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Jewelry Inspired by The Orisha

Chapter Ten

THE ORACLES (cont.)

THE COWRIE SHELLS (Los Caracoles Dilogun) (cont.)



5. OSHE Five openings up.

Oshun, Olodumare, Orunmila and Elegua speak.

ORACLE: Eyevale Eye Blood that runs thorough the veins.

INTERPRETATION: You have lost your great good luck. What you have loved, has disappeared. At times, you feel like crying for no reason. Your difficulties are your best advisers. Your tongue is your luck and your disgrace. You will be initiated into Santeria. You will "seat" your Orisha. You have participated in ceremonies. Ebos have been done for you. You are not satisfied. You think you have been cheated and fooled.

It is not true. You are a "child" of Oshun. She has been testing you. Don't search anymore. You have found the house where all your problems will be resolved. Oshun will remove your anxiety. You have passed her tests. You are called to serve as a priest within Santeria. Don't say anything bad about other Santeros. They could not help you until you had drawn this Ordun.

A dead soul is asking your family for a mass. It wanders about incessantly and is asking for help.

You will take a long trip, but you must do ebo.

You are very nervous and may fall ill. It is not due to an Orisha or to a curse

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laid upon you. Go to a doctor for a sedative.

You have to move three times. The last house will be your home for years.

There, you will find happiness and good fortune.

EBO: If you promised an ebo to Oshun, pay it now. Offer a small goat to Oshun. She will help you get what you desire.

Oshun wants you to give her a big party with lots of music. Depending on how big a party you throw, that will be the extent of Oshun's gifts to you.

Rub your hands with a bit of cocoa butter and rub them over your head from front to back. Do it frequently. It will calm your nerves.

Make ebo to the front door. Rub it with cocoa butter and drape it with white material.

Feed your Elegua with a smoked fish head and corajo butter to change your luck. Go out and buy a lottery ticket.

Do an ebo for your head.

Offer the Orishas five small fish, five chickens, five small gourds, five feathers from a parrot and five peanuts.

Clean your house five days in a row with clear water, five egg whites and honey.

Don't eat pumpkin, eggs, or reheated food.

Double Ordun

5-1 to 5-4 *are the same as 1-5 to 4-5.*

5-5 *Sore Emu:* If you talk too much, you will tire out both your tongue and your companions. Don't talk so much.

5-6 *Ayalay:* Bells sound better in your own yard.

5-7 *Ire Logue:* You are free because of lack of proof. Don't push your luck. They may catch you with your fingers in the pudding.

5-8 *Buruenyele Odu Iron:* Lies bring arguments. There are disturbances in your house due to liars.

5-9 *Ashaesu Meunle:* No one knows what he has until he loses it. Take care of what is yours.

5-10 *Iku Ogunda Rono Colo Osha Coniguengue:* The dead took what the Orisha has. Don't pretend to be dead or a Saint. You are not going to like the wake or the burial.

5-11 *Aye Oshe Odbara:* If you don't know the laws under which you have to live, or obey them, you will learn them in the next world.

5-12 *Olodumare Omemi Iya:* The good son has God's and his mother's blessing. Remember your mother. Respect your mother.

5-13 *Sirere Ican Ina:* Don't play with fire or you will get burnt.



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6. OBARA Six openings up.

Chango, Oshun and Elegua speak.

ORACLE: Oba Icoru From legends, the truth is born. The king does not lie.

INTERPRETATION: You are very short of means. You lack everything.

Your money vanishes like smoke. You are being held back. Whoever has a treasure and does not watch it, will lose it.

You lie and are always caught at it. Your exaggerations confuse what is real with what is not. People have to take you as you are. You are not going to change. Beware that what you are told is not false. Beware other's lies. Control you mind and see things as they really are. Do not live in dreams and illusions. Beware the law if you defend another from harm.

When opportunity knocks, open the door. Make good use of it or, when your luck fails, don't complain that you threw opportunity away.

Drink is your worst enemy.

Don't talk about what you see. You might benefit from having been the only witness.

A man should listen to his wife's advice.

You are Orunmila's "child".

EBO: If you have an Orunmila, go to a Babalawo and have him suggest an ebo. If you don't have one, receive him as soon as possible.

