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Only love can save my soul  
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## **Introduction**

Aunty Rose: Siba! I come back from work and the house is still dirty and wena you sleeping!  
, Hai maan this is not a hotel! Yeap that's my Aunt Rose, a on my case. My name is Siba and iam 23years old. My father died when i was 6 years old and my mother died when i was 9 years old. They both died from Aids, i heard my father was the one who infected my mother because of his Infidelity. My father was a truck driver, you know truck drivers travel a lot and only God knows what they get up too when they are on the road away from their wives and kids, i would only see him once or twice a month. My mother, God bless her soul she was a very forgiving woman, when she was Grave sick, she signed the house to Aunty Rose and asked her to take care of me. Aunty Rose is a Nurse, before my mother died she was living in a shack, i never understood how a nurse lived in a Shack, but I understood later that she used all her salary on alcohol. Aunty Rose has a daughter Katlego she's 21 years. Me and Katlego love each other so much, she's Like a sister I've

never had. She always stood by my side throughout all the years that her mother abused me, and she's still abusing me. I remember my Aunt would kick me out when i was 12 years just because i didn't wash the dishes, she would kick me out on a cold raining night, I'd have nowhere to go the outside toilet was a second home to me, when my Aunt kicks me out id sleep there. I have a big brother he is an Electrical Engineer and working at Eskom, he has a house and a car and a wife who hates me, she distanced him from me and the whole family, she doesn't even want me to visit them.

Aunty Rose always tells me that she's tired of taking care of me now, it's so funny because she doesn't buy me clothes or give me money to do my hair she only buys me bread, but her daughter gets everything. I wear Katlego's clothes that she don't want any more or that don't fit her anymore, she's a size 34 and im a size 32 slowly going to 30. Life is not a crystal stair for me, you know how painful it is to see kids with their mothers or my friends talking about their mom's and knowing very well that i have nothing to say about mine because we had so much little time together, I was very young when she died i never knew that one day ill need her. At least Aunty rose was paying for my college fees, I'm doing an IT course at least to have a sort of certificate, get a job and get the hell out of her house. I. Am very happy that it'smy last year this year, and a friend at school told me her father owns a very busy Internet Cafe and he can hire me. I know that's not a fancy Job but at least I'll have enough to get me an outside room somewhere. I was in my room when my aunt came and told me we need to talk.

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Her: It pains me to inform you that i can no longer Pay for your fees, Katlego is going to Varsity next year and you know Varsity is expensive so the money I use to pay for you i willbudget it for her.

Me: but Aunty it's my last year only 6 months for me to finish.

Her: i know Siba and I'm sorry, but Katlego's course is more important she's going to be a dentist, and you this computer thing of yours is useless it won't get you a good job.

Me: but Aunty..

Her: No buts Siba, im a single parent you know your parents left you nothing they couldn't atLeast open a trust fund for you, you are a burden to me you should be grateful im still letting you stay in my house.

*That's what she always tells me about how useless my Parents are, Katlego is not even going to be a dentist she's going to do a one year course and be a dental assistant, my Aunt just*

*loves making Katlego as if like she's very smart.*

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I sat there in my room crying, i couldn't believe what my Aunt just told me. That IT qualification was going to take me out of this miserable life. I heard her talking to my other Aunt at the kitchen, my Mom had 2 sisters, Aunty Josephine was the first born we called her Aunty Jo, followed by Aunty Rose, and my mom was the last born. I went to the passage so i could hear them gossiping about me.

Aunt Rose: Hau Sesi you look tired..

Aunt Jo: Hai Sesi those white people they make me slave around the whole day. Aunt Jo was a maid, she worked from Monday-Saturday.

Aunt Rose: they are crazy, it's Saturday today you not supposed to be working. Aunt Jo: what can i say Sesi, my children have to eat.

Aunt Rose: how are your children doing vele? Aunt Jo: they are doing good i cannot complain.

Aunt Jo had 4 kids, the first born is married and living at her own house, the other 3 are still living with her.

Aunt Jo: my only problem is my 2nd born Kagiso, hai he doesn't wanna stop smoking Nyoape his always stealing i don't know what to do anymore.

Aunt Rose: take him to church sesi he needs a prayer that one for all those demons that he has.

Aunty Rose was a self proclaimed "Perfect Christian" he never misses church, always praying and reading her Bible, mara her heart aii.

Aunt Jo: i will do that Sesi, how is Katlego?

Aunt Rose: she's good sesi, im soo proud of my daughter she's going to university next year to study, she's going to be a dentist.

Aunt jo: that is great Sesi, at least she's giving the family a good name, and how is Siba? Aunt Rose: that one she's

giving me high blood pressure Sesi yooh! Siba is lazy she sleeps all day, i come back from work tired and find the house dirty look at the dishes.

Aunt Jo: Mara Sesi this thing is going to kill you shame! I'm glad i didn't volunteer to take her in when her Parents died.

Aunt Rose: I don't know what I'm gonna do with her, Katlego is 21 and she has a bright future, Siba is 23 she doesn't even know where her life is going.

Aunt Rose called, i showed up at the kitchen after 5min i was busy wiping my tears and trying to stop myself from being emotional.

Aunt Rose: Make us some tea and then wash dishes after.

Me: It's Katlego's turn to wash dishes.

Her: You can see that Katlego is not here Akere, so wash them. Me: No Aunty that's not fair.

Aunt Rose: Akere wabona Josephine, this is what I'm talking about.

Aunt Jo: Yey wena! Don't talk like that to my sister after everything is that she's for you! She clothes you and feeds you, waitse you lucky that you not living with me, i would've long killed you. Wash this dishes!

I just stood there, I wasn't gonna wash Shame i washed dishes, cleaned and cooked the whole week and Katlego never did nothing, all she was doing was walking up and down with boys. My Aunt Jo got angry and took off her shoe and threw it at me. The door opened and Katlego came in. Katlego: yoooh Siba Thank God I found you here, i need you to accompany me somewhere. Aunt Jo: haibo Katlego, im not a rock.

Katlego: sorry Aunty Jo how are you?

Aunt Jo: im good my baby, your mother told me the good news..

Katlego: yoooh Aunty sorry ill come to your house sometime and we'll talk right now I'm in a hurry Siba let's go.

We walked out in a hurry.

Me: Thank you for saving me from those 2 witches

Her: you are welcome cuz, i want you to accompany me to Sika eish his Angry that i haven't been answering his calls.

Sipho aka Sika was a well known playa in our hood. He owns a car wash and a pub an grill, he drives A golf TSI. I never liked him because he was playing my cousin, you will see different girls in his golf everyday. One thing i told myself was that i will never let a guy play me, all men are dogs they cheat where is my mother? She died when she was 30 because of my unfaithful father. My Aunt Rose started drinking when her husband was cheating on her, my Aunt Jo her husband left her with 4 kids, i told myself i will never be played by any guy, im never gonna be a fool for love. We arrived at the pub and Grill and Sika was busy flirting with some hood rat.

Me: mara what do you see in this guy? Katlego: don't start Siba.

When Sika saw us he came to us.

Him: What's your problem wena Katlego? I've been calling you all day where have you been?

Katlego: sorry baby i was cleaning at home my mom was..

Sika: Stop lying! My friend said he saw you with that fool

called Mdu.

Mdu was some guy who always had a crush on katlego, katlego never liked him because he was still in school doing matric, katlego only used Mdu for his school pocket money shame which was R20.

Sika pulled Katlego's hair

Katlego: aii maan Sika you hurting me, ganti why are you like this? I never liked this Sika guy.

Me: If you wanna hit my cousin you will do it in when it's just the two of you not when i'm around!

Him: Siba stay out of this!

I picked up some stones where i was standing.

Me: don't make me embarrass you in front of your friends.

He just let go of Katlego's hair and went to his car, katlego just followed him busy apologizing, i was all standing there looking like a fool until some guy came to me.

Him: wola baby girl, don't you want us to go inside the pub ill buy you some can of coke. Me: aii voetsek wena do i look thirsty to you!

He just looked at me and said "tjo" then left. I stood there waiting for Katlego it was starting to get dark i was starting to get very irritated, my phone vibrated i took it out And it was a

message from my aunt saying "don't bother coming back home, sleep wherever you are".



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One thing about my Aunt is the fact that she doesn't bluff. Katlego showed up after hours of waiting for her, she was busy fixing her t. Shirt i didn't have to ask what happened.

Me: you are a slut i tell you!

Her: Aii Siba im not in the mood for your speeches.

Me: Katlego this guy is a well known playa, i don't know why you don't wanna listen when itell you that this soul is not good for you.

Her: Siba the problem is you haven't met that one guy yet.

Me: i haven't met him because he don't exist, Katlego i promise you i would never degrademyself like you, I'm sure the day you lost your virginity it was in a park.

Yes i was still a virgin at 23. When i was in my teen years i had a boyfriend but as soon asmy Aunt found out she almost killed me i still have a scar on my forehead of the wooden spoon she hit me with that day. But as i grew up and saw that men are dogs after sleeping with you they throw you away like a used condom, i became a virgin by choice.

Katlego: let's go home cuz

I didn't tell Katlego about the message from her mother, i just kept quiet i will see when i gethome.

Her: so you planning on being a virgin forever?

Me: if I don't find the right guy yes, i want my first time to be special Katlego..

Her: you want a bed full of roses, champagne and strawberries with cream while Mr perfectis laying next to you?

Me: something like that.

Her: that shit don't even exist in movies, you will grow old while still waiting for Mr perfect. We just laughed at that

and started running home it was around 19:00. We got home while my Aunt was waiting at the kitchen all fueled up.

Katlego: Mama sorry..

Her: just go to your room Katlego. Katlego just went to her room.

Her: what are you trying to do to my child wena Siba? Me: what do you mean Aunty?

Her: i saw you standing at the pub and Grill while i was walking Jojo to the taxi rank. Siba you know at that pub and Grill there's a lot of boys that play with girls what kind of humiliation are you trying to bring me?

Me: sorry..

Her: sorry ya eng? And what makes me more angry is that you dragging my poor innocent Katlego into your filthy ways, Siba if you wanna sleep with every boy in this neighborhood do that out of your own account and let's see where you will end up! But do me a favor don't drag my baby along with you.

Heee! If she only knew that her "innocent baby" is getting fucked in a TSI she will faint. Katlego showed up.

Her: Mama it's not Siba I'm the one who took her remember? It's my fault. Aunt Rose: i said go to your room wena.

Her: but mama..

Aunt Rose: No buts Katlego! Katlego went to her room.

Aunt rose: you see? Your filthy ways are making me fight with my child? Siba what's your plan for the future? Or you wanna get aids and end up in the Grave like your mother?

Me: Aunt Rose there's no need to bring up my mother.

Her: there is a need because you following in her footsteps, yooh Siba please go, before you give me a heart attack, i don't wanna die now Katlego still needs me.

I walked to the bedroom.

Her: i mean leave! Get out of my house!

Me: Mara Aunty Rose where am i gonna go? You know i

have nowhere to go Her: go back to the Pub! Go back to your boyfriends!

I just stood there all tearing up, she just took a pot and threw it at me telling me to go, luckily i ducked in time and it hit the wall. I just opened up the door and walked out, running out of

the yard and down the street all crying i didn't know where to go. I just sat at the corner on a big rock and looked down so no one can see that im crying. It was a Saturday drunken men were passing by busy whistling at me i just looked down the whole time, busy talking

through my heart saying, "mama i wish you were here to save me, why did you die and leave me" suddenly i heard someone calling my name i looked up it was my mother's best friend Ses'Phindi

Her: hau Siba why are you sitting here at this time of the night? I was too emotional i couldn't say anything, tears falling down. Her: come on let's go to my place.

She held my hand and we walked to her place in silence. Ses'Phindi lived with her son in her 4-roomed house. She was working at some salon and her son was working at Sika'a pub and grill, he's the one who grills the meat.

Her son was my age and Ses'Phindi was in her mid 40s.

We got to her house and she told me to sit down then dished up for me Pap and wors. Ses'Phindi son Thato came out of his room, me and him grew up together since our moms were best friends we also became good friends.

Him: skeem, Fede kunjani? (how are you)

Me: Ang'rasi skeem, just facing some lot of bullshit lately (im not saying anything, just facing a lot of problems lately)

Him: mxm it's that Aunt of yours? Me: ya she kicked me out. Thato and his mom knew exactly about how my Aunt treats me.

Phindi: Yaz' she seems to be forgetting that your mom left you that house! Me: problem is mama signed it to her so it's legally hers.

Phindi: I don't like Rose she's not good, do you know that she used to feed your mom rotten food when your mom was sick? Then she goes around carrying a bible making herself a saint. Thato: God should burn her with fire!

I just laughed at that comment.

Thato: what? It's the truth with that lose Daughter of hers, Entlek Mamzo (mom) that Katlegogirl is dating Sika.

Phindi: Sika?

Thato: Usipho mamzo

Phindi: U sipho the one who owns the pub and grill? Me: yeap that one.

Phindi: isn't that guy married?

Thato: he is married and i suspect that he has aids, Phela that guy aii his done sleeping with every skirt in this neighborhood except for you skeem, Phela Katlego comes almost everyday there and they go go his car, everyone knows She gets fucked in his car.

Me: and my Aunt has the nerve to call me a slut.

Thato: Mxm she should start by telling her daughter that.

Ses'Phindi gave us food, it was always nice staying over at Thato's place i get to laugh at his funny jokes and all that, they make me feel like I at least still have a family.

We watched tv till i got tired Ses'Phindi suggested that we go and sleep. We slept in her bedroom and she borrowed me her night gown. In the morning i woke up and the house was already clean, Ses'Phindi wakes up very early and cleans then prepare breakfast, her and my Aunt went to the same church. My phone rang i answered.

Aunt Rose: Ganti were are you? Come back home now! She didn't even wait for me to reply she just hung up.

Phindi: who was that?

Me: My Aunt she wants me home, i better go.

Her: okay Dali don't forget that this is like your 2nd home don't be scared to knock even if it's at 00:00.

I just hugged Ses'Phindi and thanked her, i asked her to tell

thato that i went home because he was sleeping when I left. I know some of you will say why don't i just live with Ses'Phindi and Thato, but the last time my Aunt heard that i slept at Thato's place while she kicked me out she called Aunty Jojo and they came to attack Ses'Phindi, they almost killed her they came with an axe and a sjambock. I just ran home and found my Aunt waiting at the gate carrying a bible.

Her: where did you sleep?

Me: at Engine garage on the bench.

I couldn't say Ses'phindi i didn't wanna get her in trouble.

Her: you see what happens when you don't listen? Go inside and start cleaning and cooking. Me: where is Katlego?

Her: she's still sleeping.

I didn't say none much i went inside and into our bedroom, me and Katlego shared the same bedroom and it looked like she was sleeping, so i jumped on her only to find that she put Pillows under the duvet, yaa she must have went out the bathroom Window last night to Sika, ya this girl!

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I didn't wanna upset my Aunt any further so i just cleaned and cooked. My cousin came back all tired.

Her: Hey cuz when did you come back?

Me: i came back this morning and you? Where have you

been? Her: yoh i had an epic night with Sika, im even tired.

Me: where was his wife when all of that was going on?

Her: she's on some work Trip, yoooh cuz Sika has a beautiful house. Me: you playing with fire wena.

Her: Let me go and sleep cuz I'm tired, before you start preaching to me. Katlego went to the bedroom, but came back after a minute.

Her: i forgot to tell you something

Me: yeah?

Her: Don Mare Attorneys, they hiring they want a Personal Assistant. You should apply plus you like Law.

Don Mare Attorneys is a very successful and well known Law Firm, with a lot of Good qualified lawyers. It's Founder Don Mare has a lot of Businesses especially overseas. He started the Law firm in South Africa not so long Ago but because of his businesses that he has to attend too overseas he appointed his son to run the firm for him. Don mare has a networth of 80 million dollars in America making him the richest in South Africa, Of course After a few rich people.

His planning on multiplying that Figure so that he can be on the

Forbes list. He married a black woman and has two sons but his other son committed suicide 3 years ago due to depression ya i never thought rich people get depressed too.

I know all about Don Mare because ever since i was a teen i wanted to be a lawyer and work at his firm, that was my biggest dream because he has the best lawyers in his firm,

but unfortunately i couldn't go to varsity, couldn't get a bursary and my Aunt wasn't gonna pay. Me: well wow i would love to work there but don't they need experience and some sort of qualification?

Her: i didn't pay much attention i saw it on the Internet. Tomorrow you should go to the Internet and check on their website.

I could jump at this chance right now but Shame you know such companies they need a lot of qualifications, I'm sure even their cleaners have cleaning certificates or something, as much as i would like to work there but i don't think i qualify. I just sat on the couch day dreaming about working at Don Mare as a lawyer. My aunt came back from church looking all tired.

Her: shuu! I'm tired i see the house is clean, did you cook?

Me: yes Aunty.

Her: dish up for me.

I went to the kitchen to dish up for her, with her following me.

Her: so have you thought of what you going to do since you don't have money to finish school?

Me: i was thinking of getting a job.

Her: that's good i thought so too and look no further, i spoke to jojo yesterday she said whereshe's working they want another maid, so I told her that you are available so tomorrow you should go with her, by 5am you should go wait for the bus.

I couldn't believe this woman wanted me to be a maid! I know im down and out, but i still have my dignity to protect.

Me: i can't be a maid Aunty.

Her: this is no time to choose, you should take whatever is given to you.

Me: Don Mare Attorneys they hiring they want a PA, I was thinking of applying.

Her: are you kidding me? There is no way that they going to

hire you there. They want people with education, serious education and you have none of that. Stop wasting time wenaand go work with Jojo, Tjo i cannot believe that you really wanna work at Don Mare Attorneys, have you seen people who work there? I see them all the time on TV, so don't embarrass yourself you only have matric which you didn't pass very good, the only job you getting is being a maid.

Ya that really set me back. My Aunt never believed in me, so i didn't expect her to starttoday.

Her: where is Katlego?

I just kept quiet.

Her: hai wena im talking to you! So now you angry that i told you the truth? Haibo Sisi minai love you and i don't want you to embarrass yourself. Wena just go with Jojo and be a maid, that's all you gonna be good for, to be a maid for the rest of your life.

I couldn't stop the tears from falling anymore.

Me: Aunt Rose there's no need to talk like that i have feelings too.

her: what feelings? Haibo this is my house Phela don't forget! I don't know why you gettingoffended it's not like i said anything that's untrue. If you were serious like Katlego you would be going to university too mara Shame you played at school your matric results are embarrassing and now you wanna apply And embarrass yourself? They will just take your CV and throw it in the rubbish bin where it belongs.

This woman is something else. She's busy saying my matric is not good while she forgets that when i was doing matric she would be busy telling me that im stupid i won't pass, im wasting my time and busy kicking me out when i come back late from because i would be attending extra classes, that put a lot a lot of stress and depression on me that i couldn't even concentrate on my



school work so i didn't pass that well. The highest percentage i hv is 50% then in 3 subjects i got 45% the rest i got 30%.

Aunt Rose: you should see Katlego's matric certificate it's very beautiful.

Katlego failed matric, then she went and supplemented at a night school, she failed again until she slept with half of those teachers to pass her.

Her: if you gonna cry like that please go out of my house and come back when those tears are gone because no one has died here for you to be crying like that.

She just took me outside and closed the door. I sat on the stoep crying telling God that i don't wanna live anymore, i cannot take all this pain my aunt is giving me. I was remembering all she did to me, when i asked her if i could attend extra classes he said no, whose gonna cook and clean.

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I must have sat there for a long time because it started getting dark, my Aunt came out. Her: are you gonna come in? We want to lock the door.

I just went in and went straight to the bedroom, took my mom's picture and got in bed, pulled the bed covers and started crying. My cuz came in the bedroom.

Her: Cuz are you Okay? Me: Yes cuz I'm fine

Her: should i bring you something to eat? Me: I'm not hungry

Her: but Siba you have to eat..

Me: Katlego i just wanna be Alone please.

She just went out, and i continued crying myself to sleep under the bed covers. I was very hurt, i didn't wanna live anymore i wanted my mother, after a long time of crying i got a

massive headache and i just fell asleep i didn't even hear katlego getting in bed. I was woken up in the morning by my Aunt.

Her: Siba wake up! I don't want you being late on your first day.

I woke up and looked at the clock it was 4am, Katlego was sleeping next to me. I went to the bathroom and bathe, my eyes were swollen and painful from all that crying last night. I just put on a dress, sandals, and a jersey, then i went to the kitchen to make myself breakfast. My Aunt showed up while i was about to cut the Bread.

Her: what are you doing?

Me: eating Aunty, im very hungry.

Her: don't be selfish leave that bread for Katlego if you eat it what is she gonna eat the whole

day?

Me: but Aunty i didn't eat last night.

Her: Manje whose fault is it? Just go to work before you irritate me, here's R10 Jojo will give you R10 to come back. I just went out to the bus stop i found some women waiting for the bus too, it was cold and my toes were frozen. They just started making comments like "why didn't you wear boots or warm shoes because it's cold" i just told them i was in the hurry. The bus came and i got in and gave the driver my R10 and went to sit at the back alone. I put on my headsets and listened to music. My phone was a Huawei Y220, i got it from my cuz Katlego, after her mother bought her a blackberry z3. The screen was cracked, the battery only lasted for an hour, i even had to put on rubber bands around it because the back cover kept on falling. The bus stopped at my Aunt's Street and I was praying that she shouldn't see me when she walked in, but she spotted me at the back and came to sit next to me.

Her: i thought you were not going to show up.

I kept quiet pretended. That i didn't hear her, she just took off my headsets. Her: I'm talking to you wena!

Me: sorry Aunty i didn't hear you.

Her: how can you hear me when you have these things in your ears! You better not put them at work!

I just looked away and stared out of the window. The bus stopped at some suburbs and we got off, i was walking with Aunty Jojo and her friend.

Aunty Jojo: Khabo this is my niece Siba Khabo: Hello Siba how are you?

Me: I'm fine Thanx.

Aunt Jojo: after her mother died My sister took her in, so my sister her daughter is starting Varsity next year, so she's financially stranded.

Khabo: mara Jojo couldn't you get her another job, phela this one is hard you know and she's young for this kind of a job.

Jojo: where will she work Khabo? Phela she doesn't have any sort of education, she was never serious at school this is the only job for her, she's the black sheep of the family.

Yoooh! I felt like killing my aunt. We got to the house and said our goodbyes to khabo who worked on the next Street. My Aunt unlocked the door and we went inside, this family must be rich because the house was beautiful especially the kitchen. She boiled water and took out bread i just sat and waited for her. She did a cup of tea and sandwiches then sat at the lounge. She called me to come i went to her.

Her: you can start cleaning the bedrooms put on the maid overall.

I just put on the overall and went and started cleaning the bedrooms were not that dirty just made the beds and swept the carpets. I cleaned the bathrooms, they had two bathrooms then i went to the lounge, Aunt Jojo was done eating so she was just watching tv. I cleaned the lounge and went to the kitchen. When i finished i was tired n very hungry i went to my Aunt. Me: I'm done Aunt Jojo can i please eat and rest.

Her: don't make me angry you will eat after finishing the chores, go to the guest room and start ironing.

I went to the guest room and started ironing the clothes were a lot. I started tearing up, i just wiped my tears.

Halfway through ironing i got tired my feet hurt i went to the lounge Aunt Jojo had passed out on the couch, i went to the kitchen and made myself some cornflakes and ate fast.

When i finished i went back to iron, i checked my phone and it was 13:00 already.

After some time Aunt Jojo came in the guest room with some white woman and they started speaking in Afrikaans, i didn't hear a word phela i was from a black school. The white woman just looked at me.

Her: agtog liefde, jy lyk moeg (shame love, you look tired)

Me: sorry i don't understand Afrikaans

Aunt jojo: Jammer Mevrou Ek het vergeet om jou te vertel dat sy onopgevoede (sorry Madam i forgot to tell you that she's uneducated).

Her: kan sy ten minste Engels verstaan? (does she at least understand English)

Jojo: Ja Mevrou sy kan engels verstaan , maar net 'n bietjie (yes Madam she does understand English, but just a little)

Her: you look tired my love, Jojo you Know that I don't allow my maids to clean and do ironing the Same Day, there's a day for cleaning and a day for ironing.

Jojo: i told her Madam but she insisted. What! That stuck up old witch was lying!

Madam: here is your 1000 my love you can go home I'll see you tomorrow, and please don't work yourself too much, i don't like my helpers working like slaves, you not a maid you are my helper.

She gave me the 1000 and left.

Aunt Jojo: you only gonna keep 100 and the rest give it to my Sister and don't think of being smart because i will call her and tell her you got paid!

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I couldn't believe what my Aunt just did, that's daylight robbery. I just went to the kitchen and took off the Overall, put on my jersey and left. I waited for the bus that came after an hour, i got in and went home. I was left with R990 after the bus fare so i just took 290 and i put it in my bra, i was gonna give that witch R700.

I got home and found her sitting at the kitchen vele waiting for me. Her: yooh at last you are home!

Me: i thought you'll be at work

Her: i took the day off phela Jojo called me, where's my 900? She stretched out her hand to me.

I just took out 700 and gave it to her. She counted it, then looked at me.

Her: what happened to the 200? Me: i used it.

Her: i cannot believe what you are telling me right now!

Siba Waitse you have an evil heart shame, you don't think for other people! What is 700? You forgetting that you eat my food i support you!

She made it sound as if like she was spending all her cash on me! She only gives me food and that's all!

Her: Shoo! I will call Jojo and tell her, Waitse you evil shame!

I just went to my bedroom Katlego was not around, i took out the 290 and put it inside my drawer. My Aunt came to the bedroom.

Her: when you are done with whatever you are doing, please cook and wash the dishes then mop the kitchen floor.

Yooh this woman mara, in my tired state! Me: Aunty i am tired, can't Katlego do it?

Her: Haibo you are the maid, katlego is not a maid she's a university student!

She just left my room after saying that, yoh i felt like dying. I just went to the kitchen and started Washing dishes while putting the pots on the stove. Katlego came in.

Her: my favorite cuz, you are back? Me: ya.

Her: what are you doing? Awoa cuz you cannot be cleaning!

Me: aii you know your mom!

Her: let me wash the dishes and mop wena you will cook because you know me and the potwe not friends.

She started washing dishes while I sat down. Her: did you apply for the PA job?

Me: no katlego.. I don't think I'll qualify.

Her: how do you know That when you didn't check.

She took out her phone and gave it to me to check. I went to their website and the PA vacancy was there. They wanted a Personal Assistance at least 5 years experience, 50% in 3 subjects of which one should be English, must be good in communication, Matric certificate (essential).

Me: you see i don't qualify.

Her: at least they don't want any tertiary qualification try your luck cuz what have you got to lose?

Me: have you seen my Matric certificate mara? Don't play with me cuz. Her: aii ke be like that.

I just sat there then stood up to check the pots. My Aunt came. Her: why are you abusing my child wena?

Katlego: i am the one who volunteered.

Her: i spoke to Jojo she says you should call her.

My Aunt gave me her phone and then i called Aunty Jojo.

Aunt Jojo: Sesi

Me: it's Siba

Her: Yey wena! You little crook! I told you to give Rose 900 wena you give her 700 mara wena you have a rotten heart Waitse sies! Don't bother coming to work anymore i don't wanna work with crooks.

She hung up.

Aunt rose: what did she say? Me: she fired me.

Her: you see what happens when you do bad things? God is punishing you for giving me 700. Katlego: mara mama..

Her: keng katlego? Hai phela i can't keep this thing here in my house if she's not working! She's useless to me, i hope this 200 is enough to support you forever! Because you not getting food from me anymore.

I started tearing up.

Her: crying is the only thing she knows how to do best! Hai maan Siba you should go before you kill me ka high blood pressure!

She just stood up and went to her bedroom. My cousin just went to our room then came back with a file.

Her: let's go.

Me: where?

Her: sika has a fax machine we going to fax your things for the PA vacancy. Me: Katlego please just let that go..

Her: aii Siba I'm tired of mama treating you like this! Ill help you get a job so let's go!

She took me by my hand and we went.

We went to the pub and Grill and sika allowed us to use his fax machine, it was 2 in one it could also make copies. We made copies then Katlego asked him to accompany us to the police station to certify he drove us there, when we got to the police station it was not full so we certified the copies and We went back to the pub n grill, Katlego went to their website to get the fax number then we faxed, they stated that if you don't get contacted at least after 2 days of the closing date consider your application unsuccessful. The closing date was

tomorrow so i didn't have much faith in this job people must have long applied. We sat at the pub and Grill, sika brought us a full chicken, Buns, green salad and some drinks. We sat there and ate me, sika and my cuz. After eating Sika asked to see my cuz in private i knew what



that meant because while we were sitting they couldn't get their hands off each other. I sat there waiting for Katlego all bored, i chased away any guy that came to greet me or wanted to sit with me. After a while Sika and Katlego came back they sat with Me all busy touching each other and baby kissing, I was very irritated and disgusted. A woman just came in she was wearing a skinny jean, long t. Shirt, heels and sun glasses with a cap, i seriously didn't understand why the glasses because it was at night and there was no sun. Sika's facial expression changed when he saw her and after looking around she saw us it must be the wife because she had a ring and i wasn't ready for all this drama.

