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Prologue

AHLUME ADAMS

Do you believe in Doppelgangers? Yes? No?

Nah, I didn't believe in them too until I came across them.

Ok wait lets first define what these people are first, now normally I'd say creatures but they humans just like you and I except they are humans that look alike.

No! I'm not talking about twins because twins share the same DNA and all that but these people don't share anything either than the same features. I went on the net to try and find a better explanation and all I could get was that a doppelganger "is a look-alike or double of a living person, sometimes portrayed as a ghostly or paranormal phenomenon and usually seen as a harbinger(sign) of bad luck. Other traditions and stories equate a doppelgänger with an evil twin. In modern

times, the term “twin stranger” is occasionally used”. Now if you notice that’s like three definitions for one term... Let me not bore you with the science or the history lesson and get right onto it.

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15, 34); margin-bottom: 27px !important; line-height: 1.4em !important;">My name is Ahlume Adams and I’m a 19-year-old doing his 3rd year in Business Analysis at DUT and I’m your typical rich boy with a bad reputation in school and around the community. I have a twin, Ahlumile and he is nothing like me, he’s your typical good boy every mother’s dream of a son and all that other crap. My twin and I are the best of friends even though we are nothing alike, he’s doing IT Development Software in the same university as I and we are the kind of twins who are so identical you can barely tell the difference between us. Even our mom sometimes can’t tell the difference between us, the only differences between us is that Mile likes to cut his hair, loves the colour black while I prefer white, he has a beauty spot on his chin which you can see when he shaves his beard and unlike me he doesn’t have any piercings on his face while I have one on my left eyebrow.

Back to Doppelgangers, I met a girl last holiday in the states with the family and she blew me away until I met her again in Durban but only it wasn’t her this time but it was her

doppelganger and my life hasn't been the same since! Sit back and take this ride with me.

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My twin and I were driving home back from our last class, well his last class because mine ended earlier on. Actually the lecturer never showed up so here we are. He was the one driving and I was sitting in the passenger seat playing Candy Crush, it's my favourite game please don't judge a nigga.

Him: AHLUME!

Me: what? No need to shout dude!

Him: I've been talking alone. What you busy with anyway?

Me: playing Candy Crush. You were saying?

Him: I'm going to have to cancel on you

Me: why?

Tonight we were planning on going to try out this new club in town

Him: because I have to study for a test we writing tomorrow

Me: dude we just opened schools. What do you mean?

Him: I mean we have a test. Our lecturer wants to check our knowledge on the stuff we learnt last year

Me: fine whatever. I'll go with Lonwabo and Nelly

Him: great

I went back to my game until he parked the car and I got off first. When I walked in Anathi was in the kitchen cooking, Anathi is our mother but I call her by name because she looks adorable to be called mom. Mom is a stay at home wife with a degree in some food what-what and our father Ryan Adams is a

shareholder at BESS Co. and NEEL Co. and he owns an oil refinery company while at it. Basically our parents are rich and we get just about anything we want.

Me: Nathi

I said kissing her cheek while she was busy minding her pots

Times, serif; font-size: 22px;">Her: son. Where's your brother?

Me: he should be right behind me

Just then he walked in talking on the phone. He kissed mom on the cheek while waving

Mom: and then?

Me: you asking me

Her: your father won't be home for dinner

Me: no surprise there

Her: come on baby don't be like that

Me: I'll see you at dinner mom

I grabbed my bag on the chair and she grabbed my arm before I could walk away

Her: honey your father works so that you guys can have everything you need

Me: sure he does mom.

I kissed her cheek and she let go of me and I walked to my room. Our father was cheating on mom and I don't know if she's dumb or she refuses to see it but she should know that by now. Her husband has found some new piece of ass. I don't get

it thou because mom is a beautiful woman with a beautiful body too. I walked into my room and threw my bag on the couch and went to take a shower. When I walked out I called Lonwabo and he said he was down for partying. Just then my twin walked in

Me: what up?

Him: its dad

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Me: what is it? What's wrong with him?

Him: he was involved in an accident and its bad. We have to go

Me: I'll be down in a minute

Yes, my father and I don't see eye to eye but he is still my father and of cause I will panic if I hear such news about him. I went to my closet and grabbed the nearest briefs, sweatpants and t-shirt then wore my push ins and ran downstairs locking the house to find mom sitting in front with my brother in distress.

Me: He's going to be fine mom

She just nodded. I hate seeing my first lady like this. it breaks my heart. We got into the hospital and mom went to enquire about dad at the reception. She came to us and told us that he was in theatre and the doctor would inform us later. Just then a woman walked in and seemed to be enquiring about our dad. She was skinny, Brunette hair, long sexy legs, body hugging dress and just everything perfect. I looked at her from her shoes and then up. It's no doubt that she was a slay queen. I got up and walked up to her leaving my mom with my twin

Her: I need to know if he's ok?

Receptionist: ma'am I'm afraid we can't tell at this point. What relation do you have with the patient if I may ask?

Her: he's my boyfriend

I should have known! I tapped her shoulder and she turned to

look at me, damn she was all kinds of beautiful

Me: hi

Her: Can I help you?

Me: you are Bandile's girlfriend?

In case you were wondering how we are black but have a white surname, our dad is coloured and our mom is black which makes us all black. Dad's father was a white man who cheated on his wife with a beautiful black woman and he came about. Our grandmother is a very beautiful woman. She and grandad didn't marry or anything like that but she never kept dad away from his father and she let dad take his father's surname

Her: what's it to you?

Me: he's my father and that woman sitting over there is his wife. My mother

She looked at mom and then back at me

Her: is this some kind of sick joke?

Me: why would I joke with you? I don't even know you

Her: look little child. Stay away from me before I call security

Me: look my mother is already crushed as it is. Please leave before you make things worse

She chuckled in disbelief and turned to the receptionist

Times, serif; color: rgb(0, 15, 34); line-height: 1.4em !important; margin: 0px 0px 27px !important;">Her: Who is his doctor? I need to know how he's doing

Rec.: Ma'am please take a seat and the doctor will be with you

right now

Me: Ma'am I would really suggest that you leave

Her: NO!

Me: fine.

I grabbed her elbow with her shouting for me to let her go and I just pulled her to the exit

Her: let go of me! you hurting me

Me: I asked you to leave nicely but you didn't listen so I'm making you leave.

I threw her and she stumbled on her heels. I don't know where the security around here was but I'm glad he or she wasn't around.

her: how dare you man handle me!

She said attempting to slap me but I held her wrist

Me: I wouldn't do that if I were you. Look Miss. I don't know you but I would really suggest that you leave and never come back here. My father is married and he will never leave our mother for any kind of pussy. Be smart and walk away before you catch any feelings

I don't know what the hell was wrong with me but it's as though I was consumed by nothing but anger. It's like my father's accident just sparked something in me which I cannot put into words but all I know is that I was angry to that point.

Her: you hurting me. Let go of my wrist please

I didn't realise I was holding her wrist so tight until I let go of it

and she had tears in her eyes and she seemed very much frightened by me.

Me: I am...

Her: get away from me. You're a monster!

She said moving back holding onto her wrist. I think I might have even broke it

Me: I'm sorry

She didn't pay no attention to me instead she walked away holding her wrist. What had just happened to me? it's like I blacked out and something in me took over making me a violent person.

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I stood out there for a good 5 minutes just thinking about what had just happened. I was frustrated with myself, I hated that I would hurt a woman in that manner. A nun walked up to me, she literally rocked up out of nowhere, I only noticed her when she was standing in front of me. She made me look up at her. She looked a little older than me but a little younger than mom. She was really beautiful, like out of this world beautiful.

Her: you know its only going to get worse with time

Me: what are you talking about? Whats going to get worse?

Her: the temper. Your nature is slowly coming out

Me: lady I don't know you so I'm just going to...

Her: Ahlume Adams, 19 year old IT BA student. Top of the class 2 years in a row. Father recently got into an accident. you have an identical twin.

I looked at this lady as though she was crazy. How did she know me? we've never met before!

Her: only she can tame you!

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!important;">Me: lady what are you talking about? Who are you?

She chuckled

Her: when you meet her, you'll know its her. Fate chose her

Slowly but surely I was getting angry. This woman comes up to me, doesn't tell me who she is, doesn't make any sense and then tell me shiit about fate? It makes no sense!

Her: calm down little wolf. Now's not the time!

She said touching my cheek, I looked at her hand on my cheek and then looked at her but she wasn't there anymore. She had vanished into thin air. How does a person just vanish? I looked around and there was no sign of her. What just happened? I didn't even smoke any weed for me to be hallucinating the way I am right now. I decided to head back in before more weird shiit starts happening to me

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I went back inside the hospital and mom and my brother were no longer in the reception so I asked the receptionist to point me to Dad's ward. Mom was sitting by his side while Mile was sitting on the other side.

Me: how is he?

Mom: he's ok I guess. Doctor said he might wake up with a memory loss

Me: I'm sorry mom

I said massaging her shoulders and she put her hand over mine.

Her: its ok baby. He's going to pull through. Your father is a strong person

I just nodded standing behind her.

Her: you guys should head home. Mile you writing tomorrow right?

He nodded

Him: But we can't leave you here

Her: honey I will be fine. You guys should go home though

Me: you sure mom?

Her: yes, honey I'm sure.

I kissed her on the cheek saying my goodbyes and then Mile walked up to her and kissed her on the other cheek and then we walked out. He got into the driver's seat and I in the passenger

Him: so where did you disappear off to?

Me: had to make a call

He didn't say anything

Me: can I ask you something

Him: yeah shoot

Me: you get pissed right?

Him: yeah every normal human being gets pissed at times. It happens

Me: this might sound weird but while I was outside this drop dead gorgeous lady walked up to me and said shiit about my nature coming out slowly and my anger getting worse

Him: uhhm ok... that does sound weird

Me: yeah. She knows me and she knows you. Mind you I have never met her before

Him: ok nothing about what you saying makes any sense

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34); font-family: Georgia, Cambria, "Times New Roman", Times, serif; font-size: 22px;">Me: yeah I know. This woman said some shiit about me meeting her and knowing her because apparently fate chose her

He stopped the car in the middle of the road. I looked at him

Me: dude what the f*ck?

Him: Ahlume are you high?

Me: I should be asking you that. Why the f*ck would you stop

in the middle of the road? You do know that the Metro Police are everywhere

He started the engine again

Him: Dude what's going on?

Me: you asking me.

We got home and parked the car and then we got off and went inside. I walked in first and switched on the lights and there was a wolf in the middle of the kitchen. I love dogs, not even scared of em but I've never been face to face with a werewolf before. I walked towards it and it didn't bark or flinch or do anything

"Dude what are we going to eat?"

I turned to look at Mile and when I turned to look at the wolf, it had disappeared.

Me: did you see that?

Him: see what?

Me: the white wolf! In the middle of the kitchen standing over there

Him: you really need to stop watching these things of yours.

They making you paranoid

I just nodded. Ahlumile and I are twins, he is supposed to see every shiit I see. Why was this weird shiit happening to me alone?

Me: yeah sure. What are we going to eat?

Him: I don't know. Do you mind driving to Mac D or something?

I need to study

Me: yeah sure. Keys

He threw me the keys and he made his way upstairs while I walked out to the car. I bought us large fold over meals and then drove home. Midway I saw this wolf again in the middle of the road making me hit the brakes instantly. I flashed the car lights and it didn't move at all. I got out of the car and went out to check this out. I had to be seeing this for a reason right?

Me: why are you here?

It just looked at me. At that moment I didn't even know whether I was hallucinating this animal or it was really in front of me. It made no sense at all. I brushed its fur back and it leaned in on my touch. It was really beautiful and its eyes just told a story I felt as though I understood.

'Fate chose her for you. She will be your downfall or your awakening. All will make sense to you when the time comes.

Take care'

With that it disappeared. What did it mean? Wait did that wolf just talk to me? It didn't even open its mouth but for some reason it was as if we were communicating via our minds. Mile was right, I really need to stop watching these things.

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Mile and I drove to campus. I didn't tell him about my run in with the white wolf because then he was probably going to think I am crazy and that's the last thing I needed. On the way we decided to call Nathi and check up on her.

//Us: hey mom

Her: hey guys

Me: did we wake you?

Her: no baby you didn't. Did you have breakfast? Mile are you ready for your test?

Him: yes and yes mom we good. How are you? how's dad?

Her: your father is still the same

Me: what is his doctor saying?

Her: he's not giving me anything solid

Him: dad is going to pull through mom don't worry

Me: yeah the old man is stronger than you think

Her: yeah I know you guys. Thanks. Mile best of luck with your test ok

Him: thanks mom

Her: I love you boys

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serif; font-size: 22px;">Me: we love you too Nathi

She chuckled

Her: bye guys

Us: bye mom//

He parked and we both got out.

Him: I'll probably come out late today so take the key and I'll call you ayt?

Me: yeah sure. Best of luck with your test

Him: thanks bro

With that he left me and I headed to my department. I saw the nun standing in a far corner so I made my way to her.

Me: why are you here?

Her: because I can help you

Me: what do you mean you can help me? What's the deal?

Her: you've met him.

Me: who?

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She chuckled

Her: the wolf that's been following you around. You've met him already

Me: what's going on here?

Her: like I said, it will all make sense to you when the time is right. Goodbye little wolf. She attempted walking away but I grabbed her arm, she looked at me and I could feel myself getting an intense migraine. I let go of her holding my head and when I looked up she had disappeared and so had the migraine. Ok what was going on here? I literally have no words to explain the weird shiit happening in my life at this moment. Ever since dad's accident it's like he opened something that's just... I don't know because I myself can't even explain it. I went to the library in ML Sultan library and went to sit in a corner with my laptop and started googling about meeting werewolves and what it would entail and I didn't get anything solid that could explain what was going on with me. I decided to just go and see dad, maybe I need to be with him in this time. I've never bunked any class before but I was going to bunk today's classes. It was just after 8. I got to the hospital and as I was walking in I bumped into the lady I roughly handled yesterday, she had a bandage around her wrist.

Me: Miss

Her: stay away from me!

Me: I am so sorry

Her: just please stay away from me. I didn't come to your father
I was here to see the doctor about my wrist that's all
She was clearly afraid of me and that was the last thing I
wanted, she was even trembling

Me: I don't want to hurt you. How's your wrist?

Her: broken!

She said walking away from me. I wanted to grab her but I was
afraid I might hurt her even more. I let her be and walked in
further inside the hospital. I went to my father's room and he
was sleeping and mom was sitting by his bed side

Me: you should go home and shower

Her: hey. I didn't see you there. Aren't you supposed to be in
class?

Me: not today. How is he?

Her: there's still no change

Me: and what's his doctor saying?

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Times, serif; font-size: 22px;">Her: that he might wake up with
a memory loss and wheel chair bound... if he wakes up

Me: what's that supposed to mean?

Her: that the accident was really bad baby

Me: he's going to wake up mom

Her: I don't know baby

Me: mom it's way too early to lose hope in dad

Her: come let's go for a drive

Me: but mom

Her: come. I can tell you have a lot on your mind. Lets go

She got up and I put my arm around her neck while she put hers around my waist and then we walked out asking the receptionist to call mom should there be any change in dad. We drove off until we reached the beach. It wasn't packed, she sat down on the benches and just watched the smooth waves.

Her: you know when I fell pregnant with you and your brother, I was told that I wouldn't even make it past the first trimester.

Doctors kept telling me that they don't know what's wrong with me or my womb but all they know is that it doesn't seem as though I will carry to full term. Until your father flew in a specialist from the state and she said I have an ectopic pregnancy, you guys were growing inside my fallopian tubes.

She said that if I didn't abort you guys then it would cause a greater damage in me and possibly die. I had a choice to make.

To either keep you guys or to abort you and your father was all for the abortion because then that meant he got to keep his wife. The easy way out would have been saving myself but when you find out that you pregnant you come to realise that you no longer living for yourself but you living for the people growing inside of you and so I decided that I rather die than to

kill you. Your father didn't talk to me for 3 whole days
She chuckled. I know how dad can get, I don't doubt that he would do that.

Her: I let him sulk. This one night we were sleeping when I felt a pain in my abdomen, it was unbearable and I was bleeding, I screamed in agony waking up your father in the process and from there on he started talking to me. I don't think I had ever seen such fear in his eyes until that day, he rushed me to the hospital and he tried to fight his way inside but they couldn't let him do that. When I woke up he was sleeping by my bedside with his hand tightly squeezing mine, even in his sleep he is still very much possessive.

I chuckled. I can understand where my dad was coming from, I mean I can't imagine my life without mom. She's that amazing of a person.

Her: the first thing I asked him was if I was still pregnant or not and he smiled assuring me that my babies were fine and that you guys miraculously moved to my womb. Till this day doctors cannot explain how that happened. I knew then and there that I wasn't carrying ordinary babies

I looked at her estranged.

Me: what do you mean?

She took a deep breath and then let it out

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Just then my phone rang and it was Mile.

Me: its Mile

Her: answer him. He's probably done writing

I answered him putting him on speaker

//Me: nigga you're on speaker

Him: yeah sure whatever. Where are you? Lwando's been looking for you

Me: I'm with mom at the beach

Him: hey mom

Her: hey baby. How was the test?

Him: it was a revision test mom. nothing major

Her: it might just come in handy when your DP doesn't add up

Him: when has my DP not added up Nathi? Don't worry I'm good

Her: the kids I gave birth to. Sometimes I think I was given the wrong ones

We all laughed, I shoved her playfully and she shoved me back

Him: geez mom. we splitting images of dad

Her: that don't mean I'm your mom

Me: MOM!

She laughe

Her: I'm kidding. You guys are mine!

Me: tell Lwando I'll hala at him

Him: just call the guy ok. Anyway mommy dearest care, I'll see

you when I'm done here

Her: ok my baby

Me: alright. Bye twin.

Him: bye guys//

I ended the call

Her: I should go wash

Me: glad you noticed the stink!

serif; font-size: 22px;">She laughed

Her: I don't stink!

I blocked my nose and she laughed hitting my shoulder

Her: I will spank you!

Me: mom language. That sounds so wrong

Her: you need to stop watching porn

Me: mom seriously

Her: yes seriously!

We made our way to the car and then we got in on either sides
and I drove off

Me: you were saying something before Mile called

Her: its nothing baby. We'll talk about it another time

Me: you sure?

Her: yeah I'm sure. So whats been going on with you? What
happened to that girl? whats her name again? Shanon or
something?

Me: I told you we weren't dating.

Her: and the one we met on vacation last December... Ummm
Lisa is it?

Me: mom!

Her: what? I just want to know. what happened to her?

Me: it was a holiday thing, we didn't even do anything either
than to just chill. You know the usual

Her: I thought you liked her

Me: what gave you that impression?

Her: I don't know. She brought out this loving side of you

Me: don't I show you enough love

Her: you know what I mean. She makes you mushy and stuff

Me: stop before you get us into an accident.

She laughed and kissed my cheek. We got home and she went
to shower while I made her something to eat. At least she was
laughing again so that's a good start. When mom was done
washing she ate and then we drove back to the hospital. As we
were walking in she was walking out. Lisa! The girl I met last
December.

Me: Lisa

She looked at me with an estranged look. She was walking with
an old lady, must be her grandmother or something

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I was not about to let her go again. This time around I was going to get her contact details or something. I didn't even care if I was going to get her in trouble or not but all I knew was that I needed to be with her. I needed to see her again. Fate had brought us together.

Me: Lisa wait up

She turned her head once and increased her pace. I ran up to her until I caught up

Me: uhhm hello Gogo

Her: hello

Me: I am Ahlume Adams, a friend of Lisa's

Gogo: oh... I'm Lisa's grandmother

Me: can I take you guys off wherever you going?

Lisa gave me a questioning look and I shrugged. I couldn't let her go just like that. What if this was the last time I was ever going to see her? There was something magical about her unlike the last time I met her. Last time we met it was completely different, it was like we lusted for each other... well I lusted for her but this time around it was different. I could feel myself falling in love with her. Her beautiful tiny voice, her shyness... which was not there the last time we met. She was just perfect; she was a breeze of fresh air. She was directing me where to go as her grandmother asked me all sorts of questions about my family and clan names and stuff. Who would have

thought that she lived in this kind of place? Don't get me wrong I was not looking down on her home or stuff but it's just that when we met she was your IT tech wiz with an iPhone and apple laptop. You'd think someone with such gadgets lived in a mansion or something or maybe she was on a vacation with a sugar daddy? I had so many unanswered questions and only she could give me the answers. I parked in front of the house and her grandmother invited me in for a drink. She was way too trusting

Me: I can't stay really, I need to go and check on my father. He was in an accident

Her: I'm so sorry

Lisa was already gone.