Light a candle to the Orishas. Offer a rooster and a little piece of the clothes you have on.

Offer a garabato stick (a shepherd's crook or club), two roosters, 16 small gourds, two chickens, red clothe, smoked fish and corajo butter to the Orishas. Don't help anyone lift anything off the floor.

Make a blood ebo to Oshun.

Wear white clothes.

Double Ordun

6-1 to 6-5 are the same as 1-6 to 5-6.

6-6 *Iku Orunmila Babalasha*: He who doesn't know, dies. He who knows lives.

Go to Orunmila's house so he can tell you the luck that awaits you in this life.

6-7 *Aya Ibe*: Dogs have four legs, but walk on one path. You can't be everywhere at once.

6-8 *Afuyalasa*: Where a trifle grows, nothing else will sprout.

6-9 *Asiguere*: You are not crazy. You pretend to be crazy. If you continue to pretend, you will become crazy.

6-10 *Abe Agutan*: Two calves do not drink at the same fountain.

6-11 *Aguada Eke*: Don't be envy's slave. Beware the envious.

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6-12 *Saranda*: Your stubbornness will take you from failure to failure.
6-13 *Arube Chenshe*: He who does not listen to advice does not reach old age.

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7. ODI Seven openings up.

Yemaya, Oshun, Ogun, and Elegua speak.

ORACLE: Odi Olocum Where the first hole was dug. Where the first burial was made.

INTERPRETATION: You are very frightened. You toss and turn in bed without sleep. The spirits of the dead chase you in your dreams. Your nerves are overexcited. You do not have any strength. See a doctor. Don't allow further deterioration. What is nothing today will be extremely serious tomorrow.

Three persons compete for your favors. You are confused but you will pick the third one, the last you met. Beware of venereal disease and eye problems.

Beware adultery's dangers.

Someone will come with gossip. Stay away from the complications. Don't risk giving advice, even with the best of intentions. Remember previous negative results in these situations.

Treachery between man and wife. Blood and tragedy. Don't listen to those who woo you. It will destroy your home. It is all a lie.

You dream of your enemies. Disappointments result from not following your premonitions.

You have the gifts of seer and diviner. You see the future.

EBO: Dress in light, happy colors. Avoid somber colors.

Don't eat or drink in anyone's house.

Offer Elegua a gourd, a turtle, a chicken, two doves, two ears of corn, beans and a rooster.

Offer the Orishas two roosters, a large gourd, seven coconuts, and seven ears of corn.

Offer the Orishas cloths of different colors, seven tamales, two gourds and parrot feathers.

Raise a small lamb. Yemaya will improve your life according to how well it grows.

You are Yemaya's "child" and must be initiated.

Double Ordun

7-1 to 7-6 are the same as 1-7 to 6-7.

7-7 *Odigaga Odigogo*: Everyone makes sure that they do things with care so

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that they come out well. Two don't know how to do things properly.
7--8 *Azan*: Don't abandon your customs. Uneasiness.
7-9 *Ecugogo Meyi Agadogudo*: Two with big noses can't kiss.
7-10 *Cuacua Ofemi*: Don't be ashamed to look at yourself.
7-11 *Logue Cofagua*: Stretch out your hand as far as it will go.
7-12 *Leti*: The ear is smaller than the head, yet it does not go through it. 7-13
Eta Elede: See how much crackling is left after the fat is fried. Give everything
time and you will win..

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8. EYEUNLE Eight openings up.

Obatala and all the Orishas speak.

ORACLE: Leri Eri The head rules the body. Only one king rules the body.

INTERPRETATION: You don't get the merit you deserve. It is your fault.

You are too good, too noble. Help the needy, but don't be taken for a fool.

Listen to your wife or parents when they express anger at the way your false
friends are treating you.

Things may appear uncertain. Your life will change from this date forward.

Don't let yourself be ordered about. Listen to advice and use your judgement.

You have suffered much and still have to struggle on. In the end, your path will
be clear.

You have a gift for business and dealing with people. Olodumare gave you this
gift to use. Use it to benefit yourself and your employees. You were born to
lead. Olodumare wants you to succeed.

Beware of robbers. Stay away from dark and dangerous places.

