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QONDISIWE

It got better eventually, especially when I called Khabo after every period. It was lunchtime now and I was sitting alone, most girls were sitting together and so were the boys. I was carrying a lunchbox, to avoid looking for shops on my first day. Yes a few eyes were on me, I don't know when I'm going to get used to that.. As I was sitting some girl walked up to me, she even looked a bit scared..

Her: Hi

I smiled..

Me: Hello

She smiled back..

Her: Can I sit next to you?

I nodded..

Her: Akhona

Me: Qondisiwe

We shook hands..

Her: Yazi I was scared to come to you

Me: Why?

Her: You very beautiful and most girls who are beautiful are full of themselves

I laughed..

Her: You belong there in that "cool crew"

Me: I won't fit in

She took out a lunchbox too, we exchanged sandwiches.. Akhona seems smart, I don't know what she's doing here in this school..

Her: Have you thought about being a model?

Me: A what?

She took out her phone and showed me a few pictures..

Me: Angicabangi nje ukuthatha izithombe ngincunu so for abantu bonke (I don't think I can take half naked pictures for people)

We both laughed. Thank God I've made a friend.. We saw Mr Sodlaka walking with another Teacher..

Akhona: I think I'm going to enjoy maths, he is handsome and his voice girl

Me: Hai wena he is our teacher

Her: We practically in high school.. Asiphile kancane (Let's live a little)

I laughed..

Me: Hai cha ngiyabonga (No thank you)

Another girl joined us..

Her: Kudliwani? (What are we eating)

We both looked at her shocked, she didn't even greet us.. She took my lunchbox and started eating, I looked at Akhona..

Girl: Yini manje? (What's wrong now)

Akhona: I'm sorry but who are you?

Girl: Nesizulu ungasikhuluma singaphandle (You can speak Zulu we outside)

She then looked at me..

Her: Yazi you are what they call "Indoni" ngesizulu.. Umuhle Q njenge ndoni yamanzi (You beautiful Q, like a Guardian)

Akhona: But who are you?

Her: My name is Happy

Something in my heart moved, for some reason she did remind me of Happy. They might not look alike but her personality and how she talks, it's exactly like Happy..

Akhona: Akhona

I smiled at her..

Me: Qondisiwe

Happy: I know Ndoni yamanzi

Akhona: Ndoni yamanzi?

Happy: Uhlalaphi? (Where do you stay)

Me: Indoni Yamanzi is a very beautiful girl

Akhona: Ohh it makes sense

Happy: Yazi those girls are gossing about you? Ufuna sibalande? (do you want us to get them)

Me: Cha.. Asibayeke (let's leave them)

Happy: Asidleni ke (Let's continue eating)

Now my day was getting better..

SINDISIWE

I have been struggling for the past 2 months. My minister of finance just left me hanging because his wife found out about us, I mean I have a life to maintain. Rent is expensive and finding another minister of finance is going to be very difficult.. I heard someone knocking, I freaked out.. I went to open, it was Mrs Biyela.. She walked in..

Her: Is it done?

I nodded..

Her: Did you record?

I took out my phone and showed her..

Her: Good

Me: My money?

She took out an envelope and handed it to me..

Me: Thank you

Her: You not pregnant are you?

Me: No Mam'

Her: Good.. One down, one more to go

I hate doing this to my sister but, I was desperate. Qondisiwe has a big heart, and honestly I don't like Iba for her. Yes this will break her but she will eventually forgive me, I'm proving to her also that Iba is not to be trusted. If he can sleep with me, he can sleep with anyone else.. Qondisiwe deserves someone better

LUNGISA

I looked around and my Mother wasn't anywhere to be seen, this makes her look more guilty. This whole shit was boring, people were talking about him as if like he was the best person whilst he was shit. I took out my phone and went on WhatsApp.

*****WhatsApp*****

Me: This thing is boring, can't I skip it and come have fun with you?

Khabo: Lol no u can't skip

Me: It's boring

Khabo: You the CEO, uyakhumbula? (do you remember)

Me: What are you doing?

Khabo: Shopping with Betty

Me: Buy something sexy for tonight

Speaker: Now we going to welcome the CEO, Mr Lungisa Biyela

That caught me off guard, I didn't know that they put me in the program. I said my goodbyes to Khabo and then walked to the front, I don't even know what I'm going to say about this man who made my life difficult. How about "Good riddance to rubbish"

QONDISIWE

My phone rang as we were going to class, it was Iba..

Me: I'll catch up with you guys, it's my boyfriend

Akhona: You have a boyfriend?

Happy: Are you seriously surprised? I was thinking she has boyfriends

Me: I'll be there guys

Akhona: I'll save you a seat

Happy: Kissing ass are we?

They walked away..

Akhona: I saw her first so she's my besty

Happy: Try me

I answered my phone..

Me: Iba

Him: My love

Me: Are you okay? Bengikhathazekile ngawe (I was worried about you)

Him: I'm sorry love, I just had too much fun

Me: As long as you okay

Him: How did you get to school?

Me: Taxi

Him: I'm not happy about that, I'm sure the taxi drivers were thirsting you.. When is your last class I'll fetch you

Me: At 14-

Voice: Langa

I freaked out.. I turned and looked at him almost dropping my phone..

Him: Wenzani ntoni ngaphandle shouldn't you be in class?

Me: I.. Uhm

Him: Were you crying?

Iba: Who is that?

Sodlaka: Your eyes they show that you've been crying

Me: No I.. I wasn't really crying

Iba: Qondi??

I hung up...

Sodlaka: Go back to class

Me: Yes Sir

I made my back to class, Iba called again but I ignored his call.. I rushed back to class, Akhona raised up her hand and I went to sit with them..

Happy: That was a quick call

The other girls looked at us, one of them started talking. Looks like she is the leader..

Girl: Phela we gonna walk in late to every class so we can advertise our beauty

We looked at them..

Girl: We have already seen that you beautiful so please give us a breather Mogurl

I didn't say anything to her..

Happy: Why is it that the most ugliest girl always has a big mouth?

The class laughed..

Girl: Between you and me girl I think I'm better looking

Happy: For a moment I almost fell from my chair, at least you said "Better" and not "Beautiful"

The class laughed again..

Girl: I think I'm going to have so much fun in this class

Happy: Me too hey it's not everyday I see Ugly

I looked at Akhona and we both laughed..

Girl: I'd rather be "Better" than to suck ass

Happy: I'd rather suck ass than to be advertising for the Big 5

Akhona: Anyone with an aloe vera please? because class girl right there just got burned

Everyone laughed, she didn't have a come back.. I look at Happy she looked at me too..

Her: I'll always have your back Ndoni

I smiled..

Me: I know

The teacher walked in.. I think I'm going to enjoy being in this school

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KHABONINA

It was my first time being in Lungi's company, he showed me around. It was a pretty small work environment, they not a very big family though they handling a pretty big project.. I was sitting ontop of him and he looked like he had something on his mind.

Me: What's wrong?

He looked at me..

Him: It's nothing serious

But he still seemed bothered..

Me: Khuluma nami (Talk to me)

Him: This is none of our business and I think we should leave it to Qondi and Iba

Me: Kwenzakalani ngo Qondi? (What's wrong with Qondi)

He kept quiet..

Me: Lungi

Him: Iba slept with Sindi

I laughed..

Me: That's not funny

He didn't laugh, he still maintained his serious face. So he wasn't joking. I got off him...

Me: What?

Him: Babe let's them handle it

I looked at him..

Him: They Adults

I nodded..

Me: Okay we will let them handle it

He got up from his chair and made his way to me..

Him: I was about to have lunch maybe you can join me

I smiled..

Me: I'd love too kodwa uBetty ungimele (Betty is waiting for me)

Him: Ohw

Me: I'll see you later

He kissed me..

Him: Later it is

QONDISIWE

School was finally out, honestly I didn't wanna leave. I was having so much fun with Happy and Akhona but then we now have a whatsapp group, we will be chatting more.

Iba fetched me, he was right on time.. He hugged me..

Him: You look beautiful

Me: Thank you

He opened the door for me and I got in..

I took out my phone and started chatting, they were busy talking about Mr Sodlaka. It seems like most female students were taken by him, he does look handsome I won't lie.

Iba started driving..

Him: How was school?

Me: School was nice (Smiling)

I went back to chatting...

*****WhatsApp*****

Happy: Maths is always the first period, it's good to see a cute face first in the morning

Akhona: He is our teacher, I'm sure he sees us as nothing but "students"

Me: Lol

Happy: Students date teachers these days

Me: I doubt he's single

Akhona: Exactly!

I must've been taken by the chats so much that I didn't hear Iba talking to me, I was only brought back when he snatched my phone from me.. He rolled down the window and threw it out..

Me: Iba!!!

He pulled over and stopped..

Him: I'm talking to you and you busy on your phone!

I opened the door and got out, to go and get it. That was very unnecessary.. I didn't even notice that he was following me, I picked up my phone and turned around, only to be met by him slapping me across the face. I looked at him shocked, Iba just raised his hand on me???

Him: In the car right now!!!

He was mad, he was very mad. Why didn't he ask me who I was talking too than resorting to that? That was uncalled for..

SINDI

I had a few missed calls from Qondisiwe, I don't know what I'm going to say to her. I can't face her after this, I won't even be able to look at her. I heard a knock at the door..

Me: I'm coming

I hope it's not Mrs Biyela, she has bored me enough today

I opened the door and it was Khabo, she was with some other woman..

Me: Khabo

She made her way in, I closed the door..

Woman: Hi, I'm Betty.. Khabo's friend

Me: I'm Sindi.. I'm her sister

Betty: Ohw I can see the resemblance now

I looked at Khabo..

Me: I didn't know you were coming, you should've called

She punched me in the face..

Me: Awwww!!!

Her: How could you?

Me: How could I what?

Her: Sleep with u Iba?

Me: Who told you?

Her: So iqiniso?

She didn't wait for me to respond, she slapped me and then pulled my wig. It fell on the floor. Khabo is good when it comes to fighting, defending myself right now will only make her more mad and she will beat me more. Betty pulled her back..

Betty: Khabo wait, she's bleeding

Khabo: How could you?? Why Sindi? Why?

Me: I didn't mean too (crying)

Her: She's your sister! We don't do that to family!!!!!! What's going to happen next?
Uzolala no Lungi? (Are you going to sleep with Lungi too)

Me: Ngiyaxolisa (I'm so sorry)

Her: I don't ever wanna see you, you dead to me!!!!

Me: Khabo I'm sorry

Her: And stay away from Qondi too!!!

Betty: I think we should leave

She clicked her tongue..

Me: Khabo wait..

I tried to touch her but she pushed me..

Her: Ungangibambi Sindi!! (don't touch me)

She looked at me like I disgusted her..

Her: We still recovering from losing uMa and then you do this?

Me: Khabo I'm sorry

She shook her head..

Her: You doing to this to your own sister?

I knelt down..

Me: I'm sorry (Crying)

Her: I don't know you anymore

Betty: Khabo let's go

The look she gave me, I'll never forget it..

QONDISIWE

When we got home, I went straight to the bedroom..

Iba: Qondi wait

I have never had a guy raise up his hand on me, ever!! He grabbed my arm and I froze..
He let go..

Him: Baby I'm sorry.. I just didn't have a good day

So that means everytime when he doesn't have a good day he is going to hit me?

I didn't even know what to say to him.. Tears just streamed down..

Him: I shouldn't have.. I'm truly sorry

I wiped my tears, he tried to touch me again but I stepped back..

Him: I'm very sorry

He looked at me one last time and then walked out of the bedroom, I sat down on the bed..

SINDI

I sat on the couch crying, Khabo is very evil. My sister has a dark heart, when she said I'm dead to her. She meant it, she will never forgive me for this. My phone started ringing.

It was Mrs Biyela.. What does she want?

Me: What do you want?

Her: That's not the way to talk to something who just paid your rent?

I sniffed..

Her: Ohh Sindi please, it will blow over. Qondisiwe going to forgive you she's your sister

Me: I don't want anything to do with you

Her: Really?

Me: My sister was here, she attacked me

Her: Qondisiwe?

Me: Khabo!

Her: What?

Me: I don't want anything to do with you

Her: No that's actually good, you can have her arrested

Me: go to hell!!!

I hung up on her..

LUNGISA

I was disturbed by Ibanathi's phone call..

Me: Bro

He didn't say anything..

Me: Iba

Him: I hit her?

Me: What are you talking about?

Him: Qondi I hit her

Me: What happened?

Him: I was talking to her and she was busy on her phone, smiling and laughing. I just lost it

Me: Iba!

Him: I don't know what's happening to me

Me: How bad is it?

Him: I just slapped her

Me: Until next time when you beat her up

He didn't respond..

Me: Iba you need to get it together, you need to fix your life! You can't carry on like this

Him: This is a mess I don't know how to fix it

Me: Let's meet up and talk

Him: Cool I'll be at the bar

Me: Don't drink.. I'm on my way

Ibanathi is losing it now, if he doesn't get it together he will find himself in a very big mess..

KHABONINA

I put my bag on the counter..

Me: You should've let me beat her up!!

Betty: You can't talk things out with violence

Me: I can!!

Her: I'll get you a glass of water

Me: I know that Sindi is not good but this? uMa is tossing and turning in her grave right now!!

She gave me a glass of water..

Her: Here this will calm you down

QONDISIWE

I was still sitting on the bed, I haven't moved at all. I still couldn't believe it that Ibanathi hit me... I took my phone, the skin had cracked.

Voice: Qondisiwe

I put my phone next to me..

Voice: Qondisiwe

I turned and some man was standing on the other side of the bed, I've seen him before..

Him: You need to help my Son

I got up..

Me: You are Ibanathi's father

He nodded..

Him: You need to help him, before it's too late

Me: How? And what do you mean by "Before it's too late"

Him: Please

I walked over to his side and he turned into a snake, black, red & white snake in colour.
Then the snake disappeared..

KHABONINA

I was cooking, Betty suggested that I have a glass of wine to relax. I hate wine, it tastes bitter...

Betty: I should leave

Me: Okay

Betty: I trust that you will behave

I chuckled, we heard the door bell ringing..

Me: I'll get that

I went to open, and it was a police officer..

Him: Good day Mam

Me: Hello

Him: I'm looking for a Khabonina Langa

Me: I am Khabo

Him: Khabonina.. You are under arrest Mam'

Me: Huh?

Him: For the assault of Sindisiwe Langa

Betty: What?

He took out handcuffs..

What has gotten into Sindi??

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QONDISIWE

I needed to get an explanation, I needed to have this man tell me more. I can't help someone if I don't really know what's going on. I set off to my prayer room, I lit up the incense and then lit a few candles. I had on my red cloth around my shoulders, the one I use when I have to connect with the ancestors. I sprinkled the snuff a bit on the the incense and started clapping, I called out the Biyela clan names. I know them, Iba had told me isithakazelo sakubo a while back when we were randomly talking. I continued doing that until he showed up, I looked at him...

Me: "Ntshangase,

Menziwa,

Njezi ka Xhoko!

Ndabezitha!

Mvundlane wasoKhabeni,

Mbeng'osinda abosi,

Mgazi!"

Him: Qondisiwe

Me: Ngizocela ungichazele konke futhi ungibonise konke (Please explain everything to me, and show me everything)

He looked at the water, I got up and went to take a bottle and the basin. I poured the water in the basin and stirred through then I saw something. I saw him and Mrs Biyela arguing, it was a big argument but I didn't hear what they were saying then another scene played through. I saw Mrs Biyela putting poison in his whiskey, so every time when he drank the whiskey he was slowly ingesting the poison. I looked at him, I know Mrs Biyela is a difficult woman, but this.. This was beyond the word "Evil"...

I looked at him..

Him: My wife was having an affair with Alfred

Who is Alfred? He cleared the confusion for me..

Him: Alfred is the Father of my S.. Of Lungi's ex fiancé Nokuthula. They had been conspiring to take my company from me right after I had done some DNA tests, and found out that Lungi was not mine. He was Alfred's son, that's when I signed everything to my Son Ibanathi. I didn't want those two to get anything. When Lorraine my wife had found out about that, she knew that I was going to divorce her and leave her with nothing. That's when she poisoned me and faked everything with my lawyer to make it seem like I had signed everything to her..

Me: How long have you known about Lungi?

Him: I had my suspicions, that's why I never had a close relationship with him. When the affair continued that's when I confirmed everything with the DNA test..

This was too much to take in..

Him: You need to help him, you and Iba met for a reason. I pushed him to you because I knew that you were the only one who could help him

Me: Iba will never believe me

Him: My Wife made sure that Iba doesn't connect nor acknowledge the existence of ancestors by making him live like he was a white a person. His schools and his friends they not much believers

I sat down on the grass mat..

Him: Iba needs to take back what rightfully belongs to him

Me: And Lorraine? I mean Mrs Biyela

Him: I can't do anything to her, before I was buried she put a nail deep in my hand one that she got from her witch doctor, so that I don't come after her

I nodded..

Him: She will be dealt with later, but for now Iba needs to know the truth.. I don't know why my Lawyer betrayed me like that

Me: If this works, Lungi is going to lose everything

Him: I don't care, I just want my Son to get what rightfully belongs to him

Me: Iba won't listen to me

Him: I'll help you

Me: How?

Him: Just trust me

I nodded..

Me: Okay

Him: You are the only one who can help destroy my wife, you are Indoni yamanzi. Your ancestors are stronger than anything. My wife uses a strong herb I don't see any traditional healer winning this war, that's why I came to you. You don't know how strong you are, you very blessed. It won't be easy but I believe in you.. Please help my Son, he is going astray, he needs help

KHABONINA

The officer looked at me..

Him: Do you know how serious this is?

Me: Then I suggest ningivalele, ngoba uma ngiphuma la.. Ngizombulala (I suggest you lock me up, if I go free I'm going to kill her)

Him: You can't say such things Mam', anything you say can and will be used against you

We heard a knock, he went to open while shaking his head. Another officer walked in, he

whispered something to him then he looked at me..

Him: Ngiyabuya (I'm coming)

They both went out. Sindi better pray that they lock me up because I swear, if they don't. I'm going to kill her, I'm really going to kill her.. The officer came back after a few minutes..

Him: You free to go

He uncuffed me..

Me: Uyenza iphutha (You making a big mistake)

Him: If you murder her then I will come back and arrest you for murder.. Let's go

I got up and he walked me out, we passed the reception area and went outside. I saw Lungi standing next to his car, we went to him..

Lungi: Thank you

Officer: You need to talk to her, or I'll be arresting her for premeditated murder soon

Lungi: I will, and thank you

He walked away, Lungi looked at me..

Lungi: I thought we agreed that Iba and Qondi will work things out as adults

I am sure Betty called him..

Lungi: If I didn't bribe him, you'll be going to jail

Me: I was hoping they would take me there because I'm going to kill her

Him: Khabo let this go!!

Me: Sindi doesn't do anything without a reason, if she tells me why she did this then I might just not kill her!

Him: Kh-

Me: Lungi stay out of it, I'm sure you and Iba fight and you don't see me getting in between

He raised up both his hands..

Him: It's your call

Me: Thank you

QONDISIWE

I heard the door opening, I got up from the couch. I was nervous. His father was sitting on the other couch, I looked at him. He nodded.. He made his way into the lounge and then looked at me..

Iba: Hey

Me: Hey

Him: I..

I could see that he was ashamed, ashamed of what he did. His face said it all..

Him: Qondi I'm.. I'm truly sorry

I nodded..

Him: I should have never hit you

Me: Ngiyazi (I know)

He looked at me..

Mr Biyela: Now

Me: Iba I need to talk to you

Him: Okay?

Me: It's a serious issue

Him: I'm listening

I took a deep breath..

Me: Your Father is here and he wants to talk to you

He looked at me without saying anything, then he walked to the staircase..

Me: Iba

Him: I know that what I did was wrong, but don't do this please

He walked up the stairs, I looked at his father..

Mr Biyela: Bungee

Me:Bungee

Iba stopped, he turned and and looked at me..

Him: What did you just say?

He made his way to me..

Him: Who have you been talking too? My Mother?

Me: Your Mother hates me, why would I talk to her?

Him: Then how did you know that name? Is it Lungi? Did he tell your sister?

Me: No Iba

He held me tight on the sides of my arms and shook me..

Him: Then how did you know that name??

He was mad..

Mr B: Tell him that he vomited that day when he was supposed to bungee jump, no one knows that but me and him

Me: You vomited that day

He let go of me..

Mr B: Tell him that I was there when he tried to leap off the balcony

Me: He was there when you tried to leap off the balcony

Mr B: He was hurt and he had been drinking

Me: You were hurt, and you had been drinking

Mr B: He found it hard to deal with my death

Me: You found it hard to deal with his death

I saw tears forming in his eyes..

Mr B: He was mad that I left him

I swallowed..

Me: You were mad that he left you

Mr B: He also had taken a few pills

Me: You also had taken a few pills

Mr B: That's when the anger issues started

Me: That's when the Anger iss-

Iba: Stop!! Just stop!!

He put his hand over his mouth as tears fell..

Him: Just stop Qondi

I kept quiet.. He looked around...

Iba: Why? What happened? Why did you..

Mr B: I'm sorry

Me: He says he's sorry

Mr B: Tell him about the will

Me: He had signed off everything to you

Iba: I don't understand

Me: Your Mom faked the will

He stepped back and then went to sit on the stir..

Me: Everything belongs to you

He tried to fight back his tears but he couldn't..

Me: Your Father can't move on nor rest in peace until you get what's yours. He tried communicating with you, the snake. It was him. He has been protecting you, from your Mother, from her evil. He has always been here with you even when you didn't believe

He wiped his tears..

Mr B: The whiskey bottle not being in it's place all the time, that was me

Me: The whiskey bottle..

Iba laughed through his tears..

Iba: That was you?

Mr B: Yes

Me: It was him

More tears fell, I couldn't hold back mine too.. I walked up to him..

Me: He is here to help you, you just need to believe. Believe that he is here

I laid his head on my thighs..

Me: Your father loves you very much and he couldn't go, he couldn't leave just yet

He squeezed my thighs and I felt some wetness and moist on my thighs..

Mr B: I love you with all my heart my Son, and I'm sorry for everything that you've been through

I couldn't go on with the communication, seeing him breaking like that. It broke me too

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QONDISIWE

I told Iba everything that his father told me, I told him about the poison, Lungi, Alfred, and Nokuthula. I didn't leave any detail out, and he was shocked, so was I. He hardly even slept, this whole thing got to him very bad. I was relieved that he believed me, there's things that his father mentioned that were only known by them which made him to believe me even more. The next morning I woke up and he was standing over at the balcony, lost in his thoughts. I went to him..

Me: Iba

He didn't even turn to look at me. I went and stood next to him, I didn't say anything..

Him: It's my Mother Qondi, she's my Mother

Your own Mother doing this to you, she has ruined her kids..

Him: How do you enforce a relationship between Siblings, Lungi was very close to marrying Nokuthula his own Sister and she said nothing. They slept together Qondi, I'm beyond the word "disgusted"

It was difficult to digest..

Him: She killed my Father, she took everything that belonged to me.. She wanted to steal the village from you and your people

I looked at him..

Me: What?

Him: I should've told you I know

Me: Usho ukuthini? (What do you mean)

Him: Lorraine was going to have the King sign over his land, then everyone was going to be evicted so she can use the whole land for the family business

Me: Umhlaba wethu ubuzothathwa wena wathula wangangitshela (Our village was going to be stolen from us, you kept quiet and didn't tell me)

Him: Honestly I didn't care because I wanted you here with me

I shook my head and went back to the bedroom, he followed me..

Him: I'm sorry

Me: I need to prepare for school

Him: I'll drive you

Me: I'll catch a taxi

Him: Qondi..

Me: I need some space Iba.. Please

Him: Okay, I'll give you some space

Me: Thank you

I walked to the bathroom...

KHABONINA

I looked at her, her eyes were wondering around..

Sindi: I didn't press any charges Khabo, when Lungi called me last night and asked me why I had you arrested I was shocked

Me: If you didn't then who did?

Her: It was Mrs Biyela

Me: Kanjani? (How)

Her: Khabo the honest truth is that I've been struggling financially for the past few months, I was close to being evicted when Mrs Biyela called me and asked to meet up with me. She made me an offer that if I help her, she would pay me. At that time I only thought about the money and I just went for it

Me: We your Sisters Sindi, if you were struggling you could've called me or Qondisiwe

Her: I'm sorry.. Ukuthi nje (It's just that)

She took a deep breath..

Her: You and Qondisiwe are doing better for yourselves, honestly speaking I've always been the better sister, pride just took over. I didn't see myself begging you and Qondi for help

Me: This woman is trying to destroy us and you helped her

Her: I'm truly sorry, I did it because I know that Qondi has a good heart. I know that she's very forgiving that's why it was easy for me to do it

Me: So what was going to happen next? Ubuzolala no Lungi? (Were you going to sleep with Lungi)

Her: Cha.. She said she had that covered

Me: You'll have to tell Qondisiwe what happened, before she tells her

Her: I can't

Me: Sindi

Her: Can't it just end up between us?

Me: She's going to tell her

Her: Iba is going to kill me if I say anything to uQondisiwe about this

Me: I don't care!! u Ibanathi akamthandi uQondi (Ibanathi doesn't love Qondisiwe)

Her: He does

Me: He doesn't, if he did he would've slept with you. He wouldn't be entertaining you

Her: I can't tell uQondisiwe I'm sorry

I stood up..

Me: Then get out of my house, and don't ever come back here

She looked at me..

Me: Hamba Sindi, angifuni nokukubona (Leave Sindi, I don't ever wanna see you again)

She got up and took her bag, I accompanied her to the door..

NOKUTHULA

I went to the living room where we see our visitors. It was Lungi's Mother, she stood up when I made my way to her..

Me: What are you doing here?

She sat down..

Her: I am here to see how you holding up

Me: It's not visiting hours, it's too early for that

Her: I asked if I could see you now and they agreed

(Silence)

Her: I'm truly sorry about your father, he was a very good man.. How are you feeling?

I shrugged my shoulders..

Me: I wanna attend his funeral, I wanna be out of here

Her: I'll make that happen, don't worry

Me: How is he?

Her: Lungi?

I nodded..

Her: He's okay

Me: He is still with her?

She looked down..

I took out the pregnancy test and tossed it at her..

Me: Tell him congratulations, he's going to be a Father

She took the pregnancy test and looked at it.

Her: How far long are you?

Me: 3/4 months

Her eyes widened...

Her: You never told us

Me: I didn't know, only found out last month

Her: Wow I.. I don't know what to say

I stood up..

Me: Good bye Lorraine

Her: I'll come and see you again

I walked away leaving her there...

LUNGISA

I was preparing myself for a meeting when Iba walked in..

Me: Hey.. Sorry about last night, I had an emergency

Him: It's cool

He sat down...

Me: You good?

Him: I couldn't sleep last night

Me: How is Qondisiwe? Did you guys talk things out?

Him: Sort off

I nodded..

Me: That's good

Him: Can I ask you something?

Me: Yeah sure

Him: Who are you loyal too? Between Me and Mom?

I looked at him...

Me: Where is that coming from now?

Him: I'm just asking

Me: I know that Mom is difficult at times but we family Bro, my loyalty lies with family

Him: I see

He got up..

Me: Maybe we can meet up later for drinks

Him: Yeah sure

Me: Or better yet, you and Qondi can come over for dinner

Him: I'll talk to her

Me: I'll hear from you then

Him: Cool

He left...

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IBANATHI

I was surprised when Sindi called me and said she has something important to discuss with me. I thought we agreed to never call nor see each other again, she assured me that it's very important. So I agreed that she can come over at my place so that we could "Talk"...

Her: Is Qondisiwe at school?

Me: You said it's important

Her: Yes it is

Me: I'm all ears

Her: Your mother paid me to sleep with you

Me: Excuse me?

Her: It's no secret that she hates Qondisiwe and Khabo, she's trying to do away with them

I folded my arms...She took out an envelope from her bag..

Her: This is some of the money that she paid me

Me: Why did you agree to do it?

Her: I was desperate, I needed money

Me: Money was more important to you? So much that you decided to betray your sister like that?

Her: I'm not here for you to judge me

She also took out her phone..

Her: I made sure you were dosed up on coke, and then I took a video. She was going to send it to Qondi but I haven't sent it to her as yet.. I'm going to delete it

Me: You dosed me up on coke? You could've killed me

Her: I'm sorry, I should've been upfront with you about this

Me: There's no use getting mad about this, delete the video

She deleted it..

Her: What about your mom?

Me: Don't worry about her, thank you for coming clean to me

Her: It's the least I could do

Me: Just don't tell Qondi about this

She nodded..

Me: Thank you again

Her: You welcome

I'm trying to understand my Mother but I'm failing too, she's more vicious than I thought.

KHABONINA

I saw her making her way to my table, my first thought was to meet her halfway and strangle her to death. Mrs Biyela is the devil in heels.. She looked at me..

Her: I was surprised to hear from you

Me: Please have a seat

She looked at the chair, and then she sat down..

Me: Would you like something to drink?

Her: No.. I'm good

She put her bag on the table..

Her: So what am I doing here? I doubt this is a mother and daughter in law moment

Me: Sindi told me that you paid her to sleep with Iba

She gave me a conniving smile..

Her: So?

Me: Why are you doing this? What is this obsession with your boys?

Her: I decide who carries the Biyela surname, you and your sister are not worthy for my Sons

Me: Shouldn't they decide that for themselves?

Her: A mother knows best

Me: There's more to this story, there's a reason why you keeping us away

Her: Look Dear, just pack up. Take your sister with you and go back to that useless village

Me: I would, but the problem is that your Son loves me to death

She nodded repeatedly..

Her: Nokuthula is coming back

Me: Good for her

She leaned over..

Her: I don't think you understand, she's pregnant

My heart almost stopped..

Her: I thought as much. So you really think that Lungi would still wanna be with you when his fiancé is pregnant? He's going to leave you.. She has an upper hand

Me: You lying

Her: Am I?

I don't think she was lying..

Her: I thought it would be difficult getting rid of you but.. Fate just intervened

She took her bag...

Her: Walk away Dear

This wasn't happening..

She took out some cash from her purse..

Her: Enjoy lunch, it's on me

She placed it on the table and walked away..

QONDISIWE

I was very quiet today at school, I had a lot of things running in my mind.. I was sitting with Happy, Akhona had gone to get us something to eat..

Her: Out with it

Me: Hmmmmm?

Her: What's bothering you?

Me: It's nothing

Her: Qondi talk to me

Me: Just that things between me and my boyfriend are a bit messy

Her: Is he cheating?

Me: What?

Her: When things get messy in a relationship the guy is the one that's cheating

Me: I don't think that he's cheating, we just.. We fight a lot and it's exhausting

Her: Relationships can drain your blood and your soul

Me: I mean.. I do love him but I don't know if we meant to be

Her: Then walk away

Me: I can't walk away

Her: Yes you can.. If you not happy walk away than to be in a relationship where you unhappy, it's not fair

Me: I wish it was that easy, Iba would kill me

Her: Iba?

Me: Ibanathi

Her: Biyela?

Me: Yes.. You know him?

Her: Everyone knows Ibanathi.. You dating that spoiled rotten prick

Me: Wow I can tell that he's not your favorite person

Her: I follow him on social media, he is a self centered bastard who only knows how to blow his family's money

Me: Well he is not that bad

Her: Not that bad, let me show you

She took out her phone and showed me a few videos of Iba in a club. The videos were old though

Her: He rolls with slay queens

I swear that I saw my Sister Sindi in one of the videos, she was sitting on his lap with some pipe in his hand that she was drawing smoke from it..

Happy: That is Sindi, she's always with him.. I bet my money that these two are fucking

Me: You think?

Her: Pshhhh girl come on!

I looked at the video again..

Her: I am sorry but I don't like this guy, at all

LUNGISA

I received a call from Khabo..

