

THE RAPTURE
(Tuubu Orun part 1)

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EXT. ORISHA HILL -ORUN (SPIRITUAL REALM) -DAY

SHANGO and OBATALA are playing checkers around a table, while OYA (orisha of winds, death and rebirth) is watching them at the background.

SHANGO
(thinking)
Hmm...No easy o.

Shango is placing his last piece on the board with a very confident look.

SHANGO [suite]
(proud)
And the winner is Shango!

OYA
(happy, clapping)
Congratulation bros, you are the best.

Obatala is calm. He looks at the board with a very focused look. Then he picks up his piece.

OBATALA
Nice move. But what if I do that?

Obatala quickly moves his piece across the board and gets to Shango's final line. CHECKMATE !

OYA
(speechless)
Jesus!

OBATALA
(showing off)
And that's how you win with panache.

Shango is looking at the board dumbfounded, loosing his cool.

Shango looses his mind. He puts everything upside down. He pulls out his axe, jumps high in the air and loads his axe as it generates lightning. Then, he FURIOUSLY heads down only to scatter the table with his axe. Afterward, he starts crying in Oyà's hands.

OYA
(comforting Shango)
Bros, don't cry na.

[.../...]

OBATALA

Come on man, you can't win all the time.

SHANGO

(irritated)

What are you saying? I never win.

OBATALA

(sympathizing)

Eesh! Na true oo.

Meanwhile, ESHU enters the scene.

ESHU

Hey guys! How una dey today?

SHANGO

Aha! Eshu, you no see we dey busy here?

ESHU

I see you loosing to Obatala over and over. Meanwhile, things are happening in Lagos.

SHANGO

(crying)

Even Eshu thinks I'm a loser.

OBATALA

(looks curious)

Omo, what are you talking about ?

ESHU

Lagos ComicCon. It's the biggest geek event in Africa.

OYA

(choked)
Wetin!?

SHANGO

Wetin!?

OBATALA

See lie !

ESHU [suite]

I swear, people are rushing there like say they will get chop for free. Me self I can't miss it.

OYA
(choked)
Because of free chop!???

OBATALA
(choked)
Because of free chop!???

ESHU
It's not about the chop. I'm just
curious to see how it goes.

Shango jumps out of excitement and start walking away.

OYA
Shango, where are you going now?

SHANGO
I'm going to this ComicCon. It's an
opportunity to beat Obatala at
speed. And this time I'll win.

OBATALA
(confident)
Well, that's impossible.

MANDELA
(O.S)
How can you tell if you haven't
tried before?

Suddenly, a voice comes from another part of the scene.
FREEDOM FIGHTER #1, FREEDOM FIGHTER #2, FREEDOM FIGHTER #3
and FREEDOM FIGHTER #4 are sitting around a round table.

FREEDOM FIGHTER ~#1
Remember! It always seems
impossible until it's done.

FREEDOM FIGHTER #2
And I have a dream that one day
Shango will become the next Olorun.

FREEDOM FIGHTER #3
As long as he is ready to fight for
his dream.

FREEDOM FIGHTER #4
I agree.

OBATALA
(angry)
Can you please stop fueling his
hope!?!?

SHANGO

(walking with confidence)

A prophecy is a prophecy, Obatala,
and you can't stop it. Now, make I
beat you so that Olodumare chooses
me as the next Olorun.

Shango loads his thunder and jumps. He then flies down as a
lightning straight towards the Human realm.

OBATALA

(sarcastic, at the camera)

Since I'm the cool guy here I'll
obviously win again.

Obatala turns into light and vanishes.

CUT TO

EXT. COMIC CON (LAGOS) -AYE (PHYSICAL REALM) -DAY

A violent lightning STRIKES the earth. Shango appears on the
ground.

SHANGO

(giggling)

Hm! Hm! Hm! Obatala can't cope with
my speed. My time has...

When Shango straightens his face he sees Obatala, quietly
seated as he is reading a dozen of comic books.

OBATALA

Pss-pss! Hafa?

SHANGO

(depressed)

Ah shame! This maga don win again.

OBATALA

(comforting him)

No vex. You can try again next
time.

Near by, Eshu lands on a branch and stares at our two heroes
who are walking in the middle of the convention center. The
place is overcrowded with characters from different
universe.

SHANGO

(impressed)

Haba! This place don over pack o.

[.../...]

OBATALA

Looks like everyone is here. See!

Obatala is pointing at different group of people.

OBATALA [suite]

The guys from Vortex...dem fellaz
from Pokemon...Spiderman..

SHANGO

(choked)

Aha! Even Jesus is here !?

We can see Jesus walking around, surrounded by archangels
that are guarding him.

OBATALA

So, this pikin get angels to
protect him everywhere?

SHANGO

(not interested)

Don't mind him ! He's just doing
shakara.

OBATALA

(with a provocative look)

Ooh, you're jealous because Oshun
thinks Jesus is better than you.

SHANGO

(sulking)

Na lie. She never said so.

OBATALA

Speaking of which, Oshun and her
squad are here.

SHANGO

(excited)

Wey she dey?

We see the marvelous Oshun walking to her stand, while her
suite of Iyami Aje is following her. The Aje, who are
wearing Gelede costumes, are carrying impressive African
sculptures.

