

Nuro - 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.

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.

Nuro sneers wickedly as Adeyinka speaks first.

OBA ADEYINKA

I request that you deliver your report on the supposed uprising in the Worker's District.

NURO

That was your assignment, Elder Ojuwa, if you recall.

Nuro - Side #2

2 EXT. ELU, LAND OF THE FORGOTTEN - DAY

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Nuro is escorted by a group of Eso Warriors through a misty landscape. Although it is midday, the heavy fog casts everything in a murky grey sheen. The Eso Warriors are uncharacteristically wary and anxious. They stare into the mists, tense, uncertain. The lead Eso Warrior raises her hand, they all freeze in place while Nuro continues walking forward.

ESO WARRIOR #1

Chancellor, this is as far as we are allowed to go.

NURO

(dismissive)

Fine. Enjoy your walk back to the palace.

ESO WARRIOR #1

May the ancestors protect you.

The Eso Warriors stare at Nuro with looks of, "is this guy seriously going to that place?" Then they back off into the mists, heading back to a less-haunted place. Nuro stops to look up at a MASSIVE TOWER FORTRESS that is mainly shrouded by thick clouds - but what WE can see suggests this place is HUGE.

A creepy-looking PRIEST (30s, male, unreadable face) covered in war-paint and other tribal accessories emerges from a pitch-black section of the mist.

PRIEST

Chancellor...

NURO

Speak, priest.

PRIEST

We have examined your plan in detail.

NURO

And?

PRIEST

We are concerned that you are meddling in forbidden techniques... those that the Agoni warned against.

NURO

Do you see any of the Agoni here?

The Priest shakes his head, "no."

NURO

Then I will hear no more of their childish superstitions and manipulative lies.

PRIEST

But-

NURO

You were not summoned to lecture me. The Oba commands you do what I ask.