Her: Wena Sika im tired of your Nonsense yaz! Sika: baby what are you doing here?

Her: what am i doing here? Really sika, is this the Katlego everyone is busy talking about that you sleeping with her?

Sika: ahh baby..

Katlego: yoooh sika, please handle your dog she's making noise busy barking! Her: What are you saying wena slut!

She just took one of the dumpie bottles that was on the next table she broke it at the corner of the table and went for katlego. Sika stood up just in time to hold her.

Her: leave me alone wena Siphoh! I want to teach this bitch a lesson.

Yoooh all eyes were on us now this woman was busy trying to break off from Siphoh's grip and jump on my cuzin. Sika just dragged her to the kitchen. She was busy screaming "make sure we don't meet wena katlego"

Me: yoooh that was awkward, that woman is dangerous! My cousin looked very scared

Her: yoh cuz let's go home.

We went out of the pub and Grill started walking home, katlego just stopped and started crying.

Her: yoooh cuz that woman almost stabbed me.

Me: Eish cuz i wasn't gonna let her, askies let's go home.

I just held her while she was crying like that and shaking, we got home and my Aunt was sleeping Thank God! I just sat her down and made her some water and sugar, to calm her. Her: i almost died today.

Me: ya Sipho's wife is crazy shame! Her: let's just go to bed. We locked and went to bed, i looked at my phone and i had 3 missed calls from my brother, good shot! Tomorrow I'll wake up and go visit my brother just to get away from my Aunt. Katlego and i slept she cried Almost the whole night thinking i couldn't hear her. In the morning we woke up, luckily my Aunt went to work so i just bathe packed a few clothes and told my cuz to tell her mom that I went to visit my brother. I took my 290 and left. My brother lived in town with his evil wife. I got to the taxi rank and the taxi was almost full it was just short with a few people. After 30 minutes it got full and it left. At town, i got off the taxi rank and walked to my brother's place, it was a 30min walk from the taxi rank, it was hot, i was tired and hungry. I finally got to his house which was a 6 bedroom house in a white neighborhood with a pool outside. The gate was locked so i started screaming his name and throwing stones at the roof of the house, the wife came out she was a year older than me was 24 and has no education she didn't even finish school she was a hood rat that my brother took out from the ghetto.

Her: what do you want?

Me: I'm here to visit my brother Portia. Her: his not around. She started walking back to the house.

Me: ain't you even gonna welcome me inside?

Her: for what i told you your brother is not here Moss, ehh wena just go please, and stop screaming and throwing stones my neighbors will think you are a ghetto thug and call the cops.

She just went back to the house. Tjo! I couldn't believe this girl, if it wasn't for my brother she would still be sitting in the hood, playing cards and partying!

## "Brining words to life"

### Part 7 only love can save my soul

I just sat there waiting for my brother the sun had no mercy on me, so i stood up and looked for shade there was a big tree next door i sat there on the grass. Time passed while I was busysitting there suddenly some guy showed up he had a skateboard in his hand.

Him: hi..

Me: here we go (rolling my eyes)

I really hated when boys approached me, i didn't want a bf, didn't wanna get married especially witnessing all the women in my life having their hearts broken by men.

Him: how are you?

Me: what do you want?

Him: Nothing, you just sitting in my grass, this is my house.

Me: fine ill move.

Him: i thought maybe we should go inside and you can sit inside, it's hot here and you have a bag.

I just started standing up and takin my bag then went and sat at my brother's gate I'd rather have the sun burn me than have this guy busy irritating me.

He just played with his skateboard.

My brother showed up after a long time of waiting. He pulled his car next to me. Him: hau Siba what are you doing here?

Me: i came to visit

Him: couldn't you at least call mara?

Me: Aii Khaya I'm just tired of Aunt Rose, i swear one more day there I'll kill myself. Him: did Portia see you?

Me: ya she did.

Him: Eish this is gonna be a problem.

He got out of the car and unlocked the gate i went in and waited for him, he just brought his car in the yard then

locked the gate again and took my bag, he put his arm around my shoulders and smiled, we went inside, Portia was watching Tv looking all mad. Khaya: Portia

Portia: Khaya

Him: uhm u still remember my sister Siba moss? Her: yes i do, what is she doing here?

Him: she's here to visit us for some few days, you know she has problems with my Aunt. Her: that's her problems not ours, i don't understand why she makes her problems ours.

Me: Hai Portia Ganti why are you like this?

Her: this is my house phela!

Me: point of correction, this is my brother's house! Khaya: Siba let me handle this.

Portia just stood up and went to the bedroom, my brother following her like a little puppy. I just took my bag and put it in one of the bedrooms, then went to the kitchen and made myself food and ate. Portia came back with a luggage bag.

Khaya: Mara Portia all of this just because my sister came to visit?

Portia: your sister is disrespectful, did you see how she was talking to me! If we both live under the same roof we will end up killing each other! One has to go either me or her!

Me: Pity i ain't going anywhere!

Her: then that means im the one whose going.

She started walking out with my brother following her.

After finishing eating i just watched tv, my brother got in with Portia.

Me: what happened?

Portia: i just don't understand why i have to go, this is my house. Me: ohh please portia you just had nowhere to go.

Her: you see Khaya..

She started walking out my brother held her. Khaya: don't go Nana, I'll talk to my sister.

Him: Siba! If you gonna live here you will have to respect my wife, do you understand? Me: Fine!

They just went back to the bedroom then after came to chill with me in the lounge. I just took out my phone.

Khaya: Yooh Siba that's your phone?

Me: yeap, phela i have no one to support me.

Portia: you 23 Siba why don't you get yourself a guy that's loaded. Me: phela Portia not all of us were gifted to be Gold diggers like you. My brother just gave me a serious look.

Me: sorry.

He just took his note 4, took out the sim and threw it at me.

Me: and then?

Him: don't you want it? Me: i do, thanks bro.

It wasn't new but it was still in good condition. I stayed at my brother's place a week busy irritating Portia, she was busy Askin me when I'm leaving, and i kept on busy saying next month. My brother came in from work, Portia was sleeping and i was just watching TV. He just kissed me on my forehead and sat next to me.

Him: how are you?

Me: I'm good and you?

Him: im. Okay, so how's your stay here so far? Me: it's okay, i enjoy irritating your wife.

We both laughed.

Him: don't let her hear you. So Aunt rose still abuses you?

Me: yeah.

My brother and i we have the same father but not the same mother, so he couldn't see what was happening because he was living with his mother who died last year.

Him: you have to get out of there Siba. Me: i have nowhere to go.

Him: what about school? Ain't you supposed to be finishing this year?

Me: i was supposed to be finishing but Aunty rose is not paying for my fees anymore because Katlego is going to Varsity next year, so i had to drop out.

Him: eish and i don't have much money, im still paying for

the house 7000 a month, my car installments 5000 a month, Portia's car installments 3000 a month then insurances eish I'm still stranded.

Me: it's okay i understand.

Time came for me to go back home i wasn't going to stay at my brother's forever, Portia was very happy to hear that I'm leaving, my brother drove me to the taxi rank then gave me R500 and R20 for taxi fare. I just went to the taxi, it was a Sunday there were not a lot of people so the taxi was empty. It took 2 hours for the taxi to be full and then it went. I got out at our taxi rank and started walking. I got at home Aunt Rose was drinking tea in the kitchen.

Me: Good afternoon Aunty.

She just looked at me and i started walking to the bedroom.

Her: where are you coming from?

Me: i went to visit Khaya

Her: and you didn't bother to tell me Me: i told katlego to tell you.

Her: how do i know for sure that you were at khaya's house? Me: you can call him and ask.

Her: even if it's true wat you saying, maybe you should go live with Khaya because you have been gone for a week, wena you were on a holiday and left us struggling who was cooking and cleaning while you were gone.

I didn't wanna argue with her i just took my bag and headed to the door, i bumped into Katlego.

Her: cuz you are back.

Me: ya but Aunty kicked me out.

Her: Aii mama mara, wait here i hv something of yours. She went to the bedroom and came back with an envelope. Her: this came for you while you were gone.

She gave me the envelope, it was from Don Mare Attorneys.

Me: it's from Don Mare Attorneys.

Her: open it.

My Aunt : so you really applied for that job? Mara wena you like embarrassing yourself open and tell us the bad news,

Katlego go get the tissues incase she starts crying.  
I opened it and read it, i just froze there i couldn't say anything i was very amazed. Aunty: i knew it shame look at her.

Katlego: what does it say?

I just gave katlego and sat down.

Her: This letter is to inform you that your application was successful, please come for an interview tomorrow morning at 8am at the Don Mare Attorneys firm, please bring the letter along as proof.

My cuzin started screaming all happy for me.

My Aunt: there has to be a mistake!

I just sat there, i know i haven't got the job yet but it was my first time receiving good news.

## Part 8 only love can save my soul

I woke in the morning on the day of the interview, i couldn't even sleep last night i was soo nervous i mean this job means a lot to me. I just bathe and put on a black dress it wasn't that long, it was just above knee level then i wore my cousin's black wedge heels, luckily me and her we wore the same shoe size. I combed my Afro and put a hair band, i didn't look fancy

but at least i looked clean and professional. I walked to the bus stop, taxis in the morning take time so it was better taking the bus. I got into the bus i paid and sat at the front i was busy praying all the way to town, i needed God to help me get this job, i really need it. I got out at town and walked to the Firm wasn't too far from the taxi rank. I got inside it was 7am, i just gave the receptionist the letter and she gave me a card with my name and number, i was number 50, then she showed me to a room. When i got in the room there were a lot of girls, yoo people wake up shame. I just sat alone at a corner i looked at those girls, they were very intimidating shame, wearing all expensive and it was mostly white girls i thought to myself that eish what if i don't get the job phela white people are clever, i just took out my phone and started going on Facebook. After some time some girl came to sit next to me.  
Her: Hello..

Me: hi..

Her: my name is Linda.. Me: I'm Siba

Her: Nice meeting you Siba I just smiled.

Her: you here for the interview? Me: ya and you?

Her: ya im number 45

Me: I'm number 50. Yoh i didn't think it was gonna be this full. Her: me too but Eyy who wouldn't wanna Work for Don.

Me: Ya i wonder how the interviews are going, they taking



long.

Her: very long, and people who come out of the room look all depressed. Me: yoooh im starting to get very nervous.

Her: and i was asking around, out of all the 20 girls that have been interviewed already none of them got the job.

Me: yoooh sounds hectic.

Her: and they have serious qualifications, im talking about Degrees in Logistics, journalism, etc. Im even worried if I'll get the job phela i hv 3 years experience i was a Secretary, i also have 5 months of experience in office management and i have a diploma in marketing management.

I felt like dying, i had no qualification or experience. Her: What about you Siba?

Me: what about me?

Her: what qualifications do you have?

Me: i have a degree in Business management.

Ohh Lord i didn't mean to lie, but I had too, couldn't tell her i have a matric certificate I'll be embarrassed.

Her: wow, which Varsity did you go too? Me: Unisa.

The receptionist told us to take a break interviews will start after an hour we can go to the cafeteria and get breakfast.

It was now around 10am Linda said we should go get coffee at the cafeteria. The cafeteria was very beautiful state of the Art, Don is surely rich. It was a bit full but we stood in the queue and just bought coffee. I got my coffee and when i turned around someone just bumped to me and i spilt the coffee all over my dress, i just threw the coffee cup on the floor and when I looked up to see who it was, it Was Neo Mare, Mr Don's only surviving son. I don't like Neo at all he was a trust fund baby, a spoilt brat always making headlines about his bad behavior, and playing girls. I just couldn't believe he was Don's son, Don is a man of class and highly respected and to have a son like Neo was a disappointment. Neo was Tall, 25years of age, yellowbone,

big Eyes they were Grey in color i think that's why girls were soo attracted to him because of his looks, aii yena shame he was hoooot no lie , he had dimples, a beautiful smile, he had a birth mark on the corner of his Lower lip, it was brown incolor i think that's what made him more attractive, and he had a small trimmed beard on his chin. He wore very expensive clothes from his caps to his sneakers, he always wore his cap backwards, the front part of the cap he would rotate it backwards. He was wearing a black jean you can tell that ya its expensive, a Versace t.shirt with Louis Vuitton sneakers and a Louis Vuitton hat, he sagged his Jeans a bit so everyone can see that he was wearing Calvin Klein men's boxers, aii this guy felt himself, mara who wouldn't feel themselves if you were that hoooot, and your dad was that rich, he could date any girl he wanted and girls usually throw themselves at him. For his 25th birthday his father threw him a party that cost 2 million then bought him a Ferrari 458 Spider black. He was wearing a rolex watch i usually see American celebrities wearing that on tv cost around \$10 000. Girls wouldn't mind having a one night stand with him just to go brag that they slept with Neo. Yes i knew all about him i followed him on Twitter he had 500 000 followers and Facebook he had about a million and 90% it's girls, i know him because my cuz had a poster of him in our room and she always talked about him, just like any other girl she had a huge crush on him. He just walked away without even saying sorry or looking at me, ya this guy was feeling himself.

Me: excuse me, aren't you even gonna say sorry?

He was walking with his side kick friend who always tried to stand up for him when the media writes something about him, nothing good was ever written about Neo in the papers. He just turned around and looked at me.

Him: what?

Me: you just made me spill coffee on my dress. Him: so?

Tjo this guy was feeling himself bo! Me: ain't you gonna say

sorry?

Him: ohhh sorry.

Then he started walking away.

I just got pissed, i don't like people looking down on other people i don't care who he is, or if the whole world trembled on his feet mara I'm not gonna let him talk to me like that! I just looked at Linda and started speaking very loud.

Me: Nx! Waitse Linda this trust Fund spoilt brats think they all that just because they living off daddies cash.

The Whole cafeteria went silent i didn't think i could draw up this much attention to myself. He just stopped and walked back to me.

Him: excuse me?

I turned around and looked at him.

Me: you are excused!

He put on a fake smile, looking more and more cute with those dimples of his! But shame i wasn't gonna be intimidated by his looks.

Him: really? We gonna do this just because of a cheap dress? People started making sounds saying "Eish".." Whoa"

Me: it may be cheap but it's my dress!

Him: do you even know who you talking too?

Me: Yes! The ever so arrogant, trust fund spoilt brat Neo Mare! I heard comments like "whoa this girl got guts"

He just took out his wallet and took out a R200 note and threw it at me. Him: I'm sure you can buy 20 of those dresses!

Me: excuse me?

Him: as you said, you excused! Then he started walking away. Me: let's go Linda.

She started picking up the R200 note. Me: what you doing? Just leave it there.

Her: Are you crazy? You cannot just leave money.

We went back to the room and the queue was going again, i

was halfway there Linda long went in and then she came out looking all sad, didn't wanna say none but came back to me after getting fresh air and a smoke.

Her: I didn't get the job. Me: I'm sorry sweetie her: you won't get it too Me: why you say that?

Her: apparently they want a PA for Neo Mare and his there with his Father, he just looked at me and said "im not pretty enough to be his assistant" good luck shame especially since you and him had a run in on each other at the cafeteria. I was number 5, i decided to take my bag and walk out, there's no way im gonna get this job with that guy shame.. I walked out of the room with tears in my eyes, it was over i was gonna be stuck with my Aunt. What will i even tell her when i get home, she's gonna be happy about this.. I was very heartbroken..

## "Brining words to life"

Part 9 only love can save my soul

I walked down pass the reception the receptionist called me. Her: shame you look so sad, you also didn't get the job?

Me: not really, i haven't gone to the interview yet im going home. I started tearing up. She just took me by my hand and sat me down. Her: hau sisi what happened?

I just told her about my run in with Neo at the cafeteria and how i don't have qualifications.

Her: that's sad my love, but don't you think that they wouldn't have selected you for an interview if they didn't think you had the potential, Don doesn't make any mistakes.

Me: i don't know what to do.

Her: just go back. At least give up knowing that you have tried, don't just walk out and give up like that.

I just wiped my tears and she walked me back, i was just in time because when i got in my number was called, i went inside. It was Mr Don and his son sitting at the table.

Me: Good afternoon.

Don: Afternoon, Are you Siba Langa? Me: Yes sir

Him: Please sit down.

Neo paid no attention to what was happening, he was busy with his phone. Don: This is my Son Neo Mare, and i am..

Me: Don Mare, sorry sir but i look up to you, you are a great man and im very honored to bein your presence.

Him: Wow, at least someone is interested in me and not my son.

Me: i read about you every now and then, i get inspiration from you, especially the struggles and challenges you faced to start your first company having to sell your house.

Him: wow you truly did your research, if i was the one looking for a Personal Assistant i would hire you right

away, but unfortunately it's my son, he is taking over this firm so he needs an assistant.

Me: i read about your son succeeding you.

Him: ya well i.... Neo can you please just stop being on your phone and actually engage in this interviews

Neo: why? It's not like there's any girl that has charmed me.

Don: this one has great potential.

He just raised up his head and looked at me. Don: This is siba and i like her, she's good.

Neo: we've already met, can we get the next candidate please. Don: but you haven't even spoken to her.

Neo: i don't need too, She doesn't interest me at all. Don: what are you really looking for?

Neo: i want a very sexy charming piece of ass as my assistant, not some dull girl wearing a cheap dress.

Wow! This guy is truly arrogant!

Don: Son we have to hire someone with brains, and this girl has that. Neo: can we get the next person please, you can go you didn't get the job.

Then he went back to his phone. I stood up and started walking to the door then i stopped. Me: You know i am not even sad at all that i didn't get this job, with all due respect Mr Don I would've loved to work here, it was always my dream to work here, but if working here means i have to put up with a rich arrogant spoilt brat then im glad i didn't get the job.

I started walking out, when i was out i heard someone call my name, I looked back and it was Don.

Him: can you please come back. Me: Mr Don please, i am not..

Him: please dear..

I walked back inside and sat down.

Don: Neo this is your new PA, Siba my Dear congratulations the job is yours. Neo put his phone away and looked at me with his eyes wide open..

Neo: What? You cannot be serious dad are you trying to

punish me or something?

Don: it's time you work with someone who won't treat you like a king, but someone who will stand up to you, and she's perfect.

Neo just got angry and walked out.

Don: you can start tomorrow let me go and introduce you to the receptionist she will be the one training you, she will work very closely with you.

Me: but Mr Mare how can i work with your son if he doesn't like me. Don: he will just have to make it work, im still the CEO and i hired you. We went downstairs to the receptionist.

Don: Nomhle this is Siba the new PA, please work closely with her and teach her everything that she needs to know she's going to start tomorrow, and make sure they make a security card for her down at the security department and a name tag, everything else will be discussed Tomorrow morning, including signing the contract.

Me: wow Mr Don, im really honored.

Him: No im the one whose honored, i can tell you have a lot of potential and you will be excellent for this position, welcome to the team, I'll see you tomorrow.

He left us there, i was soo happy i couldn't believe how kind this man was, i always thought that rich people are arrogant and rude, but not Don.

Nomhle: what did i tell you?

Me: i really didn't think ill get this job, and all thanks to you for convincing me to go in for the interview.

She just smiled at me and we went down to the security department. They took a photo of me then made me an access card, one that i will always have to use it at the gate, and inside the building, they made me a name tag too, was written "Siba Langa" then under that was written "Personal Assistant". I was soo happy for the first time i had tears of joy, i walked down to the taxi rank With a smile on my face,

im sure people were wondering why the smile. I got off the taxi rank and walked inside the house, when i got in i just screamed Katlego's name she came out from the bedroom. Her: what's wrong why you screaming? I just hugged her and cried.

Her: what's wrong Siba? Your Heart is beating fast, the interview didn't go well?

I just showed her the name tag and access card. She just screamed and started jumping around my Aunt came out of her room.

Her: what's all this noise about? Katlego: look Siba got the job! Her: what! Let me see.

After seeing my Name tag and Access card, my Aunt started jumping with her hands on her head busy saying "yooh God you are soo great"

Her: Siba my child when are you starting? Me: tomorrow. She just took me and Katlego to her room. Her: let's pray my children and thank the Lord.

She started praying all crying, yaa this woman amazes me shame! After praying she took out R100 from her purse.

Her: Siba my daughter yooh go and relax your hair my child you have to look your best tomorrow, and here is an extra R50 buy pizza so we can celebrate.

Katlego and i went out.

Me: eyy what's up with your mother?

Her: aii you know her that one, phela she knows now that you will be making money so she will treat you differently.

We got to the salon it was a bit full we waited then it was my turn. I relaxed my hair, all that afro turned into

beautiful hair, after we walked out to the complex and bought pizza. We went back home, my Aunt had prepared plates and we sat at the kitchen eating and talking.

Aunt: I called Jojo she's soo happy, she says she will come tomorrow to give you money to buy clothes.

Katlego and i we were shocked and just looked at each other.



Her: Siba my child, don't think I was abusing you, i was not i was just giving you tough love because i wanted you to do good. You are like my first born i raised you don't forget.

Hai this woman neh.

Me: it's fine Auntie let's forget about it.

Deep down i would never forget, after getting my first salary im out!

We ate then i decided to have an early night, while Katlego and Aunt Rose watched Tv. I just got to the bedroom and prayed Thanking God for this blessing, then I took my mother's picture and got in bed.

Me: oohh Mama i wish you were here to see how much I've achieved, you'd be proud of me.. (crying).

I just fell asleep. In the morning i was woken up by my Aunt.

Her: wake up Dali, I have already prepared water for you go and bath sthandwa sami.

Aii my Aunt's behavior was really surprising me she has never been this kind to me. I bathe and put on a black skirt, white shirt and the black wedge heels, i combed my hair and tied it. When i was done i went to the kitchen my Aunt had already prepared soft porridge for me, i sat down and ate after eating she said we should pray for my first day, we prayed then she gave me R50 for taxi fare and lunch, she even hugged me.

Her: just know im proud of you Mntwana wam, i know Sibongile(my mom) is proud of you too, go well and make us more proud i love you.

I left feeling very good and happy for the first time, i got the taxi in time and went to town. I posted on Facebook "ny first day at work". I got to town and walked to the firm, produced my access card at the gate and i went in. I greeted Nomhle at the reception.

Her: Don is waiting for you at his office to sign the contract.

Me: yoh am i late?

Her: nope, he came early to clear his things because Neo is

taking the office as the new Acting CEO.

I just went to the elevator then got off at the first floor to the office. The Don Mare firm was a big firm, had 5 floors. I got into the office he was packing i just knocked although the door was open.

Him: please come in and sit down. Me: Thank you

He handed me the contract to read before signing. I was gonna have a company car to drive, medical aid, pension fund, and a big fat cheque of R16 200 a month, my eyes just popped it was a lot of money.

Me: uhm sir this is a lot of money.

Him: no its not, it's actually small Personal assistants do a lot of work, and you'll get double the amount every year on your birthday.

I couldn't believe my ears.

Me: but sir i don't know how to drive.

Him: no problem you'll get a company driver to drive you home and pick you up, anymore questions?

Me: no everything is fine. I just signed the contract.

Him: submit your banking details, and personal details for the medical aid at the HR office no later than tomorrow.

Me: I'll do so sir.

Him: welcome to the family then.

He just gave me a handshake and left.

My table was right across the CEO's office, had a computer, chair and a shelf. I sat on the chair all happy busy spinning around on the chair, he he, just like Beyonce i was spinning with my hands up.

## Part 10 only love can save my soul

Nomhle came while i was busy spinning, she was carrying a file. Her: girl is Neo around?

Me: No

Her: that's odd, we have a new client coming in and he wants a lawyer, so i piled up this information for him to learn about the client beforehand, and he has 10min to do that.

Me: that looks like a lot of information to learn beforehand.

Her: it's just the client's previous arrests and his personal life.

Neo walked in, he was busy with his phone as always didn't greet us or even look at us. Nomhle: that's your queue.

Nomhle just handed me the file. I went to his office, knocked once and went inside.

Me: hey, this is some information you have to learn about a new client that's coming to see you in like 5min.

Him: who said you can come in? Me: but i knocked

Him: but i didn't say come in.

Me: i don't have time for this just read about the client. I walked out to my desk.

Me: i swear we gonna kill each other. Her: don't let him get under your skin.

Some white girl showed up while we were talking, wearing a short dress, heels, carrying a clutch bag and her cleavage was big you'd swear she had breast implants.

Her: Is Neo around?

Me: Yes, but unfortunately you cannot see him he has an important client coming. Her: Thank you.

She just walked into his office and closed the door behind her. Me: did she hear what i said?

Nomhle: the things we see in this office everyday, girl let me go to my work station call if you need anything.

Nomhle just walked and i sat there busy on the Internet.

After some few minutes a man wearing a suit just got in.

Him: good morning, I'm here to see Mr Mare. Me: you must be Mr Roberts the new client? Him: yes, so can i see him I'm in a hurry.

Me: okay let me just check on him.

I stood up and went to his office, i just opened the door and he was sitting on his chair with the girl ontop of him, and they were busy kissing, the dress was on the floor, she was only onher lingerie.

Him: what now?

Me: client is here to see you. Her: don't you even knock?

Neo: tell the client to come back some other time, im busy.

Me: but

The girl: didn't you hear that? We are busy just go! Then she threw her heel at Me, Neo laughed

Neo: that was unnecessary babe.

Her: it was necessary she's killing our vibe!

Me: sorry I'll just kindly let the client know that you busy and he should come backtomorrow.

They just continued kissing.

Me: his ready for you sir, please go in.

I just sat in my desk, all laughing Nomhle came. Her: what's funny girl?

Me: you'll see.

The girl came out with her dress in her hand. Her: Are you okay mentally?

Me: i should be asking you that, because that dress came off too quickly. Her: excuse me?

Me: you excused!

She just looked at me, put on her dress and left. Nomhle just looked at me. Me: what?

Her: i think i like you.

I just smiled. Neo came out with the client.

Client: i don't think I'll be able to work with you, you are too incompetent. I shall let your father know.

He just walked out. Neo came to me. Him: you fired!

Me: you cannot fire me, i wasn't hired by you! Him: i am the CEO..

Me: Acting CEO!

He just looked at me as if like he wanted to strangle me.

And walked away. Me: where you going? You not suppose to leave..

He just gave me the middle finger.

Me: can he actually do that? Walk out during working hours? Nomhle: his Neo Mare he can do anything.

There was nothing much to do so i just sat waited for lunch, Nomhle came to get me we went to the cafeteria and ate.

We got back to work at 14:00, i walked to my desk and Don was there waiting.

Him: Siba do you know where i can find my son? Me: uhm he.. He had meetings all day..

Him: don't defend him. When he gets back tell him tomorrow at 8am we have an important client that we need to impress, he has to compile a presentation for the client explaining the vision and mission of our company, and siba..

Me: yes sir?

Him: tell him im very disappointed at him.

Then he left. I called Neo but as soon as i said "it's Siba" he hung up on me"

I sat there on the chair thinking that if i could compile the presentation it will be a way to prove myself. I went to Nomhle and asked for the company broucher. I went back to my desksat and started typing, i even went as far as researching on the Internet about when the company was started. At around 17:00 Nomhle came.

Her: you still working?

Me: yes girl no time to waste.

Her: it's 17:00 we should be going.

Me: I'll leave just need an hour more.

Nomhle left and i sat there busy compiling, after some few hours security came with the company driver.

Security: Mam it's 20:00 you have to leave. Me: I'm afraid not, this is way too important.

Driver: i have to drive you home, my knocking off time has long passed. Me: just wait downstairs im coming.

They left. I worked on the presentation the whole night, i started getting very sleepy and just passed out. In the morning i was woken up by Nomhle.

Her: Siba, Siba, Siba..

Me: what?.. What happened? Her: you slept here?

Me: i think soo, I'm not sure, but i finished the presentation. Don and Neo walked in.

Don: don't disappoint me again Son, this is a very important client, let me wait in the office, I'll be sitting in for the meeting.

Neo came to me.

Him: why didn't you tell me about the presentation? Me: i tried but you hung up on me.

Him: do you know how much this meeting means to my father? This was a great opportunity for the company, and you blew it!

Nomhle: No you blew it! It's not Siba's fault that... Him: did i talk to you?

The client just showed up. Neo went to him and they went to the office. I just printed the presentation and went to the office he was standing there looking all lost.

Me: sorry to interrupt, sir here's your presentation. Him: my presentation?

Me: yes that i worked on the whole night.

I just handed him the file and went to my desk. After an hour they came out all smiling, the client was busy saying "Thank you i know i made the right choice".

The client left with Don, Don just looked at his son before walking out and said "i doubted you, but you proved me

wrong. The presentation was good, im proud of you”, then he left with the client.

Neo just came to me and looked at me.Me: What?

Him: Thank you.

Me: no problem.

He started walking away then stopped and came back.

Him: can i take you out for lunch, just my way of saying thank you.Me: okay

Him: I'll come pick you up at 13:00Me: 13:00 it is.

I just sat there looking at my phone, 5 missed calls from my Aunt and 10 missed calls fromKatlego, shit!

I was soo sleepy i just slept on my desk, while i was enjoying my sleep someone just hit the table really hard, that I jumped, and it was Nomhle.

Me: Mxm that wasn't funny.

Her: it was funny you shouldve seen how you jumped(laughing)..Me: what do you want Hlehle?

Her: why don't you go home sweetie you very tired you need rest.Me: I'm fine.

