

106 FATHER HUBERT
He asked about it often.

10 EXT. BAPTISMAL RIVER - DAY (FLASHBACK)

WATER FLOWING—CALMER THAN THE CONGO. WIND.
BIRDS.

START >>>

107 FATHER HUBERT
Lokito Bakanja, do you understand
what you are asking for?

108 ISIDORE
Yes.

109 FATHER HUBERT
This path will not make your life
easier. In fact, it may bring
suffering.

110 ISIDORE
I am not afraid. Truth does not
change when it becomes
inconvenient.

A beat.

111 FATHER HUBERT
Do you believe in God,
the Father Almighty, creator of
Heaven and Earth?

112 ISIDORE
I do.

113 FATHER HUBERT
Do you renounce sin and the power
of evil in your life and in the
world?

114 ISIDORE
I do.

BELL TOLLS - DISTANT

WATER IS SCOOPED. POURED.

115 FATHER HUBERT
Lokito Bakanja, I baptize you in
the name of the Father, The Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

116 **FATHER HUBERT** (V.O.)
That day, he became known as
Isidore Bakanja.

WATER FALLS. A BREATH IS RELEASED.

117 ISIDORE
(quiet, moved)
I feel - lighter!

118 **FATHER HUBERT**
Our Savior bears your burdens now.

11 INT. COLONIAL COURTROOM - CONTINUING

THE WATER FADES INTO THE ECHOS OF THE COURTROOM.

119 REYNIERS
Father, can you tell us the meaning
of the scapular Isidore wore on his
neck?

120 **FATHER HUBERT**
It was a commitment he made.
(beat)
To wear the scapular is to say:
"I belong to God through Mary, his
Holy Mother. I will live
accordingly."

12 EXT. MISSION COMPOUND - DAY (FLASHBACK)

SOFT CHORAL UNDERTONE—BARELY THERE.

121 **FATHER HUBERT**
You must wear it continuously.

122 ISIDORE
I will.

123 **FATHER HUBERT**
Live chastely according to your
state.

124 ISIDORE
I will.

125 **FATHER HUBERT**
Pray the rosary.

126 ISIDORE
I will.

127 **FATHER HUBERT**
Then speak your promise.

128 ISIDORE
Holy Mother, I am yours.
(beat)
I will never remove it.

◀◀ END

FINGERS RUB THE SCAPULAR.

13 INT. COLONIAL COURTROOM - DEFENSE CROSS

COURTROOM AMBIANCE RETURNS

129 JUDGE DE VOS
Your witness Monsieur Delcroix.

130 DELCROIX
Thank you, Your Honor.

DELCROIX APPROACHES FATHER HUBERT.

131 DELCROIX
Father Hubert, you gave Isidore
something he could not take off.

132 FATHER HUBERT
It was his choice.

133 DELCROIX
A choice that disrupted work.

134 FATHER HUBERT
A choice that gave him dignity.

135 DELCROIX
And when authority demanded
compliance?

136 FATHER HUBERT
Man's authority has limits. God's
authority has none.

WALLA: A LOW RUMBLE OF REACTION.

137 JUDGE DE VOS
Order.

138 DELCROIX
No further questions.

DELCROIX RETURNS TO HIS SEAT.