

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

WORK NOISE FADES SLIGHTLY AS ISIDORE REPEATS.

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

7 INT. COLONIAL COURTROOM - RETURN

WORK SITE SOUNDS DISSOLVE. COURTROOM RETURNS.

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

START >>> 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.

058 DELCROIX
So this is where it began.

059 LINGANGA
Excuse me?

060 DELCROIX
The corruption. Your religion,
entering the workforce.

061 REYNIERS
Objection.

062 DELCROIX
Your Honor, the prosecution has
taken us down this religious path.
It is only fair that we shed light
on the fact that the introduction
of the Catholic faith caused
Bakanja's rebellious behavior.

063 REYNIERS
Your Honor, with respect—
to ignore faith in this case is to
ignore the truth of why Isidore
Bakanja is dead. Our objection is
to faith being categorized as a
reason for murder.

064 DELCROIX
YOUR HONOR!

GAVEL POUNDS.

065 JUDGE DE VOS
ORDER GENTLEMEN! The objection is
overruled. Monsieur Reyniers you
introduced faith as a part of the
deceased's character. Therefore,
the defense has the right to cross
examine the witness.

066 DELCROIX
Thank you, Your Honor. Mr.
Linganga, please answer the
question.

067 LINGANGA
There was no corruption. A
conversion perhaps, but Isidore
Bakanja was not corrupt.

068 DELCROIX
But he was defiant.

069 REYNIERS
Objection!

070 JUDGE DE VOS
Sustained.

071 DELCROIX
No further questions.

072 REYNIERS
Redirect, Your Honor.

Reyniers approaches.

073 REYNIERS
Mr. Linganga, did Isidore force his
beliefs on anyone?

074 LINGANGA
No.

075 REYNIERS
Did he neglect his work?

076 LINGANGA
Never.

077 REYNIERS
Then what changed?

078 LINGANGA
(pauses)
He changed.

079 REYNIERS
How?

080 LINGANGA
He stood straighter. Spoke clearer.
Worked as if what he did mattered.
I believe it made him unafraid.

081 REYNIERS
Unafraid?

082 LINGANGA
Unafraid of men who confuse power <<< END
with truth.

A beat.

083 REYNIERS
Thank you Mr. Linganga.