

Kanfo - Side #1

1 INT. THE ROYAL PALACE, ELU MESI MAIN CHAMBER - DAY 1

CHANCELLOR NURO and KANFO (leader of the Eso Warriors) are in the midst of a combative conversation while the rest of the Elu Mesi stare with intense interest. CHYRON: THE ROYAL PALCE OF ELU. THE MAIN CHAMBER OF THE ELU * MESI.

NURO

...- am I supposed to believe that the finest warriors of Elu, the Eso, cannot find a single little girl?

Kanfo trembles with concealed anger.

KANFO

My warriors left the walls without adequate supplies. What was a simple recovery operation became a battle and-

NURO

Am I hearing excuses from the "greatest warrior in Elu?"

Kanfo grits his teeth.

KANFO

I take... full responsibility for not capturing the child.

NURO

As well you should. Failure is not a word in the vocabulary of the Eso Warriors.

KANFO

Yes, Chancellor Nuro.

Kanfo bows respectfully as Ojuwa enters the chamber with an infuriated expression. Each member of the Elu Mesi greets Ojuwa with the exception of OBA ADEYINKA and Nuro.

OJUWA

Kanfo! Can you tell me the meaning of the attack upon Olori?

Kanfo nods respectfully to Ojuwa, but then his expressions changes to disdain when his eyes shoot toward Nuro.

KANFO

I am but a simple warrior. The politician may possess an answer.

Kanfo - Side #2

2 INT. THE ROYAL PALACE, ESO HQ - DAY

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Kanfo and an elite squad of Eso Warriors are in the midst of prepping for a military campaign. They attach armor plating to their bodies and grab heavy weaponry from caches. Toye (Kanfo's 13-year old son) enters the area timidly, but his shyness turns to curiosity as he steps up to Kanfo.

TOYE
Father...

KANFO
Yes boy?

TOYE
Why does it appear that you're preparing to attack an army? Isn't this supposed to be a search-and-rescue?

Kanfo doesn't answer, he turns to a small chest on the floor and pulls out a SMALL SUIT OF ESO ARMOR. Kanfo tosses the suit of armor at Toye's feet.

KANFO
It is time for you to truly be the son of Kanfo.

Toye stares at the armor, confused, reluctant.

TOYE
What?

KANFO
You are going to accompany us on the mission to capture the escaped forest girl. Maybe this will teach you how to stand up for yourself.

TOYE
Father, please, I can do more with a book in my hands than with a spear.

Kanfo's eyes soften, he inhales deeply to control his emotions.

KANFO
(softly)

That sounds like something your
mother would say.

Toye and Kanfo both react with sadness at the mention of the
woman. Then, Kanfo's demeanor reverts to the authoritative
warrior.

KANFO

Put on the armor. We ride soon.

TOYE

(dejected)

Yes, father.