Her: I've been invited to some house party Saturday, wanna come?Me: no thanks im not wild.

Her: you need to live a little siba, how old are you? 20?Me: 23,and i do Live a little.

Her: by doing what? Reading a bible all day?Me: not a bible, novels.

Her: you coming to this party and i ain't playing im serious. Then she just walked, away. Neo showed up and came to my desk, just when i was about to sleep again.

Him: take the whole afternoon off, go home and rest.Me: I'm okay.

Him: it's an order from your superior.

Me: why the sudden change of attitude towards me? Is it because of the presentation? Him: No... Maybe.... Yes! Why did you decide to save my ass, thought you hated me.Her: i

don't hate you, and i didn't do it for you i did it for the company.

Him: on behalf of the company Thank you. Now go I'll see you tomorrow.Me: No i can...

Him: you cannot disobey a direct order, I'll give you a written warning,now let's go.

He took my bag and pushed me to the elevator, I went it. I got to the reception and said goodbye to Nomhle then i asked the driver to drive me home. I got home there was no one i just threw myself on the bed and slept. i woke up later to my Aunt's cooking, she just dished up for me without asking where i spent the night yesterday, i just ate and went to bed. Days passed and I was enjoying my job, Neo changed his attitude towards me, we were now working as a team, things at home were peaceful, my life was in order, was surrounded by a

lot of laughter than tears. I worked from mon-fri would start at 8am-17:00..we didn't work onweekends. I was sitting at home on a Saturday watching a movie with my cousin when Nomhle called.

Me: hello Hlehle..

Her: hi was calling to remind you about tonight.Me: what about tonight?

Her: the house party, girl stop tripping make sure you in town by 17:00 I'll fetch you at the taxi rank.

Then she hung up.

Katlego: who was that?

Me: my friend from work, she was reminding me of some house party that we suppose to attend tonight.

Her: so why ain't you getting ready?

Me: hai Katlego you know me and Partying..Her: don't be like that wena hau! Let's go Me: were too?

Her: to braid your hair.

Me: aii katlego.

Her: Siba just live a little, you too young for this life you leaving.



She just grabbed me by my hand and we went to the salon. They just put a weave on me, Katlego paid for me was 350,off which ill have to pay her when i get paid, we went back home i bathe and wore a skinny jean, with a cropped t.shirt and my cuzin's heels, she went asfar as putting make up on me, then she styled my weave.  
Her: now you look good, i even wish that i was a boy.

She took a few pics then i went. The taxi was fast because it was a Saturday and i waited for Hlehle at the taxi rank, guys were busy greeting and looking at me. Hlehle arrived in her minicooper and she looked hoot too, was wearing a very tight red dress that really took out the shape of her curves, red heels and a red clutch bag. I went to her greeted her with a hug and we went. The house was not that far from town we arrived the party was just starting. Was a double story house and very beautiful. We went inside and greeted a few people Hlehle introduced me as her friend. All attention went to Neo when he got in, he was wearing a blue denim Jean, black Louis vuitton shirt that had Gold stripes on the side, with Black Air Jordans, a Louis vuitton cap that he rotated back, and a rolex watch.

Me: what is he doing here?

Hlehle: i forgot to tell you, it's his friend that's throwing the party.

Already girls were going up to him greeting him and hugging him, it took him a while to notice us but as soon as he saw us he came up to us.

Him: Hey didn't know yall were coming.

Hlehle: Slash invited me and i invited Siba along.

Hlehle was called by some guy she went up to him leaving me with Neo.He just started looking at me all the way from my heels to my weave.

Him: you look pretty. Me: you look good too.

Our conversation was cut short when some girl came up to him.him: i have to go, was nice seeing you.

Me: was nice seeing you too.

I just stood there, Hlehle came with drinks. Her: here we go..

Me: ohh i don't drink.

Her: just one drink Siba you won't die.

Me: i took it was in a small glass i just drank it tasted not good. Me: what was that?

Her: Vodka come on let's have fun.

We started drinking and taking shots i was getting drunk. I just went to sit down, my feet were killing me i was not used to heels. Neo was standing not far from me he was talking to some 2 guys he was smiling and laughing, he looked more and more cute especially with those dimples. Hlehle came to sit next to me, she was talking but my concentration was on Neo.

Hlehle: Siba, im talking to you.. Me: huh? What was that?

Her: you like him don't you? Me: Who?

Her: Neo, you been starrng at him, you like him neh? Me: don't be ridiculous wena!

Her: i don't blame you, he is fine!

Me: i don't know what you talking about.

I just stood up and got more alcohol. Was getting very drunk, i started dancing i got on top of the table, people were cheering me up. I took off my t. Shirt.

Hlehle: Siba what are you doing? Get off! Me: wat! I'm having fun!

I continued then i saw Neo coming to me. Him: Siba get off the table!

Me: Everyone this is my boss Neo! Girls would Agree with me when i say his damn hoot! He just got me off the table and took me outside.

Him: how many drinks did you have? Me: i Don't know but i feel goooood!

Some girl came to us and was busy running her hands on Neo. Me: Hey! Can't you see we talking so please be excused!

Her: Neo whose this trash? Me: who you calling a trash? She started coming close to me, i got closer too, Neo just started pulling me back. Me: You need to back up honey, you don't know me I'll set it off up in here!

Her: bring it on sweety! We started walking away.

Me: I'm not feeling good at all. Him: what's wrong?

Me: i feel like...

I felt vomit come from my throat, i couldn't stop it i just vomited on his t.shirt. He just looked at me like "you didn't just vomit on my expensive t.shirt"

Him: Geez Siba!

He started walking into the house, i followed him busy apologizing he went to some room i got in.

Me: I'm very sorry.

I felt like vomiting more, he just pointed at the bathroom, the bedroom had a bathroom i ran there and vomited on the toilet, i rinsed my mouth on the basin then just sat on the floor. Neo came to check up on me he was shirtless.

Him: how many drinks did you have Siba?

I wasn't concentrating on him, i was just concentrating on his hella fine body, his 6-pack with a tattoo around his belly button it was red and black flames around the belly button. I just stood up all stumbling around, he just held me, and sat me on the bed.

Me: i wanna go party!

Him: no you done missy, I'm taking you home. Me: you my boss at work, not here.

I just stood up and went for the door, he closed the door from behind me. I just turned around and we faced each other.

Him: you not going anywhere Siba, you done for the night

im taking you home.

I don't know what came over me, he was smelling good and he was very close to me, i justkissed him, then after 5sec i pulled back, couldn't believe what i did, i was embarrassed.

Me: im.. Im.. I..

I just turned around to open the door, he closed it again and just turned me around and we started kissing, he was one hell of a good kisser, he locked the door, we continued kissing hejust held my hands up and pressed them against the wall and kissed my neck.

Me: this.. This.. Is wrong.. Him: you can stop me..

I wanted to stop him but at the same time i didn't want him to stop, we continued kissing hejust picked me up and threw me on the bed, he just got ontop of me...

## "Brining words to life"

Part 11 only love can save my soul

I opened my eyes, i was in a room that i didn't recognize, my head was pounding when i tried to lift it up. I wondered what happened, then i felt a hand around me, i looked under the duvet i was naked, my heart started beating fast, i prayed that "Lord please let it not be what i think it is" i turned around to see who i had slept with, and it was Neo. I just sat up with my eyes wide open and my hand over my mouth, i knew I had slept with Neo because I was in pain. I got out of bed gathered my clothes which were scattered on the floor, i got dressed, then i saw his wallet, phone, watch, and his car keys on the dressing table, i just opened his wallet and took a R50 note and went, i ran to the taxi rank but i had to slow down because i was in pain and the skinny jean was too tight. I got to the taxi i just buried my face on my arms, i felt like everyone could sense what i did. I got to my hood and hurried home, i got inside took off my heels and tip-toed to the bedroom. I heard a voice coming from the lounge "hello, slut". I turned back and it was my Cuz.

Her: come and give me the 411 (Smiling)..

I just got in the lounge and sat down, it was very uncomfortable sitting down. Her: hmmm seems like a lot happened moss!

Me: yooh Cuz i don't know were to start, i was drinking and dancing then i woke up in a random bedroom.

Her: haibo who would've thought that you would ever touch alcohol! So did you have a one night stand?

Me: no..

Her: Siba i know the walk of shame when i see one, i can see even sitting down is difficult Me: is it suppose to be this painful though?

Her: yes! Phela you 23, at least i lost mine at the age of 14,

tjo mara what happened to roses in bed, and..

Me: please cuz don't start..

Her: i never thought that you would lose your virginity to a random guy. Me: it's not a random guy..

Her: do i know him? Who is it? Me: it's.. It's.. Ne..

I didn't even finish my cousin just stood up and jumped on the couch.

Her: woow! To think that all along i thought i was the biggest whore ever! But you my dear cousin! You Sibalethu Langa! You deserve a crown!

Me: yooh Katlego please don't make noise my headache...

Her: I'm supposed to make noise! You slept with Neo Mare, the well known biggest playa! Ya shame i clap once (clapping hands)..

Me: eish let me go and sleep.

I just went to the bedroom with Katlego following me doing the Nae Nae dance, i shut the door in her face, threw Myself on the bed and cried. I didn't picture losing my Virginity like that! I always pictured losing my Virginity you know a bed full of red roses, strawberries and cream, with mr perfect, not in a party drunk, and on top of that sleeping with that trust fund baby, i swear that's the ultimate. I went to bath, since i couldn't sleep, peeing shame was very painful, it was burning, i bathe and went to bed. I wanted to die! This is not me I'm always cautious about such things! Now I'm just another statistic of a girl who lost her Virginity while drunk. I couldn't eat dinner i told my Aunt that i wasn't feeling well, i just drank pain killers and slept. The following day i was woken up by my cuzin.

Her: haibo you not going to work?

Me: how can i go to work after what happened?

Her: hai siba you had sex! You didn't kill anyone! Suck it up and move on! Me: katlego please let me just have this day!

Her: fine but tomorrow you going!

I slept and woke up at 8am, my phone was ringing it was Nomhle i didn't answer i waited for it to stop, she also sent me messages my whatsapp was busy buzzing with messages i didn't respond to none. I went to bath i came back, 2 missed calls from Neo. I just dressed up and my cuz came.

Her: let's go buy bread, you need the fresh air.

We went to buy bread, got stopped by Sika i gave them some space they talked for about 30 minutes then she came back to me.

Her: let's go back and buy ice creams Sika gave me R100.

Me: katlego i just wanna go home..

Her: come on Siba ice cream is good when you feeling down.

We bought ice creams and started walking back home my cousin was busy talking a lot she was giving me a headache. We got to our street and as we approached our house there was a white Mercedes Benz C63 parked outside by the gate.

Katlego: whose car is that? Me: i have no idea

As we got closer i noticed the Number plates were written "Neo", i felt like my heart was gonna stop.

Me: It's Neo im not going in the yard.

Her: Are you crazy? You can't ignore him forever! Katlego started dragging me

Me: Eish wena stop!

Her: Neo is in our yard and you want me to miss the opportunity of meeting him face to face you crazy! I only see him on TV and read about him, but Thanx to you cuz i get to meet him now personally.

Neo came at the gate while my cuz was busy pushing me.

Him: Siba!

Eish mara this guy!

Me: why did you come here?

Him: i was looking for you, why didn't you come to work?

Me: I'm sick, i caught the flu (coughing)

Him: but you eating ice cream?

I just gave him a weird look, my cuz got close to him. Her: hi.. Im Katlego, Siba's cuz.

Him: Hi im N..

Her: Neo Mare... I love you! Him: uhm.. Thank you i guess..

Her: i can i please take a few pictures with you? We can stand by your car.

I seriously couldn't believe my cousin right now! She took him by his hand and dragged him to the car.

Her: Siba come take pics! Me: you gotta be kidding me!

Her: don't deny me this chance please!

I knew she wasn't gonna stop so i went and took pics With her BlackBerry z3 after that we all went inside the house.

Her: yooh let me go upload this on Facebook! Neo it was nice meeting you! She went to the bedroom, i was left at the kitchen with Neo.

Him: so what's going on? Me: I'm sick i told you!

Him: is this about Saturday night? Us having sex? Yooh i just got uncomfortable.

Me: of.. Course.. Not.. I am mature i wouldn't let my.. This.. Whatever happened Saturday night get in between me and my job.. I am a professional.

I was starting to get very nervous, my voice was shaky, i was looking down all the time. Me: im just sick.

Him: you just sick?

Me: Yes!

Him: i don't buy that!

I just looked at him.

Me: I'm really sick, I'll come tomorrow.

He just smiled, eish this guy was cute mara! He looked at his watch then looked at me. Him: we have an important meeting at 11:00, i need my best assistant With me in that meeting.

Me: but I'm sick..

He just came to me and marched me down the passage with his hands on my shoulders. Him: just go to the bathroom



and bath.. I'll be waiting for your sexy ass in my car!

Me: but..

Him: don't make me bath you..i swear i will.

I knew he was serious, so i just started walking to the bathroom, with him spanking my ass.Him: don't take to long!

He just smiled and walked away. My cousin was standing by the bedroom door looking like she gonna melt.

Her: yoooh mara this guy his soo smooth! Why wasn't it me mara.Me: His arrogant!

My Cuz just came and pushed me inside the bathroom spanking my Ass too.Her: you heard the man, don't take to long.

I just got in locked the door and just went down, i sat on the floor thinking how i fucked up my life in just one night

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Part 12 only love can save my soul

I just bathe then went to my room, my cousin came in with a dress. Her: you have to wear this.

I just took the dress and looked at it. Me: it seems short, i can't wear this. Her: that's the whole point.

Me: Katlego what happened between me and Neo was a mistake, and I don't want the same mistake to be repeated.

Her: Siba that guy wants you! Tease him a little hau, just wear the dress. I looked at her and put on the dress, it was very short.

Her: perfect! If you only had a G-str..

Me: I'm fine with my bum Short, Katlego I'm not trying to look like a hooker, i have self respect.

Her: fine then Miss self respect.

I just put on the heels, brushed my weave, took my bag and went. He was in the car listening to music, i hesitated going in at first, but then I eventually went in. When i sat down the dress went up, i was busy pulling it down. He started giggling. Me: what?

Him: why did you wear it if you know that you gonna be busy pulling it down? Me: just drive.

We drove to wimpy to meet the client, when we went inside the client was already there so we just sat. They were busy talking, discussing business i was starring at Neo the whole time, thinking to myself that i cannot be falling for this guy, we very different, it just won't work out. The meeting didn't take that long, we left and drove to the office. We didn't say anything to each other in the car until we got to the firm. We walked in i walked to the elevator.

Him: it's not working, we have to take the stairs, and as you know Ladies first.

I just went up the stairs with him following me, was a long walk up the stairs especially with that short and tight dress.

Him: the way that you walking, the way that you talking, you the one I wanna spend this night with, trying to get in your bum short and bang you up till the morning, i can already tell you want it..

I just stopped and gave him a serious look. Him: what? I'm singing.

Me: grow Up Neo!

Him: i can't even sing now? Her: just grow up please!

We got to the office Nomhle was in my desk as soon as she saw me she just ran up to me and hugged me.

Her: Oh my gosh Siba! I was worried about you, i tried calling you but you wasn't answering i thought something happened to you on Saturday, I was scared are you alright?

Neo: something did happen alright (smiling).

I looked at him he just mumbled the words "sorry" giving me a side smile, i wanted to blush but i kept my cool.

Me: sorry i couldn't answer your calls, im actually sick. Her: really? What's wrong?

Him: apparently she caught the flu (coughing).. Her: agh shame sweaty..

She came to hug me. Neo just blew me a kiss and went to his office. Her: I'll see you ka lunch so we can talk.

She went back to the reception, i went to the bathroom and looked myself in the mirror busy repeating the words "Siba, you cannot be falling for Neo" i just went back to my desk. I sat there starrng at my phone waiting for lunch time as soon as the clock struck 13:00 i stood up, Neo came out of his office.

Him: you going for lunch? Me: yes..

Him: at the cafeteria? Me: yes..

Him: okay let's go.

Me: okay Neo, let's just get this over and done with. I know you must think that i.. Him: you....

Me: i am a lose girl..

Him: i never said you are lose.

Me: you don't have to say it.. I know you thinking..

Him: you not a lose girl, you bled when i entered you, you were too tight.

He started looking at me undressing Me with his sexy Eyes and biting his lower lip.Him: you know for a virgin you were very good.

Me: i don't wanna hear about what happened.. Its shameful.

Him: you the one whose ashamed, I'm not.

Me: i didn't say im ashamed.. What happened was

shameful..Him: Siba you cannot even say "we had sex"

I just looked away.

Him: see what im talking about?He just giggled again..

Him: you know what babe just go and enjoy your lunch see you at 14:00.His friend came to get him.

The friend: you ready dawg?Him: yeah dawg let's go.

The friend: hmmm, whose this pretty lady blinding me, hi baby girl my name is Karabo.Me: and I'm just leaving.

Neo looked down and said "ouch". I just walked away to the cafeteria, and saw Nomhle sitting alone eating ice cream, i went to her.

Me: can't this day be over already?Her: what's wrong sweetie?

me: Nothing.

Neo entered at the cafeteria after 10min with his friend, they came straight to our table, my mood just changed.

Karabo: Hey Hlehle... And im scared of greeting your friend.

Me: good!

Neo: the way you licking that ice cream Hlehle you remind me of something... Doesn't she remind you of something Siba?

I just looked down all embarrassed.

Me: nope, she don't remind me of anything. Him: come on, it must remind you of something.Me: i don't know what you talking about.

Hlehle: what are yall on about?

Neo: come on Siba... Im sure you can relate to..

Me: Neo can you please go? You really making me

uncomfortable. He just laughed and they went to sit at some table behind us.

Hlehle: and then what's his problem? Me: i don't know..

Her: Neo doesn't eat here, i wonder why he decided to eat here today. Me: so what you doing this weekend?

Her: a lot girl first i got too..

My phone started vibrating and i checked, it was a whatsapp message from Neo saying "that dress Though, you look sexy as hell", the message was accompanied by a tongue out whatsapp emoticon. I just blushed and put my phone down.

Hlehle: what's up with the blushing?

Me: Nothing.. Some people just need to grow up.

We chilled there i was busy thinking of Neo, all smiling i didn't hear a word that Nomhle said. Lunchtime was over i went back to my desk and started day dreaming alone, Neo just went to his office with his friend, he looked at me and smiled, i didn't want him to see me blushing i just looked away until they got inside. I sat there busy smiling and singing, his friend went out of the office, the phone rang i answered.

Neo: can you come to my office.

I put the phone down and went to his office, he was standing facing the door, and leaning on the table.

Me: you wanted to see me?

Him: ya i wanna apologize.. Im sorry for torturing you like that. Me: i accept your apology.. Can i go now?

He just stretched out his hand and said "truce" i went to give him a handshake he just pulled me closer to him.

Me: Neo please..

Him: you cannot just show up in my office in that sexy dress and expect me to just let you go. He attempted to kiss me but i just turned my face.

Him: Come on Siba...

Me: we can't do this again..

I started walking out he just came after me and grabbed me before i reached the door and kissed me, we stood there all kissing, i must say i never felt like this before. He grabbed me and put me on top of his table and he just wrapped my legs around his waist with his hands on my thighs

Me: wait we can't do this..

Him: Siba you really making this hard for me. Me: i am..

Him: you are.. Me: Still in pain.

He just smiled at me.

Him: i promise I'll be gentle..

Call me a whore, but this guy It's like he had some spell over me, i sat there not knowing if i should do it with him again, i felt like a cheap slut.

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I can't believe i just had sex again with Neo in his office like a cheap slut. But at least i was sober this time around, the sex was painful some pain I've never felt before especially when he entered me, i wanted to cry but tears just couldn't come out. He was gentle yena shame and kept on apologizing if he saw that it was too painful. I couldn't look him in the eye after i just put on my dress and walked out, he was busy calling my name but i just ran out. Luckily Nomhle was not at the reception so i just went home. My Aunt was at the kitchen.

Her: hau Siba Mntwana wam you don't look good what's wrong? Me: Nothing Aunty.

As i walked to my room she called me again. Her: sit down and talk to me.

I know i couldn't tell her what happened she would kill me.

Me: Someone died at work.

Her: that's sad sisi askies, go to your room I'll make you some tea.

I went to my room and katlego was laying in bed listening to music as soon as she saw me she just smiled.

Her: so?

Me: i slept with him again! Her: woow Siba.. Were?

Me: in his office, on top of his desk like a cheap floozie!

She just opened her eyes wide. Her: did you use a Condom?

Me: we did, he has tons of those in his drawer.

Her: Siba I've been meaning to ask you did he use a Condom when you slept with him the first time?

Me: oh my God! I don't know i was drunk..

Her: you could be pregnant, you need to call him and ask. I took my phone and called him, he didn't take time to answer when he said "hello" i just hung up.

Me: he answered

Her: so why didn't you talk..Me: i need time to think.

Katlego left me saying she's going to Sika, i sat there all thinking and very scared, i didn't even notice my Aunt bringing me tea, i just knew that i couldn't be pregnant. Neo called backbut i didn't reply. I just stood up went and bathe then put on my pjs it was 18:00. When i sawmy mother's picture on the dressing table i just took it and put it inside the drawer i couldn't bare to look at her, after how I've disappointed ha. I just got to bed put my hand on my tummy and cried till i fell asleep. I woke up in the morning at 9am i didn't feel like going to work so i just went to the toilet to pee, i bumped into my Aunt at the passage.

Her: you didn't go to work?Me: I'm off today.

Her: Siba we need to discuss how much you gonna give me next week when you get paid.Me: okay later now i just wanna sleep

I went to pee then went back to sleep, My phone rang it was Neo i didn't answer. I laid in bedthinking with tears falling down, after some few hours i heard voices in the kitchen my Aunt was laughing i wondered who she was talking too, she came to my room.

Her: you have a visitor Sthandwa samiMe: who is it?

Her: come dali he's in a hurry.

I was praying that it shouldn't be Neo, when i got to the kitchen it was him.

My Aunt just took her bag and said bye to us she's going to work then left. Neo just gave me a serious look, and didn't say anything.

Me: what?

Him: Kanti what's your problem Siba?

He was soo serious, he wasn't smiling or laughing, i never knew he could be this serious.Me: what are you talking about?

Him: you just gonna miss work every time we have sex?I just kept quiet.



Him: Yazi Siba i have a lot of things that i could be doing right now than busy running after you like you some 5 year old not even my Niece gives me half of this stress that you giving me!

I just started tearing up.

Him: What's wrong kanti Siba talk to me..I didn't say anything.

Him: come here..

I just stood there shaking my head.

Him: for once just stop fighting me and come here..

I went to him and he sat me on his lap. Busy wiping my tears with his hand.Him: what's wrong?

I couldn't talk to him, or even look him in the eye.

Him: you'll have to talk eventually because we cannot sit here all day.Me: i think that i might be...

Him: you might be what?

Me: pregnant.. I don't know if we used a Condom Saturday night.Him: then why didn't you just ask me?

Me: i was scared

Him: No we didn't use a Condom, but i didn't come inside of you.Me: really?

Him: i swear.. I cross my heart and hope to die..I just laughed a little.

Him: we have a company to run and you know I'm useless without my PA so go bath.

He just kissed me on my cheek i went and bathe. I was so relieved at least i wasn't pregnant. I finished bathing, dressed and we went. We got to the firm and Nomhle greeted us then we just walked up the stairs side by side this time around. We got to our floor and he was stopped by his friend so I just carried on Walking. I got to his office and i was busy sorting out his desk, everything was just scattered around. After a while i just felt someone hugging me from behind i just smiled.

Him: you messed up my desk yesterday.

Me: you the one who put me on top of your desk.

He just turned me around and picked me up and put me on top of his desk.. Me: you see..Him: what a great bra you got, can I see it?

I just smiled at him, he smiled at me back and started unbuttoning my shirt, we just heard someone clearing their throat behind us. It was a woman, she looked a bit old like she's in her mid 50s, she was wearing a very beautiful dress that looked very expensive and heels, she was very pretty and dark skinned, but when she saw us her face changed she looked disgusted like she just swallowed 3 lemons.

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I also saw Neo's face changing. Neo: Lorraine

Her: Neyo.. What is the meaning of this? Him: the meaning of what?

Her: you, messing around with this girl who looks trashy you can tell she's from the hood. Him: you from the hood too, does that make you trashy?

I just laughed a little, and looked away.

Her: you enjoy dragging our family name into the mud, do you enjoy when the media is all up in your business? I'm even ashamed to call you my son.

Him: I'm not happy that you my mother either!

I sat there like I don't exist, there way Neo was talking to his mom, this guy is full of it iswear.

Her: when will you grow up?

Him: you travelled all this way to ask me that?

Her: no I came for the shareholders meeting which you should be attending too. Him: So is it gonna be held in my office?

Her: No the boardroom.

Him: so what do you want in my office?

Her: you very disrespectful, or is it because we spoil you a lot? Me: i think I should go..

When i tried to get off the table he just held me. Him: you not going anywhere.

Her: the meeting has started let's go

When he tried to kiss me goodbye his mom just interrupted. Her: now!

Him: I'll see you later babe.

She just looked at me all disgusted Her: stay away from my son!

I didn't say none i just looked down.

Her: and button your shirt! We don't wanna see your cheap

bra.Neo: it's not cheap Lorraine.

Her: it's not from Victoria's secrets either!

Then she just went out with Neo following her. I just got off the table and went to my desk all shocked by the rudeness of this woman. Hlehle came to me.

Her: hey you..

Me: do you know Lorraine?Her: Yeah Neo's mom.

Me: what kind of a person is she?Her: you don't wanna go there.

Me: she's evil?

Her: evil? She's not evil she's a spitting cobra that one, play far from her. When she heard that i fucked her son, i lost my job and she made sure no company hires me.

Me: you slept with Neo?

Her: everyone has slept with Neo you the only one.Me: lucky me.

I couldn't believe my ears, i just sat there till the meeting was over then Neo came to me.Him: wanna go out for lunch?

Me: I'm not hungry.Him: drinks?

Me: not thirsty. Him: what's wrong?Me: Nothing..

Him: when you say nothing that means something is bothering you.I just kept quiet.

Him: it's a holiday tomorrow? Wanna spend a night at my house?Me: can Nomhle come too?

Him: ohh there it is, what did she say?

Me: i don't know, maybe that you fucking her.

Him: that was a long time I ain't fucking her no more.Me: and im supposed to feel better?

Him: you jealous?

Me: that's for kids.

Him: then if you not jealous, come to my house.

I just looked at him with his forever cuteness and that smile of his with his dimples that drive me crazy.

Me: fine I'll come but won't your mom be there?

Him: she's flying to Paris, I'll fetch you later.

He came closer to me and whispered in my ear "wear something sexy underneath" i just smiled and rolled my eyes. We didn't have much work to do so we left early, i didn't go home, i just told myself I'll chill with Neo a bit then go home later. We drove to his house, it was quiet in the car and he was concentrating on his driving. I just stretched my leg and put it on his thighs.

Him: what are you doing? Me: Nothing..

Him: Siba I'm driving.

I just unbuttoned my t-shirt.

Him: what you trying to do woman? Me: im feeling hot.

Him: You Naughty. Me: look whose talking.

He just smiled and kept on driving, we arrived at his house, yooh it's like i was walking to a palace, there was a big water fountain outside, he just parked his car and looked at me. Me: what?

He just giggled and said "nothing"

We got out of the car and walked to the door. Me: wow your house is biig and beautiful.

Him: you haven't seen none yet.

We got inside and I'd swear that I was in the White House or Bill Gates house, i just looked around and said "woow" we went to the kitchen and some kid ran up to him, a cute baby girl. Her: Daddy Neo. Neo just picked her up and kissed her, looking very happy to see her. Him: Where's mommy?

Her: she making pancakes.

A woman just showed up, she looked colored and very beautiful, i meant very very beautiful when she saw Neo she just screamed and ran up to me.

Her: Honey bun, you have no idea how much we missed you. He just hugged her and kissed her on her cheek.

Him: i missed you too pumpkin.

Wait a minute? Does this guy have a wife and a kid i just stood there with my mouth wide open.

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I just stood there with a serious face.Him: how was London?

Her: was good.. I actually have..I just cleared my throat.

Him: ohhh ya, Siba this is Patronella, and Pat this is Siba..

She just looked at me and gave me a very beautiful and warm smile.Her: Siba it's nice meeting you, I've heard a lot about you.

She stretched out her hand for a handshake. I just looked at her hand and then looked at her.

Me: and I've heard none about you.

She just lowered her hand, still keeping the smile.

Her: Oookay... Uhm, Shanell let's go build sand castles by the pool.

The daughter just started jumping all happy busy saying "we going to build sandcastles" and they went outside through the kitchen sliding door. Neo just looked at me.

Me: who was that? Your wife?

Him: your jealousy is really starting to piss me off..I just looked at him then just said "mxm"

Him: Pat Is the most sweetest and kindest soul ever, she did not deserve how you just treated her.

Me: Pat? Wow you even gave her a pet name.Him: do you want something to drink?

I didn't say nothing.Him: i guess not.

He started walking to the fridge.

Me: why did you even bring me here? So i can meet your wife and kid?Him: Siba im warning you..