A dream warning of danger is worrying you. You must make ebo to turn it
away. Don't count your dreams. They will lose their power.

Your complaints attract negative influences. Don't curse yourself or desire your
own death.

Honor Oshun, your elders and your parents. Don't argue. Their advice is for
your own good.

You have taken another's woman. The consequences will be serious.

Don't help anyone off the floor. Whom you help raise, will help you fall. They
will turn against you.

Sometimes you believe and sometimes you doubt. Don't ask for proofs. They
may be too strong for you.

EBO: You have to be initiated into Santeria immediately.

Don't kill mice or any of Elegua's small animals.

You should have a piece of red cloth in your home that draws attention. If you

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don't have one, get one. Curtains, bedspread or tablecloths are good. It should be seen as soon as your house is entered. Don't dress in red. If you'd like to, dress in white or in white with a little bit of red.
Don't eat corn or any grain. Don't eat white beans.
Make an offering to the Orishas of two white doves, a stick of your own height, cocoa butter, two parrot feathers, cotton and a piece of white cloth.

Double Ordun

8-1 to 8-7 are the same as 1-8 to 7-8.

8-8 *Ore Gata Eruya*: When close friends fight, war is certain. Don't fight with your friends.

8-9 *Chango Yile Abo*: Don't repeat the evil that you once committed.

8-10 *Ise Sore Onia*: The needle carries the thread. Don't follow people who talk nonsense. You are being given bad counsel.

8-11 *Iyile Cocoaya Daguada*: He who eats too much, gets sick. Leave some for others. You will not regret sharing what you have.

8-12 *Guan Mele Losi*: Wasps have fierce stings. The pain passes.

8-13 *Onuru Olodumare Mogueleti*: Kneeling, one talks with God. Get on your knees, and God will listen to you.

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9. OSA Nine Openings up.

Oya, Obatala, Ogun, and Oshun speak.

ORACLE: Osa Canengue Erieate Your best friend is your worst enemy.

INTERPRETATION: Problems between man and wife. The marriage is at an end. There is no rest in the house. Too much noise and fighting. The neighbors will call the law. This disagreeable situation is brought about by a person that looks upon the marriage with an evil eye. That person wants the end of the marriage. He or she is paying for witchcraft to destroy you. Beware if you are about to marry.

You feel a lot of anger. Don't argue with anyone. It prevents you from thinking intelligently. You fight over nothing. calm down. If you are single, your fights with your parents are making you leave home.

Stop thinking about moving. Do it.

Don't allow sick visitors to sleep over. If they die in your house, their spirit will trouble you.

Consult a doctor. Beware of fire.

When someone entrusts you with something, receive it in front of witnesses.

You might be asked to return more than you were given.

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EBO: Make an ebo to Ogun. His influence will control your anger. Don't visit cemeteries.
Pray to Obatala. He will lift your sadness.
If you have an Orisha that has not been fed, feed him or her.
Make an offering to the Orishas of two chickens, two doves, a small machete, nine gourds, nine buns and two stones you find in your house, your patio or right by your front door.

Double Ordun

9-1 to 9-8 are the same as 1-9 to 8-9.

9-9 *Ocua Burere Ore*: A friend who kills a friend and a brother who kills a brother cannot be pardoned. Their crime won't be forgotten.

9-10 *Omi Olofin Oyauro*: Rain water is God's water. Wash yourself in it.

9-11 *Tiyu Aqua*: You can't dig a hole where there's one already dug. Leave what is buried be, or you will suffer great shame.

9-12 *Oya Saranda Ayi Loda Logue*: You are a failure because you are a troublemaker. You will be put in the cemetery by your own hand.

9-13 *Otaco Eni Igui*: A hidden enemy in the house; hidden under the bed.

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10. OFUN Ten openings up.

Obatala, Oshun and Oya speak.

ORACLE: Ananaqui. Ofun Mafun Larobi: Where the curse was born.

INTERPRETATION: You are stubborn. You are lazy. What you think is easy, is not. All your projects are up in the air. Your whims make you repent your actions. You don't like toil, but, in this life, one must struggle.

The ill person in your house should see a doctor and consult Orunmila.

