

AGHA NWA NA-EBU N'ALA IGBO: MGBAZI OLU SITERE N'AKWUKWO
ERIRI MARA NGWUGWU NA OBIDIYA

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Umiedemede

Igbo kwenyere na ama nwa na-anoghi bu ama chorọ ichi echi o kachasi nwa nwoke. Nke a mere na onye Igbo o bu la na-agba mbọ ihu na nwa batara n'ime ezinaulo ya site n'uzo o bu la o nwere ike. Ufodu mbọ ndi a edunyela otutu umuafọ Igbo ma ndi nwaanyi ma ndi nwoke n'ime gbagharĩa. O bu ya kpaliri mmuo odeo o ji choo ka o mata ka onodu a siri di n'isi okwu a n'ime akwukwo *Eriri mara ngwugwu* na *Obidiya*. Nchocha a choputara na iji anya oku acho nwa nwere ike itisa ezinaulo ma wetakwara ndi nke a gbasara ihe ihere dika e si hu ya n'ime akwukwo *Eriri mara ngwugwu*, ochicho nwa na-aka umunwaanyi njo, gunyere na onodu enweghi nwa na-edubakarị nwoke ilu nwaanyi ozo, ma dimkpa na-enweghi nwa nwoke nwere ike ime ka umunna ya zowa akunauba ya ma o di ndu ma o nwuru anwu ma tunyekwa azu na di na nwunye nwekwara ike ibi n'udo ma hukwa onwe ha n'anya na-agbanyeghi na ha amutaghi nwa dika e si gosiputa ya n'ime akwukwo *Obidiya*.

Abstract

The Igbo people believe that any family without an offspring particularly a male child is bound to go extinct. As a result of this, every Igbo man strives to have a male child at all cost. Oftentimes such desperation has led many into all kinds of trouble. From the fore-going, it is imperative that every man will crave for children, most importantly male(s) hence this article. In this study, the researcher observed that desperation in childless couple leads to separation and in extreme cases divorce and can also bring shame as seen in *Eriri Mara Ngwugwu*. Again that desperation in childless marriages is mostly common with the female folk. However such situations have forced most men in having a second wife in their bid to have a male child. The study also stressed that a man who has no male issue loose his wealth or property to his kinsmen whether alive or dead. The study concludes that despite all odds a childless couple can still live together in love as *Obidiya* emphasized.

Ndubata

Omumu bu ihe si n'aka Chineke, o bughị mmadu na-enye ya. Nke a mere na mgbe O kechara nwoke na nwaanyi, O goziri ha ma nyekwa ha iwu imuba uwa Gen. 1:28. Otu ihe ahụ ka o nyekwara anu ohia, anu mmiri na ndi nke na-efe n'elu niile. Gen 1:22. Etu a ka omumu si wee bata n'ime uwa ruo taa. Omumu di ihe niile e kere eke mkpa ma mmadu ma anuhia. O bukwa ya mere na o buladi onye ara doro mmadu niile anya na isi adighi mma agaghi adi ndu hu na mmadu napuru ya nwa ya. N'aka nke ozo o buladi ntakiri okuko na-achọ itukpo mmadu anya ma imetu nwa ya aka iji gosi gi mkpa nwa di nye ndi nwere ya.

O bukwa oke mkpa a nwa di mere na anya mmiri anaghi ako nwaanyi na-enweghi ya n'anya n'ih na Igbo na-ekwu okwu si na ugwu nwaanyi bu di luru ya ebe mma nwaanyi bukwanu nwa. Nwankwor (2012:9) kwadoro nke a site n'ikwu na nwaanyi Afirika na-amutaghi nwa

na-eyiri akporomu ugwo dika uwe site n'ime ezinaulo ebe a luru ya maburukwa ihe e ji eme ihe ochi na imi onu site n'ime obodo o no n'ime ya.