Her: Why didn't you tell me?

Me: Tell you what?

Her: Are you serious Lungi? First you didn't tell me that you had a fiancé now you not telling me that she's pregnant I had to hear it from your Mother! I thought we were a team

Me: Wait! What are you talking about? What do you mean that Nokuthula is pregnant

Me: Ohh so now you going to act as if like you didn't know?

Him: I didn't know! Look I'll call you back, clearly there's a lot that I have to discuss with my Mother!!!

I hung up...

IBANATHI

I knocked at his door..

Him: Come in

I walked in..

Him: Iba, it's so nice to see you

I closed the door..

Him: How are you holding up?

I went and sat down..

Me: I'm holding up good

Him: What can I do for you? Your mom is threatening to stop your trust fund again?

Me: Why did you do it?

Him: I'm sorry?

Me: The will.. Why did you change it?

Him: I don't know what you talking about

Me: Don't.. Don't do that.. My father had signed off everything to me and then you changed the will

He loosened his tie..

Me: Where is the original will?

He didn't say anything..

Me: Do you know that you going to get arrested for what you did? Everything that you've worked hard for is going to disappear into thin air

Him: You can't prove anything

Me: I can't? Why don't you ask yourself how I found out? You really wanna take this up with me? Because it won't end well for you

Him: Listen I didn't wanna be a part of this but your Mom..

Me: What hold does she have on you?

Him: He knows a lot of things about me, things that can ruin me and my family

Me: Well then I'm afraid I'm going to ruin your life more, unless..

Him: unless??

Me: Unless you retain the original will and destroy the fake one

Him: Iba..

Me: My Father trusted you, he trusted that my inheritance was going to be safe with you

Him: I didn't mean for any of this to happen

Me: Well then, you going to destroy that fake will and then give me a copy of the original will. Do not say anything to my mother, for now we going to make her think that she possesses everything

Him: I'm truly sorry Iba, I didn't mean to..

Me: I need the copy of the original will.. Now!

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QONDISIWE

The possibility of my Sister sleeping with my boyfriend made me sick to my stomach, is this the reason why uSindi has been avoiding me? For how long has this thing been going on between them? How could Sindi do this to me? She's my sister!!.. School was finally out, I took a taxi straight home. I wanted to confront Iba about this, I needed him to look me in the eye and tell me the truth.. Lucky for me he was home, he was even dressed up..

Him: I'm glad you home, I want to take you out

I threw my bag on the bed, I looked at him and my heart just broke into a million pieces. Iba has not been good to me, the last time I was happy with him was when we started dating. Now all he does is hurt me and make me cry..

Him: Qondi I know that things between you and-

Me: Are you sleeping with my sister?

His eyes widened..

Him: Angizwanga? (Pardon)

Me: Are you sleeping with Sindi?

He rubbed his eyes..

Him: Qondi

Me: So it's true?

Him: I didn't mean for it to happen

Me: She's my sister!!! (Shouting)

Him: It was a terrible mistake

Me: What did I ever do to you? Ngikwenzeni?

Him: Babe no don't do that, it's all my fault

Me: Why are you doing this to me? Why Iba? All I ever did was to love you!!

Him: I know..

Me: You have hurt me before, but this.. With my own sister? Couldn't you find someone else at least?

He didn't say anything..

Me: Why? Is it because I don't know much about sex? Do you even love her?

He walked up to me..

Him: No.. Of course not, I don't love her.. I love you

I shook my head..

Me: No you don't

He tried touching me..

Me: You don't love me and don't even touch me right now, I don't want you to touch me and I hate being under the same roof as you

Him: Okay..Okay.. Okay, tell me what to do so that I can fix this, so that I can fix us

Me: I don't wanna be with you

Him: Don't say that

Me: I hate you and you disgust me!! I just wanna be far... Very far away from you

He got down on his knees..

Him: Qondisiwe I am sorry

Me: You can have her it's fine, I'm leaving

I walked to the closet..

Him: Leaving is not an option

Me: I just wanna be far away from you

He stood at the door..

Him: Qondi

Me: I hate you and I wanna go!! (crying)

Him: Uzoyaphi?

Me: I don't know!! Angazi kodwa what I know is that I wanna be far away from you

Him: Okay this is madness, I know you mad but you not leaving

Took out my clothes from the closet and threw them on the floor..

Him: Have you found someone?

I ignored him..

Him: Qondisiwe!!! (Shouting)

My heart jumped..

Him: What is this? Have you found someone

I continued taking my clothes from the closet, he walked up to me and grabbed my arm..

Him: Have you found someone?

Me: Ngiyeke Iba!! (Let go of me)

He shook me..

Me: Ngithe Ngiyeke!! (I said leave me alone)

I don't know what got to me but I slapped him, I slapped him across the face. He threw me down on the floor..

Him: You will never ever raise your hand on me do you understand?

I looked at me..

Me: I'm still leaving

He looked at me for a few seconds..

Him: Okay if you wanna leave you can leave, but let me show you how you going to leave!!

He walked up to me and grabbed me by my hair.. He dragged me out..

Me: Iba uyangilimaza (Iba you hurting me)

He dragged all the way to the balcony..

Him: This is your way out!!

Me: Iba!!!!!!

He let go of my hair and opened the sliding door, I tried crawling but he grabbed me by my hair again..

Me: Iba stop!!!

Him: This is your only way out

I held on to the edge of the sliding door, he started kicking me on my back..

Him: You wanna leave me for who?

He continued kicking me, I felt every kick..

Me: Iba you are going to kill me!! (screaming)

He went on and on, until my grip loosened, then he picked me up and went straight to the balcony with me. I grabbed his shirt..

Him: You still wanna leave me???

Me: Iba please (crying)

I don't think I've ever been this scared in my life before.. He was trying to throw me off the balcony, this was not the man that I fell in love with. I don't know him anymore, I don't know this stranger.. I saw my necklace glowing, then something happened. I saw Nowisa, she stood at the doorway just next to the sliding door..

Her: Ibanathi

Ibanathi put me down, he turned and I think he also saw her..

Her: Ayenzwa njalo Indoni yamanzi (You can't do that to a Guardian)

Iba: Who the hell are you?

Nowisa raised her hand up..

Me: Nowisa!!

I knew she was going to send him flying, she was going to leap him off the balcony..

She looked at me..

Instead she looked at him, then I saw Iba rubbing his eyes..

Iba: I can't see anything!!!

Nowisa looked at me and then made her way to me, she stretched out her hand to me then she helped me to get up..

Me: Awww...

Her: Askies sisi

She helped me to walk back into the bedroom, then she locked him out..

She helped me to sit on the bed..

Me: Nowisa???

She sat next to me..

Her: Phephisa sisi

She hugged me, and I just cried...

Her: Phephisa

LUNGISA

I sat there as she made her way to me, I needed answers. Why didn't Noks tell me about this? Why didn't she call me or something???. She sat down next to me, I was sitting on the couch. She didn't say anything..

Me: Is it true?

(Silence)

I looked at her..

Me: Is it true?

Her: What's true?

Me: Don't.. Don't do that

She sighed..

Her: Yes I'm pregnant

Me: Dammint Noks!! Why didn't you tell me?

Her: Tell you? Weren't you the one who was busy telling me that you have moved on? Didn't you tell me that you found someone else??

Me: Don't play that card with me, I had the right to know!!

Her: Now you know.. So what?

Me: It doesn't change anything

She chuckled...

Her: Bye Lungi

Me: No.. No.. You won't do that

Her: I'm going to raise my child alone, you can go back who... What's her name again?

She got up from the couch...

Her: Please don't come back here ever again!

She walked away..

Me: Noks I'm not done talking to you

She continued walking away...

Me: Noks!!!! (shouting)

One of the staff looked at me.. I can't believe Noks is doing this..

QONDISIWE

Nowisa stayed with me until Khabo showed up, she was with a friend I had called her. Nowisa kept Iba locked up the whole time, he was just banging on the sliding door couldn't open it. Nowisa kept it locked like that. Immediately when they walked into the bedroom, Nowisa returned back Ibanathi's vision then she disappeared..

Khabo: Qondi??

She walked up to me and hugged me..

Me: Ouch...

She broke the hug and looked at me..

Her: What? What did you mean that he beat you up?

I lifted my t-shirt, and then she checked my back. Iba opened the sliding door and walked in. Khabo pulled down my t-shirt and charged at him...

Khabo: Ujwayela abantu kabi, hayi ngengane ka Ma!!!!

Khabo threw back to back claps at him, so much that Iba couldn't defend himself. The last slap he tripped and fell because he was walking backwards, Khabo got ontop of him and continued slapping him..

Khabo: Ngizokubulala ngengane ka Ma uyezwa?? (I'm going to kill you with my Mother's child)

The claps turned into punches, giving him no chance to return the treatment. Khabo got off him...

She looked around, Iba also tried to get up. I could tell that he was bleeding from his nose and mouth..

Me: Khabo myeke (Khabo leave him)

Iba staggered around and went to Khabo, with all the strength he had he punched my sister. That only pissed Khabo more.. Khabo put her hands around his neck, then she brought his face down which came in contact with her knee, he let go of him and Iba fell.. Khabo put her foot on his throat..

Khabo: Ngizokunyathela uyezwa? (I'm going to kill you)

Iba had no come back, he was done..

Me and the friend looked at each other, I was scared to say something, she was also scared to say something..

Khabo: Betty go get Qondi's things before ngimbulala lo!!!!

She glanced down at him while breathing heavy, Iba was coughing blood and no strength left in him. I think the knee situation finished him.. Khabo pulled her skirt a little and pressed harder, Iba tried to get her foot off from his throat but he couldn't..

Khabo: Ngizokubulala nya, kokhala uMa wakho la akhona mfana(I'm going to kill you,

your mom will cry wherever she is)

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QONDISIWE

Khabo's friend drove us straight to Lungi's house, I had taken most of my things and we left Iba there on the floor. I don't even know if he was okay or not, I didn't even dare check up on him. When it comes to fighting Khabo is good, she used to kick ass back at our village and almost everyone was scared of her. She was more of a Mother to us than a Sister, she used to straighten us when we were naughty. I think that's another reason why Sindi left and went to Johannesburg, Khabo was too much.. When we got to the house, she put a warm cloth on my back. I was too much in pain that I couldn't even walk properly..

Her: Uyaqala ukukushaya? (Was this the first time he beat you up)

Me: Cha.. (No)

Her: Wathula Qondisiwe (You kept quiet)

Tears were streaming down, I imagined that balcony scene. He could've killed me..

She pressed a bit harder..

Me: Ouch Khabo

Her: Thula Qondi! Azange usho ukuthi lo mfana uyakshaya (Keep quiet, you didn't tell me that this boy is beating you)

She clicked her tongue, now I won't tell her the whole story. She's going to be more mad.

Her: Qondi indonda ikshaya kanye nje, izophinda futhi (If a man beats you once, he's going to beat you up again)

I wiped my tears..

Her: You not going back there again!

I closed my eyes..

LUNGISA

Iba had called me and told me that he was attacked, he was in bad shape that I had to take him to the hospital.. When he told me the whole story that Khabo beat him up, I couldn't help but laugh..

Doctor: You going to need a minor surgery, your nose is broken

Iba: Do what you gotta do!!

Me: I don't understand, why did Khabo beat you up?

He didn't say anything..

Me: Iba

Iba: Leave me alone Lungi, what you should know is that your girlfriend is going to pay for this!!

Me: Really? After how she battered you, you really wanna go at her again?

Him: I ain't not punk!!!!

Doctor: Keep still

Iba: Are you going to be done anytime soon?

Iba was all worked up..

My Mother came rushing in..

Ma: Ohh my word!!

She dropped her bag..

Ma: Bungee who did this to you?

Iba: You called her?

Me: Well I didn't know who attacked you so..

Ma: Baby did you see who did this to you?

I chuckled..

Ma: Who did this to you?

Iba: It's nothing Ma

Ma: What do you mean it's nothing? Did you look at yourself?

Iba: I'm fine!! You not supposed to be here

Ma: Lungi who did this?

I cleared my throat..

Me: Khabo (low voice)

Ma: Who?

I scratched my forehead..

Me: Khabo

Ma: What??

She looked at Iba..

Ma: Who the hell does she think she is? Iba is my son! She has no right beating my Son akamzalanga

Me: Iba yena wenzeni? (What did Iba do)

Ma: Yabona lamasimba we ntombi yakho Lungi? (You see this bloody girlfriend of yours)

Iba: Ma let it go

Ma: I'm calling the cops, we going to lay charges

Me: Ma... No

My mom went and got her bag, I walked up to her..

Me: You not calling the cops

She hit me with her bag..

Ma: She almost killed my child! Look at him!!

Iba: Lungi is right, you can't call the cops

Ma: Iba she deserves to be put away, clearly she's an animal

Iba: If you have her arrested, I'm also going to jail

Me: Why?

He kept quiet..

Me: Iba?

Iba: I beat Qondisiwe up

Me: There you go.. I'm leaving

Ma: So what? That doesn't give her the right to beat my son!!

I walked away, my Mother grabbed my arm..

Ma: Tell that hooligan I'm coming for her!! Ngizomunyisa

Me: Whatever Ma

She let go of my arm and then walked away..

QONDISIWE

Khabo: Benilwe lani (Why were you guys fighting)

She gave me the pain killers and the glass of water..

Me: I confronted him about sleeping with Sindi, then he lost it

Her: You confronted him about Sindi?

Me: He was sleeping with her

Her: Ohw

I looked at her..

Me: You not shocked

Her: In my defence I beat her up too

Me: You knew!!? (shouting)

She raised her eyebrow..

Her: Ngithe ngimshayile angithi (I said I beat her up)

Me: You knew Khabo.. Wathula (You kept quiet)

Her: It was not my place to say anything

I drank the pills..

Khabo: Just focus on getting better ubayeke (leave them alone)

I rolled my eyes..

Her: Mana ke ngokudelela (Don't disrespect me)

She took the glass..

Her: Try and get some rest

Me: Thank you

IBANATHI

Dr: Tomorrow morning you'll go for surgery

Ma: Thank you Dr

Him: The Nurse will come and book you a word

He walked away..

Ma: Ngikhathele ngalama ntombazana (I'm tired of this girls)

Me: Ma can you please leave?

Her: I'm not leaving

She went and sat on the chair, I took my phone and texted Qondisiwe...

"This is not over, if you think you going to leave me. Think again"

KHABONINA

I was now at the kitchen washing dishes when Lungi walked in.. I didn't even look at him, I continued washing dishes while singing..

Me: "Qala apha kum, uze endodeni"

He stood next to me and folded his arms, he kept his eyes on me..

Me: "Qala apha kum, uze endoneni"

He still didn't say anything, but his look was getting to me. I stopped washing dishes and looked at him, he looked at me too..

Me: Uyakhuluma yini? (Do you have something to say)

I went back to washing dishes..

Him: I'm just wondering if I'm safe being around you right now

Me: Why wouldn't you feel safe?

Him: I don't know.. Maybe it's because you broke my brother's nose

I laughed..

Me: Ohw..

Him: You roughed him up

Me: Shame...

Him: Do you know how serious this is? What if you beat up someone one day and actually kill that person?

Me: Kuyobe kuyibhadi lakhe loyo muntu (That would be the person's bad luck)

Him: This is serious Khabo

Me: Kanti ubani ohlekayo? (Who's laughing)

Him: Phela angisu lba mina (I'm not Ibanathi)

Me: Ang'didekile (I'm not confused)

He tried touching my arm but I sprinkled the soapy water on his face..

Me: Don't start Lungi

He held both my hands and pushed me backwards until I was against the fridge, he pinned both my hands on my chest..

Him: Look at me!!!

I looked at him..

Him: Just because you beat up Sindi and Iba that doesn't mean you a boxing champion

I tried to get away from his grip but I couldn't, he was a lot stronger..

Me: Awungiyeye Lungi (let go of me)

Him: Ngizokushaya Khabo and you won't believe it!!!

I stopped forcing to break away from his tight grip because I wasn't winning..

Him: Why are you soo mad?

Me: I'm not mad Lungi

Him: You mad about something, and I'm not going to release you until you tell me what's wrong

Me: He beat up my little sister!!

Him: That's not the real reason why you mad

I kept quiet..

Him: Then we going to stand here forever

A few seconds passed, then a minute. He didn't move, he was serious..

Me: Let go of me and then we'll talk

He released me, I tried slapping him but he held my arm and twisted it a bit..

Him: Ang'dlali nawe (I'm not playing with you)

Me: Eish maan okay then

He let go..

Him: Talk to me

I looked at my arm..

Him: What is it?

Me: I'm just tired

Him: Tired of what?

Me: I'm tired of talking, I'm tired of feeling drained.. I'm just tired...

Him: Tired of what?

Me: Of everything, your Mother's hate towards me and my sisters. I'm wondering what she has in store for us and if we going to survive it? Look at what she did to Qondisiwe and Iba?

He hugged me thight..

Me: After everything I've been I've been through, losing you would shatter me

Him: That's not going to happen, I'm not going anywhere

QONDISIWE

I read Ibanathi's message, I kept on reading it until tears started forming in my eyes..

Nowisa: Qondisiwe

I slowly turned and looked at her..

She came and looked and sat next to me..

Me: Ngiyabonga (thank you)

Her: uyindoni yamanzi ngeke sakuyekelela (You are Indoni yamanzi, we would never neglect you)

Me: Nowisa nawe cishe wangbulala (You almost killed me)

Her: Bongeke uze ufe (You were never going to die)

(Silence)

Her: Uyindoni yamanzi umfula uyakuhlonipha (The river respects you)

(Silence)

Her: Qondisiwe ngilibhekile iksasa lakho no Ibanathi, akakulungele (I've seen your future with Ibanathi, he's not good for you)

Me: Ngeke ngabuyela esgodini ngayohlala emfuleni (I would never go back to the river)

She smiled..

Her: Ngiyakwazi lokho (I know that)

She's not protesting, that's a first..

Her: Kodwa ngilibonile iksasa lakho nomunye (I've seen your future with someone else)

Me: Nowisa

Her: Ukulungele Qondisiwe (he's good for you)

Me: I'm not going to marry someone from the village, someone that you wanna benefit from

Her: Ntsikayezwe Sodlaka

Me: Huh?

Her: Ukubakhona kwakho kulesa sikolo nokuba khona kwakhe akusiyiphutha (Him being at that school and you being there, it's not a mistake)

Me: Nowisa uthini (what are you saying)

She disappeared..

Me: Nowisa???

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QONDISIWE

[ONE MONTH LATER]

I walked in on Lungi and Khabo arguing..

Lungi: I think it was way too early for Qondisiwe to start dating again. She still has to heal from her relationship with Iba, she shouldn't be jumping from one relationship to

another one like this

Khabo: Qondisiwe doesn't have much experience when it comes to dating, she needs to date a little and see how relationships are so that next time, she can tell the difference from a good and a toxic relationship

Him: This guy is what in his 30s?

Her: All the more reason why I like him, he is a man he knows what he wants

Him: You don't even know him

Me: Why do I have a feeling that you want Iba and Qondisiwe to date again?

Him: I didn't say that

Khabo noticed that I was standing there..

Khabo: There she is

Him: He's her teacher for fucks sake

Khabo rolled her eyes at him..

Khabo: Wow you look nice Nana

Me: Thank you

I don't know how it happened but I have been doing extra afternoon classes with Ntsika at school because maths was a challenge for me, then one thing led to another and here we are today in a relationship. Taking things slow, I don't know how slow we taking them because he is coming over for dinner, Khabo wanted to meet him.. We heard the bell ringing..

Me: I think that's him

Khabo: I'll get it

Lungi: It's my house I'll get it

I have since been living with Lungi and Khabo..

Lungi went and opened the door..

Ntsika: Good evening

Lungi: Can I help you?

Him: I don't know if I have the right address but I'm here because I was invited for dinner

Lungi: Dinner?

Him: Qondisiwe lives here right?

Lungi: I don't know if you asking or telling me

Khabo: Lungi!

Lungi stepped back and Ntsika walked in..

Khabo: Woow

He was holding two bouquets of flowers, and a gift bag.. He handed the gift bag to Lungi..

Him: I'm guessing you are Qondisiwe's brother in law, this is for you

Lungi took it and opened it, he took out a box of whiskey..

Lungi: Glenmorangie pride 1978 Single malt scotch whisky

Lungi looked at him shocked..

Lungi: This is very expensive, I thought you were just a teacher how did you afford this?

Ntsika: It was a gift, but I'm not much of a drinker

He moved on and came to Khabo..

Him: You must be Khabo?

Khabo: Yes I am

He handed her the bouquet of lilies..

Khabo: Thank you

Then he handed me the bouquet of roses... Me: Thank you

Him: You look lovely

Me: Thank you

He looked at me and I looked at him..

Khabo: I'll put the flowers on the counter, I'll sort them later. Please you can make your way to the living room

He followed me to dining table..

Ntsika: This house is beautiful

Me: It is

Lungi and Khabo joined us.. Ntsika took the napkin and put it on my thighs, he is such a gentleman..

Lungi: How did you buy such an expensive whisky? It's worth what? 80-100k

Khabo: A what?

Ntsika: I told you, it was a gift

Lungi: A gift from who? I'm rich but I have never bought myself such an expensive whisky, who can buy someone such an expensive whisky?

Khabo: He said it was a gift Lungi

Khabo faked a smile..

Ntsika: This is a lovely house, thank you for inviting me

Khabo: You welcome

Lungi: You seem like a smart guy, why teaching?

Me: Lungi

Lungi: It's just an innocent question

Ntsika: I just love it

Lungi: You love it?

Ntsika: Yes I do

Lungi: Where do you live?

Ntsika: Around

Lungi: Around where?

Ntsika: Around town

Khabo: Can we start eating?

Me: I think that's a good idea

Lungi: So you date students?

Khabo: I'm really sorry Ntsika

Lungi: You can lose your job if the department finds out

Me: Kanti who is going to tell?

Lungi: I'm just saying

Khabo: Please excuse us for a few seconds

Ntsika: Of course

Khabo: Lungi kitchen please..

They both stood up and went to the kitchen..

Me: I'm really sorry

Ntsika..

Ntsika: It's okay.. He is just being protective I understand

Me: He's being a jerk

He chuckled..

Him: I don't remember getting a kiss

He leaned over and kissed me..

NOKUTHULA

Mrs B: Here you go

Me: Thank you

I took the bowl of ice cream from her..

Her: How are you feeling today?

Me: The morning sickness situation is really draining

Ever since I was released I've been living with Mrs Biyela, I was released before my father's burial..

Mrs B: Lungi should be there on your next appointment

Me: Lungi is happy with his new woman, he doesn't care about us

Mrs B: don't say that, he has to take responsibility and man up

Me: I don't know.. I'll call him

Her: I'll talk to him

Me: Thank you

IBANATHI

I heard a knock at the door..

Me: Coming

I went to open, it was Sipho. He walked in..

Me: You late

Him: I'm here now

He handed me the file, I looked at it..

Me: He's clean

Him: There's nothing on this guy

Me: There has to be something

Him: He's cleaner than the snow, no criminal record, no bad past

Me: No... There has to be something

Him: Well there's nothing on Ntsikayezwe Sodlaka

Me: There has to be something

Him: There only thing that you can get him on is dating a student

Me: He's gonna lose his job that's nothing

Him: He won't be hired anywhere else with such a record

Me: How is that going to make Qondisiwe leave him?

Him: If he values his job then he will leave her

Me: That's a weak threat

Him: It's the only thing you can use against him

I tossed the file on the counter...

Me: There has to be something, he cannot be this clean

QONDISIWE

Dinner wasn't that nice with Lungi acting like a jerk..

Ntsika: Thank you very much, the food was delicious

Khabo: You welcome

Me: I'll walk you out

Ntsika: Good night Ms Langa

Khabo: Good night

I walked him out to his Run x..

Me: I'm sorry again about Lungi

Him: At least he didn't attack me so it's all good

Me: He is Ibanathi's Brother so..

Him: Now I understand

He pulled me closer to him for a hug..

Him: Maybe tomorrow I can take you out, to my joint

Me: I'd like that

He kissed me..

Him: I should get going before he comes out

I chuckled...

Him: I'll call you before you sleep

Me: I'd like that

Him: Good night Ndoni

The Ndoni name is now popular at school because of Happy..

Me: Night

I watched him as he got into his car..

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QONDISIWE

I was very upset with Lungi, what he did was uncalled for.. I walked back into the house..

Lungi: I'm just looking out for you

Me: That was uncalled for, is this about Iba?

Him: Not at all.. Qondisiwe he gave me the most expensive whisky, who would gift him with the most expensive whisky?

I kept quiet..

Lungi: Just find out where he lives at least and find out who he is, I don't want you being in another Ibanathi kind of relationship

He was making sense though, Ntsika and I have been dating for a month now. I don't

know where he lives, we always meet in public places it's not good

I went to my bedroom and rang him..

Him: Miss me?

I could tell that he was still driving..

Me: Are you serious with me?

Him: Yes I am

Me: Then I need to know more about you

Him: Okay?

Me: Tomorrow instead of going out can we have lunch or dinner at your place?

Him: Errr

Me: Ntsika I'm from a bad relationship

Him: I'm not him

Me: How would I know when you don't even want to tell me anything about yourself?

Him: Qondi

Me: If you don't want me to know about yourself then maybe we should call this quits

Him: Okay then you can come over at my place tomorrow morning, I'll text you the address in the morning. I won't be able to pick up though because I'll be tidying up

Me: It's okay

Him: Don't come with Lungi

Me: I'll ask a friend

Him: See you then

Me: Good night

I immediately went to the whatsapp group and texted them, Happy and Akhona know about him. Akhona agreed to drive me, she will borrow her mom's car. At least tomorrow I'll find out who Ntsika is..

NOKUTHULA

The following morning I woke up and called Lungi, he picked up..

Him: Noks

Me: Monday I'm going to the Dr, was wondering if you want to come?

Him: Thought you wanted nothing to do with me

Me: Do you want to come or not?

Him: Tell me the time and which Dr

Me: I'll text you Monday morning

(Silence)

Him: How are you holding up?

Me: I'm good just morning sickness

Him: Did you tell your Dr about it?

Me: I'll tell him on Monday, I thought it was normal

Him: I can go to the pharmacy and get you something

Me: I don't wanna burden you

Him: You pregnant with my child, you not bothering me

Me: I would really appreciate that

Him: Where are you staying?

Me: With your Mother

Him: I'm not surprised

Me: I need someone and she's the only person who actually cares about me and the baby

Him: I wasn't complaining, it was just a genuine question

Me: I'll wait for you

I heard a voice of a woman at the background.. I clenched my Jaws

Him: I'll come over a bit later

Me: See you then

I hope this baby will bring me and Lungi together, the honest truth is that I still love him with all my heart...

IBANATHI

"Squad goin' up, nobody flippin' packs now

I just did 3 in a row, them shows is back-to-back to back now

Put the world on our sound, you know PARTY and The Weekend.. Ain't got no motherfuckin' time to party on the weekend. Tell Gelo, "Bring the juice, we about to get lit Fill the room up with some tings, one night off and this is it"

I was laying in bed going through Ntsika's account on Facebook, but I didn't find anything suspicious. He was just another dude, living an ordinary life. I shook my head, his pics weren't impressive. Teachers don't earn that much I'm guessing.. Lungi's phone came through..

Me: Bro

Him: How are you holding up?

Me: I'm good

Him: Was just checking up on you

Me: How is Qondisiwe?

Him: She's good.. She's very good

Me: She's dating for real?

Him: Yeah.. He even came last night for dinner

Me: I've been trying to get something on him but his clean

Him: Yeah I don't think so

Me: I'm listening

Him: He gifted me with a bottle of Glenmorangie whisky the most expensive one
I laughed..

Me: How can a teacher afford that?

Him: My thoughts exactly

Me: I mean he drives a Range Rover, they don't even make them anymore. Are you sure he didn't put a cheap whisky in an expensive bottle?

Him: Haven't tasted it

Me: You should, or throw it away before you get sick

Him: I don't trust this guy

Me: What does he even buy Qonzi? I'm sure their first date was at KFC

He laughed too..

Him: He doesn't look rich though

Me: I can triple his salary for the next 5 years

Him: Maybe we should gift him an expensive whisky

Me: Or a new car

We both laughed..

Me: He must step back because I'm getting my girl soon, then I'll gift him a car just for being there when Qonzi was confused

Him: I'll put in half of the money

We laughed again..

Me: He doesn't know about us does he? He doesn't know how rich we are?

Him: I don't think so, he tried flashing with flowers and whisky

Me: He's getting cocky, he won't know what hit him

Him: Go easy on him

Me: I'll try.. Though I'll be degrading myself going against a teacher, I probably would buy a pair of sneakers with his salary

Him: I wonder what he's going to do when the affair secret comes out

Me: He will learn because after that he won't get another job

Him: mele asuke emabhozeni

Me: This is going to be easy, I thought you upgrade from your ex. Qondi downgraded

Him: Qondisiwe is inexperienced

Me: Well I'm about to school him, watch and learn

Him: I will be watching alright

This is going to be very easy...

QONDISIWE

Akhona: Are you sure this is the right address?

Me: Yes.. Look

I gave her my phone..

Me: He texted me this morning

Happy: Guys we should go, I don't think we at the right house

Akhona: It's a private estate, maybe we are lost indeed

Ntsika did text me the address and also gave me directions, where we were parked right now doesn't look like it's his house. It can't be his house, he's only a teacher..

Happy: Maybe we should check

Happy opened the door..

Akhona: Happy wait, you going to get us arrested for trespassing

Happy: We just asking

We all got out of the car and made our way to the gate. The house was in between Jhb and Pta, just one big house and a big yard. No neighbours.. We got to the gate and the security guard approached us..

Happy: Uhm good morning Sir

Him: Morning

Happy: I think we lost.. We looking for Mr Ntsika Sodlaka?

He looked at us..

Him: Are you Qondisiwe?

We all looked at each other..

Me: I'm Qondisiwe

Him: Do you have an ID with you?

Me: Uhm no

Him: Excuse me

He took out his walkie-talkie while walking away, he was on it for a while then he came to us and opened the gate. We walked in..

He had a gun with him, he was buffed and wearing a bullet proof vest. He walked back to the small house situated next to the gate and came back with a pad and a pen..

Him: Please sign

We all signed..

Him: Are you ladies carrying any weapons?

Akhona: Huh?

Him: Hair pins?

Akhona: No..

Him: Please give me your phones

Happy: Why?

He gave Happy a serious look, we gave him our bags..

Him: Follow me ladies

We followed him. There were about 3 expensive cars parked in the driveway and a bike. We were all very confused.. We got to the door and he opened..

Him: Please come in

We made our way in..

Happy: Woow!

Akhona: Where are we??

Ntsika walked in..

Ntsika: Ladies

No one greeted him back.. He looked at the guard..

Ntsika: Thank you

He bowed a little and walked out..

I looked at him..

Me: Ntsika what is going on?

He scratched his head..

Some woman walked in, she looked like a maid. Well she was a maid, she was wearing the uniform. She was holding two shirts..

Her: Sir which shirt are you going to wear today?

Ntsika looked at them.. The shirts looked identical...

Ntsika: This is a tough one

Akhona: They both look the same

The maid looked at her..

Maid: Yes they are but they from different designers

Akhona: You buy the same clothes from different designers?

Ntsika: Yes

Akhona: Wow

maid: It's all about the designer not the piece of clothing

Happy: Talk about wasting money

They both looked at her..

Happy: Sorry

Ntsika: You know what Maria, I won't be going anywhere today so my sweat pants will be fine

Her: very well Sir

Me: I'm sorry but I'm confused here. Are you rich?

Ntsika: Filthy

Akhona: What? (low voice)

Ntsika: Can you please get the ladies something to drink?

Maria: That's not my responsibility Sir

Ntsika: I know but please

She looked at us..