Me: Uhhm Gogo may I speak to Lisa

Her: let me call her for you neh

We shook hands and then she walked inside the yard and a while later Lisa came out

Me: so you were just going to leave without saying goodbye

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15, 34); line-height: 1.4em !important; margin: 0px 0px 27px

!important;">Her: honestly? I don't think we've met before

Me: We met last December

She shook her head

Me: I understand if you scared of your grandma. Look, give me

your number and I'll call you so we can go out and just get to know each other more

Her: I don't have a phone

She said biting her lower lip and playing with her hands.

Everything about her was just beautiful and effortless

Me: what do you mean you don't have a phone?

Her: I mean I don't own a phone. Bye Ahlume

She walked away from me but I grabbed her arm before she could even walk and I saw bruises on her wrists.

Me: are these... Lisa what's going on? Did you try hurting yourself

Her: I don't know what you are talking about

I let go of her because I was afraid I was tightening my grip on her and hurting her in the process even though she didn't complain.

Her: goodbye Ahlume

With that she walked into the yard and left me standing there astonished. That was strange. I got inside the car and drove off to mom. I called my twin on the way but he wasn't answering his phone so I let him be. I got to the hospital and parked my car and then went in.

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Mile called me asking me to go and fetch him because he was done for the day. We drove to the hospital together with him behind the wheel, I didn't trust that I would make it to the hospital alive because on my way back from Lisa this wolf appeared again and on my way to fetch Mile I saw it again on the road almost making me crash the car.

Him: its unlike you to be this quiet

Me: I just have a lot on my mind

Him: talk to me

Me: I've been seeing a wolf lately

He chuckled

Him: a wolf? Where?

Me: everywhere. Anywhere. Its creepy

Him: you sure it's not dreams?

I shook my head

Me: I haven't been dreaming of it Ahlumile. I've been seeing it and it doesn't attack or do anything. It's like it wants me to know something and then there's this woman I've bene seeing

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serif; font-size: 22px;">Him: seeing?

Me: no not like that. As in she just appears and then disappears and that's it

Him: ok this is weird

Me: I know right. today I bumped into Lisa at the hospital

Him: the babe from last December?

Me: yeah her. She claims she doesn't remember me and she is nothing like the girl I met last December. She's broke

Him: is that a problem?

I shook my head

Me: I just wish she had been honest with me and not lied about where she was from. To me she said she grew up in China and was currently living in New Orleans so for her to lie like that

Him: I don't know man.

We drove in silence with nothing but Saudi's Album playing on the car and me rapping along. I love the guy's music. We got to the hospital and he parked the car and we both got off and I walked inside. I found her sitting on the hospital chairs with her head between her thighs and hugging herself.

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I told my brother to go in ahead of me as I checked up on Lisa. I went to stand in front of her and touched her shoulder

Me: Lisa?

She looked up, you could tell she had been crying and she was still crying, it was visible in her eyes. She was so too beautiful for words and see her in the state she was currently in tore my heart apart, it broke my heart and made me wish I could take the pain away from her myself.

Her: its my fault. It's all my fault

She said breaking down

I pulled her up and pulled her to my arms and just let her cry on my chest. She was really short and really cute. I let her cry until she had hiccups while brushing her back

Me: it's not your fault

I didn't even know what I was saying let alone know what I was talking about but she needed someone to tell her that it wasn't her fault! She pulled away from my chest sniffing

Me: come let's go get you a glass of water

She nodded. We walked with my arm around her shoulder to the water dispenser and I poured her cold water which she took small sips off. her big round eyes were tiny from all the crying. How does someone cry and still look that beautiful? it had to be a crime right? it had to be wrong! We walked to sit down.

Her: I found my grandmother on the floor today

Me: I'm sorry. Any idea what happened to her?

Her: I said somethings to her earlier on and she went to lock herself in her room and when I went to call her to eat I found her on the floor

Me: I'm sorry Lisa but I'm sure it's not your fault

She shook her head

Her: I should have respected her. I should have obeyed her and not spoke back to her the way I did

Just then a nurse walked up to us.

Her: Sibeko?

I looked at Lisa. Wasn't she Click's daughter? Click is Noland so how was she a Sibeko?

Lisa: that's me! how is she? Is she going to be ok?

Her: her pressure was very high which in turn caused her to have a heart attack

She started wailing all over again

Lisa: I almost killed her

Me: how is her grandmother doing right now?

Her: she's breathing. We keeping a close eye on her but she should be ok in a few days

Lisa: can I see her?

Her: I'm sorry not now. We have to monitor her

Lisa: please. She's all I have

Her: I'm sorry but we can't let anyone see her at the moment.

With that she walked away from us leaving me with a crying Lisa. I just pulled her to me and let her cry until she had no more cry in her.

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After a while of my crying and sobbing on the poor guy's chest I got out of it. I was even embarrassed to look at him. We don't know each other like that for me to be doing such things to him.

Me: uhm I am... I'm sorry

Him: come let's take a walk!

Me: what?

Him: you need fresh air and so do I. Let's go

He was already standing in front of me with his hand held out to me and so I took it and we both walked out hand in hand in silence. We got outside and Mamu'Namhla from the church was about to walk in.

Her: hello Lisa

I nodded

Me: hello Ma

I said trying to pull my hand from Ahlume but he was determined on not letting go of it. Oh God this is the last thing I need. I can't have people from my church seeing me parading around with a man.

Me: this is Ahlume my friend

She pulled out her hand to greet him and he held her hand and

they shook them and then she quickly let go of it, her smile had turned into what seemed like a frown. I didn't even know what to make of what just happened.

Her: Stay away from him if you know what's good for you!

With that she walked away. What did she entail? Did she see something in him like how she saw something with me in church?

Him: what was that about?

Me: I should be asking you

Him: she doesn't even know me Lisa, I don't understand why she would tell you to stay away from me

Me: she sees things ok

Him: so what? She saw something in me and then decided that you should stay away from me? Oh Please Lisa!

Me: why you raising your voice at me?

I said cringing

Him: I'm sorry. I didn't mean to

I pulled my hand away from him

Me: maybe I should stay away from you!

I said walking back inside. When an old person tells you to stay away from someone it's because they know better than you do.

I went to sit in the reception waiting for anything really that I could get about my grandma.

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I didn't understand what the deal was with Lisa. I was fuming, I didn't do jack shiit to her and then some old lady tells her to stay away and she decides to do just that. That's BULL! I walked to the car and dialled this other chick from Steve Biko campus whom we screw every now and then. She answered on the third ring

//Her: Ahlume?

Me: why do you sound shocked?

Her: cause you never call anymore and I never see you

Me: I've been busy man. A lots been going on even at home

Her: yeah? Sorry to hear that

Me: what are you doing?

Her: I just got out of class. You?

Me: I'm driving around. Where are you

Her: Steve Biko

Me: I'm on my way to fetch you

Her: Ahlume I hav...

Me: see you in a bit Sinalo//

I ended the call. I know she was going to remind me of her boyfriend and tell me shiit about being busy but she knows I don't beg and she knows she can get it just how she should be getting it and I know very well she won't be saying any of that when she's screaming my name when she cums. I got to Steve Biko and parked outside and called her

//Me: I'm here, where are you?

Her: I'm leaving the res now

Me: he must be mad at you huh?

Her: can we not do that.

Me: where about the res are you dude?

Her: I will meet you near the Library

Me: Ayt//

I walked towards the gate leaving the school and headed to the res. See the thing with me Sinalo is that we are compatible sex-wise, there's nothing she doesn't do in bed and she's always open to trying new things. When 50 shades came out she suggested we do the freaky shiit Christian does to Ana and who was I to say no? Her boyfriend suspects that there's something going on between us but we've assured him that we nothing more than cousins and he actually bought the story... Such an idiot if you ask me. I met them as they were walking out. I walked over to them

Me: Hey cuz. Nigga

Him: yeah

Me: how are you? been a while

Him: good. You?

Me: same. Ready to go?

Her: yeah sure. Bye babe

She hugged him and kissed him, I cleared my throat with a chuckle and they broke the kiss. I wasn't even phased by their

kiss but I was doing it to spite the guy. They hugged again and then I took her hand and we walked away

Her: that was really not necessary

Me: well maybe if you had a better boyfriend then I wouldn't have

She rolled her eyes.

Me: do that again and watch me grab your ass in front of all these people

Her: fine I'm sorry.

We walked to the car over meaningless conversations and then we got into the car and I drove us to Spur to buy something to eat and then we drove off to dad's old house. I respect my parents enough not to screw girls under their roof. We got to the room and we did all the things. We were laying in bed cuddling with her on my chest

Her: you were too rough today

Me: I'm sorry

She had scratches on her back and bite marks on her shoulder and some other parts of her body. I really went overboard with her than usual. It was like I was transferring the anger I had from earlier on to her and that in turn ended up with her bruised.

Me: you should have told me to stop

Her: I did Ahlume but you didn't listen

Me: I'm really sorry Sina. Let's get you something for the bruises when I drive you home

Her: ok

We laid there until my phone rang, it was already late around 7 or so. I checked my phone and it was Ahlumile

Me: I have to answer this, it's Mile

Her: sure

I answered him

//Me: Sho Poi

Him: don't sho poi me. where the heck are you?

Me: woah nigga calm down. why the anger?

Him: you were supposed to have fetched granny Ahlume!

Me: shiit! Where is she now?

Her: she took an uber. How come your phone was off?

Me: my battery died. I'll be there in an hour//

He dropped the call on me. Argh Mile could be dramatic when he wanted to be. I really had forgotten my grandmother was coming to town today

Me: Get dressed so I can take you to your place

Her: what's up?

Me: my grandmother is in town

She got up and walked towards the bathroom. The scratches on her back looked like they were that of an animal, they really looked painful even. I have never hurt her like that before and the bite marks on her back and thighs were new to me. I never

bit her before let alone scratch her the way I did today.

Something was really wrong with me! I got up and followed her and she was standing in front of a mirror looking at herself

Me: is it painful?

Her: at the moment no. I'm scared they might just hurt when I get in water

Me: I am really sorry Sina

She turned to me and cupped my face

Her: I'm a big girl Ahlu

She kissed me and then went to the shower. She kept flinching as I washed her back with a sponge.

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After buying her ointments and pills for the bruises I drove her home and then called Mile who told me they were home already. I got home and parked outside and then went in and they were sitting in the lounge eating, I looked at my watch and it was already around 8:40pm. I greeted everyone and then sat down

Mom: your food is in the microwave

I nodded, got up and went to fetch my plate and then joined them. Gran was sharing old stories about her good old days

Mom: where were you?

I scratched my head

Me: I was with a friend

Mom: and who do you think was fetching your grandmother while you were in between some girl's thighs

I kept quiet

Gran: let the kid be. He's been dealing with a lot

Mom gave me a death stare

Me: I'm sorry gran, I forgot

Gran: its ok. How have you been lately?

Me: I've seen better days. How are you? how was your trip?

Gran: tiring but worth it. Your father should wake up soon

Me: how?

Gran: I'll tell you all about it in good time

With that she got up

Gran: Anathi show me to my room please

Mom got up and accompanied her out leaving me with Mile

Me: bro

Him: yeah what's up?

Me: I screwed up really bad

Him: you think

He said sarcastically

Me: nigga I'm sorry I didn't pitch ok. But can we be serious

Him: what did you screw up?

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!important;">Me: you remember that chick from Steve Biko?

Him: yeah, what about her?

I took out my phone and handed it to him and he took it

Me: keep scrolling

He nodded and did just that without saying anything and then

he gave it back

Him: what did that to her?

Me: Me!

Him: what do you mean? How? Your nails aren't that sharp

I shrugged

Me: I don't know man. A lot of weird shiit has been happening

lately and now I hurt her so badly and she's not the first

Him: what do you mean she's not the first?

Me: I mean she's not the first person I've hurt. There was a lady that rocked up at the hospital wanting to see dad and I held her

wrist and broke a few of her bones

Him: What?

Me: yeah. I know! I don't know what's going on with me and I'm scared bro. It's like my anger just consumes me and I turn into something I don't know

Him: we should talk to gran about this

Me: she'll just think I'm crazy

Him: after what I saw today at the hospital... I don't think so

Me: what do you mean? What are you talking about?

Him: gran is a witch!

I chuckled in disbelief.

Me: yeah right

Him: nigga I'm serious. Gran mixed some herbs and shiit and then blew them on dad's face turning him into a wolf or some animal shiit and then he woke up a little as a wolf and then went to sleep again but he was back to his human form

Me: nah mahn stop tripping

Him: Gran said she wants to talk to us when dad wakes up tomorrow.

With that he got up and left me stunned and locked up in my feelings. Dad? A wolf? What? Nothing about all of this makes any sense at all!

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Early morning, we woke up and made our way to the garden and gran was sitting there having her morning tea, the way she held herself you would swear she was the queen of England, so much poise, confidence and all and her beauty allowed her. this woman aged like wine. We greeted her and sat on either side of her.

Me: gran

Her: yes

Me: weird things have been happening to me ever since dad's accident

She nodded

Me: I don't know how to explain it. the day dad got into an accident I met a lady, a nun to be exact and she said some meaningless things to me and then I manhandled dad's girlfriend breaking a few of her bones on her wrist... strength I never knew I had. I've been seeing a white wolf almost everywhere I go, I've been having some weird ass dreams where Lisa is crying and begging me not to hurt her and yesterday I scratched and bit this girl I've been having sex with, the bite marks and scratch marks look like that of an animal. I don't understand what's going on with me and I'm scared I'll end up hurting more people.

She took a sip of her tea and then nodded. She wasn't giving anything away at all. I was really confused as to what was going

on with me and she was just chilled, not even surprised by what I was telling her.

Her: so what are you expecting from me?

Mile: what do you mean gran?

Me: excuse me?

We spoke at the same time

Her: what are you expecting from me?

Me: how about answers. Why dad's accident affected me the way it did maybe

She nodded and then took another sip of her tea and then placed her cup down.

Me: Mile and I are twins and yet I'm the only one experiencing all of this

Her: so you thought that just because you guys are twins you going to experience the same things? Nice

She said with a sarcastic chuckle annoying the daylights out of me. I got up

Her: sit down Ahlume!

I sunk back on my seat

Her: do you believe in Werewolves, doppelgangers and vampires?

Me: I believe that they are made up creatures if that's what you asking

Her: even after everything you've seen and been through you still think they made up creatures?

I scratched my head not knowing what to respond

Her: exactly. What about witches? Do they exist?

Mile: apparently

Her: would you believe that I'm a witch?

I shook my head.

Her: ask Mile, he saw what happened yesterday at the hospital

Me: well I wasn't there

Her: Mile tell your brother what you saw yesterday

Him: I saw dad turn into a wolf and back to human

Her: When our mother was pregnant with you guys, a month old I came to visit your parents. It wasn't a friendly visit. You guys needed to be introduced to the ancestors so that your birth could be celebrated. But the introduction ritual was never complete. Would you guys believe that your grandfather was a wolf, he was from a long line of werewolves hence the ritual was never complete because the ancestors wouldn't accept wolves into their sacred ground.

I chuckled. Not because it was funny but because it was unbelievable. she sounded crazy.

Her: that was the same reaction you mother had. Since the ritual had to take place with your mother sleeping, she got trapped into the world of the dead seeing that she was carrying something in humanly. I begged the ancestors to wake her up in exchange that should you guys turn a 3 and doppelgangers are born then we would give them a sacrifice.

Me: gran are you hearing yourself?

Mile: the sacrifice being us or the doppelgangers?

Her: the doppelgangers but no amount of magic could find them at all. The doppelgangers were protected and one of them ended up being cursed which rendered her blood useless and so I decided then and there that in order for them not to take you from us I would turn your guys into hybrids but that transition can only be complete now if a doppelganger carries your child. Seeing that your father had a near death experience you triggered the werewolf gene and you had already met the doppelganger so hence your brother didn't trigger it

Mile: so if I had met the doppelganger first then I would have been the one to trigger this gene?

Her: exactly but your brother triggered it and so we have to wait until he impregnates the doppelganger so that the child can be sacrificed to the ancestors that way you and your brother don't get trapped in the world of the dead should you die, so that your spirits rest in peace without being tortured I shook my head. None of what she was saying was making any sense to me.

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I stood up and so did Mile

Him: you wanted to understand what's going on with you bro
so sit your ass down and listen

Me: this is bull Ahlumile. Such things don't exist!

I pulled my arm away from him and walked back inside the
house leaving them there, I bumped into mom

Her: and then?

Me: sorry mom

Her: what's got you so worked up early in the morning?

Me: did you know?

Her: know what?

Me: that we are wolves. Did you know?

Her: yes

Me: why didn't you say anything? Why did you let them do
whatever it is they did to you? why did you keep us knowing
that you could have died?

Her: I didn't know at the time. I didn't know she was a witch
and that your father was a wolf. Being put in the slumber I was
put in, being in the land of the dead humbled me. I didn't want
my children to suffer like that. If your grandmother didn't do
what she did, then you guys would have been trapped in the
world of the dead and that alone was something I didn't want
you guys to experience. That world is evil and torturous. You
relive your guilt for as long as you live and I didn't want that
fate for you guys

Me: I have to go!

I stormed out and drove to the hospital. When I got to reception I walked straight to dad's ward but ended up bumping into her. The anger I had when I walked in was no longer there. She was just beautiful and something about her was calming. How could I get her pregnant and then take her child away from her? that wouldn't fair at all. She looked up at me and then walked away from me quickly. I made my way to dad's ward and he was awake.

Me: father

Him: son hey

I threw myself in his arms and he held me for sometime

Him: I should almost die all the time if this is what I come back to

I chuckled and got out of his chest

Me: how are you?

Him: fine I guess

Me: so you're a wolf?

Him: a hybrid

Me: how?

Him: vampire, human and doppelganger sacrifice and some spell

Me: how? Gran said I would have to make a doppelganger pregnant in order for us to transition?

Him: yeah well at the time that was how things were done but

since there's two doppelgangers in existence it can be done but one of them has to die

Me: meaning?

Him: it was doppelganger blood that created me meaning you have its blood in you and you being with one will lead to her death and when she dies you get to transition

Me: and the pregnancy?

Him: she's supposed to die while giving birth to the baby which will be a sacrifice

Me: if you had to sacrifice your child, would you do it?

Him: if it's for a greater cause then yeah

I shook my head

Me: so we mean that little to you? there's always a loophole in magic dad

Him: look I was fortunate enough not to sacrifice you boys but somethings need to be done son

Me: even if it means killing your own child?

He shrugged. I got up and left his room. These people were not being fair at all!

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Ever since the day they told me about the hybrid story and Lisa having to carry my child and died I came to a realisation that Lisa was actually not the Lisa I had met last December.

Doppelgangers apparently do exist and Neliswa was a witch...

How does one take all of that in without going crazy? It's been a week now and I've been keeping my distance from Anelisa because she's much safer without me in her life. The dreams have been intense and worse than before, I'd dream of her and her doppelganger tied to logs and some woman trying to kill them for reasons known to her. Now I told my granny about these dreams and she said that that's not how things are supposed to be done, the doppelgangers can't die like that else we won't transition and all that other witch stuff. she asked me to bring her Lisa's blood so that she may try to find out what exactly the ritual I've been dreaming off is and what's it for and also so that she can try and get Monalisa to come to SA... I don't know how she plans on doing that because I'm not planning on getting her the poor girls blood. That time I've also been a miserable person, I think I'm in love with Anelisa so damn much that it gets my emotions all worked up and when I miss seeing her face I go crazy such that I end up hurting Sinalo in the process and the poor girl just takes the pain as it comes. I've told her countless times to stay away from me but she refuses or maybe I refuse... I don't know, feels like ever since I

met Lisa my life has been nothing but shambles. I was at the mall with my brother, Gateway to be exact and we were just looking around and planning on going drinking, or he was the one planning and I wasn't exactly up for it. Ever since everything I've stopped drinking and I am very much all about my studies, our friends have even called me the boring twin and Mile the awesome one.

