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**VERA  
GBATI**

*Bemah:* Heyyyy Vera, thank you so much for accepting our invitation.

*Vera:* you're welcome.

*Bemah:* okay, let's get to the big question.

who is Vera Gbati?

*Vera:* Vera Gbati is an ambitious young lady who works hard to achieve her goals and maintains hope and faith that everything will be alright in the future. She is also a dedicated and hardworking individual.

*Bemah:* I like that—a beautiful, hardworking lady.

*Bemah:* What brought you to Russia?

*Vera:* I came here to pursue my studies.

*Bemah:* what course are you studying?

*Vera:* I'm a medical student, currently in my fifth year.

*Bemah:* What inspired you to become a medical student?

*Vera:* Honestly, I'm not sure of the exact inspiration. That's what I believe inspired me.

*Bemah:* How has your experience been so far?

*Vera:* So far, so good. The first year was challenging as the exams and classes were different from what I was used to in Ghana. However, each year has gotten better.

*Bemah:* How do you cope with the Russian education system?

*Vera:* Fortunately, I'm studying in English, which makes it a bit easier. The style of teaching and exams was challenging initially, but I've gotten used to it over the years.

*Bemah:* What about the language and culture in Russia?

*Vera:* Initially, the language was tough for me, but I had the advantage of knowing someone here—my cousin in Volgograd.



“Since childhood I'd always tell myself and those around me that I was going to be a medical doctor. I guess it came from watching movies where I see doctors rushing to help and save people. I love helping people and I find great joy in doing that”.

Despite having someone to assist, there were still challenges, especially with buying items and the cultural differences.

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*Bemah:* What's the current weather in your city?

*Vera:* I live in Ryazan, and today it wasn't too cold — around 3°C.

*Bemah:* Ryazan and Moscow have similar weather today. I live in Moscow, and it's 4°C today.

*Bemah:* How has it been living in Ryazan since the only city you knew was Volgograd?

*Vera:* I had my Russian language preparatory course in Volgograd before moving to Ryazan. My cousin helped me adapt well before leaving the country. While I never got used to Volgograd, I feel more at home in Ryazan.

*Bemah:* Let's talk about Vera, the beauty queen. What inspired you to go for Miss Ghana Russia 2023 organized by NUGS-RUSSIA?

*Vera:* I always dreamt of being a beauty queen, especially from watching pageantries like Ghana's Most Beautiful, Miss Ghana and Miss Malaika.



Miss Ghana Russia gave me the opportunity to pursue that dream while studying medicine. Encouragement from friends and family also played a role. Miss Ghana Russia gave me the opportunity to pursue that dream while studying medicine.

*Bemah:* Was it a challenging process for you?

*Vera:* It wasn't too challenging, but there were some issues with organization this year. Funding and improved organization would enhance the pageant process.

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*Bemah:* Would you advise anyone to go for the competition next year if it happens?

*Vera:* Absolutely. Any beautiful and smart Ghanaian lady can go for Miss Ghana Russia. Just be prepared for the demands of the competition.

*Bemah:* After Russia, where do you plan on going?

*Vera:* I'm considering either going home or moving to an English-speaking country. I'm not certain yet.

*Bemah:* What specialty will you further into?

*Vera:* I want to specialize in cardiology or cardiovascular surgery.

*Bemah:* Anything related to the heart!

*Vera:* Yes, exactly. I initially considered neurosurgery, but after experiencing neurology and cardiology, I prefer the latter.

*Bemah:* Have you considered the work-life balance with cardiology or cardiovascular surgery?

*Vera:* Initially, it won't be easy, but I plan to endure the challenges and reap the benefits later.



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*Bemah:* Do you have a job now?

*Vera:* Yes, I teach English language. It's a decent job for a foreign student, allowing me to work while studying.

*Bemah:* How is it?

*Vera:* Teaching English is manageable, especially since I can conduct classes online and work on my own schedule.

*Bemah:* What are your hobbies?

*Vera:* I love shopping, going out with friends to eat, and taking pictures. Those are my main hobbies.

*Bemah:* Can you share something people don't really know about you?

*Vera:* I used to play basketball in junior and senior high schools. I was the captain at Wesley Grammar Senior High School, and not to brag, but I was quite good.

*Bemah:* That's impressive!

*Bemah:* We're almost done here. Can you share some final words?

*Vera:* I would like to encourage young ladies and gentlemen to pursue their dreams with determination and hard work. There're surely going to be hard times on the journey but with determination and perseverance you can achieve whatever you want and of course with God by your side 24/7.

*Bemah:* Thank you for the encouraging words. Ladies and gentlemen, this was your beauty queen and medical student, Vera Gbati.

*Vera:* Thank you for inviting me. I'm most grateful.





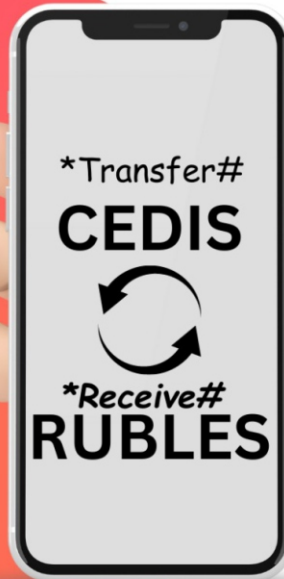
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