Maria: What would you ladies like to drink?

Happy: Please give us your most expensive bottle of champagne

Akhona: Happy!

Happy: What he said his filthy rich

Ntsika put his hand on Maria's shoulder..

Ntsika: Please show her to the bar.. The exclusive bar

Maria: But Sir..

Ntsika: It's alright

Maria: Please follow me

Happy followed her and so did Akhona..

Maria: Do you have any phones on you?

Happy: No they took our bags

Maria: Very well

They both left with her.. I looked at Ntsika..

Him: Looks like I have a lot of explaining to do

Me: I think you do

Him: Let's go to the garden

Ntsikayezwe Sodlaka, who are you??

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Tomorrow I'll be visiting the "Trophy Wife" Beloved

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QONDISIWE

I thought the guard situation ended at the gate, but even in the garden I saw a few guards wondering around with guns. The garden was huge, as we went in deeper I thought that we won't be able to find our way back to the house..

Me: What is all of this Ntsika?

Him: My previous relationships the women with me because of my status, they got too hooked up in my money and who I was. They started worshipping me, they didn't see me nor love me for who I was. You don't know how boring that became, I've always wanted to be in a relationship with someone who was going to fall for me, without all of this

Me: Is your real name Ntsika?

Him: Yes

Me: If I Google you, will I find anything about you?

Him: I'm using my Mother's surname

Me: How did you get to be this rich?

Him: Actually my family is very rich, we have businesses both in SA and overseas

Me: Geunine riches?

Him: Yes.. My Brother's are involved in the family businesses, I'm only the one who decided to take a different route

Me: How many siblings do you have?

Him: 5 brothers and one sister

Me: So even if you were to get fired, you covered?

He stopped and smiled a little..

Him: Technically you can't fire someone who owns the school

My eyes widened..

Me: You own the school?

Him: Yes.. When I was young I had a learning disability so the school means more to me

Me: You don't look like someone who was a slow learner

Him: That term is condescending, it's a "Special school"

Me: The school fees money do you pocket it?

Him: No.. It goes to charity

Me: What is your father's surname?

Him: That I can't tell you

Me: Ntsika you said you going to be honest with me

Him: I know.. Look I'll tell you about my family as time goes on, when our relationship is at least a year old

Me: Fair enough

Him: I'm truly sorry about not being upfront with you

Me: I understand, but please don't keep any secrets from me anymore.. Did you tell me everything?

He held both my hands..

Him: I've told you everything

I looked around..

Me: All this walking has tired me, can we rest?

Him: Come I'll carry you back to the house

I took off my shoes and hopped on his back

IBANATHI

I had asked my Mom to meet up with me so we could discuss something, something that's very important to me..

Me: I need you to take a step back when it comes to Qondisiwe

Her: There's no reason for me to be difficult because she broke up with you, didn't she?

Me: I'm trying to get her back and I want you to back off

Her: What's with this girl? Isn't she dating someone else?

Me: Yes a teacher

Her: So you going to degrade yourself by going against a teacher? Ibanathi that's very low.. Do you know who we are? We cannot degrade ourselves like that! This Qondisiwe is not good. She moved on like nothing happened, her and her sisters are not good. They use men to their financial advantage, she's dating her own teacher imagine!

Me: I love Qondisiwe Ma, and I'm going to get her back

Her: More like you obsessed with her. See these girls are very familiar with witchcraft, their beauty is enhanced to possess wealthy men! How come all of them are not dating someone ordinary? How come they not self made? This Qondisiwe tops the list ngobu febe, soon she will be dumping the teacher for someone who is loaded. They don't have any direction in life, they depend on men!

Me: Either way I want you to stay out of my business, I'm not a child anymore

She shook her head..

Her: I don't know what's with you and your brother, you should be concentrating on getting your life right. You not doing anything constructive Ibanathi

Me: I didn't call you here to go back and forth with you

Her: God must really help me with this one because I really don't like these Langa girls!
They gold diggers

QONDISIWE

He put me down..

Me: Thank you

Him: How well do you know your friends? And do you trust them?

Me: They good people, and yes I do trust him

He nodded..

Me: Why?

Him: I'm just asking

Speaking of the devils, Happy and Akhona showed up. Happy was holding a bottle of champagne..

Happy: I hope you don't mind, I'm taking this as my souvenir

Ntsika: By all means

Akhona: We should probably leave, your house is very beautiful

Ntsika: Thank you

Happy: I might show up every weekend for this champagne

Ntsika: No need. I can have them delivered for you, a month's supply

Happy: Just out of curiosity, how much is this champagne?

Ntsika: 1500

Happy: It's the only cheapest thing in your house I suppose?

Ntsika: Dollars

Happy: He said dollars

Akhona: That's approximately R22 000

Happy: So I'm getting drunk in the most expensive way?

Akhona: I suppose so

Happy: This is inappropriate he's our teacher

Ntsika: I'm probably going to be stepping down from that

Happy: Why?

Ntsika looked at me...

Him: Dating a student that's going to be a bad reputation for the school

Akhona: That's not going to make you suffer though, I'm sure you don't need the salary

Me: He actually owns the school

Happy: Do you also own the mall of Africa?

Ntsika chuckled...

Ntsika: Unfortunately not

Akhona: But we won't tell

Me: Lungi knows, he also probably told Ibanathi

Happy: That good for nothing woman beater, when is he dying?

Me: Happy!

Happy: What? He beat you up

Ntsika gave me a serious look..

Him: He beat you up?

I told him that I was in a bad relationship, never told him about the abuse..

Me: It's not that deep

Happy: He almost threw you off the balcony, he kicked you on your back. You almost became a paraplegic

Ntsika folded his arms and gave me a serious look..

Happy: He threatens you! He sends you threatening text messages

Him: Why am I only hearing about this now?

They all looked at me...

Me: Ibanathi is my past, that's why I don't even entertain him

Akhona: Guys we should get going

Happy: Why did they take our phones?

Ntsika: Privacy purposes

Happy: Ohh I see

Akhona: My mom needs the car guys, we should go

Happy: Okay let's go

Ntsika walked us out...

NOKUTHULA

I opened the door for him, we both looked at each other without saying anything at first..

Me: Hey

Him: Hi

I let him in..

Him: How are you?

I closed the door..

Me: I'm better

Him: Got you something from the pharmacy

Me: Thank you

(Silence)

Him: Your tummy is starting to show

Me: Yeah I know, I'll be very big soon

Him: You alone?

Me: Yes.. I was actually planning on doing some shopping later, for baby clothes

Him: I can drive you to the mall

Me: You don't have too

Him: I want too

Me: I'll go and bath then

Him: I'll be waiting right here

Me: Thank you again for getting me something

Him: You welcome

This might just work..

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QONDISIWE

The first thing I did when I got home was to Google Ntsikayezwe Sodlaka. I got no results, I searched "Ntsikayezwe Sodlaka who owns a school" still I got no results. My last search was "Ntsikayezwe and his brothers", still nothing. This was frustrating, I really want to know more about him and he's family.. I heard a knock at the door..

Me: Come in

Khabo made her way in..

Her: Kuhambe njani? (How did it go)

Khabo is my sister, she's like my best friend too. I'm used to telling her everything..

She came and laid next to me..

Me: What I'm about to tell you please don't Lungi

Her: Uyangithusa manje (you scaring me)

Me: Please promise

Her: I promise

I looked at her..

Me: He is rich Khabo, no Filthy Rich!

Khabo: Wait.. What?

Me: Ntsika is rich

Khabo: I thought he was a Teacher

Me: Yeah he owns the school

Khabo: Why is he hiding that he's rich?

Me: I'm not sure but he said he's family is very rich

Khabo: Did you Google them?

Me: He is using he's mother's surname, I can't find him

Her: Qondi I'm starting to feel somehow about this, what if he is dangerous? Why would he lie about who he is. Maybe Lungi was right about him, I'm concerned about your safety now

Me: He is a nice guy

Her: They all start like that, for the fact that he's hiding who he is bothers me a lot

Me: He will tell me more about himself as time goes on

Her: Mina I think you should leave him, he sounds like he is bad news

Me: That's extreme Khabo

Her: Do you remember what happened with Ibanathi? What if Ntsika is more dangerous than him.. I'm getting bad vibes about him now, I think you should walk away while it's still early

NOKUTHULA

We went to Ackermans to check a few baby clothes, Lungi was taken soo much that he said we should buy some..

Me: We don't know if it's a girl or a boy

Him: We'll buy both

Me: That's wasting money (laughing)

Him: It's good to start buying now than later when you about to give birth, we won't have time

"We" I liked the sound of that..

Him: You still don't know if it's a girl or boy?

Me: No.. I just want to be surprised

Him: I'm vouching for a boy

Me: I know you do

(Silence)

Me: How does Khabo feel about this?

The mood changed..

Him: Haven't talked to her about it, at least not in detail

Me: I don't want to cause troubles between you guys

Him: You carrying my child, there won't be any trouble that you causing

Me: You know what I mean

Him: Khabo will have to accept, this happened before she came into the picture

Me: What if she doesn't accept?

He ignored that question..

Him: I like this

I looked at the item..

Me: I like it too.. We'll take it

This seems easy, getting Lungi back won't be a problem at all. This Khabo of a person better watch out..

NTSIKAYEZWE

I scanned the area, I saw him sitting at some table alone. I made my way to him, followed by my 3 girls.. I stood at the table and looked at him, he moved his eyes from his phone and then looked at me..

Him: And what do you know? Are my eyes deceiving me?

Me: Ibanathi? Ibanathi Biyela?

Him: Who wants to know?

I expected him to be this cocky..

Me: I'm going to tell you this once, Stay away from Qondisiwe!

He laughed...

Him: You have some nerve showing up here and disturbing my lunch, I guess the restaurant doesn't respect their code of conduct anymore "Rights of admission reserved" People like you can't afford this place, and it's a damn shame looking at you right now!

One of the girls walked closer to him..

Her: You cannot address him like that

He laughed again..

Iba: You brought your sisters to fight your battles now? Dude go, you embarrassing yourself!

Me: I was trained to fight and kill way before you could utter the word "Mama" And I only challenge worthy opponents! Real man! and not a little girl who goes around hitting a woman because he can't deal with his little temper!!

He stood up..

Him: I'm giving you another chance to walk away before you embarrass yourself! Do you even know who I am? I can make your life miserable

He walked up to me..

Him: This little job of yours you gonna lose it and then I'll make sure that you don't get hired anywhere! Then you'll be a beggar, a worthless piece of shit!! You got balls showing up in here facing me with your little peanuts of a salary, walk away now or I'll make you remember the surname "Biyela"

I walked closer to him..

Me: Maybe you should ask who I am, your surname to mine means shit! I am a fucken prince! I am royalty you bitch! This little cents that you get from your company is money I use on my dogs every month! With what I'm worth, I can buy your life together with your family and that penniless company of yours and it would still not hurt my bank balance!

I took off my jacket and then rolled up my shirt sleeve..

Me: I have the Mkhize royal seal tattooed on me! Next time when you come at me, you better come correct and include "Your highness" before you start your sentence!!

I took the saviette from the table and hit him with it on his chest..

Me: Next time ask about Ntsikayezwe Mkhize.. Wipe yourself, you drooling!

I looked at the ladies...

Me: This is how much I respect you, you wanna act like a little girl then I'll degrade you to one.. Next time when you come for Qondisiwe, it'll be your last!!

One of the ladies gave me my jacket...

Her: Your highness

Me: Thank you

I looked at him..

Me: Lunch is on me

I looked at the ladies..

Me: See to it that you buy every item on the menu for him, matter of fact I'll fucken buy you this restaurant to show you that your little cents are just cents to me!!! Have a nice day!!

I made my way out and the ladies followed..

Lady 1: Your highness are you going to buy him this restaurant?

Me: Of course I am, it would be disrespect to who I am if I make such a statement and not deliver, I am royalty I have to stand by my promises. My father would diswon me

Lady 1: I understand your highness

Me: Find out who owns the restaurant

Lady 1: Yes your highness

I don't like flashing but this Ibanathi needed to be schooled, the rich way..

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NTSIKAYEZWE

When I got home I video called my father, he answered. He was in his study..

Me: Pops

Him: Son

Me: How are you?

Him: I'm well and how are you?

Me: I'm good.. I'm going to buy a restaurant

Him: The school is boring you already?

Me: No.. I'm buying it for someone

Him: A girl?

Me: No.. A rival

Him: A rival?

Me: Yes

Him: Why would you do that?

Me: It's only battle he understands.. Flashing

Him: That's unlike you, he must've really pissed you off

Me: He did.. But he's way too cocky, he won't accept

Him: He doesn't have a choice, no one can deny a gift from Royalty. That's disrespectful rival or not

Me: He's just a boy I even regret wasting my breath on him

Him: That doesn't matter, your already gave in your word. Your word is your law

He was holding a card in his hands...

Me: What's that?

Him: An invitation from the King of Swaziland

Me: What is it about?

Him: Some ceremony that is taking place today?

Me: Aren't you supposed to be on your way?

Him: No.. I requested the guest list he has invited King Bhekumuzi Ngwane the 5th,our sworn enemy

Me: Here we go

Him: We cutting all friendship that we had with the Swazi land

Me: Let's hear the speech, I know you dying to say it

Him: Long ago before I was even born. War broke out between the Ngwane and the Mkhize tribe on who should own the land. The Mkhize tribe won the fight that lasted for years. Bhekumuzi Ngwane the 1st gave in after he saw that more bloodshed was on his

tribe therefore he retreated. By then Ntsikayezwe Mkhize the 1st didn't know that his only Beloved Daughter, his pride had fallen for Bhekumuzi Ngwane. When the Ngwane tribe left, Nowisa Mkhize left with them. She chose them over her own People. Today the Zikhali village is what it is because they sacrificed our great ancestor for their land to be close to what the Mkhize land was, unfortunately even with that they couldn't beat us with riches. As long as we live the Ngwane tribe will forever remain our sworn enemies, the Zikhali village is our biggest rival. On our side, anyone who conspires with them would've committed treason, and that's punishable by death. The King of the Swaziland just made it to the list of people that we cannot trust

Me: Why don't we have anything on Nowisa? I don't know what she looks like

Him: She was said to be the most beautiful woman, after the betrayal her memories perished. King Ntsikayezwe the 1st even burnt her pictures and her everything

Me: That was the biggest betrayal

Him: Indeed.. Even when I'm gone I want the next king to carry through the betrayal we shall never make peace with the Zikhali village

Me: Why did you guys never went for them?

Him: The damn river! Nowisa is their greatest ancestor, we don't have anything like that here

Me: I understand

I looked at the time..

Me: Pops I have to go, I have a date

Him: Never forget that you a Prince and soon you will be a King, royal blood marries royal blood

Me: I don't know about the King part

Him: It's your destiny you can't keep on running away from that. Out of all your brothers, you were the one born with a birthmark. You were chosen from your Mother's womb. You can't keep on running away from that

Me: I don't wanna be a King, I want a normal life

Him: Unfortunately for you, you not normal

Me: I have to go.. Send my love to Mom

Him: We will see you next weekend

Me: Umemulo for Busisiwe, I almost forgot

Him: She would be so disappointed if she could hear that, out of everyone she wants you to be there

Me: I'll come with my girlfriend

Him: The disrespect

Me: Then I'm not coming, if I can't bring her with then I'm not coming

Him: Bye Ntsika before this turns into an argument

Me: Bye father

IBANATHI

The Mkhize family is very rich, they filthy rich. They worth a billion every year, I never knew that royalty can be this rich. They not listed with the other rich families because they Royal, they stand on their own. I read through on their history and the Ngwane tribe is their sworn enemies. They didn't state much about their feud, I wondered why such a poor tribe the Ngwane tribe would be rivals of such a wealthy family. Whatever went down between them is big. I sat and thought for a while, if Ntsikayezwe and his family are sworn enemies with the Ngwane tribe that means Ntsika and Qondisiwe cannot be since Qondisiwe is from the Zikhali tribe. They enemies, if this gets out Ntsika will be accused of "treason". The King will have no choice but be forced to put his own son to death, this was interesting. It was very interesting. They gonna kill both of them, I wonder if Ntsika knows that Qondisiwe is from the Zikhali village? If he does, then why would he put his life like that on the line for forbidden love? I was blown away this guy should've been careful when it comes to picking his battles. I took my phone and checked whatsapp, Qondisiwe had updated her status message with the song "Best thing I never had_Beyonce". I knew very well the song was for me, she hasn't blocked me on whatsapp and though we don't talk, but we usually communicate with each other via our whatsapp status messages. I'm not going to use this information right away, for now I'm going back to the table. I'm going to take what's rightfully mine, Ntsika flashing like that really got to me. I need to get my shit together and take the company next to the level, but in the meantime I'm going to break her heart and then when I'm done with

her. I'm going to break his heart and crush his soul, they going to regret ever messing with me. I unblocked Sindi and sent her a text message:

"It's Saturday, wanna go out clubbing"

Sindi is in a financial crisis, after everything that has happened both her sisters disowned her. She's on her own, what best revenge than to use her to break her own sisters..

QONDISIWE

Ntsika had texted me that he would like to take me out, so I was preparing myself. I know what Khabo said, but I trust him. I trust him a lot. I looked at myself in the mirror, then behind me I saw the Guardians, all 3 of them. Nowisa, Thabisile, and Nonhlanhla..

I turned and looked at them, I was shocked. All 3 of them together? That's a first..

Nowisa smiled..

Nowisa: Indoni yamanzi

I stood up from the dressing chair..

Nowisa made her way to me..

Her: Waze wamuhle (You beautiful)

Me: Ngiyabonga (Thank you)

She hugged me, then when she broke the hug. My necklace glowed. Nonhlanhla and Thabisile looked at it, I held the pendant. It was glowing, more than it ever glowed before. Nowisa was still standing before me.

Nowisa held it, it glowed more..

Her: Igcine nini ukukhanyisa? (When was the last time it glowed)

That shocked me, she is Indoni yamanzi she is supposed to see it glowing. I looked at Nonhlanhla and Thabisile, they didn't look that shock..

Me: Ngicabanga ukuthi akukho okubi kudala yagcina ukukhanya (I'm suspecting there's no danger, that's why it's been a while since it glowed)

She stepped back and went back to the other Guardians..

Her: Qondisiwe ngifuna wazi ukuthi sonke sesizwana kahle (I want you to know that we all get along very well now)

Me: I see

Nowisa: Ukulwa sisodwa bekungalunganga, siyizondini zamanzi (Fighting didn't get us nowhere, we all Guardians)

I nodded..

Nowisa: Sonke sikupha isibusiso ngobudlelwane bakho no Ntsikayezwe (We have blessed your union with Ntsikayezwe)

Me: Ngiyabonga (Thank you)

Nonhlanhla came to hug me..Then she whispered next to my ear..

Her: Ungamuthembi uNowisa (Don't trust Nowisa)

Then after Thabisile came to hug me too..

Her: Sizozama indlela yokuxhumana nawe (We will find a way to communicate with you)

She stepped back too..

Nowisa: Sesiyahamba (We leaving)

Me: Bye

They disappeared..

LUNGISA

I passed by at Ibanathi's place, he had called me to come. Said it's important...

Me: What's up?

Him: I need to talk to you about something, something very important

Me: I'm listening

Him: Where does your loyalty lie?

Me: We already spoke that Ibanathi

Him: If it comes to me and mom, who do you stand with?

Me: You, my loyalty will always lie with you if it ever comes to that

Him: I'm glad because I need you right now more than ever

Me: What are you talking about?

Him: I know that Mom changed the will

My jaw almost dropped to the floor..

Me: What?

Him: I managed to get hold of the old will but she doesn't know that

I didn't know what to say..

Him: I am also aware that you know about this

I looked at him..

Him: You are Mom's puppet, there's no way that you don't know about this. Hence why I needed to know who you stand with. Let me tell you something, Mom is not who you think she is. Mom only thinks about herself, she has used you in the most horrible way and if your loyalty truly lies with me then I'll tell you something big, something that will definitely break you. If you betray me and stand with her, you going to lose everything and in the process of that you will find out about this secret and it's going to break you I'm even seeing suicide

Me: Ibanathi what are you talking about?

Him: All that you need to know is that I need you in this fight that I'm initiating

He stretched his hand..

Him: let's shake on it

I looked at his hand, then I went and shook it.

Him: This is only the beginning.. Brothers for life?

Me: Brothers for life

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QONDISIWE

I walked out of the house to the gate, Khabo was cooking and Lungisa was not around. After everything that Khabo said to me earlier on, I'm glad she didn't walk me out my sister has no filter. She might just say unnecessary things to Ntsika... When I got closer to the gate, I heard a certain song playing. When I was close enough to see what was going on, Ntsika was leaning against a black car. Funny enough I didn't see this car parked at his house, it was my first time seeing it. He was dressed up, he wasn't wearing the usual suits that he wears, I'm guessing now he's going to start living his riches. I liked him more when he was still keeping everything under the carpet, I've seen people with money being unnecessary and arrogant like Iba. I know that I shouldn't be comparing them, but money does change a person in a way..

"Let me serve you up

Lemme lemme serve you up

See you can have it your way

You're the costumer

If you want me supersized with some loving on the side

Just ask for what you want cause your the costumer"

He moved his eyes from his phone and looked at me, like he was seeing me for the first time. I walked up to him..

Me: Good evening

He ran his eyes down at me then back up, he bit his lower lip..

Him: Good evening

Me: This is a ni-

He interrupted me with a kiss, a deep kiss with his one arm around my waist and the other arm placed gently on my hip. I put my hands on chest, we both the kiss with his warm breath hitting against my wet lip. He starred deep in my eyes..

Him: I love you

I smiled at him..

Me: I love you too

This was the very first time saying the words "I love you".

His phone interrupted us when it rang, I don't think he even noticed..

Me: Your phone?

Him: What about it?

Me: It's ringing

Him: Yaa.. My phone is ringing

He looked at it..

Him: It's My Mother, I have to take this

He pat me a bit on my hip and walked away to answer. I walked around admiring the car, what I saw printed on the bonnet surprised me. It was a Royal seal, I touched it and then looked at him... I looked at the royal seal again..

SINDISIWE

Everyone seemed to be having fun except for me. Iba was dancing with his friends, and singing along to the song. I was holding my champagne glass, I've only taken maybe two sips from it. He seemed happy tonight, I've never seen Ibanathi this happy..

"Squad goin' up, nobody flippin' packs now

I just did 3 in a row, them shows is back-to-back to back now

Put the world on our sound, you know PARTY and The Weeknd

Ain't got no motherfuckin' time to party on the weekend

Tell Gelo, "Bring the juice, we about to get lit"

Fill the room up with some tings, one night off and this is it

Always workin' OT, overtime and outta town

Shit is crazy back home, it kills me that I'm not around

I think we gettin' too deep; shit I'm talkin' might be too true

Upstairs I got xan's in an Advil bottle, I don't take them shits

But you do, so I got 'em for you"

I wasn't having any fun, I was not in the mood. A lot was running through my mind, ever since the cheating scandal my Sisters want nothing to do with me, they their own family now. The Langa family, without me included. Not to mention my financial state, I was still struggling with that.. Iba noticed that I wasn't okay, he came to the couch and sat next to me. Without saying anything, he moved some of the hair that was crowding my face and tucked it behind my ear..

Him: What's wrong?

I smiled..

Me: It's nothing

I drank my champagne..

Me: I thought we weren't supposed to see each other anymore

Him: I like spending time with you

He put his hand on my thigh...

Me: I've had a lot of drama lately, I don't want more

Him: You once told me that you were taking care of your family back at the village, today you struggling and where are your sisters to help? Khabo is very happy with my Brother she's going to have a restaurant soon. Qondisiwe is dating a filthy rich guy

I looked at him..

Me: She's dating a rich guy?

Him: Let me rephrase a rich prince

Me: Wow

Him: They living their best life, you still want an approval from them? They give zero fucks about you. Forgot everything that you did for them, you guys have your

differences yes but they your sisters and they suppose to have your back in good and bad times. Lungi and I we have our differences, but at all times he has my back

He ran his hand on my thigh..

Him: It's time now to do you, fuck them!! Fuck Qondisiwe that bitch goes around and makes everyone believe that she's this innocent, kind, and humble girl. I expected this from Khabo and not Qondisiwe, Qondisiwe is a malicious person. Kind looking people are the worst trust me, underneath it all they very evil but they hid their evil with a "Kind personality"

MRS BIYELA

I went to my secret room, I noticed that the black candle was no longer burning. I went and knelt before it, I looked at it before lighting it up again. Something is not right, it usually burns to it's last piece. For it to just stop burning it means my enemies are coming for me..

Noks: Lorraine where are you?

I lit it up again next to the black wool that took a shape of a doll with needles all over it.

Noks: Lorraine??

I got up and then walked out..

KHABONINA

Lungi walked in..

Me: You just missed Qondisiwe

Him: Where is she?

Me: She went out with Ntsika

Him: Ohh okay

I looked at him..

Me: No picking on him? That's a first

Him: I have a lot on my mind, Ntsika is not important right now

Me: What's wrong?

He came and held both my hands..

Him: Let's get married

Me: Huh?

Him: A quick and private ceremony, maybe next weekend

Getting married has never really crossed my mind, and we've never spoken about it. This was new..

SINDISIWE

I was sitting ontop of Ibanathi and we were kissing, in my mind I was thinking about what he said, and he was right. Khabo and Qondisiwe are being selfish, I know that I messed up but I thought family would always have your back. Fuck them, I'm done living my life to get on their good books..

Me: Let's do it, this dating thing let's try it out

He smiled at me, I smiled back at him..

Iba: Let's destroy them!!

We went back to kissing..

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QONDISIWE

Ntsika and I drove to some "Jazz club". Nothing fancy, it was even situated at the most unpopular and underclass neighborhood. When we walked in it wasn't full, the light was even faint.. We walked to the bar..

Ntsika: Bra Jack

The old man looked at him..

Jack: Ntsikayezwe

Ntsika: How are you?

Him: I'm good.. How are you?

Ntsika: I'm well

He looked at me..

Ntsika: This is my lady, Qondisiwe

Him: Nice meeting you

Me: Me too

Ntsika: Quiet night?

Jack: You no longer come to sing people relocated

Ntsika: I'm sorry about that, I've been busy lately

Jack: At least you here tonight, you might as well grace us with a song or two

Some lady walked up to the bar..

Her: Are my eyes deceiving me?

Ntsika chuckled..

Ntsika: Why don't you fix us with some drinks

Her: Not until you get on that stage, you killing us. You killing our business

Jack: I told him

Ntsika pulled a chair for me..

Him: I'm coming

He walked to the stage..

Jack: What would you like to drink?

Me: A cool drink please

Jack: No cocktail?

Me: I don't drink alcohol

The lady looked at me..

Her: You a keeper

She extended her hand to me..

Her: Mercy

Me: Qondisiwe

Ntsika: Good evening ladies and gentlemen

We looked at him..

Ntsika: I'm going to sing a song

He looked at me..

Him: I'm dedicating it to someone special

The small audience started clapping..

SINDISIWE

I know that Ibanathi is selfish, I know that this relationship of ours is beneficial for both parties. I'm getting his money, and he's getting his revenge. That's all there is to the situation.. When we stepped into the house we were already taking each other's clothes off, we left a trail from the kitchen to the lounge..

Him: Wait, I need to get a condom from my pocket

I'm not saying I'm the best thing that has ever happened to sex, but I know that to keep whatever it is that we have already started. I need to make sure that the sex is good. I don't want him wondering around and looking for it somewhere else, that can just get me a replacement.. After he had taken off his jeans, I pushed him back and he landed on the couch. I knelt down and took off his briefs, he was hard already. [REMOVED]

QONDISIWE

Ntsika: "

Wind in your hair, sun on your skin

You're looking good, girl, all over again

Hey there, Miss Brown

I want you to know I love you

Brown as the sand, you're soft as the shore

You're leaving me hungry, I'm crying for more

Ooh, we, baby, girl, you're such a score

And I want you to know that, you know what, girl"

I tried to hold back on blushing but I couldn't, I don't know what was getting more to me. His beautiful voice or the song, it was a beautiful moment that gave me butterflies in my tummy and goosebumps. The lighting at the stage was very bright, more brighter than the rest of the place so I could see him clearly. His beautiful eyes, his melting smile that brought about his dimples. I couldn't even keep still on my chair, he was very sexy while doing that number at that stage and occasionally stealing glances at me..

The guy who was playing the guitar had a mic too in front of him..

Him: Tell him how you feel bro

Ntsika went back to the mic..

Ntsika:"Lips soft and tender, ready to speak

Her voice says, 'I love you'..

The guy playing the guitar changed his voice to a a feminine tone as he repeated the words after him..

Guy: {I love you}

Ntsika: "And it's making me weak

Hey there, little girl, may I just say I love you..

Love is the brown skin girl in my eyes

Think it's time that I told you, don't you realize

You're such a queen, woman, you're such a prize

And I want you to know that, you know what, girl...

I love you

And I bet you didn't know that, girl

You didn't know that

I need you

Right now, baby, right now, baby

And I bet you didn't know that ebony eyes"

I covered my face with both my hands to prevent everyone seeing that I was going to blushing..

NOKUTHULA

We were eating dinner, Lorraine was awfully quiet..

Me: Are you okay?

She looked at me..

Her: I feel like my enemies are coming for me

Me: The Langa sisters?

Her: They don't scare except for Qondisiwe

Me: Qondisiwe?

Her: She's gifted traditionally I've checked her even her social media states it

Me: I thought she broke up with Iba

Her: He's trying to get her back, I can't let that happen. He's obsessed with her

Me: I'm not surprised, she's beautiful no lie

Her: I can't let her get close to my son

Me: Kill her

She sighed..

Me: It's not something difficult for someone like you

Her: I can't kill her, I don't want any war with her ancestors

Me: I thought you didn't believe in that

Her: I do.. I just need to find a way to keep her away from my son

QONDISIWE

I was about to upload something on Instagram when I saw that Iba had uploaded a video a few minutes ago. I checked it. It was a video of himself and Sindi, they were laying on the couch half naked it seems. Sindi was laying her head on his chest, she was asleep. He kissed her forehead, and the caption was:

"My new Babe "

All of a sudden nothing seemed to make sense anymore, the room started spinning. My heart beat increased, I felt hot and dizzy at the same time. I freaked out when Ntsika put his hand on my shoulder..

Him: Are you okay?

I looked at him..

Me: I need to make a phone call

I got down from the chair and walked out to call Khabo..

Khabo: Qondisiwe

Me: I need to talk to you

Her: Wanted to talk to you too.. Lungi asked me to marry him

Me: And?

Her: There's a lot that's going on between us right now, this baby situation it's not even

sorted

Me: Him and Nokuthula won't go anywhere, I've seen their future trust me. He's doomed

Her: Are you sure

Me: Say Yes.. She's not a threat

Her: She's pregnant

Me: All the more reason to say Yes

Her: What's wrong with you

Me: Iba uploaded a video on Instagram, him and Sindi are official now

Her: I'm not surprised, that's exactly like Iba

Me: How can Sindi do this to me?

Her: Sindi is just a desperate gold digger, she's doing this out of spite.. Both of them!
You shouldn't even be giving them a thought

I saw Ntsika approaching me..

Me: I have to go

Her: Okay Nana see you later

Me: Bye

Ntsika: Are you okay?

Me: My Sister and my ex are dating

He nodded...

Him: You surprised?

Me: Actually I am

Him: I don't know your sister to speak ill of her but your ex is being spiteful

Me: I suppose so

Him: Are you over him?

Me: I am

Him: If what he does bothers you then that means you not

Me: It's my sister

Him: He did it because he knew that it would get to you, and it seems like it's working. The last thing I want is any altercations with this boy and if you want him back, if you not over him I think it's best we don't do this it won't end well

Me: It's not like that

Him: I'll take you home, come on

Ntsika is being unreasonable..