Him: dude come on, we'll live if your visions start. It's been too long since we last had fun together

Me: I don't know mahn. I mean all this is just too damn much and I don't want to go crazy in front of a crowd

My phone beeped and it was an SMS, I took it out and read it while listening to Mile go on and on, I bumped into someone... short if I may say

Me: hey watch it

Her: I'm so sorry.

We both went down and picked up the things we were carrying, she was carrying a plastic bag and I was picking up my phone. Our hands touched and I looked at them, it could only be her or I was hoping it's her.

Her: I am so sorry. Will I have to pay that back?

Her voice was tiny and cute and it was doing things to me that I've never experienced before. Would you believe that I am 19 and have never fell in love? I looked up at her and she had her hair hanging loose and it was actually long, I don't know many

black girls with long her and baby hair like that.

Me: no its fine

She looked at me with shock clearly written all over her face, the screen had cracked but it wasn't bad, it was the screen protector anyway

Her: you

Me: uhhm.... H.... hi

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Cambria, "Times New Roman", Times, serif; font-size: 22px;">We both got up slowly, it felt like a movie moment were both of us were lost in each other's eyes that we didn't even pay attention to the people that were around us. She was beautiful with big bold eyes yet very shy. I tucked some hair behind her ear and she leaned in on my touch

Me: still don't want to talk to me?

She looked tongue tied and very cute.

"Ahem"

Her friend cleared her throat, beautiful colored girl with black hair, her black hair colour looked natural and her hair texture was different from that of Lisa's. We Lisa introduced us and i introduced them to Mile

Her: I was told to stay away from you

Imi: come on Cute twin let's give them space

Imi said to Mile and they excused themselves

Me: what can I do to change your mind?

Her: you can't. It's wrong to diso....

She didn't even finish her sentence when I smashed my lips onto hers. She broke it and we both looked into each other's eyes.

Me: your number?

I asked handing her my phone with a triumphant smile

Me: see you later sweetlips

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After telling Lisa I love you she tried leaving but I had locked the doors, I had expected her to react the way she did. My baby was too shy to express the way she felt and she couldn't handle me expressing the way I felt about her, she was too cute for words. I loved everything about her, how she liked to tie her hair up instead of letting it hang loosely and but I was ok with that because I was always the one to untie it and then on weekends she didn't tie it but she always held it with hair pins to refrain it from falling to her face. Things between us since that have been nothing but a bliss, now I know I was wrong for being with her but I was not going to get her pregnant so that they could sacrifice her and our child. I couldn't do that too her. she was too precious and too innocent for such things. She was too innocent for me actually but I had to be with her, she was my peace, my sanctuary, she made me calm whenever I was mad she always found a way to calm me down and she had an angelic voice which worked in her favour. I fell in love with her on a daily. It's been two weeks since we been dating and I haven't told my family about us, only Mile knew about her and he promised not to utter a word to anyone. I know it was probably pointless hiding things from them seeing that my grandma was a witch and all but I had to take my chances. I was on campus texting with her, it was Saturday but I had an assignment to finish and she was at the mall with her dad. I was

smiling like an idiot as she had sent me a picture of lips. I know it's stupid but I loved it. it was an emoji from her kissing me through the phone. I bumped into someone

Me: I am so sorry

I looked up and it was the hot nun

Her: that's a first. The normal Ahlume would have told me to watch it even though he knew he was wrong

I just looked at her with a shrug

Her: don't hurt her Ahlume

I raised an eyebrow

Her: she's my daughter and I need you to promise me that you will not hurt her. you will not let your family hurt my daughter

Me: you're Anelisa's mom?

She looked 20... I'm sorry but it's the truth. She nodded

Her: yes, I'm her mom, I had her at a young age

I nodded

Her: I see she's taming you already

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Me: you knew I was a wolf.

Her: it was not my place to tell you.

Me: you knew I'd be with her and then the next thing you telling me to not hurt her

Her: look I didn't know that it was my daughter that would be the one to tame you, well then I didn't know that she had a doppelganger and now I'm worried about the things I've seen. I don't know whether or not you might turn on her but I am hoping you don't

Me: I don't understand

Her: a friend of mine had visions of you abusing her Ahlume, physically and emotionally and I hope for your sake that those were just visions

Me: I would never hurt your daughter. She's my everything

Her: oh please. It's only been two weeks

Me: I don't care but I love her that much

Her: I really hope you do because I would hate to have to kill you. you too cute

I looked at her stunned. She was smiling but her smile was not genuine at all, it was threatening

Me: I won't.

My phone beeped and she had sent me a shocked emoji. I realised then that I hadn't responded to her last emoji and she knows I never not respond to her emoji of the lips. I responded 'sorry babe, just bumped into a friend' and then sent her a kissy face emoji.

If you went through our text you'd mostly see emoji's, we had a

tendency of speaking using emoji's as sentences and we actually understood each other's texts. This one time my brother was on our chat and he was so confused as to what we were talking about because all he could see were emoji's and no words. I just laughed at him. We're a unique couple I guess. When I looked up from my screen she was gone. Sometimes I couldn't tell between reality and my imagination. I walked to Sultan and texted her I was at the library and would call her when I was done.

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Lisa's birthday was on a Monday, she was turning 16 on the 12th of March, I was planning on surprising her but I haven't spoken to her since Saturday on the 10th which was strange considering the fact that we spoke every day of every minute. I called her after writing my assignment and her phone went straight to voicemail, I didn't stop, I kept calling but still nothing, it was frustrating. I decided to go to her grandmother's house on Sunday to go and check on her. I knocked her grandmother opened, she looked like she hadn't gotten any sleep which only worried me

Me: Gramps hi

Her: hi Adams, come in

I nodded and she stood aside letting me in.

Her: I don't know whether you've heard but Anelisa got into an accident with her father but we haven't found her

She couldn't even hold her tears back. I pulled her in for a hug

Me: how gramps?

Her: I don't know

She said in between her sobs. I could feel my muscles tense up.

I had this overwhelming pain shoot right through my heart.

Hearing that she was missing broke my heart but I wanted to be strong for her grandmother. Just then here was a knock on the door, we broke the hug and I offered to open the door for her and it was a white man, I looked at him from head to toe,

something about him didn't sit well with me

Me: hi

I pulled out my hand and he looked at me with nothing but disgust in his face. I couldn't understand why the attitude

Him: Mah how are you?

Her: how is it that you don't have a single scratch on you yet she was with you and your car is wrecked? How does she go missing and you are still here?

Him: Mah Sibeko I understand you hurting

Her: hurting? I trusted you with her and you went on to lose her! I want my granddaughter back. I knew I should have never trusted her with a blood sucking monster!

She was now throwing punches at his chest and he didn't respond, he just let her hit him and he stood there not reacting at all. Blood sucking monster? Was this man a vampire?

Me: I think you should leave man

Her: get out of my house and come back with my daughter Travis!

serif; font-size: 22px;">He didn't even know what to say, he looked at me and then at gran and then walked out. Just then Kendra walked in with whom I'm assuming is her mother. She hugged me and then gramps

Kendra: Gramps this is my mom Buttercup... I mean Yolanda

Yolanda: nice to meet you

Kendra: this is Ahlume our friend

We shook hands. I told Kendra I was leaving and would come check on her later and then left and drove off in full speed. I got to dad's home office

Me: what did you do to her?

Him: what?

Me: what did you do to Anelisa dad? She's missing

Him: firstly, I don't even know who this person you talking about is and secondly get your hands off me before I break all of your bones!

He wasn't kidding, the nigga worked out and he really was capable of breaking my bones. I removed my hands off his t-shirt

Him: now talk to me properly. What's going on?

Me: Anelisa the doppelganger is missing

Him: how?

I shrugged.

Him: what her last location. I need everything, phone details and the last time she online on social media

I nodded and took out my phone and gave him all the details he required

Him: I'll call Miso to help me with this

Me: please just find her dad!

I was afraid that the dreams I had of her would come true and I wasn't ready to lose her. I couldn't afford to lose her

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I won't lie I was beyond happy I even cried. I don't cry! But here I was crying for this girl. What the hell was going on with me? I took my car keys, wallet and phone and made my way out bumping into Ahlumile

Him: you need a shave

Me: shut up!

Him: where to in such a rush?

Me: Anelisa is around here

Him: what? I thought she was missing

Me: I guess she's been found. I'll see you later

He was saying something but I couldn't even hear him with my excitement and speed. I got to her home and texted her but she didn't answer, I went inside the yard and knocked on the door and her mother opened the door looking beautiful as usual

Her: Ahlume?

Me: Anelisa called me

Her: uhhm... come in I guess

I walked in and she shut the door and led the way

Her: can I get you something to drink or eat?

I shook my head

Me: just Lisa

She chuckled

Her: I'll get you a drink to calm you down

She walked out of the lounge and then the vampire walked in.

Him: What are you doing in my house?

Me: your daughter called me

I said with a smirk, he was passed he was even pink

Him: you lying!

I took out my phone and flashed the wallpaper in his face and he punched me in the stomach and that alone flew me across the room and I hit my back on the wall. He came over so fast and grabbed me by my neck and raised with the wall

Him: listen here little wolf and listen to me carefully. No daughter of mine will date a fucking wolf

Me: you see mr... whatever, Anelisa and I are destined for each other. Nothing you say or do can break us up fam

I won't lie his grip was painful but I was not about to show him that. I don't even understand why he hated me

Him: Stay away from my daughter

I looked up and Anelisa was making her way down the stairs. The minute her eyes landed on us she ran to us

Her: dad let him go

He was so pissed he had veins popping below his eyes and on his neck and his fangs were out. he tightened his grip

Her: Daddy please.

He turned to her and I think he scared her

Her: your face.

She said moving backwards, she turned and ran out and he let go of me and I fell to the floor. Anelisa bumped into her mother

carrying a tray

Mother: Baby what's wrong?

She was holding her shoulders looking at her daughter who was shaken and I was coughing trying to catch my breath

Him: Lisa

Me: ready to go babe?

She looked at me and nodded same time

Mother: Lisa baby what's wrong? What happened? Travis?

Lisa just walked out

Me: control your anger or you might just lose her to this wolf you hate so much!

I said with a smirk and walked to the kitchen passing Neli. I drank some water before heading out, she was standing by my car, the minute I got out she threw herself at me and I hugged her tightly spinning her around

Me: I missed you too beautiful

Her: please take me away from here

She said with her head buried in my chest

Me: ok beautiful

We broke the hug and I kissed her forehead and opened the door for her and then she got in and I went to my side and drove off. normally I would have been pissed and fought back but like I said, Lisa is my sanctuary. My sanity. My peace. I drove us up to some hills where I normally just go to clear my head, I like the place because it's always empty. I drove for an

hour before reaching the place.

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15, 34); font-family: Georgia, Cambria, "Times New Roman", Times, serif; font-size: 22px;">Her: and this?

Me: this is my thinking spot

Her: you full of surprises. Is this where you sat in my absence?

I chuckled. I wish. I was in the gym punching the punching bag until I had no energy left in me.

Me: yeah

Her: you lying!

Me: I was at the gym punching the punching bag. I was frustrated Lisa

She cupped my face and kissed me deeply and then she broke it

Her: let's get out, I'll tell you everything

I nodded and we got out and I placed her on top of the bonnet and stood between her legs. She was too cute for words! I had my back on her and she rested on my back hugging me. she started telling me everything that happened from the day she was taken and to meeting her doppelganger and to the uber they rode to her father's house. Yes, she was shy but when she spoke, she spoke and you couldn't help but listen to her.

Me: how are you holding up?

Her: I just wanted to be in your arms. To be where you are and

now I'm ok

Me: but you need to go for therapy Lisa

I said kissing her hands

Her: I'm fine Ahlume

I turned to face her

Me: you need to get me a pet name. This first name basis thing is not working

She chuckled

Her: I like your name

Me: and I like yours but sweet lips is cute

Her: Ace!

Me: Ace?

Her: Ace of cards. Ace since you always acing everything

I chuckled

Me: what's everything babe?

I gave a naughty smile and she shrugged shyly and looking all kinds of beautiful

Her: I don't know. your books maybe

Me: and what about my kiss? Don't I ace that?

She giggled

Me: I can show you what else I can ace so that I actually earn the name

I said kissing her and then made my way to her boobs and she let out a soft moan

Her: Ace

Me: you want me to stop?

She nodded

Me: cat got your tongue

Her: please stop

I moved from her boobs and too her face

Her: it's too soon Ahlume

Me: I won't do anything to you that you won't like

She shook her head

Her: please respect my decision

I nodded. For some reason I felt defeated and couldn't argue with her further. She made me a weakling and I hated that.

Me: come, I have your present in my boot

Her: present?

Me: it was your birthday Monday and you weren't around

I said with a shrug

Her: ok help me off

I picked her up and placed her down. I knew how much she didn't like being in the air, she would get an instant panic attack if I did. We walked to the boot hand in hand and then I opened it and there was a red stuffed lips pillow with a big teddy bear and a paper bag from call it spring. She put her hands on her mouth

Her: Ahlume

*ANELISA

Ahlume Ace Adams was doing the things that need to be done. When someone comes into your life when you least expect it you bound to have your doubts about them and yes I had my doubts but the man before me was slowly but surely removing those doubts layer by layer and making me fall for him. This is not because of the many things he just bought me but because of him in general. No man has ever cried because of me before, not many men allow themselves to be this vulnerable before a girls eyes and not many men go through such efforts for a girl unless they love her and I was convinced he loved me. He understood, he didn't pressure me, he just let me be and he was open about his life before me and pretty much everything but there was something bothering him that much I knew.

Me: I don't know what to say

Him: how about thank you Ace you the best boyfriend ever

Me: you the only boyfriend I've ever had

Him: cause I'm the only one that's worthy of you Sweet lips

He brushed my lower lip and I let out a moan

Him: you need to stop this moaning business. You going to make my dick hard

I chuckled not even knowing what to say to that statement. He planted a kiss on me when I wasn't expecting it and then he smiled

Him: you very beautiful Anelisa Sibeko

Me: thank you my handsome guy

He took my hand and closed the boot and led us to the amazing view, he put me ontop of the bonnet and stood in front of me facing me and hugging me with his hands resting on my ass.

Him: i'm damaged Anelisa. I come from a dysfunctional family which I'm afraid might hurt you

I cupped his face and made him look at me, he had hurt written all over his face

Me: don't we all have a dysfunctional family one way or the other. My mom's a witch and my dad's a vampire and then theres me; a doppelganger.

He chuckled

Him: stop it.

Me: I was almost sacrificed on my birthday. How damaged can one get?

He cringed and tightened his grip on me then he chuckled and kissed me. I knew he was trying to calm himself down. He didn't take it well when I told him everything that happened, actually he was pissed but I guess being with me calmed him down. I don't know, Ahlume feels the need to protect me. I don't get why Ma'Namhla would tell me to stay away from him

Him: you stupid you know that

Me: and you very smart

He smiled but the hurt in his eyes was still there

Me: talk to me Ace

Him: my grandmother is a witch. More like a leader of her coven which makes her really strong. My father is a hybrid, wolf and a vampire in one and then my brother and I are wolves
I gasped, he did tell me about the stuff he had been going through, seeing a white wolf and all that other stuff and how he was a wolf but the information about his dad and grandmother was new

Me: did you grandmother turn you guys into wolves

Him: no sweetlips we were born with a werewolf gene which is triggered by a near death experience of someone you love or close to and when dad got into an accident mine was triggered making me violent and this angry person I don't recognise... well that was until I met you

I cupped his face and he leaned in on my touch

Him: I don't know how this will make you feel but I don't feel comfortable with you not knowing considering I almost lost you.

I was about to speak but he put his index finger on my mouth shutting me up

Him: my grandmother says for me to transition into a hybrid you supposed to carry my child and then die while giving birth and the child be used for a sacrifice

I removed my hands from him but he held them. I just survived death and now I'm supposed to be sacrificed so that my

boyfriend can transition into an unkillable monster. I suddenly dated back to what Mona's mom had said about this whole hybrid situation

Him: Anelisa

Me: let go of my hands Ahlume Adams

Him: so we back on the first name basis sweet lips

Me: NDIYEKE AHLUME!(let go of me Ahlume)

Him: I cant do that

Me: why? So that you can sacrifice me? when did you find out all of this? was it before or after you started dating me?

Him: does it matter

Me: why are you telling me this?

Him: because I hate not telling you things Anelisa!

I was about to speak but he told me to shut up and I looked at him with a raised eyebrow

Him: I'm sorry but please just let me explain everything to you. Just because its what my family wants doesn't mean its something that should happen Anelisa! I love you so much and I would never let my family do that to you. I rather be tortured in the world of the dead than to have you killed so that I can be some stupid hybrid

He was sincere, I could always tell when he was being sincere. He was such a beautiful man I swear. His eyes alone were enough to make me weak. I didn't even know what to say or how to respond to what he had just told me

Him: I'll run away with you if I have to. Put you one
contraceptives if need be Anelisa

I shook my head and he looked at me with a raised eyebrow

Me: I'm not going anywhere with you. I was supposed to stay
away from you from the beginning. I was warned against you
but I was stupid to fall for the charm and everything else

Him: don't say that Anelisa! DON'T YOU FUCKING SAY THAT!

He was pissed, his eye colour suddenly changed into a colour I
never thought eyes could turn into, it was like they had a flame
or something, his veins were popping out. at that moment I was
really scared that he might do anything to me

*AHLUME

I didn't mean to snap at her. I really didn't mean to but for her
to say that? For her to say that we shouldn't be together
because of what I told her was bull. I had assured her that I
wouldn't hurt her let alone let harm come her way. I looked at
her once and just walked away. I went into the forest nearby
and left her on top of the bonnet. I needed to breathe and not
hurt her. I got to the woods and started punching a tree
countless times screaming in frustration, I couldn't even feel
the pain

"you going to hurt yourself"

I looked and it was a white man.

Me: leave before I hurt you

Him: you wouldn't even if you wanted to. Stop hitting the tree

before you hurt yourself

I stopped and looked at my knuckles which were bleeding and suddenly really painful

Him: do you know me?

Me: am I supposed to know you?

Him: I'm your grandfather, the wolf you've been seeing

I chuckled

Me: yeah right. so what? A full moon turned you human?

Him: you could say that. Something I don't know happened but all I know is that I was freed from whatever spell that was binding us to the full moon and keeping us as wolves this past Monday

Me: good for you. I have to go

I said walking but he grabbed my arm

Me: let go of me

Him: you always were stubborn. Ahlume Adams look at me I looked at him properly and he looked like an older version of dad with grey hair though. He wasn't that old but he was old, probably in his 50s or 60s.

Him: that child needs you.

Me: how? I'm supposed to kill her or whatever

Him: you don't have to kill her son. She's your sanctuary, she calms you down

Just the thought of her was enough to make my heart melt and think of just how much I scared her. I hated myself

Me: she's safer if she's not with me

Him: no shes never going to be safe if you not in her life

Ahlume. She loves you as much as you love her

I shook my head

Me: I scared her. she probably hates me

Him: then go find out.

He let go of me. I walked back to the car and she was sitting inside the car with her knees up. I took a deep breath in before opening my door and getting in.

Me: Sweet Lips

She didn't respond. She was looking outside her window. I got out and went to open her side of the door

Me: babe I'm sorry I scared you

I said taking her hands into mine

Her: Ace you bleeding. What happened?

I looked at my hands which had blood but without any bruises. I could have sworn I had bruises from that tree I punched. I could see the concern in her eyes

Me: punched a tree but I'm fine. How are you?

She pulled her hands away from me and hugged her legs.

Her: please take me home

Me: if that's what the lady wants.

I went to my seat and then drove off to her fathers house. I parked and locked the doors. She tried to open and then turned to me.

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-ANELISA

Ahlume was standing outside his car looking all kinds of hot with his muscle hugger T revealing his tattoos and joggers with a white sneaker and shades on pressing his phone. I was walking with Kendra

Her: well he looks yummy

Me: whatever. Let's just go

She shrugged. We walked past him and he pulled my arm

Him: so you were just going to leave me here just like that?

Me: Ahlume let go of me

Him: you either get inside this car Anelisa before I embarrass you in front of your schoolmates

Me: Ahlume I don't have time for games

Him: and you think I do. Get inside Anelisa

I looked at him and I couldn't read him with his shades on. Part of me wanted to take my chances and see how he planned on embarrassing me but I also didn't want to be the talk of the school next week Monday.

