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071 REYNIERS

Now, the shed. Mr. Kiala testified that men visited him quietly at night. Mr. Iyongo testified Isidore spoke peace, not hatred.

072 VAN CAUTER

I didn't know those claims until this trial.

073 REYNIERS

Did you check on him?

074 VAN CAUTER

I monitor the entire camp.

075 REYNIERS

Did you go to the shed?

076 VAN CAUTER

(beat)

Yes.

077 REYNIERS

What did you see?

078 VAN CAUTER

A man who had been punished.

079 REYNIERS

Did he beg? Curse you?

080 VAN CAUTER

No.

081 REYNIERS

He prayed.

082 VAN CAUTER

He whispered something.

083 REYNIERS

What?

084 VAN CAUTER

(quick, flustered)

He whispered words. Said things. I don't know.

085 REYNIERS

Words that unsettled you.

086 VAN CAUTER

No.

087 REYNIERS

Still, you needed him, quiet?

088 VAN CAUTER

Because the men were listening to him.

089 REYNIERS

Listening to what?

090 VAN CAUTER

To weakness dressed up as holiness. He was trying to turn his virtue into rebellion. Do you know how dangerous one influential man can be? Especially when he defies authority?

091 REYNIERS

And you were afraid this "weak" man was making your camp stronger in the growing closeness between the men and in the resistance to how they were being treated?

092 VAN CAUTER

(more agitated)

They were becoming unmanageable!

093 REYNIERS

They were being human.

094 DELCROIX

Objection.

095 JUDGE DE VOS

Overruled. Continue.

096 REYNIERS

Mr. Van Cauter, there was a moment in the factory. A moment when Isidore sang.

097 VAN CAUTER

(agitated)

I don't-

098 REYNIERS

You heard him.

"Ava Maria."

099 VAN CAUTER  
(too sharp)  
He was deliberately trying to  
provoke -

100 REYNIERS  
Or to endure! Did you order him to  
stop?

101 VAN CAUTER  
Yes. But he didn't.

102 REYNIERS  
What did that do to you?

103 VAN CAUTER  
Nothing. It was insolence!

104 REYNIERS  
Perhaps it was a man refusing to  
sound broken though you tried to  
break him.

105 VAN CAUTER  
(voice tightens)  
He was not some saint.

106 REYNIERS  
He was a young man. You testified  
he was a respected hard worker. A  
man of faith.  
And you could not stand that his  
faith made him -free.

107 VAN CAUTER  
(faltering a little)  
I...I did what I had to do.

108 REYNIERS  
You did what you chose to do.

A BEAT.

109 VAN CAUTER  
(muttering)  
Can't you see? He left me no  
choice!

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110 REYNIERS  
One last question, Mr. Van Cauter.  
When Isidore said, "I forgive you"  
did you believe him?

A LONG BEAT.