KHABONINA

I looked at Lungi, he was in his study. I leaned against the door with my arms folded

Me: Yes

He looked at me..

Me: I'll marry you

He smiled and got up from the chair..

Him: Are you sure? I don't want to pressure you

He walked up to me..

Me: It's okay, you not pressuring me

He put his hand on my chin and kissed me... Him: I love you

Me: I love you too

We kissed again and he put his strong arm around my waist, then he pulled me inside.

Him: I love you

Me: I love you more

He untied my gown and I dropped it on the floor, I was left with my silk night dress. He

picked me up and sat me on the table. I unbuttoned his shirt, and took it off then the rest of his clothes followed. I took off my night dress, I wasn't wearing any underwear. I usually don't wear an underwear at night. He raised my legs so I could put both my feet on the table, and I was exposed. [REMOVED]

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KHABONINA

[2 WEEKS LATER]

The wedding plans were coming together perfectly, it was difficult at first. Planning a wedding in a short space of time is not Pap and vleis. I'm happy that Betty is here to help me..

Betty: Here are your pills

Me: Thank you

I've since been taking triphasil pills, I don't want a baby anytime soon. I still have something big to focus on, like getting my restaurant up and running after the wedding.

Betty: Isn't Lungi supposed to be here?

Me: He's been busy at work, but he said he's okay with any flavour

Betty: I see

We were doing cake tasting..

Me: I think the velvet and the fruit cake will do for now

Betty: Did you taste the chocolate cake and the vanilla cake?

Me: Vanilla is too sweet for me

Betty: Why don't you do drop the fruit cake, maybe red velvet and vanilla or vanilla and chocolate. It's a good blend

Me: You might be on to something

Betty: Budget of the wedding?

Me: R500 000

She whistled..

Me: But I don't think it'll over that amount because it's a private wedding. Only family and close friends

Betty: That's good, that's very good

LUNGISA

Sindi walked in..

Her: Hey

I looked at her..

Her: The file that you asked for

I stretched out my hand to her and she brought it to me..

Me: Thank you

Her: Boardroom has been prepared for the next meeting

I looked at her as she tried to pull her short skirt down. Pulling it won't make it long. Iba made me fire Sloane and hire his girlfriend as my new assistant, it's his company so I followed through. We couldn't just fire him, we had to set him up and threatened him that if he doesn't resign we'll turn him in for "selling" information about our clients to our competition, so he chose to resign than going to jail. We gave him a lot of money though and good recommendation..

Me: Thank you Sindi

She gave me a nod and then walked away. I'm very uncomfortable working with Sindi, the person that she is. Gets to me, but I don't have a choice and I haven't even told

Khabo about this..

NTSIKA

Qondisiwe and I we haven't talked ever since that night. I'm giving her some space and time to think about what she really wants..

Mariah: Sir

Me: Yes?

I didn't even turn to look at her..

Her: You have a visitor

No one called to tell me that they'll be visiting me, I turned and I think my eyes were deceiving me. It was my baby brother, Manqoba..

Him: Bafo

I shook my head while laughing.. I walked up to him..

Me: Look at you

I gave him a hug. I haven't spoken to Manqoba for years, ever since he went to the Zikhali village "Undercover" or as a spy to fish information for us. We couldn't contact him because we didn't want his cover blown.

Me: Mariah please bring us the most expensive bottle of whiskey

I looked at him...

Me: You still drink right?

Him: I haven't for years, The Zikhali village is not so fortunate but I really do thirst for whiskey

Mariah: I'll get it.. Should I bring a soda for you?

Me: I'll make an exception today, it's a celebration bring two glasses

Manqoba: And ice please

Mariah: Very well Sir

Me: You need to shave and cut your hair

Him: I'll do that

Me: So are you back for real?

Him: Yes I left the village for good, there's nothing keeping me there anymore. Indoni left so..

Me: She can do that?

Him: She did but the river is still fine, everything is fine

Me: At home they going to be happy to see you, this weekend we going for Busisiwe's Memulo. It was supposed to be last weekend but the weather didn't agree

Him: I can't wait to see everyone

Me: I'm sure they can't wait to see you too

Him: So have you found someone? Are you going to be showing up with a date?

Me: I don't know Man

Him: How come?

Me: I was dating this other girl but she's still confused, she had just broken up with her boyfriend

Him: Ya that's a challenge

Me: I don't understand though, that nigga is a bitch ass nigga. He almost killed her

Him: Women love those kind of Men, Men who treat them like trash

Me: What about you? Any lady? From the village? So Dad can behead you

He laughed..

Him: There was almost someone

Me: And?

Him: It's the Ndoni, but she left so..

Me: You fell in love with the Guardian?

Him: She's very beautiful, a very nice girl.. She looks exactly like our Great ancestor, Nowisa

Me: You've seen Nowisa?

Him: They have her picture there

Me: I wish to see her

Him: If I had a phone, I would've taken a picture

Me: Yeah maybe

Mariah came back with the whiskey..

QONDISIWE

I took a deep breath and then rang his door bell, Qondisiwe what are you doing here? What exactly am I doing? This is a bad idea. I shouldn't be here. Just as I was about to walk away, he opened the door.. He was shirtless..

Him: Qondi

I looked at him and all the hurt came back..

Him: What are you doing here?

I pushed him and walked in..

Him: Ohw yes, please come in

He closed the door..

Me: Iba what are you doing?

He looked at me..

Him: What do you mean?

Me: With Sindi? What are you doing? I know that you don't love her

Him: You came all the way here for that?

Me: I wanna know what you doing with her!!

Him: Sindi is my girlfriend, we dating.. That's what we doing, and you have no business coming here and questioning me about my private life

Me: Bullshit!! I know you doing this to get back at me, to hurt me!!

Him: Qondisiwe Langa you think I sit down and think of ways to hurt you? Sweetheart before you there was Sindi. Sindi and I go way back

Me: Sindi is not me! She'll never be me

Him: If I wanted you I would be with you, I'm dating her because I don't want to be with you.. Now please leave before this turns ugly

Me: You a bastard!!

Him: Don't you have a boyfriend? What is this now?

I kept quiet..

Him: I love Sindi, I'm happy with her. Get it through your head and get out of my house , because this is pathetic!!

He walked to the door and opened it..

Him: Get the stepping!

I walked to the door but I didn't walk out. I started hitting him with my bag..

Me: You are a bastard!! How can you do this to me!! You lying say it!! You don't love her

He held both my hands tight and I dropped the bag on the floor..

I shook my head with tears forming in my eyes.. He closed the door and then pinned me against it.. He looked me in the eye..

Him: I love Sindi

Me: No you don't!! You only using her to get to me!!

Him: I love her, I've always loved her.. I was only using you as a rebound

I tries to escape from his grip but I couldn't..

Me: Let go of me!!

Him: Calm the fuck down!!

Me: She could never be me!!

Him: I don't want you, that's why I went for her

Tears streamed down..

Him: I no longer love you

Me: You do love me

Him: Not I don't

Me: Yes you do

He got very close to me, his lips were very close to mine...

Him: I don't love you anymore

Me: Yes you do

He kissed me while still pinning my hands against the door, he further on kissed my tears then placed his lips next to my ear..

Him: I don't love you

Me: Yes you do

He released me..

Me: Yes you do love me.. I know you do

He ran his hand on my thigh all the way up, I tried to stop him and then he looked at me. I let go of his hand, he kissed me again and then lowered my underwear..

Him: I don't love you Qondisiwe

Me: You do love me

He picked me up and then placed me ontop of the kitchen counter. He took off my dress and tried to spread my legs wide open..

Me: Iba..

He gave me a serious look..

Him: Stop it!!

He took off his shorts and then he got in between my legs.. [REMOVED]

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IBANATHI

Later on my best friend CJ and I decided to take Lungi out to a lounge for drinks. His wedding is close and with his busy schedule, he might not have a bachelor party..

CJ: Somehow I knew that Lungi was going to get married first

Me: It's obvious, I'm never getting married. It's a trap

They both laughed..

CJ: I thought you were going to marry Noks

Me: That's never going to happen

I'm planning on telling Lungi about Noks but not now, at least when he's settled..

Lungi: CJ I also want you to my best man

CJ: I'll be honoured

Me: Thami?

Lungi: Thami is overseas but I've contacted him, I hope he will be able to make it

Me: He's your best friend, he has to make it

As we were chilled, not far from us. I saw a familiar face..

Me: Lungi

Lungi: Yeah?

Me: Doesn't that guy look like Manqoba the one from the village?

Lungi: Wow he looks different

Me: What is he doing here?

Lungi: I'm wondering the same thing

The music changed..

CJ: Wtf? Thought we submitted our play list

Me: I'm coming

I got up and went to enquire at the counter..

Me: Hey

Barman: Sir

Me: We submitted a Playlist you supposed to play it until we leave

Barman: Those cats over there requested a change

He pointed at Manqoba and his friend..

Me: This is ridiculous!

I made my way to them..

Me: What's up?

They both looked at me..

Me: This is my territory, you don't come in my territory and change how we do things

Manqoba: Iba, and we meet again

Me: What the hell are you doing here?

Manqoba: It's a public place

I heard Lungi talking behind me..

Lungi: Manqoba

Manqoba: And another Biyela

Lungi: What are you doing here?

He looked at his friend and they laughed..

Manqoba: I thought this is a public place, though it was open for everyone

Lungi: How can you even afford such a place?

Manqoba: I think you two should go back to your place and let's keep the peace between us

Lungi: How did you make it out of the village?

Me: The city shouldn't be open gates for every village boy to come and take chances here

Manqoba: As I've said, let's keep the peace between us

Lungi: Or what?

Manqoba laughed again..

We heard another familiar voice behind us..

Voice: Bro

I turned, it was Ntsika..

Manqoba stood up..

Manqoba: Bro

Lungi: And what do you know, the teacher just joined us

Ntsika pushed through in between us making his way to Manqoba..

Lungi: Wft?

Ntsika: I'm sorry are you saying something?

Lungi walked up to him but I held him back.

Lungi: I'm about to catch a case for a village boy and his Teacher

Ntsika: You look like a worthy opponent

Me: Let's go

Ntsika: Yeah listen to your brother, go

Ntsika looked at me..

Ntsika: You still haven't accepted my gift

Me: I don't want it

Ntsika: You don't have a choice, you'll take it

Lungi: Entlek ngathi siyadelelwa la

Me: Lungi let's go

I grabbed his arm..

Lungi: No I-

Me: I'll explain to you later

We walked away and I signaled to CJ that we leaving..

Lungi: Wtf was that?

Me: We need to be out of here before they embarrass us and buy us this Lounge too

Lungi: What are you talking about?

Me: Ntsika is a filthy rich Prince, if Manqoba is his Brother. He's rich too

Lungi: What? I don't understand

Me: Ntsikayezwe Mkhize, you should Google him

Lungi: How is that possible? He's a teacher!

Me: I wouldn't be surprised if he fucken owns the school, but don't worry. I'm going to burst his bubble soon!

QONDISIWE

"Everybody's like

He's no item

Please don't like em
He don't wife em
He one nights em
I never listened
No
I shoulda figured though
All that shit you was spittin'
So unoriginal
But it was you
So I was with it
Then tell you the truth
Wish we never did it
Cause I usually do
Stick to the business
But you came out the blue
And then you just flipped it
God damn baby
My mind's blown
Be forgettin'
You live in a different time zone
Think I know what this is
It's just the time's wrong
Yeah I know what you did
But baby I'm grown

And my love is patient

And kind, and shit

This is real we can build

Through different types of shit

If you was really the realest

Wouldn't be fightin' it

I think your pride is just

In the way"

I looked at myself in the mirror as the song kept on playing. Tears were streaming down, I couldn't get over what happened earlier today. I touched my neck with my eyes closed, there way he kissed and grabbed my neck that picture played in my mind. Everything that happened played in my mind, and though the act was filthy, I hated myself more for enjoying it. My hand went down to my cookie, I think I still have traces of his semen in my underwear. This is not happening, I should have never gotten it down like that with Iba. When I opened my eyes, I saw Nowisa standing behind me dripping wet. She didn't look happy, I turned and looked at her..

NOKUTHULA

Me: How can Lungi fire Sloane? I've known him for years he would never betray the company like that! He practically lived for it, he is the most loyal person out of everyone there!!

Lorraine: Calm down

Me: How can I calm down? This is absurd and then he hires that whore? What's with these sisters? What's this obsession and possession that they have on the Biyela boys?

Lorraine: I'll get to the bottom of it

Me: You better!!!

QONDISIWE

Me: Nowisa

She walked up to me..

Her: Umoshe yonke into (You have ruined everything)

I took a few steps back until the dressing table blocked me..

Nowisa: Kube ngiyaceda ngawe nyaa! Uyisiphukuphuku sentombazana (I should finish with you now, you are a stupid girl) she raised her hand and sent me flying across the room, I came in contact with the wall before I fell...

Me: Ahhhhhh!

Nowisa: Ngizokubulala Qondisiwe uyezwa? (I'm going to kill you)

She made her way to me...

Me: Nowisa!!

Before she could get to me, the door opened. Khabo walked in..

Khabo: Qondisiwe?

She came to me and helped me to get up, I thought think that she could see Nowisa.

Khabo: Kwenzakaleni? (What happened)

Nowisa: Usuqale impi engeke ya phela (You have just declared war)

She then disappeared..

Khabo: What's wrong?

Me: Nowisa was here

Khabo: What?

Me: she's coming for my life!

SINDISIWE

I had an unwanted guest, it was Lorraine..

Her: What are you doing here?

Me: Please come in

She made her way in..

Her: Where is my son?

Me: He's out

Her: Why are you here?

Me: Ibanathi and I we dating

Her: Uthini? (What are you saying)

Me: Relax.. I'm on your side

Her: On my side?

Me: Yes.. I want revenge on my sisters, both of them

She looked at me for a long time..

Her: How can I trust you?

Me: Qondisiwe is a Guardian, she's highly protected. To get to her, you must first eliminate the source of protection and I've known my sister all my life. You going to need me

I stretched my hand out to her..

Me: Alliances?

Her: An enemy of my enemy is a friend

She stretched hers out to me too..

Her: If you dare double cross me, you will be very sorry

Me: Relax.. I want to destroy my sisters as much as you do

Her: Welcome to the team

Me: Thank you.. Let me get us some wine so we can talk more

Her: Do that

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QONDISIWE

Keeping things from Khabo is hard, she can see right through me. I decided to sit her down after dinner and told her exactly what happened between me and Ibanathi. Knowing Khabo, she did what she does best, she slapped me across the face..

Her: What is wrong with you? Did you see what that boy did to you? He beat you up senseless and I took it upon myself to attack him! Attack him only for you to go and open your legs for him?

Me: Ngiyaxolisa (I'm sorry)

Her: Ibanathi doesn't care about you! He is doing this with Sindi to spite you and you playing right ahead in his trap! If Ibanathi loved you, he wouldn't have slept with your sister!

She stood up..

Her: I know it's difficult to get over your ex, we've all been down this road but you cry, be mad about it heal and then move on! Qondisiwe you came here to make something of yourself, not to go around opening your legs! It seems like you have forgotten about what brought you here! Didn't you learn anything from uSindi? Men use you and when they done they leave you! If Ntsika is what you say he is, then he is not someone you wanna mess with like this! He is a prince and right now you have shamed him more than you think!!!

I didn't know what to say..

Her: You need to think about what you want, do you want to be Ibanathi someone who is going to treat you like crash for the rest of your life??

Me: No

Her: Then what do you want?

Me: I want to be with Ntsika

Her: Then be with him and stop this nonsense! I'm so disappointed in you right now, we have enemies right, left, and in the middle then you go and play in their territory what's wrong with you? You are a Guardian why don't you seek guidance from them?

Me: Nowisa is not a good guardian

Her: Nowisa is not a good guardian because you fucking up! She brought you Ntsika didn't she? She's your guardian why would she set you up? Maybe Lungi was right! Getting back into the dating game was way too soon for you

Me: I'm done with Ibanathi now

Her: I hope so because if you not, I'm kicking you out! I'm cutting all ties with you

(Silence)

Her: And if you go back to Ntsika you need to tell him the truth

I stood up..

Me: No

Her: What do you think it's going to happen? He will find out!!.. Did you even use a condom?

I slowly nodded..

Her: Just leave my presence right now before I do anything stupid

I didn't say no more, I went upstairs to my bedroom..

LORRAINE

I consult to a high priestess known as "Somandlakazi", the previous one died and another one took over. She's a high priestess of the underworld, can only communicate with her in the water. I have a basin in my secret room, that's how I communicate with her... I looked at the water as her face showed up..

Me: Your highness

Her: What is it that you summoned me for?

Me: Something is not right

Her: Something is definitely not right

Me: What is going on?

Her: Your enemies have come for you, and they are already here

Me: Who?

Her: It is unclear but I feel great power, power that I've never felt before. Whoever she is, she's powerful way more than the darkness I possess

Me: How do I go about in eliminating this person?

Her: It won't be easy, we going to need a blood sacrifice

Me: I've already sacrificed my husband

Her: A blood sacrifice from your enemy, if we have a portion of her blood it will help us to destroy her

Me: Who is she?

Her: You've already met her, the Guardian

Me: Qondisiwe?

Her: She's very powerful

Me: Qondisiwe and my son are not together

Her: They don't have to be together, she's already done half of the work

Me: How do I play it?

Her: I told you, we need her blood

Me: How am I supposed to get that?

Her: Patience.. Patience

I don't think I have the Patience..

SINDISIWE

Me: You go again

He didn't say anything..

Me: Babe?

He looked at me..

Me: It's your turn

He looked at the board..

Him: You win again

He kissed me on my shoulder. We were sitting on the floor playing a game, or should I say I was playing alone. He seemed distracted..

Me: Are you okay?

Him: I just have a lot on my mind

Me: Wanna talk about it?

Him: No it's fine

He got up..

Him: I'll be right back

He walked upstairs. I've been in this game for too long to know when a man has his eyes wandering around. I put everything away, when I picked up the board I saw his phone. I looked at it for a while, then I took it.

Well I'm going to need his fingerprint to open it or at least a password. I lit it up, amazingly his wallpaper it was Qondisiwe. I tried a few passwords and I couldn't open it, then I tried "Qondisiwe". I was able to get in. I went straight to his whatsapp, he still had her as a contact but I couldn't find any chats. I put it on the table..

QONDISIWE

I looked at his phone call, I took a deep breath and answered..

Me: Ntsika

He's been calling me today and I've been ignoring his calls, I mean what do I say to him??? He started singing..

Him: "Yazi ang'understandi baby why uvale Iphone, manje ngibuya kubo kodwa bathi abamboni. Ende ngiqiqqa emaclubbini still ang'mtholi, mhlambe uBaby uyang'shaya

shaya wathi akajoli. Ngicela ningifuniseni intombi, mina ngifuna intombi yami"

I laughed..

Him: Are you good?

Me: I'm good.. How are you?

Him: I'm good.. Was just checking up on you

Me: Thank you

There was some awkward silence..

Me: Ntsika

Him: Talk to me

Me: I wanna try again.. Us.. I wanna try again

I heard him exhaling..

Me: I'm sorry about the other night

Him: If we going to do this, I don't want any trails of Ibanathi Biyela

I swallowed..

Me: I'm done with him.. I promise

Him: I hope so, because I'm not going to have any issues with that boy

Me: You won't

Him: You too late though, I have found someone

I chuckled..

Me: Ohh please

Him: I'm serious

Me: Well she will have to meet me in the boxing ring first

Him: I'm scared

I laughed..

Him: Breakfast tomorrow?

Me: I'd like that very much

Him: I'll come and get you

Me: Okay

Him: Good night

Me: Ntsika

Him: Qondi

Me: I love you

Him: I love you too

Me: Good night

Him: Night

I hung up then went straight on whatsapp. I blocked Ibanathi, I also blocked him on Facebook, Insta, and Twitter. As from tonight, I'm done with him.. Now it's just me, school, and my gift..

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QONDISIWE

The following morning Ntsika kept to the end of his promise, he came to get me so we could go have breakfast. It was a holiday, so we didn't have school today..

Khabo: Ntsika how are you?

Ntsika: I'm well and how are you?

Khabo: I'm good

He looked at me..

Ntsika: Are you ready to go?

Me: Yes I am

Khabo: Ntsika can you please give us some few seconds?

Ntsika: No problem.. I'll be in the car

When he had walked out, I looked at Khabo..

Khabo: You need to tell him

Me: I can't

Her: You starting on a clean slate with him, this lie will catch with you. Do you want it to catch up with you when you guys are married?

I thought for a while..

Her: If you don't tell him, Ibanathi will. You will save him all the embarrassment if it comes out from you

She was right, Ibanathi is annoying he will tell Ntsika about this..

He came with the royal seal car, I need to ask him about that. If we going to start our relationship on a clean slate, everything has to come out.. In the car he tried to hold a small talk but my mind was far away, this thing with Ibanathi was eating me up....

We arrived at the restaurant, and I think he long noticed that something was off with me

Him: Out with it.. What's wrong?

I looked at him..

Me: Are you royalty?

He didn't say anything..

Me: If we going to try again, I don't want any secrets between us

Him: I'm a Prince, but it's not something that I like to advertise

Me: Why not? Being a Prince is not something to be ashamed of

Him: I'm not ashamed, I just want to be normal. People treat you differently when you royalty

Me: I understand

Him: This weekend I'm going home to attend my sister's Memulo, I'd like you to come with. I think it's time

Me: Ntsika I need to tell you something

Him: Okay?

Me: When we were taking a break I.. I did something

Him: Something like what?

Me: This is way harder than I thought

Him: What did you do?

I took a deep breath..

Me: I slept with Ibanathi

He laughed..

Him: No you didn't

I nodded a little..

Me: I did

He looked at me for a very long time without saying anything, then he got up and walked out. I followed him..

Me: Ntsika

I grabbed his arm before he could get in the car.. He looked at my grip..

Me: We were taking a break and I.. I was confused

Him: Ng'delele Qondisiwe (let my arm go)

Me: I can't let you leave, because if you get in that car then you gone.. I would've lost you

Him: Ngithe Ng'delele (I said let me go)

Me: Ntsika please

He yanked my hand off and then the driver opened the door, he got in and I made my way to him. The driver blocked me while closing the door..

Me: Ntsika please

Driver: Please move back a little

I stepped back...

Driver: Thank you

The driver got in the car too, then they drove off...

LUNGISA

I was at the office trying to sort something out when Ibanathi walked in..

Iba: You should be in bed, having crazy sex with your soon to be wife

Me: Good morning to you too Brother

He walked up to the window and I continued with what I was doing...

Him: Qondisiwe blocked me from her everything

Me: So?

Him: I thought we were going to make progress

Me: Are you really In love with Qondisiwe or are you just obsessed with her?

Him: Does it matter?

Me: She's with someone else, don't fight for a woman that doesn't want you. It never ends well

Him: Ntsika and Qondisiwe are not going anywhere, their relationship is going to crumble very soon

Me: You sound confident

Him: I am

Me: Well good luck then

(Silence)

Me: So what are we going to do about Mom?

Him: I don't know

Me: I'm sorry Man, I should've told you

Him: It's okay.. I know why you did it

Me: You do?

Him: Yeah I know and I'm still going to tell you about your Mother's secret

Me: Why you not telling me now?

Him: You getting married, you can't be upset when you getting married but after the wedding I'll let you know.. I promise

Me: I'll hold you to your promise then

QONDISIWE

I had called Akhona to come and fetch me, she showed up with her Mother's car..

Her: You said it was an emergency

Me: It is, I'm stranded

Her: How did you get here in the first place?

Me: Ntsika

Her: And then what happened?

Me: He left me

Her: Why?

Me: We had an argument

Her: He doesn't sound like a guy who would leave you stranded even after an argument

Me: I cheated on him and I confessed

Her: You what?

Me: I know

Her: You cheated on Ntsika??

Me: It was a terrible mistake

Her: Cheating is not a mistake, it's a choice

Me: Thank you friend for the vote of confidence

Her: I'm not judging, I'm just saying

Me: I need to get my man back

Her: I've heard men don't really forgive cheating

Me: I'll find a way

Akhona: Wow you cheated on a whole entire Ntsika

NTSIKAYEZWE

I was beyond the word "Upset". I went for Qondisiwe because she seemed like a woman that could help me build a family one day, a woman that I could take to my father's house. This betrayal, especially with someone like Ibanathi???

My phone rang, it was Manqoba..

Me: Yeah?

Him: What happened?

Me: I don't wanna talk about it

Him: You have to come to the hospital

Me: Why?

Him: It's Vukani, he got shot

I sighed..

Me: What happened this time around?

Him: Commotion between him and taxi drivers

Me: What is he doing starting shit with taxi drivers?

Him: You know Vukani, and the taxi drivers are not going to let this go

Me: Did you call Manzini and Mbongeni?

Him: Yes

Me: I'm on my way

I hung up..

Me: Mariah!!!

She showed up..

Me: I'm going to need my gun

Her: Your gun?

Me: Yes please

Her: Sir..

Me: Please get me my gun

Her: Yes sir..

Me: Thank you

KHABONINA

I opened the door, it was Lorraine..

Me: What do you want?

Her: The last time I checked this was my Son's house

Me: Can I help you? In your son's house because he is not here?

Her: You really going to marry my son with a baby on it's way?

Me: You traveled all the way to tell me that?

Her: I've traveled all the way to tell you to walk away

Me: Then I'm telling you now to walk away

Her: Who are you again?

Me: A woman that you don't wanna mess with, a woman who knows your secret

Her: What are you talking about?

Me: Noks and Lungi are siblings

Qondisiwe ended up telling me about that..

Lorraine looked at me without saying anything..

Me: You okay? You look like you about to have a heart attack

She held her bag tight..

Me: You sickening! Having your son sleep with his sister for your own personal selfishness!!

She slapped me across my face..

Her: Stay out of issues that you don't understand.. Do you hear me? I'm warning you! If you keep on, you won't even attend your own wedding.. Try me!

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QONDISIWE

Akhona dropped me off at home, I thanked her for coming to fetch me. I know most people will call me a fool for cheating on Ntsika, it was not my intention. Not even a little...

Khabo: Hey how did it go?

Me: He dumped me

Her: He did?

Me: He just walked out without saying anything

Lungi: What happened?

Khabo: Qondisiwe cheated on Ntsika with Ibanathi. She then came clean to him, and she

got dumped

Me: Khabo!!

Lungi: No wonder why Ibanathi was a bit off today

Me: What did he say?

Lungi: He's just not happy that you blocked him

Me: I don't want anything to do with Ibanathi again

Lungi looked at the time..

Lungi: We have to go

Khabo: Qondisiwe do you wanna come? We going to check out the venue

Me: No I'm okay thanks

Khabo: See you later then

Me: Later it is

NTSIKAYEZWE

I walked in, all my brothers were surrounding his bed except for Mbongeni. He was at the window. I looked at Vukile..

Me: What happened? How are you?

Vukile: It's not fatal, I'll survive

Me: How did you end up starting war with taxi drivers?

Vukile: I had these mini private buses that I put at the taxi rank

Manqoba: You did what?

Vukile: I'm in the transport business

Me: You run the Mkhize liner buses, you have no business starting shit with taxi drivers

Mbongeni: So what are we going to do now?

Manzini: We going to go there and apologize

Vukile shook his head..

Vukile: We not apologizing

Mazini walked up to him and put his hand on Vukile's throat..

Manzini: Listen here you swine! Some of us have families, before you pull shit like this!
Make sure you don't include us

He let go. Manzini is the first born, followed by Vukile, then Mbongeni, Me, and then Manqoba. Not counting my sister..

Mbongeni: You really had to do this, knowing very well that this weekend is Busisiwe's Memulo. What are we going to tell Dad?

Vukile: It's not like he doesn't know that I'm trouble

Manzini: Ucabanga ukuthi kuyadlalwa la (You think this is a game)

Me: Vukile you have to get those mini buses from the taxi rank, you'll also put the drivers in danger

Vukile: I'm not going to do that

Manqoba: Why not?

Vukile: I'm not that easily intimidated

Mbongeni: You got shot!

Manzini: I'm going out for a smoke!

Manzini walked out..

Mbongeni: Vukile stop being selfish, this is not about you only

Vukile: I didn't ask for your help, I can handle my business

Mbongeni: They should've killed you!!

He also walked out..

Me: Vukile..

Him: I'm not backing down Ntsika, forget it!

Manqoba: I'm calling Dad

Vukile: Send my love

Manqoba: He is going to disown your ass!

I looked at Vukile..

Him: What's wrong with you?

Me: Why?

Him: You came in with a gun, looks like you were prepared to go to war

Me: I didn't know what to expect

Him: What's bothering you?

Me: It's nothing I can't handle

Him: Don't get your hands dirty, you not like us

Me: Are you going to re-

Him: No I'm not

Me: Vukile this is dangerous

Him: Do you do little bro, and let me handle my own

Me: Can't let you go to war alone

Him: I need to contact people

Me: Manzini and them will come around don't worry

Him: You need to sit this one out

Me: I'm not sitting anything out

Him: You the future king, you very important. Nothing can happen to you, you sitting this one out. Dad will never forgive me

QONDISIWE

I was catching up on my school work. Lungi is the one paying for my school fees now and providing for me. It would be a shame if I let him down, and let myself down.. I received a call from someone I didn't expect to get a call from..

Him: Qondisiwe

Me: Nkosi uNgwane

Him: Unjani? (How are you)

Me: Ngiyaphila (I'm well)

(Silence)

Me: Kungabe konke kuhamba kahle? (Is everything going well)

Him: Nonko siyaphila (We are well)

Me: Ngiyabonga (Thank you)

Him: Kuya kanjani egoli? (How is everything)

Me: Cha kusahamba kahle konke (Everything is going well)

Him: Sibonga nje uMa usaphilile (It's good knowing that you well)

Me: Ngizoza uMa ngithola iskhathi (I'll come when I get time)

Him: Kuhle lokho ngoba ngifuna ukuxoxa nawe (That's good because I want to talk to you)

Me: Kuzwakala kubalulekile (It sounds important)

Him: Kona kubalulekile (It is important)

Me: Ngizoza Nkosi yam (I'll come)

I wonder what's so important..

NOKUTHULA

Lorraine: I want you to kidnap her on her wedding day, well before the ceremony.. I understand... I'll give you the details.. Thank you.. Bye

She turned around and saw me standing there..

Her: Don't creep up on me like that

Me: What are you planning?

Her: I'm finally putting an end to my problem

Me: You going to have Khabo kidnapped?

Her: Do you care?

Me: No I don't

Her: Good!! I'm going to have her kidnapped, and then killed

Me: And you think that you won't be the first suspect?

Her: I will be at the church waiting on our bride to walk down the aisle

Me: Ohw what a tight alibi

Her: Are you doubting me?

Me: No.. I just hope that everything will play out well

QONDISIWE

I was in Khabo's room looking for her foam bath, I have been meaning to buy one but I keep on forgetting. As I was busy searching through her in her bathroom, I saw blood coming from the closet. That was strange, that was very strange. I walked out and checked, her wedding dress was bloody. I touched it and then I don't know what happened but I had a vision. In my vision I saw Khabo getting shot on her wedding day, I couldn't see the person's face he was wearing a balaclava. He kept on shooting, I can almost estimate 6 bullets. I let go of the dress, this means that Khabo is going to die on her wedding day. I usually get dreams about situations, I've never had a vision in broad daylight. This was the first..

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NTSIKAYEZWE

I am close with Manqoba than I am with the rest of my Brothers, when he went away

undercover it created some distance in our Brotherhood, but I'm hoping now that we can reconnect. We were back at my house having a mini braai, all my brothers were here. Manqoba noticed that I wasn't myself so he kept on forcing until I told him what was eating me up...