Him: you going to get inside or will I have to put you inside this car?

I took a deep breath and then he opened the door for me and I got in, he hailed Kendra over

Her: you two need to talk alone. My mom's on her way to fetch

me

Him: thanks K

Her: take care of her or else I will kill you!

Him: point taken! Bye beautiful, say bye to your friend

He left me with the door open, I got out and hugged Kendra who whispered in my ear telling me to screw his brains out. I had a crazy virgin friend I swear! She closed my door for me and he drove off in full speed, he was driving a white Audi with red leather seats, it had two doors. I don't know cars.

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*AHLUME

I drove straight home without saying shiit to her.

Her: Ahlume where are you taking me?

I didn't respond, instead I turned the volume up. I wrote a shiit paper today but I know I passed it just not how I wanted to pass it that much I know. I hadn't seen her since last week Thursday and today was Friday. I've never went that long without seeing her let alone talking to her and I was miserable which was messing with my mood and my studying. I needed to get her to talk to me one way or the other. I parked inside the garage and none of their cars were around. I got out and went to open her door

Me: come

I held out my hand to her but she slapped it

Her: take me home Ahlume

Me: Anelisa you either get out of this car at freewill or I take you out of it

She just pouted and folded her arms looking in front. I undid her seatbelt with her hitting me, I pulled her out of the car and carried her like a sack of potatoes putting her on my shoulder and then locked the car with her screaming and shouting. I got into the kitchen and it was empty, the cleaner was probably elsewhere

Her: Ahlume put me down!

She was busy hitting my back. It was cute how she got all feisty and had an attitude with me, one could say I changed her because the girl I met was very respectful and would never look me in the eye to say anything. We got to my room and I locked the door and threw her on the bed

Her: what do you want from me? this is kidnapping

Me: you got into my car at freewill and your friend was there to witness it

She folded her arms and pouted. I pulled her legs and then spread her legs out and pulled her underwear down with her fighting me

Her: Ahlume please stop

Me: I'll never hurt you Anelisa!

Her: Ahlume please. I'm sorry for ignoring you

I went down to her pretty little tight cake and flickered my

tongue on it while pinning her hands down.

Her: Ahlume

It came out as a whisper. I started sucking on her, she was very tense but as I kept going I could feel her relaxing slowly with every stroke of my tongue. I don't know what pussy tastes like

no girl has ever had that privilege to be went down on by me but here she was and here I was between her legs and her letting out moans here and there until she came screaming my name with her back arched. I licked her clean and then went up to her and balanced on my shoulders

Me: still not talking to me?

She could barely even say anything. I moved from her and found her underwear and put it back on and took her shoes off and mine too and then laid beside her and pulled her too me, she was fighting me

Me: Anelisa come on

Her: what you did Ahlume is wrong

Me: giving my girlfriend her first orgasm is wrong?

I said untying her hair while she faced the other side

Her: everything you did! You forced me into your car and then forced me out of it and then you spread my legs and did whatever that was that you just did without my permission.

You should have asked me nicely

Me: how was I supposed to ask you Sweet lips? Like, 'Hey can I eat your pussy up?'

She didn't respond

Me: was it painful?

Her: no

Me: did you hate it?

She didn't respond

Me: would you let me do it again if I asked you?

She still didn't respond. I got up and went to kneel in front of her, at least she wasn't crying

Her: Ahlume you scared me. I thought you were going to rape me

Me: I'm all things but a rapist is not one of them

Her: but still Ahlume, you didn't give me a choice to make

Me: and I'm sorry but it was the only way I could get you to talk to me and it worked because you talking to me

Her: I'm mad at you

Me: for what? The truth? Giving you a mind blowing orgasm?

By the way you the first girl to ever feel my tongue on her cake

She covered her eyes

Me: shift.

Her: no

Me: why you gotta always fight me?

Her: Ahlume why am I here?

Me: I had a shiity week with you ignoring my calls and texts

Her: I needed space

Me: and you couldn't at least tell me to give you space rather

than just shutting me out? What did you even need space for?

Her: in case you forgot, I almost died. I saw a side of my father I never thought I'd see and then you showed me a side of you I wasn't ready to see Ahlume

Me: can I get in bed and hold you?

Seemingly I needed permission for everything from hereon. She moved up and I got in and pulled her to my chest.

Me: I'm sorry Sweet Lips. I'll handle things better next time
She nodded.

Her: I need to go to my mom, I said I would go to her after school

Me: I'll drive you to her at 3 please

Her: no she knows school is out already

Me: I missed you, didn't you miss me?

Her: I missed you too but I

Me: look, I'll bring you your blazer so you can text her you got held up somewhere

Her: this is wrong but ok

Me: you gotta live a little sweet lips. Can I kiss my lips now?

Her: if you think it possible

I made her look at me and she was smiling

Me: you silly you know that? Can I kiss your lips then?

She nodded, I kissed her and then deepened the kiss and then we broke it after a while.

Her: eeeuw!

Me: that's your vagina you tasting. Don't say eeeuw!

I gave a smirk and she giggled. God I had missed her like this, her in my arms and smiling and giggling and just comfortable.

She was content and that's all I ever wanted. There was a knock on my door

Me: who is it?

Person: the person who gave birth to you! why is your door locked?

It was my twin imitating mom. I laughed but Lisa wasn't laughing

Me: its Mile chill

I could feel her heart rate decreasing.

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*ANELISA

I just had my first orgasm! *screams in excitement* Who knew that an orgasm was that good? Yes, I wasn't up for it but as soon as his tongue landed on my cake I started feeling whimsical things I want to keep feeling by him only. It was amazing I won't lie. I am actually grateful he took charge and did everything he did to me. He got up and I fixed my skirt, he looked at me and then threw me the red throw sitting on his bed and I covered myself. God this guy, was it necessary.

Him: What do you want?

Mile: let me in

Him: why?

Mile: what are you hiding? I saw the school bag in your backseat. You got a girl in there

Him: so what if I do?

Ahlumile budged in and Ahlume sighed in defeat

Him: happy?

Mile: hello beautiful

Me: hi

Mile: you beautiful. How old are you?

Him: nigga say what you were here to say and then leave

Mile: I was going to invite you to a party but you busy. See you around pretty face

Him: party where and what time?

Mile: isn't Missy sleeping over?

Him: she would never.

At least he knew me that well

Mile: ayt. I'll tell you later. Bye pretty face.

He blew me a kiss and walked out. God they looked alike and their voices sounded the same.

Me: so you also have a doppelganger

He chuckled

Him: yeah one I share blood and parents with. he can be a flirt but he's a great person

Me: I see. My phone

Him: oh right. you can always use mine

He said giving me his big iPhone and then walked out... I unlocked it and I was his wallpaper, a picture of me I never thought existed from the time we were at the mountains. I was tempted to go through his picture and so I did, he had a folder titled 'Sweet Lips', I chuckled and opened it and he had a lot of pictures of me and of us. We looked good together! A

WhatsApp text came through from Snalo 'Ahlume where are you? I need you'. he told me about her and I was tempted to respond but I let it be and carried on with viewing our pictures and smiling alone in the other. Another text came through from the same person 'Ahlume please' and then she called. I didn't know whether to answer his phone or not. I let it wrong and then she dropped it, it rang again and then he walked in

carrying a tray

Him: please answer that or me

He said closing the door with his foot

Me: its Sinalo

Him: so? Answer her and put her on speaker

I answer the phone

//Her: Ahlume where are you? I need you

She sounded like she was crying or something

Him: Sinalo calm down. Just breathe ok. What's going on?

He placed the tray down and took the phone from me

Her: there's so much blood Ahlume. I'm scared

Him: you not making any sense. Where are you?

Her: I'm in my room. I'm scared

Him: I'll be there now. //

Him: I have to go to Berea

Me: oh

Him: I can leave you here or you can come with

Me: or you can drop me off at my father's place. It's on the way

They lived in the same location

Glen Ashley. He sighed and then helped me up and gave me my phone and with that we both walked out in silence. His ex or whatever she is to him needed him and who was I to argue with him? We got to his car and he kissed my cheek

Him: you ok?

Me: yeah

There was silence as he started the car. We parked in front of dad's house and I opened the door

Him: I'll call you later yeah

Me: sure

I walked to the gate and punched in the code and got inside the yard and that's when he drove off. I don't know why I was hurt but I know I was hurt. I didn't think he would leave me for her, guess I was wrong.

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I knew Lisa wasn't happy with me running to Snalo's rescue but what if she was dying or something? I couldn't do that to the poor child. I got to her place, she lived in res the one opposite Berea center, I got inside using my student card and rushed to her room, I knocked once and then let myself in. she was bleeding heavily

Me: Sinalo!

She was on the floor crying, I felt her pulse but it was weak. I picked her up and rushed her to my car which people starring as usual. I put her in the back seat and then drove to the hospital and then waited there as she was attended to. I called my brother and told him what happened and he said he would call later to check on me. I called her boyfriend, nigga needed to be here! he was hesitant to come but he did.

Him: what happened?

Me: I don't know. she called me crying saying there was too much blood

Him: oh my god no! he put his hands on his head and slid them to his face

Him: Sinalo can't be doing this to me

Me: What?

Him: she was pregnant ok! she said she would kill herself and the baby

Me: what? And you let her? what kind of idiot are you?

I said holding him by his t-shirt. Yes, she and I were over and had stopped fooling around but that didn't mean I didn't care about her. she and I always used a condom or got the morning after so the baby couldn't be mine

Him: Ahlume please let go of me you hurting me

Me: you knew she was suicidal and you still let her stay alone! You're a fxcking idiot!

I threw him to the wall and he hit his back and security came to us

Him: this is no way to behave. This is a hospital

Me: I'm sorry. it won't happen again

Him: it better not. he went to check on the boyfriend. Her doctor came to us; you didn't need to study medicine to know she came bearing bad news

Her: I'm sorry but we couldn't do anything. She drank acid

Me: huh?

Her: I'm sorry

With that she walked out. Damn! I walked out of the hospital, I needed to be in Anelisa's arms. I don't know how I felt about her being dead. I mean she was in her final year. I called Anelisa and she answered after a while

//Her: what?

Me: and then what's up with you?

Her: you Ahlume. You are what's up with me!

Me: she's dead. you don't have to worry about her anymore!

She kept quiet for a while

Her: I'm sorry. how are you holding up?

Me: I just want to lay on your boobs and forget all of it

She kept quiet yet again and I heard her sigh

Her: where are you now?

Me: I'm in town on my way to Glen A

Her: pick me up on your way home

Me: thank you. //

I drove past Mac D and bought us fold over meals remembering she hadn't eaten and I'm sure she didn't get home and eat...

knowing her. I parked and called her telling her I was outside.

She walked out wearing leggings and acute long wool jersey which I'm sure wasn't hot. She got in and pulled me to her arms

Her: I'm so sorry Ace

Me: its ok. thank you

I got out of her arms and we drove to my crib and mom's car was around parked next to Mile's car. I was not up for her million questions! I sighed

Her: everything ok?

Me: mom's around

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*AHLUME

One minute Anelisa is fine and then next she's falling. I dropped the food and attended to her.

Mom: baby what's wrong?

Me: she just collapsed

Her: pulse was faint

Gran: She's the doppelganger!

Me: mom please get her water. Gran stay away from her

I said picking her up and taking her to my room, mom walked in right behind me with my grandmother.

Me: Lisa please wake up baby

I said splashing her with some water but nothing

Mom: maybe you should take her to the hospital

Gran: NO!

Mom & I: NO?

Gran: I think I know what's wrong with her

Me: she fainted, her pulse is weak

Her: I'm the reason she fainted!

I looked at her and so did mom.

Her: the magic that protects her doesn't not work with her in my presence. The magic or whatever protecting her became null and void the minute she set foot in this house

Me: I don't understand. Can you help her or not?

Her: I can try

Just then her phone rang and it was her mother calling. I was hesitant to answer

//Her: thank God. Are you ok?

Me: Hi Neli

Her: Ahlume? Where's my daughter?

I looked at grandma

Her: Where is Anelisa Ahlume?

Me: she's here. she collapsed

Her: I knew it. Where are you?

Me: at my home

Her: I need an address Ahlume before my daughter dies.

I told her my address and she ended the call//

Mom: who was it?

Me: her mom. she's on her way

Gran: you shouldn't have told her to come here! Bring this child to my room

Me: you not touching her!

I scolded and she looked at me with a raised eyebrow.

Me: both of you just please get out!

Mom: in whose house?

Me: mom if you love me and you care about me, you will get out now!

She looked at me for a while and then walked out. I heard some shouting and within minutes my door swung open I looked up and it was Neli with her boyfriend

Him: I told you to stay away from her

I was so stressed and so worried and dealing with the vampire was the last thing I needed, not with everything that's been happening

Me: Neli can you wake her up? Is she going to be ok?

Her: as long as she is under the same roof as your grandmother then no. I'm sorry. Travis please pick her up and take her to the car.

He did as told and I just stood there

Her: look she's going to be ok but your house

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your grandmother has it surrounded by some dark magic and that in turn is affecting Lisa

Me: but she was here earlier on and she was fine

Her: I understand that but your grandmother's magic is binded to herself which makes it stronger when she is around the house and that in turn makes my magic null and void. She's stronger than me after all

I didn't even know what to say. I handed her Lisa's phone

Her: She's going to be fine. You can go see her at her home ok
She brushed my hair back and walked out leaving me broken and confused.

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LINDELWA(AHLUME'S GRANNY)

I sensed her from the minute she set foot in the house. Her and Ahlume being in a relationship was just perfect because then things would go according to plan. When she walked in I chanted a spell that would make her dizzy and trap her in a trance but Ahlume acted too quick. The way he was protecting her was messing with the way I needed things to go. As long as Ahlume was this in love with her then nothing would go as it should, he and his twin were never going to transition into hybrids. You see if they turn into hybrids then automatically my magic can increase!

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*ANELISA

I woke up in my room in gran's house with a small blanket over me. I got up off the bed and the curtains were closed, I searched for my phone and it was on the pedestal, I checked the time and it was past 8pm and I had a dozen missed calls from Ahlume. I sighed and called him. he answered after a while

//Him: thank God. Sweet Lips

Me: hey babe. So many missed calls

I said trying to lighten the mood

Him: you scared me. Are you ok? I came to see you but your mom said you were sleeping

Me: I just woke up. calm down I'm ok

Him: what happened?

Me: I don't know. one minute I'm ok and the next minute I just felt weak and dizzy

He sighed

Him: Anelisa I'm sorry

Me: it's not your fault

Him: it is. My grandmother cast a spell around our house and that spell affected you badly when we walked in with her there I swallowed hard

Him: you being with me only puts your life on danger. It puts a target on you

He sighed

Him: can I see you tomorrow?

Me: as long as we won't be anywhere near your grandmother

He chuckled

Him: of cause. We'll go wherever you want us to go

I chuckled

Me: let's try that new restaurant in Musgrave

Him: anywhere you want to go babe. I have to go; I'll call you when I get back ok

Me: going to that party?

Him: might as well. I need a distraction and I know you won't want to come chill with me in the car outside your crib

Me: you know me all too well. Go have fun ok

Him: I'll try. I love you ok

Me: I love you too Ace

He gasped

Him: did you just say you love me?

I chuckled

Him: Anelisa Sweetlips Sibeko just told me she loves me

I could hear the excitement in his voice

Me: whatever Ace

Him: allow me to enjoy this moment. Now all that's left is you to say it in person

I chuckled

Me: Ahlume!

Him: hayi! Let me have this. you just told me you love me. I'm going to mark this day on my calendar!

I laughed. Gosh this guy

Me: go out with your brother

Him: can I come pass by for a kiss?

Me: NO! bye Ahlume Adams

Him: tell me you love me again

Me: I love you Ahlume Ace Adams. I am madly in love with you

Him: ok bye Sweet lips. I love you more by the way//

I put my phone in my pocket laughing. This guy sure knew what to do to make me laugh or smile. Seeing that I might just die soon I might as well tell him how I feel. It's pointless to keep it from him, I rather die with him knowing just how I felt about him. I made my way to the lounge and I could hear laughter. I stood by the door frame and mom and granny were chatting like good old friends

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***AHLUME**

She finally told me! Anelisa Sibeko told me she loves me! for some stupid reason I found myself jumping up and down in my room in excitement. My girlfriend finally told me she loved me. life couldn't be any better. I went to shower and then walked out and found my brother sitting on my bed pressing my phone
Me: and then?

Him: you sure about going to this party?

Me: yeah I'm sure

Him: you happier than the last time I saw you... Considering our grandmother made your girlfriend collapse

Me: that girlfriend just told me she loves me

Him: I thought you wanted to end things with her for her safety

Me: I did but I don't want to anymore. We might as well run away together if that's the case

Him: what?

Me: I'll never break up with Anelisa bro. I don't care what or who says what

Him: and gran?

Me: she might as well leave

"under whose roof again?"

I looked at the door and mom was leaning by the door. She walked in

Her: you would really choose a girl over your own family. A girl you haven't even known for a month Ahlume?

I shrugged

Me: would you have sacrificed us for your husband to transition into an unkillable monster?

She kept quiet for a while

Her: so what? I should just sit back and let you go into this world?

Me: one way or the other we all going to die and chances are

we'll never meet again

Her: don't say that

Me: mom what's the point of becoming a hybrid huh? to watch everyone you love die while you live forever?

Ahlumile got up and walked out

Her: baby

Me: mom I love Anelisa but I will never make her pregnant. I'll get a vasectomy if need be just as long as she never carries my child

She gasped in shock

Her: AHLUME!

Me: I'm serious. Tell your mother in law to stop hunting my girlfriend down and to remove whatever spell she cast around this house or else I will move out!

Her: you wouldn't!

Me: try me mom. I'm ready to give everything up for her I could see the hurt in her eyes as I said everything I said but nothing about what I said was a lie. I loved Anelisa that much! she nodded and walked out. I got dressed into joggers, sneakers, white t-shirt and a leather jacket then made my way out to Mile's room

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*LINDELWA (AHLUME'S GRANNY)

I won't lie what Ahlume did to protect that girl pissed me off. I

got to my room trying to figure a way out of the situation and then I thought of my contact from the states. I called her and she answered after a while

//Her: hello

Me: Heather!

She kept quiet for a while

Her: uhhm Linda. It's been forever

Me: tell me you've managed to track down the doppelganger

Her: uhhh...m

Me: don't even think of lying to me because I will know if you are

Her: she's not ready

Me: I don't care. Make her ready. My grandson has fallen deeply in love with this one

Her: isn't that the plan?

Me: NO! I didn't need him to love her this much. Look the doppelgangers need to switch lives already

Her: Mom

Me: Taylor Heather this is the only way

Her: witches and hybrids are supernatural enemies

Me: if you make them out to be. These are my grandchildren and I won't let them be trapped

Her: Kath thought

Me: I don't care what Kath thought. One of the doppelgangers needs to die! //

I ended the call and then made my way downstairs. Taylor is my daughter

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I had her a few years after having Ahlume's father. She was my greatest mistake, her father was a leader of this coven and when we got married it made me the leader, a few years later he died leaving me to lead the coven. She knows of my son but my son doesn't know of her.

Me: son

Him: hey mother. You ok?

Me: your son is very disrespectful

Him: tell me about it. Anathi told me what happened earlier on

Me: its ok. I'm over that

Him: oh?

Me: yeah. It's all good now. Where are they?

Him: they went to some house party

I nodded. I got up and made my way to Ahlume's room. I started burning an herb in order to try get something that belonged to Anelisa even if it was a lock of hair. It's what I needed to try and get the memories she shared with my son and was what I needed in order to erase Ahlume from her mind. It was the only way to achieve what we needed to achieve.

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Things at home have been a little tense since grandma left, dad feels like I'm to blame for her sudden departure and I'm cool with that because I need my girlfriend able to come into my home without almost dying. I figured I'd spend the time waiting for class with my brother and some of our friends.

Athi: so Ahlume, you sure about this girl?

Athi was Ahlumile's classmate who had a huge crush on me from since first year. My brother told me about it last year but I was busy with Sinalo and so I didn't act on her but she never hid how she felt about me. this one time she even threw herself at me and who was I to say no to free cake? We got it on but she wasn't Sinalo so I broke it off.

