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Mikateko
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Here to be Empowered

Building a life of curiosity, creativity and financial freedom.

A software engineer, content creator and newlywed, Mikateko is turning curiosity into a career, creativity into community and intentional financial choices into a roadmap for independence.

Curiosity has always been more than a personality trait for Mikateko Ngobeni. It is the force that has shaped every chapter of her journey. Whether she is creating content, exploring interior design or learning a new skill, standing still has never been an option. For her, there is always another question to ask, another lesson to learn and another idea waiting to become something meaningful.

That mindset has helped Ngobeni build a career in technology while establishing herself as a content creator with an authentic and engaged community. As a front-end developer, she combines creativity

and technology to solve problems and build digital experiences, finding fulfillment in an industry where learning and innovation never stop.

Her entry into content creation was far less calculated. “Boredom” is how she jokingly describes the catalyst. What began as a creative outlet soon became a passion for transforming ideas into something tangible, useful or beautiful. Her instinct to experiment even led her to build a smart mirror simply because she wanted to know if she could.

But curiosity has not always silenced self-doubt. Like many young professionals, Ngobeni has experienced imposter syndrome, particularly in technology spaces where she sometimes questioned whether she belonged among highly skilled and experienced professionals. Similar doubts followed her into content creation, where she wondered whether she was creative enough or fit the traditional image of a creator.

Over time, however, she discovered that authenticity was her advantage. The qualities that once made her feel different became the qualities that made her valuable. Today, she is proud of her progression as a software engineer and of building a community that connects with who she genuinely is.

Her ambitions extend beyond personal achievement. Ngobeni wants to develop technology that improves people’s lives and creates meaningful impact, while growing her content platform across technology, lifestyle, skincare and interior design. At the heart of these ambitions is service. She hopes to become “a well” of finances to support her community, knowledge to mentor young people entering technology, and health to continue showing up for others.

Financial freedom is also central to her next chapter. Having recently married, Ngobeni is building a future with her husband and working towards home ownership, purchasing a vehicle and creating wealth without relying on debt or credit. While she is confident in budgeting and saving, she wants to deepen her understanding of investing.

Through her partnership with Absa, she hopes to gain practical financial education, investment guidance and personalised insights that can help her make smarter decisions. As a member of the Youth Squad, she also sees an opportunity to learn from and inspire other young South Africans.

Ultimately, Mikateko’s message is simple: stay authentic. For her, success means becoming financially free while using technology, creativity and knowledge to uplift others.

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