

049 IYONZWA

They take more than they need.
They use nature like it is a tool.
They speak to men like they are
less than men.

050 YOUNG ISIDORE

Why?

051 IYONZWA

Because they think nature, the
river, the land, men, are things to
be owned...to be conquered and
commanded.

052 YOUNG ISIDORE

START >>> What do we believe?

053 IYONZWA

That the hands that harvest, first
should plant. A man is more than
his hands, more than his work. He
is not just what he produces.

054 YOUNG ISIDORE

Then what is a man, Father?

055 IYONZWA

A man is a part of the nature
around him. If he conquers nature,
he defeats himself.

056 YOUNG ISIDORE

So these men defeat themselves?

057 IYONZWA

Some of them. It depends.

058 YOUNG ISIDORE

On what?

059 IYONZWA

His heart.

060 YOUNG ISIDORE

My heart determines who I am?

061 IYONZWA

Yes.

A BEAT.

062 YOUNG ISIDORE

But people cannot see my heart.

063 IYONZWA
But they can hear it.

064 YOUNG ISIDORE
Hear it?

065 IYONZWA
The heart speaks louder than the
voice. It is from the heart that
the voice gets its courage.

A BEAT.

066 YOUNG ISIDORE
I think I understand.

RIPPLING WATER SOUNDS CONTINUE. ANOTHER SPEAR
DIVES INTO THE WATER. A FISH FLAPS AND LANDS IN
A BASKET

067 YOUNG ISIDORE (CONT'D)
Look, Father! I Caught One!

068 IYONZWA
THAT'S IT, SON! You are becoming
quite the fisherman.

069 YOUNG ISIDORE
Just like you!

070 IYONZWA
You make me proud Isidore.

071 YOUNG ISIDORE
I am proud of you too, Father.

THE TWO LAUGH. A BEAT.

072 YOUNG ISIDORE (CONT'D)
Father, what does our way teach us
about worship? How can I make the
heavens proud of me also?

073 IYONZWA
Our way teaches us that a man
should live his worship, Isidore.
His code should shine through his
actions as well as his words.

074 YOUNG ISIDORE
So our code... is worship?

075 IYONZWA

Yes. It is what binds us together.
It makes us strong. It keeps people
from breaking us apart.

076 YOUNG ISIDORE

And if someone tries to tear the
people apart?

077 IYONZWA

Then the people must remember who
they are.

A FISH SPLASHES.

078 YOUNG ISIDORE

I want to see beyond the village
one day.

079 IYONZWA

(soft warning)

Life outside is different,
but the same.

080 YOUNG ISIDORE

I don't understand.

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081 IYONZWA

I mean you will meet good men.
And you will meet men who forget
they are men.

THE RIVER FADES.

7 INT. COLONIAL COURTROOM - RETURN

WATER DRAINS AWAY. COURTROOM RETURNS. A COUGH. A
BENCH CREAK.

082 REYNIERS

Iyonzwa, as Isidore grew, did those
qualities change?

083 IYONZWA

No. The man is the boy. Only more
so. He was a good boy, and a finer
young man.

084 REYNIERS

No further questions.

WALLA: A SMALL SURGE OF MURMURS.

THE GAVEL BANGS.