Nke a egosila na o bughị naanị ndi Igbo na-agba udi egwu a, na Afirika niile sokwa n'ihe egwu na-aku. O bukwa ya mere na nwaanyi na-amutabeghi nwa n'ulo di ya enwebeghi onodu dika onye luru di ruokwa mgbe o mutara nwa nke aka ya o kachasi nwa nwoke. Obi Celestine <http://nigeriamasterweb.com/igbomaniage.htm> kwenyere na nke a site n'ikwu na alumi na nwunye nwa na-anoghi bu ihe kuru afo n'ala ma burukwa ihe na-agaghi ete aka bute ogbaaghara n'etiti nwoke na nwaanyi no n'ime alumalu ahụ. Ebe o bu na o nweghi nwaanyi chorọ ka a koo alumalu ya n'akuko bukwanu ihe na-eme ka umunwanyị na-anwa oke ha iji hu na ha bu nwaanyi ebe o bu na onye na-amutaghi nwa ka a na-ahu ka nwoke. Nwobi (1997) dika e si deputa ya na Nwadike (2014:23) siri na a mutaghi nwa bu ikuku ojojo na-eku alumalu nke na-anaghi ekutere ya ihe oma o bula.

Nke a bu eziokwu n'ihia na isi alumalu niile bu imuta nwa bukwa nke mere na alumalu o bula nwa na-adighi ezubeghi oke n'anya mmadu na mmuo. Obi Celestine kwukwara na o bu ya mere na nwaanyi na-amutabeghi nwa na ike anaghi agwu ya iga n'ulo dibia icho enyemaaka bukwanu nke na-anaghi achotacha ka e si tuo anya ya otutu oge. Okwu a akpu n'onu abughi ego umuaka ji ata akara. O bu okwu na-adosa ezinaulo, obodo mana edulakwa otutu mkpuruobi ala mmuo. Olakunle (2010) dika e si deputa ya na Nwoye (2014:3) kwuru ya n'eze waraawa si na ala Yoruba, uta amutaghi nwa maobu imu naanị nwaanyi diiri nwaanyi.

Udi onodu a abughi naanị n'ala Yoruba ka o hiri odo otu a ka o dikwa n'ala Igbo bukwa nu ihe mere ma nwaanyi amutabeghi nwa, di ya nwere ike iga n'ihu na-alu nwaanyi ruo oge o ga-aluta onye nke ga-amutara ya nwa. O bukwa otu onodu a mere na otutu ezinaulo taa ima aka okaibe na-ari ibe ya elu n'ihia na nwaanyi mutara nwa n'ime ezinaulo e nwere otutu nne na ewere onwe ya dika onye ka ndi ozo n'ihia na o bu ya ji igu ewu na-eri. N'aka nke ozo, di ya ga na-ahu ya dika ezigbo nwaanyi mepuru ya ihu ebe o bu ya mutara iheanacho na ama echila.

Ottong (1987) dika e si deputa ya na Igbolo na Gyong (2014) siri na okpurukpu oru e ji mara nwaanyi bu imu nwa, izu nwa na ilekota ezinaulo ya. O gakwara n'ihu wee si na nwaanyi o bula riri mpe na otu n'ime oru ya ndi a bu ihe a naghị e ji anya oma ele ma burukwa ihe nwere ike ime ka a chuo ya na di. N'ikwu ya na-enweghi obi abuo, o bu ya mere na nwaanyi na-adighi ka ibe ya n'omumu, ahụ anaghi afo ya n'ihia ihe chere ya n'ihu ma o buru na e mechaa n'ikpeazu o nwetaghị ihe obi ya chorọ.

Alumi na Nwunye na Omumu N'Ala Igbo

Alumi na nwunye bu ihe okpu nke mba o bula na-anaghi eji egwu egwu. O bu ya bu isi ihe a na-eme n'elu uwa niile. Agburu leghara ya anya a ghoala ihe akuko. Nke a bu njikota onu nke nwoke na nwaanyi huru onwe ha n'anya ma buru otu anu ahụ site n'uzo omenaala obodo ha siri hiwe ya.

