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NELSON MANDELA
LONG WALK TO FREEDOM

Part – 3

Sacrifices and Life Lessons

Nipa Das

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That long and noble line ended and now began again with me. I was pained that I was not able to thank them and that they were not able to see what their sacrifices had wrought.

Wrought : প্ৰাপ্ত কৰা

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The policy of apartheid created a deep and lasting wound in my country and my people. All of us will spend many years, if not generations, recovering from that profound hurt.

Wound	:	ঘাঁ/আঘাত
Profound	:	গভীৰ

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But the decades of oppression and brutality had another, unintended, effect, and that was that it produced the Oliver Tambos, the Walter Sisulus, the Chief Luthulis,



Oliver Tambo



Walter Sisulu



Chief Luthuli

Brutality : নির্মম

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the Yusuf Dadoos, the Bram Fischers, the Robert Sobukwes of our time - men of such extraordinary courage, wisdom and generosity that their like may never be known again.



Yushuf Dadoo



Bram Fischer



Robert Sobukwe

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Perhaps it requires such depths of oppression to create such heights of character. My country is rich in the minerals and gems that lie beneath its soil, but I have always known that its greatest wealth is its people, finer and truer than the purest diamonds.

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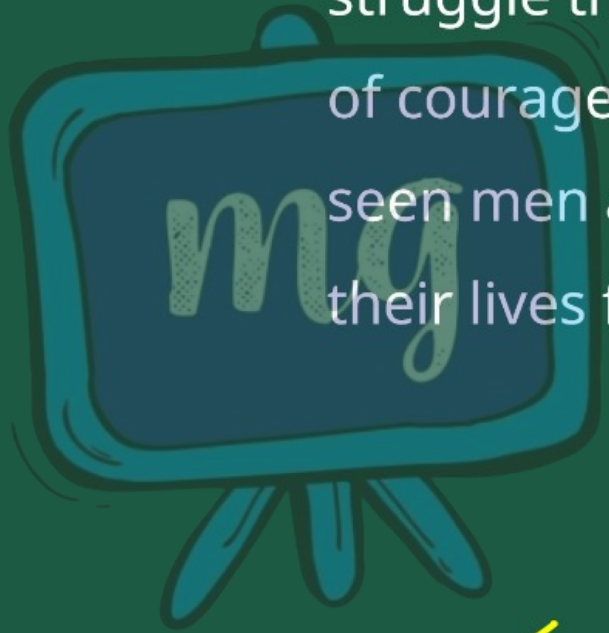
It is from these comrades in the struggle that I learned the meaning of courage. Time and again, I have seen men and women risk and give their lives for an idea.



Comrades : সংগী

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I have seen men stand up to attacks and torture without breaking, showing a strength and resilience that defies the imagination.

Resilience : অসুবিধাৰ সন্মুখীন হ'বলৈ শক্তি

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I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.

Triumph	:	বিজয়
Conquers	:	জয় কৰে

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No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.

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Even in the grimmest times in prison, when my comrades and I were pushed to our limits, I would see a glimmer of humanity in one of the guards, perhaps just for a second, but it was enough to reassure me and keep me going.

Grimmest	:	কঠিন
Glimmer	:	চমক

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Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished.



Flame	:	শিখা
Extinguished	:	নিৰ্বাপিত কৰা

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1 What was the system of racial domination erected by the white-skinned peoples of South Africa?

- **A** Apartheid
- **B** Democracy
- **C** Communism
- **D** Dictatorship

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2 What did Nelson Mandela learn about courage from his struggles?

- **A** Courage is the absence of fear
- **B** Courage comes naturally to humans
- **C** Courage is the triumph over fear
- **D** Courage is avoiding danger

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3 Mandela believed that man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never _____.

A Extinguished

B Light

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4 Mandela felt overwhelmed with a sense of history on the day of the inauguration as it marked the end of _____ and the beginning of a new era.

A Apartheid

B Democracy