Me: yeah. She's a great girl

Mile: except she's starving you. Your ass got blue balls

Ludwe: What? Nigga!

Me: shut up!

Athi: who would have thought that Ahlume Adams would last 3 months without any

Me: it happens when you love someone

Mile: I'm proud of you bro

Don: of cause you would be. You and him are on the same boat

Mile: just cause I don't put my shiit out there don't mean it's a desert for me

Me: oh really now? Enlighten us please

Him: there's this girl, 3rd year Clothing Management student.
Beautiful Indian I've ever seen in Durban

Sariah: oh so I'm not that beautiful anymore

We all laughed. Sariah was a beautiful Indian and we all loved her bubbly personality. She was my classmate and she got along with everyone and she was my biggest competitor in class

Me: oh come-on don't be jealous my curry! You know we still think you the most beautiful Indian ever

Don: Whatever Miss Attention seeker. So tell us about her

Mile: it's still new. I don't wanna jinx it

Sariah: when did it start? What's her name and Surname?

Mile: you not going to drop this huh?

I shook my head and so did the rest

Him: name is Aliya Chhabra.

Sariah: yeah she's a pretty one ey. Won Miss DUT 1st year that previous year

Me: of cause you know her. Why am I not surprised?

Sariah: what you trying to say? That all Indians know each other?

Mile & Don: don't they?

We all just laughed at her.

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*ANELISA

He came to fetch me and drove us to Blue Lagoon. He parked

next to his brother's car, the doors were open and there was another car next to the brother's car and they were chilling in the parking lot with the boot and car doors open drinking I guess.

Him: Welcome to my pre birthday party. I asked your mom if you could sleep over and she said yes. Your father is only coming back tomorrow

I looked at him with a raised eyebrow

Me: who said I wanted to sleep over at your place?

Him: I would like to wake up with my girlfriend next to me on my birthday Anelisa

Me: and you couldn't at least ask me first?

Him: I knew you would say no so hence I asked your mom. Come let's get out

I locked the doors and he turned to me

Him: ok... And then? What's with the attitude?

Me: the attitude is you not asking me and asking my mom instead Ahlume

Him: I thought that's how things were done. I'm sorry then

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next time I'll ask you

Me: there won't be a next time

Him: Anelisa I will sex you in this car right now! don't play me

I just looked at him and rolled my eyes. I wanted to spend time

with him yes but not like this. I was hoping he and I would chill together rather than this whole set up. He unlocked the door

Him: come let's go

I sat there and folded my arms

Him: what's the real problem here Anelisa?

Me: I wanted it to be just us. No company just you and me

Him: I feel like I spoil you too damn much sometimes. Couldn't you just tell me that rather than pouting and looking all cute?

I looked at him. he smiled

Me: don't smile at me

Him: I'm convinced you going to be on your periods the way you so dramatic!

Me: screw you!

Him: I would love that very much actually

I turned to open the door but he pulled my arm and put his other hand on the back of my head and crushed his lips onto mine giving me a wet hungry kiss I couldn't even pull out off. He broke it when someone knocked on his window

Him: are you ok now Sweet Lips?

I couldn't even respond. That kiss really did a number on me.

He opened his door

Him: What do you want Ludwe?

Someone opened my door

Ludwe: we want to meet the Mrs

Person: hello Miss?

A white guy said holding his hand out to me

Ace: Don keep your hands away from my lady

So that was the white guys name

Don: I just want to see if she's worth the dry season and she is.

I'm Don, Ahlume's best friend from since primary

Me: Anelisa

Him: you beautiful. I see why he hasn't tapped it yet

I looked down embarrassed. Someone pulled him

Him: I'm Ludwe, the handsome friend you should be dating

I chuckled. His friends seriously had no filters!

Me: Anelisa

We shook hands and he pulled my hand to his lips but Ahlume pulled him back

Ace: stay away from these idiots. They real flirts.

He took my hand into his and then we walked over to Mile's car. There were 3 girls with them and there were 5 guys including Ahlume.

Him: the pretty Indian is Sariah, the black girl dancing is Athi and the one sitting next to Mile is Katlego, she's Sotho.

I nodded. We were sitting on his car open boot while he pointed each of them out

Him: you already know my brother, Ludwe, Don, the guy dancing with Athi is Anga. Loosen up ok, they cool people

The Indian chick made her way to us

Her: I'm the beautiful Sariah Govender! You must me Anelisa.

Get up and give me a hug

I looked at her stunned. He came close to my ear “give her the hug or you will live to regret it”. I got up and hugged her

Her: you so cute!

Him: I know right?

Her: shut up.

She broke the hug.

Her: come let me go and introduce you around. Also I would suggest that you live your shyness in your boyfriend’s car if you want to survive with these ones!

I nodded with a smile

Him: come here first

I stood between his legs and he pulled me in for a kiss until I felt my hair hitting my shoulders. Why was I even surprised?

Him: and don’t tie it up for the rest of the night ok!

I looked at him and shook my head and Sariah just laughed at us and pulled my hand leading me to the other girls

Her: do you drink?

I shook my head

Her: cat got your tongue?

Me: I don’t drink

Her: well there’s a first time for everything. how old are you?

Me: 16

Her: you not legal yet. What do you drink?

Me: nothing with acid in it

She sighed

Her: you are going to be difficult. Athi, Anga. Meet Anelisa Mrs Ahlume

I chuckled

Me: hi

Athi: oh. You pretty! I see why he's with you

Anga: don't pay no mind to this one. She's just bitter cause

Sariah: cause she has a crush on Ahlume!

She gave Anga a look and she nodded

Sariah: she doesn't drink

Athi: with Ahlume. She's going to wish she drank

Someone hugged me from behind and kissed my cheek.

Him: if they bother you... Especially Athi, tell me ok

I knew by the voice that it was Ahlumile. He turned me around and hugged me

Him: good to see you Mrs

I chuckled

Me: you too. your friends scare me

He chuckled

Him: don't mind them. They amazing people... Well the other two

Me: where's your girlfriend?

Him: she's not here. she won't be coming

Me: why?

Him: some prayer of some sort. I don't know. So you ok? need

anything?

I shook my head. I looked around and saw Ace chilling and laughing with his friends, he turned to look at me and winked making me blush

Him: you really love him huh?

I nodded

Him: he loves you too and please believe him when he says he won't let anything happen to you. We got you ok.

I laughed and he kissed my cheek and left me with the girls

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Anelisa Sibeko lived in a world of her own when her periods were close by. She got mad at the smallest things, it was annoying but she made it cute. It's those things, getting to see different sides of her that made me fall deeply for her. I was worried about her where Athi was concerned, Athi had a way of getting under your skin in the most annoying way and I didn't want her to get under Lisa's skin that way because I'm worried I won't be able to stop myself from giving her blue eye if she messes with my girl in any way. We were chilling and drinking but I didn't drink heavily, I was still driving home after all. I was chilling with the guys and just chatting, I would keep stealing glances of her and so did she me. I was happy. I was in love. I got up

Ludwe: she is fine!

Me: who said I'm going to her? I need to go pee man!

Mile: and then when you done you going to go to her and make out

Me: shut up. both of you

The guys were laughing. Some of our friends were also here. It was packed and it was fun. There was about +-20 of us in total. I got to the toilet texting Lisa, I sent her a kiss and she responded with the lips emoji followed by an "I love you" text and a "don't drink too much". I chuckled to myself. I unzipped my pants and peed, as I was about to pull my pants up

someone grabbed my dick

Her: hey!

Me: Athi let go of me before you regret it!

Her: oh come on Ahlume! She's starving you

Me: and I'm ok with that!

I removed her hands from me and pulled my pants up. as much as it was good, I didn't want to hurt Lisa like that. She was too good to be hurt in that way. Maybe if she wasn't around I would have easily given in but I couldn't do that to her.

Her: Why her?

Me: what kind of question is that?

Her: why her Ahlume? What's so special about her?

Me: spend some time with her and you'll know

I said washing my hands in the sink

Her: she's nothing but a basic regular bitch!

I turned around and slapped her

Me: call her a bitch one more time. I dare you!

She kept quiet holding her cheek with her lower lip quivering. I walked out and went to find Lisa, she and Sariah were chatting like good old friends, she was relaxed.

Me: ladies

She smiled, my anger subdued at the sight of her. The things she was doing to me could not be put to words

Her: Ace

Sariah: We fine Ahlume!

Me: no I miss her.

I said touching her face and she leaned on my touch

Her: I miss you too.

Me: can we leave now?

She frowned

Sariah: so soon?

Me: like I said, I miss her and she misses me

Sariah shook her head laughing.

Sariah: fine. But text me when you get home and also you

Missy had better get my number from your boyfriend and text me!

We both nodded and I took her hand to mine and led the way.

We got to the guys and said our goodbyes. They laughed at me saying I was whipped. We drove home and we parked outside the house.

41); background-image: initial; background-position: initial; background-size: initial; background-repeat: initial; background-attachment: initial; background-origin: initial; background-clip: initial;">We got to my crib and I parked in the garage. She was nervous, I could tell even though she tried to act all brave about it.

Her: and your parents?

Me: what about them?

Her: won't they... you know?

I chuckled

Me: no I don't know sweet lips

Her: won't they shout or throw me out?

Me: I guess we'll have to find out then

I said getting out of my side. She sat there and I found myself laughing. God she panicked over nothing. I took her bag and made my way to open for her and she got out.

Her: and your grandmother?

Me: I don't know how many times I need to tell you she left with whatever magic that was here before

She took a deep breath and nodded. I took her hand and we made our way inside and all the way to my room. We ate and then cuddled just talking about random stuff until she fell asleep. I woke up in the early hours of morning, I had a dream where I was beating her into a pulp. She had changed, she was no longer the innocent Anelisa I knew, she could speak back to me and the spark in her beautiful eyes seized to exist. It scared me that I would beat her up the way I did. I watched her sleeping thinking of the dream I had just had. I went out and took a walk on the street, I needed to clear my head from pretty much everything. I should really go for anger management classes before I hurt her. I stopped walking when I felt like someone was following me, I turned around and there was a beautiful lady standing behind me.

Her: none of them need to die. Don't kill her

Me: I would never kill her

Her: you would if you didn't know what you were doing. Ask your grandmother to break the curse. Only she has the power to. No doppelganger has to die

I looked at her stunned

Her: your ancestors were freed from the curse that held them as wolves that night the doppelganger blood was mixed. None of them has to die. Complete the ritual using a different spell and you and your brother will become hybrids without any bloodshed.

I kept quiet. Nothing about what she was saying was making any sense. I looked up and she had disappeared. I walked back home and got in beside her pulling her to my arms. She opened her eyes slowly

Her: you ok?

Me: yeah I'm fine. Go back to sleep sweet lips

I said kissing her forehead and with that she closed her eyes again and fell asleep. I just held her closely thinking about what had happened during my walk. My dream couldn't possibly come true. I got up and then went to wash my face and brush my teeth then made my way back to my room and she was standing by the window wearing my t-shirt with her hair messy looking all kinds of adorable. I wrapped my arms around her and kissed her neck

Me: I could get used to this

She giggled

Her: but you can't.

She turned around and wrapped her arms around my neck and planted a kiss on lips

Her: happy birthday Ace

Me: happy birthday indeed

I said kissing her. She broke it.

Her: I got you something

She said breaking from my grip. She took my hand and sat me on my bed and then went to her bag and took out a box wrapped in gift paper. She sat across me and watched me open it. I found a leash, a plastic ball. I found myself laughing

Me: a leash Anelisa?

She giggled with a shrug.

Her: you're a wolf and I figured that it would be the perfect gift I looked at her laughing at me, I found myself laughing too. God she was so beautiful and so silly. I pulled her leg and got on top of her and started tickling her, she could barely breath

Her: I'm sorry

She said in between her beautiful laughter. I stopped and watched her laughing and trying to catch her breath. I kissed her and she responded, my manhood grew hard by the second. God I was being starved but it was ok. I wasn't going to die. As long as she was happy then so was I. she stopped and looked at me

Her: I'm not ready

Me: I know beautiful. let me see the rest of this silly gift of yours

Her: it's the thought that counts. I didn't know what to get a man that has everything

I chuckled

Me: well you most certainly did not get me anything I already have. Thank you

She smiled. I continued looking through the box and underneath there was a tie and happy socks. Everything my brother would love

Me: I don't wear these nor this

Her: I know. But next year you graduating and I'm assuming you'll be wearing a suit. Even if you don't wear it on your graduation day, you'll wear it for a job interview

I smiled.

Me: you really think ahead huh?

She nodded with a smile. I planted a kiss on her lips and then put my things away and then we got up to go shower together.

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1 YEAR LATER

I was on my way to Joburg. Things between Anelisa and I were good, we didn't spend our anniversary together because I had just started with the internship and she had back to back assignments so there was just no time but I begged dad to give me Friday to Monday off just so that I could spend the weekend with her and he let me go. Dad and I were ok, Ahlumile was going to study his Btech in the states, he wanted to be mentored by Click... Only the best hacker ever! I wanted to be close to Anelisa hence I stayed home. he was going to transfer after second semester. I got to Joburg and called Kendra.

//Her: Ahlume

Me: hey, I need a favour

Her: how are you Ahlume?

Me: I am fine Imi and how are you?

Her: I'm good thank you. why don't you ever call me because you miss me or something

Me: but I do call you cause I miss you

Her: lies. You call because Anelisa is not taking your calls

Me: whatever. So that favour?

Her: what do you want me to do?

Me: it's her birthday Monday. I need you to pack her a weekend bag and some toiletries

Her: what kind of clothes should I pack?

Me: never mind the clothes. I just need her toiletries.

Her: where are you taking my friend?

Me: wouldn't you like to know. What time do her classes start on Monday?

Her: at 9 but they have to submit an assignment at 8:30

Me: ok cool. I'll be there in an hour

Her: ok cool

Me: don't mention I'm here

Her: what do I say when she gets to her room and can't find her toiletry bag?

Me: I'll be there already

Her: ok fine.

Me: thank you Kendra.

Her: you owe me!

Me: what do you want?

Her: a pair of silver heels

Me: you have a boyfriend for that

Her: I know but I want them from you!

Me: bye Kendra! //

I ended the call laughing. Kendra and striking deals! She wanted what she wanted and I had to deliver or else she was never going to anymore favours for me. I parked at the mall and bought a few outfits for the weekend and something she could wear for class and then drove to their apartment, it was already

3:30. Kendra let me in and then we chilled in the lounge just chatting and waiting the door opened and there was noise coming from the kitchen.

Her: she's back early

"Kendra" a voice shouted from the kitchen coming closer

Her: lounge babe

Kia showed up followed by Lisa who was talking on the phone

Kia: what are you doing here?

Me: not to see you that's for sure

She looked up and she froze in her tracks. I got up and made my way to her

Her: I was just calling you! How are you here?

Me: can I get a hug and a kiss first?

Kendra: get a room

Us: shut up!

She threw herself in my arms and I hugged her tightly.

Her: you here. When?

Me: a few minutes back. I missed you

She was still in my arms. I broke the hug. She had teary eyes

Me: come on don't cry

Her: I just missed you so much

We weren't even paying no mind to the people around us. she wrapped her arms around my neck and then tiptoed to kiss me.

I broke it after a while

Me: you shaking!

Her: stop it. come

She pulled my hand to her room

Kendra: don't forget to use protection

She shouted as we made our way to her room. We got in and she closed the door behind her and pulled me to her and attacked me with a kiss. I picked her up and she wrapped her legs around my waist.

Me: if I had known I was this missed I would have come earlier

Her: shut up

She said kissing me. I put her on the bed not breaking the kiss. It was getting really intense but I broke it. we both tried to catch our breaths.

Me: you didn't tie your hair today

Her: I untied it in Kia's car on our way home

Me: so how come you came back early?

Her: lecturer had somewhere to be so he ended it early

I nodded

Her: I missed you.

Me: I see that.

Her: why'd you stop the kiss?

Me: you not ready. I don't want to let excitement make you do things you not ready to do

Her: oh

I pecked her lips

Me: we have to go

Her: where are we going?

Me: to Pretoria! We'll be back Monday morning

Her: Ahlume. My friends and I had plans

Me: then cancel them.

I said getting up from her bed and so did she.

Me: if you don't want to go then it's cool

Her: no. you came all the way

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I'll cancel

Me: thank you

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*ANELISA

We ordered room service and then went to take a shower together.

Him: so what were you and your friends going to do?

Me: they wanted us to go drinking

Him: so you drink now?

He said washing my hair looking at me

Me: no I don't. they wanted me to

Him: were you going to?

Me: maybe. Maybe not. I don't know

He nodded. We washed and then dried our bodies and walked out with towels around our bodies. When we got to our room our food had been delivered, just then my phone rang

//Me: mom

Her: hey baby. How are you?

Me: I'm ok mom and how are you?

Her: I am good. I miss you

I chuckled

Me: I miss you too

Her: funny cause you barely call me. How's school?

Me: school is boring but I'm coping

Her: that's good to hear. I expect distinctions only.

Me: of cause, I wouldn't give anything less. How are you guys?

Her: we good. We making it work

Me: a witch and a vampire

She laughed and so did I

Her: who would have thought? But we good. When are you coming back anyway? It's your birthday next week

Me: and I might just come back Friday then

Her: baby I had a dream

Me: do I want to know what that dream was about?

Her: I'm worried about you. I'm scared that it might come true

Me: mom

Her: I had this dream where you were in a different place and you weren't happy. You weren't with Ahlume. You were miserable. It was as though you were cursed

Me: but I'm not cursed. You protecting me right?

Her: yes, but I can only do so much. Anelisa please take care of yourself there

Me: mom don't worry. It was probably just a dream

Her: you my daughter. I felt the pain you were feeling Anelisa. That dream was real

Me: so how can we prevent it from happening?

Her: I don't know. I'm still trying to find a way

Me: ok then. I will be on the lookout. I love you ok

Her: I love you too and don't do anything I wouldn't do

I chuckled

Her: I know where you are. Just use protection ok

Me: MOM!

Her: bye and say hi to Ace for me

I laughed

Me: bye mom//

I ended the call laughing. Ace was wearing his boxers sitting on the couch eating. I watched him eating thinking about what that mouth could do and how huge he was for me. Would it even fit?

Him: stop drooling

I was startled by him.

Me: I'm not

Him: I've been talking to you for the past 5 minutes

I giggling and walked over to the couch

Me: so what were you saying?

Him: to come an eat. What's got you all smiles anyway?

Me: mom. she knows where we are and she said to greet you by the way

Him: how did she know?

Me: she just knows babe. She said we should use a condom

He chuckled and so did I. God his laughter was heavenly, lazy as it was but it was very sexy.

Him: your mom is..

Me: forward!

We both laughed

Him: she's given us permission

Me: haha forget it!

I said stuffing myself with food

Him: of cause you'd say that

I shrugged and continued eating. My boyfriend was something else

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in a good way. When we were done we slept and the next morning we woke up and showered and then chilled in the room having breakfast. I was wearing last night's t-shirt while making the bed. When I was done I turned to him

Him: no!

Me: what?

Him: get dressed, we going out

Me: where?

Him: we'll see as we go!

Me: but I don't want to leave. This place is so beautiful and the bed is so comfy

Him: I know but if we stay here, indoors all day with you looking like that. I'm afraid I won't be able to keep my hands to myself
I laughed.

Him: you care free, your hair is hanging loose, you not worried about anything. You happy

I smiled and touched my lips. I was happy to be here with him, but I was worried about the dream mom had. I had really missed him and part of me wanted to sleep with him but also I

was scared that the way he felt about me would suddenly change and he would become a different person from the one I know. Losing your virginity is a big deal, I grew up with my grandmother and she always instilled it in me that I ought to lose my virginity to my husband and that's what I wanted to do but this world we live in today has made being a virgin something that's overrated. That if you not having sex then you boring and there's nothing to talk to you about. I didn't want to lose it because of the pressure from my peers. I've had some of my friends tell me that if I didn't give it to him then he was going to get it elsewhere.

Him: you frowning. What's wrong?

He said touching my chin making me look at him

Him: talk to me

Me: why are you still with me?

Him: what kind of question is that?

Me: you're a man with needs. You used to having sex but now you with someone who doesn't even give you as much as a hand job

Him: if I wanted a hand job I'd give one myself Anelisa. Where the hell is this coming from anyway?