Him: For her to tell you the truth she seems like an honest person. How many girls can come out and say they've cheated

Me: See with us guys, we can sleep with 5 women while we in a relationship and feel nothing, women are different. They catch feelings and this is her ex so it's tricky. I don't want her going back and forth from me to him

Him: I understand, when it's an ex it's different

Me: Maybe I should let your father do an arrange marriage for me

He laughed..

Him: Maybe a princess from another village

Me: Or maybe one of the girls that are going to attend the Memulo

Him: Good thinking all of them will be virgins, you'll get yourself a faithful and loyal wife

Me: They going to worship me that's what I hate, I don't wanna be in a relationship with someone who is going to take everything and don't even question me. Someone who is going to live for me and try to be perfect

Him: You going to be a future king, obviously those girls will worship you

Me: I hate that

Him: What can you say?

Manzini made his way to us..

Him: The braai is over there, not here

Manqoba: Ntsika is in his feelings

Me: Manqoba

Manqoba: His girlfriend cheated on him

Manzini looked at me..

Manzini: Ulahle iSide? (She cheated on you)

Me: Ya

He turned and looked at Mbongeni..

Manzini: Bongz

He walked up to us..

Manzini: Sesiyohlasela (We going to war)

Me: There's not going to be any war, she cheated willingly she wasn't forced

Bongz: Kwenzakalani? (What's going on)

Manzini: Sebemphulele Iqolo (His girlfriend cheated on her)

Bongz: Manje sisahleli? (What are we waiting for)

Me: We not going to kill her ex and attack her

Manzini: Mele uqinise isandla. Wena mele udlale, hayi ukuthi bakudlale (You need to be strict. You the one who should be cheating not get cheated on)

They all laughed..

Me: We not going to war

Bongz: My girlfriend ube wenza lo dodu, manje ngisho noma eya eToilet uyabika (My girlfriend used to do this, but now even when she goes to the toilet she tells me)

I shook my head..

Me: I'm not going to beat her

Manzini: Then fuck her crazy for a whole week, ngine mbiza

I looked at him..

Manqoba: That's not a bad idea

Manzini: after that she will respect you

Bongz: Best way to punish a woman uma ungena sandla

I got up from my chair...

Me: Let's take a walk in the garden and talk

Mangoba: He's in

Bongz: I'll provide condoms

Manzini: Cha.. If Ntsika loves her then siyasibeka (If Ntsika love her, she's going to impregnate her)

Bongz: Weee engakashadi (While he's not married)

Manzini: don't be negative

Manzini and I took a walk..

QONDISIWE

I summoned Nowisa in my bedroom..

Me: Ngicela usizo lwakho (I need your help)

She looked at me..

Me: Please

Her: Ufunani? (What do you want)

Me: uKhabo uzofa ngomshado wakho (Khabo is going to die)

Her: Pho mina ngingenaphi? (What does that have to do with me)

Me: Angeke ngikhone ukumbuka efa (I won't let her die)

Her: UKhabo nami asihlangani, akusiyi Ndoni yamanzi (Khabo is not my responsibility, she's not a guardian)

Me: Udade wethu, umndeni wami wokugcina (She's my sister, my only family)

She thought for a while...

Her: Ngizokusiza uMa nawe ungangisiza (I'm going to help you, only if you help me too)

Me: Ngilalele (I'm listening)

Her: Kumele ubuyele ku Ntsika (You need to go back to Ntsika)

Me: Akafuni nokungibona (He doesn't want to see me)

Her: uNtsika yindoda bonke bayafana (Ntsika is a man, they all the same)

Me: Kungani lokhu kubalulekile kuwe? (Why is this important to you)

Her: Ngizama ukwenza uXolo phakathi kwesizwe sakwa Mkhize nesakwa Ngwane, nguwe kphela no Ntsika eninga lethu uXolo uMa nihlangana (I'm trying to create peace between the Mkhize tribe and the Ngwane tribe, you and Ntsika are the only ones that can make that happen)

Me: Chaza (Explain)

Her: Okokuqala phuza la (drink here)

She handed me a small bottle with some black liquid inside..

Me: Okwani? (What is it for)

Her: Ukubulala lokhu okumele kukhule esibelethweni sakho (It's meant to kill what should grow in your womb)

I took it and looked at her..

Her: Uma bengifuna ukukubulala kube kudala ngakubulala (If I wanted to kill you, I would've long done it)

I opened the bottle and drank from it..

Me: Ngichazele ngendaba yakwa Mkhize neyakwa Ngwane (Explain to me the war between the Mkhize tribe and the Ngwane tribe)

She sat next to me..

NTSIKAYEZWE

Manzini and I drove to this other traditional man, this was ridiculous..

Me: This is ridiculous, I don't have sexual problems

Him: I didn't say you do, this herb will help you perform twice than how you usually perform. Fuck a woman crazy out of her mind that she literally begs for you to fuck her again

I shook my head.. We arrived and parked on the street, it was the low side of Jozi. I followed Manzini as he led the way, this tradition healer was situated in an isolated place.. We walked in and the whole room was smelling of incense, I saw a lot of herbs around..

Old man: Hau ngibonwa yini? (Who am I seeing)

Manzini: Bhubesi

Bhubesi: Kunjani mfana wami? (How are you)

Manzini: Ngiyaphila (I'm good)

Bhubesi: Nami ngiyaphila (I'm good)

Manzini: Ngifuna usize umfana la (I want you to help my brother)

The old man looked at me..

Me: Ntsikayezwe

I stretched my hand out to him.. Instead of shaking my hand, he knelt before me and said all the Mkhize clan names. I looked at Manzini..

Me: You told him about me?

Manzini: Never

The old man got up..

Bhubesi: Amadlozi wami anami, ukuvakashelwa yi Nkosi (My ancestors are with me, to be visited by a King)

Me: Cha Baba angikakabi yiNksoi (I'm not a King yet)

Him: Mfana mina ngibona I ksasa (I see the future)

I nodded..

Bhubesi: Nganceda ngani? (how can I help)

Manzini: Umfana uyadelwa la (His girlfriend is cheating)

Bhubesi: Awubonakali njengo muntu ongakwazi ukushaya induku (You don't look like a person that doesn't know his sex game)

Manzini: Cha sifuna nje ukuthi untombazana ahlale nje aziphuthe (We want the girl to behave)

The old men nodded..

Bhubesi: Ngilandele (Follow me)

I looked at Manzini.. He nodded, I folded the old man..

SINDISIWE

I know that our relationship is fake but Ibanathi is being unreasonable, we haven't even had sex. That's unlike us, we have sex everyday. He was laying on the couch watching TV, I made my way to him. I laid ontop of him..

Me: Are you okay?

Him: Yeah.. Why?

Me: Nothing

I lowered my hand to his crotch..

Me: I was thinking that maybe we can play a little

He looked at me..

Him: I slept with Qondisiwe

Me: I know

Him: No not only when we were dating, she came this other time and you were at work

Me: What?

Him: We didn't use a condom, she might be pregnant

I got off..

Me: Uthini? (What are you saying)

Him: You didn't catch feelings now with this whole situation did you?

Me: You a bastard do you know that?

Him: A proud one

He got up and kissed me on my cheek..

Him: Good night

He walked upstairs, I went and took my phone from the table and called Qondisiwe..

QONDISIWE

I was tossing and turning on the bed, I was bleeding profusely and in so much pain that I can't even explain. I sat up straight and the whole bed was bloody, even a pad wouldn't have worked here. I was feeling hot, and dizzy too. My phone rang, I got it next to me. It was Sindi, I canceled her call. Actually I blocked her calls. I called Ntsika, his phone took me straight to voice mail. I called Khabo, her phone was also on voice mail. I tossed my phone away and continued to take the pain in..

NTSIKAYEZWE

This old man didn't give me any herb. He cut me a little and then put some medicine on the cut, it was burning like crazy so much that I struggled to walk.. The pain wasn't different from the after effects of circumcision..

Me: How did I get you to talk me into doing this again?

He chuckled..

Him: Uzoba right, don't forget you not supposed to bath today

He opened the door for me.. The old man told me that this is going to be a permanent thing, my sexual hunger is going to be twice what it was. I slowly got in..

Manzini: uright?

Me: How do I know that I won't get any infection?

He closed the door.. I'm also not supposed to be sleeping with a woman for at least 3 days..

KHABONINA

Me: I liked the first venue

Lungi: It's better than the others

I checked my phone as we walked in... I had missed calls from Qondisiwe..

Me: Missed calls from Qondisiwe, I wonder if she's around

Him: Call her

I called her but her phone rang answered..

Me: I'll go and check her in her bedroom

Lungi took my bag, I walked upstairs to check on Qondisiwe. When I opened the door, I was welcomed by a gruesome scene. She looked passed out on the bed, in her own pool of blood..

Me: Lungi!!!!!!!!!!

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QONDISIWE

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I was feeling much better that the Dr discharged me this morning. The bleeding wasn't so severe anymore, and the pains weren't terrible. The Dr asked why I drank medicine that could possibly cause abortion if I wasn't sure whether I was pregnant or not, he said the medicine shed the lining of the uterus incase implantation was possible. Not only did it do that, but it also cleaned everything out from my fallopian tubes. I had called Khabo to come fetch me but she was mad, she was mad that I lied about using a condom while I didn't. They also tested me for STIs, and hiv. The hiv results will come after a few days. I ended up calling Ntsika, he told me he can't get me but he was going to send someone. I was amazed when Manqoba walked in. He looked so different, his beard was well trimmed so was his hair. He was also wearing different from how he used to wear back in the village. Blue jeans, a black nikey t-shirt, and black nikey sneakers. The watch on his wrist, it looked expensive..

Him: Qondisiwe?

Me: Manqoba? What are you doing here?

Him: Wait? Are you dating Ntsika?

Me: Uhm sort of

Him: I can't believe this!

Me: What are you on about? What's going on?

He closed his eyes..

Him: Ntsika is my brother, I didn't know he was talking about you

Me: Ntsika is your what? That cannot be true. You are the right hand boy to the Zikhali King

Him: It's a long story

Me: I have time

Him: I went there undercover for my family

Me: Manqoba who are you?

Him: No who are you? You cheated on my brother ontop of that you from the Zikhali village, do you know that my family and that family are sworn enemies?

Nowisa had told me everything..

Me: I know

Him: And you still went ahead with this?

Me: Look.. Nowisa is trying to bring peace between the two families

Him: That will never happen, the history there goes deep. If my family finds out about this.. You dead, you and Ntsika

Me: That won't happen when Ntsika is King, he will bring about peace

Him: My father is as strong as a bull, you can't keep this until Ntsika is King. That might take long

Me: We going to keep this between us

Him: Qondisiwe cut your loses and leave my Brother alone!!

Me: I can't!! I love him!!

Him: Qondisiwe!!

Me: I'm not giving up, even if it means laying down my life

He shook his head..

Him: I don't want to be a part of this

Me: You already are, if your father knows about this he will also have you killed for knowing! And right now do you really wanna betray your brother like that and snitch? Do you want your Brother's blood on your hands? Will you be able to live with yourself?

Him: If you love Ntsika you will leave him

Me: I won't!!

He sat down on the bed..

Me: Where is he?

Him: He left yesterday for my Sister's Memulo, I'm leaving today after dropping you off

Me: Good I'm coming with

Him: No you not, you'll be handing yourself in a silver platter.. My family would want to know where you from?

Me: We going to lie

Him: You don't understand do you? We royalty! They going to call our traditional healer to scan you

Me: Manqoba we just have to give it a try

Him: I've always known that you naïve and stupid, I just didn't know that you were suicidal and you want to take us down with you!

Me: Manqoba please..

He looked at me..

Him: Fine.. Let's go

Me: Thank you

NTSIKAYEZWE

I looked at myself in the mirror when I heard a knock..

Me: I'm coming

I walked out of the ensuite bathroom and went to open the door, it was one of the royal female servants.. She bowed..

Her: Prince Ntsika

Me: Good morning

Her: The King sent me to check if you are done? He wants you to join him for breakfast before going to the fields

She was looking down, they not allowed to look me in the eye when they talking to me. She was wearing a short skirt made out of beads, she didn't have nothing covering her upper body. Her breasts were a bit small and pointy..

Me: Tell him that I'll be there

Her: I'll tell him that

She walked away and I look at her, the skirt was covering half of her behind. I took a deep breath and walked back in, I'm going to have to take a shower again before going downstairs..

LORRAINE

When I was done bathing I went to the closet to pick out and outfit for the day. I scanned through a few dresses when I heard a weird sound behind me. It was a sound of water dripping, then I felt this heavy presence standing behind me. The hairs at the back of my neck stood up. I slowly turned and there was no one standing behind me, but I saw water on the floor. This was strange..

LUNGISA

The wedding is next week Tuesday, since we want a private thing we decided to do it next week Tuesday. Not everyone is going to be available.. Nokuthula walked in, she seemed upset..

Her: Lungi what the hell??

I looked at her..

Me: Please come in

Her: Why did you sack Slo?

Me: He committed a crime

Her: That's bullshit and we both know it!

I closed the file..

Me: Your best friend committed a crime, there's nothing I can do about it

I looked at the door..

Me: Please.. I'm busy

Khabo walked in..

Khabo: Love I..

She looked at Nokuthula, I got up from my chair..

Khabo: I didn't know you had company

Knowing Khabo this whole situation might just turn sour..

Me: She was just leaving

I walked up to them..

Nokuthula looked at Khabo from head to toe.

I put my arm around Khabo's shoulders..

Noks: Fix this!! Slo has been nothing but loyal to this company

Khabo: Fix what?

Noks: It doesn't concern you

Khabo looked at me..

Khabo: Is she talking to me?

Me: Just let it go

I looked at Nokuthula..

Me: Please leave

She pointed at me...

Noks: Fix it!!

She then walked to the door..

Me: Nice meeting you Nokulunga

She stopped and looked at us..

Her: It's Nokuthula

Khabo: Ohw I'm sorry.. Nokuthula

She clicked her tongue and walked out, Khabo looked at me..

Me: She came to fight her friend's battle

Khabo: I hope so

NTSIKAYEZWE

I went down to join my father for breakfast, The servant was busy sorting everything out on the table..

Me: Good morning father

Dad: Ntsika.. Please sit down

I pulled a chair and sat down..

She came to me..

Her: Coffee?

Me: I'll serve myself.. Thank you

Dad: Thank you Nombulelo, I'll call you when we need something else

She bowed and walked away, I looked at her..

Dad: You can sleep with any servant you want

I looked at him..

Him: So long it will only be about sex and nothing more

He poured himself juice..

Him: I've done it in my days, they can make your blood boil

Me: I'm not going to sleep with her

Dad: Nombulelo is 20 years old and she's still a virgin. It'll be an honour to her and her family if her virginity can be taken by a Prince

Me: Well I..

Mom: Certainly not!

We turned and looked at her..

Mom: Don't teach my Son your Filthy ways

My father shrugged his shoulders, I got up and went to her..

Me: Mother

She smiled and put her hands on my cheeks.

Me: You were already asleep when I arrived last night

Mom: Was your flight good?

Me: As always

Mom: I'm happy that you here

I kissed her on her cheek..

Me: Me too

Her: Let me look at you

She looked at me..

Her: Johannesburg food is not doing you good

Me: I'm getting by okay

Her: You need to get a wife, so she can cook for you

Me: I can cook for myself

Dad: You have chefs

Me: Dad...

Mom: They not doing a good job, before you leave you must take a few of my recipes

Me: I'll do so

Mom: Care to take your Queen out for a drive?

Dad: We were going to the fields

Mom: You can do that tomorrow, it's Thursday today

Me: Let's go

She put her hand under my arm..

QONDISIWE

Khabo was not around when I arrived home to pack a few things, so I left her a note. I took off my necklace and put it under my pillow. If I go with it, they will know that I'm a Guardian. I hope that me going to the Mkhize village will bring Ntsika back to me, I hope it's going to be a worthy trip..

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QONDISIWE

We were on the road for almost the whole day, I didn't realize it was that far. I made a deal with Nowisa, she saves my sister and I'll help her bring about peace between this two tribes. I cannot lose khabo, she's the only family that I have left now. I went back to the car, I've used some hotel room to change. To look more presentable..

Manqoba: You look good, my mother might just be impressed

Me: Thank you

We hit the road again..

Him: You really are doing this?

Me: Yes I am, I can't just give up on him

He nodded..

Him: I hope your plan works

Me: Me too

LUNGISA

Ibanathi walked in..

Him: Shouldn't you be at home?

Me: I'm getting everything done, today it's my last day

Him: I'll hold the ropes while you away

Ibanathi has never ran this company before, I hope he won't run it to the ground..

Him: How are the wedding plans coming along?

Me: They coming along well, I don't know if Qondisiwe is still going to be a bride's maid

Him: Why?

Me: She's having issues with Khabo

Him: What happened?

Me: Qondisiwe aborted

Him: Qondisiwe did what?

Me: I thought you guys used a condom

Him: We didn't

He started getting upset..

Him: Dammit Qondisiwe!!!

Me: Just let it go

Him: I'm not going to let this go, she's going to pay for this!!

He made his way to the door punching it on his way out..

LORRAINE

I was sleeping on the couch and this dripping sound of water woke me up. I opened my eyes and looked around, I saw some woman standing not far from me. She was wearing a traditional attire, she was dripping wet and had a big python around her. I looked at her and she looked exactly like Qondisiwe, I freaked out..

Me: Who are you? What do you want from me?

She put the snake down, and it crawled up to me. I tried to get up but I couldn't, my legs wouldn't move. They were frozen..

Me: Who are you and what do you want from me??

The snake got under the blanket, it coiled itself around my legs first moving up to my upper body. It pressed very tight, breaking my bones. That was the most painful thing that I had to endure. It came face to face with me, then it opened it's mouth very wide, about to swallow me when I started screaming.....

Noks: Lorraine!!! (Shouting)

I opened my eyes and looked around, Noks was standing over me with her arms folded.

I realized that I had been dreaming..

Noks: You need to talk to Lungi!

I looked at her..

Me: What did he do now?

Her: He fired Sloane

Me: I heard he committed crime

Her: That's nonsense! Slo wouldn't do that

I got up from the couch, my whole body was aching..

Me: I'll see what I can do

Her: Thank you

I held on to the arm rest of the chair as I tried to walk..

Her: Are you okay?

Me: I don't know, my whole body is aching

Her: What happened?

Me: I don't know, I really don't know

QONDISIWE

We finally arrived and this village looked nothing like mine. It was beautiful, and sophisticated..

Me: Wow

Him: Welcome home

We drove in at the Palace..

Me: You guys are really rich

Him: Yeah, something like that

We got out of the car and made my way to the door..

Manqoba: This is it

I nodded..

Me: This is it

He opened the door and we walked in, a few servants were at the kitchen. Immediately when they saw Manqoba they started ululating and bowed down at his feet, we passed them. We made our way to the living room..

Me: How many rooms do you guys have?

Him: A lot

He pointed upstairs..

Him: That is Ntsika's room.. He is the one who has to introduce you to my parents, I'll go and look for them

Me: Thank you Manqoba, thank you soo much

He nodded and walked away, I made my way to Ntsika's room.. I was nervous, I haven't seen him in a while I wonder how he is going to respond to me after everything that has happened between us. I took a deep breath and opened the door, I made my way in and what I saw is something that I didn't expect to see. Ntsika was ontop of some girl, they were kissing. He was shirtless, only had his jeans on. I stood there and looked at them, the girl screamed when she saw me. Ntsika looked at me..

Him: Qondi?

I walked out and closed the door..

KHABONINA

I read the note again, I don't know what's wrong with Qondisiwe. She's acting like a teenager, it's like the adolescent stage just got to her now. I heard someone ringing the door bell, I went to open. It was Sindi. I tried closing the door again but she blocked it..

Her: Khabo please

Me: What do you want?

Her: I'm here to talk to you

Me: We have nothing to talk about

Her: Please just for 5 minutes, that's all I'm asking for

I let her in and closed the door..

Me: Make it quick!

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KHABONINA

Me: What do you want?

Her: Ibanathi has a plus one for the wedding, I wanted to know that there won't be any problems when I show up, if you going to be attacking in a white dress I might just sit it out

Me: You have the nerve showing up in my house and speaking such nonsense!

Her: I just wanted to know

Me: Get out!!!... Get out and never set your foot here ever again or I will catch a case before my wedding day!

Her: Kha...

Me: Ngithe Phuma!!! (I said get out)

I pushed her out and then I closed the door..

QONDISIWE

I was in the presence of the King and Queen. They were both sitting on their chairs with their council around. Ntsika was also present

Me: I'm Qondisiwe, I'm from Johannesburg. I have two sisters, I'm the last born. I don't know my father and my mother passed on not so long ago

King: Seer

Their Makhosi walked up to me..

Him: Your hand please

I extended my hand to him, he held it. I was nervous but I needed to keep my cool. If I show any signs of being scared they will know that something is wrong. I looked at Makhosi as he looked at me too, I saw his eyes widening. I swallowed. He let go of my hand and turned to the King and Queen..

Seer: She's telling the truth about her identity your highness

I saw the Queen smiling, she stood up..

Queen: In that case, welcome to the Mkhize palace Qondisiwe. Nombulelo

Nombulelo: Her majesty?

Queen: Please show Qondisiwe to the guest room and make sure that she's comfortable

Nombulelo: Yes her majesty

I followed Nombulelo as she led the way. The same girl that Ntsika was about to sleep with. When we got to the corridor I felt a hand being wrapped around my waist, I stopped. He turned me around..

Ntsika: Buli please give us some space

Buli: Yes my Prince

She bowed a little and then walked away..

Ntsika: Why are you here?

Me: You once invited me to your Sister's Memulo, this is me honouring my invitation

Him: You should've told me that you coming

Me: Well it was the spare of a moment thing, when Manqoba came to fetch me he hinted that he is coming here, so I asked to come along

Him: I just wish you could've told me

Me: You don't have to worry about anything, even though you introduced me as your girlfriend but I'm just here to honour my invitation that's all

Voice: My Prince

It was the seer..

Ntsika: Seer

Seer: I've prepared some sleeping herb for Madam Qondisiwe so she can get a good night sleep

Ntsika: I'll give you two some space

Seer: Thank you my Prince

Ntsika looked at me as he walked away, the Seer pulled me into the guest room. He closed the door and looked at me..

Him: Qondisiwe from the Zikhali village, a Guardian

I didn't say anything..

Him: Do you know the danger you have just put yourself in?

Me: Why did you cover up for me?

Him: I didn't do it for you, I did it because my Great Grand Father found favour in your Grandmother and Mother

Me: Wait what?

Him: I'm the descendent of the great Makhosi that once lived in the Zikhali village and was banished after she helped your Mother with your birth

He bowed before me..

Him: The Great Indoni yamanzi, it's an honour to be in your presence

Me: The King can never find out about me

Him: Your secret is safe with me, I couldn't tell him even if I wanted too

Me: Why is that?

Him: Your intentions are pure, you trying to bring peace between the two tribes that can only happen when Ntsika becomes King.. You lucky they don't know how the Queen Nowisa looks like

Me: You know her?

Him: Yes

Me: I mean no harm

Him: I know

Me: Thank you very much

Him: Your necklace

Me: I left it

Him: That's good

Me: Thank you again

LORRAINE

I looked at the pond, Somandlakazi wasn't appearing..

Me: Dammit Som, where are you?

Voice: Ngimubophile (I have tied her up)

I turned and she was standing there, without a snake this time around..

Me: Who are you?

Her: Ngiyiphupho elibi (I'm your worst nightmare)

Me: What do you want from me?

Her: Angifuni lutho (I don't want anything)

She stepped aside, then I saw my husband..

Him: Hello Loraine

I fell and hit the basin, my vision got blurry..

QONDISIWE

I was from bathing, I put on my silk gown while I made my way to the bedroom. My bleeding wasn't that bad anymore, I had a tempon on.. I heard a knock on the door..

Me: Come in

Ntsika walked in..

Me: You shouldn't be here, we got separate rooms for a reason

I took the body lotion from my bed..

Him: Qondi what you saw

Me: It was none of my business

I took off the gown and started applying the body lotion on my body..

Him: Can I help you with that?

Me: Why not?

He came and took the lotion from me..

Him: I didn't sleep with her

Me: You were about too

He started with my breasts..

Me: We not in a relationship so you can do whatever you want, though I feel sorry for the girl. She's just going to be a sex servant to a prince that's not even going to mar-

He placed his arm around my small waist and pulled me to him..

Him: Let's get one thing straight.. I'm going to fuck you tonight, tomorrow night, the next night and the next night

Me: I am not going to sleep with another ex of mine, I made that mistake before. I won't do it again

He picked me up and threw me on the bed..

Me: I'm on my periods Ntsika

Him: That's good, you won't fall pregnant

He pulled my leg and pulled me to the edge of the bed...

Me: Seriously Nts-

He took off his t-shirt, followed by his jeans. He took off everything until he was left with his Calvin Klein briefs... [REMOVED]

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QONDISIWE

I was woken up by the sun hitting me on my face, I rubbed my eyes and rose up from the pillow. Ntsika wasn't sleeping next to me..

Buli: Madam, I'm sorry for waking you up

Me: It's okay

She walked to the bathroom and came back with a toilet paper, she used it to pick up my tampon from the floor...

Me: You really didn't have to do that

Her: I will prepare your bath

Me: Thank you Buli but I can prepare my own bath

She walked to the bathroom to flush my tampon, then she walked back in..

Her: Anything else that you would like me to do for you?

Me: From hereon I'll be attending to the prince

She bowed..

Her: Yes Madam

She made her way out. I slowly got out of bed I was in pain. Last night was epic, one round led to another then another. I don't even remember when and how I passes out.

I heard a knock at the door, it's probably Ntsika..I was out of bed by now..

Me: Come in

To my surprise the Queen walked in, I quickly pulled the duvet and covered my naked body.

Me: Her Majesty

Her: Ohw I didn't see anything

I looked down, you don't look at Queen right in the eye..

Her: How did you sleep?

Me: I slept good, thank you

I bowed a little..

Her: I can see that

That was embarrassing...

Her: Please join me for breakfast

Me: I'll be honored your majesty

Her: Buli will come when you are done

Me: Yes her Majesty

She walked to the door..

Her: Ohw and Qondisiwe

Me: Her Majesty?

Her: I heard that you don't want Buli to attend to the prince anymore?

Me: I meant no disrespect

Her: You know what?

I looked at her..

Her: I think I like you Qondisiwe

She smiled at me, I smiled back at her. Then she walked out..

KHABONINA

Someone was busy ringing the door bell that it was irritating. I went down to open, I was sleeping peacefully and this person has just woken me up from a good sleep. I hope it was not Sindi again because I'm going to lose my cool..I opened the door and it was Ibanathi.. He walked in..

Me: What are you doing here?

Him: Qondi had an abortion?

Me: Where did you get that from?

Him: So why was she in hospital?

Me: Qondisiwe drank something that triggered her periods and made her bleed a lot, she was losing a lot of blood that's why she was admitted

Him: I don't buy that! Why drink something to trigger your periods if you not already pregnant?

Me: Why am I even explaining myself to you? Please leave

Him: Where is she?

Me: She's not here, she went down to the Mkhize village with her boyfriend for the weekend

Him: So she aborted to go and fuck her boyfriend?

Me: Ibanathi please leave

I opened the door for him..

Him: Tell her that this is not over, I'm coming for her!

Me: I'll pass the message thank you

He walked out and I closed the door..

QONDISIWE

I knocked first before making my way in, I didn't get a response. I opened the door and walked in, praying that I won't be welcomed by another scene identical to the one yesterday. He wasn't on his bed, and his bed was not made. Music was playing, but not too loud..

"Kulele kunye, akwabe kubili ngabe kuyavusana. We Mkhize we khabazela, tshela mina watatazela. Kulele kunye"

Me: Ntsika??

He showed up from the bathroom, he leaned at the door way with his arms folded. He looked at me and I looked at him, I only broke the eye contact after a few seconds..

Me: Good morning

He smiled..

Him: Good morning too

I started making his bed..

Me: I told Buli to stop attending to you, I'll do that for you. I hope you don't mind

He walked up to me and stood behind me, he ran his hand on my butt and bent my knees a bit.. He whispered next to my ear..

Him: I don't mind

I blushed a little..

Me: I should get done with this, I'm having breakfast with your Mother

He turned me around so that I could face him

Him: So we have what? 5 minutes maMkhize?

Me: MaMkhize?

Him: I don't know my mother is probably going to suggest marriage

He pushed me back and I fell on the bed. He moved my long traditional dress way high up to my chest. He got ontop of me and looked at me..

Him: Ngiyakthanda ntokazi yakwa Langa (I love you)

Me: Nami Ngiyakthanda nkosana yakwa Mkhize (I love you too)

He kissed me..

LORRAINE

The door opened and someone walked in..

Voice: Lorraine?

I looked up and it was Nokuthula..

Her: Are you okay?

I looked around..

Me: Please tell him to stop

Her: Tell who to stop? What is going on?

Me: He is here, he.. He tormented me the whole night.. Please make him go away

She helped me to get up..

Her: Ohh my word you cold and shaking, Lorraine you scaring me

Me: Just make him go away.. Tell him to stop

She looked around..

Her: What is going on here? Lorraine what have you gotten yourself into???

NTSIKAYEZWE

I was now having breakfast downstairs with my Father and Manqoba..

Dad: This Qondisiwe girl, how well do you know her?

Me: All that she said last night was true

He shook his head..

Him: I'm going to have someone look into her

Manqoba: Why? The Seer already confirmed that she was telling her truth

Me: No something there's something about her that just doesn't give me peace

Me: She is a good girl pops

Manqoba: She does seem like a good girl

Dad: That's the thing, she's way too perfect for my liking

Me: Would you rather I came with a girl from Johannesburg that is disrespectful like Mbongeni's fiancé?

Dad: I did not say that

Me: So let it go, Qondisiwe is a good girl

Dad: Speaking of Mbongeni where is he?

Manqoba: He said they will arrive this morning

Dad looked at the time..

Dad: And Manzini?

Manqoba: Also him.. He's on his way with his wife

Me: Relax, they will be here

QONDISIWE

It took me like forever to sit down, I was in pain and it was burning.. I shouldn't have urinated..

Queen: Rough night?

Me: I'm on my periods so period pains trouble me

Her: I see I'll tell Buli to give you some bathing salt, it helps with periods if you know what I mean

I looked down all shamed, a conversation I can't have with this woman about her son..

Me: Thank you for the breakfast invitation her majesty

Her: Thank you for joining me

(Silence)

Her: For how long have you been dating my son?

Me: It hasn't been that long

Her: You know between you and me, I thought that Ntsika was going to bring me one of those Johannesburg girls. I never thought that he would bring someone like you

Me: Someone like me?

Her: You are different. By looking at you I can see that you know a lot about culture and tradition, not only that but you value them. The way you present yourself, it's been a while since I had a daughter in law who showed me that kind of respect. You have all the qualities to make a good Queen one day, this might be too soon but I think I like you. I like you a lot and I'm happy that my Son found you. Girls like you are a dying breed

Me: Wow I.. Never thought that my mother in law would once say those words to me. Don't get me wrong I know Mother in laws to be a bit scary and difficult

Her: I have no reason to hate you or treat you bad. I have no reason to think that you not good enough for my son, unless I wanna marry him

I laughed..

Me: Thank you

Her: I would like you to stay with us for a while

Me: I would like that too but unfortunately my sister is getting married next week Tuesday and I have school

Her: That's sad

Me: I can come back next weekend

Her: I'm not sad that you leaving, I'm sad I wasn't invited to the wedding

Me: You would come?

Her: Why wouldn't I? I love weddings

Me: I'm not sure if we have invitations left but you can come

Her: I'll be honoured

Me: I think we the ones who would be honoured

We heard a voice screaming "Mother"

The Queen rolled her eyes. Some woman showed up, she was wearing a Jean, heels and a crop top.. I liked her weave it was very long..

Her: There she is

She hugged the queen and kissed her..

