

Marcus; Or the Secret of Sweet

Oba Side

Oba: Marcus! Marcus...
Enter Oba calling for her son...

Marcus: Whom she babies...

Oba: Marcus!

Marcus: Yes, Mama?

Oba: Baby...

Marcus:

Oba: Where you been? I was up and down
Looking for you.

Marcus: Sorry, I didn't feel like going to the grave.

Oba: Why, what's wrong baby?

Marcus: I got this...
Mama, stop calling me baby.

Oba: But you my baby

Marcus: Mama...

Oba: Marcus, you feeling alright? You got up
Two three times in the night last night.
You having movements?

Marcus: Tell me about my daddy.

Oba: Oba's face.
Huh.
The Father is in heaven and all is right

Marcus: No, Mama, I know all that. The bible talks to
Me about all that But I'm talking bout my real
Daddy. Tell me bout, Legba.

Oba: Why?

Marcus: Cause I'm asking. Cause you never do.

Oba: Ooh, it's hot out here, let's go.

Marcus: It's always hot. You notice that every summer
Some same reason it gets hot.

Shrugs.

Oba: Have you... Who you talking to?

Marcus: Ma'am I'm just saying every time we get near
Bout this conversation it gets hot or the meter
Running or the chickens burning. All the time,
Every time, something starts to happen too long
When I mention the name Elegba.

Oba: Huh...

Marcus: I just want to know about him.

Oba: What you need to know?

Marcus: Am I ... like him?

Oba: Some traits we gets from our peoples are
Sleeping...

Marcus: The way I act.

Oba: Sometimes its better to let sleeping traits lie.

Marcus: Was he...

Oba: What, Marcus, What?

Marcus:

Oba: Oba looks to the ground. Lord.

Marcus: Mama I...

Oba: I tell you this Marcus. I don't know what all the
Sudden got you on this search to find out your Father
But if it's got relation to the reason why you locked
In the bathroom but not using it...
Or that long stare I see you, I see you, giving over
Eric down the way you best pray on it. Think to it.
Some things are better buried. Some things left better
Unsaid. Ain't nothing sweet about a soft son.
She takes a breath.
Pick you face up off the floor, baby, and let's go.