Contrary to appearances, your health is delicate. Go see a doctor.

Your gambling luck is gone. Someone is using witchcraft against you. Your job is in danger. Bet the number in your dreams to pay your bills, not to get rich.

Say a mass for your dead parents. Don't argue with living ones.

You must be initiated into Santeria.

EBO: Feed Oshun in a river. Feed Oya in a market.

You must make an Omiero. The questioner and the Santero manipulating the oracle must both drink a little. Spill a bit on a piece of linen. Offer some to Elegua and some to Obatala. At night, throw the remaining mixture out into the street and shout, "Batiosode!", three times.

Maintain your house clean. Don't store bundles under your bed.

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Offer the Orishas an ebo made up of a rooster, a chicken, a horse's mane, powdered eggshell, cocoa butter and tamales.

Double Ordun

10-1 to 10-9 *are the same as 1-10 to 9-10.*

10-10 *Sirere Ile Ogue*: He who gambles loses the cash and his home.

10-11 *Guesum*: The cheap is expensive in the end.

10-12 *Ocumayama*: Drunks don't know what they are doing when they don't want to. 10-13 *Osain Esum*: He who rests under a strong tree benefits from the shadow.

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11. OHUANI CHOBI Eleven openings up.

Babalu-Aye, Elegua, Oshun and Oya speak.

ORACLE: Omi Ohuani Oshobi: Bailing water with a basket. Ingratitude.

INTERPRETATION: A black, evil dead soul is tormenting you and your family. It has been chasing you for years. You have to resort to stronger measures than masses to drive it away or it will take you with it. This spirit drives away anyone who might help you. You have already had accidents. The next one could be fatal. Don't lose hope. Feed your Orisha.

Don't loiter on street corners. You may be falsely accused of a crime.

You don't listen to advice. You don't follow directions. That is why you never see the results of your ebos.

Don't argue. Don't lose control. Let Oya and Elegua pay back those who have harmed you. Don't take vengeance against anyone, not even your worst enemy.

Don't drink. Don't go out at night. Don't open the door to anyone after you go to bed unless they identify themselves.

EBO: Place an Elegua in your home. If you have one, feed him.

Offer the Orishas a bottle of water, a bottle of aguardiente, eleven needles or sharp thorns, three pots, two roosters and three corn meal balls.

Offer the Orishas two roosters, two turtles, white thread black thread and a razor.

Double Ordun

11-1 to 11-10 *are the same as 1-11 to 10-11.*

11-11 *Mentala Ohuanishobi*: You will see your enemy's corpse pass by your front door. Don't curse those that wish you evil. Olodumare will provide justice.

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11-12 *Aguere Agadogodo*: A united family is a strong family. Unite your family.

11-13 *Aquisa*: A new broom sweeps clean.



12. EYILA CHEBORA Twelve openings up.

Chango speaks.

ORACLE: Orecuami Obatacuami: When there is a war, the warrior does not sleep.

INTERPRETATION: Beware of fire. Stay away from the scenes of fires. Don't visit jails or hospitals.

Ask Chango for what you need. You are Chango's "child". You get what you want, but you can't keep it. That's because you don't respect Chango. You have been told that another Orisha protects you. That is not true. Beware of Ogun's "children". You have been a diviner since birth. If you are a man, you will be a Babalawo.

Your friends always betray your trust. They take advantage of you and gossip behind your back. Have few, but well chosen friends. Keep your private affairs private.

You have a bad temper. Don't use or carry weapons.

EBO: Wash your head with hog plums.

Dress in white and pray to Obatala.

Don't practice any sorcery involving the souls of the dead.

Make an offer to the Orishas of okra, a tiger's skin, smoked fish, smoked jutia, cocoa butter, black eyed peas, a small club, a piece of rope, red cloth and white cloth. Sacrifice two roosters.

Double Ordun

12-1 to 12-11 are the same as 1-12 to 11-12.

12-12 *Egue Sarandere Sarayeyo*: Cleanse yourself. Forward movement.

12-13 *Maferefun Orunmila*: Olodumare made Orunmila into a seer. Your destiny is known by Orunmila.



13. METANLA Thirteen openings up.

Babalu-Aye speaks.

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