

Side 2**START >>>**

DELCROIX (CONT'D)

Is it fair to say that what you call "conscience" is simply, *insolence*.

114 IYONGO

No. Insolence is pride. Conscience is the voice inside every man that knows right from wrong.

115 **DELCROIX**

And who decides what is wrong? You?

116 IYONGO

A man knows.

117 **DELCROIX**

(sarcastic)

A man knows.

(beat; sharpening)

Did Isidore ever encourage others to resist?

118 IYONGO

He encouraged men to remember they were men. He told men not to hate.

119 **DELCROIX**

So, Resist. I see. You said he forgave Van Cauter.

120 IYONGO

Yes.

121 **DELCROIX**

And you want the court to believe that's proof he is holy or divine?

122 IYONGO

The court should believe he was not like Van Cauter.

(beat)

But still, justice is required. Forgiveness is not permission. It is the choice of peace over pain.

123 **DELCROIX**

(pressing)

Or it is a performance. A dying man says "I forgive you" and suddenly everyone whispers prayers and shares cloth and the camp becomes... inspired.

124 IYONGO
That is what happened.

125 DELCROIX
(leans in)
Or maybe, a clever troublemaker
turned his punishment into a
spectacle.

WALLA: A LOW RUMBLE FROM THE GALLERY.

126 JUDGE DE VOS
Counsel.

127 DELCROIX
Establishing my client's reasoning,
Your Honor

128 JUDGE DE VOS
Proceed. *Carefully.*

129 DELCROIX
Iyongo... answer this plainly. If
Isidore had removed the scapular,
would he have been disciplined, put
in that shed?

130 IYONGO
No.

131 DELCROIX
Then his suffering was a choice.

132 IYONGO
For him, there was no choice.

133 DELCROIX
But it could have been avoided. Had
he simply obeyed. If he had just -
surrendered.

134 IYONGO
Obedience *is* surrender, but one
should never surrender to cruelty.

135 DELCROIX
And what is the line, Iyongo,
between conviction and provocation?

136 IYONGO
(beat; firm)
The line lies in intention. To do
harm is provocation.
(MORE)

IYONGO (CONT'D)

To be true to yourself, is
conviction, integrity - remaining
whole.

137 DELCROIX

Whole? Even if it disrupts the
camp. Even if it causes unrest.

138 IYONGO

He only wanted peace. Peace is not
unrest.

139 DELCROIX

(soft, dangerous)

Tell that to the overseer
responsible for productivity.

(Then)

No further questions.

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Delcroix returns to his seat.

REYNIER'S CHAIR SCRAPES THE FLOOR, SLIGHTLY.

140 REYNIERS

Redirect, Your Honor?

141 JUDGE DE VOS

Proceed.

142 REYNIERS

Iyongo... one final question.
When you sat with Isidore in that
shed, what did you see in him?

A beat.

143 IYONGO

I saw courage. Peace. Like...
(chooses words carefully)
a lamp in a dark place.

A beat.

144 REYNIERS

No further questions.

145 JUDGE DE VOS

The witness may step down.

Iyongo leaves the stand.