

*Marcus; Or the Secret of Sweet*  
Elegua Side (pp.26-28)

**Elegua:** Enter Elegua walking as fast as she can for near 70.  
She runs into...

(Marcus staring off)

**Elegua:** Move boy.

**Marcus:** Ms Elegua.  
Marcus moves his hand to hide his...

**Elegua:** Huh. She moves. Sick... Sick...

**Marcus:** Ma'am!

**Elegua:** To death of funerals. Sick of 'em. I'm down there  
Trying to pay respect to the fallen soldier and these  
People having an argument ova' who was his better friend.  
I say, don't seem like none of you too good cause while  
He was off in the war y'all was over here trying to get his girl.  
But I ain't say much, see, that's when I turns to Ogun I say...

**Marcus:** Ogun's down there still ...

**Elegua:** Yeah chile. I say,  
She hits the air  
'ey lets go.' 'Okay.' He standing there  
Crying his one last cry. Lord.

**Marcus:** he coming back?

**Elegua:** Who cares? I know, I ain't going to no more funerals with his  
Crying ass. Making all that...

**Marcus:** he takin' it hard?

**Elegua:** Eh what the... I know Oba raised you better than to  
Keep cutting off elders.

**Marcus:** Marcus apologetic.

**Elegua:** Aw Shit boy you near bout grown you ain't suppose  
To let me get away with that Yeah, he talking it hard.  
That's what he do, take everything to heart since  
Oshoosi Left.

**Marcus:** Who?

**Elegua:** Ogun's brother

**Marcus:**

**Elegua:** Your daddy's best...

**Marcus:** Marcus shakes his head.

**Elegua:** Now wait a minute  
This ain't no Keith sweat song; Where you  
Say no n I say yes. Your daddy's best was Oshoosi, Ogun's  
Brother. How you don't know that?

**Marcus:** It's a lot I don't know.

**Elegua:** Huh, I bet it ain't, wait.

**Marcus:** What I'm waiting on?

**Elegua:** Hmmm huh. Well I wish I had the time patience  
Or want withal to fill you in fella but I got's to go  
This here heat make your titties sag further south  
Than Violet.