I shrugged

Him: Anelisa I didn't date you because I wanted to have sex with you. I didn't let myself fall in love with for the first time so that I could have a sex slave. No Anelisa! I'm with you because I

love you and I want to be with you more than I want to have sex with you. yeah sure I would love for us to be intimate but everything has its own time and I won't force you if you not ready

I kept quiet looking down. he made me look up at him and he wiped my tears on my cheeks.

Him: now who filled your head with all of this nonsense?

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*AHLUME

Anelisa was not one to worry about such things. Someone must have planted the ideas into her mind. Yes, I've had temptation here and there but never, not once have I let myself succumb to anything that would make Anelisa feel less of a lady. I have girls throw themselves at me left right and centre but none of them are her, none of them are enough to make me want to cheat on her!

*AHLUME

I looked at her waiting for an answer and she just looked down. the state she was in was enough to melt whatever anger I had. I hated the effect she had on me, it made me so weak.

Me: Anelisa come on. Who of your friends filled your head with these crazy ideas?

Her: we were just chatting and it came up. the guys in class mentioned that no guy could go for years without having sex especially if he was used to it

Me: and you wonder why I don't like you hanging around those boys. Just because they are always horny doesn't mean we all are Anelisa. Nobody has ever died from not having sex. You 17 this year and you still a virgin and alive

She nodded. I made her look up at me and she did, she was making puppy eyes. it wasn't intentional but that was the look I got when I scolded her. I kissed her forehead

Me: I'm not scolding you or saying don't be friends with your classmates but watch what they say to you Anelisa. A guy will say anything to get inside your pants

Her: you included?

She asked with a smirk. I chuckled

Me: maybe but I respect you enough so I'll starve myself until my girlfriend is ready

She smiled and so did I. I planted a kiss on her lips and she

responded. I grabbed her ass pulling me close to me, my dick got hard instantly. I pulled back

Me: let's get dressed so we can leave

Her: ok cool.

We changed into matching outfits, she was wearing timberland tan heels, blue jeggings, white long sleeve shirt tucked in on the side and I wore a white t-shirt, blue straight leg, tan timberlands. We looked good to say the least

Her: I didn't know you knew my size

She said looking at herself in the mirror. The jeggings looked good on her, they really made her round firm ass pop. Lisa didn't need the gym to have the body she had. It was natural.

Me: yeah well I take note of everything

She chuckled

Her: stalker vibes

She said laughing rolling her eyes. I took a picture while she was laughing looking all kinds of beautiful

Her: you always taking pictures of me!

She said pointing at me. I shrugged

Me: I can't help it. you look beautiful

She shook her head

Her: you obsessed

Me: am I not allowed to?

She chuckled.

Her: whatever. Let's go already

We got out and bumped into the lady that attended to us yesterday and at breakfast.

Her: Hello

Us: hi.

Me: Here is the key

we will be back later

Her: ok sir

Him: call me Ahlume, and her Lisa

She nodded and with that we left

Lisa: she couldn't keep her eyes off you

Me: you jealous?

She chuckled sarcastically

Her: should I be?

Me: don't be smart with me

Her: this is going to sound strange but I'm getting really weird vibes from her

Me: you just jealous. Don't worry my eyes are for you only

She shook her head and stared outside.

Me: Sweet lips

Her: I'm serious Ahlume. There's just something about her, it's like she has this bad aura

Me: so what are you suggesting sweet lips?

Her: that we get a new room keeper or whatever

Me: I will talk to the manager when we get back

Her: thank you

She raised the volume, Anelisa loved her African songs. I was forced to compile a folder for her. We were listening to Ammara Brown ft. Tytan – Mukoko. Yes, I even knew the artist's names and songs because of her. she was singing along and dancing to the song, I won't lie it was a nice groovy song and it was also her ringtone*hits his head dramatically*

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*ANELISA

When we got back late around 8pm Ahlume spoke to the manager and the manager told him that they were short stuffed and couldn't get anyone to attend to us but her. I won't lie I wasn't happy to hear that but what choice did we have? We walked into our room and it was as if there was something in it or someone. There was just this bad energy in the room, I turned to Ahlume and he was sweating heavily.

Me: Babe

I touched him and he looked up with those eyes of his, with different colour pupils that had something like a flame in them. I stepped back really scared.

Me: Ace

He was breathing out heavily and that alone scared me. part of me wanted to pull him to my arms but I had never seen him like that before, yes last year he got pissed when we went to the mountain but he was never like this. he held onto the door as if

he was about to fall. I pulled him to my arms and he collapsed, I sat down with his head on my lap. I pulled my bag and took out my phone and dialled mom's number, I was busy trying to wake him up but he was waking up instead he was just sweating and his eyes would roll back every now and then. Mom answered after a while

//Me: mom

I said with my voice shaking

Her: Anelisa what's wrong?

Me: I don't know what happened mom. he just started sweating and his eyes changed and he fell

I was speaking really fast and I was really scared for him

Her: Lisa I need you to calm down. breathe baby ok.

Me: mom I'm scared. I don't want to lose him. we haven't had any time

Her: he is going to be fine. How are you? anything strange about the place you in?

Me: ever since I met this girl I've been feeling a bad vibe and then when we walked in the room I felt this bad energy and when I turned to him he was sweating. Mom please do something

Her: ok listen I need you to search around the room for something like a flower or a doll or anything out of the ordinary.

Me: a flower?

Her: you will know it when you see it Lisa. You going to feel it
Me: ok.

I took off my jacket and placed his head on it. He bought us jackets at the mall before we went back. I didn't drop the call, I made my way around the room looking for something out of the ordinary

Her: Lisa have you found it?

Me: no mom not yet.

Her: you better find it soon honey before he wakes up.

Me: what happens if he wakes up before I find it?

Her: you don't want to know

He was on loud speaker as I looked around the room. I looked at him and he was tossing and turning

Her: Anelisa you better find that flower before he turns into a beast.

Me: beast?

Her: yes, Anelisa. That flower or whatever it is, it's meant to untame him. it will make him angry and make him lose his temper on you

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*AHLUME

I woke up with a splitting headache and I was on the floor. I could hear Anelisa talking and moving things around. I was feeling this overwhelming anger in me. Something I was never used to, it was nothing like what I once felt when dad got into an accident, this was worse, I had this urge to kill. I looked around and saw her searching in panic

Her: what do I do when I find it?

Person: place it in water baby.

I got up.

Her: Ace

I looked at her and it was like I had seen her before but I didn't know her. Something in me wanted to hurt her so badly but part of me didn't want to do anything to her of such sort. I was having a mental battle.

Her: Ahlume?

She looked at me with concern in her eyes and she looked really scared. She was carrying a doll figure but it was made from grass or something. I couldn't really make out what it was she was carrying. I walked towards her and she moved back

"Anelisa you still there?"

Her: mom I'll call you later

She said dropping the call and placed her phone in her pocket stepping back

Me: who are you and what are we doing here?

Her: Ahlume it's me. Anelisa Sweet Lips

I looked at her shaking my head. She walked towards me

Me: don't come any closer

Her: you will never hurt me Ahlume.

I moved back shaking my head. As much as I wanted to hit her there was part of me that wanted to protect her from me.

Me: Anelisa is it? don't come any closer to me else I'll kill you

She threw the doll on the floor and I felt a sting on my head.

Her phone kept ringing but she let it and cupped my face making look at her

Her: you will never hurt me Ahlume. I know you

I held her hands and removed them from my face in anger. She looked at me with teary eyes

Her: don't do this.

I pushed her away from me and she almost fell

Me: Anelisa LEAVE!

I roared startling her but

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she made her way to me and stood in front of me unshaken by the fact that I just pushed her that she almost fell.

Her: I'm not going anywhere Ahlume. You love and I love you!

I shook my head and she cupped my face making me look into her beautiful eyes.

Her: you know me. I don't know what's happening with you but I know that my Ahlume is still in there. The man I love and adore is somewhere in there and no amount of dark magic will come between us

I don't know what it was about her but she was determined. She didn't care about how angry I was and that I could hurt her. she just stared into my eyes and slowly I could feel my anger subsiding.

Her: don't let your anger consume you. you not that person Ahlume.

She stood on her tiptoes and planted a kiss on my lips. She broke it and looked into my eyes with hers glistening with tears.

Me: Sweet lips

It came out as a whisper

Her: Ace

She looked at me with shock and happiness. She smiled and I smiled too and pulled her to my arms and she didn't hesitate to wrap hers around my neck.

Her: you scared me

Me: I didn't mean to. I don't know what came over me

I was disappointed in myself for having hurt her. Why was she still with me? Why wasn't she afraid of me?

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*ANELISA

Everything mom once said about me taming the monster in Ahlume made sense. I was able to tame the wolf in him. I was amazed by the love we shared, the love I had for him which was enough to subsidize the anger in him. Yes, he was scary when he was angry but he needed me as much as I needed him. he was mine to save and only mine. He got out of my arms and went to sit on the couch and buried his face in his hands

Him: I am so sorry. I almost killed you Anelisa. I pushed you. I went to kneel in front of him and removed his hands from his face and made him look at me. his eyes were blood shot red, he was crying which made me cry myself

Him: I am so so sorry Anelisa. I didn't mean to

Me: its ok Ahlume. You were not in your senses. Someone put something in our room which messed with your emotions

He shook his head

Him: that's still no excuse Anelisa. I laid my hands on you after I promised to never hurt you

Me: Ahlume

I said cupping his face but he removed my hands from it.

Him: no. I hurt you Anelisa. There's no excuse for hurting you and I will never forgive myself for it

It broke my heart to see him punish himself like that. he was afraid of himself for me and that alone tore me apart. It pained me that he would do that to himself as if he had done it on purpose. He was even shaking.

Me: you need to rest, you tired

I said getting up. I couldn't bare it; I couldn't stand to watch him that vulnerable. I took the doll figure and went to put it in water as mom had instructed me. I sat down by the door and just buried my face in my hands. Who could have done something like this and what were they hoping to achieve from it? I found myself in tears. Was his grandmother that evil that she would try to get her grandson to kill me? I didn't even understand what sin I had committed for her to hate me the way she did. Was I not supposed to love him? if I could control the way I felt about him then I would have long ended things with him but I couldn't. I loved him too damn much. my phone rang disturbing me in my thoughts, I took it out and it was mom
//Her: Anelisa

Me: I'm ok mom. I found the doll and I put it in water and it turned it melted into the water

Her: I'm glad you're ok. how is he?

I sighed

Me: he's ok. he's worried about me. he's beating himself up about what happened

Her: wait he woke up before you could dispose or the doll?

Me: yes

Her: Anelisa!

Me: mom I'm fine

Her: did he hurt you?

Me: no he didn't. He was angry but he couldn't bring himself to do anything to me

She kept quiet.

Me: mom you still there?

Her: yes, I am baby. He didn't hurt you at all?

Me: no he didn't. He kept telling me not to get close and that he would hurt me but he didn't hurt me. I cupped his face and I could see how hard he was fighting the urge not to harm me mom.

Her: he loves you baby. His love for you allows him to fight off his nature towards you

Me: what happens if he becomes a hybrid and one of the doppelgangers dies?

Her: I don't know. his werewolf nature is tamed I guess

I kept quiet

Her: Don't do anything stupid Anelisa!

Me: as long as I'm alive he's going to be this monster mom and he might end up killing someone

Her: Anelisa listen to me

Me: no mom what if this is my fate? What if I'm supposed to die for him to be better?

Her: Anelisa don't say that! Ahlume will be fine. We'll find a way to tame him without any of you dying

Me: but what if there is no other way mom? as long as I'm alive I'll always be a target for the witches. They always going to

need my blood to perform some ritual or something

Her: Anelisa I understand you love him but baby please don't do what you thinking of doing. I will find a way Anelisa. Just please don't do anything stupid. If you really love him the way you say you do, then you don't do anything stupid Anelisa

Me: it's because I love him that I have to do this mom

Her: Anelisa!

Me: mom

Her: baby please. I'm begging you

I wiped my tears. I loved him and to see him suffer the way he was suffering was hurting me emotionally and physically. As long as I was alive Ahlume was never going to be normal. Yes, I could tame him but what happens when I can't? What happens if another incident like this happens and even I can't tame him? there was a knock on the door

Me: I have to go mom. I love you//

I switched my phone off and then got up to open the door and there he was standing on the other side of the door. How could something so beautiful be so toxic? Our love was beautiful but it was toxic.

Him: Sweet lips

He said with his voice breaking

Me: Ace

He cupped my face and wiped my tears. I cupped his face and wiped away his tears.

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ONE MONTH LATER - GRADUATION

*ANELISA

I woke up with our legs entangled together and his arms wrapped tightly around my body with his warm breath hitting my hair. I tried to get out but he tightened his grip around me.

Me: Ace

Him: mh.

Me: Ahlume I need to pee

Him: pee on the bed

He mumbled. I pushed him but he didn't budge

Me: Ahlume!

I scolded

Him: What?

Me: let go of me I need to pee

He let go of me

Him: you're a buzzkill you know that

He said flipping over. I just shook my head and got off the bed to go pee. I did my business and then walked back to the room and he was talking on the phone. I arrived in Durban in the early hours of morning and he went to fetch me from the airport then we drove to his apartment and slept instantly. He said his goodbyes and while looking at me standing by the bed.

Him: morning Sweet Lips

Me: morning Ace. What time is your graduation?

Him: I don't know. come join me in bed

Me: no. I'm hungry, I haven't eaten since yesterday after school

Him: and whose fault is that again?

Me: Ahlume!

Him: I told you to get something to eat

when you got here I offered we start with something to eat but you too stubborn

Me: I'd be done making a cereal right now, instead of us going back and forth about my hunger

He looked at me and chuckled

Him: and the attitude?

I didn't respond. I wore my sleepers and walked towards the door but he grabbed my waist as I was about to open

Me: Ahlume

He threw me on the bed and got on top of me between my legs

Him: is it the hunger that's making you this bitter

Me: Ahlume i am really hungry

My stomach was even grumbling. He got up and turned his back on me

Him: come, hop on

Me: Ahlume aren't we a little old for this?

Him: I am, but you not. get on

I got on his back and he carried me to the kitchen and sat me on the counter.

Him: so what would you like to eat?

Me: something quick

He walked to the fridge and took out milk

“we eat on that you know” Ahlumile said walking in.

Me: morning to you too Mile

He kissed my cheek

Him: morning beautiful. How are you? when did you get here?

Me: early hours of morning. I am good thank you and how are you?

Him: I am great

Me: cant wait to graduate?

Him: more like cant wait to pack my bags and leave

Me: and the mrs?

Ace: good question babe

He said handing me a bowl of coco pops with luke warm milk and two spoons, he stood between my legs

Mile: she understands

Ace: cause they going to marry her off to someone her kind the minute you leave

I pushed him and he chuckled

Mile: ASS!

Ace: it's the truth. She told you she was going to get married soon as she graduated but you my brother are stubborn

Me: is it true?

He nodded

Me: I'm sorry

Him: its ok. We fine actually

Ace: you fine with being a side nigga

Him: shut up big head!

Ace: we have the same size idiot.

Me: Ahlume quit it. how do you feel about her being married off? He shrugged

Him: she said she wasn't going to agree to the marriage.

Ace: you really are an idiot. She's lying to you

I hit his shoulder and he gave me a look

Him: she's going to study abroad with me. her parents agreed that she go as long as she came back when she was done with her studies

Me: at least theres hope

Him: yeah.

*AHLUME

We went to eat out and then we attended the graduation ceremony and after that we went to celebrate with the squad on Florida road at Cubana. Lisa was sitting next to me chatting with Sariah while I was chatting with the rest of the squad. Her phone rang and she got up to answer it with Sariah accompanying her and then she came back after a while all smiles

Me: and then?

Her: that was Kendra, she says a letter from the university came and I was selected with some of my classmates to go

abroad for two weeks for this student exchange program thingy

Me: you apply for a student exchange program right?

She nodded

Her: it's a great opportunity and it will help me grow. We'll be doing pracs and stuff

She kept quiet

Her: you not happy

Me: should I be?

Her: babe this is a great opportunity for me

Me: I know that but what gets to me is that you didn't even tell me you applied for it Anelisa. A little heads up maybe

Her: can we not argue around your friends

Me: we not arguing we having a conversation

She huffed and I turned to my friends and let her be. Anelisa's mother told us about the dream she once had and here Anelisa was busy wanting to go to the states where me or her mother were there to protect her from any harm. I wasn't happy that she would want to put her life at risk like that.

Her: can you take me home?

She said whispering in my ear

Me: now?

Her: yes

I sighed and got up. I said my goodbyes to the squad and then we walked to my car, she got in her side and I got in mine

Me: whats that about?

Her: I just want to be away from the crowd

Me: seriously Anelisa? You mad cause I'm not hyped out about you leaving

Her: yes I am mad that my boyfriend is being selfish

Me: selfish Anelisa?

I stopped the car on the side of the road

Me: selfish is you applying for a program that might not even be genuine!

Her: its genuine

Me: not everything that's online is genuine Anelisa. What about the dream your mother had huh?

Her: your grandmother will get to me no matter where I am. You heard her say she couldn't do anything about it

Me: but she didn't say I couldn't do anything about it Anelisa! She got out and I got out too. She was being difficult for no particular reason if you ask me

Me: sulk all you want but this is how I feel and it wont change. Your life is already in danger and you want to put it more danger for your own selfish reasons!

Her: this is a good opportunity

Me: cant it wait until my grandmother is found and you are safe from her

Her: Ahlume you cant stand in the way of whats meant to happen

Me: so what? I'm supposed to just let things be huh?

AHLUME

“Hey Ace. I’m sorry for overreacting and ruining your special day today. You were right about everything and I won’t be going for the programme. I’m sorry” that was the text she sent me on WhatsApp, I just read it and went back to chatting with my friends and having a good time. Anelisa didn’t understand how hard it was to love her. how draining it was. She wasn’t a difficult person by nature, she had her days like any normal person but it didn’t make loving her any easy. I felt the need to protect her, I blamed myself that her life was at risk, so many times I was tempted to end things between us but I didn’t because I thought to myself who was going to protect her if we weren’t together anymore? The love I had for her was self-consuming

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it made me a different person than the one I was before her, it just changed me and made me live for her and only her. I was disturbed by someone nudging me, I turned and it was Sariah

Her: what’s eating you?

Me: it’s nothing buddy

Her: is there a sign on my forehead written stupid?

Me: should there be one?

Her: very funny. Get up!

Me: Sariah

Her: come with me.

She stood up then offered her hand and pulled me up

Athi: Where to?

Sariah: none of your business.

She hooked her arm into mine and then we walked out. The street was packed with cars going up and some going down.

Florida was always busy on a Friday. We walked down

Me: where are we going?

Her: we taking a walk. So what's eating you?

Me: Anelisa

Her: what did she do?

I sighed and she stopped making me stop too.

Her: talk to me buddy.

Sariah knew about me being a werewolf and my girlfriend being a doppelganger and her or her doppelganger having to die. She knew everything basically.

Me: she wants to go abroad for some student exchange shiit

Her: and you don't want her to?

Me: her life is already in danger as it is. My grandmother wants her high and low and if she leaves the country, it will make it easy for her to get to Lisa

She nodded

Her: and Lisa wants to go because she thinks it's a great opportunity?

I nodded

Her: I see. Look you want to protect her and that's ok cause you love her but my friend please understand that unlike you Anelisa needs to work extra hard in order to get to where she wants to. hear me out. You've been travelling since you were a kid and she didn't get that opportunity and now that opportunity presents itself, she can't help but want to travel. Also this is her first time being fully exposed to the outside world and of cause she wants to experience new things in new places and to just grow without having to be sheltered at all times. She wants to feel normal just this once without having to feel different and be different. She knows it's not safe, she's not stupid but like any normal person she wants to experience a normal university life.

I nodded

Her: call her and fix things. Try and understand her, correct her without crashing her dreams Ahlume.

Me: I hear you.

Her: good. Now let's go grab a burger, I want a rockstar burger

Me: you and your Rocco Mama's

Her: they make the best.

We walked in and were given a table for two. We ordered and waited, I went to the toilet to call her and she answered.

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*AHLUME

My boss had sent me to Joburg and I took the opportunity to go and visit Lisa. she didn't know I was coming, after my meeting I drove to her flat and Kendra opened the door.

