

TUOK

I have never seen him speak so comfortably with a grown man before. The boy trusts you.

HUCKS

He's a good child, I suppose. I'm sorry, I confused with what's happening here. This battle, he's been talking about it for days, made it seem like it was life and death... but it was just a game?

TUOK

Peter takes his games very seriously. He likes to feel important.

HUCKS

I was prepared for bloodshed.

TUOK

He would never.

HUCKS

So there is no power struggle?

TUOK

We live harmoniously, Mr. Hucks. We struggle for nothing.

HUCKS

By what order?

TUOK

Goodwill.

HUCKS

Goodwill?

TUOK

We play our games on this island. We fight our make believe battles and then we go about our separate business. We all do our part in ensuring Peter is happy and comfortable. Though, we try not to let him know that. He thrives on a sense of independence.

HUCKS

So no one answers to anyone?

TUOK

We share respect and trust for one another. What more do we need?

HUCKS

So then why am I here?

TUOK

I'm sorry?

HUCKS

If I'm not here to lead, what am I doing here?

TUOK

You thought you would gain some kind of control over the island?

HUCKS

Peter promised me a share. He said I was the one he'd been waiting for.

TUOK

I do not believe he meant as governor, Hucks.

HUCKS

Then what did he--

(A realization)

Wait. No-- he didn't mean--

TUOK

The subject of his parentage is sore for him, his affection toward you should be taken as the highest compliment possible--

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HUCKS

This is not what I thought it was. I'm not here to-- that's not-- I do not see him in such a way.

TUOK

But you do care for him.

HUCKS

He is a wayfaring child. I am doing my duty as a man, nothing more.

TUOK

You are afraid of something.

HUCKS

This is absurd, I'll not be roped into something like this.

SFX: FOOTSTEPS AS HUCKS STORMS OFF.