

## A DANCE OF THE FORESTS

Characters in order of appearance and their role

In Present (Feast of the Human Community)	Previous Life (8 cent. Ago in the court of Mata Kharibu)	Role
Aroni (the lame one?)	-	Narrator and a Spirit
Dead Man	Captain	Wrongfully killed, hence spirit demands justice
Dead Woman	Wife of the Captain	Wrongfully killed, hence spirit demands justice
Adenbi (Corrupt official in the gov.)	Court Historian	He had taken bribe to allow Incinerator (a lorry) to carry 70 people instead of 40. This caused the lorry to catch fire resulting in the death of 65 passengers.
Demoke (Carver)	Court Poet (dies while bird catching for Madame Tortoise)	Afraid of heights- assigned the honour of carving the totem- confesses to pushing his assistant Oremole to fall as he is jealous of the latter's superior carving skills
Rola (Prostitute)	Madame Tortoise	She had been the cause of the court poet's, captain and his wife's death.
Obaneji (senior filing clerk for the Courts)	Forest Father	Leads all to gather for the trial
Murete (a mischievous spirit)		
Ogun (Demoke's master spirit)	-	
Oremole (Demoke's Assistant & Oro's servant)		
Old Man (Demoke's father)		Order the fuming of the forest by Ereko's chimney to drive away the dead
Eshuoro (Spirit)		Furious at the Forest father and Aroni for their soft attitude towards the humans who are so relentlessly destroying forest