eme oyi
 Mekwee onye di mma
 Maka olulu

2.2. Egwu 2

Ehee amukwa m nnwa
 Ehee amukwa nnwa
 Ehee
 O giri i wu ma nnwa m
 A ma ha ereele m eree
 Amukwa m nnwa

Ehee amukwa m nnwa
 Ehee amukwa m nnwa
 Ehee
 O giri i wu ma nnwa m
 A ma ha ereele m eree
 Amukwa m nnwa

3. OCHIEDIKE III:

3.1. Egwu 1

(Confraternity of the Virgin Mary)

Eze nwaanyị Virgin Maria

Enyere m gị obi m n'aka gị

4. OCHIEDIKE IV:

4.1. Egwu 1

Chemanụ mgbe m ga-anwụ (Sharma Melody)

Chemanụ mgbe m ga-anwụnụ oo

I ga-anọ nga i chega mụ ọnwụ egbuo gị

Nwa onye obi jọrọ njọ

I ga-anọ nga I chega m ọnwụ egbuo gị

Nwa onye obi tara mmiri

Ọ kwa i chega mgbe m ga-anwụnụ oo (Chema mụ oo)

I chega mgbe i ga-anụ akụkọ ọjọọ

I ga-anọ nga i chega m ọnwụ egbuo gị

Gị onye obi tara mmiri

I ga-anọ nga i chega m ọnwụ egbuo gị

Nwa onye obi tara mmiri

I ga-anọ nga i chega m ọnwụ egbuo gị

Gị onye obi ya jọrọ njọ oo

4.2. Ochiedike IV:

Egwu 2

Soro m tobe Chukwu (Abụ Ọma Katoliki)

Kedụ ihe m ga-enye gị Chineke

Ọmamma ya zuru ahụ

Kedụ ihe m ga-emere Chineke

Odogwu n'agha

Ọ bụ onye ga-akọwasị

Mmeso ọma Chineke

Naanị abụ ọma ka anyị jiri bịa

N'iru gị Chineke

Abụ otito ka anyị bịa

Ezi Chi

Soro mụ na-eto ya, na-eto ya, ọ dị mma

Soro mụ na-eto ya, na-eto ya
 Ndị nke Chineke bịa
 Aga m ako
 Ihe Chukwu meere m oo
 Ihunanya Chineke karịsịa
 Mgbe niile m kpọrọ gị oo
 I na-aza m eleghị anya n'azụ
 N'ime mkpa mụ ka m kpokuru gị
 O kwa i zara m ọọ
 Chineke, onye dika gị
 Ezeigwe ee
 Oo, abụ otito ka m ga-eji wee kelee gị
 Chukwu nna m oo
 Oo, abụ otito ka m ga-eji jaa gị mma aaa
 Oo, Chineke, i di mma
 Ebube gị di ukwu

5. OCHIEDIKE V:

5.1. Egwu 1: Theresa Onuora

Ijele erubego o bu mụ na onye ga-agba egwu ee?
 O budu mụ na onye ga-agba egwu oo
 Mụ na onye ga-agba egwu mụ
 Ijele mụ eru ee ee
 Theresa Onuora no mụ na-ekwu oo
 Onye oma m ji eje mbali
 Na ijele mụ na-ekwu oo
 Aha eji mara mba no mụ na-agu nwanne oo
 Mụ na etinu egwu nu,
 Mụ na onye ga-agba egwu oo\onye ga-agba ee

5.2. Egwu 2: Oliver de Coque

Ugbana ka e tere unyi n'aru
 Ugbana chazie ocha nke o chafoduru
 Ugbana ka e tere unyi n'aru
 Ugbana chazie ocha nke o chafoduru
 Ugbana ka e tere unyi n'aru ee
 Ugbana ka e tere unyi n'aru
 Ugbana chazie ocha nke o chafoduru
 Anu soro enwe
 Anu soro enwe, o majie ukwu
 Oke soro ngwere maa mmiri
 O kochasịa ngwere, o ga-akozinu oke?

Onye nọrọ ebe ọ nọ
 Ebe ọ na-anoghi ana-agu ya
 O nwanne m, elu uwa enwe mmeta
 Onye iwe na-ewe ewezina oo

11. NTULERITA UDIRI EGWU NA-AMASI OCHIEDIKE

Site n'egwu ndi anyi chikotara, anyi kere ha ngalaba asaa ndi a: ofufe nro, ajamma, okendu, ntogochi, mgbashiri, ikpe, nakwa omurunwa.

1. EGWU OFUFE NRO

N'ebe a, egwu ofufe nro bu egwu uka nke e ji akwanyere Chukwu ma o bu ihe kariri mmadu ugwu na nsopuru. O buru n'uzo odinala, egwu ofufe nro na-akwanyere arusi ma o bu agbara ugwu. N'abu itolu anyi lebara anya n'ime ha, anyi huru egwu ofufe nro ato, nke ndika.