Addai (1997) kwadoro nke a site n'ikwu na alumi na nwunye bu uzo iwu kwadoro mmadu abuo maobu karija ga-esi egosiputa onwe ha ihunanya miri emi. Zhekuo (2009) dika e si deputa ya n'Amadi na Amadi (2014:133) siri na alumi na nwunye bu nwoke na nwaanyi inwe nkwekorita ibiakota onu. Ha sikwa na nkwekorita a bu nke na-eme ka alumi na nwunye gbaa mgborogwu siri ike ime ka ha kwudosie ike n'ebe ibe ha no. Ha kowakwara na nkwekorita a na-adi n'etiti di na nwunye na-eme ka nke o bula n'ime ha mara oru ya n'ime ka alumalu ha guzosie ike. Nke a bu eziokwu n'ihia na ihe mmadu ji obi ya niile na-eme na-amiputakari ezi mkpuru.

Eweoma (2018:4) n'ime Olekaibe (2018) kwadoro nke a site n'ikwu na alimdi na nwunye bu ijiko nwoke na nwaanyi onu n'anya ndi mmadu n'usoro omenaala nke ga-enye ha ikike inwe mmeko ndina ka ha wee muta umu ziri ezi. O gakwara n'ihu si na o bu nke a ka Chineke kwadoro site n'okike nke uwa.

Nwaamadi a ataala ukwa jaa eze site n'ikwu na isi alimalu niile bu imuta umu ziri ezi maoburu na alimalu ahụ agaa n'usoro di nma n'ihu na ndi Igbo na-ekwu n'okwu si na ihe e meziri emezi na a na-akpo ya nwa mma. N'ikwu ya n'eze waraawa kioko (2015:1) si na alimdi na nwunye bu mbiakota onu nke nwoke na nwaanyi n'uzo iwu kwadoro maka imu nwa na inwe onye enyemaaka. Nke a bu igosi na omumu bu isi a huru kwawa okpu n'ime alimalu niile bukwa ya bu isi nhiwe alimalu n'ala Igbo.

Obi Celestine <http://nigeriamasterweb.com/igbomarriage.htm/> kwenyere na nke a mere o ji si na i juo nwaanyi na nwoke Igbo ihe mere ha ji choo ilu di na nwunye, ihe onye nke o bula ga-asa gi bu ka ha muta nwa nke ha ma nwekwa ezinaulo dika ndi muru ha. O gakwara n'ihu wee si na o bu ihe merenu na tupu e jikota mmadu abuo onu n'ime alimalu na a na-agba mbo ihu na ahụ ha ji amu nwa kwu chim. nwaamadi a ataala ukwa jaa eze n'igosi udi mkpa nwa di nye onye Igbo. Nwankwor (2012:20) kwukwara uche ya wee si na otutu nchocha na-emela n'isiokwu a na-arutu aka na omumu na eweta anuri ma na-emekwa ka ihunanya na-abakwanye n'etiti di na nwunye. Nke a bu eziokwu n'ihu na mgbe di na nwunye lere anya n'azu wee hu ndi so ha n'azu dika umu ma burukwa ndi ga-anochi anya ha ma ha hapu uwa a nakwa ndi ga-ele ha nka oge nka na-enye nnukwu anuri n'ime obi. Nke a kpatara na onye Igbo o bula na-ekpe ekpere si ka nwa ya kakwa ya n'ihe niile n'ihu na o ma na o diri nwa ya mma na o dirila ya mma. Na-atabighi ire n'okwu a akpu n'onu mere na ndi Igbo ji eme otutu mmemme ma a muo nwa iji gosi mkpa nwa di nye ha. Nke a gunyere igu aha, omugwo, ikuputa nwa dgz. N'ikwu ya hooaha anuri onye Igbo na-aka ezu oke ma o buru na nwa a muru aburu nwoke. Nke a bu eziokwu mmiri na-adighi n'ihu na ndi Igbo na-eri na nna bukwa nke mere na onye Igbo o bula ga-achọ onye ga-anochi ezi ya n'ihu na ha kwenyere na nwa nwaanyi bu ama onye ozo.