Me: no Neo! This is the biggest humiliation ever...He just banged the fridge door all angry.

Him: she's not my wife! She's my sister in law! She lives with us ever since my brother died!My brother's death is

still fresh to her so can you please go easy on her!

I just froze didn't know what to say, Neo just walked out on me. I was stuck in a house which i didn't know and worse i didn't know anyone. I just sat on the chair. Patronella came back with her child, they just started walking upstairs.

Me: Patronella, can we please talk.

I don't know why i stopped her, i didn't know what i was going to say. She just told her daughter to go fetch the buckets and a spade. Then she came to me.

Me: i am very sorry, shouldn't have talked to you like that.

Her: it's okay, i don't blame you if i was dating Neo too I'd react the same. I just laughed a little, and looked down.

Her: it was nice meeting you Siba. Me: was nice meeting you too.

Did she just say I'm dating Neo? Wow I didn't even know that we dating, he probably told her that im his girlfriend, i just smiled to myself. I went around busy admiring the house, i didn't go too far didn't wanna get lost. I went back to the kitchen paged through the cooking books, i was bored. Neo showed up after 2 hours, he just got in and walked pass me like i was a rock.

Me: Neo wait.

He just stopped at the stairs.

Me: I'm sorry, i didn't know she was your sister in law. Him: then why didn't you ask?

Me: i know i shouldve asked I'm sorry.. I don't get jealous on purpose, i mean have you looked yourself in the mirror lately? How can i not be jealous?

he just smiled and came to me, put his hands around my waist.

Him: I'm sorry too, i shouldve told you about Pat and Shanell, before i brought you here. Me: it's okay.

Him: so do you wanna see my bedroom?

I just smiled and he picked me up and walked me to his bedroom, he just opened the door and threw me on his bed and got on top of me.

Me: your room looks great.

Him: Thank you, now can i see the “cheap bra that Lorraine was talking about”

i just laughed and he started kissing Me on my neck, it was ticklish i laughed more. While i was busy laughing the door opened, and Shanell came running in. Neo just got off me and picked up Shanell, and put her on his lap.

Him: sunshine, what did i say about coming into my room without knocking? Her: I’m sorry, i wanted to show you my drawing.

She was cute too with dimples but hers were a bit shallow, guess it runs in the family. Him: it’s beautiful sunshine i love it...

He looked at me. Then looked at Shanell.

Him: i want you to meet Someone her name is Siba and she is my friend. Me: Hello Shanell.

Her: Hello.. Daddy Neo, is she going to be my Aunty too?

Him: why do you ask?

Her: because i already have An Aunt.. Him: Shanell you...

Me: whose your Aunt Shanell?

Her: Aunty Zoe, her and daddy Neo are..

Neo: okay miss big mouth, it’s time for your bath, ill take you to mommy.

He went out with her busy tickling her, i sat there asking myself who Zoe is, but i couldn’t ask Neo, i mean i don’t want him to think im jealous and possessive. He came back.

Me: I have to go it’s late. Him: just spend a night. Me: No I really have to go.. He just held my hand.

Him: Please..

Me: Fine, but i didn’t bring pjs.

He just smiled at me, went and got one his t shirts and gave me. I just went to the bathroom and changed then came back, he just looked at me.

Him: Damn! I’m already Smelling sex and Candy. Me: No you don’t.



Him: come on Siba just one round. Me: nope.

Him: 5 minutes..

Me: Not even 30seconds.

i just got in his bed and slept. He just took a shower then came and joined me, we just cuddled talked, laughed and fell asleep. In the morning i woke up early looked at him and smiled, he was still sleeping i took a few pics, he was cute even when he's sleeping. It was raining outside i just got out of bed went to the kitchen wanted to surprise him with a scrumptious breakfast. His mom just came downstairs, wearing Pjs that looked more expensive than my college fees. I just started getting nervous she just gave me that look of hers. The door bell rang she opened, it was a woman, she invited her in, and damn the girl's outfit was out of this world.

Lorraine: lovey dovey, you shouldn't have came, it's raining and cold outside i don't want you to get sick but most of all i don't want my grandchild getting sick.

Lorraine just put her hand on the woman's tummy. The woman just smiled, Lorraine came with her to me.

Lorraine: meet my beautiful daughter in law Zoe, she's engaged to Neo, they getting married in 3 months.

I felt like fainting, the whole room just started spinning, it was like someone just sharved a hot poker through my heart.

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The girl just smiled and greeted me, i just walked away with tears in my eyes. I got to the bedroom Neo was up, i just started putting on my clothes.

Him: I'm going to take a shower, i thought you can join me. I just kept quiet and clothed.

Him: Siba are you okay?

I couldn't stop the tears, he got close to me. Him: Nana what's wrong, you crying.

Me: why don't you just ask your mother! I started walking out and he followed me. Him: what did Lorraine say?

We got to the kitchen and he saw Zoe.

Him: Dammit Zoe! What the fuck are you doing here?

Lorraine: mind your language, that's not the way to talk to your Fiance.

I didn't wanna hear anymore i just walked out it was still raining but not that hard. He ran after me and grabbed me by my arm, i just slapped him hard.

Me: don't you ever touch me ever again!

I just ran out, with him calling my name, i ran out running down the road, i didn't know where i was, i didn't know how to get home, i walked all crying, my heart was broken, i was deeply Hurt, how can i be such a fool! The rain came hard i stood outside some restaurant. I took out my phone in my bag and called my cuz.

Her: Hello cuzy. I started crying.

Her: what's wrong sweety?

Me: I.. Its.. Just come and get me. Her: where are you?

I couldn't speak no more i started crying hard i went down on the ground Her: Siba you freaking me out, what's wrong?

Me: just.. Find me cuz.. Please.. Find me..

Her voice started getting shaky, like she wanted to cry. Her:

tell me were you are Lala ill come and get you.

I just cried i didn't care that people were looking at me.

Katlego started crying too.

Me: He hurt me Katlego..Her: is it Neo?..

I just continued crying.

Her: I'm gonna kill him!.. I swear to God!

I couldn't talk anymore i just Let go of my phone and it dropped on the ground, i laid on the ground crying. People who were passing were starring at me, they probably thought I was on drugs. After a while some two cops came.

Cop 1: Mam we received a call from the restaurant manager saying you disturbing the customers.

At that point the restaurant manager was standing by the door and the staff.Cop2: Mam are you on drugs?

I didn't reply.

Cop 1: we going to take you to the police station.

They got me from the ground, they didn't hand cuff me, they took my phone and my bag and put me in the police car at the back. We drove to the police station when we got there they sat me down and gave me my belongings, both cops left and another came.

Him: good morning mam, im detective Jacobs

I just kept quiet looking down with tears falling.Him: do you want coffee?

I just shook my head.

Him: why were you laying on the ground are you on drugs?

I just gave him a serious look.

Him: ok can we call someone for you.

I just gave him my cuzin's number. After a whole he came with donuts and coffee but i didn'teat, i just saw my cuzin entering with Sika, she just ran to me.

Her: Oh my God Lala i was worried about you.I just stood up and hugged her all crying.

The detective just asked Katlego a few questions to make sure i wasn't on drugs katlego just said i got heartbroken.

When we left the detective looked at me and said “whoever this guy is, his not worth your tears”. We just left i sat with Katlego at the back seat she was busy comforting me. We got home i changed my wet clothes and went straight to bed, she just came and laid behind me busy brushing my hair. We laid there until i fell asleep. I woke up at night katlego brought me soup.

Her: this will make you warm, you were very wet.Me:  
Thank you.

Her: i understand if you wanna quit.

Me: I’m not quitting i don’t wanna give him the satisfaction. My cuzin smiled at me and went. I put the bowl of soup in the dressing table took out my phone and started posting on his wall swearing at him telling him how much of a male bitch he is! And that he’s soo downlow that he slept with his Receptionist Hlehle, people started commenting, other girls started telling their stories and swearing at him too, i was surprised that he broke this many hearts. I decided to sleep early. I woke up in the morning bathe and went to work. When i got to my desk Hlehle came to me all angry.

Her: okay Siba what the heck?

I. Kept quiet.

Her: i get it if you wanna throw a few words at Neo, but to write my name..Me: get over yourself hlehle people don’t know you.

Neo showed up, looked at me all angry then just said “hlehle i want all the staff in the boardroom, we having a staff meeting in 5min” then he went.

Hlehle: we not done here!

I couldn’t stop the tears i went to the rest room started crying then looked myself in the mirror busy trying to calm myself down. I got out after 30min went to the boardroom, it was all the staff and Don, i just sat down holding my pen and pad.

Neo: you late the meeting started 30min ago.

I kept quiet. He started telling me to write everything we gonna talk about, but he was going to fast.

Me: slow down, I'm not a computer  
Him: you a PA this should be easy. Me: it is but you going to fast.

Him: I'm trying to get you to be committed to your work.

Me: you the last person to talk about commitment, you can't commit to anything.

Hlehle: guys uhm we still in a meeting..

Him: what do you mean by that? Because i would commit If i actually had a gf.

Me: don't make me laugh, Neo you hv a lot of growing up to do before you could commit to any girl

Him: ohhh so you painting my wall with fucked up things is very grown up of you!  
Don: Neo...

Him: hlehle remind me to give Siba a written warning for being late to this meeting.  
Me: what!

Him: this should be an example to everyone that I'm not gonna tolerate unprofessionalism in this firm.

Me: you know what, there's no need for a written warning because I quit!

I just stood up and started walking out. Neo came after me, he grabbed my arm i turned around and slapped him, i saw his facial expression changing.

Him: don't ever do that again!

Me: i told you never to touch me again!

He smiled, but it's not a friendly smile it was that smile of bitch i cannot believe you right now! He gave me a serious look again.

Him: Siba can i ask you something? I just looked at him.

Him: we were never in a relationship, we never said "i love you" to each other, we just had sex am i right?

Me: what's your point. Him: just answer me.. Me: i don't know what... Him: yes or no Siba?

Me: Yes..

Him: if we wasn't dating so why you catching feelings?

I didn't know what to say i took my things went to the elevator,when i got in i couldn't stopthe tears i just went down all crying..

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Part 17 only love can save my soul

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I just got home went to my bedroom and just sat, my cousin entered after 5min.Her: how was work?

Me: i quit.. I can't do it, i can't bear to look at him everyday.. You know he did not show anyemotions at all about what he did to me..

Katlego: give me your phone.Me: what you wanna do?

Her: call him..

Me: No just leave him.

Her: i wanna settle this thing once and for all.

I just gave her my phone and she took his numbers and called him, she put him on loudspeaker.

Him: hello..

Her: Can i speak to Neo.

Him: Speaking..

Her: it's katlego, Siba's cousin still remember me?

Him: yes i remember you.. Look if you've called me about Siba..Her: how could you be so heartless?

Him: excuse me?

Her: You broke my Cuzin's heart and then act like nothing happened.He just giggled a little.

Her: i don't think this is funny.

Him: it is because I'm trying to think how i broke Siba's heart when we wasn't even dating.I felt my stomach turning in when he said that.

Her: you led her into believing that you guys are dating.

Him: please tell me how i led her into believing that we in a relationship?My cuzin kept quiet didn't know what to say.

Him: exactly.

Her: why didn't you tell her about your Fiancé?Him: that's what my Mother told her.

I just grabbed the phone.

Me: it was better if i heard it from you, i had to hear it from you mother that's even worse! Him: Siba you ran out crying, you didn't wanna give me a chance to even explain my side of the story, you just decided to believe Lorraine's side of the story.

I was just too angry, this guy broke my heart he doesn't even apologize i gave katlego the phone, with tears falling down.

Katlego: Neo it's katlego. Him: were is Siba?

Her: she's too emotional now.

Him: that's what she does, always defend herself with tears, Katlego if you were in my position what would you do? I mean i don't even know what to do, i don't know how I've wronged Siba, worse she believes Lorraine over me.

My cousin didn't know what to say she hung up.

Me: you see how arrogant he is.. Ohhh my word this guy is gonna make me catch a case! Her: don't take offense in this but his right. Siba you could've at least heard his side.

Me: So you defending him? Her: No im just..

I just lost it and started screaming. Me: he took my Virginity!!!!

Her: No one is denying that but..

Me: but nothing katlego!! Ohh my word i cannot believe you right now, defending that trustfund baby!!

Katlego started being angry too. Her: haibo siba calm down! My Aunt entered.

Her: Yey maan what's all this shouting for? This is not a tavern. We just kept quiet.

Aunt Rose: And wena Siba ain't you supposed to be at work? Me: I..

Her: Talk!

I might as well tell her because she's gonna find out anyway. Me: I quit.

Her: you what? Are you crazy?

I didn't have time for her yelling i started walking out..



Her: Siba I'm talking to you!

I just walked out and sat at the corner down the street on a big rock. I can't believe my cuzinis defending Neo. I sat there hoping he might call, but he didn't when it was starting to get dark i went home, my aunt and Katlego were at the kitchen cooking. I started walking to my bedroom.

Aunt Rose: Siba..

Me: Aunty?

Her: we need to talk about what you going to do since you quit...Me: you want me out?

Her: that's not what i said..

Me: let me do you a favor and just move out.

I went to pack, i was sooo angry, Neo brought out soo much Anger inside of me, i packed and went leaving them in the kitchen. I went straight to Ses'phindi. I knocked luckily she was home and opened the door.

Her: Hau Siba..

Me: Sorry to bother you at night..Tears were already falling down. Her: Nonsense come in dear.

I went inside.

Her: Rose kicked you out again?

I couldn't talk i was too emotional i started crying, she hugged me. Living at Ses'Phindi's house was better than living with my Aunt. There was nothing I did just wake up, bath, sit think about Neo and cry. Ses'Phindi's son was not around he went to visit his Father. I was sitting on the bed starrng at the wall tears falling and Ses'Phindi entered.

Her: Siba are you alright?

I just wiped off my tears and smiled.Me: Im Okay.

Her: Don't lie to me. Siba ever you got here you haven't been yourself, you don't eat, you don't talk, you just sit and cry starrng at your phone.

Me: It's... It's.. My Aunt..

Her: No its not Rose, She has kicked you out many times before mara you never behaved like this, what's wrong Siba?

I didn't know how i was gonna make her understand that i was deeply in love with a guy whofucked me a couple of times and made me his Sperm dish.

Me: It's just..

I thought of Neo and started tearing up.Her: Ganti Keng Siba?

Me: Why Me Ses'Phindi? what did i do so wrong for people to hurt me this much? First itwas my father he gave my mother Aids then my mom died, Now its... Its.. The Pain is too much (crying)

She started tearing up too

Her: who hurt you soo bad Kanti?

I just cried, felt like someone put 30 000 needles in My heart. She just came and hugged me.Her: Talk to me Siba.. I cannot help you if you don't talk to me...

Me: i just wanna die Ses'phindi... I don't wanna live, the world is too cruel for me, Goddoesn't love me..

Her: Shhhhh Sesi Askies...I just cried in her arms.

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Ses'Phindi just told me she has to go fetch Her son Thato because he has a lot of Luggage but first she has to pass by the salon and asked if Ill be okay? I said I'll be fine so she just went. I took my phone and went through my contacts i saw Neo's contacts i thought of calling him but i just deleted them, I sat at the lounge just starrng at my mother's picture crying, i just had some unexplainable heaviness in my heart, i started thinking of all the pain that different people brought on me, i decided to sleep the pain away on the couch. I woke up it was dark outside i looked at my phone it was 19:00, there was no difference i still felt the same. I went to Facebook through Neo's timeline he hasn't posted in a while. I still had his pictures on my phone i just looked at them all crying, i went to the bathroom to wash my face, i saw a razor next to the Basin, i sat on the bathroom floor, started reflecting back on my life and all the pain I've experienced in the 23years of my life. I just started cutting my wrists,it was painful but it wasn't compared to the pain i felt deep inside. I started bleeding a lot i realized that i cut myself deeper than i thought, I just laid there. After a while i heard someone calling my name, i couldn't respond i was numb, i felt dead inside. Ses'Phindi got to the bathroom, she started screaming and calling Thato. Thato came running when he saw me he just picked me up, the bathroom floor was red with my blood. Thato kept on calling my name, my eyes were open, i was breathing but i didn't reply. He took out his phone and called his friend to come with a car so they can take me to the hospital. Thato laid me in bed sitting beside me with a cloth on my wrists trying to stop the bleeding.

Him: Mara skeem what's wrong? Why you hurting yourself like this.

Thato's friend came, i was getting weak from all the blood I was losing, my heart was beating Fast, my breathing was abnormal. They just put me into the car, Ses'Phindi sat with me at the back, she put a towel around me, all praying "God please spare her life, for all the pain she has experienced, you owe her that much" i didn't see my way to the hospital i just closed my eyes. I opened my eyes and saw Ses'Phindi and My cousin Katlego. Katlego just came close to me and hugged me.

Her: ohh my God cuz you scared me, what would i do if i ever lost you? Me: i..

Ses'Phindi: don't talk sweetly just try to rest.

I closed my eyes and slept. I woke up after a few hours, Katlego was not around Ses'Phindi was sitting on the chair.

Me: Ses'Phindi..

She came to me and put her hand on my forehead. Her: how you feeling now?

Me: still feeling a bit dizzy..

I tried to get up but when i put my hands on the bed for support in lifting myself up i felt some excruciating pain on my wrists, i screamed.

Ses'phindi: take it easy love..

I looked at my wrists, they were wrapped up in bandages, i just remembered what i did. The doctor came into the ward.

Doctor: welcome back.

I just kept quiet.

Doctor: how you feeling now?

Me: I'm okay, when can I go home?

He looked at Ses'phindi and asked her to give us some privacy.

Me: No its okay doctor, you can talk she's like a mother to me.

Doctor: You cannot go home, i have to keep you here until i am 100% sure that you not going to try and commit suicide again.

Me: am i on suicidal watch? Doctor: something like that.

Me: i wasn't trying to commit suicide.

Doctor: cutting yourself on the wrists that's suicide. I just looked down.

Doctor: I'll keep you here and get you a psychologist don't worry this is a public hospital, you'll see the psychologist for free and I'm also gonna put you on Antidepressants.

Me: It's fine doctor.

I had no strength left in me to fight anyone anymore.

The doctor just wrote me a prescription and gave it to Ses'phindi to get me the Antidepressants at the pharmacy, then left..

Me: you don't have to waste your money, I'll be fine. Her: I'll get them for you, Siba you gave us a big scare. Me: I'm sorry...

Her: Katlego told me about Neo.. I just looked away..

Her: we won't talk about him if you don't want too.

The following days at the hospital were very hard, especially because my wrists were taking forever to heal, i couldn't use my hands that much. The psychologist visited my ward everyday we talked, he covered my bed with the hospital curtain so that the other patients couldn't hear.

Things finally started to get better, the therapy sessions were helping, i never knew talking could help, the

Antidepressants were helping too i wasn't feeling much depressed anymore i could laugh and talk, i made friends with the other girls in my ward we were all suicide victims, it feels good talking to people who know how you feel. I was even able to say Neo's name without crying. Ses'phindi even said when i get out of the hospital and my wrists heal I'll work at the salon to earn money and go back to school

to do a part time course, things were looking up for me i had hope again. The doctor was happy with my progress and said i can go home, my therapy sessions were over but my doctor said I cannot quit taking Antidepressants because if i stop I'll have depression again and go back to my suicidal state. Thato came to fetch me i was happy to go home again, we got home Katlego and Ses'phindi were happy to see me they couldn't stop hugging me.

Katlego: im happy that you back. I was happy to see them again.

Me: i can't believe that i Almost killed myself for Neo, but i promise that now I'll focus on changing my life.

They looked at each other, and katlego cleared her throat.

Me: what's wrong?

Katlego: Siba just know that we love you and we tried too..

Me: Katlego what's going on?

Ses'phindi: someone came to see you. Me: who?

Ses'phindi just pointed at the lounge, i walked to the lounge and Neo was sitting on the couch..

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I couldn't believe my eyes, i started feeling a bit dizzy, a lot of things were running through my mind, I walked to the bedroom and locked the door he came and knocked, i just went

closer to the door but didn't open. Him: Siba please open.

I kept quiet.

Him: you know I'm not gonna leave until you open. Me: Neo please leave i don't wanna talk to you.

Him: you don't have to talk Nana im the one whose gonna talk, Please Open.

I just unlocked and stepped away from the door, he opened and came in then closed the door. Him: how are you feeling?

Me: Neo I'm trying to get my life back on track so please don't come here and confuse me, you did a lot of damage to me i Almost died.

Him: I'm sorry...

Me: Please Neo just go... I forgive you so just go to Zoe and let me fix all the broken pieces of my life.

He just took out his phone and called someone put it on loud speaker, the person answered the phone and it was a female voice.

Her: What?

Neo: Hey baby How are you doing?

Her: Are you on drugs Neo? I am not your baby! Him: i see Zoe pregnancy is making you livid.

Her: just because your mom asked me to do her a favor of lying and saying we are engaged and I'm pregnant with your child doesn't mean you can call me or even talk to me, Stop calling me you going to upset my Fiance!

Then she hung up, yooh at that moment i felt stupid.

Him: Zoe's mother and Lorraine are best friends. Zoe and i went to the same high school and we've hated each other

ever since! I've never touched her, never dated her, she's engaged to some white guy. Lorraine uses Zoe to chase every gal that i hook up with.

I didn't know what to say, i truly felt stupid for refusing to listen to his side of the story. Him: You trying to get your life back on track and so am i. There's something big missing in my life and it's you, you've been on my Mind ever since..

Me: Neo Please..

Him: I need you Siba, please give me one last chance, Nana a day doesn't go by where idon't think about you.

Me: I almost died Neo because of you. You brought me soo much pain please leave..I started walking to the door.

Him: Siba wait..

Me: No Neo Just Go! I don't even know why you here or what you want and..Him: Siba i love you!

Ohh my God i hope he didn't say what I think he said. I just turned around and looked at him.Me: I'm sure you've said the same thing before to a million girls, I'm sure you've loved othergirls before..

Him: You right I've loved before, but not as much as i love you.

I just opened the door. He walked to the door and stood in front of me.

Him: Im not gonna give up on you, I've lost you once and I'm not gonna lose you again.. He just put 2 fingers on his mouth, then put them on my mouth as if like his transferring akiss.

Him: i love you Chubby cheeks and I'm gonna fight for you. Then he left, i ain't even knew he noticed my fat cheeks.

After he left my cousin came.Her: And?

Me: he came to tell me to confess his love for me.

Katlego: Whaaaaat? Really he literally said "i love you" Me: Yes..

Her: Wow! And what did you say?

Me: Katlego i Almost died because of him. Look at my



wrists, im doing good trying to get my life back on track trying to get a job and pay for school i don't want any confusion anymore.

Her: Speaking of a job the pub and Grill wants a waitress, you will work only on weekends. Fri-Sunday and get paid 500 every Sunday.

Me: I'll take it, it's not bad. Her: I'll talk to Sika.

We went to the kitchen ate cake and snacks, then Ses'Phindi, katlego and i watched romantic movies. Katlego left, and i went to bath, was hard bathing with my wrists still painful, after finishing bathing I put on my night gown it was around 21:00 i drank my antidepressants and got in bed. My phone started ringing, i looked at the number and noticed it was Neo, i just let it ring, he called about 10 times i didn't answer, then he sent a long ass Text of "I love you Siba", this guy mara, i just slept. In the morning Ses'Phindi left for work, Thato left for work too. I woke up and brushed my teeth and washed my face. Someone started knocking at the door i went to open and it was Neo.

Me: Ain't you suppose to be at work?

Him: Some other things are way more important than work... Can i come in? Me: No..

I closed the door but he blocked it with his Shoe. Him: Please Nana..

I just opened and he came inside and i closed.

I just turned and looked at him, he was smiling at me. Me: what?

Him: you still look sexy in your Pjs. Me: we not gonna have sex

Him: of cause not, I'm trying to start a serious relationship here and sex is off limits, i want you to see that it was more than just sex.

Me: Why me Neo, there's tons of girls..

Him: Nana in life there's a lot of things that we have no control over, and one of them is falling for someone. You cannot choose who to fall in love with.

Me: We toxic for each other.

We: there's only one way to find out and that's if we date.

Me: it won't work.

He just came close and put his hands around my waist. Him:  
how do you know if we haven't tried?

Me: i need to drink my medication.

I'll transport you to the bedroom, just put your feet on top  
of my sneakers. Me: Neo..

Him: come on Just do it..

I just put my feet on top of his sneakers, then wrapped my  
arms around his neck and he just held me tight around my  
waist and started walking with me to the bedroom, we got  
to the bedroom and i took my feet off him, he just looked at  
me.

Him: i know you feel the same way about me, stop fighting  
it because if you busy fighting it you'll only be hurting  
yourself.

I just looked down he lifted my chin up and kissed me, was  
a long smooth kiss that was turning me on, then he just ran  
his tongue in circles around my lips, damn that turned me  
on more, then he just stopped and told me to get my pills. I  
went to get them and we went to the kitchen, he poured  
water for me in the glass and opened the pills.

Him: how many pills are you supposed to drink? Me: one.

He gave me one and i drank.

Me: is this the kind of life you wanna have with me, I'm not  
stable anymore, i depend on Antidepressants to make me  
function normally.

Him: i put you in this state remember.

I just looked away and tears started falling. Him: Nana look  
at me.

I just shook my head No. Him: look at me..

I just turned my head around And he started kissing my  
eyes then my nose, and then wiped my tears.

Him: i brought you a lot of pain, but im willing to fix my

wrongs please give me a chance. Me: i need to go and wash my wounds.

Him: I'll help you.

we went to the bathroom, put warm water in the basin, i put and antiseptic then got a cotton roll and clean bandages. He just unwrapped the bandages on my wrists they were stained in blood and when he was done he just looked at my wrists, i was ashamed then he took a cotton roll put it in the antiseptic water and put it on my wrist. It was painful i just closed my eyes Him: is it painful?

Me: a lot

He just squeezed my cheek and smiled

Him: I'm sorry, we'll be done before you know it.

I just looked at him, i don't know this side of him, does he really love me or his just pityingme?

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Neo didn't stay that long he had to go back to work. There was nothing more to do i just called my Cuzin and told her i need to start with work because I can't just stay indoors I'll go crazy, she agreed. The following day i started working at Sika's pub and Grill, i didn't do much just worked at the till because my wounds hadn't healed yet. Working for Sika was good except for the irritating customers. Neo called me Saturday morning to ask where i am itold him about working for Sika and he said he Wanna see me, i refused, i still didn't wanna give in to this relationship idea of his. It was a busy Saturday at the pub and Grill so i had to serve the customers and run the till, but Sika didn't allow me to carry heavy things because ofmy writs. I was at the kitchen with one of the waitresses counting stock when we had noise coming from the main area, one of the waiters came to call me, i went and it was Neo he came with 2 of his friends. They were wearing Chelsea t.shirts, black denim jeans, and sneakers. I wondered what he was doing here, when you a cheese boy you never visit the hood without company. I went up to them, as soon as Neo saw me he smiled.

Him: Nana meet my friends, CJ and Omphile. I just looked at them CJ looked mixed race.

I just greeted and they greeted back all smiling.

Neo: This is the girl I've been telling y'all about, my future wife. Me: Future wife?

Him: yeah, you my future you just don't know it yet. Me: What are y'all doing here?

Him: what you mean?

Me: This is a dangerous hood, if this hood gangsters can see

Y'all there's gonna be trouble They just laughed.

Me: y'all won't be laughing when shit goes down.

Neo: we came here to celebrate. my boy CJ is going to play for Chelsea so we have to celebrate his big achievement before he leaves us.

Me: couldn't y'all celebrate somewhere else?

Him: No and we also here to support you Nana, bring real money on your behalf. Me: So what can i get yall?

Cj: the most expensive Whiskey you guys have. Neo: since i don't drink, can i have tonic water

Omphile: and please bring us Soda water too so we can mix the whiskey. Me: anything else?

Neo: Yeah make our bill around R30 000

My jaw Almost dropped when he said that, i just grabbed him by his hand and pulled him aside.

Me: Are you trying to be flashy?

Him: No i told you that we came to support you.

He just kissed me on my forehead and went back to his friends.

I went and got them their drinks and stood by the counter starrng at them. Sika came in with my cuzin.

Sika: Siba do we have rich customers today? Me: why you asking?

Him: There's 3 Ferraris parked outside.

I just pointed at Neo and his friends, they both looked at them all shocked Sika: Is that who i think it is?

Katlego: Yeap that's Neo.

Sika: Yooh what would he be doing here in my struggling pub and grill? Katlego just looked at me.

Me: what?

Her: tell us what would Neo leave his fleshy life in the suburbs and come here in the hood. I just gave her a serious look then she just giggled and went to the kitchen.

Sika: okay Siba we have to make sure they get the best, please let them be Treated as VIPs. We just looked at them, Neo just Smiled and winked at me.

Sika: i think he likes you, Siba i know you don't like selling yourself low, mara i want this people to spend a lot of cash so please take one for the team.

