

Michael arrives to find the Cranes' mound deserted and he decides not to put off stealing the *sani* any longer. Searching the Cranes' hut, he finds a bag of *sani* and grabs it. As he makes his retreat he comes face to face with the frightful sight of Biri, a spectre of grief, shock and blood. The Cranes also appear, and Spart explains that Biri has passed his test, the hunting and killing of his *epon*, raised with him since early childhood. Referring to Michael's pilfered bag of *sani*, Spart asks "What you have, what you know...you will use it wisely?" Michael tearfully replies that he will. Feeling guilt over betraying the Crane Women but glad to be helping his friends in Euterpe, he decides to deliver the *sani* to Helena straight away and prove himself worthy.