Elele (2002) kwenyere na nke a mere o ji si na omumu nwa nwoke bu nganga na ihe e ji eme onu n'ala Naijiria ebe omumu nwa nwaanyi bukwa ihe a na-ahu dika ihe na-enweghi ihe o bu. Ya bu na omumu nwoke abughi naani n'ala Igbo ka o bu ihe ukwu, ala Naijiria niile sokwa keta oke a. Inyang-Etoh na Anyiekere (2016) n'uche nke ha siru na nkwanye ugwu a na-enye ndi nwoke bu maka ntunye oke nke ha n'ikwalite ezinaulo site na ihazi akunauba nke ezinaulo, ikpata ego e ji akwalite ezinaulo nakwa ilubata nwaanyi n'ime ezinaulo ha. N'eziokwu ndi dimkpa a atachiela eze tiwaa akioyibo nsugbe na-eleghi mmadu anya n'ihu n'ihu na ihe agba n'aka e jighi enyo ele ya. O bu site n'aka nwoke ka ezinaulo na-esi amuba. Nwoke ole mmadu mutara ga-egosi etu ezinaulo ya ga-esi eto. O bu ya mere na onu onye na-enweghi ya anaghi ezu oke. Aligwekwe (1991) na nwokocha (2007) dika e si deputa ya na Eze na Chigbo (2018) kwuru si na nwoke Igbo o bula chosiri nwa nwoke ike kariya nwa nwaanyi n'ihu na a na-ahuta dimkpa na-amutaghi nwa nwoke dika onye biri ndu lara n'iyi. Ha sikwara na a na-echefu onye di etu a ngwangwa o nwuru ebe ihe ruru ya n'ezinaulo dika ihe onwunwe bu ihe ndi ozo ga-enwe. O bu anya ihe ndi a nwoke na-anochite n'ime ezinaulo mere na alimdi na nwunye nwa nwoke na-anoghi n'ime ya ka a na-ewere dika ihe na-akwurubeghi chim.

Nchikota Agumagu e ji mee Nchocha

Eriri mara ngwugwu (1985) bu akwukwo ogugu nke Onyekawu dere. O na-ako gbasara otu nwoke aha ya bu Okwuire bu onye nwunye ya mere mkpesa n'aka ndi uwe ojii maka agwa ojoo o na-akpa bukwa nke butere e ji tuo ya mkporo. Oge o si n'ime mkporo puta o choro nwunye ya gaa ebe o bi gbuo ya. Mgbe a gbachara mkpe ya, ada ya nwaanyi bu Uduaku luru

Ndubisi mana ubochi ha chorọ igba akwukwo ka o si n'ime ulouka hapu di ya soro Ochonganooko wee laa ala bekee. Mgbe ha si ala bekee wee laghachite Uduaku amuola umunwaanyi abuo na-enweghi nwa nwoke. Nke a mere di ya ji choo ilu nwaanyi ozo bukwanu ihe mere ka Uduaku riiio noosu na-aghorọ ya nwa ka o gbanweere ya nwa oge o ga-amu ma o buru na ya amuo nwaanyi ozo.

O nyere noosu ego turu ya n'anya mere o ji kwenye na nke a. Oge o muru nwa o mukwara nwaanyi ozo mana noosu mere ihe asi ya mee.. Mgbe otutu afo gachara a churu noosu n'oru mere o ji chorọ onye amuma wee tnye isi.

Ebe ahụ ka o no were mata na nsogbu ya bu nwa o gbanwere n'uloogwu ha otutu afo gara aga. Nke a mere o ji kpebie ikpoko ezinaulo abuo ahụ igwa ha nke bu eziokwu. Ma tupu odachi di etu a adakwasị noosu, Ochonganooke bu onye ihe no ya n'okpuru ukwu na-anaghi ezu ike edinala Nneka bu nwa ya na amaghi ama. Mgbe noosu biara gbachaa ihe niile oto, Ochonganooke duru nwunye ya gaa refuo ma na ebe o regara ya bu ebe ogo ya nwoke bu nna nwunye ya no na-atu mgbere ahia izu mmadu. Oge ha chorọ igbu ya ka o nuru aha o na-akpo wee si ndi otu ya egbukwala ya wee juwa ya ajuju ndi di anaa bu ebe o no mata na o bu nwa ya wee kporo ya laghachite n'ulo di ya bukwanu ebe nwa ya nwoke bu Okoto zutere ya wee gbuo ya maka na o bu ya gburu nne ya.