Queen: Lindiwe so nice of you to come

She pulled a chair and sat down.. She sat on her weave that's how long it was..

Her: You happy that I'm here right?

The Queen smiled..

Queen: Why wouldn't I be?

Her big diamond ring got to me..

Queen: Lindiwe meet Qondisiwe, she is Ntsika's girlfriend. Qondisiwe meet Lindiwe, she is Mbongeni's fiancé

She looked at me..

Her: Wow you different from all the girls he has been with, Zikhona is going to love you

Me: Zikhona?

Queen: Manzini's wife

Lindiwe: She's just like you with all the traditional dresses and doek

The Queen got up..

Queen: Excuse me

She walked away..

Lindiwe: Where is the champagne??

She snapped her fingers..

Lindiwe: Hey you servant girl

Buli walked closer..

Lindiwe: A bottle of Champagne and orange juice please

Buli bowed and walked out..

Lindiwe: Girl can I please style you

Me: I like my style

Lindiwe: Way too young for such clothes, Ntsika might just leave you. You look twice your age

Me: Ohhh

The King walked in..

Lindiwe: Daddy Dearest

Lindiwe got up from her chair and went to him..

Him: Your Son has been abusing me financially

King: In what way?

Her: He doesn't want me to buy me a Range rover

King: He bought you a G63

Her: See a friend of mine has a Range Rover, I need to top that I need to be above my friends I've had the G63 for 2 years now. I need to show her that I can drive any car that she drives

King: Qondisiwe what kind of car do you drive?

Me: I don't drive

King: You have a chauffeur

Me: I take taxis

Lindiwe: An Uber right?

Me: No taxis.. Normal taxis

She looked at the King..

Her: I never knew Ntsika was stingy

King: Excuse me

He walked out, Lindiwe sat down..

Her: How much allowance do you get a month?

Me: I get R3000 from my Brother in law

Her: To buy what exactly?

Me: How much do you get a month?

Her: R50 0000

Me: Excuse me 50 what? Do you work?

Her: No.. I am an Instagram influencer. I live my life and people just admire and die in peace.. Trust me it's a job on it's own

Me: I see

Her: Where is that damn champagne??

Obviously I've been surviving, people out there are living..

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IBANATHI

Noks called me and told me that something is wrong with my Mother, I drove down to her house and called Lungisa on the way.. When I arrived there she was laying on the couch, she wasn't responding to anything. She was in shock, as if like she has seen a ghost or something that frightened her to a point where she went into shock..

Me: For how long has she been like this?

Noks: This morning I found her in the other room, she was shaken

Me: She's been like this the whole day?

Noks: Yes.. I tried everything but, I thought she was going to snap out of it but..

I crouched next to the couch and held her hand...

Me: Ma, it's me

I put my other hand on her forehead..

Me: Lolo?

She was just laid there starring in one direction. She would just blink a few times..

Lungi walked in, he was alone. It's good that he was alone, don't need the drama between Noks and Khabo..

Lungi: What happened?

Me: I don't know

Lungi crouched next to me..

Lungi: Ma??

She still didn't respond..

Lungi: It's me Ma, Iba is also here

Still nothing...

Noks: Iba I need to show you something

I got up..

Lungi: I'll call the Dr

She took me to some room, I tried switching on the light but the bulb didn't budge. I walked in and looked around..

Noks: Your Mother is doing some serious Voodoo

Me: We have to get rid of everything, probably burn everything

Her: Is that wise? I mean this is serious Voodoo

Me: I don't care what it is, we'll have someone come clean this up first thing tomorrow morning

Her: Okay then but if you get cursed don't say I didn't warn you, you can't just throw away everything like that

I looked at her..

Me: I will

QONDISIWE

I enjoy sex with Ntsika, or I've enjoyed sex with Ntsika but this was too much now. I was tired, very much in pain and he just wanted more and more. I don't know how many times we have been sneaking upstairs into the Guest room that was allocated to me, I think people were starting to notice now that something was up. I was dead tired, I needed to rest..I was sitting on the bathroom counter, next to the basin. The first few minutes it was nice, but now it was starting to be painful. Very painful and I couldn't wait for him to come, but he was taking a bit longer. This is just crazy, no one can have such an appetite it's too much. I had my hands on his waist, shit was getting uncomfortable I pushed him back a bit...

Me: Ntsika uyang'limaza (You hurting me)

Him: Ngiyaqeda (I'll be done)

That's what he said about 5min ago..

He try to calm me down with a kiss but I wasn't having it, I just wanted him to finish.

I tried to push him back again but he held both my hands..

Me: Ang'safuni (I don't want anymore)

Him: Is that what you told him too? Ungang'jwayeli kabi Qondi

Ohh so this is about the Ibanathi situation, I thought we were over that.. He went on until he finally came, he didn't pull out though he stayed inside of me for a while.. He pulled out and picked up my underwear from the floor, he handed it to me..

Him: You can put it on

Me: I have to bath first

Him: No you not bathing

He started to dress up..

Me: I can't go downstairs in the presence of all those women with sperms on my underwear

Him: That's exactly what you going to do

I got down.. He gave me a serious look..

Him: Put on your underwear and then go downstairs, I'm sure they've long been waiting for you

I put it on and then looked at him..

Me: Is that your plan? To embarrass me in front of your whole family?

I fixed my dress..

Him: How am I embarrassing you?

Me: To have sex with me so much that everyone is going to notice?

Him: No...

Kissed me on the cheek..

Him: Don't over work yourself, we still have more business to take care of later tonight

Me: No..

Him: No??

Me: I'm not going to sleep with you later on, not even tomorrow night, not even the next night!! I slept with Ibanathi I didn't do it on purpose, I didn't cheat on you. We were taking a break! If it bothers your ego that much, deal with it and leave me out of it!!

I turned around and walked away, I didn't even reach the door when I felt him grabbing me by my hair and pulling me back.. I felt his lips next to my ear..

Him: You will never talk to me like that ever again.. Do you hear me?

I didn't respond..

Him: I said did you hear me??

His voice was firm this time around..

Me: I hear you

Him: Good

He let go and then walked to the door, he took out the key and walked out closing the door. He locked me inside..

Me: Ntsika no!!!

IBANATHI

The Dr suggested that my Mother needs to be put on lockdown immediately. She was indeed in shock, Lungi and I followed the ambulance. Lungi was driving.. I took my phone and called Qondisiwe, it rang until I canceled the call. I called again, Ntsika was the one who answered..

Ntsika: Mfana ka Biyela

Me: Where is Qondisiwe?

Him: uQondisiwe is a bit busy right now

Me: Why are you answering her phone?

Him: I thought my statement answered that

Me: Where the fuck is Qondisiwe?

Him: I'm going to hang up now, don't ever call my girlfriend again

Me: Me and that slut we have unfinished business!!

Him: Ohw and about that... That was the last time you fucked her!!

Me: She told you?

Him: I didn't even have to beat the truth out of her nor threaten to throw her off the balcony, I just had to fuck the truth out of her. That was it, she confessed everything

My heart beat started to increase...

Him: Stay away from my girlfriend, I don't wanna say it again

He hung up. I punched the dashboard..

Me: Fuck!!!!

Lungi: Hey!! Easy...

Me: I swear when I get to Qondisiwe..

Lungi: This obsession you have with this girl you need to let it go, I don't wanna be getting you a lawyer for a murder case!

Me: She is fucking someone else right after she aborted my baby

Lungi: So what? It's her life

Me: So whoring is life now?

Him: Qondisiwe is not your responsibility anymore, if she wants to fuck someone else she can it's her life! It has nothing to do with you!

I am not going to let this go..

QONDISIWE

I wiped my tears when Nowisa appeared..

Me: I'm not in the mood

She didn't say anything..

Me: You need to go, Ntsika might come in any minute

Her: He's downstairs

I turned and looked at her..

Me: "He's downstairs" I'm sorry who are you?

She smiled a little..

Her: Qondisiwe I went to school, before I left with my husband I had attended school. My village is better than yours, that's why the Ngwanes wanted it so bad

I sighed..

Her: Khabo is safe

Me: What did you do to Lorraine?

Her: Nothing.. I just let her sins get to her

Me: The Queen wants to attend Khabo's wedding

Her: No.. She can't

I looked at her..

Her: Ibanathi is going to be there

Me: So? You can tame him or something

Her: No I cannot.. I can't touch Ibanathi anymore

Me: Why?

Her: I had to remove that nail from his father's hand so he can go after Lorraine, he will be protecting his son from hereon

Me: He scares you?

Her: I can't protect Khabo, then fight off Ibanathi's father at the same time and I can't really fight him whatever I do he is here to stay until he gets his revenge

Me: This is messed

Her: You just need to find a way to uninvite the Queen

Me: It doesn't matter anymore, Ntsika and I we having problems

Her: He is just mad that you slept with someone else, he will come around

Me: He's fucking me out if my mind Nowisa!

Her: Well it'll be over soon, I promise

I sat down and she sat next to me..

Her: We make a good team wouldn't you say?

Me: Well..

She put her arm around my shoulder..

Her: Come on say it.. I know you want

We both laughed..

Me: Yeah whatever

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QONDISIWE

I didn't attend the actual ceremony. I was busy helping around, I felt so bad for not helping yesterday. Lindiwe didn't go too, she hung around drinking her champagne and eating. Ntsika's Parents are good people to accept someone so different and accept her for who she is, for royalty they brave..

Later on I decided to go to the guest room and relax, I was dead tired and my feet were killing me..

Ntsika walked in, he closed the door..

Him: Heard you were busy today

Me: I was and my feet are killing me

He sat on the bed and started massaging my feet..

Him: I'm proud of you

Me: Did everything go well?

Him: Yes everything went well.. We will be leaving tomorrow morning, you need to help your sister with her wedding and catch up on your school work.. How is school going?

Me: It's not bad anymore

Him: That's good

I checked my phone, I had a lot of missed calls and text messages from Ibanathi..

Me: I need to change my number

Him: Why?

Me: Ibanathi is at it

Him: That boy is obsessed with you, you need to watch out an obsession can be deadly

Me: He dares touch me again I'm going to have him arrested

Him: He dares touch you again, I'm going to kill him

He got on the bed and laid behind me..

Me: Ntsika

Him: Yes?

Me: I love you

Him: I love you too.. Get some rest

KHABONINA

I walked downstairs to Noks and Lungi playing a happy family. He had his hand on her tummy, this was disgusting..

Lungi stood up as I made my way down..

Noks: Here it goes

Me: I thought she was gone

Lungi: She's looking for an apartment to rest

Me: What happened to Lorraine's house?

Lungi: There's a lot that's going on there

Noks got up from the couch with the help of Lungi..

Noks: I'm not going anywhere, I can't stay alone in this state

Me: You not sick you pregnant

She looked at Lungi..

Lungi: I think she should stay with us, just until she gives birth

Me: I'll be damned!!

Noks: I think we have sorted this out

She looked at Lungi..

Noks: We should go

Me: Where too?

Lungi: She wants to go out for a drive

Noks balanced herself with Lungi's arm..

Me: We should be finalizing a few things with regards to the wedding

Lungi: Thought you had that covered

Noks: I think the baby is way important for now

Me: I wasn't talking to you

Noks: I was talking to you.. This is his first child, let him be there for his child.. I know that you had problems in your life, your baby daddies weren't there even at the funeral

Me: Don't talk about things you don't know!!

I looked at Lungi..

Me: You told her?

Her: His Mom told me

I looked at them..

Me: Maybe do get a DNA test while you at it

Lungi: What?

Me: Ohw she's your sister

Noks laughed..

Noks: Your jealousy is on another level

Lungi: What are you talking about?

Me: Noks is your Sister, ya'll have the same father.. You just knocked up your sister

I looked at Noks..

Me: Can't speak anymore?

Lungi: I know you don't like Noks but to start such an accusation?

Me: Ask Iba, he shall confirm!!

I left them there and made my way upstairs..

IBANATHI

I received a call from Lungi..

Me: Bro?

Him: Khabo said something to me

Me: Something like what?

Him: She says Noks is my Sister, she said you knows

Me: I was going to tell you after you the wedding

Him: What's going on? Why wasn't I told about this?

Me: Yeah it's shit Bro

Him: Mom would nev-

Me: Mom made you engage your sister, Mom was going to marry you off to your Sister.
Mom did these things because she's selfish

Lungi: This cannot be true

Me: Do a DNA test with Noks, it shall confirm

Him: So Dad is not my Dad?

Me: No..

Him: Now it all makes sense why he hated me, so I'm not a Biyela

I didn't know what to say..

Me: You my Brother and that's that

Lungi: Thank you for telling me!

Me: Lungi

He hung up...

QONDISIWE

I was woken up by Buli, she told me that the whole family was having dinner downstairs and that I was the only one missing. I got up and bathe, I was still dead tired. I just wanted to sleep and nothing more.. When I was done preparing myself, I made my way downstairs. Indeed everyone was gathered around the dining table, including the Princess.. I greeted everyone started with the King, then I went and sat next to Ntsika. He put a napkin on my thighs...

Me: Thank you

Queen: Busi, this is Qondisiwe. Ntsika's girlfriend. Qondisiwe this is my Busisiwe, the Princess

Me: It's nice to meet you

Her: You beautiful

Me: Thank you.. You beautiful too

Her: Thank you

Queen: This is nice, I don't remember the last time we all had dinner together as a family

The King was looking at me..

King: Manqoba

Manqoba looked at him..

King: Did you bring any picture of Nowisa

I froze, Manqoba looked at me. Then he looked at the King..

Manqoba: They only have one picture and they guard it

Queen: Why do you want her picture all of a sudden?

King: She's family it would be good knowing how our traitor looked like

Queen: We having a good time, please don't ruin it

King: Qondisiwe do you know about our history?

I cleared my throat..

Me: Ntsika told me

Ntsika looked at me..

King: Our Great ancestor betrayed us

Queen: Not at the dinner table

King: I don't take kindly to treason

Me: I wouldn't commit treason

King: I expect you not too.. If we going to consider you as family know that we have sworn enemies the Ngwane tribe

I nodded..

Lindiwe: I would like to meet the other tribe

Everyone looked at her..

Lindiwe: Just to see if they in our league

King: They not except for their magical river

Lindiwe: River?

King: They sacrificed our Ancestor, buried her under that river so it can give life to their land

Lindiwe: Wow.. That's some serious shit

Queen: Language

Manqoba and I kept on looking at each other..

King: I will die one day, Ntsika I want you to keep this on

Ntsika: Of course

I looked at him..

Ntsika: The tradition will go on, The Zikhali village will never be our friends nor alliances I will also make sure of that

King: Now we can eat

I glanced down at my plate, this is going to be harder than I thought. When I raised my head up, Nowisa was standing in the middle of the room. She looked at the King..

Nowisa: You have no idea what happened, you inherited hate that you know nothing about!!!! (Shouting)

She literally flipped the dinner table, a few of us screamed..

Manqoba: What the hell?

KHABONINA

Noks was sitting on the couch crying..

Me: Where is Lungi?

She ignored me..

Me: Okay

I walked away..

Noks: Why would you do that?

Me: Do what? Tell him the truth?

Noks: You did it for your own selfishness, you couldn't come at me fairly

I looked at her..

Me: You not crying because you hurt, you crying because the truth came out. You knew!

She kept quiet..

Me: You knew about this and you went ahead with it, what kind of a devil are you? You sickening!!!

I tried to walk away but she held my arm..

Me: Don't touch me

Her: You don't understand

Me: I said don't touch me!!!

I pushed her and she fell, her head hit the table before she fell. I swear I could hear something cracking..

Me: Noks???

I stood there and looked at her..

Me: Noks?

I went down to touch her, I saw blood coming out from the back of her neck

Me: Shit!!!!!!

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QONDISIWE

Ntsika unlocked the door after a long time, I was still sitting on the floor. At least Nowisa kept me company, I wasn't totally bored with my thoughts only.. He stood at the door and glanced down at me..

Him: I've brought you something to eat

I got up and walked to the door, he blocked my way. I looked at him, he moved and I walked out..

Him: No diva tendencies anymore?

I ignored him.. The tray was on the bed..

He gently grabbed my arm and turned me so that I could look at him..

Him: Ngiyaxolisa (I'm sorry)

Me: Where you going to hit me?

Him: What? I'd never raise my hand on you

Me: You grabbed my hair

Him: You were talking to me as if like you were talking to that boy! I just left you for a while to calm down

I looked down, he put his hand on my chin... Him: I will never hit you, that was a scare tactic you can't talk to me as if like you talking to one of your friends.. I needed to remind you that I still wear the pants in this relationship

I looked at him..

Me: Relationship?

Him: I didn't fuck you to pass you on like you some loose woman, this was not for fun

Me: So you still wanna be in a relationship with me?

Him: So long you stay away from that boy then we good

Me: I've already buried him

He smiled and kissed me..

Him: I'll lay off on your cookie for a while

Me: Please.. I don't think I like sex anymore, I've had too much of it now

He chuckled..

Me: What?

Him: I just hope you won't be the one sneaking in my room tomorrow

Me: That won't happen

He held my hand and led me to the bed..

Him: So my Dad gave me a mouthful about you not having a car, I didn't think you wanted a car

Me: I don't want a car... It's Lindiwe

Him: Ohw ya that one, but if you do want one don't be scared to ask

Me: I like using taxis, I like my simple life

Him: You don't even want a chauffeur?

Me: No I'm okay, I like how things are between us no money involved

Him: I'm just saying if you do need financial assistance at some point don't be scared to ask

Me: I'll keep that in mind

I started eating..

Him: Are you sure? Not even a car that's at least R300 000?

Me: I'm sure

Him: Okay

Me: It gets to you that I don't want you to do things for me?

Him: Too much.. I mean it would be somehow if you go out shopping and see something that you like but can't buy it because you don't have enough money

Me: I'm fine Ntsika

Him: I'll take your word for it

Me: Ohh my word I should be downstairs helping

Him: Mom told them that you not feeling well

Me: Your Mom.. She's a very lovely woman

Him: Too much.. She's not a Queen that sits all day and give out instructions. She goes to the hospital and help bath the critically ill, help change beds, feed them, take them out for a walk. She also goes and help with the cooking at the oprhanage

Me: Wow.. I wish to be half of the woman that she is

Him: You can

Me: I hope so

We heard a knock at the door..

Him: I'll get that

He went to open..

Ntsika: Ma??

My heart stopped beating..

Her: Is Qondisiwe around?

Ntsika: Yes please come in

She made her way in then she looked at Ntsika..

Ntsika: I'll go and.. Uhm.. I'll just leave you two

He walked out and she closed the door..

She turned to me..

Her: The salt I promised you

Me: Thank you

Her: It's so disappointing to me that you and Ntsika came to visit my house just to have sex

I started coughing..

Her: I mean you haven't even met the Princess

I didn't know what to say, she came and put the salt on the bed..

Her: I hope tomorrow you will be feeling a bit better, I want you to attend the ceremony

Me: I will.. Thank you very much

Her: I'll leave you to rest

Me: Thank you her majesty

Her: Thank you Ma..

Me: Thank you Ma

Her: Good night Sisi

Me: Good night

Her: And stop letting him in your bedroom

Me: I'm going to lock

Her: I hope so

She walked out..

SINDISIWE

Ibanathi made his way in, I was so worried about him..

Me: Where have you been? I was worried about you

Him: Had an emergency to attend too, my mom got admitted

Me: I'm sorry to hear that, I hope she recovers.. What happened?

Him: I don't wanna talk about that for now, I'd rather not talk about it

Me: I understand.. I'm sorry

He made his way to me..

Him: I just wanna fuck you, probably for the whole night are you down with that?

Me: I'm down with that

He pointed at the staircase..

Him: After you Ma Lady

He followed me upstairs...

THE QUEEN

Me: Thank you Buli

People were just going up and down trying to prepare for tomorrow. The girls were outside singing and dancing next to the fire, tomorrow is going to be a beautiful ceremony. I can't wait.. I took the tea to my husband, he was in his study.. The door was open, I made my way in and put the tray on the table..

Me: What's on your mind?

I made my way to him, he pulled the chair a bit and made me sit on his lap..

Me: What's wrong?

Him: Do you trust this Qondisiwe?

Me: I do.. She's a very nice girl, a girl that I wanted Ntsika to bring home

He shook his head..

Me: What's on your mind?

Him: She's just too perfect. There way she carries herself, how she dresses. She smells royalty to me, she's respectful as if like she has lived with royalty before

Me: Maybe Ntsika told her how to handle herself

Him: No she wasn't taught, it's in her blood

Me: That girl is anything but royalty, she wouldn't lie to us

Him: Her beauty it's.. I don't know something there's just something about her that doesn't give me peace

Me: She is indeed beautiful, this is why Ntsika must keep her. She'll make a good Queen one day

Him: She didn't grow up in the city that one, that's why I'm going to have her investigated

Me: You wanna start it with your son? Such girls exist and she makes him happy. Can't we consider ourselves fortunate and leave it at that?

He still shook his head..

Him: Something is not right

KHABONINA

I opened the door, it was Nokuthula. She had on a bag with her, a luggage bag..

Me: Can I help you?

She pushed me out of the way and walked in. I closed the door..

Me: What do you want?

Her: I'm moving in

Me: No you not

Her: Yes I am

Me: You not moving in

Her: The last time I remember this was Lungi's house. He won't let the mother of his child to be homeless

She put her hand on her tummy..

Me: Wena? You homeless?

Her: Where is he by the way?

Me: You can't stay here, you need to leave "By the way"

Her: I'm not going to say anything to you anymore, this is not your house

Me: Listen here maybe they let you disrespect them but.. I won't let you disrespect me

Her: What you going to do? Hit a pregnant woman?

I looked at her...

Her: I didn't think so

Lungi walked in..

Lungi: What's going on?

Me: Fix it!! Or I will

I walked away...

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KHABONINA

No one is going to see this as an accident. It would be pretty obvious that I attacked my fiancé's baby Mama because of Jealousy.

I had to think, and I had to think fast before Lungi comes back or else my life is over. I rushed to the kitchen and took a clean wrap plastic, you know the one that they usually use to cover meat in a tray. I knelt down and covered her face with it, to probably stop the bleeding. I used a lot of it, I covered her face with her eyes half open. It was pretty clear that she was no more. When I was done I dragged her upstairs, with my arms under her armpits. She was a lot heavier than I thought. The plastic around her face prevented me from leaving a trail of blood, I dragged her to the guest room. I took out the luggage bags from the wardrobe and stuffed her in there, then I put the bags on top of her. This was a very traumatic experience for me, I killed someone and I'm about to cover up the murder. I rushed downstairs to clean up the blood, I used domestoes mixed with bleach to clean up the blood next to the table. I also wiped the table..

QONDISIWE

We were all surrounding him, the King had called the Seer to come and tell us what happened. My phone rang, everyone looked at me. I checked and it was Khabo..

Me: It's my sister, excuse me

I moved a bit far to answer..

Me: Khabo

She was breathing heavy..

Me: Khabo?

Her: You need to come home now!

Me: Why? Are you okay?

Her: I did something terrible

Me: What did you do?

She started breaking down..

Me: What did you do?

Her: I killed her

Me: You killed who? Khabo what did you do?

Her: Noks I killed her

Me: What?

Her: I pushed her and she fell, her head hit the table

Me: It was an accident

Her: They won't see it like that, it was just the two of us and. We were arguing, they going to say I did it on purpose

Me: Where is Lungi?

Her: He's not around

Me: Where is Noks?

Her: I put her in the closet, in the guest room

Me: Okay I'll be home tomorrow, don't breath a word to anyone about this

Seer: Nowisa was here

I turned around and looked at them..

Me: I have to go just stay calm

I hung up and walked up to them..

Queen: Seer what do you mean?

Seer: She is the one who flipped the table

Talk about hiding my true identity..

King: That's it!! Get the Servants to clean up, we are going to have a Sèance

Manqoba: Dad aren't you overreacting?

King: We are going to meet here exactly in 10min time, Seer gather everything that you going to need

Tha King held the Queen's hand and they walked away, I turned to Ntsika..

Me: What is a Siames?

Ntsika: A Sèance, we going to summon Nowisa

My heart almost stopped..

Lindiwe: This is going to be great, let's go prepare for the Sèance

The Seer walked away..

Me: Excuse me

I went to him..

Me: What are you doing?

Him: Saving you

Me: By summoning Nowisa? If you didn't notice she looks exactly like me! You handing my head to the king on a silver platter

Him: King Ngwane might be foolish, King Mkhize is not. Had I lied he was going to see it through me and send for another Seer who was going to hand you in a silver platter, just trust me!

Ntsika walked up to us..

Ntsika: Is everything okay?

Seer: Madam Qondisiwe was telling me to give her something for her sister, her sister is getting cold feet

I swallowed..

The Seer left..

Ntsika: I'm sorry, my father is a very paranoid person

Me: You can't let this happen

Him: I don't usually go with what he says but if Nowisa was here, I want to see her

He kissed me on my forehead..

Him: I'll make you a cup of tea to calm you down, help you relax a bit

This is not good..

IBANATHI

I looked at Sindi..

Me: Give us some privacy

Sindi nodded and walked upstairs, I looked at Lungi...

Me: Something to drink?

Him: I drank before I came here

Me: I was waiting for you to get married first, I didn't wanna tell you because this was going to mess you up

Him: How? How did you find out?

Me: Qondisiwe

Him: Qondisiwe??

Me: Dad showed up to her and told her everything

Him: When was this?

Me: A long time ago

Him: I can't believe this.. Dad is not my Dad how can Mom do this to me? After everything I've done for her she was.. She was going to let me marry my.. She was going to let me marry Her. I've slept with her Iba, she's pregnant with my child! My own Sister is going to have a baby by me

Me: Mom is evil Lungi, she robbed me off my company and then she used you! She killed Pops because Pops knew the truth, she poisoned him

He slid down against the fridge..

Him: Everything I've known has been a lie

I went and sat next to him..

Him: Dad didn't leave me anything because he knew, he knew that I wasn't his blood

Me: You are my blood and this is the reason why I'm keeping you in the company, don't let this ruin your life. You have everything going well for you. You getting married next week to the love of your life, you still going to be the CEO until your dying day or until you retire. Don't let Mom win, don't let her ruin everything for you. Everything that you've

worked hard for

I saw tears in his eyes..

Him: My own Mother did this to me!

I put my arm around his shoulders..

Me: It's going to be okay Bro

QONDISIWE

We all came back downstairs. The table and chairs were shifted, I saw the Seer drew the devil's triangle and put crystals around it..

King: Are you ready?

Seer: I'm ready your highness

King: If you anyone is not for this, please leave

If I leave now, this would look bad on me

Lindiwe: Wait, isn't this the devil's triangle?Are we really going to play with the devil?

Seer: The pentagram was a triangle for good, until it was stolen by the underworld

Ntsika: How is this going to work?

Seer: Nowisa is under the water, she's in the under world and now I'm about to open the door to the underworld and summon her from it

Me: Isn't that dangerous?

Eyes were on me..

Me: Opening the door to the underworld might just bring other spirits not only hers

Seer: Very well... But I will only summon her and call her out and trap the other spirits

I nodded..

Lindiwe held tight to Mbongeni's arm..

King: Lindiwe you can be excused if you scared, even you Qondisiwe and Zikhona

Manzini kissed his wife on the cheek..

Him: I'll join you soon

Mbongeni: I'll accompany you upstairs

Busi: Can I also go?

Queen: Of course

Ntsika: Maybe stay with Busi if you scared

I looked at Manqoba..

Manqoba nodded. I held Busi's hand and we walked upstairs, Mbongeni left us halfway..

Lindiwe: I think we should all stay together

Busi: Good idea.. My room

We all went to her bedroom, it was beautiful.

Lindiwe: We going to need Champagne, Daddy has lost it!

We sat on her bed..

Lindiwe: I'm coming

We all sat there in silence, Busi was hugging her pillow. I was nervous but I tried very hard to contain myself. As we were sitting there silently I somehow heard a gate opening.

I looked around and everyone else was on their phone. I heard the gate opening again and I got up, then all of a sudden I felt cold. Very cold.. What happened next I wasn't prepared for it, I saw a woman wearing a black dress that was torn up. She was holding a stick..

I looked around, it seems like I am the only one who was seeing her..

I looked at her, she raised up her head and looked at me..

Her: Qondisiwe

Her voice made me shiver..

Me: Who are you?

Before she could answer I felt weak, like my strength was drained from me. Before I knew it, I fell on the floor..

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KHABONINA

Lungi walked in and found me cleaning the kitchen, I had to keep busy before I lost my mind. He closed the door and looked at me, I looked at him too..

Me: I'm sorry, I shouldn't have told you. It was not my place

Him: I'm glad you told me, no one was ever going to tel me. Ibanathi told me only because I've already found out

Me: How are you feeling about everything?

Him: I don't know how to feel, honestly I'm very confused

(Silence)

Him: Where is Noks?

My heart jumped..

Me: She went out for a walk, she was also upset

He nodded..

Him: So long I'll get her a place to stay, I don't think I wanna see her for now

Me: I understand it can't be easy

Him: The wedding is still on

Me: You still wanna go ahead with the wedding?

Him: Why wouldn't I? The wedding is currently the only best thing that is going well for me right now, I still wanna marry you

Me: Thank you

He came and hugged me..

Him: No thank you for being here for me.. I love you so much

Me: I love you too

QONDISIWE

I woke up in the guest room with the Mkhize family surrounding me, Ntsika was sitting next to me holding my hand...

Ntsika: Hey... How are you feeling?

He put his hand on my forehead, I didn't know what to say..

Seer: I think the room is overcrowded, I would like to have a moment with Madam Qondisiwe just to see if she's okay

King: What happened?

Queen: Busi already said she fainted

Seer: Please

Queen: I hope you get well Dear

Me: Thank you

They all walked out with the King giving me a weird look..

Seer: You too Prince Ntsika

Ntsika: I'm not going anywhere

Me: Please..

He kissed my hand..

Ntsika: I'll come back later

I smiled at him as he walked out. The Seer locked the door..

Seer: Did you see her?

I looked at him..

Me: I saw a woman, she was wearing a black dress that was torn, she was also holding

a stick. When I looked at her I felt cold and empty, she is very cold

Seer: I cannot believe this.. You saw the Aker

Me: The what?

Seer: I thought it was only a legend.. So my plan worked

Me: What are you talking about?

Him: The Aker is said to be the gate keeper of souls

Me: I'm confused

Him: I wasn't going to summon Nowisa. Nowisa is not in the under world, Nowisa is under the Zikhali river. When you summon a spirit, it cannot be released from the underworld you need to meet the Aker first, negotiate with her. Qondisiwe the Aker is only seen by those who are spiritually gifted and not just any spiritual gifted individual but a strong one

Me: What are you saying to me?

Him: I opened the gate but I never thought she was going to come, I did that instead of summoning Nowisa to keep your secret and now I'm very honored

He knelt before me..

Him: I'm honoured to be in the presence of a great sorcerer

Me: I am a what?

Him: My Grandfather was a strong seer, so was my father. None of them ever saw the Aker but you did, she came to you because you two are the creatures of sorcery she somewhat felt the connection with you. The Aker is not only a gate keeper, she was the most powerful sorcerer to ever walk on earth and she too was a Guardian. You just connected with someone who owned the Zikhali village with her people before the Ngwane tribe occupied it

Me: What happened in there? In the lounge

Him: A chandelier fell when the gate opened, we broke the sèance just when the princess ran down to tell us that you fainted and you were shaking violently

Me: Who am I exactly?

Him: I think as time goes on you will find the answers more especially now since you have seen the Aker

Me: Nowisa has never told me about the Aker

Him: There's a lot that you need to know and the answers lie in that village

He got up..

Him: Qondisiwe

Me: Yes?

Him: You've just brushed your shoulder with death, be careful the Aker is not what she seems. She's full of tricks at times, she's never honest

Me: Thank you

Him: I'll get you some herbs to help you sleep

Me: Thank you

NTSIKAYEZWE

Me: You wanted to see me?

