

Ebony was a girl born on a Saturday. At home they called her Ama. Where she came from, the Okanisi people, the name Ama held a special meaning—a girl born on a Saturday.





The color of her skin was like the night sky,
deep and full of beauty. Her hair was like an
exquisite crown of thick, kinky curls. But

Ebony didn't feel special. At school, the
other children had straight or wavy hair and
lighter skin. She felt different, and
that made her unhappy.





The other children couldn't understand
Ebony's beauty. Some stared at her big afro-
kinky curls, while others whispered.
Sometimes she looked in the mirror and
wished she could look like
the other children.





One day, her school announced a talent day. Every child was invited to share something special about themselves. Ebony thought to herself, What's special about me? I have nothing to share.