- “Agbakwutere m gi Chineke”. Egwu a bu egwu ariri nakwa egwu ikpoku Chukwu mgbe nnukwu ihe odachi ribidoro ma o bu choro iribido mmadu. O teela egwu a, jiri buru egwu uka, nke na otutu ndi mmadu maara ya nke ukwu, mana o nweghi onye chetara onye roro ya.
- “Eze nwaanyi Virgin Maria”. Nke a bukwaga egwu e ji enye Vejin Meri, nne Jesu otito. Ndi na-agu ya bu ndi Confraternity of the Virgin Mary, n'ime Nzuko Katolik.
- Soro m tobe Chukwu. Nke a bu abu ofufe nro, burukwa abu ajamma, nke e ji enye Chineke otito. Ndi guru egwu a bu ndi Abuma nke nokwa n'ime nzuko Katolik
- Na ngalaba a, egwu ajamma niile e ji eto Chineke, ma o bu mmuo a nagi ahụ anya, bucha egwu ofufe nro.

2. EGWU AJAMMA

Egwu obula, nke ogegwu ji eto onwe ya bu ajamma onwe. Mgbe ogegwu toro onye ozo, nke a bu ajamma onye. Mgbe o toro obodo ma o bu ebe di iche iche, ihe o mere bu ajamma ebe. Mgbe ogegwu toro ihe adighi n'ime ajamma ato ndi a, ihe o mere bu ajamma ihe. Anyi tlee egwu ajamma di n'aka nchocha anyi, anyi ga-ahu ajamma ndi a:

- Ijele erubego (Theresa Onuora). Egwu gosiputara ajamma onwe, ebe ogegwu bu Theresa Onuora na-etu onwe ya aha ndi a:
 Theresa Onuora, na o mu na-ekwu oo
 Onye oma m m ji eje mbali
 Na ijele mu na-ekwu oo

3. EGWU OKENDU

Mgbe o bu a na-agu agugala gbasara egwu odinala Igbo, a na-akowakari na egwu odinala sitere n'abu onu nakwa egwu ejingwa wee bido. N'ih ihe nke a, ngwaegwu na-esote abu onu mgbe a na-atule etu egwu Igbo siri wee di. Udiri ngwaegwu e ji aku egwu odinala Igbo bu ekwe, ogene, udu, ichaka, oja, nakwa ngwa egwu ndi ozo e jiri wee mara egwu ekpiri. Mana, egwu odinala Igbo sitere n'abu onu, fere n'egwu ekpiri, wee fetazie n'egwu okendu. Egwu okendu bu egwu obula nke e tinyere ngwaegwu jita (guitar) nke sitere na mbaocha wee rute Igbo. Jita mere ka egwu towanyee uo n'ogugu nakwa n'ogbugba. N'egwu itolu anyi jiri mee nchocha anyi, egwu putara ihe di ka egwu okendu bu Ugbana

(Oliver de Coque). Ọ bụ egwu okendụ, nke ọgwegwu jiri ọtụtụ ilu Igbo wee choọ mma, ma site n'uzo nke ya, nye ndumodu gbasara obibindu. Ufodu ilu bu ndi a:

- Ugbana ka e tere unyi n'aru, ugbana achazie ocha nke o chafoduru.

(Nke a putara na onye a na-akpagbu na-ewelite isi kariya ndi na-akpagbu ya).

- Anu soro soro enwe, o majie ukwu

(Onye ejije na-adaba n'onya)

- Oke soro ngwere maa mmiri, o kochaanu ngwere, o ga-akozu oke?

(Onye ejije na-adaba n'onya)

4. EGWU NTOQCHI

Di ka aha ya siri wee di, egwu ntoqchi bu egwu na-akpa ochi, nke sitere n'etu e siri wee guo ya. Iji maa atu, egwu nke a kporo mosoiuto bu egwu onye ara guru. Mana otutu mgbe, anwunta kpudewe Ochiedike nso, ya echete egwu onye ara, ma guwa ya, nke mere ka umu ya niile muta ya, ma jiri egwu ahụ na-eme ihe uka ochi. O bu eziokwu na egwu a, di n'asusu Bekee, mana o nwekwara ebe o siri Igbo, nke mere ka onye na-ege nti, chia ochi. Di ka e siri ko, aha onye ara ahụ bu Livy Boy. Mgbe o bula anwunta na-ata ya, ya ebido egwu ahụ, site n'igbajiri ogu n'Asusu Bekee, wee nye anwunta, nke mbu, nke abuo, ma riowa anwunta aririo n'asusu Igbo:

“Kwe ka Livy Boy hiere nu gi ura”

5. EGWU MGBASHIRIKO

Egwu mgbashiriko bu egwu ma nwoke ma nwaanyi na-agbako onu, tumadi ndi ntorobia. A na-agukari ya n'egwu onwa. Isiokwu egwu mgbashiriko na-abukari oyi nwoke na nwaanyi, ime enyi, njikere maka alumi na nwunye, egwu ihunaanya, nakwa egwu nsorikota. N'egwu Ochiedike III, nke o kporo “Mekwee onye di mma enyi”, anyi hutara ndumodu a na-enye okorobia ma o bu agboghobia, iji gbochie mmakwaara. Egwu a, na-agwa ntorobia ka o mee onye di mma enyi, ka o ga-abu okwu dagharja kwubezie maka olulu, ka o buru onye nke o huru n'anya nakwa onye bu ezigbo mmadu. Mgbe Ochiedike na-agu udiri egwu a, ikekwe, o na-akpoghachi ya azu n'oge o bu agbogh.