N'aka nke ozo *Obidiya* (1977) nke Enyinna Akoma dere na-ako maka ezinaulo Onuma na nwunye ya Obidiya bu ndi huru onwe ha n'anya mana ha enweghi nwa. Udi onodu a ka ha huru onwe ha n'ime ya wee ruo oge Oriaku malitere inara ha ala ha. Nke a mere ka ha na Oriaku gaa uloikpe bu ebe ikpe no wee ma Oriaku mana Oriaku juru inara nke bu eziokwu wee gbuo Onuma n'ihu na o si na o nweghi onye ga-aju ese ya maka na o nweghi nwa. Ogbugbu a o gburu Onuma bu ihe mere ka Obidiya foro ntutu wee taa si na ya ga-emegwara wee mechie ezinaulo Oriaku kpamkpam.

Ntule Agha nwa na-ebu n'ime akwukwo *Eriri Mara Ngwugwu na Obidiya*

Akwukwo abuo ndi a rutuchara aka n'ihe ndi mmadu na-agabiga n'ihu enweghi nwa. N'ime akwukwo Eriri mara ngwugwu ka e gosiputara udi mgbakasi ahụ na-adi na ndu onye Igbo n'ihu enweghi nwa nwoke ya na obi ezughi ike bu nke mere ka Ochonganooko ji kpowa nwunye ya igwa ya mkpebi o nwere gbasara Onodu a.

Ochonganooko: O bu uche m
ikwu okwu ilubata nwaanyi ozo
o bughị naani n'ihu na ime na-esiri gi ike
ka m ji eche nke a
kama isi ihe o jiri di m mkpa
bu na o dibeghi nwoke i
mutara ihu 45-46

N'eziokwu e nweghi ihe e nwere ike iji tunyere nwa n'ala Igbo bu nke mere na Ochonganooko eleghi anya na udi ya na nwunye ya siri luo, na udi unyi nwunye ya tere onwe ya n'ihu wee hapu di ya Ndubisi n'ime ulouka ebe ha biara agbamakwukwo wee soro ya gbalaa ala bekee. O wufere ihe ndi a niile n'azu ya ma tachie anya ilugide nwunye ya nwaanyi ozo.

Uduaku: Ka m siri wee mevoo onwe m
wetara onwe m ajo aha
Na-agaghi eme mgbacha n'uwa a
wee gbasowe gi
ya ka i hapuru

Bia ugbu a na-ako ihe
adighi mma iji ntu nu
I si na o bu a mutaghi nwoke ihu 47

N'iga n'ihu n'okwu akpu n'onu n'ime akwukwo *Obidiya* ka a hutara Oriaku bu onye weputara onwe ya inara Onuma ala nna ya n'ihu na o mutaghi nwa o bula. Nke a nyere ya obi isiike izosi ala ya ike n'ihu na o si na o nweghi onye ga-ekwunu bukwa ihe mere o ji gbuo ya n'ihu na o nweghi nwa ga-aju ajuju ya.

Oriaku: Ebe o na-awa anya, aga m agwa agwu osisi e ji tua ya. onye ga-ekwu? Nwanyi ya ga-eme gini? nwaanyi bu nwanyi ihu 3

O bu udi nleda anya di etu a mere na e nweghi dimkpa o bula n'ala Igbo na-enweghi nwa nwoke na-anaghi achọ ụzọ niile ime ka nwa nwoke bata n'ime ngwuru ya. N'ikwu ya n'eze waraawa, o nweghi nwaanyi no n'ulo di ya ga-achọ ka nwaanyi ozo bata were onodu ya bu kwanu ihe mere ka Uduaku n'ime akwukwo *Eriri mara ngwugwu* jiri chughariwa noosu ka o nyere ya aka imuta nwa nwoke n'uzo o bula iji chekwaa onodu ya n'ulo di ya.

