

# WANGARI MAATHAI

## Chapter 1

### FOOD

Berries: bayas

Nuts: nueces, tb puede significar cojones

Maize: maíz

Beans: frijoles

Wheat: trigo

A bunch of bananas: un manojo de bananas

A ripe banana: una banana madura

Sweet potatoes: batatas

Sugarcane: caña de azúcar

Skimmed milk: leche desnatada

Millet: mijo (cereal)

Porridge: gachas de avena. A dish consisting of oatmeal or antoher meal or cereal boiled in water or milk.



Porridge

### ANIMALS

Cattle: vacas

Goats: cabras

Sheep: ovejas or sheep: oveja

He-goat: chivo

Rhinos, lions, hipos, flamingoes

## VEGETATION

Mud: barro

Lush: vegetation growing luxuriantly

Shrubs: arbustos

Creepers: enredaderas

Ferns: helechos

Moist: húmedo. Moist soil: tierra húmeda

Harvest: cosecha

Fig tree: higuera

Loggin: tala

Hunting wildlife: caza Silvestre

Landscape: paisaje

Ridges: crestas (mountain)

Foothills: pies de la colina. Conjunto de montañas laterales, cerca de una población.

Soil: tierra

Crops: cultivos

Pine and aucalyptus: pino y eucaliptos

Branches: ramas

Jacarandas: a tree with purple flowers

Bougainvillea: shrub or creeper

Plows: arados

Harvesting: cosecha

Tilled the soil: labró el suelo

Plucked weeds: malezas arrancadas



Jacaranda



Bougainvillea

## **LINKERS**

Nevertheless: however

At times: sometimes

## **ECONOMY**

Trade: comercio

Yield /yilt/: rendimiento, producción

Seized: apoderada/do

Revenue: ingresos, earnings

Income tax: impuesto sobre la renta

Squatter: colono usurpador

## **WHATEVER**

Gathered: reunido

Prophecy: profecía

Craftsmanship: artesanía

Died away: extinguido

Dwell: habitar

Hallowed: santificado

Broom: escoba

Slope: pendiente, inclinación

Lowlands: tierras bajas

Fat: grasa

Reluctant: reacia/o

Battlefield: campo de batalla

Fate: destino

Wiped: borrado

Shaped: dio forma

Unwavering: inquebrantable, wavering: titubeando

Warrents: órdenes

Peasant: campesina

Schism: cisma—division que se produce en una organización o de un movimiento cultural, cuando algunos individuos que forman parte de ella, la abandonan porque no están de acuerdo con la ideología.

## Useful Language

They were to settle: deberían establecerse

I would have swallowed: habría tragado

Monsoon rains: lluvias monzónicas

My parents were athoni, they dressed like Europeans **as did I**. (Inversion)

Died away: extinguido/da

Rather in heaven: más bien en el cielo

The goat was fattened, slaughtered and eaten: la cabra fue engordada, sacrificada y comida

I was shielded from all aspects of the death: fui protegida de todos los aspectos de la muerte

Dusk fell: cayó el anochecer **dusk: oscuridad**

Get the hell out of here: que te quites de aquí.

She would probably say with a **chuckle**: risita

Millions **s** of flamingoes: millones de flamencos. (Millions in plural)

He was wiped from the face of the earth: desapareció de la faz de la tierra

She was **sturdy**: ella era fuerte, robusta

Sh never shouting or **scolding**: nunca grita o regaña

Sense of duty: sentido del deber

To pay a marriage **dowry**: property or money brought by a bride to her husband on their marriage.

Especially for kikuyus, many of **whom** had been forcibly displaced

My mother gave birth to my two younger sisters

## QUESTIONS

Was it my responsibility to move, or my mother`s to tell met to?

How can anybody have **so** many dresses? (énfasis)