When other waitresses went to them, they just said they only wanna be served by me. News travel fast in the hood after some few hours the pub was flooded with Girls, i was starting to get worried because guys were starting to give them weird looks especially when girls went to them. I just went to find out if they don't need anything anymore, Neo just pulled me and sat me on his lap, we just sat there talking and laughing, girls were busy coming in and out, some girls i don't even know started greeting me. While we were chilling there laughing, the most dangerous Gangster in the hood entered with his friends, i started getting worried because i knew they were going to start trouble. They just sat and looked at us all pissed then one just started calling me. I had to go to them because i was the only free waitress. I just went to them and asked if I can get them anything but they were busy trying to flirt with me busy pulling me by my skirt i just started walking away then Their Leader known as Makoya pulled me back.

Him: where you going wena sfebe(bitch) we still yet to order. Me: find another waitress.

I started walking he was busy pulling me back by my hand, he held me very tight my wrist started bleeding, i was feeling pain i just started screaming, and Neo came.

Neo: do we have a problem here?

Makoya let go off me, he spat on the floor then started looking at Neo from head to toe. Makoya: this is my hood, i own this streets! You better leave, go to your rich life and take your friends with you.

Neo just laughed.

Makoya: Ekse! I said take your friends wena cheese boy and voetsek!

I was starting to get very scared and the whole pub was looking at us, i just held Neo's hand. Me: Neo let's go..

Makoya: listen to your little bitch and go! Neo: I'll go when i feel like going.

Makoya just pushed Neo, i knew that shit just got real Makoya was very furious, everyone knows better than to mess with makoya because his very dangerous, he has names of the people he killed tattooed on his body.

I saw Neo getting pissed.

Me: Neo let's go please i don't want you getting hurt, this guy can kill you and..Sika just came to us.

Sika: Makoya Man there's no need..

Makoya: Voetsek wena Sika! How can you allow this cheese boys to come and take our girls. I saw Sika getting scared, and he kept quiet.

I just pulled Neo and we started walking.

Makoya: Ya go to your Rich surbubs wena colored boy! This Kasi Is not for soft boys like you.

Neo just noticed the bandage was red with blood around my wrist. Him: did he touch you?

Me: Neo please let's just leave it.

Neo just lost it and went and punched Makoya hard that Makoya fell, then he grabbed him by his t. Shirt and started punching him in the face repeatedly busy saying "you fucken touched my girl". I've never seen Neo this Mad.

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I just started pulling Neo by his t. Shirt all crying and begging him to stop, he just let go of him and his hand was red with blood, Makoya stood up all Angry, and started spitting blood on the floor, his nose was bleeding and was bleeding from his mouth too. he just took off his tshirt and wiped himself then turned to his friends.

Him: Nyoka! Why you all just sitting there!! Bring me my gun, ngifuna ukucisha le bhari (bring me my gun i want to kill this fool)

The friends stood up and came closer, Neo just told me to stand behind him, i stood behind him with my Hands wrapped around his Waist i was very scared, my wrist was bleeding, i just held on to him very tight and buried my face on his back. Neo's friends stood up and came to us.

Makoya took the gun from one of his friends and pointed it at Neo, No1 even attempted to call the police that's how scared they were of Makoya.

Makoya: you fucken put your hands on me cheese boy!!

Let's see how brave you are now! Neo: You really gotta be kidding me!

I couldn't believe Neo was that calm with a gun pointed at him.

I was praying inside busy saying God please save us, i couldn't let Neo die like this! Makoya: Better yet i will make it painful, I'm going to rape this little bitch of yours right in front of you, then after ill kill her right in front of you!

Neo wasn't backing down either he was very very Angry.

Neo: Put your hands on my baby Again and i will personally kill you! Makoya just laughed and came closer.

Him: I'm going to enjoy killing you Boy!

Makoya's friend just made a comment saying "Koyas Don't



do this here, it's gonna attract the cops, and you know they don't like us"

Makoya: Eyy Maan i don't care! I want to teach this little rich boy a lesson! Kuthi mina lakule kasi! (i am in charge of this hood).

Neo: i don't have time for Amateur Gangsters.

Neo took me and sat me down with his friends following us, the whole pub was watching there was more people, this was the biggest war in the hood. Makoya just put his hands on his head and started going round in circles.

Makoya: Yoooh Mara this boy wanna die! He started walking to us his friend held him.

Friend: Koyas Ntwana let's not do this here, Let's wait for this fool outside! Makoya just looked at us.

Him: you will never leave this hood alive boy! Then he looked at me

Makoya: wena sfebe (you bitch) me and you we going to dance the whole day! I want to teach this lover boy of yours a thing or two about the hood!, Nyoka biza amagenge! (nyokaget the squad).

The friend just walked out and whistled then Makoya went out too. I just started crying getting a panic attack.

Me: Omg his going to kill us!

Neo just crouched in front of me and held my hand. Him: Nana look at me..

I was panicking, all crying.

Me: Neo you just dug a grave for us. Him: Siba no one is going to touch you! Sika came to us.

Sika: I think i should call the cops.. Neo looked at him all pissed.

Neo: you ain't calling shit! Ain't you supposed to provide protection for your waitresses? They vulnerable how you expect them to defend themselves from this hooligans.

Sika: Eish it's not like that..

Neo: just get out of my sight, before i fuck you up! Sika just left.

Neo just turned to his friends. Neo: if yall are done we can go. CJ: let me pay.

Cj just went to pay then Neo just took me by my hand.

Me: we can't go Neo Makoya is not bluffing he will kill us!

Neo: Siba no one is going to touch you! Im not gonna let anything happen to you! Me: I'm scared Neo, he said his going to rape me!

Him: the sun will fall before i let that happen!

I just held his hand tight and we went out, Makoya was in his old BMW with his friends, there was another BMW next to his of thugs drinking beer, when they saw us they started whistling to each other and they all came, there was 8 of them 3 of them were holding Guns, the rest were holding cricket bats. I just stopped.

Me: Neo I'm scared.

Neo: Nana just keep on walking..

We started walking then they blocked our way. I held on to Neo's hand.

Neo: i don't want trouble i just want to get to my car with my girl and go home.

We started walking pass them and Makoya started pulling me by my hand. Neo turned and pushed him.

Neo: touch my girl again and ima fucken kill you!

Makoya: see my crew they gonna beat you to death, while i take your girl for a ride. People were out watching.

I just started crying.

Me: Neo let's go back inside.

Cj: take her inside dawg she's starting to get very scared we'll cover you.

We started walking inside, Makoya's friends wanted to block our way but makoya stopped them.

Makoya: let them go inside, let them play hide and sick i would love to see how they going to get out of this hood!

We went back inside Neo was angry he started Yelling. Him: Fuck! Im gonna kill this Gangster wannabe.

He just came to me and held me tight. Neo: don't cry Nana..

I just pushed him away.

Me: we gonna die because of you! Sika: let me call the police!

Neo: No one is gonna call the fucken cops! They wanna flash guns! We can do the same too! Cj call Jomar! Tell him this is a 699!

Cj: I'm on it.

Cj took his phone out, i had no idea what he was talking about, but judging from how he was angry i knew a lot is gonna go down. I just sat there crying all traumatized, Neo came to hold me but i just pushed him away i didn't wanna see him, we in this mess because of his stubbornness. After some few hours A group of coloureds got inside. Neo stood up and went to them.

Him: Jomar Thanks for coming dawg!

They just greeted each other with those Gangster handshakes. This Jomar character looked scary and dangerous, he was wearing a black vest, blue jeans, and all-star sneakers, he had a big scar on his face and Hella lot of tattoos as i was looking at him, i noticed he was missing two fingers on his left hand.

Jomar: No problem My Lytie, Cj called me and explained everything. Neo: What's the plan?

Jomar: Ek het gedink dat (i was thinking that) 2 cars must be in front of you and 2 cars behind you, that way no 1 can touch you and your Meisie, you Want a gun?

Neo just looked at me.

Neo: No i don't wanna Traumatize my girlfriend. Jomar: Okay let's go.

Neo: They can touch anyone, but don't let them touch my Girl. Jomar just looked at me.

Jomar: no one will even get close to her, i give you my word.

Neo: Nana let's go..

I just sat there. Neo: Siba let's go.

He just came to get me and held my hand. We went out

with Jomar and 3 guys walking in front of us and the rest they were walking behind us. When we were out of the gate Makoya and his friends stood up, i held Neo's hand tight, When they got close, Jomar and his friends took out Guns, Jomar just took his gun and shot up in the air, people started screaming and ducking some started running away then i saw about 5 BMWs come from the corner, When Makoya saw that he was outnumbered he went back to his old bmw. We got to Neo's Ferrari and 2 BMW X6 were in front of us and the rest behind us, you can tell from their cars that Jomar and his crew are not your typical Gangsters, Neo just directed Jomar to Ses'phindis house and Jomar went and told the BMWs that were in front of us which way to go. As we were driving to Ses'phindis house i was sitting in the car just overwhelmed about wat was happening.

Neo: Nana are you okay?

Me: who are this people Neo? Neo: who? Jomar?

I just looked at him.

Him: him and my brother were best friends, my brother was their Gang leader before he died. I just sat there thinking how can Neo's brother be a gang member especially since his family is rich, just didn't make sense.

We got to my Ses'phindis house and i went straight to the house with Neo following me.

Me: Thank you i got home safe now you can leave before you scare the whole neighborhood and they call the cops

Him: I'm not leaving you here, this hooligan might hunt you down and find you, i will never forgive myself if anything happens to you.

Me: Then what do you suggest?

Him: pack your bags, you coming home with me.

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I just couldn't process what Neo was telling me.

Me: You want me to move in with you and your family?

Him: Yes, that's what I'm saying, i cannot let you stay here, That fool is gonna hunt you down and he will kill you, i want you close to me because if you living with me i will be able to protect you.

Me: Neo what about your mother?

Him: Lorraine is the least of our problems now.

I didn't like Neo's idea of me moving in with him, but he had a point, i mean there's no telling what Makoya can do. I agreed, Ses'Phindi was not around she went to some society meeting so i called her to come because i wasn't going to leave without telling her. She said she's on her way. Jomar came inside the house while Neo and i were waiting for Ses'Phindi. Jomar: are you guys ready to go?

Neo: we still waiting for someone.

Jomar just grabbed the kitchen chair and sat down.

I was just sitting there all thinking about the drama i had today. Jomar: gaan sy okay word? (is she going to be okay)

Neo: ek dink soo (I think so) Me: English please!

Jomar: Sorry i was just asking if you going to be okay. Me: i hardly think so.

Ses'Phindi walked in looking like she just saw a ghost.

Her: Siba there's 2 BMW cars in my yard with Men that look like criminals.

I really didn't know how i was gonna make Ses'Phindi understand. She just looked at Jomar then looked at me.

Her: Siba what's going?

Me: I think... I think you better sit down for this. Her: I'd rather stand.

I explained everything to Ses'Phindi and she just freaked out.

Her: i don't know why the police don't do this community a favor and lock that Gangster up! Neo: that's why i want to take Siba with me, i cannot be able to protect her from this people if she's far away from me.

Her: I understand, This Makoya Gangster has killed raped and killed a lot of girls in this community, and Siba's safety matters more to me.

Neo: So are you allowing me to take her With me?

Her: i have no problem with it, I'll be happy knowing that she will be safe.. Siba do you wanna go?

Me: Yes, i think I'll be safer With Neo.

Ses'Phindi didn't say anything much she just hugged me and told me she's going to miss me. There was a knock at the door while we were still hugging like that.

Ses'Phindi: Are you guys expecting someone? I just shook my head no.

The door just opened and cops came in, it was 4 of them they just came in with guns in their hands.

Cop 1: We are looking for Neo Mare and Jomar We all looked puzzled.

Cop 1: i will repeat myself again since it's clear that i wasn't heard, we are Looking for Neo Mare and Jomar.

No one said anything we were all shocked, one just took out a paper then looked at Jomar. Cop 2: Are you Jomar?

Jomar knew there was no turning back they have his description.

He just nodded his head yes, then they looked at Neo and asked him if his Neo, he nodded his head too.

Cop: Neo Mare and Jomar, both of you are Under arrest For Attempted murder of Bongani Dlamini (Makoya), possession of illegal Firearms, and endangering the lives of innocent people, you have the right to remain silent anything you say can and will be used against you in the court of law, you have the right to an attorney if you cannot afford one, one will be appointed for you.

They started cuffing them i couldn't believe what i was

seeing.

Me: what do you mean attempted murder!!! (shouting) Cop

1: Mam please step aside.

Neo: Nana listen to me, take your things and go to my house..

I couldn't let them take him like that i just hugged him tight and started crying. Me: No this is not happening.. You cannot leave me like this!

Neo: Siba please promise me you'll go to my house.

The cops just took him away and the other cop came to hold me back, i was crying, screaming, wanting him to stay, i couldn't get to him the cop held me tight.

Me: Neo don't leave me (crying).. Neo: Nana just go to my house.

I watched the cops take the man i love away from me, Ses'Phindi just came and hugged me, i cried on her hands, she sat me down and gave me a glass of water. I just sat there all thinking with tears falling down.

Ses'Phindi: I'm sorry Siba... Me: i have to go..

Her: where to?

Me: To his house, i cannot stay here its not safe for me.

I just called Katlego and explained everything she told me she will accompany me tomorrow to Neo's house. I couldn't sleep that Night busy thinking about Neo and Makoya, it was best i leave early before he comes looking for me. I woke up at 4am started bathing and took my things, i didn't even say bye to Ses'Phindi, i bumped into Katlego at the gate she just hugged me and we went. The taxis were fast because people were going to work. I got to Neo's place i didn't know what i was going to say especially with how difficult his mother is. I just asked the security at the gate to let me in, they didn't give me a hard time because they have seen me come in with Neo before. We walked to the door, i let out a big sigh then rang the door bell, no1 answered the door, when i gave up someone Opened it was Patronella.

Her: Siba..

Me: can i come in?

Her: Yes you can.

She just let me and my cousin in, and sat us down at the lounge. Her: Can i get you something to drink?

Me: No im okay.

Lorraine came down the stairs all yelling.

Her: Who rings a door bell at this time of the morning! She just saw me and her face turned sour.

Her: What are you doing here? Me: i.. It's... Neo.. Is..

Lorraine: What about Neo? I couldn't stop the tears.

Her: Where is my Son.

Me: His.. His..

Her: Speak up you not dumb!! (yelling). Me: Neo got Arrested yesterday.

Lorraine just put her hand around her mouth with her eyes wide open. Her: What happened?

Me: it's a complicated story. Her: Where did he get arrested?

Me: At my house.

Lorraine's Eyes started filling up with Tears. Her: You got my son Arrested.

Me: No its..

Her: Get out of my house!

Me: Lorraine please hear me out.

She just went to the phone and called security to come and get us. Patronella: but Lorraine..

Lorraine: shut up Patronella!

The security came and threw us out. My cuz just picked up my bag and held my hand and we went back to the hood.

Days went by my life was in danger everyday i was scared of going outside Neo's phone was on voice mail, my phone started ringing while i was sitting there thinking and it was Katlego.

Me: Katle..

Her: Siba you need to leave the hood ASAP! Me: Why?



Her: Makoya knows where you are and his planning to come and get you.

My heart started beating fast, i dropped the phone. After a while there was a knock on the door.

Katlego: Siba open its me!

I ran and opened she hugged me. Me: how did he know im here? Her: He's a thug Siba.

Me: What am i gonna do?

Her: i bought you a bus ticket to KZN you leaving tonight, you going to Uncle Jabu's house here's the address, when you get there explain who you are but im sure he will recognize you. My uncle Jabu was a pastor, he was My mother's cousin, the last time i saw him i was 8. I didn't protest i took the ticket. My departure time came, Katlego and Sika drove me to the bus station to make sure i get into the bus safe, the bus was about to leave i couldn't even hug katlego i got in and it went. Katlego had given me 500 when she gave me the Address and bus ticket. It was a long trip but i arrived. I asked around where new Castle was, taxi drivers directed me which taxi to get and where to get off, i got to New Castle all tired but happy thatat least I'll be safe. I walked up to my Uncle's house, i was nervous what if he don't recognize me. I went and knocked and a woman opened.

Me: Hi my name is Siba Langa, i traveled from Gauteng and I'm looking for my Uncle Jabu. The woman just looked at me. I just went on my knees and begged her to let me in.

Her: you say your name is Siba? Me: yes

Her: I'm sorry that you traveled so far away, but your uncle doesn't live here anymore. Me: i don't understand.

Her: i bought this house last year with my husband, sorry Sisi but your uncle long sold thishouse and moved with his family to another place.

Me: were did they go?

Her: Mozambique. He has a big church there now.

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I didn't know what to do or where to go.

Me: Sisi I've traveled so far and i have nowhere else to go.

Her: i understand kodwa i don't know how to help you.

Me: i just need a place to stay for a few days please, until i figure out something. Her: Yoooh Sisi i would love to help kodwa i cannot allow you to stay in my house. Me: Please Sisi, I'm begging you.

Her: i cannot let you stay here my husband is very strict.

Me: i understand..

I just took my bag and started walking. Her: wait..

I just stopped, she came to me.

Her: My husband is a truck driver, so akekho manje use Maputo (so his not around his in maputo), his coming back after 2 weeks, you can stay here for 2 weeks when he comes back you will have to find another place.

I just hugged her all crying.

Me: Thank you very much, God bless you.

She took my bag we went inside the house, her house was not beautiful but it was very clean, she showed me the guest room and told me that's where I'm going to sleep. I put my bag there then she told me to come back to the kitchen.

Her: you look very tired, i will make you something to eat then you can go and rest a little. Me: Thank you, you very kind.

Her: I'm Lihle by the way Me: i am Siba

She just gave me a plate with food, it was Pap and beef stew, i ate a little didn't have that much Appetite. After finishing eating i went to the guest room and laid on the bed, my phone started vibrating and it was my cousin.

Me: Hello Katlego.

Her: Hello Lala.. How are you? Me: I'm okay just tired..

Her: So did you find Uncle Jabu's house?

Me: Yes i did mara his not living here anymore. Her: What! So were are you?

Me: the new house owner allowed me to stay here for 2weeks,I'll just try to get a job so i can get a place.

Her: Okay Lala call me if you need anything.. Me: okay i will thank you..

Her: I love you..

Me: me too..

She hung up the phone i laid in bed till I fell asleep.

I woke up at night, went to bath put on my pjs, drank my Antidepressants, Lihle was sitting in the lounge reading her Bible.

Me: Lihle i wanted to say thank you again for allowing me to stay. Her: you are welcome.. I was just about to pray you can join me Me: No thanks Lihle i will just go and..

Her: Come on Sisi it will only take about 5minutes.

I joined her in prayer, she also prayed for me that Can God please put his hand over me and bless me beyond measures, and ease my pain that i can carry deep inside of me. I was just shocked especially because she doesn't know me. When we were done praying i went to the guest room and slept again. I was woken up In the morning by a knock at the door, i went and opened.

Lihle: good morning Sisi Me: good morning

Her: i was letting you know that breakfast is ready.

Me: Thank you.

I just went to the bathroom, washed my face and brushed my teeth. I went to the kitchen and sat she made soft porridge.

Her: i was gonna go buy vegetables later you can accompany me if you want Me: Thank you but i think ill stay.

Her: you need to get fresh air Sisi and familiarize yourself with this Place if you going to beliving here.

Me: Ya and i need to get a job.

Her: i was thinking about that, my father has a Supermarket i can call him and ask him to give you a job.

Me: No Sisi you have done enough..

Her: I wanna help you, don't turn down people who wanna help you. Me: Thank you.

After I finished eating i went and changed my Pjs and put on a dress then we went to the supermarket.

We got to the supermarket Lihle introduced me to her Father and asked him if he can give me a job, he agreed but said i can help in cleaning and counting the stock because he has enough cashiers, i took the job and thanked him. We bought the Vegetables and went back, the supermarket was not that far. As we were walking some guy stopped us.

Him: Sawubona Lihle (hello Lihle) Her: Hello themba

Him: how are you? Her: I'm good and you? Him: I'm good He looked at me.

Him: Sawubona Sisi (hello) Me: Hi..

Lihle: Themba we are in a hurry.. Him: It's okay i will see you later.

He left us and we continued walking home. Living with Lihle was nice she was a very kind person, i kept in contact with Ses'Phindi and my cousin, Neo's phone was still off i even stopped calling him.

I started working at the Supermarket it wasn't a fancy Job mara i needed the money, after cleaning i just went and Sat outside. Someone came to me and it was the Themba guy.

Him: Hau we meet Again Me: Are you following me? He just smiled

Him: No Sisi i work here. Me: Okay

He just went inside the shop and came back with 2 cans of coca cola. He handed me one.

Me: No thanks I'm okay. Him: It's just cool drink

Me: Ya it starts with a cool drink then ends with sex He just laughed.

Him: I'm not like that Sisi I just took the cool drink.

Him: you never told me your name Me: I'm Siba.

He sat next to me started talking to me he was a very funny person and always Smiling, he even walked me home after work.

Lihle: Thank you Themba for bringing her home safe Him: No problem, Siba i will see you at work tomorrow. I just smiled.

Lihle: Hmmm seems like you like him Me: no don't be silly.

Her: Asazi (we don't know)

me: If i may ask nje what kind of a person is he?

Her: His a very good boy, uyahlonipa (he respects), he has a good heart and very caring.. Me: but why is he still single?.

Her: Aii you know girls here they like men with money so Themba is not rich, he works for my father and lives in a house that his mother left him when she died, he lives alone.

Themba was good looking, he was dark and had a beautiful smile with beautiful teeth. We started spending a lot of time together he took me out on dates they were not expensive, he will take me to the park and buy me ice cream or we would do a picnic nyana. We were sitting outside the supermarket and my mind was far away

Him: Are you okay Siba? Me: Ya im fine

Him: you don't look fine

Me: In 2 days time i hv to move out of Lihle's house i don't know where I'm gonna go I'm not making enough money here in the shop to get a place of my own.

Him: You can come live with me. Me: No that will be

inappropriate Him: i live alone, i have a lot of space Me: but..

He held my hand.

Him: I want you to stay with me i care about you a lot and i don't wanna see you homeless.

I just smiled and accepted the offer. I was starting to feel something for Themba i don't know if it was real or just a

fling, but when im with him i feel free and at ease. After 2 days he came to help me pack Lihle was not around so it was me and him, after packing we just sat on the bed.

Me: Thank you again for letting me stay with you

Him: i was not gonna let a beautiful girl like you sleep on the streets.

I just blushed we talked then started kissing, then he took off my shirt, then stopped.Me: what's wrong?

Him: Are you sure about this? I don't wanna pressure you into having sex.

I just smiled and kissed him, we were interrupted by a knock at the door, we tried ignoring itbut the person kept on knocking.

Him: i think it's Lihle you better open she won't stop knocking.I stood up and went.

Him: you cannot open the door with your bra wear something.Me: It's just Lihle, I'll tell her im busy.

I opened the door and got the biggest shock of my life, it was Lihle, Neo, and Katlego.

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I just stood there didn't know what to say. Lihle: You have visitors.

Katlego: Hey cuzy Me: Hi..

Katlego: you don't look happy to see us. Me: I am... Happy to see you guys.

Neo: we not even gonna get hugs?

Me: Ya you will, uhm can you guys give me 5 minutes to wear a t. Shirt you can wait for me in the lounge.

I just closed the door.

Themba: Are you okay? Whose that? The door just opened.

Katlego: Siba you know..

When she saw Themba she just stopped talking and looked all shocked, Neo Got in after Katlego then Lihle got in too.

Neo's mood just changed he just looked at me. Me: Neo i.. I can explain.

He just took my t. shirt on the bed and threw it at me. Him: Explain what Siba? It's quiet obvious! (shouting) Themba just stood up and grabbed Neo's Arm.

Themba: that's no way to speak to a lady, please step away from you.

Neo just looked at Themba's hand then looked at me, i could see that his getting pissed. Him: Tell this fool not to touch me!

Themba let go of Neo's arm. Neo looked at me.

Neo: why Siba? This is soo unlike you! I started tearing up.

Me: Neo it's not what it..

He just grabbed me by my arm. Him: We fucken leaving!

Themba grabbed Neo's arm again.

Neo just turned and pushed him very hard and Themba fell on the dressing table. Neo: I said don't fucken touch me!

I was starting to get scared i know Neo when his angry all hell breaks lose.

Themba just got up and just punched Neo, Neo punched him back, Lihle started screaming. I was all standing there not knowing what to say. Katlego just pulled Neo back, i pulled Themba back.

Neo: Let me go Katlego, this fool is fucking my girl! Neo was just on another level of being Angry.

Katlego: I understand you angry but i don't think you wanna get arrested in Kzn! Neo just looked at me, then walked out.

I ran after him.

Me: Neo wait..

I just grabbed his hand trying to stop him, he pushed me a little.

Him: don't touch me Siba! I was Fucken in jail for a week stressing about if you safe or not, and this is what you doing!

Me: Neo it's not like that.. I didn't even sleep with him, I'm sorry. Themba came out.

Him: Siba are you Okay?

Neo just got close to him, i just put my hands on his chest pushing him back.

Neo: This how you Fucken do me Siba? Me: No.. Neo..

Him: Who the fuck do you want Siba, Me or him?

I know that me and Neo we toxic for each other, everytime we together bad things happen, but i love him, and i that will never change.

Me: I want you! I choose you over him.

Neo: Then get your clothes, I'll be in the car and don't make me wait! He just left.

Themba looked at me all shocked.

Themba: why you never told me that you have a boyfriend?

Me: I'm sorry Themba.

Neo started yelling from the gate.

Neo: Siba don't make me come and get you!

I just went inside and apologize to Lihle and thanked her for allowing me to stay, at least my bag was packed i just



took it and went to the car, Themba was all standing there watching me leave.

There was an awkward silence in the car no one said anything, Neo was still very angry, I noticed his cheek was red where Themba punched him, I just stretched my hand to his cheek and he held my hand very tight.

Him: I said don't touch me!

He let go of my hand and just drove, he drove for hours until nighttime came, we came across a Lodge then he drove in there.

Him: Katlego we'll have to spend a night here, I'm tired will wake up early and go. We just got off the car and he got two rooms, one for Katlego and one for us.

Neo just took out his Wallet while we were still at the reception took out a few R200 notes and gave the cash to Katlego.

Him: You'll buy some food if you get hungry, I don't know if your cousin is hungry but I'm just gonna drive somewhere I'll be back later.

Katlego: ain't you tired? Neo just looked at me.

Him: I am, but right now I don't want to be in the presence of your cousin because I'm gonna kill her, I just wanna go for a drive.

Neo left then the receptionist directed us to our rooms. I opened my room and put my bag Katlego came after some few minutes.

Katlego : you okay?

Me: No.. He hates me Katlego.

Her: He doesn't hate you, he's just hurt. Me: I can't see hurt, I only see Anger.

Katlego: he might be expressing his Pain through anger, we all not the same.

Katlego and I just ordered Pizza and had it delivered to us, we ate then talked till very late, then she just went to her room to sleep. It was 2am and Neo was still not back. I just bathed, changed into my pjs and sat waiting for him. He came

in at 4am. He just walked pass me i grabbed his hand.

Him: Don't touch me..

I just got closer and put my hands around his neck. Him: i don't wanna hurt you Siba.

I just kissed him and noticed that he had been drinking, was surprising because Neo doesn't drink. He kissed me back then put his hands around my Waist, we continued and he put his hands under my t.shirt then i ran my hand trying to get it in his Jean, he just stopped me then pulled me back.

Him: i cannot do this with you right now.

Me: i just wanna make love to you like there's no tomorrow.

I kissed him back again, he grabbed me by my hair and pulled me back. Neo: i can't do this right..

I just put my fingers on his lips. Me: Shhhh don't speak.

He let go of my hair and started walking away. I just stood there, he just stood by the bathroom then turned around and came back to me then he kissed me. He picked me up and put me on the bed and came on top of me. Our eyes met.

Me: I love you.

Him: i fucken love you too!

I smiled at him and we kissed, then had sex, it was good having his body against mine, it felt good having him caress me again, gently biting me on my neck and running his hand from my thighs all the way to my breasts, i felt like i was in heaven the way he made love to me pressing my hands tight against the best so i couldn't escape, i felt myself loving him even more, we must have had 3 rounds or so then we just fell asleep on each other's arms. After a while there was a knock at the door i hesitated to go at first but the person kept on knocking and knocking i woke up wrapped a towel around my body went to open, it was Katlego.

Her: Gosh what's up with you guys it's 11:am me: really?

Her: don't tell me yall, did you? I just smiled, she smiled too

Her: Woow cuz look at that smile.

Neo showed up behind me and hugged me from behind, he was wearing his boxers only. Him: Hey katlego.

Her: Hi.. Aren't we supposed to be leaving? Him: just give us about 30min to get ready.

She agreed and left, we closed the door, Neo picked me up, i put my hands around his legs with my legs wrapped around his waist and we were facing each other.

Me: i think we should go take a shower before katlego comes back knocking again. He just smiled.

Him: Fine just direct me to the bathroom because you blocking my view.

We got to the bathroom and took a shower we decided to have one round just for the road, we got out and clothed.

Me: are you still a trust fund baby. He just laughed a little.

Him: kinda.

Me: how many cars do you have? Him: about 4 i think

Me: and the Ferrari is your favorite? Him: yeah

Me: can i have the keys?

Me: Yeap im taking it from you, it's mine now. He just laughed.

Him: you joking right?

Me: nope

him: Siba i can't give you my Ferrari

Me: okay then I'll just get a taxi and go back to New Castle.