SHANGO [suite]

(tripping)

Oshun is the most beautiful goddess
eveeer....

Shango immediately turns around and leaves. Obatala has a
questioning look.

SHANGO [suite]
(with an hopeless look)
I can't meet her when I'm dressed
like a hobo.

OBATALA
Shango, you're always dressed like
a hobo.

ESHU (O.S)
I get fine clothe if you want.

As soon as Shango hear this question, he quickly runs to
Eshu, who is holding a beautiful kente clothe.

SHANGO
(excited)
Really!!?

ESHU
This is a traditional regalia from
Ghana. I can give it to you at one
condition...

Shango bows down to Eshu like a slave.

SHANGO
Anything you want, my lord.

OBATALA
(with a suspicious look)
Shango, you know that Eshu is a
crook. Be careful !

SHANGO
(to Obatala, with a firm tone)
Omo,do you have clothe for me to
impress Oshun? No. So, shut up!

ESHU
(with an apparent smile)
I give you the clothe if you let me
touch your axe.

Shango quickly gives his axe to Eshu and takes the clothe
with an happy look.

SHANGO
You got a deal.

Eshu is secretly inspecting the axe whereas Obatala is still
suspicious of him.

LATER ON...

[.../...]

Shango is now bragging around with his new clothe as Obatala doesn't seem to be happy about all of this.

SHANGO
(insouciant)
Omo, you worry too much. Eshu can't do me nothing.

OBATALA
If you say so.

They finally get to meet Oshun in front of her stand.

OBATALA [suite]
Oshun, hafa?

OSHUN
I'm kwaai, thanks. Yourself?

OBATALA
I'm okay thanks. Shango wanna talk to you.

SHANGO
(confused)
Huuuh!?

OSHUN
Kwaai! What do you wanna tell me, Shango?

SHANGO
(looks embarrassed)
Huh!? Oh, well..I...I just wanted to say that...I...

JESUS (O.S)
Blessings be upon y'all !

Shango immediately looks furious at the apparition of Jesus.

OSHUN
(with a delighted look)
Jesus ! It's kwaai to see you here.

JESUS
(kissing her hand with reverence)
I am blessed to see you, lady
Oshun, spirit of Love and Beauty.

Shango gets more angry. We can see lightning in his eyes.

JESUS [suite]
I was peacefully doing the work of my heavenly fada when I saw your
[...]

[.../...]

JESUS [suite]
wonderful sculptures. Did you make
them all?

Oshun and Jesus turn around as the boy is inspecting Oshun's
work.

OSHUN
Yesoo. Do you like them?

Shango loses his chill. Lightning turns into fire as it
bursts out of his eyes and mouth. Then he leaves the scene
furiously.

OBATALA
(with a questioning look)
Omo, where are you going now?

SHANGO
(irritated)
I need to go break something.
Because if I stay here, I might
crucify this kid.

OBATALA
(dumbfounded)
Na wa oo.

Obatala turns back to Oshun and Jesus.

OBATALA [suite]
Brother Jesus, I have a question
for you...

Suddenly, a violent lightning STRIKES and BLOWS OFF a stand.
People are screaming as a dark smoke is growing out of the
explosion.

OSHUN
What's going on ?

OBATALA
(anxious, thinking)
Shango...Is it..!?

CUT TO

EXT. COMIC CON (LAGOS) -DAY -CONTINUOUS

People are rushing to what looks like a crime scene now. The ZANGBETO are already investigating. A Babalawo (priest of divination) is inspecting the dead body of Sannkofamaan. Oshun and Obatala are watching from the crowd.

MAN

Sannkofamaan has been killed by a magic lightning.

OBATALA

(thinking)

Is that why the Zangbetos are here?
Is Shango involved in this crime?

Shango is seen running to catch up the group, without his axe.

SHANGO

Hey Obatala! You won't believe what happened to me.

OBATALA

Shango!?

SHANGO

I was trying to break a tree with my axe but it wasn't working. Then I looked at it and realized it was Made in China; which is strange because my axe was made by Ogun.

OBATALA

Where is it now?

SHANGO

The axe don break sha. I told you it was made in China na.

OBATALA

(thinking)

Hmm...No, I don't buy it, this story is shady because someone clearly used that axe to commit this crime.

Meanwhile, the Babalawo comes out of the crime scene with Shango's axe floating over his hand.

SHANGO

(yelling)

Hey! That's my axe !

[.../...]

All of a sudden, a Zangbeto appears right in front of Shango.

ZANGBETO #1

Omo Shango, are you the owner of
this axe ? Zang?

SHANGO

Yes na. So can I have it please?

Zangbeto #2 appears behind Shango. Shango is freezing with fear.

ZANGBETO #2

You are under arrest for the murder
of Sannkofamaan. Zang!

Immediately, some kind of gateway opens itself through the costume of Zangbeto #2 and SUCKS IN Shango who has barely time to ask for help.

OSHUN

(yelling, anxious)
Noooooo !!! Shango !

OBATALA

Oshun, don't move !

All of a sudden, the two Zangbeto takes off and vanishes in thin air.

OSHUN

(worried)
Obatala, where did they take him
to?

OBATALA

(with a wan look)
I think they took him to Tuubu
Orùn...a prison for evil creatures.

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