Uduaku: Na o buru na mu amuo nke a
o burukwa nwaanyi
na ya ga-agba m alukwaghim
gaa luru nwaanyi ozo
Na o dighi ihe a ga-ekwute ya.
Biko noosu, nwaanyi ibe m
nyere m aka ihu 50

Mbo niile Uduaku gbara iji chekwa alumalu ya buzi nke tughariri buru ihe butere ya ihe ihere ma kwatukwa alumalu ya n'ihu na ihe niile ahụ nke ya na noosu mere buzi nke a gbara n'anwu.

Uduaku: O bu ka uwa si adi?
Ihe uwa agbaaka m n'onwu
Olee ihu m ga-eji ele uwa?
Olee ka uwa ga-esi ele m anya n'ihu?
Emevoola m onwe m
ikuku ekuola, a hu ike okuko ihu 72

Ozo onodu iji anya oku achọ nwa nwoke onwu onwu mekwara ka Ochonganooko dinaa nwa ya nwaanyi Nneka na-amaghi ama. Onodu meziri ka alumalu ha daa kpm kpm. Nke a gosikwara na ochọ ihe ukwu a naghi ara ahụ ezute agba enyi n'ihu enweghi ndidi n'ihu uwa

Ochonganooke: Nke jokariri udele na njo
ma sikaria nkakwu n'isi
bu igaa duru nwa m dinaa na-amaghi ama ihu 81

N'aka nke ozo n'ime akwukwo *Obidiya* ka e gosiputara alumalu bu igba ebe ihunanya na-ari ibe ya elu na-agbanyeghi na ha enweghi nwa nke aka ha. Mana dika nwafọ Igbo mara mkpa nwa di, o na-ewutekwa ya n'obi na-agbanyeghi na o naghi egosiputa ya n'omume.

Onuma: Agwala m gi banyere echiche nwa i kwere n'ihu ya na-anwu n'ime obi. Onye gara egbu onwe ya maka enweghi

nwa bu mu onwe m. Nwoke putara uwa, luo nwaanyi na-
enweghi nwa, i ma obi agaghi na-ato ya uo.

N'ebe a ka Akoma ji onuma na-egosiputa ihe bu iji ezi akonuche na nkwudosi ike echekwa alumalu ya na-agbanyeghi etu ihe uwa si chewe ihu.

Ihe Ndi A Choputara

- Na iji anya oku achoputa nwa nwere ike itisa ezinaulo ma wetakwara ndi nke a gbasara ihe ihere dika e si hu ya n'ime akwukwo *Eriri mara ngwugwu*,
- Na ochichoputa nwa na-aka umunwaanyi njo n'aka,
- Na o bu onodu enweghi nwa na-edubakarị nwoke ilu nwaanyi ozo,
- Na dimkpa na-enweghi nwa nwoke nwere ike ime ka umunna ya zowa akunauba ya ma o di ndu ma o nwuru anwu.
- Na di na nwunye nwekwara ike ibi n'udo ma hukwa onwe ha n'anya na-agbanyeghi na ha amutaghi nwa dika e si gosiputa ya n'ime akwukwo *Obidiya*.

Nchikota

Nwa bu onyinye si n'aka Chineke na-abịara mmadu nke bu onye o chorọ o nye. Mmadu ekwesighi iji maka ya egbu onwe ya ma o bu daba n'ihe na-agaghi enwe nhicha n'ime ndu ya niile. Nwayoo nwayoo bu ije uwa n'ihu na ihe di oku ga-emecha juo oyi chinchị gwara umu ya. Ya bu ka mmadu mata na o dikata njo o dikwa mma na o buru na nwa abighi taa, o ga-abia echi n'ihu na o nweghi onye chi ya kechara gbawa aka nwa. Ndidi n'ime ihe niile. E nweghi ndidi a mere ezianulo Ochonganooko jiri wee gbasaa ma wetakwara ha ihe ihere na agaghi ekwe nhicha n'ime ndu ha niile ebe Onuma na nwunye ya ji obi oma nara ihe bira ha bukwa nke mere ka ha bie ezigbo ndu nke kwesiri di na nwunye.

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