Him: what? Siba are you serious?

I just took my bag and started walking him: ok fine the Ferrari is yours.

He just handed me the Keys, i took my bag and he followed busy saying "is she serious right now". My cuz came and we went to the car, I just looked at the Keys.

Neo started laughing.

Katlego: aren't we gonna get in? Neo: Ask Siba it's her car.

Me: how do you open this it? Neo: i don't know it's your car.

I had no idea what was going in.

Katlego : Neo stop playing we wanna go Neo: im not playing it's siba's car.

Me: okay fine you can have it back.

Him: i don't want it anymore, i don't do 2nd hands Nana. He just stood there all laughing he was enjoying this.

Him: Aii then we gonna sleep here again, lemme go and sleep plus im tired. He started walking then came back and took out his phone and gave it to me

Him: if it gets dark and you still hasn't figured it out How to open the car, call Don and askhim to borrow us his Private jet.

Then he started walking away all laughing..

I just stared at him like, is he serious right now???

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I knew that Neo wasn't kidding because an hour passed and we were still standing there. Katlego: cuzy get him awoa i wanna go i miss my boyfriend too.

I just went to the room and he was sleeping i just woke him up. Me: Neo don't this.

Him: where you able to open the car? Me: No..

Him: Did you call Don? Me: No..

Him: so what am i suppose to do?

Me: Neo maan, Katlego wants to go home.

Neo: Nana I'm tired i don't think I'll be able to drive.. Me: so what you suggest we do?

Him: Give me my phone.

He called his father and put him on loud speaker. Don: Son.

Neo: Dad i need a favor Don: im listening..

Neo: I'm at Kzn and i need you to send the private jet to come and get me. Him: Okay you'll sms me the airport details.

Neo: Thank you.

Don: don't mention it.

Neo: See problem solved.

Me: No, problem not solved, what about my car?

Him: why didn't you remind me when i was on the phone with Don?

Me: it slipped my mind im sorry.

Him: ill make a few calls, someone will come and get it. I went back to my cousin.

Her: So?

Me: His father is sending his private jet to come fetch us. My cousin jus lost it.

Her: what! Phela I've never been on a plane before. Me: I know hey, me too.

Neo came out and told us that we leaving for the airport. He took the Ferrari keys and we got in then drove to the airport. Neo just talked to the airport security and then they took us to where the private jet was, at some warehouse . I couldn't believe what i was seeing, it was white outside and inside it was very beautiful, white couches, Plasma TVs, there was a bar with different kinds of alcohol and a big Plasma TV busy playing Lil Wayne videos there was also a guy working at the bar, wearing black suit pants, no t-shirt and a bow tie. On the inside it was White and Gold, the bathroom was beautiful too, there was a room with two beds and a plasma TV. There was a white air hostess that welcomed us inside, My cousin and i just went crazy started jumping around like kids, Neo just smiled at us and shook his head, then took a Samsung Tablet on the table and was on it the whole time. Katlego and i were busy at the bar with the Bartender he was mixing cocktails for us, we were busy drinking dancing to the music videos busy telling ourselves that we bawling, acting all rich. We arrived at the jhb airport, Neo just hired a taxi for Katlego. I hugged her and kissed her goodbye. Her: yooh we should do this jet thing again it's so fun. She started laughing we were both a bit drunk.

Neo: No problem you can come anytime.

We hugged her again then went, i was stumbling while i was walking Neo held me. Him: be careful you gonna fall, how many drinks did yall have?

Me: a few, are we getting a taxi too? Him: No, Don is going to fetch us..

Me: What! I can't see Don in this state, especially since i quit without telling him. Neo: Ayeye i don't know what you gonna say to him..

The alcohol started fading away a bit i was all nervous, we waited for Don and he came in a black Mercedes Benz E250 i was soo nervous i hid behind Neo.

He started giggling.

Him: come and explain yourself to him.

Don got out i was still hiding behind Neo,he just hugged Neo i looked away i didn't wannasee him, after the hug i hid behind him again.

Neo: Thanks for the jet Pops.Don: My pleasure.

He turned on his right side to peep behind Neo.Him: Hello Siba

I just put my hands around Neo and held him tight.Neo: come on Siba he won't bite you.

Don: why is she scared of me all of a sudden?Neo: it's about her quitting her job.

Don: i even Forgot about that, it's alright darling we past that.I just showed up from behind Neo.

Me: I'm sorry.

He just smiled at me, now i knew where Neo got his smile, and dimples from.Him: It's okay..

Neo: Pops i want Siba to stay with us, uhm.. We are a couple now.

Don just looked shocked.

Don: you mean a serious relationship?

Neo: Yes, i love her a lot and i want a future with her.

Don just gave me a straight face. I started getting scared. Then he smiled.

Him: you my daughter in law now come and give me a hug, welcome to the family.I just walked up to him and hugged him, it was highly awkward.

We got into the car and drove home. We got inside and Patronella, Lorraine, and Shanellwere having dinner at the lounge. Lorraine's face changed when she saw me.

Lorraine: what Is she doing here?Don: Lorraine don't be like that.

Don just sat down at the table. And looked at me with his beautiful smile.Don: sit down darling, eat with us feel free. Shanell just came running to Neo. Neo just picked her, and kissed her.Neo: Hello sunshine, i missed you.

Shanell: i miss you too.

Neo: I'm glad i found all of you here there's something i have to tell you guys. He just put his hand around my waist, and pulled me closer.

Him: Siba and i we in a serious relationship..

Lorraine started laughing. I saw Neo's face changing. Neo: got something you wanna say Lorraine?

Lorraine: for a moment there i thought you were serious..

Him: i am serious, and she's going to live with us from, she's my girlfriend Lorraine just hit the table and freaked out shanell, and shanell started crying. Lorraine: Over my dead body this is not a homeless shelter for a hood trash!

Don: Lorraine..

Lorraine: No Don! Don't Lorraine me! This is my house.

Patronella: what's wrong with you Lorraine? Look how you freaking out my baby. Patronella stood up and took Shanell.

Patronella: shhh baby I'm sorry. Then they started walking upstairs. Me: I think it's just best i go Neo. He looked at me.

Neo: you not going anywhere.. Neo looked at his mom.

Neo: If you don't want siba here, I'm also gonna leave.

Lorraine: what do you see in this Thing mara! Aii maan Neo Nx!!! She stood up and went upstairs, Neo just took me to his bedroom. Me: That didn't go well

Him: Don't worry about Lorraine she's a barking dog.

Me: she don't look like a barking dog, she looks more like a spitting cobra.

Neo just laughed at that comment. I just took out my mother's picture and put it on the dressing table and looked at it.

Neo: are you okay? Me: Ya im okay

Him: Is that your mom? Me: Yeap.

Him: you never talk about your parents. I just looked down.

Me: they both died when i was young. Him: I'm sorry..



Me: It's okay..

Him: but why do you only have your mom's picture, what about your dad?Me: i... Can we please not talk about that.

Him: talk to me Nana.. I wanna know about your familyMy eyes started filling up with tears.

Me: my father gave my mom aids because he was unfaithful, after my mom died she gave my Aunt her house in exchange for her to be my legal Guardian but my Aunt abused me ever since, that I went and lived with my mother's best friend, my aunt used to kick me out when i was young and sometimes I'd sleep in the outside toilet, there now you know about me and my family.

I turned around and my back faced him, i was ashamed, i didn't think he would wanna date me after hearing that.

Me: i understand if you don't wanna date me anymore.

He just turned me around to face him then hugged me and kissed me on my forehead.

Neo: Just know you have me, you'll always have me and I'll always love you.. And you also have Don, Patronella, and Shanell we gonna be your family, and as much as it pains me to say this but you also have Lorraine..

I just laughed when he said that.Him: that's better.

He started wiping my tears..

Him: think it's time for you to take your pills..Me: wow you still remember?

Him: I'll never forget, just remind me to put you on my medical aid and get you a new psychologist to sign you a new prescription.

I got my pills he put me on his back and we went to the kitchen, i drank my pills, patronella came downstairs.

She just smiled at Me and hugged me.Her: welcome to the family.

Neo just walked back to the bedroom.

Me: Thank you, but i don't think Lorraine likes me.

Her: she's like that to everyone don't worry will bother her, we'll drive her crazy!We just laughed, she saw my pills.

Her: are those Antidepressants? I felt embarrassed i nodded yes.

She took them and looked at them.

Her: you sure are faithful to your medication, i forget to drink mine. I just looked at her all shocked.

Her: Yes i also take Antidepressants, after my husband's death i just had a serious mental breakdown.

Me: I'm sorry..

She just smiled and gave me a high 5. Here: here's to team Mental unstable.

I just laughed. She hugged me and said goodnight then went upstairs, i went back to the bedroom, Neo was all busy turning things upside down..

Me: looking for something? Him: Ya my phone..

Me: when last did you see it?

Him: i forgot Nana can you help me look for it. We started searching for it, and no luck.

Me: let me just call it.

I took out my phone started calling it and i rang at the bathroom He just smiled.

Him: i forgot it at the bathroom when i was Washing my hands can you please get it for me Nana? It's probably next to the basin.

I just went to the bathroom, and his phone was next to the basin, but what i saw made my jaw drop, there was a diamond ring on top of his phone, i just took the ring looked at it, my heart started beating fast i went to the bedroom.

Me: Neo what's Going on?

He just came and took the ring from me and knelt down on one knee.

Him: Siba Langa please make me the happiest man on earth and be my wife, would you marry me?

I just stood there all shocked with both hands covering my mouth and my eyes wide open

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I stood there not knowing what to say.

Neo: Nana i don't think i can kneel on this floor forever. Me: Yes i will marry you..

He just smiled and put the ring on my finger and kissed me.

Me: it's a beautiful ring.

Him: Patronella chose it for me..I just smiled.

Him: you can take your clothes and put them in my closet.

I just took my Luggage bag and went to the closet, there was a lot of clothes some even still had tags on them, his sneakers it was like I'm walking to a shop that sells sneakers..

Me: why so many clothes?

Him: i just buy and sometimes i forget to wear some of them. Me: and the sneakers?

Him: i think i have about 200 pair of sneakers. I just looked at him all shocked.

Him: what? I love sneakers. Me: how much are they?

Him: there's none that costs less than 5000. Me: You like wasting money.

Him: im not wanting money, just put your luggage bag here we'll sort it out tomorrow.. We just went to bed. I couldn't sleep i was just starrng at the ring thinking how lucky i am, after some few hours i just fell asleep. I woke up the following day with Neo dressing up.

Him: Good morning sunshine.

Me: Good morning, what time is it? Him: Still early go back to sleep.

Me: going somewhere? Him: yes, I'm going to work Me: ohw..

Him: don't worry you'll just be with shanell and Patronella

Me: what about Lorraine?

Him: don't worry about that one just ignore her. He just came and kissed me on my forehead.

Him: I'll see you later. Me: okay have a nice day. Him: i love you

Me: i love you too.

He just left i slept again then woke up at around 9am, i just bathe and went to the kitchen. Lorraine was at the kitchen with Patronella.

Me: Good morning. Lorraine just looked me.

Patronella: Morning dear sit down I'll make you some coffee. Me: Thanks you.

She made me coffee then when she gave me the cup she noticed the ring, and just went crazy. Her: oh my word did he propose?

Me: Yes..

Her: when?

Me: last night.

Patronella Just started screaming and came to hug me.

Lorraine: Patronella stop with all that screaming you will make my ears bleed! Patronella just stopped looked at Lorraine all irritated.

Patronella: let me go and bath before someone gets on my nerves, I'll see you girl. Me: okay.

Patronella left and i was left with Lorraine and she looked at me like she wanted to kill me. Her: name your price.

Me: excuse me?

Her: everyone has a price what's yours? Me: I don't understand.

Her: I'll explain it in a way that you will understand, i can see that you still slow, how much do you want to leave my son alone?

Me: with all due respect Ma..

Her: don't ever in your pathetic miserable life call me that ever again, i am not your mom, and never will be.

I just looked down.

Her: i want you to leave Neo alone.. Me: I'm sorry Lorraine i

can't

Her: I'm not asking you I'm telling you. Me: Neo and i love each other and..

She just started laughing.

Her: don't be fooled by that ring, Neo gets bored when time Goes on, I've seen him getting in and out of relationships, it will only be a matter of time before he gets tired of you, he's engaged a lot of girls before..

Me: Like Zoe..

She just looked at me.

Me: yes Lorraine we called Zoe, she's happily engaged or married to a white Man. She just came close to me and slapped me.

Her: don't provoke me Siba! Neo should marry a girl with class, not a hood trash Like you! You don't fit in my perfect family.

I just put my hand where she slapped me.

Her: do yourself a favor and go, before you get hurt because this house is not that big for the both of us, There can only be one Mrs Mare in this house and that's me.

She started walking away then came back.

Her: don't ever think He will choose you over me, i know me and him fight a lot but in his mother Siba i gave birth to him, he will always choose.

Then she just left, i just went back to the bedroom all crying. Patronella came, knocked and got in before i could even say come in.

Her: Siba i...

I just tried to wipe my tears.. Her: what's wrong sweetie?

Me: It's nothing.

Her: is it Lorraine?

I just nodded my head yes.

Her: don't let her get to you, if i let her get to me i probably would've long committed suicide like my husband..

Me: What do you mean by that? She just paused for a long

time.

Patronella: i probably shouldn't be telling you this Siba but Lorraine drove... She drove my husband to commit suicide that's why Neo doesn't like her, stay away from her she's dangerous if she can drive her own son suicidal there's no telling what she can do to you.

Me: how did she drive him suicidal?

Her: I'll tell you some other time, right now i want you to wipe those tears because we going out shopping.

I just wiped my tears then we went passed the lounge Don and Lorraine were sitting there eating breakfast.

Patronella: Morning Don. Don: Morning my darlings.

Patronella: uhm Don Siba and I we going out to do some shopping, We need money. Lorraine : what happened to your allowance?

Patronella: i used it on something. Lorraine: all of it?

Patronella: Yes..

Lorraine: we give you 15 000 a month Patronella, you don't pay rent, you don't buy grocery, you don't pay nothing!

What do you do with your allowance?

Patronella: you act like i asked you for money, i didn't ask you i asked Don. Lorraine: Don, don't give them nothing!

Don: But..

Lorraine: but nothing Don!! My word is final! Patronella just looked at Lorraine then looked at me. Her: Mxm let's go..

We waked out to Patronella's car. Me: So what we gonna use?

Her: i think i have 5000 we'll just get a one pair of shoes each, have to get shoes that are not more than 2000 each, i can't believe we gonna wear cheap things now because of Lorraine! I couldn't believe people in this house, i mean with R2000 i can get a lot of shoes.

We just drove to the mall, did shopping, had breakfast, then drove around to visit Patronella's friends it was nice spending time with Patronella she was a sweet person, we

went back to the house at around 15:00, when we got in there was no one I just went to the bedroom, I found Lorraine in our bedroom.

Me: What are you doing here?

She just looked at me with those evil eyes.

Her: what did you do to my son? Did you give him some Witchcraft love potion?

Me: what are you talking about?

Her: Neo came back from work an hour ago his very sick his at the bathroom can't stop vomiting, did you bewitch him?

Me: What!

I just started walking to the bathroom she just pushed me and I fell. Her: Stay away from my Son before you kill him!! I couldn't believe this woman!

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I just got up from the floor, and Neo got out from the bathroom we both went to him, Lorraine was trying to block me from touching him.

Her: how are you feeling now bokkie? Him: still feeling nauseated

Her: try to rest a bit.

Him: I'll be fine Lorraine.

He just looked at me and smiled. Him: Hey Nana.

Lorraine just rolled here Eyes at me. I just went to sit next to him he put his arm around my neck.

Him: I'll be fine Lorraine you can leave.. She just walked out

Me: what's wrong?

Him: i don't know, i ate a chicken & Mayo sandwich then felt somehow afterwards. Me: don't you think you should see a doctor?

Him: I'll go if it gets worse.

Weeks passed with Neo still feeling the same he even missed work a couple of times i was starting to get very worried, if his not vomiting his sleeping saying his tired, or eating weird food. We were all sitting at the table eating dinner one night when he went to the sink to vomit again.

Lorraine: i am very worried about him. Don: he should go to the doctor.

Lorraine: he went Don and the doctor said he can't see what's wrong. Neo came back to sit down.

Lorraine: i tell you it's witchcraft! Neo: Lorraine stop with that shit! Me: should i get you anything?

Him: cold water and put a lot of honey. Me: honey?

Him: ya im craving honey.

Patronella: let me go with you i wanna put ice cream for Shanell. We both went to the kitchen.



Me: Neo is worrying me..

Patronella just looked at me and giggled.

Me: It's not funny Pat, look at the things his eating.

Patronella: Siba don't you see what's happening? Me: what are you talking about?

Her: you pregnant.

I just started laughing.

Me: stop Tripping im not pregnant.

Her: Yes you are, Neo is having all this symptoms for you.

Me: If i was pregnant i would know..

Her: When last did you go on your periods? Me: im late with 5days but they still coming.

She just looked at me smiled then went to the dinning area.

I just put my hand on my stomach, there is no way i could be pregnant. I went back to the dining area.

Neo: Where's my water?

Me: i forgot.. Let me go get them. Lorraine: leave it I'll go!

Lorraine went to the kitchen.

Don: Siba you should give me your banking details tomorrow so i can give you a monthly allowance too.

I didn't hear Don speaking i was deep in my thoughts. Neo:

Nana did you hear that?

Me: huh? Wat? Neo: are you okay? Me: Ya i am.

We just ate then After dinner Neo and i went to our bedroom. Neo just put his hands around my waist.

Him: im going to shower wanna join me?

Me: Uhm no i think i should shower alone, i have period pains think i might be on my periods.

Him: that's sad..

He just kissed me and went to shower.

I sat there busy thinking about what Patronella said.

Neo came out of the shower after 30min, i just grabbed my towel then went and showered. When i was done i went to the bedroom to put on my pjs. I took off my towel then Neo just started starring at me.

Me: what?

Him: I don't know if you've noticed Nana but your breasts are getting bigger. Me: No they not.

Him: i promise you they are..

Me: it could be an indication that my periods are near.

I just wore my pj's and went to bed. I couldn't possibly be pregnant what am i gonna do with a baby, i mean my mom died when i was young i have no idea how to raise a baby. I just closed my eyes and slept. Neo woke up and decided to go to work, and said he will come back if he still feels sick. I just bathe and went to watch tv. Patronella came to me after a while. Her: come?

Me: where we going? Her: just come.

She took me by my hand and we went to the bathroom, she gave me a pregnancy test.

Her: let's get this over and done with, this is a pregnancy test Clear-blue it will tell you if you pregnant and how far along you are.

Me: when did you buy this?

Her: I've always had an extra one.

I just took the pregnancy test got to the bathroom urinated then put it in my urine, then sat and waited for the results. After some few minutes i took it and held it with my eyes closed i just let out a deep sigh and prayed that its negative, then i opened my eyes and looked at it and it was positive. I was three weeks pregnant i just sat the all shocked. I walked out of the bathroom after an hour.

Patronella: that took long, so what does it say?

I just gave her the pregnancy test, she looked at it and i thought her jaw was gonna drop. Her: ohhh my God Siba you going to be a mommy!

She started screaming and jumping around that Lorraine came. Lorraine: what the hell is all this noise for?

We just kept quiet and she saw the pregnancy test on patronella's hand and snatched it away from her. She

looked at it and froze.

Her: whose pregnant?

Patronella just looked at me. Lorraine looked like she was gonna faint she just put her hand on the wall for balance.

Her: ohhh no this cannot be right..

Patronella just took me and we went downstairs to eat breakfast, after eating i went to my bedroom to get my pills when i was about to walk out Lorraine came in, looking all calm for the first time.

Lorraine: we need to talk.

she just took my hand and we sat on the bed, she noticed the Antidepressants. Her: are those Antidepressants?

Me: Yes..

Her: you know you cannot take any medication when you pregnant might harm the baby. I just kept quiet.

Her: are you planning to tell your parents about the pregnancy? Me: My parents are..... They both died when i was young.

Her: what happened to them? Me: they died of.. Aids.

Her: sorry to hear that Bokkie.

I just looked at her all shocked Lorraine pitying me that was a first. Me: it's okay was a long time ago

Her: that's why i think that it will be a deadly mistake to keep this baby, Siba you are not stable enough to keep the baby, if you decide to go on with the pregnancy you will have to quit your medication and only God knows how you gonna survive. Your parents died of Aids that spells out an unstable home for me, i doubt Neo would want a baby His still young and Wanna achieve a lot and I'm sure you also wanna achieve a lot.

Me: What are you trying to say Lorraine? Her: Abortion will be the best option for you.

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I just looked at her i couldn't believe that she even suggested abortion. Her: Think about it Dear. She stood up and left. I sat there thinking about what she was saying i mean abortion doesn't sound bad considering the fact that i cannot quit my medication i don't wanna go back to my crazy depression state, My mother died when i was very young I don't even know if I will be able to love and raise my baby well, be a good mother when i never spent time with my mother. Neo doesn't seem like the Daddy type i mean his still 25, Lorraine might just be right. I just went downstairs to Patronella, Shanell just ran up to me and i picked her up. Patronella: how are you doing, Mommy to be? Me: this whole thing is overwhelming. Her: you'll get the hang of it, there's none more wonderful than bringing a life into this world. Me: i beg to differ. Her: what's wrong you don't look excited about the pregnancy. Me: I'm just very overwhelmed and scared. Her: you'll be fine babe. Patronella decided that we should go out for fresh air, we went out to the park, bought ice creams and played on the swings feeling like kids again. We went back home at around 18:00, Lorraine and Don were not around, Neo was laying on the couch watching tv, Patronella took Shanell upstairs to bath her, I just went and laid on top of Neo, he just put his hands around my body. Him: Where were you? Me: Pat and i took Shanell out to the park. Him: That's nice. Me: how are you feeling? Still sick? Him: it just comes and goes.. Me: can i ask you something? Him: ya what's up?

Me: When do you want a baby? Him: Excuse me?

Me: when do you think it's the right time for us to start a family?

Him: I don't know but id prefer having a baby when im 30 in 5 years time.Me: what about now?

Him: you want a baby now?Me: No just asking.

Him: i don't know Nana, i don't think I'm ready to be a daddy now..I just looked away.

Him: why you asking?

Me: just making conversation..

Him: you can't just start asking me about babies.. Unless..I just looked away..

Him: Siba are you pregnant?Me: No, of course not..

Him: Are you sure?Me: Yes..

Him: look me in the eye and tell me you not pregnant..I just looked him in the eye..

Me: I'm not pregnant.

Him: Siba if you pregnant...Me: Neo I'm not pregnant..

I just got off him with him busy starring at me..

I just went to the bedroom and cried, how do i tell him that I'm pregnant after what he just said to me, i cried until i fell asleep. I woke up and looked at the time and it was 22:00, i justwent to the kitchen to get something to eat, Pat and Lorraine were at the kitchen Putting snacks in a bowl.

Pat: Siba were have you been?Me: Sleeping..

Lorraine: have you thought about what we talked about?

Me: Yes and I'm going through with it..

Yes i was going to abort! Lorraine just smiled at me.

Lorraine: I'm proud of you..

Pat: going through with what? Siba what's going on?

Lorraine: stay away from This Pat it doesn't concern you.

Pat just got very serious.

Pat: Siba what are you going to do?

She just looked at me and figured it out all by herself.

Her: Oh my word Siba you going to abort the baby! (yelling)

Me: wow Pat just get on top of the table and yell it out so

Neo can hear. Her: Neo doesn't even know?? Siba what's wrong with you!

Me: Neo is not ready to be a daddy he told me himself..

Lorraine: See Abortion is the best option..

Pat: He has the right to know Siba!

Lorraine: shut up Lorraine! You heard Siba.. Neo is not ready!

Pat just left the kitchen all upset. Lorraine: you doing the right thing love, don't worry Neo doesn't have to know it will be our secret, I'll set up an appointment for you tomorrow.

I just went back to bed and started crying, Neo just came in and noticed that I'm crying. Him: Nana what's wrong?

Me: Nothing..

Him: can't be Nothing.. you crying.

He just came and tried to touch me I just got angry. Me: just leave me alone Neo!!

He just stood up and went, I just cried myself to sleep. I was woken up in the morning by Lorraine.

Her: Good morning bokie wake up your appointment is in 2 hours time I'll drive you. Me: okay just give me time to bath.

She went out, I got up went to shower, I just put my hand on my tummy and started crying. Me: I'm sorry but.. I hope you understand why I wanna do this.

I just cried hard and knelt down in the shower with water pouring on my body. I got out after some time and dressed up then went to the kitchen.

Lorraine: let's go bokie time is not on our side. As we were walking out Pat showed up.

Pat: So you going through with it? Me: I have too..

Pat: you gonna listen to Lorraine? I just looked down.

Lorraine: she don't have to explain herself to you..

Pat: agh shut up Lorraine!!.. Siba do you know she forced me abort too? I was a bit shocked.

Me: I don't expect you to understand..

Pat: okay ill just call Neo and let him know..

When she started walking away, Lorraine just grabbed a Vase and hit Pat at the back of her head, Pat went down, Lorraine just called security to come and lock Pat away and don't let her go until she says so, then just took me by my hand and we went to her car and drove off, i was scared as hell of this woman i sat there all trembling. We got at the clinic and sat, she received a call went to answer it outside then came back.

Her: bokkie i have to go just have to attend something that's very urgent... Will you be fine? I just smiled and nodded my head.

She hugged me.

Her: know that I'm proud of you.. Call me when you done I'll come and get you.

She just left, i sat there all nervous busy telling myself that i can do this. Finally the nurse called my name i went to the ward.

Her: good morning.. Me: hi

Her: nervous?

Me: a bit..

Her: don't worry it doesn't take time.. Me: what's the procedure?

Her: the doctor will explain.

We waited for the doctor for about an hour.

Her: let me go see what the doctor is busy with.. I sincerely apologize for this much delay, it's the first time it's happening.

Me: it's okay.

She just left, i sat there looking around the room, then i looked at my ring, deep inside i know this wasn't right, i can't do this, not when i don't know how Neo feels about it, i just stood and left. When i was about to exit the clinic, i bumped into Neo and he did not look happy..

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Neo: so did you do it?

I just shook my head No, he just looked at me and walked away, i followed him and got Inthe car too. He drove for like 10min then pulled off on the side.

Him: why Siba?

Me: who told you?

Him: That's not important.

I didn't know what to say so i just looked out of the window.Him: if you not gonna talk fine.

He just drove off all pissed, we got home Patronella was sitting on the couch with a bandagewrapped around her head, Neo just went to the bedroom.

Her: Did he arrive on time to stop you?Me: You the one who told him?

Her: Yes, i couldn't let you murder an innocent soul because of Lorraine..

Me: You had no right to tell him!!!.. Anyway how did you get out of the room?Pat: i have my own Tactics..

Me: I'm sure you proud of yourself..

Her: If what I did stopped you from killing the baby then yes I'm proud!

I just went to the bedroom, Neo was standing on the balcony, as soon as he saw me he cameinside.

Him: so you gonna tell me now?

I just kept quiet. He got angry and started yelling.



Him: Dammit Siba!

I started crying.

Me: don't yell at me!

Him: okay I'm asking you calmly.. Why did you wanna kill my baby?

I didn't know what to say i just looked down and started playing with my fingers. He just started walking out and banged the door hard all swearing.

Him: Fuck!

I just sat on the bed and put my hand around my mouth and started crying, i couldn't tell him that Lorraine forced me, that woman is evil she can kill me. Lorraine didn't come back home for a few days, Neo was still very angry at me, i decided to wake up and make him a delicious breakfast. I prepared scrambled eggs, bacon, sausages, orange juice and sliced a tomato. He just came downstairs all dressed up to go to work.

Me: Good morning..

He just kept quiet and poured himself coffee. Me: i made you breakfast..

He just took his coffee and went upstairs. That was like a sharp knife cutting through my Heart. Don came down.

Him: Good morning, hmm this looks good. Me: help yourself.

He just sat down and started eating.

Him: Are things between you and Neo okay? Me: Yes Don we are fine..

Him: Tina I'm not blind, i can sense the tension between you two. Me: It's Siba..

Him: Siba.. Tina.. Sounds all the same to me. Me: No it doesn't.

He started laughing then after 2 minutes he put his hand on his head. Me: Don are you okay?

Him: Yes darling I'm.. Ahhhhhh! (screaming) I just went up to him..

Me: Don what's wrong?

Him: just get me my pain killers at the pantry.

I just rushed and got him pain killers and water, he just drank 2.Him: I'll be okay don't worry.

Me: headache?

Him: No its more complicated than that..Me: what is it?

Him: i have brain tumor Tina.I was shocked.

Me: what!

Him: let me go upstairs and sleep, come and help me.I just helped him walk upstairs and put him in bed.

Me: I'll come check on you later.Him: Thank you Tina.

I just went out and closed the door, i went to check on Neo but he wasn't around anymore, my phone started ringing it was Lorraine, i didn't wanna answer but she kept on calling. I just answered.

Me: hello..

Her: I've been calling you why ain't you answering?Me: I was busy.

Her: whatever! .. So how did it go?

