

Now, Kintango asks the boys to hold out their *fotos*. They are about to become men like their fathers so that they may return home and life may sprang from their loins. Paste is applied to lessen the pain and Kunta volunteers to be first. Ushered into a hut by four adult males, Kunta is circumsized. Outside, Omoro Kinte winces empathetically at his son's cry of pain.

An explosion of drums announces the return of the new "Men" of Juffere. Old Nyo Boto looks on skeptically as the proud Kunta tells his mother that he has gone through manhood training. Binta tells him that she has packed his things. "You are a man now and cannot stay with us anymore." Kunta will move into the new hut his father has built for him. Binta hugs Kunta fiercely, reluctantly saying goodbye to her son who is now a man.

Grandmother Nyo Boto follows Kunta to his new hut where she accosts him. He is reminded that though he grow tall as a tree, he must still have respect. Nyo Boto wants Kunta to understand that he cannot do everything, though he is now a man. Allah is still greater than he. Kunta understands. But now that he is a man, what will he do? He does not know yet whether he will be a hunter, a farmer or what. While he is waiting for his mind to tell him what to do, Nyo Boto suggests that he do some good thing for his mother. Kunta could make a drum for Lamin. A gift for his four-year-old brother would touch his mother. Nyo Boto is pleased.

A monkey chatters nervously as Kunta searches the jungle for a piece of wood with which to make Lamin's drum. Kunta unwisely rests his bow on the ground while he mimics the monkey's antics. When a snapping twig alerts him, Kunta finds his bow held down by Gardner's booted foot. Kunta runs but is pursued by three Slatees. He is captured and knocked unconscious with Gardner's pistol butt.



MR. SLATER



CAPTAIN DAVIS



FANTA AND HER FATHER

At the head of a search party, Omoro Kinte looks for his son. Sitafa, Kalilu, Kintango and Brima Cesay accompany him. But it is Sitafa who finds evidence of a skirmish and the clue that Kunta has been taken by the white men. Omoro picks up Kunta's bow and examines it. Gravely then he tilts his head back and wails his lament.

The bound Kunta is led to the encampment on the beach where, along with the other new captives, he is locked in a barracoon. A voice calls out to him and Kunta discovers that the Wrestler, that fine example of a Mandinka warrior, has also been captured. In despair at this realization, Kunta lets his head fall against the side of the barracoon.

Captain Davies has begun to do a number of things he did not do before his voyage. He asks Mr. Slater to bring him another cask of rum.

When the encampment has settled for the evening, Kunta scans the neighboring barracoons and finds Fanta Touray also imprisoned. He extends his hand through the bars toward her, a mute offering of comfort to the

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