Dialogue Assignment, Christopher Bucsa

Beginning Stages of Game

\*Kintu and Kiwanuka are sitting around a fire inside their hut, eating. It is nighttime outside.

**Kintu(father)** – You keep harvesting at this rate little one, we’ll have enough food to last the dry season.

**Kiwanuka(youngest son)** – Yes father. Older brother showed me how to gather the cassava and maize more quicky.

**Kintu(father) –** \*smiling\* Ah, he is always looking out for you. Where is Kiwewa anyway?

**Kiwanuka(youngest son)** – He’s fetching water in preparation for tomorrow’s sowing, Father.

**Kintu(father)** - \*disgruntled\* I’ve told him countless times it’s too dangerous to travel to the riverbanks at night. \*Stands-up\*.

Come, grab my spear.

\*Kiwanuka grabs fathers spear, meets him outside, hands him the spear, and the two start walking towards river.\*

**Kiwanuka(youngest son)** – \*worried\* Father, will he be alright you think?

**Kintu(father)** – Yes, I believe so, but you can never be too sure, little one. There have already been four crocodile attacks against our people this season.

**Kiwanuka(youngest son)** – Don’t worry papa If I see a crocodile, I’ll kill it with my bare hands.

**Kintu(father)** - \*laughs\* Brave little Kiwanuka. And what of those large teeth? How will you get past those?

**Kiwanuka(youngest son) –** I’ll sneak up behind him, jump on his back, and choke him to death!

**Kintu(father) –** \*advice mode\* Ah, Kiwanuka, you must never be so overconfident. If there’s one thing my time in The Defense taught me, it’s to never underestimate your opponent.

**Kiwanuka(youngest son)** – \*curious\* Can you tell me more about your time in The Defense, Father? Muko (brother) always says that I’m too young to know, but I disagree.

**Kintu(father)** – \*smiling\* He is very protective of you, isn’t he?

**Kiwanuka(youngest son)** - \*Annoyed\* Yes father, too much so.

**Kintu(father)** - \*laughs\* Well then little man, tell me, what would you like to know?

**Kiwanuka Response Option # 1:**

**Kiwanuka(youngest son)** – What is “The Defense”?

**Kintu(father) –** The Defense is a very powerful army Kiwanuka. They serve under emperor Seyon in neighboring Ethiopia and were formed for the purpose of repelling attacks from the people across the sea.

**Kiwanuka(youngest son)** – Father, so why did you have to fight for the Ethiopians if our tribe doesn’t belong to them?

**Kintu(father)** – Good question, my son. Our people come from a long line of warriors Kiwanuka. Since the beginning of our tribe, we have been repelling attacks from other neighboring tribes, successfully too. Thus, we have gained a strong reputation throughout our land and neighboring countries. Sometimes, our land gets attacked by the people from across the sea, and when it is, one member from The Defense travels to our tribe to recruit some of us in exchange for money, food, and shelter. It is considered an honor amongst our people to be chosen.

**Kiwanuka Response Option # 2:**

**Kiwanuka(youngest son)** -Did you ever have to kill anyone, father?

**Kintu(father)** – Yes little one. As a member of The Defense, you are obligated to protect our land from any invading armies. This involves killing others, and it is a heavy burden on the soul that can not be taken lightly – something you will better understand as you grow older my son.

\*After the conversation, they see Kiwewa kneeling on the riverbank, gathering water.\*