Pops: Get in

I walked in.. He was standing at the book shelf..

Me: What's wrong?

Him: You need to end it with this girl

Me: Why?

He turned and looked at me..

Him: Something is not right with her, do you really know who she is?

Me: Did she do anything to offend you?

Him: No

Me: So we done here

Him: You will end it with this girl

Me: I'd rather give up the throne than to give up my relationship with Qondisiwe. I love her, I've never met anyone like her.. You just have to live with it

Him: You've never spoken about giving up the throne for anyone or anything, now I have another reason to not trust her. I'll be looking into her, and you will see that this girl is not who you think she is

Me: Good luck with that

Him: Good night Son

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QONDISIWE

I was woken by an unusual sound, like something was hitting against the floor. I got up and looked at Ntsika, he was sleeping soundless. I looked around it was still dark, I looked at time it was 3am. I fell back on the pillow again until I heard a certain voice calling out "Dalla". I rose up from the pillow again, the banging sound was still going on and the voice still continued "Dalla". I shook Ntsika but he didn't wake up, I got out of bed and followed the sound. It led me outside to the pool. I looked at the 2 guards who were meant to be standing by the sliding door, they were on the floor passed out. I looked at the pool and there she was standing, banging her stick against the ground. I made my way to her, I didn't go to her exactly, I stood on the other side of the pool. She stopped banging her stick. I stood there shivering, the water in the pool had turned into ice. There's so much cold surrounding this woman..

Her: Dalla

Me: My name is Qondisiwe

Her: You are the Dalla

Me: What do you want from me? I heard you cannot be trusted

Her: You and I we are the creatures and slaves to sorcery, you are the Dalla (good) in me and I am the Aker (evil) in you

Me: Why are you still here? Shouldn't you be at the gate?

Her: I was brought into this world, I should've never been brought into your world. You and I can never occupy the same space, Good and evil cannot exist along side each other

Me: How do we get you back?

Her: One has to bow down to the other, balance has to be restored

Me: I'll never bow down to you

Her: And I, never to you too

Me: I heard you a Guardian too

Her: That I am, I am a lot of things Dalla

Me: Stop addressing me like that

Her: But you are The Dalla

Me: What is it that you want?

Her: The souls of the existing Guardians under the Village river, will come to me

Me: No!! Leave them alone

Her: When your people occupied that land already it was cursed by me, the curse has fallen on you too

Me: How do I lift the curse?

Her: A great sacrifice needs to come forth, a soul for a soul. In this instant, a good soul. The Dalla

Nowisa showed up..

Nowisa: You not taking her

Aker: The Queen Nowisa herself, I was wondering when you will show up

Nowisa looked at me..

Nowisa: Qondisiwe I know you and I had our differences, but you cannot trust the Aker. You are very powerful and you can defeat her

Aker: A sacrifice is what I expect

She hit the stick and the ice turned into water..

Nowisa: I trust and believe in you

She looked at the Aker..

Nowisa: Take me

Me: What? No!

Aker: Very well

Me: Nowisa No!!!

Nowisa: It's okay

The Aker stretched her hand..

Me: Nowisa you can't do this, you've said yourself that we cannot trust her!

Nowisa: When there seems to be noway, a window always provides a way

Nowisa hugged me..

Her: When you get home put on your necklace, the water in the pendent will protect you from the Aker

She separated from me..

Me: Nowisa!!

She walked to the edge of the pool, I tried to go after her but Nowisa froze my feet to the ground..

Nowisa: Bye Qondisiwe

Me: No!!!

She jumped to the pool, I looked at the Aker..

Me: I'm coming for you!!

The Aker jumped into the pool also, that was when I was able to now move my legs. I knelt at the edge of the pool and looked at the water...

Me: Nowisa!!!!

LUNGISA

I woke up to the sound of someone crying, I looked beside me and Khabo was not sleeping next to me. I got up and she was sitting at the corner hugging her knees..

I walked up to her..

Me: Khabo

I went and switched on the light, then went back to her..

Me: What are you doing on the floor?

She shook her head, I sat next to her..

Me: What's wrong?

Her: I can't do this

Me: Can't do what? The wedding?

Her: I can't do this, it's not right

I hugged her..

Me: It's okay, it's going to be okay

KING MKHIZE

I looked at the tape again. Qondisiwe was standing by the pool and she seemed to be talking to someone, then another person too. Looked like she was talking to 2 people that were not visible. Then after that the water in the pool started splashing as if like someone had jumped in, like two people had jumped in

Me: Get the Seer

Security: Yes Sir

I turned and looked at the guards..

Me: You didn't see her?

Guard: We woke up on the floor You highness, we don't know how we passed out

Me: I see

QONDISIWE

Ntsika put his hands on my cheek..

Him: Are you okay?

I nodded..

Him: Did you get any sleep last night?

Me: Not exactly

Him: Why didn't you wake me up?

Me: I did but you refused to wake up

He chuckled..

Him: That's so unlike me

Me: Well you were dead asleep

Him: I'm sorry that this weekend wast that amazing

Me: It was.. Your Mother is very sweet

Him: I'm glad you and her get along very well

Me: She's an amazing woman

Him: Are you ready to go?

Me: Yes I'm ready

Him: Let's go

LORRAINE

I was sitting on the bed and starring at the wall, when a woman wearing a black dress

appeared.. I looked around..

Me: Who.. Who are you?

She walked up to me..

Me: Who are you?

Her: Your help

She stood next to the bed, I stood up..

Me: Why are you here?

She spread out her arms..

Her: come to me child

As much as I forced my legs not to go to her, but they didn't obey. I moved towards her. She hugged me, and I started feeling really cold. She hugged me and got inside of me, I started shivering very bad as she took over inside my body. I then fell on the floor..

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QONDISIWE

Very early in the morning we were on the road back to Johannesburg, The Queen and the Princess gave me a warm goodbye. Can't really say much about the King, he is not very fond of me but then I hope that one day he will come around. I have been sleeping in the car with Ntsika holding my hand, I didn't get any good sleep last night. With everything that has been happening, I couldn't sleep anymore.

LORRAINE (AKER)

Me: Thank you very much Dr

Dr: I hope I never see you here again, in my Institution

Me: Your Institution?

Dr: My Institution!

Me: Doc, I'm disappointed.

Dr: You blackmailed me

Me: Did I? I mainly told you that I have proof that you have been taking advantage of your female unstable patients. You have been hitting them with high doses to stable them enough so that you could rape them, if that gets out not only are you going to lose your job but that's jail time and shame to your kids and wife, who see their father as a hero. Not to mention the world at large, it would be a shame. A good certified psychiatrist being a rapist how devastating!

Him: As I've said, please don't come back here

She made her way in and greeted us..

Sindi: Uhm are you ready to go?

Dr: Please take her!

The Dr walked away..

Me: Nice work Doc

Sindi: I didn't even know you were here until I received your call, was surprised getting a call from a mental institution

Me: A lot of people didn't know

Her: What happened?

We walked out to her car..

Her: I'm sorry I know that it's none of my business

Me: It's okay Dear, that's the story for another day

We got inside the car..

Me: I would've called one of my sons but... I'm not their favorite person right now

Her: It's okay, I'm happy to help

She started driving..I looked at her..

Me: You know I can help you with the Ibanathi situation

Her: Huh?

Me: I know you love him deeply and unfortunately he is in love with someone else. Love! It can be cruel at times I don't understand why it's considered "Pure"

Her: I don't know what you talking about

Me: I could fix you up a portion

Her: A portion?

Me: Yes, so that he can love you back the way you want

Her: I'm sorry Mrs B-

Me: Lorraine please

Her: I'm sorry Lorraine but I'm not going to use a portion on him so that he can love me back, those things they wear off as time goes on

Me: Not mine... See by the time it wears off he's going to die and by then you going to inherit everything of his because you would be his wife and probably the Mother of his kid, you going to get everything including the Company

She almost lost control of the car..

Her: Wha?.. What are you talking about?

Me: Ibanathi.. His Dad left the company for him, it's his..

Her: Wow I didn't know

Me: Think about it. Your Sisters are happy, Khabo is about to marry a wealthy CEO. Qondisiwe is busy with a Filthy rich Prince, if they make it she's going to be a Queen and Khabo is working on owning a restaurant. What about you? The Sindi who was above her sisters, your sisters worshiped the ground you walked on once, and today you nothing to them. It is so unfair and trust me if you don't act soon, Ibanathi is going to leave you and what's going to become of you? You will have to go back to hustling. I know how much you hate doing that, the things you had to do to keep that good life of yours.. This is an easy gateway, and it's for a small price.. Think about it

KING MKHIZE

Mangoba: Pops you asked to see me?

Me: Yes please

I pointed at the chair..

Him: This sounds serious, I'd rather stand

Me: Very well.. I need you to go back to Johannesburg and spy on this girl Qondisiwe for me

Him: Why?

Me: I don't trust her, something is not right.

Him: Pops she seems like a good person

Me: I don't dispute that but..

I sat down..

Me: Qondisiwe comes here and then all of a sudden Nowisa shows up, Nowisa has never shown up ever since she was banished from this place

Him: You think Qondisiwe has something to do with it?

Me: Very much

Him: What about Ntsika?

Me: Ntsika thinks with his heart and his genitals

Him: If I do find something on her, what are you going to do?

Me: Leave that up to me

Him: I'm very uncomfortable with this, Ntsika is my Brother

Me: And he is my Son, the future King! I would have Manzini be a King right now but unfortunately Ntsika was chosen from birth. What I'm doing is my way of trying to protect him before he falls hard and lose his sanity over this girl I'm also protecting the throne

He nodded..

Me: And keep this between us will you?

Him: I'm going to keep it between us

Me: Thank you Son

I trust Manqoba, he's very loyal. He is the same son that I sent to get us information about the Zikhali village years ago. I know that he will never disappoint

LORRAINE (AKER)

Sindi: Here we are

Me: Thank you very much Dear

Her: You welcome

Me: You should text me your banking details so I can transfer some money, it's my way of saying thank you and welcome to the family

Her: Uhm.. I'll do that

Me: Thank you again

She nodded..

Her: I should go

Me: I'll call you as soon as I find my phone

Her: No problem

I hugged her..

Me: Bye Dear

Her: You very cold, are you okay?

Me: I'm okay just the damn institution, I used to sleep on the floor without a blanket

Her: You should sue, that's cruelty

Me: I'll think about it

Her: Okay.. I'll text you

Me: Goodbye Child

Her: Bye Lorraine

Me: How about you call Me Mom

Her: Excuse me?

Me: I know that you lost your mother in a very terrible way, I'm not trying to replace her but with your sisters acting up I don't want you to ever think that you alone.. I'm here

Her: Wow uhm.. Thank you

Me: Don't even mention it

She made her way to the door and walked out, I turned and walked around the house..

Voice: Lorraine?

I turned back, I saw Nokuthula or her spirit.

She looked at me..

Her: You not Lorraine

Me: Of course not my Dear

Her: You.. You are.. You..

Me: I'm the gate keeper

Her: You take souls no you steal souls

Me: That's true

Her: What's happening to me? Why can't I get through to anyone? I feel suffocated, I feel cold

Me: That's because you dead! The fall? You remember it? You didn't die you were mainly unconscious but that stupid girl knows nothing about such things, she suffocated you and killed you with that plastic

Her: I'm dead?

She shook her head..

Her: This is not right, I can't be dead!

Me: A life that was stolen.. It wasn't your time

Her: I can't be dead, I still have some unfinished business

Me: Of course you do that's why you wondering around

Her: My baby? This is so wrong

Me: Death is very painful and you not ready to cross over, so as the gate keeper of souls I'm going to return your soul back to you

Her: You can do that?

Me: Yes you a lost soul, I can do that

Her: I'll be alive again?

Me: Well sort of but that will require a life for a life

I looked at her tummy..

Me: He will go on your behalf

Her: You going to take my baby?

Me: There must be balance

Her: I.. I can't do that

Me: Then you will remain dead and you won't get your revenge

She looked down..

Me: Now if you will excuse me I ha-

Her: Okay it's fine.. I'll take the deal

Me: Not a difficult negotiator

Her: So when am I getting back to my body?

Me: All in due time, all in due time

I walked up to the staircase, seems like I'm going to enjoy being here..

Her: What am I to do in the meantime?

Me: You'll be my guest, you'll keep me company this house is too big for one person but I assure you, when the time is right I'll get you back to your body

Her: Thank you

Me: You welcome

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LORRAINE (AKER)

I was having dinner whilst Noks was moving around..

Me: Do you mind?

Her: I'm dead, what can I do?

Me: I said I'll help you

Her: I thought God is the one who gives and takes life, how come you giving me back my life?

Me: God gives life but he doesn't take away life, death takes life

Her: How come you giving me my life back?

Me: You are a lost soul and I am an Aker, I can give you back your soul for another soul

Her: My baby? How are you going to take him?

Me: You'll see

Her: When you give me back my life, will you.. Will I still have my baby inside of me?

Me: Yes but not for long

Her: Why?

Me: We seeking revenge remember? And for a life another life must be taken

We heard the door bell ringing...

Me: I'll be back

Her: I'm coming with

I looked at her..

Her: It's not like the Person is going to see me

We walked to the door..

Her: So where is Lorraine?

Me: Sound asleep deep inside of me

SINDISIWE

Iba: Where were you?

Me: I went to fetch your Mom then I went for a drive

Him: You did what?

Me: I fetched your Mom from the institution, she called me to come and fetch her

Him: And you only telling me this now?

Me: I didn't think it was going to be an issue

Him: Of course it's an issue!! (Shouting)

Okay that was a first..

Him: Don't you think she was in there for a reason?

I kept quiet, he clicked her tongue..

Him: I don't know why I keep you here when you obviously useless!!!!

Me: Excuse me?

He got up..

Him: I'm coming back

Me: Wow!!

QONDISIWE

Ntsika didn't come in. He was tired and he didn't want to fight with Lungisa. I made my way in and bumped into Lungi..

Him: Qondisiwe

Me: Hey

Him: Glad you back, I was about to go out but I didn't wanna leave your sister alone

Me: Where is she?

Him: Upstairs, she's not feeling well

Me: I'll check up on her.. Thank you

Him: I'll be right back, there's a family emergency

Me: Okay

Him: I hope you enjoyed your trip

Me: I did thank you

Him: See you later

I left my bag in the kitchen and walked upstairs to their bedroom, Khabo was laying on the bed staring at the wall..

Me: Khabo

She didn't respond..

I went to her..

Me: Khabo?

Her: I can't stop thinking about her, I can't get her out of my head

Me: I know.. Look Khabo this is not the time to be sulking, we need to act fast

Her: I should turn myself in

Me: No!.. We going to get rid of the body

She got up and looked at me..

Her: What?

Me: We going to get rid of her body

Her: Qondisiwe I can't get her out of my head, last night I couldn't even sleep

Me: Snap out of it!!! If we don't do this you going to lose Lungi. We have no one, we have nothing. Do you wanna be homeless? Do you wanna go back to the village?

Her: No

Me: So let's do this

Her: How are we going to do it?

Me: We are going to drive tomorrow morning to the village and throw her body in the river

Her: What?

Me: We can't just dump her anywhere

Her: Qondisiwe we don't drive

Me: I will call Ntsika to send his driver

Her: We actually doing this?

Me: It's the only way.. We need to stuff her body inside the big luggage bag

Her: What if she doesn't fit?

Me: She has too.. We will break her

Her: Qondisiwe!

Me: I'm not ready to lose you okay? I'm not ready to have you go down for murder, I've already lost one sister.. This is our secret, you haven't told anyone about this right?

Her: No

Me: Good.. When we get to the river I'm going to cleanse you, ukususa isithunzi sakhe

Her: Okay

She wiped her face with her hands..

Her: Let's do this

Me: Let's hurry before Lungi gets back

LORRAINE (AKER)

Him: I don't understand

Me: You not going to shoot her anymore on her wedding day

Him: But..

Me: I'll still pay you for the job you were meant to do

Him: That's better

Me: Thank you for coming

Him: You welcome

I walked him to the door, and closed it for him..

Noks: What was that all about?

Me: Nothing much

Her: Thank you for helping me out with my situation

Me: You welcome, now let's see what the sisters are going to do with your body

I poured water in the jug and then we went upstairs to Lorraine's secret room..

Noks: This is some pretty bad situation

Me: Stand here don't come in

Her: Why?

Me: You can't see this

Her: I'm dead

Me: I know but trust me, stand here

Her: Fine

I walked in and poured water into the basin, I stirred it until it showed me Qondisiwe and her Sister...

QONDISIWE

I looked at Khabo..

Me: She's here?

She nodded.. I opened the closet and took out the bags, I saw her body. Khabo turned and faced the other way..

Me: Khabo

Her: I'm sorry.. I can't do this

Me: This is the last time you seeing her, I promise

She turned back..

Me: You need to do this

She nodded repeatedly..

She unzipped the bag while I dragged Noks out, she was heavy that I fell with her..

Me: She's very heavy

Her: I know

I got up..

Me: Okay let's do this

She came to me and we both picked her up..

Me: Hold her on the legs so you don't see her face

Her: Okay

LORRAINE (AKER)

Me: Ohh my I underestimated you girls

They stuffed her inside whilst breaking her bones, I could hear her bones crushing..

Noks: What's going on?

Me: Stand there

Noks: What are they doing?

She tried to walk in, I turned and raised my hand at her..

Me: Take another step and I'll send your soul far away

She stepped back...

Me: Good girl

I looked at them again..

Me: I have never seen such loyalty

I heard two voices screaming Lorraine's name..

Noks: Seems like your boys are home mommy

Me: What fresh hell is this now?

I got up and walked out, I closed the door..

Me: Let's go

We made our way downstairs, they were standing at the kitchen..

Me: Lungi.. Ibanathi..

Lungi charged at me, Ibanathi stopped him..

Lungi: I'm going to kill you!!!

Ibanathi: Bro stop!!

Me: Please let him, if hitting me is going to make him feel better then let him

Lungi: Stay out of this Ibanathi!!

Ibanathi: Stop it, that's what she wants!!

Lungi collected himself..

Ibanathi: How the hell did you get out?

Me: My own boys, they sent me to a mental institution

Lungi: Hell is more fitting!

Me: I vacation there baby don't worry

I walked up to Ibanathi, his father showed up behind him. I took a step back..

Me: An uninvited guest

Him: Step back from my Son, Step back from both of them!

I raised my hands up and stepped back..

Ibanathi: What are you doing?

Me: I'm surrendering

Lungi: Are you serious?

I knelt down..

Me: Weapons down, I'm surrendering

This man might mess up my plans...

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QONDISIWE

I found myself in the Ndoni yamanzi river drowning, The Aker was standing on the rock glancing at me as I sank to the bottom of the river, whilst she was hitting her stick against the rock. I sensed that was my death, that was probably the end of me. It felt like the end of me.....

I woke up coughing, to my surprise I was coughing out water. I looked at my necklace around my neck, it was glowing. I took my phone and checked the time, it was 22:00.

I got out of bed and went downstairs, I was shaken by the nightmare. I've had

nightmares before, but this one.. Could this be about my death? Will the Aker be the end of me??

The door opened and Lungi walked in..

Him: Hey

Me: Hey

Him: You okay?

Me: I'm okay

Him: How is she?

Me: She's sleeping, I gave her some sleeping tablets

Him: That's better

Me: Can I bother you with something?

Him: What is it?

Me: Khabo is upset that Mom and her kids won't be there to see her walking down the aisle

Him: She relapsed?

Me: Sort of

Him: She shouldn't have quit therapy it was too early

Me: Tomorrow morning I'm taking her down to the village, for a cleansing

Him: The wedding is on Tuesday

Me: We will be back later, I promise

Him: It's okay I suppose

Me: I would appreciate it if one of the company drivers can accompany us

Him: I'll make the call

Me: We leaving at 3am

Him: That's very early

Me: Such things are done early

Him: It's okay, I'll make the call

Me: Thank you

Him: Good night

Me: Night

LORRAINE (AKER)

We were in the secret room, I looked at him.

Me: I have no bad blood with you

Him: I'm here to protect my Son, actually my Sons

The unfortunate part is that I can't do anything to this man, his soul is pure. Now that he is opening up to his illegitimate Son it makes the situation worse. If he persists, he is going to wake Lorraine's spirit deep inside of me. If Lorraine wakes up, I will be expelled from her body. That cannot happen, not until what I came here for is achieved..

Me: I won't harm your sons, I give you my word. I'm just here for my own reasons, when I'm done I'll give your ex wife back her body and then you can have your revenge

Him: If you harm them in any way, I'm coming for Lorraine

Me: I understand

Him: What did you come here for?

Me: Now that is my business, I give you my word your sons will be unharmed

Him: I hope so, for your sake

Me: I'm glad we understand each other

He disappeared...

QONDISIWE

Very early in the morning we woke up and prepared ourselves, I took everything that I

was going to need for the cleansing. Asking Ntsika was a bad idea, his driver would've told him that I am from the Zikhali village.

I looked at Khabo..

Me: Are you ready?

She nodded..

Driver: This bag is heavy

Me: I know, I have a lot of things in there ancestral things. Be careful

I helped him to put it in the trunk, then we got in the car. I'm glad Lungi is still sleeping, he didn't see the bag...

LORRAINE (AKER)

I looked at the car as it left through the water.

Noks: So?

Me: I'm waiting for them to arrive there and throw your body in the water, then I'll take it from there

Noks: Are you sure about this?

Me: Are you doubting me?

She raised both of her hands up..

Noks: So what's the plan?

Me: To get you to the wedding, you'll be the best gift that Khabo didn't expect

Noks: That's brilliant, I hope she gets a heart attack

Me: That would be an easy death

Noks: Either way, I can't wait!

I looked at the water again...

IBANATHI

Later on that morning, Lungi met me at the Cemetery. We had planned to go to my Father's grave..

Lungi: Feels so different, the last time I was here. He was my Father, now.. I don't even know what to say

Me: Despite everything you were still his Son, if Dad wasn't fond of you he would've put you out but he raised you

This man gave me everything that I wanted and Needed. Best private school, he did everything for me but we never had that Son and Father relationship. It got worse when Ibanathi was born..

Me: What are we going to do with Lorraine?

Him: I think we should just cut all ties with her, as far as I know we don't have parents

Me: That's a good idea

Him: She shouldn't even step foot at the company

Me: Maybe freeze all her accounts, sue her for every penny. Just make her life miserable

Him: That's the plan just not sure about her dark magic

Me: We have Qondisiwe

He looked at me..

Him: You think Qondisiwe would still wanna help after everything?

Me: It's her calling, she can't choose who she wants to help. I don't know much about these things but she has to help

Him: I hope she will

QONDISIWE

We arrived at the village, it was 7am. Before going to the King we drove straight to the river. It's been a while since I last set my foot here, it brought back memories.. The driver helped us to get the bag from the trunk and everything else that I was going to

need...

Me: Please give us some privacy

He got in the car and drove off..

Me: Let's do this

We carried the bag to the rock, then we let it go and it fell in the river. We looked at the river for a few minutes, I think it was sinking deep to the bottom of the river. I stood there and thought about my nightmare, could it be that soon I'll be the one sinking to the bottom of the river?

Khabo: Qondisiwe

I looked at her..

Her: The cleansing

Me: Take off your clothes, I'll get the herbs from the small bag

LORRAINE (AKER)

Me: Perfect!

I took my stick and walked out of the secret room, I made my way to the back. I stood next to the pool. I hit my stick 3 times against the bricks, then I walked over to the pool and put it inside not far in though. I started stirring..

I stirred the pool 3 times, then the bag popped up. I then made my way into the river to unzip it. I unzipped it and took her out, her body fell in the water. I tossed the bag out. I got under the water and unwrapped the plastic from her head, Noks must be out of the water the same time when Khabo gets out of the river after her cleansing. Khabo's cleansing, and Dalla's prayer will both bring about the rebirth of Nokuthula...

QONDISIWE

As Khabo was bathing with the herbs that I have given her, I stood on the rock and started saying the Ngwane clan names. I raised both my hands up, the incense was just right at my feet together with the candles. I was calling upon the ancestors of this village, the Guardians to forgive and cleanse her. When she gets out of the water, she

would be rid of her sin..

I was pleading with the ancestors to bless her and still guide and protect her. As I was going on and on, I felt some breeze that put the candles out together with the incense. This was not good, I looked at Khabo and behind her I saw a black shadow. Isithunzela, immediately my power left me. My knees got weak..

Me: Khabo!

She looked at me..

Me: Get out of the water right now!!!!!!

Her: Why? Are we done?

Me: Now!!

I sank down to my knees as she got out of the water, the shadow followed her and got out of the water the same time as her. It disappeared though as she made her way to me

Her: Qondisiwe are you okay?

Me: Something is not right

She grabbed the towel..

Her: What do you mean?

Me: Something is just not right, it's like we brought something back to life. Something dark

LORRAINE (AKER)

She rose up from under the water, I looked at her..

Me: Welcome back my child

She looked at me..

Me: Wow, the spell worked. It's like you were never hurt at all

Noks: I'm feeling cold

Me: of course, there's a portion I need you to drink it will make you strong your bones are still a bit weak. The portion will also bring the baby back to life, until his time comes

I looked at her again..

Me: I didn't think it was going to work, Thank you Dalla

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QONDISIWE

Something was not right. I couldn't connect with the other Guardians no matter how much I tried. It has never happened before, I could feel it deep down that something was wrong. I wish Nowisa was here, she would know what to do.. Khabo came to me and helped me to get up..

Me: Something is wrong, what came out of that water was dark and now I can't connect with the Guardians

Khabo put both her hands on my cheek..

Her: Qondisiwe get your head straight, tomorrow it's my wedding day we need to go back and finalize everything. Whatever that is happening here we will attend to it later do you hear me?

I nodded my head repeatedly while wiping my tears..

King: Qondisiwe

We looked at him, one of the guards must've told him that we here..

Khabo: Get your head straight!

LORRAINE (AKER)

I looked at them. When Qondisiwe performed that cleansing ritual for her sister, she forgot one thing. They dumped the body in the water of which the Indoni Yamanzi river always has to remain pure. They had blood in their hands, which opened a portal for me to get the Guardians because they didn't have protection anymore. No protection from

their Great ancestor, and no protection from the water since it was tainted with blood..

Me: I never thought this was going to happen, look at you two. The Guardians of the generations that occupied a land that once belonged to me and my people. That land was cursed and you guys came with your ancestor and tried to lift off the curse by guarding the river and bringing it back to life. All those sacrifices made, are now gone..

Nhlanhla: Qondisiwe uzowazi amandla akhe, mhla ewazi uzoqeda ngawe nya!!
(Qondisiwe will realize her power, when she does. She's going to put an end to you)

I looked at the bow with arrows and it lavitated, I aimed it at them. If one of them tries to do something stupid the bow will shoot an arrow. The arrows have poison..

Me: I will see you guys.. Goodbye for now

I walked out of the secret room and locked the door when I heard the door bell ringing. I made my way to the kitchen to open, it was Lungi.. He looked at me..

Me: Do you want to come in?

He made his way in..I closed the door..

He turned and looked at me..

Him: Why? Why did you do that to me? I am your son! You my mother, you supposed to love and protect me at all times! Isn't that what mothers do?

Me: I believe so

Him: So why did you do it? I might have forgiven you for using me to get the company but I'll never forgive you for selling me to my own sister! I'm getting married tomorrow, I don't wanna see you. Matter of fact I don't wanna hear anything from you! You dead to me do you understand? You dead and buried

He then made his way to the door, his little tantrum is the last thing to worry about. I have more important things to worry about.

QONDISIWE

Khabo gave us some space..

Him: Kunjani? (How are you)

Me: Ngiyaphila (I'm well)

He looked at me..

Him: Kwenzenjani? (What's wrong)

Me: Konke nje kuyamosheka (Everything is not going well)

Him: Nje ngani? (Like what)

Me: Impilo yami, nginomthwalo osindayo emahlombe ami angicabangi nje ukuthi ngizokukhona konke (My life, I have a heavy burden sitting on my shoulders, I don't think I can make it)

Him: Kona kunzima, umthwalo wakho mkhulu futhi usesemncane (It's difficult, your responsibility is bigger than you. You still young)

I wiped my tears..

Him: Qondisiwe kukhona ekumele Sikhulume ngakho (Qondisiwe there's something that we need to talk about)

My phone started ringing, I looked at it. I didn't recognize the number..

Me: Ngicela ukuphendula (May I take this call)

I moved away and answered..

Me: Hello?

Voice: I'm on my way to Johannesburg

I recognize this voice..

Him: The Aker being here it's my fault, I'm coming down there to help you. Help you get rid of her

It was Makhosi..

Me: Everything is going bad, I don't know what to do it's..

Him: I know and I understand, that's why I'm coming

Me: How did you get my number?

Him: Ntsika, he called me because he's worried about you. He feels like you distant ever

since you guys came back to Johannesburg

I closed my eyes..

Me: Ntsika

Him: Everything is going to work out well

Me: Interest me, how do we get rid of her?

Him: We are going to use what she is most scared of

Me: She's scared of something?

Him: The river, the only way to fight evil is with good. Aker is the evil that you don't have, and you the good that she doesn't have. The Indoni yamanzi river is pure, that's Aker's doom

Me: The river

Him: You are the Dalla, the creature of nature. Qondisiwe you not only a Guardian, you are the river. If the river dies, you die. That's why The Aker wants to kill the existence of the river to permanently get rid of you if not turn it evil

I turned around and looked at the river, I then looked at my pendent..

King: Qondisiwe

I looked at him..

Me: Ngiyaxolisa kumele ngihambe (I'm sorry, I have to go)

I hung up and made my way to Khabo..

NTSIKAYEZWE

I opened the door, it was my Mother and Busi. They were with Manqoba..

Me: Good morning

They greeted me back...

Me: What are you guys doing here?

Ma: I made a promise to Qondisiwe that tomorrow I'll attend her Sister's wedding, this is

me keeping my promise

They walked in..

Me: I.. I don't know what to say

Ma: I was hoping that you could accommodate us

Me: Of course.. You guys are welcome

I looked at Manqoba, he shrugged his shoulders..

QONDISIWE

Khabo: So do you wanna talk about it?

I looked at her..

Her: Whatever it is that is bothering you, do you want to talk about it?

Me: I'd rather not

(Silence)

Khabo: Our lives were so simple once upon a time, how did things get so messy? Everything is a mess and.. I don't know but I miss that simple life. Just You, Me, Mom, and the kids

I held her hand...

Me: I miss it too but unfortunately this is our life now and we need to fix everything that is broken.. Everything is going to be okay, I promise

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NTSIKAYEZWE

I was sitting outside at the back with my little brother..

Him: Things good between you and Qondisiwe?

Me: Not at all..

Him: What's wrong?

Me: She's a bit distant, all the time when that happens something is wrong. I hope this time around she won't be sleeping with her ex

Him: Have you tried talking to her? Asking her what's wrong?

Me: No I haven't

Him: Maybe you should other than just being quiet too

Me: You think?

Him: Yeah.. I'm no expert but when someone is quiet, they mostly going through the most waiting for someone to reach out

Me: I'll talk to her tomorrow at the wedding

Him: That's a good idea

Me: How come you still single?

He chuckled..

Him: I'm still looking

Me: I've been meaning to ask you something

Him: Yeah?

Me: Would like you to teach at my school, Maths

Him: When do I start?

Me: Monday.. Just to keep busy

Him: How much are you paying me?

Me: You rich, you don't need to get paid

Him: I'll be working, I need to get paid

Me: I'll make sure a contract is drafted, if you wanna get paid then I'll need you to submit your CV and qualifications

Him: You offered me the job I didn't ask you for it

Me: I'm just joking Man

QONDISIWE

I was pacing up and down at the kitchen waiting for him to call, he told me he will call when the taxi is at the gate. I haven't spoken to Lungisa about Makhosi staying here, but I hope that he won't mind.. I finally got an Sms from him, I'm glad the directions I texted him didn't get him lost. I opened the door and walked out to get him, he was standing at the gate with his luggage..