Me: not well.. Pat told Neo and he came to fetch me.

Her: What the hell is wrong with Pat! I'm gonna kill people! Im coming back later tonight.She just hung up and she was very angry, i felt scared for Pat. I sat indoors the whole day thinking, until pat and Shanell came back, Shanell just came and hugged me.

Her: Hello Aunty Siba

Me: Hello baby how was pre-school?Her: was nice.

Pat: Sunshine take your bag upstairs I'm coming.Her: okay mommy.

Shanell just ran upstairs.Pat: Hey

Me: hi

Pat: uhm Siba I'm sorry about telling Neo i know it was not my place..Me: You right it wasn't your place..

Pat: I was trying to save you!

Me: I'm not gonna fight with you anymore about this!

I just went upstairs and slept, i woke up later and the shower was running i went to check it was Neo, i just

undressed and went to join him, he just looked at me and walked out. I just showerd tried to hold back the tears, after showering i wore my pj's and went downstairs, Pat was preparing the table. The door opened and it was Lorraine.

Her: Pat!!! (screaming)

Pat just showed up from the dinning area. Lorraine: what is wrong with you!!

Neo just showed up and stood at the stairs. Pat: Not even Hello Pat, how are you?

She just slapped her.

Lorraine: how could you tell Neo about the abortion, it's supposed to be between the 3 of us, I hope you didn't tell him it was my idea! Because if you did I will kill you!

Me: uhm Lorraine.

Lorraine: shut up Siba, I'm talking!.. If Neo finds out about this you dead! Neo just came downstairs.

Neo: Get your hands off her! Lorraine: Hello bokkie..

Neo looked very furious i thought he was going to kill

Lorraine Him: you the one who wanted to kill my baby?

Lorraine: it's not like that bokkie i can explain.

Him: there's nothing to explain, you killed My brother! You busy abusing his wife now you wanna kill my unborn baby and my Fiancé what's wrong with you? Are you even my mother?

Lorraine tried to touch him.

Neo: don't touch me! Pat and siba go pack your bags we leaving. Lorraine: you can't leave!

Neo: watch me!

Lorraine: If you leave Neo just know that you going to lose everything, I'm going to freeze all your accounts and have you voted out of the company! I will strip you down of everything and leave you with nothing! So choose wisely either this life or this witch you call a Fiancé. Neo: I've let you control me for far too long now Lorraine but it ends today! I choose Siba because at least unlike you she does

love me! Pat go pack your things and Shanells things we leaving!

He took my hand and we walked upstairs, Lorraine started yelling..Lorraine: you've just made the biggest mistake of your life my son!

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We went upstairs and i started packing.

Neo: why you never told me that Lorraine was forcing you to abort? Me: i was scared of her

Him: did she ever touch you?

I just nodded my head yes,he just came and hugged me.

Him: I'm sorry Nana, you know i shouldve protected you from her. Me: it's okay..

We finished packing and went, Shanell and Pat were waiting for us downstairs. We all got into his car and drove off to a hotel. We booked rooms for the night.

Him: we just gonna spend a night here tomorrow we'll go get a flat, he looked at my tummy. Him: So you really pregnant?

Me: Yes..

Him: how Far long are you? Me: about a month i think.

He started smiling, then came and put his hand on my tummy. Him: So I'm really gonna be a father?

I just nodded my Head yes, he picked me up and kissed me all happy then put me down and hugged me.

Him: I promise you that I'm gonna be there for you, we in this together. Me: you better, because I'm scared.

Him: we gonna do this Nana, we gonna be good parents.

I just smiled, we didn't do anything much in the hotel we just slept. In the morning we woke up and went to look for a flat, we got a 3bedroom flat that's 7000 a Month. He just gave us his card and told us to go get furniture while he goes to work. Pat and i didn't waste any time we went to get furniture, but unfortunately his card declined.

Pat: Lorraine was serious.. Me: looks like that..

I couldn't believe Lorraine could do this to her own Son. We went back to the flat and just chilled. Neo came back

looking all Angry.

Me: why you back so early?

Him: Lorraine.. She really voted me out of the company.Me:

What! Can she really do that?

Pat: she's the chairperson and she's the biggest Shareholder in the company so she can do anything

Me: I'm sure Don cannot allow this..

Neo: Lorraine controls Don, and especially since his sick he put Lorraine in charge of everything.

Days passed, then weeks, and months, i was getting more and more big everyday, Neo couldn't get a job anywhere Lorraine made sure that he doesn't get hired anywhere, we couldn't even afford to pay rent we filed for extension twice. Someone knocked while we were all sitting there thinking of what we gonna do.Me: expecting anyone?

Pat: No..

I went to open. It was a white man. Him: Hello im looking for Neo Mare.Neo came to the door.

Neo: can i help you?

Him: I'm looking for Neo MareNeo: you looking at him

Him: we were sent by Mrs Lorraine Mare to come and repossess the Ferrari.Me: What!

Him: can i please have the Keys Sir?

Neo: You can't take my car, Lorraine didn't buy me that car my father did.Him: Apparently the car is In Mrs Mare's Name.

Neo: No she can't do that..

Him: can i have the keys Sir? Im just doing my job.

Neo just took out the Keys and threw them at him then closed the door.Pat: Lorraine is going to far!

Neo just took out his phone and called her, she didn't answer, he just got more angry and started walking out.

Neo didn't come back for 3 days the Landlord gave us 24 hours to pack and leave.

Me: what are we gonna do?

Pat: i don't know, i can't ask my family for help they long

disowned me. Me: Let's go look for jobs.

Her: we can't, You pregnant Siba Me: we have no choice.

We just took Shanell and went we walked around looking for jobs, couldn't find anything until we got to some restaurant the owner allowed us to clean and wash dishes, but she was very concerned about me in my pregnant state i just begged her then she let me. We washed dishes and cleaned the whole day i was getting tired and my back was starting to hurt Pat decided we should go. The owner paid us 700 each then we went back to the flat, Neo was there.

Him: where were yall? Been calling you all day Me: We went out looking for jobs.

Him: What?

Pat: we had no choice the Landlord wants us out in 24 hours. Neo: Are you crazy Siba? You can't be working in your state!

Me: It's better than being homeless, Shanell is 5 years old Neo she can't sleep in the streets! Neo just looked at Shanell and left.

Me: Were you going?

Him: I'll be back just don't wait up for me.

We just sat at the flat, Pat took some of the cash and went to get us food. The landlord came knocking we kept quiet, till he left. Shanell and Pat went to sleep, we were all sleep on the floor, no blanket just put our clothes on the floor.

I just sat on the floor crying waiting for Neo, i put my hand on my tummy how was we gonraise a baby under This circumstances. I just started praying, while i was praying i heard Keys opening the door, Jomar came in holding Neo, Neo was bleeding, i just slowly got up from the floor.

Me: Oh my God Neo what happened? Him: Thought you were Sleeping Nana

Me: i couldn't sleep! What happened? Jomar: He got shot on his right rib.

Me: Got shot where? And how?

Jomar sat him on the floor, took a cloth and put it where he got shot to stop the bleeding, i can see that Neo was in a lot of pain.

Me: We need to call an Ambulance. Neo: No Nana don't..

Me: Neo you hurt you need to go to the hospital! Him: I can't go to the hospital Nana

Me: why?

Jomar: because his gonna go to jail for a very long time..



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Neo was in soo much pain that it hurt me, Patronella came to the kitchen as soon as she saw Neo she freaked out she just went to him.

Pat: oh my word Jomar what happened? Jomar: long story you know the drill.

Jomar just went to get a bag in his car and came back.

Pat: take out the whiskey and sterilize the tweezers and make sure Neo drinks a lot of whiskey too for the pain.

Me: Whoa! Hold up what are y'all doing? Pat: we taking the bullet out.

Me: He needs to go to the hospital.

Pat: don't worry Siba im very experienced in this, i was married to a Gang leader.

Jomar made Neo drink whiskey, then poured some on the tweezers. Pat took a cloth and put it inside Neo's mouth so that no one can hear him scream. Pat just put her fingers first inside Neo's wound to locate the bullet, Neo just started screaming, i couldn't watch him being in pain like that it just hurt me. There was a knock at the door, we all just kept quiet, it was the Landlord

Jomar: ignore he will go away. Pat: I'm afraid he won't.

The landlord threatened to break down the door. Jomar: what does he want?

Pat: we owe him 3months rent.

Jomar: we cannot let him come in, it's too dangerous he will call the cops I'll handle this. Jomar just stood up, took off his t-shirt that was full of blood, put his gun on the table, washed his hands and went to the landlord.

Pat: Siba you'll have to help me. Me: No, i can't do this..

Pat: Yes you can babe, if we don't act fast he will lose a lot of blood and die. I just went and sat there.

Pat: i will take the bullet out immediately after i take it out you will hold the cloth very tight against the wound to stop the bleeding. Pat just took the tweezers And put it inside him tryingto get the bullet out, Neo just held my hand tight and started screaming, i couldn't look at him i just looked away with tears falling. Pat took the bullet out and i just put the cloth against him, Neo was weak and had no more strength, he just put his hand ontop of my hand. Jomar came back.

Jomar: how is it going?

Pat: i took the bullet out now i just have to stitch him. Me: I'm sorry i can't do this.

I just stood up and went to the bedroom, my hands were full of blood so was my t.shirt. I justwent to the bathroom and washed my hands, i heard Neo screaming in pain, i just looked myself in the mirror, i felt the anger building inside of me. Pat just came to me.

Her: Are you okay?

Me: is this how I'm gonna live?

She didn't say nothing, Jomar just came to us. Him: Are you guys ready to go?

Me: where too?

Jomar: your new home.

We just packed our things and put them in Jomar's car then i woke Shanell up, Jomar and Patjust helped Neo to get him in the car, as we were walking out he was still in pain, still screaming, Shanell just looked at him and started crying, i picked her up and laid her head onmy shoulder.

Me: it's okay Baby.

We got to the car, Shanell was traumatized by the whole experience especially seeing Neo in soo much pain and bleeding, she couldn't stop crying. We got into the house, was a big housevery beautiful and looked expensive. They just put Neo in bed made him drink more whiskeyso he can be drunk and pass out, he drank until he got drunk then just passed out.

I just took Shanell to bed and rocked her to sleep. I was walking to the kitchen then heard Pat and Jomar talking at the kitchen.

Pat: i don't think Siba is going to be able to live a life like this, i mean this life is hard i remember when Sydney would come home wounded Almost everyday it was hell.

Jomar: Neo is trying to provide for you, Shanell and Siba, when he came to me asking for help i couldn't say no.. I hope Sydney wherever he is will Forgive me for Putting his little brother in this life.

I just showed up at the kitchen. Jomar: I'll go and check up on Neo. Jomar just left us.

Me: How did you survive with all this?

Her: It's not easy Dear, What Lorraine is doing to Neo, it's the Same thing that she did to Neo's brother Sydney.

Me: what do they do?

Pat: I think it's best Neo tells you..

Pat just left me, i took my phone and Smsed Lorraine telling her we need to talk and i gave her the address of where we were staying. Everyone went to bed i couldn't sleep i just sat by his side took his hand and prayed to God, i can't lose him his all i have, i won't raise this baby alone. In the morning Jomar just left said he wants to run a few errands, Pat and Shanell were still sleeping, Neo was still laying in there just breathing only.

My phone rang it was Lorraine.. Me: Lorraine

Her: what do you want?

Me: Neo was shot last night his not doing well. She just kept quiet.

Me: Lorraine are you still there?

Her: Please don't ever call me. Me: Lorraine wait..

She just hung up, i got very angry, that woman was beyond evil! Neo's health was getting worse, he started shivering, sweating he didn't open his eyes or talk but he was breathing. Jomar just walked in, i went to him.

Me: Jomar we need to take him to the hospital. Him: we can't..

Me: his dying! I cannot afford to lose him his all i have! Him: i understand..

Me: No you don't! You not pregnant, if he dies how am i gonna raise this baby alone? I need him.

Jomar: there's nothing..

I just got angry and grabbed him by his t.shirt

Me: believe me you don't wanna piss off a pregnant woman! Him: okay calm down I'll make a plan.

He just left, i wasn't gonna cry anymore the old Siba was gone. Neo got worse and worse, Jomar was still not back. Neo just stopped breathing i panicked, Jomar showed up after a few minutes with some Guy.

Jomar: this is Dr Jesse, he is here to help neo.

The doctor had a bag, he just went to Neo and checked him then After a while he looked at us.

Him: i can't help him sorry..

Me: what you mean you can't help him?

Doctor: His wound was infected, he has bacteria in his body, he needs to go to the hospital or else he will die, his immune system is trying to fight off the bacteria but the bacteria is killing his white blood cells, I've seen such cases before he needs to go to the hospital.

Jomar: I'll pay you triple the amount. He just picked up his bag.

Him: sorry this is beyond me..

I just looked around and saw Jomar's gun on the dressing table, i just took it and pointed it at the doctor.

Me: Give me your cellphone and ID. Doctor: Mam Pl..

Me: just give them to me! Jomar: Siba..

Me: shut up Jomar!

He took out his cell phone and ID.

Me: take them and check the address on his ID. Jomar took them and checked his Address..

Jomar: it's here..

Me: Listen to me very clearly sir. Your life and his life they linked together, you see that man laying on that bed, his all i have, if he dies, you die, you gonna do everything in your powers to save him, call down your white ancestors if you want too so they can help you.

He just put his bag down and opened it..

Me: And Doc remember, i know were you live and now I'm gonna send my brother here to go visit your wife and kids..

Him: please not my wife and kids..

Me: Then make sure he doesn't die, and if you think I'm bluffing just try me.. I promise you sir Hell hath no fury for a woman scorned! And i am a scorned woman!

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He just started taking out things in his bag.

Him: I'm gonna need a few other things, like an antiseptic and antibiotics. I just told him to write everything down that he will need.

Him: Antibiotics need a prescription

Me: You better call the pharmacy, if you really want to see your wife and kids Again, make this happen.

Pat just walked in on us and was shocked to see me holding a gun. The doctor just wrote everything down and gave me the paper. I passed the paper to Pat.

Me: go get this things at the pharmacy. Her: won't they need a prescription?

Me: he will call when you get there.

I just stood there with the gun, i didn't even know how to use a gun but he didn't know. Pat went to the pharmacy then just called Jomar after an hour to tell him that she's at the pharmacy and that we should give the doctor the phone so he can talk to the pharmacist.

Jomar just gave him the phone, i went and put the gun on his head. Me: try something foolish and you dead.

The doctor just talked to the pharmacist and gave , then lowered the phone.

Doctor: there's nothing i can do, they work according to the Law, they can't give out such messages without a prescription.

I just looked at Neo, he was laying there looking all lifeless.

Me: Jomar go visit his family..

Jomar: Are you sure? Me: I'm dead sure..

Jomar just left the doctor started panicking and talked to the pharmacist until the pharmacist agreed. Pat came back after some time of waiting for the meds and gave the

doctor, the Doctor started working on Neo, he even cleaned his wound, then when his done he just looked at me..

Me: and?

Him: his going to be fine, his breathing again And i have administered the Antibiotics Intravenously, you just have to clean his wound every now and then until his fine, and when he has regained his strength he can start taking the Antibiotics Orally.

I just lowered the Gun all relieved. Him: Is my family safe if i can ask?

Me: Yes, you can go home to your family. He started walking out.

Me: just one more thing Doc.. He turned and looked at me.

Me: if you try Anything stupid like going to the cops and all that Bullshit just remember that i know where you live.

He just walked out, i put the gun away and went to Neo, he was breathing and there was hope that he will make it. Days Passed Neo was getting better and better. Pat decided to take me to the doctor for a check up, the doctor said the baby is doing well we even asked for the baby's Gender and it was a boy, we went back to the house again and we was shocked to see Neo up and walking, he wasn't 100% Healed but he was getting there, Patronella was soo happy she just went to him and hugged him.

Neo: Ouch! Not soo tight Pat I'm still in pain.

Her: I'm soo happy that you okay, i was scared that you wasn't gonna make it. Him: it will take more than a bullet to kill me.

Neo just looked at me. Him: Hello Nana..

I was happy to see him Alive, but i was still angry that he almost died and left me alone. Me: Pat I'll come and help you with dinner, Just wanna go upstairs and rest a bit.

I went upstairs and started starrng at the ultrasound pictures of the baby that the doctor gave me.. Neo just walked in.

Him: Can we talk?

I just put the pictures on the bed. Me: There's none to talk about..

I just turned around and let my back Face him.. He just came close to me. Him: Siba I'm sorry..

I just kept quiet.

He put his hands on my shoulders, i just turned around and started hitting him on his chest, all Angry and crying.

Me: How could you do this to me knowing very well how much i need you! I hate you Neo! I hate you with all my heart!

He just held my tight, and we both slowly went down on the floor.

Him: I'm sorry Nana, I'll never put you through something like this ever again.

We just sat there on the floor with me crying and him holding me, i just stopped crying and when i tried to get off the floor i noticed that he was bleeding.

Me: You bleeding Neo.. Him: I'm okay Nana..

I just started calling Pat, i couldn't help him get up from the floor, i was 7 months pregnant i was carrying most of the baby's weight. Pat just came rushing in and helped him get up then sat him on the bed.

Pat: what happened?

Me: i think I accidentally hit him on his wound.

Pat: Siba can you take over, u just have to change his bandage, i have to fetch Shanell from Pre-school.

Pat didn't even wait for me to Answer her, she just rushed off.

I just took out Clean Bandages and a cloth, i went to run the cloth under warm water in the bathroom then I went back to Neo and started taking off the Bandages that had blood. I put the cloth on his wound to stop the bleeding then After i bandaged him. He just held my hand when I was done.

Me: Let go of my hand.. Him: i hate it when we fight..

Me: it's because of the stupid things you do, Neo you almost died! Him: but i didn't die..



He just saw the Ultrasound pictures on the bed.Him: You went to the Doctor?

Me: Yes..

Him: Wish I went with you..I just kept quiet.

Him: Can i see the pictures?

I just took them and gave him. He looked at them and smiled.

Me: It's a boy..Him: Really? Me: Yes..

Him: Wow! I'm gonna have a son....

I just felt a strange feeling in my tummy.Me: Ouch!

Him: Are you okay?

Me: Ya i think... Woow!Him: what is it?

I just took his hand and put It on my tummy.Him: Is he?

Me: Kicking? Yes..

Him: Wow that's one strong kick!

Me: He has never kicked like this before..

Our family Moment was interrupted when my phone started ringing, i took it out and looked at it, it was Lorraine.

Him: who is that?Me: Lorraine..

Him: Don't answer it

i just put it away and sat next to Neo with my Head on his shoulder and his hand on my tummy. Lorraine kept on calling.

Me: let me just answer and see what she wants.Neo: No Nana don't answer.

I just stood up and answered.Me: What?

Her: can i please speak to Neo..

Me: i doubt he would wanna talk to you..Her: It's important..

Me: You said i shouldn't call you, so please don't call me too..Her: It's Don, his in ICU..

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I just hung up the phone.

Him: What did she want Nana? Me: Uhm.. It's Don

Him: What about Don?

I just kept quiet, i didn't know how to tell him. Him: Siba, What's wrong with My Father?

Me: his in ICU..

Neo: His in what!

Me: I'm sorry Honey.

Neo just stood up and put on his T.shirt Me: Where you going?

Him: I'm going to the hospital.

Me: But you still..

Him: Siba please back off for once! (yelling). I just sat down on the bed.

Him: Nana I'm sorry i didn't mean to yell.. Me: It's okay.

Him: i just wanna go to the hospital and see him..

He just kissed me then went out. Jomar came to check up on us and told me that, his going back to his house since Neo is getting better, i just thanked him for everything then he left. I just took my phone and called my cousin, we talked for a long time i even told her I'm pregnant she was shocked and offended that why didn't i tell her sooner, and promised that she will come and visit me. Pat and Shanell came back while i was preparing the table for dinner, Shanell just ran to me and hugged me.

Pat: Where is Neo? Shanell cannot wait to see him, she's been asking about him all the way from pre-school to home.

Me: he went to the hospital Her: why? Is he alright?

Me: Don is in ICU..

Pat just opened her eyes wide, she was very surprised. Pat: What happened?

Me: I don't know, Lorraine called me and told me..Pat: That witch!, i know it's her..

Me: we can't point fingers..Pat: you defending her?

Me: No I'm being rational.. Don has brain tumor, maybe something just..Pat: believe me It's Lorraine! Don't say i didn't tell you.

Pat just left and went to her bedroom.

After preparing for dinner, Pat came back and cooked, I just went upstairs and bath. I checked my phone after Bathing and Neo hasn't called, i went to the kitchen and helped Pat with the cooking. When we were done cooking we just sat and ate, food was not going downthat well, i was really getting worried about Neo.

Me: i wonder where he is..

Her: Neo loves Don with all his heart, this must be very hard for him, he's probably by hisbed side.

We just ate then i went to the bedroom and got in bed. I laid there till 00:00am and Still Neowasn't back, i tried to call him but voice mail. I just laid there crying i understand he loves his Father but he at least he should call me and tell me his okay, i cried till i fell asleep. I woke up in the morning and called him still Voice mail.

I just bathe and Went to the kitchen to eat breakfast. Neo just came in after a few minutes.Me: Where have you been?

Him: i told you that I'm going to the hospital.

Me: Neo you can't just disappear on me like that the whole night Yes i understand that..

I just saw another side of Neo that i never thought existed, suddenly he just fueled up withanger.

Him: What do you understand? Did your father have brain tumor?Me: No but i know how it feels..

Him: You don't know Shit Siba! Your Father died of Aids! Mine is in ICU fighting for hislife! So you see our Pain is different!

Then he just started walking away, i couldn't believe that Neo would Talk to me like that. My cousin just called me

and said she's coming to visit. After a few Minutes Neo just came downstairs wearing different clothes i could tell he just bathe, he didn't say nothing, just went out and banged the door. I felt like my heart was cut into little pieces. I went to Patronella's room, she wasn't there, then i went back downstairs and someone knocked. I went to open and it was my Cuzin. She just hugged me all smiling.

Her: Wow cuzy i almost didn't recognize you! Look at you All big and pregnant. I just couldn't stop the tears.

Her: What's wrong Lala?

She just took me, and sat me down. Her: what's wrong Siba?

Me: Neo has just changed into someone i don't know.. Her: what do you mean?

Me: his always angry and fighting me.

Her: you guys were happily in love what happened?

Me: i don't know even know he still loves me, I'm pregnant Katlego I'm not supposed to have this much stress, it's affecting my baby.

Her: so what you thinking of doing? Me: i wanna come home..

Her: What!

Me: Please talk to your mom for me.. I can't live like this anymore.. Katlego: Siba you know you cannot come back, because of that gangster.. Me: Katlego I can't live here anymore, Neo keeps on hurting me day by day.

Katlego: Siba Neo loves you, i know he does, just give him some time to come back to his senses.

Her: stop sulking, let's go out eat and do shopping we'll call it your baby shower.

I just laughed at that my cousin was crazy, we went out and spent the whole day at the mall, my phone was on silent, my cuz took me to a beauty spa for a massage, then we went and bought baby clothes we went to a zoo, it was a fun day for me. We went back to the house later and Pat was cooking.

Me: Hey Pat, guess what? My cuz took me out we had lots of

fun.Pat: Wow! Why didn't you guys call me..

Katlego: Next time we will..

Me: come see the baby clothes we bought..

My phone started ringing it was Lorraine, wondered what she wanted now..

I just left my cousin and Pat going through the baby clothes,and i answered my phone outside.

Me: Hello..

Her: Thank you for answering.. I just wanted to find out if you told Neo about Don.Me: Yes i did tell him...

Lorraine: He hasn't came to see Don, do you know where he is?..Me: what do you mean he hasn't seen Don?

Her: he hasn't come to the hospital..

Me: No yesterday he told me that he was coming there, he didn't even come home i thought he slept there.

Lorraine: he hasn't been here..

Me: let me call him and find out where he is..

I hung up my phone and called Neo but his phone was just ringing, he didn't answer..

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I just went inside the house all emotional, couldn't believe Neo was lying to me. Katlego: what's wrong Lala?

Me: i just need time alone. Katlego: Siba..

Me: Katlego please! I just need to be alone for at least 5min. I just went to the bedroom all Angry, i was crying, i felt like dying, i sat and cried until i got a headache. I got up and took my luggage bag and started packing, Neo walked in.

Him: what are you doing?

Me: what does it look like I'm doing. Him: Are you leaving?

I just ignored him and continued packing. Him: can we talk about this?

Me: Ohh So now you wanna talk!

Him: Yes! So you can explain to me what i did soo wrong that you deciding to leave me.. I just ignored him and he lost his cool.

Him: Dammit Siba! Can you stop packing for like one minute and fucken talk to me! I just started tearing up.

Me: i cannot do this anymore Neo! I'm tired physically, Emotionally and psychologically.. Him: So you think that leaving me is the best solution?

Me: yes! You've changed Neo, you get ticked off easily.. You a different person..

Him: I'm a human being Siba! I cannot always be calm or happy! How many times did i put up with you and your moods? And your constant crying? And never have i complained..

Me: Neo I'd understand if was change of moods or something, but you gambling with your life! I'm 7 months pregnant I'll be 8 months pregnant in a weeks time, you can't even think of your baby!

Him: i do think about him Siba! I do what i do because I want to provide for you and him the best way i know how!

Me: by putting your life in danger? I'm not sitting here all day waiting to hear that you got shot and died!

Him: That will never happen..

Me: it happened before, what would stop it from happening again? He just looked down.

Me: exactly!

Him: where you gonna go?

Me: i don't know maybe my brother's place.

Him: There's no way we can just sit down and talk about this?

Me: there is, let's sit down and you'll explain to me why you never went to see your dad.. I just sat on the bed.

Him: how did you know about that? Me: Lorraine c..

Him: Dammit Siba! You still listening to Lorraine? Right now i don't know who you in a relationship with, Me or Lorraine?

Me: is she lying? Him: she's not but..

Me: So where were you?

Him: just handling some business. Me: what business?

Him: i can't tell you..

Me: very well..

I just stood up and closed my Luggage bag, he just got more and more angry.

Him: you know Siba I thought you loved me..

Me: i do love you Neo, i just don't love the lifestyle you living.. Him: That's conditional love.

I just started walking away. He blocked me..

Him: Fine you win, just tell me what you want me to do and I'll do it.. Me: i want you to tell me all about this thugging business you involved in. Him: I'm not a thug..

Me: You not a saint either..

He just looked at me and i started walking, i just heard him throwing things against the wall all Angry and swearing. I quickly went to my cuz and told her we leaving.

Pat: No Siba..

Me: I'll call you later, katlego let's go.

We went out and started walking down the street. Me: Call Sika to come fetch us..

Her: we broke up..

Me: shit! How we gonna get home, it's 22:00 Her: we just have to go back.

I gave her a serious face.. Her: or not.

I just took out my phone and called my brother and begged him to fetch us, he refused at first but after begging and begging he agreed. We walked to the nearest garage to wait for him, he showed up after some hours we got inside the car, and i told him I'll explain everything later. We went to his house and as always Portia wasn't happy to see me

Her: Wow Siba are you pregnant?

Me: No i accidentally swallowed a watermelon. Portia: don't give me..

Khaya: Stop it you two!

My brother just looked at me..

Him: Wena Siba what happened? I don't see you for a while then you just show up in my house all pregnant!

Me: I don't wanna talk about it.. Portia: We gonna talk about it this.. Khaya: Portia I'll handle this!

Him: Where is the baby daddy? Me: his around.

Portia: why don't you go to him? Don't tell me you pregnant by a broke useless guy.. Me: His not broke and we engaged!

Portia: with a cheap ring I can see it all the way from here.

Me: it's a real Diamond.

Portia: If it's a real Diamond then what are you doing in my house all homeless, can't your "real Diamond hubby" afford a house?

Me: You know portia the only reason why i haven't kicked your ass is because you married to my brother!

Her: bring it on sister! I will kick..

Khaya: Eyy shut up you two!.. So who is this guy that made you like this? Me: his name is Neo...

Him: Neo who? Where is he from? Come on Siba, you got to give me more than a name. Me: Neo Mare... Don Mare's son.



Portia: Thee Neo?

Me: Yes.

She started laughing..

Her: You cannot be possibly dating Neo, i mean have you seen the girls he dates, You don't fit in his category..

I just took out my phone and showed her pictures, she was all shocked..

Me: If you don't want me I'll..  
Her: Nonsense you my sister in law come I'll show you were you sleeping, come along Katlego, I'll show you were you gonna sleep..

Me: I thought you didn't want me here..

Her: that's before you told me that you dating Neo, circumstances have changed..

She just showed us to our bedroom. I just sat down and put my hand on my tummy, i was worried because i haven't felt my soccer star moving for 2 days now..

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Portia came to the bedroom and gave us some clean bed linen. Katlego: why is your sister in law so nice?

Me: Aii that one, she's just weird.. My phone rang and it was Neo..

Me: Katlego can you please give me 5min Her: Okay I'll just go watch tv..

She just left and closed the door and i answered the phone..

Me: Hey..

Him: i don't wanna fight.. Me: me too..

Him: just wanted to know where you are And if you safe..

Me: I'm at my brother's place..

Him: how did you get there? Me: he fetched me..