Her: you really need to stop dropping in like this. this is not your house

Me: but my girlfriend lives here

Her: yeah. Whatever, she's not back yet

Me: but she should be back already.

Her: yeah well I tried calling her and she didn't answer my calls. She's been acting strange lately

Me: strange how?

Her: I don't know

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there's just something off about her

Me: it's probably stress. Tests and all

Her: yeah probably

Me: let me try calling her

I dialled her number and she answered after a while.

//Her: hey Hlume

I raised an eyebrow, Anelisa never called me Hlume before.

Me: hey babe. How are you?

Her: I'm good thanks and you?

Me: I'm also good, where are you?

Her: I just got out of a long ass prac, I'm on my way home

Me: Kendra called me, she was worried about you

Her: Kendra needs to chill already

Me: what?

Her: nothing babe. I'll call her

Me: ok. Bye

Her: bye//

I looked at my phone estranged. She must have been really drained to say Kendra needs to chill. I turned to Kendra

Me: well she says she's on her way

Her: oh cool.

Just then her phone rang and she showed it to me, it was Lisa. they spoke for a while and Kendra dropped the call with confusion plastered all over her face

Me: what?

Her: it's the way she spoke to me. Something is wrong with Lisa

Me: nah she's probably just tired

She nodded

Her: can I get you something to eat or drink?

Me: I thought you'd never offer

She laughed and hit my head as she was going to the kitchen

Her: so food or something to drink?

She shouted from the kitchen

Me: both. Have you any idea how tiring it is to fly

Her: stop being dramatic, it wasn't even for 3 hours

Me: still

Her: fine. So what are you doing here?

Me: I came for a meeting on behalf of my boss

Her: perks of having money

Me: you are one to talk Miss Bess

She laughed and so did I

Her: I will go look for a job in a country where they don't know the Besses or I'll get married before I job hunt

Me: and watch your father murder the guy who would dare marry you

Her: you know him all too well. So you and Lisa?

Me: what about us?

Her: you spending the night?

Me: nah, I figured I'd drop by before I head back. It's still during the week

Her: oh right

***AHLUME**

One thing about me is that I am not stupid, I may seem ignorant every now but I'm very observant. I knew she was not my Lisa from the minute she walked in and threw herself in my arms the way she did. You see the thing about Lisa is that I can feel her when she enters the room, the minute I lay my eyes on her something in me sparks something in me gets excited but it was different with her. And then there was the hair thing, it doesn't matter how long of a day she has had, she never comes home with her hair untied, she unties it the minute she sets foot in her room but that day she walked in without it tied, and then there was also the Hlume thing but the sex confirmed everything. Part of me thought that maybe my grandmother had done some spell on her to make her behave the way she did and I was cool with that because I kept hoping that her mother would do some magic and she would be back to the Lisa I know and love but nope, she wasn't. I was pissed that she thought she could play me like that. I wore my pants and walked out locking her inside. I took my phone and called Kendra

//Her: hey

Me: I want the truth

Her: ok?

Me: that girl in my room is Monalisa.

She kept quiet

Me: why didn't you tell me?

Her: because she threatened that whoever has Lisa, she would tell that person to kill her if you or her mother found out

Me: Kendra my girlfriend has been missing since April!

Her: you think I don't know that

I sighed

Her: I know and I've been trying my best to find her but nothing

Me: she could be dead for all we know

Her: she would never have her killed

Me: we don't know that Iminathi

Her: don't shout at me. I'm worried about her as much as you are

I sat down

Her: what now?

Me: talk to her mother and have her find her before I kill this bitch!

Her: don't do anything stupid. You know Lisa wouldn't want that

Me: the thought of her is the only thing keeping me sane right now

Her: good. Focus on her

Me: talk to Nelly. //

I threw my phone on the couch. I went to the kitchen and drank water then made my way to my room and she was sitting on

the bed the way I had left her.

Me: still don't want tell me where Anelisa is?

Her: I don't know

I pulled her by her leg and threw her on the floor with her screaming and begging. I was angry!

Me: you know where she is. You know where my grandmother took her

Her: I swear I don't know Ahlume

She said pleading. I was blinded by rage.

*AHLUME

I walked into sweet lips sitting on her bed holding her amulet looking at it, we were in her room and it was nothing like the one she has at Travis' house or her grandmother or the one back in joburg, this room was different, even the décor was nothing like what I'm used to. She looked unhappy and that tore my heart into pieces, Anelisa is a fun spirit and she's not one to be miserable.

Me: hey sweet lips

She looked up at me and she had tears in her eyes

Me: sweet lips what's wrong?

I said sitting on the bed making her look up at me. the tears rolled down her cheeks

Me: please don't cry

She shook her head

Her: it hurts. Its hurts to see you with her

Me: who? You the only one I'm with Anelisa

She shook her head. I pulled her to my chest

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I would never cheat on Anelisa so I don't understand what exactly she was talking about.

Her: you happy with her, she gives you something I could never give you. I'm sorry Ace

I pulled her away from my chest.

Me: don't be crazy Anelisa. You know I would never cheat on you

Her: you would if you didn't know you were

Me: what do you mean?

She shrugged. I pulled her to me

"you okay?"

I looked around and Lisa was in my arms, I just pulled her closer to me and kissed her forehead

Her: what's going on?

Me: I just had a dream that's all babe

Her: I'm sure it's nothing

She kissed my chest and after that there was silence. for some reason her reaction was not what I was expecting, Lisa would have asked me about the dream but this time she didn't, maybe she had her own dreams to deal with. Nothing about what I dreamt off made any sense to me.

Me: Lisa?

She didn't respond, I removed her from my chest gently and then went out for a walk. I needed to clear my head. When I came back I took my phone from the pedestal and went through my pictures, I felt a sense of peace just looking at her pictures. What was going on with my head?

I woke up early and showered then went to work. When I walked into the building I met up with Athi, she started working

here a month back.

Her: hey

Me: hey, how are you?

Her: I'm ok and how are you?

Me: I'm good thanks. Lunch?

She looked at me with a raised eyebrow

Her: you want us to have lunch together?

Me: I thought that's what friend's do

Her: yeah but won't "sweet lips" mind?

She said with the air quotes and all making me laugh

Me: no she won't. We friends are we?

Her: yeah but

Me: come one Athi, it's been ages

Her: I guess

Me: so I'll come fetch you?

I said pressing my floor button

Her: sure.

We both went up to our respective floors.

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*AHLUME

I got a call from my brother, it was around 8am.

//Me: didn't get enough of talking to me last night?

Him: I saw Anelisa

Me: Anelisa is here buddy. What you talking about?

Him: I don't know who the hell you think that girl is but Anelisa is here in New York

I chuckled

Me: yeah right

Him: I know your girlfriend bro and the girl I saw today is your girlfriend ok!

Me: you not funny. When are you flying in anyway? Tomorrow is our birthday

Him: I'm going to the airport now

Me: I'll see you when you get here and you'll actually meet Lisa and chill with her

Him: Ahlume

Me: bye bro, I have to get back to work//

I ended the call and got back to work. Ahlumile sounded delusional, I mean Anelisa was back at the flat for Christ sake!

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Today was Ahlume's birthday, he was turning 20. Mom had been teaching me to control my magic. Who knew I was actually stronger than any witch that ever lived in our coven. Yes, there was actually a coven and my mother was the leader but when she stopped practising her title was revoked which made one of the woman that taught me magic to be the coven leader but with the power I have I was allowed to go and be the leader of the coven, if I wanted to. At the moment my sole purpose was to find my daughter and until I find her being leader is the last thing on my mind.

Mom: Neliswa you need to focus

She scolded me as she switched off the fire that had erupted in the room.

Her: How do you think you going to save Anelisa if you can't control your magic?

Me: it's too much mom

Her: that's why you need to let me teach you how to use it
Neliswa!

I kept quiet

Her: now repeat after me

We did a few spells with a lot of hiccups along the way until I

finally got most of them right.

Her: let's take a break.

We walked to the lounge

Me: why didn't you tell me all of this sooner?

Her: I'm sure you must have figured it out at some point that you were no ordinary witch. I mean how many witches at the church can actually do half the things you've done? Creating a vampire takes a lot of magic Neliswa and to suppress their lust takes even more power

I shrugged

Her: I'm sorry you spent your life hating me but I did what I had to do to protect Anelisa else she would have always had a target on her back. She's the reason I even stopped practising

Me: But mom if you had told me then we would have protected her together

Her: the less people knew, the better. I knew that if Lisa met you then her life would be in danger but now I realise that I was wrong because you the only one who has the power to end this

Me: end what?

Her: Lock Lindelwa up in the world of the dead and bring Anelisa back home so that things can be normal

Me: mom how do you know all these things?

Her: believe it or not, Lindelwa and I grew up together but she changed when she fell in love with a wolf. She started practising really dark magic and from there she went above and beyond

to try and destroy our coven. Our leaders at the time managed to stop her for a while but she had already made some witch friends from the world of the dead where she was able to be brought back to life and from there she came back really powerful and darker than before filled with hate and anger in order to sustain her power

Me: and you couldn't stop her?

Her: she was my friend, we made a deal that she stays away and she would never have to go back to that world

I nodded

Me: and dad

She kept quiet

Me: mom what about my father?

Her: your father was a vampire baby

Me: what?

Her: It was Lindelwa's parting gift to me. She turned him into a vampire, this one time I noticed that he was feeding on you and I was forced to kill him

She wiped a tear on her cheek

Her: she made me kill the man I loved.

Me: I'm sorry mom

Her: its ok baby. You need to get ready for your trip

Me: I have to at least show up at Ahlume's birthday mom

Her: ok baby. Save him Neliswa!

Me: how?

Her: you will know how to! Trust yourself Neliswa and trust your power

I just nodded. I got up and went to go shower. When I walked out my phone was ringing and it was Travis calling, he had been really worried about me.

***AHLUME**

My Boss let me off early today and so I went to Gateway with Athi, we were going to meet the rest of our friends at a restaurant for lunch before my party later on. It was Saturday but my boss had asked me to come through to help out with some filing. Athi and I had sex yesterday and it wasn't bad, I mean Lisa knew what she was doing in bed but I wouldn't tell you why I was cheating on her even if I wanted to. I loved her but I wasn't in love with her in a way that I would never cheat on her. She was sitting in front dancing to a song that was playing on radio, as I was busy listening to the song I had a vision or memory of a time I had with Anelisa where she was singing along to the song, Mukoko by Ammara Brown.

"Ahlume" I was brought back Athi about to crash into the car before mine.

Me: I'm sorry

Her: what's the deal?

Me: it's nothing, I'm sorry.

We got to the mall and parked then got in the mall. As we were walking I spotted Kendra walking with a person that looked like Anelisa, last time I checked they weren't on speaking terms. I literally froze. Just the sight of her was enough to make me feel some type of way, my heart melted at the sight of her something that hasn't happened in ages. I watched her with her

hair tied up dressed so simple in an open dress which was slightly above the knee wearing it with a denim jacket and white vans.

I felt something like a massive wave come over me and I fell to the floor, it was already past 11pm and our party was going on. When I woke up I was on the couch and Sariah was splashing me with water.

Her: Ahlume you ok?

Me: yeah. What happened?

Her: you and your brother just fainted out of the blue

Me: that doesn't make any sense

Her: yeah! I know.

She said in her sarcastic voice

Her: are you that drunk? You just started drinking man

Me: can I have some water

She handed me the glass in her hand and I gulped the water down at one go

Her: are you ok?

Me: yeah I'm fine

I felt like a burden had been lifted off my heart... if that makes any sense. I felt more alive than I did before, I felt lighter with a sense of happiness in me and my heart.

Me: Sariah I said I was fine

Her: and you back!

She said poking my head playfully. She got up and helped me

up too.

Me: Where's Mile?

I asked looking around and he walked in with Kendra

Him: right over here

Me: nigga what happened?

Him: we collapsed and I woke up first, no big deal. I have someone for you

Me: Kendra?

I said with a raised eyebrow and she looked at me and chuckled. I could feel her, my heart started pounding really fast thinking about the things I did in her absence. Guilt overwhelmed me suddenly and I just hated myself for the things I did. I was happy she was here, I mean I could feel her presence, I could feel the love she had for me and the love I had for her but I couldn't help the guilt.

Kendra: not me. her

She said moving aside and there she was. She hadn't changed, she was Sweet Lips. She was the girl I knew and loved with all my heart, my soul and body. The only woman I'd ever bow down to. She looked at me and I looked at her walking towards her

Me: Sweetlips

Her: Ace

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*Anelisa

“Anelisa” i heard someone call me but her voice was too far, the spark in Ahlume’s eyes was dimmer than the last time I remember or maybe its because I haven’t seen him in 2 months. “Anelisa” someone said nudging me this time and I followed the voice and it turned out it was Kendra.

Me: Yes?

Her: you crying, are you ok?

I just nodded touching my cheeks and indeed I was crying and now Ahlume was already in front of me. he looked at me for a while before pulling me to his arms, I hadn’t realised how much I missed him until I was in his arms being intoxicated by his expensive cologne

Him: Sweetlips its really you

I didn’t even respond I just hugged him tighter. God it felt so good! He pulled out but I didn’t want to pull out of it the way it felt so good. He cupped my face with teary eyes

Him: I missed you so much

I wont lie I didn’t expect that considering how he had my doppelganger with him this whole time. Yep, Kendra filled me in on how things had changed ever since I was gone

Me: I missed you too

He wiped my tears with his thumbs, those are the little things I

missed about him. He kissed me and I couldn't help but respond, i wrapped my arms around his neck pulling him to my level. The kiss was insane on its own, it was slow and unrushed and just magically like our first kiss. He pulled out and we both just stared into each others eyes for a while

“we missed you too Missy” Sariah said standing behind Ahlume.

We both chuckled

Me: hello to you too honey

She pulled me in for a hug

Her: its good to have you back

I finally have my bestie back

I giggled. We pulled out of the hug

Me: did he dump you?

Her: I'm undumpable. Asshole had changed without you

I eyed him and he looked down shyly

Me: he probably missed me too much

He smiled looking down. He and I had a lot of catching up to do especially with everything that's happened and the way he's been acting ever since I got here. Ahlume is not one to be shy and embarrassed.

“still don't drink?” I turned around and it was Ahlumile with a smile and my drink

I giggled

Me: we both know your brother would murder me in whatever country I'm in

They all chuckled. It was so good being back with them, I didn't realise how much I had been missing them until I was with them.

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*AHLUME

I was excited to see her but guilty at the same time. God she was so beautiful. How did I not notice it was her, Why did I stay when I realised it wasn't her? Why did I allow my dick to control me? how the hell were we supposed to move past me sleeping with Athi and Monalisa? I should have let Monalisa be and stay away from her the minute I realised it wasn't her. I shouldn't have slept with any of them. I should have looked for her myself. I should have searched harder for her no matter what it took. I should have done something to get her back

"Ace" I was disturbed in my thoughts by Lisa touching my face. I faked a smile and she gave me a look. I hated how well she knew me

Me: sweet lips

Her: come lets go to your room

I was a little sceptical but I didn't want to give her reason to question me. I took her hand and she led the way up to my room. We got in and I locked behind me, she patted on the bed and I went to sit next to her

Her: talk to me

Me: about?

Her: don't play me for a fool Ahlume

She was quite stern and there was no acting like a fool

Me: where do I even start?

Her: from the day you noticed she wasn't me. I want nothing but the truth from you Ahlume

Me: and where would that leave us?

Her: where do you want it to leave us?

Me: I'm scared you'll end things Anelisa

She placed her hand on my cheek

Her: if it were that easy to leave you I don't think I'd here right now. Ahlume I know you, I know you did things which you are not proud of and I'm willing to move past them but only if you are willing to let them out of your chest so that you can be free of whatever guilt you feeling right now. I feel like it's the only way we'll be able to move on from everything and be us again This whole time I was watching her. She was so perfect and so good with words that I didn't even know whether or not to tell her, I was scared that after hearing the shiit I did she wouldn't want anything to do with me

Me: When I noticed she wasn't you I tried to convince myself that maybe you were just going through stuff but when your friendship with Imi was affected that's when I knew that shiit was real and you weren't her, she seduced me to have sex with her, for a second I thought that maybe she would stop me

when she realised we weren't using a condom because you wouldn't have let me go that far and even if you did you would have insisted on a condom and so I confronted her

This whole time sweet lips was listening to me attentively, I couldn't even read her facial expression.

Me: I asked her what she had done to you but she wouldn't say and so I went deeper and tortured her sexually

Her eyes popped out

Me: its not something I'm proud of, I thought that maybe she would eventually break and tell me where you are but she didn't, she endured every kind of pain b...

Her: you hit her?

I looked down

Her: Ahlume?

Me: what was I supposed to do sweet lips

Her: we look alike

I shook my head

Me: no. you don't look alike Anelisa

Her: still Ahlume!

She argued. I kept quiet because there was no arguing with her. she gave me a look which I'm guessing was a go ahead look

Me: things changed the day your mom changed me into a hybrid and her into a vampire

She looked at me shook

Her: you're a hybrid now?

I nodded and she nodded too

her: so what do you mean by things changed?

Me: I started treating her differently. I apologised for hitting her and everything I put her through, something I would have never done before

She gave me a weird shocked look

Me: I treated her like a princess but on the side I was busy with Athi

She gave me a death stare. Why the fuck was I so honest with her?

Me: I know

Her: Athi Ahlume?

Me: I know Sweet Lips

Her: no you don't know. of all the people you could mess with, her?

Me: I'm sorry Anelisa

Her: I was willing to look past Monalisa because with her I knew that you were not in your right senses and she had poured something in your food but Athi? I don't know

Me: Anelisa please don't say that

Her: I'm not even hurt, I'm disappointed in you!

She couldn't even hide the disappointment in her face and in her eyes

*ANELISA

Growing up I never believed in fate, I didn't think fate existed until now. until today. I never thought that someone like me would be in love with a hybrid, heck I didn't even think hybrids existed until today. I was looking at Ahlume Adams thinking to myself how I got to where he and I are, I was trying to understand what kind of love this is that would turn him into a monster when I was nowhere near sight. I was trying to understand what kind of love turns him into a beast, an abuser and a cheater. I was trying to understand our relationship and I came to the conclusion that you cant mess with fate, you cant mess with destiny. What the lord has brought together, no man can mess with and that's Ahlume and i. He is a tamed beast when I'm around but the minute I'm nowhere near him he is something else. I wanted to be mad at him, I wanted to hate him for the things he did in my absence but my heart wouldn't let me, my heart wouldn't allow me to be the person that would hate someone who didn't do the things he did deliberately or maybe I'm just making excuses to console myself and to refrain myself from seeing him as the monster he is.

I spent the night in his place wrapped around his arms inhaling his intoxicating cologne and content. Was I wrong for loving him even though he was a monster? Was I wrong for loving him

even though I thought that maybe someday he would do me the way he did Monalisa? I mean I don't know. all I knew was that I never wanted to be separated from him again. All I knew was that I never wanted to be anywhere else but in his arms.

Him: did you have a bad dream?

I was startled by his voice while being a slave to my own mind.

He unwrapped his arms around me

Him: everything ok Sweet lips?

I nodded

Him: cant we speak now?

He said making me look up at him and I was met by a concerned look

Me: everything is fine Ace. I was just thinking

Him: about?

Me: us. everything that's happened in these past two months

He sighed

Me: I don't hate you. I don't blame you. for some reason it seems like you can never do wrong in my eyes or in my heart

Him: I'm not proud of the things I did in your absence Anelisa, I don't even understand how you would still love me after everything that I have done

Me: I don't know too but all I know is that I love you and I'm willing to look past everything if you are willing to forgive yourself for everything that's happened

Him: how do I do that Anelisa?

Me: one step at a time. you feeling guilty about everything that happened wont help with anything. It wont help with us and I need my boyfriend the way I had left him

He looked at me for a while and then planted a kiss on my forehead

Him: I love you Ma'Sibeko

Me: I love you too Tatu'Adams

He chuckled and so did i

Him: I will be Tatu'Adams when I plant a seed inside you

I clasped my mouth and he laughed at me

Him: sex still makes you cringe

Me: shut up!

Him: I've missed you so much

Me: how is this going to work?

Him: what?

I could tell by the look on his face that he already knew what I was going to say but I needed to know

Me: you used to having sex, You and Monalisa

Him: Anelisa!

Me: Ahl..