6. EGWU IKPE

Egwu ikpe bu egwu e ji ako mmadu onu, n'akpoghi onye ahụ aha. Egwu akaje ditu iche n'ih na egwu akaje nwere ike ikpo mmadu aha. Mana, egwu ikpe na-eji asusu ilu, okwu ntufe, mkpari nakwa ikpo iyi, wee ziruo ozi ebe o choro iziga ya. Egwu ikpe anaghi akpo aha, kama, o na-eji Asusu Igbo wee ko mmadu onu. Egwu ikpe na-abukari onye chere na e meoro ya, ma o bu onye choro imewa mmadu obi, na-agu ya. Egwu Sharma Melody nke o kporo “Chewenu mgbe m ga-anwu” bu egwu masiri Ochiedike IV. N'egwu ya, Sharman Melody na-akpori ndi o si na ha na-atu anya maka onwu ya. O kporo ha “onye obi joro njo” nakwa “onye obi tara mmiri”. O kwere ha nkwa na onye ahụ ga-eburiri uzo wee nwuo. Igbo na-atu n'ilu si “Onye o mere, amarala”.

7. EGWU OMURUNWA

Nke a bụ egwu a na-agụ n'oriri nnwa. Oriri nnwa bụ ohere ụmụnwaaanyi ji anọkọ ọrụ dī ka ndi inyom na ndi nne, iji wee obi aJuri maka nnwa ọhuru onye otu ha muru. Ụmụnwoke anaghị esonye n'oriri nnwa, kama ha nwere ike ibata, puokwa. Otutu egwu oriri nnwa bụ egwu na-aja ndi nne mma, akasi ha obi, ma na-echetakwara ha ọrụ dī n'ihu ha nwere ebe ezinulo ha nọ. Naanị ụmụnwaaanyi na-agụ egwu ọmụrunwa, ma n'ogbakọ, ma n'owu ehihie. Anyi nwetara egwu oriri nnwa n'Ochiedike II.2, nke o kporo Ehee, amukwaa nnwa.

Ehee

Amukwa m nnwa

O giri i wu ma nnwa m

A ma ha ereele m eree

Amukwa m nnwa

Egwu a, na-ekwukwa na, a si nnoo na ogegwu amutaghi nnwa, o gaara aburu onye e rere ere, di ka ohu.

NCHIKOTA NA MMECHI

Egwu bu otu n'ime omenala e jiri mara obodo. Ma iku egwu ma igba egwu ma o bu iku nkwa, ha niile bucha egwu. Nchocha anyi lebara anya n'egwu di icheiche ndi Ochiedike Igbo huru n'anya, ma jiri egwu ndi a, anori oge, ma na-aru oru ha di icheiche. Ebumnuche anyi di abuo: iji usoro utasusu Igbo nakwa mkpuruokwu nke Onwu (1961) wee deputa asusu egwu; nakwa itulerita udiri egwu ha bu. Ndi e jiri mee nchocha bu ndi yom ise, ndi no n'agbata ato iri asato na iri asato na itolu na steeti Imo. Anyi lebakwara anya n'usoro igu aha sitere n'agbata omumu ruo na nka. Anyi mechaara deputa asusu egwu itolu ndi anyi choputara, ma tlee udiri egwu ha bu, ndi nke gunyere ofufe nro, ajamma, okendu, ntocchi, mgbashiriko, ikpe, nakwa omurunwa. Obere nchocha a, bu iji mee ka otutu mmadu tinye uchu n'inata omenala n'aka ndi okenye, tupu omenala ndi a, efuo. Nke ozo, itinye uchu n'odide asusu egwu Igbo di ka o kwesiri, bu oru diara Ndigbo; okachasi ndi okachamara no n'ime asusu na omenala Igbo. Nke ato, o di mkpa ileba anya nke oma gbasara usoro e si atule nkenudi egwu Igbo. Di ka nchocha anyi siri gosi, naanị site n'itukota ngwanchocha di icheiche nakwa itulerita ha kwamgbe, bu etu onyenchocha nwere ike isi wee kewaa ma kowaa ha n'udiri n'udiri. Nke ano, ileba anya n'egwu na-amasi ndi okenye inyom bu inye okenye olu n'Igbo, n'oge ugbua ufodu ndi ejighi okenye kporozie ihe.

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