Him: Siba you don't just walk out at Night... Me: Neo please..

Him: Okay I'll call you tomorrow morning.. Me: Okay..

Him: I love you..

Me: i love you too..

Him: good night..

Me: Uhm Neo..

Him: Yes?

Me: The baby..

Him: What about the baby?

Me: haven't felt him moving for 2 days.. Him: is it normal?

Me: i don't think so..

Him: okay ill fetch you tomorrow and we'll go see a Gynae..

Just Sms me your address.. Me: okay i will..

Him: good night..

Me: night..

I hung up and Smsed him the address then went and joined everyone at the lounge..

Khaya: When am I gonna see this guy?

Me: his coming Tomorrow to fetch me we going to the doctor..Katlego: Are you okay?

Me: Yes just a check up..

Khaya: His lucky, i won't be around.. I was gonna break his Neck..Katlego started laughing..

Me: More like he'll break your neck..Khaya: What you mean?

Katlego: You don't know Neo wena..Khaya: he doesn't know me too..

Portia: honey keep quiet.. His coming tomorrow?Me: Yes..

Portia: Here in my house?

Me: Yes.. You have a problem with that?

Her: Ofcause not, i just wished you warned me sooner so i would've did my hair..Khaya: What's your hair got to do with him?

Portia: Honey have you seen Neo mare before?My brother just stood up all pissed..

Him: I'm not going to work tomorrow! I wanna see this Guy whose driving my wife crazyand messed up my sister..

He just walked to the bedroom.. Me: Portia you see what you did?Portia: what did i do?

Me: You gonna make Khaya and Neo fight now..Portia: So?

Me: You don't know my Fiancé his crazy.Portia: Agh Khaya will be strong.

She just stood up and went to her bedroom. I was sleepy too so i went to sleep with Katlego following me. I woke up in the morning and went to the kitchen, everyone was awake, Portiawas well dressed up for the occasion.

Me: good morning..Katlego: Hey..

Portia: ain't you going to the doctor? Me: i am, and wena were are you going?Portia: So you saying I'm looking good?

My brother just looked all pissed. Neo just Smsed me that his at the gate.Me: is the Gate open?

Khaya: Why?Me: his here..

Portia: Really? Oh my Gosh how do i look?Katlego: You look

fine..

Me: let me fetch him..

I just went out with my Pjs he was already out the car.Him:

Ahhh Nana you not ready yet..

Me: i just woke up.. Him: we gonna be late..

Me: You driving a BMW X6 now?Him: Yeah something like that..

Me: Where did you get it?Him: i bought it.

Me: With what money?

Him: Can we not fight just for one day..Me: Come my brother wants to see you.

We entered and as soon as Portia saw him she went crazy..

Her: Oh my gosh it's him! It's really really him, I'm having a panic attack.. Can i beexcused..

She just went to the bedroom.. Neo just greeted my brother and Katlego.Me: Neo this is my brother Khaya and Khaya this is my Fiancé Neo..

Neo just stretched out his hand to greet him with a handshake, but i can see my brother wasvery mad.

Khaya: Take off your hat boy! You don't wear a hat in my house!Me: Khaya..

Khaya: shut up Siba!

Neo took off his hat.

Neo: all you had to do was just ask..

Khaya: What did you just say? This is my house! In my house we follow my rules, if not youwelcome to stand outside.

Neo just smiled a Little and looked down. Neo: you better talk to your brother Nana..

Khaya: don't be a pussy, if you wanna say something say it in my face!

I can see that Neo was getting angry too i just took him by his hand and went to the bedroomwith me.

Khaya: Siba!

Me: Aii Khaya Phumakim!

We got to the bedroom and i just took off my Pjs and

wrapped my towel around and the towel was small..

Him: you getting big..

Me: Are you saying I'm fat? Him: i didn't say that...

Me: Just say it Neo it's fine, but don't forget that you the one who made me this big.. I just put on my robe and went to the bathroom all mad, he just followed me..

Him: What did i say?

I just got to the bathroom and filled the bathtub he just put down the toilet seat and sat on top of it.

Me: don't even look at my naked body. Him: i won't..

He just took out his phone and was busy with it.. I just got in the bathtub and bathe, bending was hard so bathing took long, I got out and we went to the bedroom, it was hard pulling my leggings up so Neo dressed me up..

Him: Shit! You still look sexy..

Me: You just saying that to make me feel better.. Him: I'm being for real..

I just smiled and when i was done dressing we went out, my brother was not around, Portia was probably still calming her anxieties, Katlego was Washing dishes.

Me: I'll see you later.. Katlego: No problem.. Neo: bye kay..

Katlego: bye Mare..

We just went and Got into the car. there was no communication so he just played his hip hop music Kanye West And Jay z, he started singing along while squeezing my cheek, and smiling.

Him: ooooooh! I love you soo, but why i love you I'll never know.. I just looked out of the Window all blushing.

We got to the Gynae and the she just did an ultrasound scan, then sat us down, i was a bit scared..

Me: Is my son okay?

Gynae: Relax his fine... Can i ask have you been stressed lately? I just looked at Neo

Me: a Little.

Gynae: he can pick up on your emotions, if you stressed or sad, it affects him too, so please try to take good care of

your health.

I was glad to hear his doing well, Neo decided that we should spend the day together, we went shopping for baby clothes, we went to the zoo, we just had a lot of fun.. Then we drove to the house..

Me: where is Pat and Shanell?

Him: They went out, coming back later..

Me: Okay.... So what we gonna do the whole day? Him: i Don't know.

Me: we can watch movies.. Him: i have a better idea..

He just got close to me and ran his finger on my lips... Him: i bought a new bed.. Wanna test it?

I just smiled..

Me: You very Naughty..

He smiled back and kissed me..

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Neo and i just laid on the bed having a pillow talk, was good making love to him again but was a bit difficult at my pregnant state. My phone started ringing and it was my brother.

Neo: Whose that? Me: My brother Him: ignore that.. Me: I can't..

I just answered my phone. Me: Hello khaya..

Him: Where the hell are you Siba? Me: Uhm.. I am...

Khaya: i want you home now! Then he just hung up the phone.. Me: He wants me home..

Neo: which home? Because this is your home.. Me: You know what i mean..

Neo: does this guy know that you my Fiancé? Me: His just being an over protective brother.

I just got out of bed and started dressing up.. Neo: So i need permission from him to see you? Me: No you don't, can you drive me home?

Neo: i will..

He got out of bed too and started dressing up and we went downstairs. Me: Pat and Shanell?

Him: i don't know when they coming back. Me: Where did they go Ganti?

Him: think they went to visit my Aunt Vivian. We just went out and got into the car then drove. Him: Want something to eat?

Me: No I'm fine thanks..

Him: well I'm hungry I'm gonna get something to eat first..

Me: You trying to piss off my brother?

Him: Maybe..

We drove to some restaurant, Neo ate i just had a glass of sprite and lime. My brother called.. Me: I'm coming Khaya

Then i hung up.

Me: we have to go..

Neo: I'm still enjoying my ribs..I just gave him a serious look.. Him: Fine let's go..

He drove me home but didn't get off the car..Him: I'll come fetch you tomorrow

Me: okay..

He just kissed me..

Him: i love you..

Me: i love you too..

Then he put he just leaned over and kissed my tummy..

Him: and i love you too..

Me: bye.. Him: Sharp..

I got out of the car went inside the house, my brother was in the kitchen..Khaya: were is he?

Me: he went home..Him: Siba..

Me: Yooh Khaya I'm tired Goodnight..

I went to the bedroom and Katlego was not around i figured she probably went home, i justchanged into my Pj's and got in bed, Neo called i answered.

Me: i thought you'd be sleeping

Him: couldn't sleep was thinking about you..

Neo and chatted on the phone for hours that i even passed out while still talking to him.. I woke up in the morning i had some pain on my lower back. I just went and bathe then took my bag and went to wait for Neo outside. He showed up after a few minutes and k got in. Hejust kissed me, then started driving. The pain on my lower back was getting tense i just put my hand on my back.

Neo: are you okay?

Me: No i have this pain in my lower back started this morning..Him: should we go to the doctor?

Me: No I'll probably be okay..



He drove us to McDonalds for breakfast. I sat there and the pain escalated i felt like i was having period pains mixed with a running tummy..

Me: Neo i don't feel good..

We just left and went to the house..Him: wanna lie down a bit?

Me: Ya i can try that..

He took me upstairs And i laid on the bed, the pain became unbearable i started crying and screaming, Neo came in..

Him: what's wrong?

Me: i don't know I just have serious crampsThe cramps were getting worse..

Me: Neo do something they getting worse...Him: Let's go to the hospital..

He got me off bed, walking to the kitchen was the longest walk of my life especially with the cramps..

Me: i don't think I'll make it to the door..Him: come on Nana it's just a few steps..

Me: I feel like I'm gonna die Neo... I don't know what's happening im just too much in pain..

We slowly walked to the car, we got in and he drove.. I didn't know which sitting position was better i just put my legs on the dashboard, all crying and screaming..

Me: Neo hurry..

We got to the hospital he got me off the car and walked me in, when the nurses saw me one just came with a wheelchair and i sat then pushed me to the ward..

Me: What's happening to me?Her: you in labor

Me: that's not possible I'm 7 months..

She just got me in the ward and i changed my clothes and put on the hospital gown and laid in bed..

Nurse: i will give you the epidural to ease the cramps.

She got the injection and injected me on my back, after some few minutes the pain was Better.. Neo was next to me holding my hand..

Him: how are you feeling now?

Me: still in pain but Better than before..

We sat there not knowing when I'm gonna give birth...Me: i don't know how i could be in labor it's still early.Him: his in a rush..

Me: i wanna go to the toilet can you help me?Neo: okay..

Neo just came to help when i started walking my water broke....Me: No, no, no i cannot be in labor it's too early...

Neo sat me on the bed then fetched the nurse, she just made me lie in bed and open my legswide, then checked me...

Nurse: Your Baby is coming...

The cramps came back i was busy squeezing Neo's hand all screaming.. The doctor came in with some nurses, one of the nurses told Neo to put on some scrubs.. The doctor was a female and she was sweet. She just told me to open my legs, the nurses held my legs wide open.

Doctor: okay sweety I'll tell you to push, i can see the baby's head, is it a boy or girl?Me: boy..

Her: his coming, I'm gonna count to three then i want you to push very hard.

She counted and told me to push.. I pushed.Her: Stop...

She counted again and i pushed but the baby didn't wanna come out i was getting tired..Doctor: you doing good sweety we almost there push again..

Me: i can't..

Her: just one last push..

Me: No i really can't..

Neo: come on Nana you can do it..

I just went for it and pushed hard, he came out..

Doctor: there he is.. Congratulations it is indeed a boy...

The baby started crying.. They wrapped him in a sheet and did all those weird tests to make sure his okay.. the nurse was gonna hand me my baby then she stepped back..

Nurse: doctor..

The doctor came looked at him..

Doctor: take him to the incubator immediately..Me: What's

wrong with my baby?

Doctor: his struggling to breath..Think there's a problem with his lungs..I just started crying Neo held me

Me: he can't die... My baby can't die..Neo: he won't die..

I was tired i cried till i fell asleep. I woke up Neo was next to me, the doctor came to Check up on me and told us that our baby is doing good they just wanna keep him for a few days though to monitor his lungs and let him breath on his own before i can take him home. she allowed us to go see him we went and he was laying there with all the machines helping him to breath..

Me: Look at all those machines in his tiny body..

Neo: His a fighter just like his mom, his gonna get through this..Me: We haven't decided on the name yet..

Neo: what did you have in mind?Me: Itu.. Itumeleng Mare..

Neo: i like it..

We just stood there looking at his tiny body fighting, with all those machines and pipes helping him breath... Tears just started falling.

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The doctor discharged me the following day, i went to see Itu before i went home, Neo came and fetched me then we went home.. Pat and Shanell were not back yet. Days passed and my little Itu was getting stronger and stronger he was breathing on his own. I asked the doctor if we can take him home he just said that they gonna keep him for a week just to make sure his okay.. I was soo happy, seeing him there breathing on his own, and getting better was just a blessing. Neo decided that we should go and see Don at the hospital to tell him that he has a grandson. We drove to the hospital.

Me: do you know which hospital?

Him: Ya Don only goes to one hospital..

We got to the hospital and there was no one at the reception so we just went through.. We went to the ICU wards, all the wards were written the patients names at the door, so we just searched for Don's until we found it. We went inside and found the nurse changing the sheets.

Neo: Hello.. Im looking for Don Mare his my father, is this the right ward? Nurse: Yes it is..

Me: So where is Don? Nurse: you haven't heard? Me: heard what?

Nurse: Mrs Mare asked us to switch off the life support machine yesterday , she said there was no way that Mr Mare was gonna make it..

Neo: wait... I don't understand.. What happened?

Nurse: I'm sorry Mr Mare your Father died yesterday after his wife had the life support machine switched off..

Neo just left the ward all mad, i followed him.. Me: Neo wait..

He didn't answer me he went straight to the car.. Me: You not in the right state to drive..

He still ignored me was driving all recklessly i was just praying tht we make it home safe..We just got in Neo went straight to the bathroom and got In the shower, at that moment i didn't know what to say i just stood there, he came out of the shower and started clothing. Me: Neo talk to me..

Him: don't know what you wanna talk about..

Me: i can see you trying to hide off your pain by your anger.. I can see in your eyes that youhurt.

Him: i don't get hurt Siba..

After clothing he just kissed me on my forehead.Him: I'll see you later.. I love you..

Me: where are you going?He just walked out..

I just started praying.. Then after went to the kitchen, Pat and Shanell came in.Pat: Hey Siba..

Me: Hey girl..

She just looked at me all shocked..Pat: you supposed to be pregnant Me: i gave birth a few weeks ago..Her: What! Is the baby okay?

Me: his fine, his a strong premature the doctor said by next week he will discharge him..Pat: wow you heard that Shanell? Your cousin is coming home i can't wait to meet him..Wats his name?

Me: Itumeleng..

Her: Wow I'm sure Neo is happy..Me: kinda..

Her: Hau what's wrong?

Me: Don.. Lorraine switched off the life support machine, Don died yesterday..Pat couldn't believe it, she looked beyond shocked..

Me: are you okay? Do you wanna sit down?

Her: i don't believe this.. Don cannot die,not like this..Me: I'm sorry..

Her: you know what let's go to Lorraine i want her to look me in the eye and tell me that shekilled Don face to face...

Me: No.. You don't wanna go to Lorraine right now..

Pat just started walking to her car. I followed her with Shanell, she drove to Don's house, the security at the gate hesitated to let us in but eventually did after some time. Lorraine was all in her tablet sitting on the couch laughing with some woman drinking wine like nothing happened, Pat just went straight to her.

Pat: how could you? Lorraine: how could i what? Pat: Kill Don!

Lorraine: i didn't kill him, he was brain dead! Doctors said there's no way that he was going to survive!

Pat: so now you celebrating his death? You suppose to be mourning. Lorraine: i am mourning! The best way i know how..

Pat: You are evil you going to burn in hell! Lorraine: Get out of my house!

Pat: This is not your house, it's Don's house! Lorraine: do you see Don anywhere?

I just went to Pat..

Me: Let's go Pat she's not worth it!

Lorraine: Listen to your friend and go! I have visitors from overseas coming later!

We just went out, i couldn't believe Lorraine, her husband just died i expected her to be crying and heartbroken. We just got in the car and Pat started crying, i just my hand around her shoulders.

Me: I'm sorry i know how close you were to him..

Shanell was sleeping at the backseat we didn't go inside with her, we left her In the car. We drove back to the house, Jomar and Neo were in the kitchen and some 4 guys i didn't know, Pat was very heartbroken she went upstairs to her bedroom with Shanell. Jomar just greeted me.

Neo: Were are yall coming from? Me: Lorraine's house..

I saw Neo's mood changing..he held on to the kitchen table tight. Him: can you give us some space.. You can go to the bedroom.. I knew they were up to no good..

Me: What's going on?

Neo: Nana please..

I just walked to the bedroom but i stood at the passage to listen to what they were saying. Neo: Lorraine has gone too far! I tolerated her shit for a long time now..

Jomar: so how are we gonna do this?

Neo: She has a good security system but i know that house like the back of my hand, i will just need you guys to take care of the security guards at the gate the rest i will handle on my own..

Jomar: you gonna pop a cap on her?

Neo: Yes! I want my face to be the last face she gonna see alive, I'm going to do this for My brother and my father..

I just put my hand around my mouth i couldn't believe Neo was gonna kill Lorraine, i suddenly felt sick i ran upstairs to the bathroom and vomited, i went to Pat's room but I heard her all the way to the door she was crying so it will be useless talking to her. I went downstairs Neo and his squad were Gone, i just walked around pacing didn't know what to do or who to call.. I drank water and continued pacing, praying that can their car break down or something, can God lower his hand and just destruct them. The door bell rang i went to open and it was Thato..

Him: Wola Skeem.

Me: Skeem what are you doing here?

Him: Hau vele you not gonna invite me in? Me: Sorry please come in..

He just got inside and looked around.. Him: Your House is beautiful Skeem Me: how did you know where i live?

Him: your cousin told me.. My mom wanted to come mara she had to attend some church meeting.

Me: How is Ses'Phindi vele?

Him: she's doing fine just keeps on asking about you.. Me: I'll come visit, plus i have a lot to tell her..

I just poured juice Thato and i sat around the coffee table playing monopoly at least it kept my mind busy.. After some time the door flung open and it was Neo and Jomar,

Neo looked Angry..

Jomar: calm down..

Neo: don't fucken tell me to come down!!!... We had a good plan and..Jomar: Siba is here..

Neo just turned and looked at me, then looked at Thato..

Me: Neo this is Ses'Phindi's Son Thato, remember I told you about him once?Neo just looked at him then looked at me.

Neo: So what is he doing in my house Alone with you!

Me: he came to visit me... Actually he came to pass me a message..

Neo: and y'all decided to play monopoly and have drinks like a madly in love couple..Thato stood up..

Him: i think it's best that i leave, I'll see you around Skeem..

Me: Okay say hi to your mother..

Him: i will..

He just walked out..

I looked at Neo then started walking upstairs with him following me.. I took my bag..Him: Not this Again!

Me: i can't be around you when you like this..

Him: I come back home and you having drinks with another guy in my house Siba and you expect me not to react to that..

I just packed my toiletries and a few clothes, didn't have much clothes because most of my clothes were at my brother's house..

Me: I'll be staying with Ses'Phindi for a while until you sort out yourself.Him: ohhh so you going to your boyfriend?

I started walking to the kitchen.

Him: You fucken leaving me Siba when i need you the most!

I just took off my ring and put it on the kitchen counter..

Me: There's someone else i need to consider now, i don't wanna raise my child in this unhealthy environment.

Neo: you breaking up with me?

Me: No just giving you time to think about what's important to you..I started walking.

Him: Siba i lost my brother 5years Ago, i just lost my father,



I'm not ready to lose you too..Me: I'm sorry Neo but i can't do this anymore.

Neo: I can't let you leave me Siba.. I love you too much to just let you walk out on me..Me: I've made up my mind Neo, I'm leaving..

Him: Fine but there's only one way you gonna leave me.

Me: What do you mean?

Him: you my ride or die Siba, if i can't have you no other guy will..Me: Are you threatening me?

Him: i don't do threats..

I just walked to the door..

Him: If you walk out of that door I'm gonna Kill you... Is that what you want for Itu to growup without his mother?

I knew Neo was bluffing he can't possibly kill me..Me: You bluffing..

Him: Try me..

I just walked backwards looking at him until i bumped to the door with my bsckside he justtook out a gun, and pointed it at me, this was my first time seeing Neo with a gun.. I knew

that there's no way Neo can shoot me his probably just scarying me. I just opened the door, and he shot me the bullet went straight to my hip bone, i just went down, i couldn't BelieveNeo really shot me, he came close and pointed the gun at me.. I was soo scared..

Me: Neo please don't kill me my baby still needs me..

He just pulled the trigger again, i felt the bullet piercing through my abdomen area, i just putmy hand there and i was bleeding... I started bleeding through my mouth too, i came face toface with death, all i could think about was that does my baby know how much i love him, will he grow up and forgive me for leaving him Like this..

Neo just put the gun away, quickly grabbed a dish cloth and pressed it against my abdomenarea where he shot me. Pat came downstairs running..

Pat: i heard Gunshots and..

When she saw me she just screamed.

Neo: don't just stand there screaming grab my keys we taking her to the hospital.

We got into the car, Neo sat at the back with me, He was pressing the cloth too hard that i felt more pain..Pat was driving all scared..

Neo: You not gonna die, just hold on a bit longer we Almos there.

We got to the hospital, i just closed my eyes, i didn't know what happened from the door all the way to the ward..... I slowly opened my eyes and saw a bright light, I wondered if i was dead and i was in heaven, the room was white, after i opened my eyes clearly i realized i was at the hospital, there was a nurse next to me, i tried to talk but she rushed out and came back with the doctor, he was carrying a file and paging through it.

Doctor: Welcome back Ms Siba Langa do you know where you are? He removed the oxygen from my mouth so i can talk.

Me: i think hospital..

Him: you know what happened? I shook my head No..

Him: you were shot on your hip bone and abdominal area..

Did he say shot? I just started thinking hard then i

remembered Neo shot me. Me: i remember being shot..

Him: do you know who shot you? Or why you got shot? No:

No..

I was lying i remembered very well..

Him: could be shock, that's why you don't remember. He just shone a little light in my eyes.

Me: I thought i was dead..

Doctor: i don't think the shooter wanted to kill you.. Me: i think he did doc im in the hospital..

Doctor: No mam, the shooter was very vigilant i don't think you were shot by an Amateur.

Me: i am not following.

Doctor: I am a surgeon and this cases i only see from criminals that were shot by cops. Your shooter first shot you on your hip bone, then you went down and they shot you in your abdominal area from a close range, am i right?

Me: i think that's how it happened..

Doctor: he was very precise about the bullet he put on your abdominal area, it missed your vital organs such as your liver, Kidneys, it missed your spine too because it was supposed to come out at the back but the Bullet just hit and cracked your Pelvic bone.

Me: what does that mean?

Him: it means you going to be just fine, you might not walk for a while but that's until your Pelvic bone heals then you gonna be just fine.

He left the ward, i couldn't believe Neo, all along i thought he wanted to kill me, but even though he didn't shoot to kill me why did he shoot me in the first place? Walking was out of the question i couldn't walk at All the nurses helped me with everything it was just 3 days my being in the hospital, when Neo got in with Itumeleng..

Neo: Say hi to mommy..

My heart just melted, he handed him to me, i just started kissing him until he cried..Me: My baby i missed you soo much..

Katlego got in after 5min..Her: Hello cuzy

Me: hi girl..

Her: how you feeling?

Me: I'll be fine.. Can you please take Itu out i wanna talk to Neo..Katlego took Itumeleng then they went out.. I just looked at Neo..Me: why Neo?

Him: I'm sorry Siba.. I was just too much..

He was standing next to me so i just slapped him, i caused myself pain from that sudden movement..

Him: you gonna hurt yourself..I started tearing up..

Me: why did you shoot me?

Him: you wanted to leave me, i didn't know what to do I just reacted to anger and hurt..Me: did you wanna kill me?

Him: No.. I love you Siba and i was Never gonna leave Itumeleng without a mother..Me: so i guess hanging with Jomar taught you how to use a gun..

Him: No I've long known how to use a gun since from i was 13,my father used to train meand we would go hunting..

Me: I know that i probably shouldn't have threatened to leave you especially when youneeded me the most, but that doesn't give you the right to do what you did..

Him: I know and I'm sure saying sorry might not erase the nightmare or the trauma that i putyou through, but Siba Please i just need one more chance, you and Itumeleng mean the worldto me, spending so much time with him made me realize What's more important to me and that is you and Itumeleng, i just need one last chance Nana please..

He just knelt down next to me, tears started falling.

Me: one Last chance Neo and i want you to stop this gangster life you have going on with Jomar.

Him: i long quit it, the day Itu came home..

I just smiled at him, he got up and kissed me also attempting to hug me but i was still in pain..Me: Take it easy I'm still in pain.

Him: Sorry.

Me: Can you get Itu one last time i wanna see him.

He went and got him, my baby was adorable, and very chubby for a premature.. Neo and Itu came to visit me everyday at the hospital until my day of being discharged came, i was happythat i was going home. Neo came to fetch me.

Me: where is Itu?

Him: his home with Pat, Shanell and Katlego.. You Ready to go?Me: Yes..

I was in a wheelchair the doctor said i will be on the wheelchair until my pelvis heals. We drove home and when we went in, they threw me a small welcoming party, Balloons were in the lounge with a big sign saying welcome home, Almost everyone i knew was there, Pat, Shanell, Katlego, Portia and my brother were there too, i was just soo happy.. Everyone welcomed me hugged me, made me open presents, we talked laughed ate until i got tired Neo just took me upstairs put me on the the bed.. He even made me take my Antidepressants Because it was safer i wasn't pregnant anymore..

Him: i got you a physiotherapist she will come tomorrow..

Me: where did you get the money?

Him: she's my Aunt, i didn't have to pay her..

We just laid there on the bed me, Neo, and Itumeleng.. I was happy there was nothing i couldask for anymore,my blessings were just right in front of me. Neo's Aunt came 4times a weekfor my therapy session i was getting there, my pelvis was healing, i moved from a wheel chair to crushes, Itu was growing and he looked more and more like Neo, and he was even

taking after his father's stubbornness, Neo was not about that gangster life anymore. We wereall sitting in the lounge having lunch when the bell rang.. Pat went to open and her mood changed, Lorraine entered with some man in a suit carrying a suitcase he looked very professional..

Pat: What are you doing here? You not welcomed here..I was happy to see that Neo didn't kill her..

Lorraine: I'm not happy to be here Either..She just sat down.

Neo: so why are you here?

Lorraine: we here for your father's will this is his lawyer he was supposed to have long readit had you came to the funeral..

Neo: you didn't want me there Lorraine..Lawyer: Can we

please start.

Lorraine: i don't know why we even here and doing this  
Don left everything to me, i was there when he signed the  
will..

Lawyer: let's find out.

The lawyer took out the will..

Lawyer: first of all i wanna say I'm sorry for your loss Neo,  
your Father loved you a lot he always talked about you  
when he came to my office..

Lorraine: can we just start..

Lawyer: Don had all his money from overseas transferred to  
South Africa. A total amount of 300 million  
Everyone was shocked.. Don was Hella Rich..

Lawyer: that money will be shared amongst Neo and His  
deceased Son Sydney, but since Sydney is no more his  
money will go to Patronella. R150mill for Neo and 150mill  
for Patronella.

Lorraine: What! No you must be reading the wrong will..

Lawyer: Neo you will be in charge of all your father's  
businesses both overseas and here in SA he gave you  
power of attorney. His house, cars, private jet and other  
things are also yours he left them for you. And whose Siba?

Me: i am Siba..

Lawyer: Don left you something..

I was astonished Don didn't know me that well we never  
was really close..

Lawyer: Don said he was very fond of you since from the  
day he met you at his Firm, he saw the great potential you  
could bring to his company, he left you this cheque to go  
Study a Law Degree.

He handed me the cheque and it was a 5 million..i was  
shocked i Almost Fainted.. Lawyer: Ohh and before i forget  
Neo he also wanted you to have this Dvd he said it's  
important you watch it should he die..

Neo just took the Dvd

Him: I'll watch it upstairs on my laptop. Lawyer: that's all..

Lorraine: what do you mean that's all? This will is wrong.

Lawyer: Don came to change his will when he started getting very sick, he said he wanted you to get nothing.

Lorraine sat there couldn't believe what was happening.

Neo came back after 10min looking all hurt, and his eyes looked like he was crying.

Neo: Lorraine i want you to go, go far away.

Lorraine: i won't go im here to fight for what's mine.. Neo started tearing up.

Him: You killed my father!

Lorraine: what! I would never, i loved Don..

Neo: Shut up! Don never had Brain tumor you came with that Theory to hide your sinister ways! You poisoned him everyday! You slowly but surely were killing him for his money.

Lorraine: i don't know what you talking about Neo, i would never kill Don

Neo: he left this Dvd to tell me the Truth about the nature of his sickness, if you were not my mother i would call the cops on you right now, but i won't, i want you to go, leave South Africa! If i ever see you or hear that you around i will have you Arrested, i will get the best lawyer and make sure you go to jail for a very very long time, ill even have them throw away the key if i have too..

We were all sitting there very shocked.

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Lorraine did leave the country and never to be heard of ever again, my Little Itumeleng is growing up and i enjoy spending time with him, Patronella and myself we busy studying Law planning on joining Don Mare Attorneys, Neo is hardly Home he travels a lot because of the Businesses overseas but when his around we spend a lot of time together, we planning on getting married next year in Paris, we even building an orphanage for kids whose parents died of Aids and named it after my Mother "St Shirley's Orphanage" im slowly but surely recovering from the pelvic gunshot wound, i can walk on my own but not a long distance.

Life has changed for me i cry less and laugh more, but one important thing that life has taught me is that.. We can never help who we fall in love with and that relationships are not always perfect but as long as there's love then that will suffice. Neo and i we still madly inlove..

I am Siba Langa-Mare and this was my story.

.....**The End**.....

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