

Toye - Side #1

ABBEY

Get out of here, "Forest Girl." You are not welcome within the walls of Elu.

The other teens snicker and repeat other slurs similar to that of "Forest Girl." Except for one: TOYE (male, age 13, smaller in stature, possessing an air of kindness). Toye stares at Abbey with a disapproving scowl (this is pretty much the story of their relationship).

TOYE

Abbey, stop it! She's done nothing to us.

Abbey is stunned by Toye's sudden development of a backbone.

ABBEY

Toye? Are you taking sides with this... vine rat?

A BEAT as the group of teens look at Toye - he shrinks under their combined judgment.

TOYE

(saving face)

Hehehe... uhm no. She's not important right now. We should ignore her and go back to your granduncle's remembrance celebration.

Abbey steps forward, an unspoken challenge has been delivered. He thumps his hand across his chest.

ABBEY

My father is Oba now. The king of Elu! Which means I can have you exiled for taking sides with this lowly scavenger.

Toye looks away, intimidated.

ABBEY

Perhaps you can join her in the forest? Otherwise, you should address her appropriately. Now.

Toye looks to the ground, defeated. He slowly raises his head with a sorrowful grimace.

TOYE

(to Iyanu)

Go away... Forest Girl. Back where
you belong.

Toye - Side #2

1 INT. THE ROYAL PALACE, ESO HQ - DAY

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Kanfo (Toye's father - head of the elite guard) 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 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.