

021 LINGANGA
Bokele Linganga.

022 JUDGE DE VOS
Occupation?

023 LINGANGA
Mason. Laborer.

024 REYNIERS
Mr. Linganga, did you know the
deceased, Isidore Bakanja?

025 LINGANGA
Yes.

026 REYNIERS
Where did you meet him?

027 LINGANGA
At a work site near Mbandaka. When
I met him, his name was, Lokito.

028 REYNIERS
What were your first impressions of
the young man?

COURTROOM SOUNDS FADE INTO WORK SITE SOUNDS.

6 EXT. MBANDAKA WORK SITE - DAY (FLASHBACK)

HAMMERS STRIKE STONE. MEN WORKING.

029 LINGANGA (V.O.)
He was quiet at first. Watched
everything.

WALLA: DISTANT CALLS.

030 LINGANGA
(softly)
Hail Mary, Full of Grace-

FOOTSTEPS APPROACH TENTATIVELY.

Side 1

START >>>

031 ISIDORE
(younger, earnest)
Please excuse me, Mr. Linganga.

032 LINGANGA
Hello Lokito. How are you?

033 ISIDORE

I am fine. Thank you. Those words you were saying. What are they?

034 LINGANGA

(pleasant)

Prayers.

035 ISIDORE

They seem like they bring you peace.

036 LINGANGA

They can. They do. What brings you peace, Lokito?

037 ISIDORE

I am still trying to find out.

038 LINGANGA

The Missionaries teach us, what you seek, you will find.

039 ISIDORE

The Missionaries?

040 LINGANGA

Yes.

041 ISIDORE

That strangely gives me hope.

042 LINGANGA

I'm glad.

043 ISIDORE

Can you teach me those prayers?

044 LINGANGA

Which ones?

045 ISIDORE

Um...all of them. Tell me what the words mean? I want to understand.

046 LINGANGA

I will teach you. Repeat after me. Our Father, who art in heaven...

047 ISIDORE

(careful)

Our Father, who art in heaven...

048 LINGANGA
...hallowed be thy name...

WORK NOISE FADES SLIGHTLY AS ISIDORE REPEATS.

049 **ISIDORE**
(whispering, careful)
Hallowed be thy name...

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7 INT. COLONIAL COURTROOM - RETURN

WORK SITE SOUNDS DISSOLVE. COURTROOM RETURNS.

050 REYNIERS
After that encounter, what was your
new impression of Isidore?

051 LINGANGA
He was hungry for some meaning.

052 DELCROIX
Objection. Speculation.

053 JUDGE DE VOS
Sustained. Rephrase, Monsieur.
Reyniers.

054 REYNIERS
Of course, Your Honor.
(to Linganga)
Mr. Linganga, what is the primary
purpose for learning the prayers
you taught Isidore?

055 LINGANGA
The purpose of the prayers is to
connect our hearts and minds to
God. We deepen our knowledge and
love for Him. We were creating a
community of brothers, praying
together. We lifted one another.

056 REYNIERS
And Isidore wanted to learn every
word. Thank You, Mr. Linganga. No
further questions, Your Honor.

057 JUDGE DE VOS
Monsieur Delcroix?

CHAIR SCRAPING ACROSS THE FLOOR.

Delcroix approaches the witness.