Him: don't do that Anelisa. Don't ruin this please

Me: I'm just saying

He got up off the bed

Me: where are you going?

Him: I need air

Me: Ahlume come one. You cant blame me though, I'm still not ready for sex and wena you've been having sex this whole time so obviously I'm going to ask

He was standing by the window in his briefs looking all kinds of sexy as the lights from the city reflected on him

Him: I'm not a sex addict, I can survive without sex plus you and I have had this conversation before

I sighed. I felt like he wasn't understanding where I was coming from. I was scared that he might pressure me now that he's been busy at it again

Me: please understand where I'm coming from Ahlume

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It's been 2 days and things between us have been a little rocky if I may say. I tried to convince her that I would never cheat her but Lisa is hard headed at times so my plea and convincing falls on deaf ears. We talk all the time on WhatsApp or even calls but she's a little offish towards me so I don't know where we stand. See what I mean when I say doppelgangers turned my life upside down?

I was drinking coffee on my way to the office, the house was so quiet with everyone back to their normal lives. There was a knock on my door, I went to get it and Monalisa stood on the other side of the door, the way I was so drained I didn't even have the energy to argue with her

Me: what are you doing here?

Her: may I come in?

I shrugged stepping aside and she walked in and stood behind me. I closed the door and turned to her

Her: I know I am the last person you want to see right now and I respect you

I just looked at her with a raised eyebrow

Her: Ahlume I'm here to apologise for everything I have done. The mess I created between you and Anelisa and pretty much everything.

Me: why? Why did you do everything you did

Her: jealousy I guess. Growing up I never had what she has, I lived my life on the run and every time I got close to someone something bad would happen to them and so I stopped associating myself with anyone for their own safety. I met a woman when I joined school and she told me about doppelgangers and how I was cursed so that the cult my mom was in could gain more souls to feed on. When I met Anelisa and she told me that she was living a normal life and had it all, I envied her because that's all I've ever wished for. Taylor tricked

me because she used what I wanted against me, she fed off of my jealousy and turned me into this person.

She sighed

Her: Ahlume I'm not a bad person, I'm really not but I'm also not innocent but in my normal sense I would have never done what I did to Lisa or you, it's just that... Your grandmother did everything she did with hopes that you would kill me and she would gain me power.

I looked at her with my eyebrows fringed.

Her: I'm really sorry for the damage I've done and if I could undo any of it I would

Me: is my water still spiked?

Her: no, I got rid of it when you started treating me differently. I thought I loved you and I thought that you could love me back but I was just fooling myself. I let my need for something blind me from what's always been. Anelisa and I may look alike but we not alike and you love her the way she loves you. I was just a pawn in your grandmother's game and now she's disappeared leaving me with this kind of mess to deal with.

Again, I'm sorry Ahlume

I just nodded looking at her, she seemed sincere and she showed remorse

Me: I am also sorry for the way I treated you. I shouldn't have let my anger control me

She stopped me

Her: Ahlume if it's one thing I have learnt is that I'm not Anelisa and I'll never be. She's the only that can tame you. I am yet to understand how she does it but you and I were never going to be, I was never going to make you the person she makes you no matter how much we may look alike

I just nodded not knowing what to say

Her: I wish you guys all the best and I hope we never cross paths again

I chuckled and so did she. She looked at me once and then headed to the door

Her: goodbye Mr Adams

With that she walked out leaving me stunned. I went upstairs and took my things and headed out to my car. While I was driving to work I got a call from dad

//Me: this is a nice surprise

Him: I wish. How are you?

Me: I've had better days, how are you?

Him: I'm ok, how are things with Lisa?

Me: they ok, dad what's going on you being weird

Him: I just came back from the morgue

Me: what were you doing at the morgue?

I asked shook.

Him: your grandmother is gone

I chuckled in disbelief, not because it was funny but because I didn't understand what he meant

Me: what do you mean she's gone?

Him: I'm sorry son

Me: dad I'm driving at the moment; can I call you during lunch

Him: I understand son. Drive safely//

Just as I was driving a wolf showed up in the middle of the road making me swerve off almost bumping into the car in front of me. I stopped on the side of the road and looked around and it wasn't on the road anymore. I got out of the car and looked in making my way through the trees and there the wolf was.

Me: Who are you?

It wasn't speaking but it was as though I could read its mind or something. I don't know what weird shit this was but it had to stop. My grandmother was gone and I didn't need this in my life.

Him: She needs you

Me: who needs me?

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*ANELISA

I love Ahlume. I love him more than a normal person should love anyone for that matter. I trying to look past him and Athi but how can I when they work in the same building? I don't know how I'm able to look past him and Monalisa but cannot look past him and Athi or maybe that's because I know that he and Athi have history and that Athi would do anything to be

with him. I just, I don't know anymore. Sariah told me not to worry about Athi but how can I look past the fact that she would stop at nothing to have him? I was not cut out for relationship problems, I'm sorry.

Mom and dad are engaged, FINALLY! She was so excited and it made me happy to see her that happy and with dad. Granny refuses to move in with us into dad's house as for me, I was living with her; I needed a break from the city life and with everything she told me about her being a witch and me having witch blood and all that, I feel the need to just be closer to her for a while and also not to worry mom about my relationship problems. I was in the kitchen preparing breakfast for granny and I while she was in the lounge catching up on last night's Generations the legacy. Don't ask me why. There was a knock on the door and so I opened, before me stood my evil twin if I may put it that way

Me: what are you doing here?

Her: Anelisa please

Me: What are you doing here?

Her: I'm here to apologise

I looked at her and chuckled in disbelief, she is the reason I went through everything I went through. She's the reason my life with Ahlume is in shambles. Everything is her fault. Ahlume almost hit me because of her. she is literally the root of all my problems ever since I went to varsity so forgive me if I don't

sound all christiany but I can't look past everything

Her: I'm not even expecting you to forgive me because everything you went through is because of me but I will apologise in order for my conscious and to make things right.

I raised an eyebrow

Her: I could stand here and explain why I did everything but I'm sure you already know and so I won't. Anelisa I'm sorry I ruined your life, I'm sorry I messed it up and I know I don't deserve your forgiveness but I will ask for it anyway

I stood there speechless. Yes, I knew why she did what she did, I'm surrounded by witches and at some point I felt what she felt, at some point I was her and I had her memories and she wasn't a bad person, she just got played by bad people who took advantage of her situation.

Me: I forgive you

Her: really?

I nodded and she smiled.

Her: thank you. I should get going

Me: I was making breakfast, join us?

Her: no thank you, my father is waiting for me at the airport already. I'm going back home today

I nodded

Me: travel safely

I opened my arms to her and we shared a hug. I felt something, I got flashbacks of something even I didn't understand. We

broke the hug quickly and looked at each other

Her: did you feel that?

I looked at her shook while nodding my head. We were disturbed by her ringing phone

Her: I should take this, bye

Me: bye

With that she left. Just then my granny walked in.

Her: It's not over!

Epilogue

5 Years Later

*AHLUME

“Mr Adams, your wife called to confirm dinner with her parents. What should I say?”

I looked up and my assistant was standing by the door with her iPad looking all kinds of beautiful. Marriage don't make you blind people. Yes, Anelisa and I were married and we were happy either than the fact that she had problems with my assistant. I was working for my father's company as an Analyst while my brother worked as a Systems Analyst. He and Sariah were engaged to be married so yep, that was never expected but they were good together.

Me: of cause we still on

I said shutting my laptop

Me: please have my dry cleaning delivered at my house and call Sibus driver tell him I'll be fetching her

Her: will do sir

With that I walked out with my things and made my way to my brother's office, I knocked once and let myself in

Him: what if I was busy with a girl

Me: good thing I know you not. I'm on my way home

Him: and the wife?

Me: probably still at work, you know how she is

He chuckled and so did I. She was 7 months pregnant with our

first born together and she didn't want to quit work at all. Sibulele is my daughter with Monalisa. A lot has happened within 5 years, I didn't know she was pregnant when she left until we met her two years later with a baby girl who looked just like her, I know; I was just as shook as you are but things happened and the baby ended up with me and Anelisa. Lisa is a good person by nature so when I dropped the bomb on her she wasn't shook instead she told me she had her suspicions all along because she somewhat felt it when Mona left but she didn't know how she would tell me or how she would go about the conversation. So yeah... that's the story of my life. I have a five year old daughter named Kayla Sibulele Adams.

Him: and how do you deal with her drama together with Kayla's?

Me: dude don't even start. Just last night she was crying because I forgot to buy her chips or something she was craving on my way back from work

Him: damn fam

Me: I know right. I can't wait for her to pop already

Him: you two have really come far. Don't ever mess it up bro

Me: I failed to mess it up while we were just dating, why would I start now?

Him: you have a point but marriage is different,

Me: I know but I'm happy with Lisa

Him: how's Mona?

I scratched my head

Me: she's been MIA. Been trying to reach her but nothing

Him: what if something happened to her?

Me: I didn't think of that. Thing is Kayla's been asking about her crying saying her mother doesn't love her anymore

Him: I think you should look for her bro, just in case something happened

Just then my phone rang and my beautiful wife's picture popped up on my screen

Me: I should go, duty calls

He laughed at me as I made my way out answering her call

//Me: the world's most beautiful pregnant lady

She giggled making me laugh. Anelisa hadn't changed, she was just fiercer and our sex was lit, it was never rushed unless we both wanted a quickie but either than that, she was a natural. I taught her all the tricks and trades and she was perfect for me

Her: stop it

Me: what? I'm happy to hear your voice

Her: your baby is restless

Me: put me on speaker

She giggled

Her: I'm sure he can hear you

Me: she

Her: it's a he! Come fetch me, I can't drive like this

Me: I keep telling you to go on maternity leave already

Her: Ace we not doing this

Me: fine. I'm on my way to fetch Sibuh and then we'll be there in a few minutes, what should we bring you?

Her: a McFlurry and fries

Me: you sure that's all?

Her: if you could also get me biltong from that garage

Me: I thought as much

Her: you owe me from last night

Me: I know, I'm on my way babe, I just left the office now

Her: don't drive and talk on the phone

Me: you're on speaker Lisa

Her: bye now. your child is ok

Me: you're abusive

Her: blame your son. Yuh ha.a bye Ace//

She dropped the call on me. Yep I had gotten used to it, her being mean to me and blaming our daughter. I wanted a baby girl, I wanted to be the only man amongst beautiful girls while she wanted a son for some reason.

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*ANELISA

5 years ago if you had told me that I would be a 23 year old step mom expecting her first child married to a hybrid I would have probably told you to quit tripping or stop playing with me like that but here I am, 5 years later and madly in love with my

hybrid and his daughter who had anger issues like her father. That day Mona left, when my grandmother walked in and said it wasn't over, I thought she was talking about Mona's pregnancy but nope. She was talking about the whole doppelganger blood thingy. Mona brought her daughter to us to keep her safe because if word came out that Siby is born of a vampire doppelganger and a hybrid then witches from all over would be looking for her and they've been looking for her. Mom did a spell to cloak her and so far she's been safe but I can't help but worry that something might happen to her, last night I had this disturbing dream that they were trying to sacrifice her to bring Lindelwa back and my baby is not the type that's is unsettled unless he hears his father's voice but ever since the dream he's been playing soccer in my belly the whole day and I'm worried that something must have happened to Monalisa. I have been trying to reach her since these past few days and nothing, she's just went off the grid, I tried getting mom to do a locator spell on her and she couldn't get anything. I got up and packed my stuff waiting for Ahlume to tell me he was here. I was working with Ashley in the lab, she walked in as I was almost done packing up

Her: you still here?

Me: Ahlume is on his way, had to fetch Kayla

Her: and how's the little one?

Me: still unsettled but better than before

Her: he just misses his dad

Me: can he miss him elsewhere

She laughed

Her: you so cute. Listen, Cal and the others are in town for the weekend and they were thinking we chill...

Me: I'll have to talk to my husband

Her: I'm still asking myself why the hell you got married at 20

Me: when you know, you know friend

Her: or hubby just wanted to tap that already

We both laughed

Me: even if he did, look at me now

We both laughed again, my phone rang and it was him

Me: he's here

He: let's go

We took my things and made our way to the car, he got out the minute he saw me. Ahlume was so loving you would swear I gave him some love potion together with its paper. He kissed my cheek and took my things from me and Ash

Him: how are you Ashley?

Her: I'm good and how are you?

Him: also good, thanks

Her: she's my friend. Listen, the squad is in town for the weekend and we would like to chill like old times

I looked at him trying to read his facial expression but it was blank

Him: no clubs!

Her: of cause.

He nodded and so did Ash, we shared a brief hug and then he opened my door for me

Me: hello munchkin

Her: hi munchkin

Me: how are you?

Her: I'm fine munchkin and you?

Me: I'm also good honey. How was school?

Her: It's draining. I want to quit

I turned to look at her shook, her dad laughed

Me: what happened in school?

Her: there's a new teacher and I don't think she likes me. Every time she's asking something she always asks me

She said sulking making me laugh, she was too cute for words. I adored her as if she were mine.

Me: she probably likes you that's why

She shook her head

Ace: how is the little one?

Me: he's quiet for now

I swear that was an invitation because he started moving. I

looked at Ace

Him: what?

Me: your baby is up

He chuckled and touched my belly but that didn't help at all, I

wanted to cry even

Him: I'm sorry

He kissed my cheek. I rested my head on the seat while Sibü was chatting non-stop. I named her Sibü because despite everything, I'm grateful she survived, I'm grateful she's here and I'm grateful for having her in our lives. I've never seen my husband this content though at times he does get angry but it's never that anger of his that would make him kill so thank God.

Him: Sweet Lips

Me: mmmh

Him: are you ok?

Me: I'll be fine

I couldn't shake this bad feeling that something bad was going to happen, it really got to me that my baby was this unsettled and me brushing my tummy didn't help with anything. He put his hand on my tummy and brushed it

Him: I don't like seeing you like this

Me: it's ok Ace

The radio somehow lost signal as we got close to our house, something that's never happened before. I turned to him and he changed the station but nothing was playing on any radio station it was just making noise. Sibü started crying

Her: mummy turn it off Ace switched it off and stopped the car on the pavement outside our house but Sibü still wouldn't stop crying. I got out and went to her

Me: honey

Her: mommy there's someone screaming in my ear

She said that with her hands covering her ears crying in agony. I was now scared myself, I pulled her to me trying to calm her down but nothing

Me: Ahlume what's going on?

Him: I'll call your mother now

Her: mommy make her stop

She said crying out in pain, it sucked that I couldn't do anything to help my baby. I just held her tightly rocking us back and forth, Ahlume was outside probably talking to my mother. Just as we were sitting like I started hearing some chanting I raised my head to look around and I couldn't see my husband, the car doors locked themselves.

Me: Ahlume?

I shouted trying to open the door but it wouldn't open. God this could not be happening, this was the last thing we needed.

Me: ACE?

I said shouting for him again while trying to open the door but the doors wouldn't open.

Me: honey look at me

She looked at me

Me: I need you to go and fetch mommy's phone in her bag ok?

Her: where?

Me: in mommy's seat

She nodded and made her way between our seats

Her: mommy who is that?

I looked peeked up and it was Taylor

Me: it's no one baby, just hand me my phone ok

She nodded, a while later she gave me my phone and I dialled mom's number but I couldn't hear anything, it sounded like a radio that had lost its signal and as if that couldn't be worse it felt like the phone was burning my hand and so I threw it on the floor

Her: mommy I'm scared. Where's daddy?

Me: he went inside the house baby, he's coming so...

And just like that it was lights out for me

*AHLUME

I felt someone shaking me roughly and it was Neliswa. I looked at her and then quickly got up and made my way to my car, it was empty. My wife and daughter were missing

Her: Ahlume what's going on? What happened?

Me: I don't know. One minute I'm trying to call you and then the next thing there's voices chanting but there's no one here and that's all I remember. We have to find my wife and my daughter. They took them

Her: who is they?

Me: I don't know

I honestly did not see anyone, all I could hear was voices chanting and that was, whatever or whoever these people

were, they were extremely powerful to knock me out the way they did. What got to me the most is that they took my daughter and wife and whoever this person was, they were going to die by my hand

Her: We have to go to my place and try a locator spell

I didn't even respond, she led the way and we went to her car, we parked in front of her house and we walked in. She and her mother did a few things on top of a map

Gran: they cloaked

Me: you have to try again gran. I can lose them

Nelly: you won't lose them.

She said chanting with her eyes closed, I was getting impatient because the more we wait the more I stand a chance of losing all three of them.

*ANELISA

Fate Chose Me... Fate chose me for Ahlume, Fate chose me to be the doppelganger that tames a werewolf and now I think Fate actually chose me to be the one that will die or to be the one that will carry a miracle baby. I looked around and we were in what looked like a church

Me: Sibü?

I started shouting for my daughter as I regained memories of what had happened

Person: she's not here

Me: where is my daughter?

Her: your daughter? Your daughter is still in your belly

Person: not for long though

I looked around and they were all dressed in black, I looked beside me and there was a table with doctor equipment, I looked at myself and I was wearing a hospital dress and my tummy was exposed

Me: what are you going to do to me?

I couldn't even fight as my hands were tied down on either side of the bed

Her: I'm Taylor, this is my friend Clarissa and that over there is Mary-Ann, she'll be performing the surgery

Me: What surgery?

Mary: the one where you give birth

Me: please don't do this. I will do anything, just please leave my baby alone

Tay: there's nothing you can do for us that we can't do for ourselves

I couldn't even hide my fear of the worst. I kept asking myself where Sibü was and whether or not she was ok

Me: Where's Kayla?

Tay: Kayla is fine

Me: can I see her please. I'm begging you

I pleaded with my eyes looking at Taylor who showed no emotion or whatsoever. I was really screwed.

Tay: no! Mary-Ann can we get this done already

I tried fighting but nothing, they had tied my hands up to tightly my wrists hurt. They were chanting something as Mary-Ann took a scapula to cut my belly with, I was crying, fighting begging and doing the best I could to get them to stop but nothing worked, she was about to cut me when the scapula flew across the room startling all of us

Tay: Mary-Ann stop playing games!

Mary: it's not me. This is no ordinary baby

Clar: what do you mean?

Mary put her hand over my belly and she froze for a second and quickly removed her hand shaking her head

Tay: what?

Mary: the baby is part witch

Clar: her grandmother is a witch

Mary: no, you don't understand. This baby is a witch, this girl is a witch that doesn't have any magic. Her baby is fighting I looked at them shook. I was carrying a hybrid witch? What? Is that even possible?

Tay: no! That can't possibly be

She placed her hand over my belly and she quickly removed it.

They looked at each other and Taylor nodded

Clarissa walked out leaving me with the two witches

Mary-Ann: killing a new-born witch is a crime

Tay: so what? We let my mother suffer?

Mary: we can induce her pregnancy so that she gives birth now

and use the two doppelgangers with the little hybrid. That's should be enough

Tay: the child of a doppelganger which is part hybrid is stronger than any doppelganger will ever be and now that this baby she's carrying is part witch, just imagine all that power. If this child lives, then all our lives will be in danger. She will wipe out all our clan

Mary: we could be punished

Tay: not if we raise mom from the dead first. Just imagine how powerful we will be having the dead on our side?

Just then Clarissa walked in with about 5 more people and they all went in a corner and spoke for a while before coming back to surround me. Tay started chanting what they chanted earlier on and the rest followed while Mary Ann tried to cut me, I cried out in pain

"Lisa" Ahlume's voice shouted sounding near "Anelisa"

Tay: continue, I'll hold him off

With that she walked out leaving the others to continue cutting me. I don't know what happened but soon blood was splattered and there was a lot of growling, I won't lie I was terrified. Please understand that in all our years together, I have never seen Ahlume as a werewolf. They were crying in pain themselves, I think it was Ahlume and Alumile because there was two wolves in the room. Mom walked in and sent Mary-Ann flying across the room, she came to untie me

Me: mom

Her: I'm here baby. I will always be here

She covered my tummy and then helped me up

Me: Mom

Her: Sibum is fine babe

When I looked around there were heads on the floor and limbs, it was a scary sight. We quickly walked out and went to the car and my baby and her mother were both there. A while later Ahlume and Ahlumile came towards the car and I got out and ran into his arms.

Looking back at everything that's happened, Fate Chose Me to be the one that carries a hybrid witch baby who would be the end of Taylor and her clan.

.....**THE END**.....

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