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<i>Daniel Kunene</i>: All I was doing is trying to correct an imbalance

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<i>Brooks B. Robinson</i>: yeah

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<i>Daniel Kunene</i>: as a Caribbean man I recognize that Caribbean was seeing with only one eye-the eye of Europe- and one has two eyes and one needed to see with both of them and my first concern was correct that with the African experience.

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<i>Brooks B. Robinson</i>: Now

<i>Daniel Kunene</i>: The main concern was really to try to understand the nature of Caribbean culture and from Islands, the third book in the first trilogy,

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<i>Brooks B. Robinson</i>: Yes

<i>Daniel Kunene</i>: and then uh Mother poem, which is the first book of a second trilogy.

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<i>Brooks B. Robinson</i>: Right

<i>Daniel Kunene</i>: Sun poem, which is to follow as the second book of the second trilogy and then [Ex-Self I'll be exploring the Caribbean, meanwhile in my history, which is closely linked with my poetry, the development of creole society is what it says- creole being my word for a culture, which is new to the new world, and which is a mixture of Europe, Africa, and Amerindia.

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Tribal music fades out

<i>Daniel Kunene</i>: This is now white man land and yet we have ghetto hair..we have place where a man can't live good, we have place where man have to sweat shit, we have place where man die, with them eye water dry up, where he can't even cry tribulation, where the dry river rocks clog him in. I did swim into this world from I was a small boy and I never see harbor yet. Ship can't spot no pilot light. A burning through this wall of silence with my dread. Look how I look pon little fun. Herb some system run in the ground with dun drumming blues.

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