Me: What did you tell the king?

I opened..

Him: Just a long boring story

Me: I'm glad you here

I helped him with his luggage..

Me: We need to get this thing done so I can go back to my life

Him: It won't be that easy though, Aker won't go down without a fight

Me: I'm prepared

I opened the door and we walked in..

Me: Welcome

Him: Thank you

We made our way upstairs but he stopped next to the coffee table in the lounge..

Him: Something happened here

I didn't say anything..

Him: A life was taken in this very room

I sighed, he looked at me..

Him: What happened?

Me: It's a long story

Him: Let me see your hands

I put everything down, he held my hands..

He shook his head..

Me: What?

Him: You helped to cover up a murder, your hands held a dead person a death that was not natural

Me: It's a long story that I don't want to explain

Him: You should because this is serious, you shouldn't be doing such things it's not you. It's not who you are..

He held my pendent..

Him: The river, it's unclean

Me: What do you mean?

Him: What did you do?

Khabo: Qondisiwe

We looked at her, she was walking down the stairs..

Me: This is my friend that I was telling you about

Khabo: He looks...

Seer: I'm a seer

Khabo: Like a seer

The seer stretched his hand to Khabo..

Khabo: Khabo

Khabo stretched his hand to him..

Him: Thank you for allowing me to stay here

Khabo: You welcome

Me: I'll show you to the guest room

Seer: Thank you

We walked upstairs to the guest room..

Seer: Your sister, she has blood in her hands

Me: It's a long story trust me

Seer: It's a long story that the Aker took advantage of

Me: Huh?

Him: You two went to the river this morning for a cleansing right?

I nodded..

Him: It was not done for the right reasons, when you cleansed her you opened a portal that connected you to Aker. You didn't cleanse but you helped Aker to bring back to life someone who had already passed on

Me: What are you talking about?

Him: She really didn't come back to life, she is a shadow. uyisithunzela, because as much as her death was premature but she had died. What came back is just a shadow

I sat on the bed..

Me: This is getting tougher.. How do we get the water to be pure again?

Him: You need to go to the river, you need to connect with the river

Me: We can do that

Him: I don't think you understand, you need to go there and be under the river for at least 3 days. The river will determine if it will bring you back or take you

I thought about it..

Me: Why me? Why did it have to be me?

Him: We all have destinies, others their destiny is much greater that's how life has intended it to be

Me: I just wanna be done with everything

Him: You will I promise

LORRAINE (AKER)

Me: Sindi?

Her: I hope I didn't come at the wrong time

Me: Not at all.. Please come in

She made her way in..

Me: How are you?

Her: I'm well and how are you?

Me: I'm well too

She took a deep breath..

Her: I've considered your offer, I wanna take it

Me: My offer?

Her: The portion

Me: Ohw yes that

Her: It still stands right?

Me: Well.. There's a few changes

Her: What changes?

Me: Don't worry I'll sort you out

Her: I hope so

Me: Don't worry I'll find a way

Her: Thank you

Me: Care to join me for a drink?

Her: I'd love too, thank you

Me: Please follow me

She followed me..

QONDISIWE

Khabo: What is happening?

Me: With?

Her: Your new friend?

Me: He's just here to help us

Her: Ohw I see

Me: Going somewhere?

Her: Yes I'm meeting Lungi we going to check the place and if everything is going well

Me: Okay that's good

Her: Usually people should be going up and down but-

Me: It's okay just make sure that everything is set well for tomorrow

Her: I'll do that

I hugged her..

Me: Everything is going to be fine

Her: I pray everything goes well

Me: I promise

My phone beeped.. I broke the hug and checked it. It was a message from Ntsika telling me that his Mom arrived today, I had totally forgotten about that..

Khabo: What is it?

Me: Ntsika's mother will be coming tomorrow for the wedding

Khabo: The Queen?

Me: Yes

Her: Wow.. Maybe the wedding won't be that bad tomorrow

Me: Exactly

Her: Okay let me go

Me: See you later

Her: Bye

LORRAINE (AKER)

I can't touch Ibanathi but I can do something to Sindi, I need to help her sit that Ibanathi can fall in love with her. The only way to do that is to come up with something that will make him see her in a different way, the same way that he sees Qondisiwe. That's the only way he's going to fall in love with her..

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QONDISIWE

[WEDDING DAY]

I am so glad that Akhona and Happy came to the wedding, it's been a while. We were all in the bedroom helping Khabo, Betty was here too. Betty and I we are her Bride's maids..

Makeup artist: Stop talking, we won't finish

Khabo: Sorry

The wedding will be at the garden, just family, close friends and Lungi's colleagues.

The Seer was at the garden trying to protect the place from evil and also welcoming guests..

I looked at Akhona and Happy..

Me: Thank you for coming guys

Happy: No problem

Akhona: I even brought you some school work to catch up on

Me: I appreciate that, thank you very much

Khabo: What time is it?

Me: We left with a hour

Betty: We should pray before we leave

Akhona: That's a good idea

Betty and I we were ready, we were wearing white dresses too. Khabo wanted to go with all white, Lungi and his People we'll be wearing black and red..

The decor is red & white. I really didn't think that we were going to pull this off in such a short space of time, Khabo had asked me to walk her down the aisle..

LUNGISA

Me: Ibanathi do you have the rings?

Ibanathi: Yes I do... Relax Bro

My best friend couldn't fly down to SA for my wedding, his flight was canceled. But at least I have Ibanathi and his friends CJ as my best Men..

Ibanathi: If Dad was here, he would be proud

Me: You think?

Him: I know he would

CJ: Well gentlemen I think we should go down

He looked at us..

CJ: Are you ready?

Ibanathi: We ready

CJ: Let's go then, I saw a few guests coming in

Me: Let's go boys

We all made our way downstairs. The whole wedding is going to be at our house, even the reception..

NTSIKAYEZWE

I looked at the time..

I knocked at the guest room again..

Me: Ma?

Mom: We coming

Me: We going to be late

Busi: We almost done

Manqoba made his way to me..

Manqoba: The car is ready

Me: Ma and Busi are delaying

Manqoba was about to knock when the door opened..

Mom: We can go now

Manqoba: Wow, this is a crime you can't outshine the bride

Mom: I'm sure she will look beautiful

Me: You look beautiful Ma, and you little sis

Ma: Thank you

Busi: Let's go then

We made our way to the car..

LORRAINE (AKER)

I handed her a glass of water..

Me: Are you okay?

Sindi nodded...

Me: The stone that I gave you to swallow is very powerful, I'm sorry you experiencing nasuea

Sindi: I should sit down

I made Sindi to swallow a red stone that I had blessed. This stone will overshadow her Sindi's heart it will make her pump the same heart that Ibanathi fell in love with. Which was Qondisiwe's. He will be blind to Qondisiwe, and he will see Qondisiwe in Sindi....

I hope this works, it takes a day to work. Tomorrow when he wakes up he might even ask her to marry him...

Noks took off he'd shoes...

Noks: I might as well just undress, we going to be late

Me: Patience, we will get to the wedding

Noks: Let me get myself a glass of wine

Sindi: Should you be drinking in your state?

Noks: Trust me I should

She stood up and went to pour herself a glass of wine

QONDISIWE

Happy came back..

Happy: It seems like everyone who has to be here, is here

Khabo: How many guests are here?

Happy: Maybe 25 or 30

Khabo: I didn't expect so many people

Akhona: Girl this is nothing

Happy: Akhona we should go down

Akhona: We will see you guys

Me: Okay

They left..

I looked at Khabo..

Me: You look beautiful

Her dress was white, with some silver decoration around her breast area. Her shoes were silver & white..

She looked at herself in the mirror..

Khabo: It's happening, I'm getting married today

Me: Mom would be proud

Khabo nodded..

Makeup: Please don't cry and ruin my makeup

Khabo: I'll try not too

Me: Let's pray again before we go

I held her hands and then we prayed..

NTSIKAYEZWE

I was relieved that we were not that late, the bride hasn't walked down the aisle..

Ma: Their house is very beautiful

Busi: It is indeed

Ma: Are they rich?

Me: The soon to be husband is well financial stable, he is a CEO at his family's company

Ma: I see.. This is beautiful

Manqoba: Seer?

Ma: What?

He walked up to us..

Seer: Ndlovukazi

He bowed a little...

Ma: What are you doing here?

Him: I was here to bless the wedding, Qondisiwe called me to come down

Me: Why didn't you say?

Seer: I thought it wasn't important

Ma: What did the King say?

Seer: I didn't tell him the truth, he wouldn't have let me come. I had to come, Qondisiwe is a good friend of mine now

Ma: Well we will keep your secret

Seer: Thank you

Manqoba: We should go and sit down

We made our way to the garden, we found an empty row and sat down. I looked at Ibanathi, he looked at me too. I could tell that he was not pleased with me being here, anything to irritate him I'd take it....

KHABONINA

Qondisiwe gave me the bouquet of flowers..

Me: Thank you

Her: Let's go

I put my hand under her arm then we made our way downstairs.

I liked the decoration, a red carpet was laid on the stairs. The ladies I hired did a good job. The carpet extended to the garden, where the most beauty was. When we stood at

the door, the reverend instructed everyone to stand up. Everyone stood up. I didn't expect so much guests. They all stuck to the theme..

Qondisiwe: Wow the Queen and Princess really came?

Me: Where are they?

Her: They sitting there

I saw Ntsika then I ran my eyes in his row and saw his Mother.

Me: She's beautiful

Her: Very

Me: She must be fond of you, to leave her kingdom and duties to come here

Me: She's a very nice person

The band started with the song "Here comes the bride)

Qondisiwe and I started walking down the Aisle..

Her: At least the witch is not here

Me: The wedding might just be perfect

When we got to the front, she handed me to Lungisa..

Lungi: You look beautiful

Me: You look handsome

I wasn't wearing a veil, Betty said since I have kids I'm not supposed to put on one..

Everyone sat down..

Rev: We are all gathered here in the holy matrimony of Lungisa Biyela and Khabonina Langa

Lungi smiled at me..

Rev: We will open the ceremony with a prayer

We all closed our eyes as he prayed until he was done..

Rev: What God has reunited, no man shall separate

I can't believe that we were doing this, we were getting married...

Rev: I'm sure that the Couple has vows to say to each other

They gave Lungi the mic..

Him: First of all you look beautiful

I smiled..

Me: Thank you

Him: A few years ago I was in a toxic relationship, I had given up on love. I never knew that true love existed until you came into my life. I fell in love with you the very first time when I saw you, and honestly speaking I never thought that we would be here today. Thank you for respecting me, loving me, supporting me, and being honest with me. I am prepared to spend the rest of my life with you, I love you

He passed me the mic..

Me: Wow.. How do I top that?

Everyone laughed..

Me: When I first met you, you had come to my house. What really took me was how comfortable you were with us, I didn't understand why someone like you would find comfort with people like us. We were very poor but that didn't matter in your eyes. I had two relationships prior to this one and they never worked. I had given up on love because I thought all Men were the same, until you walked into my life

I fought back tears...

Me: I was in a very dark place an-

I saw him moving his eyes to the door, his eyes widened. I moved mine too and I wasn't prepared for this. Lorraine, Noks, and Sindi walked in. I dropped the Mic as my eyes landed on Noks and her big tummy. The whole garden started spinning, my heart skipped a lot of beats. My throat closed up and my whole body started trembling. I looked at Qondisiwe, she looked at me too. She was also shocked. They sat down at the front row, Noks had this smirk on her face. She put her hand on her tummy. How is this possible? We.. She is dead!! She shouldn't be here. I looked at Lungi, he was mumbling something. I couldn't hear what he was saying. My body became weak, if I don't get out of here, I might just collapse..

Qondisiwe made her way to me, she stood behind me. She took off her necklace and put it around my neck, she turned me around and then put one of my Mother's bracelets around my arm.. She hugged me..

Me: How is this possible?

Qondi: My necklace gives me strength when I feel weak, that bracelet should remind you of who you are. You are Bawinile's daughter, the strongest woman ever. You need to do this, we will deal with the latter later. She broke the hug..

Qondi: I'll stand here next to you

She stood next to me, blocking my view of seeing Noks..

Lungi: Are you okay?

I nodded.. Qondi picked up the mic..

Lungi: I'm sorry I didn't know they would come

I'm sure this is also hard on him..

Qondi handed me the Mic..

Me: All that I was trying to say was that.. I love you and thank you for choosing me, I am prepared to spend the rest of my life with you too

Rev: Rings please

Ibanathi brought the rings..

Iba: Should I escort them out?

Lungi: Yes please

Me: No... It's my wedding day, I won't let them ruin it

The Rev gave us the rings..

Rev: Lungisa Biyela do you take this woman, to be your lawful wedded wife. Do you promise to love her in good and bad times? Sickness and in health? Until death do you apart?

Lungi: I do

He put slid the ring in..

Rev: Khabonina Langa do you take this man to be your lawful wedded husband? Do you promise to love him in good and bad times? In sickness and in health? Until death do you apart?

Me: I do

I slid the ring in..

Rev: I now pronounce you husband and wife, you may now the kiss the bride

He walked closer to me and put his hands on my cheeks, he then kissed me as everyone stood up and started clapping..

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QONDISIWE

[WEDDING PART TWO]

After the ceremony the guests went inside to the reception whilst the bride and groom remained to take a few pictures. Khabo gave me back my necklace and I wore it, then I went to have a word with Makhosi..

Me: That lady is supposed to be dead

Makhosi: She's a shadow

Me: How is it that she can be seen?

Him: We dealing with The Aker here, everything is possible

Me: The Aker? She's around?

Him: I believe so, if that lady is a shadow that means Aker is close

Me: I can't see her anywhere

Him: She is using someone's body as a vessel

Me: Can she do that

Him: As I've said, she's the Aker

Me: How do we find her?

Him: You will know

Me: I need to go and greet the Queen, we will talk later.. Khabo must never find out about this

Him: My lips are sealed

I walked over to Ntsika and his family..

Queen: And there she is

She hugged me..

Her: You look nice

Me: Thank you.. You look nice too

Busi: Hi

Me: Hey

She hugged me too..

Me: I like your dress

Busi: Thank you very much

Manqoba: Qondisiwe

Me: Manqoba

I turned to Ntsika..

Me: You looking good

Him: You too

Things between us aren't good, I've been dealing with a lot lately and I kind of pushed him away a bit..

Manqoba: Ma don't you wanna sit down a bit?

Queen: Yes please.. Let's go to the table

Manqoba and Busi followed her, giving me and Ntsika some privacy...

Me: Do you wanna take a walk outside?

Him: I don't see why we shouldn't

We walked to the door when I felt someone touching my arm, I turned and it was Sindi..

Her: Qondi

Me: Sindi

Her: You look good

Me: You look good too

Her: Thank you

(Silence)

Me: I was going out for a walk did you want something?

Her: No uhm.. Just wanted to greet you

Me: Ohw I see

Her: Maybe sometime we can uhm.. Maybe we c-

Lorraine showed up..

Her: Sindi

Sindi: Lorraine

Lorraine: Qondisiwe

Me: Lorraine

Lorraine: Not even a hug?

I went and hugged her, she felt very cold. Cold as ice. It dawned on me that the only person who can be this cold, is The Aker..

She broke the hug, I looked at her..

Me: Ohh my word

Lorraine: Good seeing you again

She put her arm over Sindi's shoulders then they walked away.. I turned and looked at Ntsika..

Me: Rain check on that walk?

Him: Are you kidding me?

Me: I know things are not good between us but.. I have to attend to something

He chuckled..

Him: Yeah whatever

He walked back to his family, I went to Makhosi..

KHABONINA

Photographer: One last picture

He took the picture, Noks was sitting on a chair just close to us..

Me: Thank you very much I think we have enough pictures

The photographer nodded and walked away, Noks made her way to us..

Her: It was a beautiful ceremony

We both didn't say anything..

Her: Khabo you look nice

Me: Thank you

Noks: Lungi could you please give us some space?

Lungi looked at me, I nodded..

Lungi: I'll be inside

He walked inside..

Noks: Look at you with a white dress and everything

Me: What do you want?

Her: Don't worry.. Your secret is safe with me

Me: What secret?

Her: Ohh please.. Don't give me that

I looked at her..

Her: Pushing me, wrapping me with a plastic. Stuffing my body in a luggage then throwing my body in that river

Me: How are you still alive?

Her: I have many lives, I'm like a cat

Lorraine and Sindi walked up to us..

Lorraine: Khabo.. Look at you

Me: Lorraine

Her: Don't look so disappointed

Noks: She gave me that look too, for someone who just got married that look is very sour

Sindi: Hey sis

I rolled my eyes and walked back to the house..

Sindi: She still hates me

Noks: She hates everyone

Lorraine: Let's all go back inside

QONDISIWE

Ibanathi took the mic..

Iba: Can we all settle down

Seer: Let's go and sit down, we will talk about this later

We went and joined the Mkhize family, I sat next to Ntsika.. He leaned over and whispered in my ear..

Him: You spend more time with the seer than you do with me?

Me: Jealous?

Him: A bit

I laughed..

Me: I'm sorry

Him: I just miss my girlfriend

Me: Tell you what? Maybe later on I can come for a sleepover

Him: Now we talking

He held my hand..

Iba: I wanna start off by saying thank you to everyone who was able to attend the wedding

Ntsika kissed me on my neck..

Me: Behave yourself

Him: I just wanna irritate him

Me: Your mom is here, this behaviour is inappropriate

Him: She knows that we dating and that we fucking

I laughed out Loud, everyone looked at me..

Me: Sorry

I put my hand over my mouth..

Ibanathi looked at me..

Iba: You know I was going to follow in my Brother's shoes. Maybe getting married too someday. I was once in love with this other girl who was innocent. Innocent, beautiful and very humble.. Matter of fact I am her virgin breaker, I wanted to marry her one day. Some day

Me: Here we go

Iba: Here's the thing never trust innocent looking girls, they are the worst. Yeah they hide behind that innocence but underneath they rotten to the core!! I say fuck that shit!!

Queen: Whose child is this?

Ntsika: That's Lungi's brother

Queen: No respect at all whatsoever

Iba: I truly loved her, yeah I did. What did she do with that love? She went and had an abortion!!!

Ntsika let go of my hand..

Khabo got up and went to him..

Iba: Beautiful and innocent, she went and killed my baby without even telling me!!

Khabo: That's enough, thank you very much Ibanathi

Khabo tried to take the mic from him but he protested..

Khabo: Don't do this..

Iba: Why? Because it's your sister.. You know here's the thing with you Langa girls, you are dirty to the core

Lorraine: Let my baby speak!!!

This was getting embarrassing, Sindi got up and went to them...

Sindi: Iba..

Khabo: Take your boyfriend

Sindi: Let's go

Ibanathi pushed Sindi, Sindi fell..

Iba: Don't fucken touch me!!

Queen: I think we should leave, this is.. This is getting out of hand

Ntsika: Good idea

They all stood up..

Iba: Ohw what do you know, we have the Mkhize family here with us

Khabo: Iba!!

Iba: Is that your Mom? Hey guys listen.. We have a royal family in our mist, I'm thinking that's the Queen.. How do you do your Majesty, one would deny that you have what? 5 boys?? How do you do it? I'm sure you still very tight under there

Ntsika made his way to Ibanathi, the Queen held him back..

Queen: Let's go

Me: I'm so sorry

Iba: Ohh there she is, my ex.. Everyone give it up for Qondisiwe, I hope you will cleanse your soul from killing my baby.. She even slept with me while she was still in the relationship with the Prince, that's how she fell pregnant. After aborting she made her way to the Mkhize village to sleep with her Prince a few days after the abortion.. I am not royalty, but Queen I'm sure that's unacceptable right?

The Queen stopped and looked at me, I didn't know what to do...

Busi: Wow!!!

Iba: She moved from me to a prince, I'm telling you guys the Langa sisters are the biggest hoes in history. One just married my brother and one was dating me then upgraded and dated a Prince... Ntsika watch out she might leave you for your father the King or your other brothers

Manqoba lost it, he charged at Ibanathi and started punching him senseless.. They both fell as they took turns in punching each other..

Queen: Manqoba!!

Ntsika walked over to get Manqoba, Lungi also stood up and went to get his Brother. They both bumped into each other..

Lungi: Watch were you going

Ntsika: You bumped into me first

Lungi pushed Ntsika..

Lungi: Your Prince status might work at home but here, you nothing!!

Ntsika laughed and went to get Manqoba...

Ntsika: Manqoba that's enough!

Manqoba: If you used to disrespecting your Mother, you will not disrespect mine! The next time you talk about my Mother, it'll be your last day

Ibanathi laughed..

Ntsika: Let's go!!

They walked away..

The Queen looked at me and smiled a little, whilst shaking her head..

Busi: Woow!!!

Ntsika: Seer we leaving

Seer: Yes my Prince

They all walked out..

Khabo: Are you serious Ibanathi? On my wedding day??

I looked at Ibanathi, he blew me a kiss whilst wiping the blood from his nose. I looked at Lorraine, she raised her glass of champagne to me..

Lorraine: Cheers

I picked up my dress a little and ran upstairs..

Sindi: Qondisiwe wait..

Khabo: That is it!! Everyone get out!! The reception is canceled!! I want everyone to leave my damn house!! Get out!!!

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NTSIKAYEZWE

Tempers were flaring, I knew Ibanathi was shit but to disrespect my Mother like that? Talking about she has 5 boys she must be still tight under there. In reverse she called my Mom loose..

Ma: Everyone should calm down

Mangoba: I'm not calming down! The next time I see him, it'll be in a coffin at his funeral. I'll paying my last respect to him!

Ma: This boy it Cleary shows that he doesn't have respect. He was never taught respect, beating him won't make him wake up tomorrow and learn how respect others

Busi: I'm surprised Qondisiwe dated him, she looks like a smart girl to date such guys

Ma: People don't come with manuals, you can be in a relationship with someone and at first they look good only for them to reveal their colours at a later stage

Her phone rang..

Her: It's Dad, I have to take this

She walked upstairs..

The Seer pulled me to the side..

Him: I hope this won't colour Qondisiwe bad

Me: Qondisiwe is very dishonest, it would have made a bit of difference if she told me about this.. About the abortion

Him: When I met Qondisiwe I would've picked it up if she had an abortion, she didn't

Me: Why would he just lie about that, Qondisiwe was in hospital

Him: This boys he seems like he is used to getting what he wants, he couldn't get Qondisiwe and I see this as retaliation nothing more

Me: I'll wait for her to explain

Him: I need to talk to you about something, but I need to trust you first

Me: What is it?

Him: Qondisiwe is a princess from the Zikhali village, she doesn't know though that she's a princess

I looked at him and laughed..

Me: Qondisiwe would've told me

Him: How can she tell you that she's from the Zikhali village? The Mkhizes and the Ngwanes are sworn enemies. When you look at Qondisiwe she's a perfect description of Queen Nowisa

Me: This can't be true, you joking right?

Him: Manqoba can attest to that

Me: How can she lie to me like that?

Him: She didn't lie, she just didn't tell you. That's why she has been distant, she was trying to push you away to protect you. Look Ntsika I know how this seems but Qondisiwe has no bad intentions, your union with her is just trying to bring peace between the two tribes

I looked at Manqoba..

Me: Excuse me

Him: I'll be going back to her, she needs my help. She's facing a very tough battle

Me: Why isn't she the one telling me everything?

Her: This is not something you just talk about confidently

Me: Then why are the one telling me?

Him: To give you enough time to think about it, make a decision if you want to be with her or not. Being with her means being your father's enemy

Me: I'm not going to be his enemy, he's just going to kill us both

Him: He can't do that

Me: Yes he can

Him: You the future King, he can't kill you even if he wanted too.. Not only are you the future King but you also his Son, a Son that he loves dearly

Me: My father never goes back on his word, his word is his law. He will charge us with treason and put us to death and all those who knew about this and kept quiet about it.

Thank you for making me an accomplice in this whole lie

QONDISIWE

Sindi: I'm so sorry Qondi, Ibanathi had no right to do that

Me: What did I ever do to him? Why can't he just leave me alone?

Sindi: Akies Sisi

The door opened and Khabo walked in..

Khabo: What are you doing here?

Sindi: I just wanted to make sure that Qondi is okay

Khabo: No you just here to gloat

Sindi: That's not true

Khabo: It is true! You the same person who slept with her Boyfriend and right now you trying to tell me that you here to console her?

Sindi: I know that you don't trust me, I know that I've done a lot of things to make you not to trust me. Believe me Khabo, I care about Qondisiwe. She's my little sister

Khabo: Where was that care when you took Ibanathi? Don't be standing here and chatting shit Sindi while you the same person who is laughing with our enemies!

Sindi: Maybe I should leave

Me: Please do and don't ever come back

Sindi walked out, Khabo clicked her tongue. She walked to my closet and then came back with my tracksuit, she threw it at me..

Him: Let's go

Me: Where are we going?

Her: For you to tell your side of the story

Me: Khabo

Her: You are going to tell Ntsika the truth, nothing but truth. He will decide for himself if

he still wants to be with you

She walked to the door..

Her: I'm going to change too, hurry up

IBANATHI

Mom: Here drink this

I took the glass of water from her, she sat next to me...

Her: What you did not wrong, but where you did it was wrong. This is your Brother's wedding and you turned it into a circus

Me: Qondisiwe had the nerve to bring him here and then rubbed it in my face just like that! That was disrespectful, not even once has she given me any explanation about why she aborted

Ma: It was not about Qondisiwe, it was about Lungi and Khabo

Lungi made his way to us..

Me: Lungi..

Him: I think you should leave

Me: I didn't mean for all of that to happen

Him: You never do, I was gonna leave my chair and come teach you a lesson but I respected you enough not to embarrass you in front of your "enemies" but now they gone and there's nothing stopping me from kicking your ass so I suggest you leave!

I put the glass down..

Me: Fine..

Mom: I'll call you

I got up and left....

NOKUTHULA

I went up to Lungi..

Me: I need to talk to you

Him: About what?

Me: About everything

Him: Talk

Me: I didn't ask for this okay, I also didn't know that you and I we were... All I'm saying is that this has affected me too the same way it has affected you, so for you to be like this with me it's not right. I didn't make this baby on my own, we didn't know. The person who did this...

I looked at Lorraine..

Me: Lorraine did it for whatever reason, but please don't look at me and see me as an enemy because I'm not an enemy, I'm a victim too!!!!

QONDISIWE

Khabo: Are you ready to go?

Me: I think so

I didn't know how to feel about this, but Khabo is right. I need to tell Ntsika everything, he has to decide then for himself if he still wanna be in a relationship with me or not. Even if he says no, it's okay. There's too much forces against our relationship, the biggest one being his father and the throne.

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Another one later, then tomorrow we visiting the Trophy Wife

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QONDISIWE

We had a bit of a problem with the guards at the gate, they had to call in and ask if they can open for us. I thought that Ntsika wouldn't want to open for us, but he did inform the

guards to let us in. We came here with an Uber. This was difficult, at some point I wanted to tell Khabo that we should turn back and leave, but I need to do this. I owe him the truth, nothing but the truth.. The guard opened the door and let us in. We walked to the living room, they were sitting at the table having dinner. Their nice chat seized when we appeared I looked at them..

Me: Go.. Good evening

No one answered except for the Queen..

Her: Good evening

Me: Sorry to just budge in like this, I was hoping to talk to Ntsika

Busi: We having dinner

Queen: Busi..

She looked at Ntsika..

Ntsika: I'll be right back

Queen: Khabo right?

Khabo: Yes

Queen: Please join us

Khabo: I don't wanna im-

Queen: I insist

Khabo walked up to them and sat down..

Ntsika: Garden?

We left and went to the Garden..

Me: Ntsika I never had an abortion

Him: Why would he lie on you?

Me: We talking about Ibanathi here, yes we didn't use protection but I drank something that my.. My Aunt gave me something the same day and it made me bleed so much that I was admitted. If that is called abortion then I am guilty

Him: Qondi..

Me: Please let me finish

Him: Go ahead

Me: I love you okay? I love you very much. I love you so much that I can't keep on lying to you

He folded his arms..

Me: I.. I was born and bred at the Zikhali village, I am a Guardian. I am Indoni Yamanzi, had I known that you were a Prince I would've told you before our relationship got to this point. I am so so-

Him: Qondisiwe

Me: I'm sorry Ntsika, if you don't wanna be with me then it's okay I understand. I just want you to know that this was never inten-

He pulled me closer to him and kissed me..

Him: Would you calm down and let me speak?

I put my hands on his chest with his around my my waist..

Him: Remember I also kept it from you that I was a Prince? Once upon a time?

Me: But this is different

Him: It's not different, it's the same

Me: If the King finds out, he's going to kill us

Him: What if the king doesn't find out?

Me: Huh?

Him: What if we keep it from him until I become a King?

Me: Are we going to be able to keep it? Such things you can't keep a secret

Him: Then if he finds out we will leave, go far away. Maybe start a new life in an Island just the two of us

I chuckled as my tears fell.. He wiped them..

Him: It's going to be okay, it's not going to be easy but it's going to be okay.. I promise

Me: I love you

Him: I love you too

I tried kissing him but he moved back a bit..

Me: What's wrong?

Him: I heard you.. I heard you look exactly like my great ancestor Nowisa

Me: Who told you?

Him: News travel fast

Me: Wait.. You already knew?

Him: Sort off

Me: And you kept quiet and almost let me have a heart attack?

Him: I wanted to hear it from you. What I love about you is that you always honest with me, I appreciate that a lot

Me: Why don't we pretend as if like you didn't know that I look like the Great Ancestor Nowisa?

Him: I don't know.. I don't know how I f-

I walked up to him and kissed him..

Him: Okay we can pretend that I didn't hear that

We kissed again...

KHABONINA

Me: Thank you, the food tastes good

Queen: It's a family recipe

Me: Then I can't ask for it

Queen: You don't have too.. As soon as Qondisiwe marries my Son, she will have it and I

hope she won't give it to you

Me: My Sister, you very fond of her, even after what happened today

Queen: We all have a past, a past that we not proud of. Your Sister loves my Son, My Son is happy with her and that's all that matters to me. I can scream my lungs out and tell Ntsika to leave her but I'll only be pushing him away. Ntsika is not a child, he is a grown man and he can decide how to live his life. Whether Qondisiwe had an abortion or not, that's none of my business. She had her reasons and I will never judge

Me: Wow uhm.. She never had an abortion by the way, just that Ibanathi.. He's obsessed with Qondisiwe, he did that on purpose

Queen: Who wouldn't be? Your sister is very beautiful

Qondisiwe and Ntsika walked in, they were holding hands and she was all smiles..

Queen: Seems like the talk went well

Ntsika opened the chair for Qondisiwe..

Qondisiwe: I'm very sorry Ma, Ibanathi was wrong

Queen: I am more disappointed at his mother, a child doesn't wake up one day and decide to disrespect his elders

Manqoba: I'm still going to deal with him

Queen: Awuyeke Nqoba (leave it)

Ntsika: Ma I have something to tell you

She looked at him..

Ntsika: Qondisiwe is from the Zikhali village, she is a Guardian. Indoni yamanzi

The table went quiet..

Khabo: We originally from the Zikhali village

Ntsika: I was hoping we keep this a secret from Dad

Busi: Are you hearing yourself right now?

Ntsika: I love Qondisiwe, if it means me giving up the throne I will

Queen: I need some air

She tried to stand up but fell back on her chair..

Ntsika: Ma

Queen: I just need some fresh air

She stood up..

Manqoba: Should I accompany you?

Queen: I'll be fine

She walked away..

Busi: Just leave my Brother alone

Ntsika: Busi

Busi: No!! Dad is going to charge you with treason, he is going to have you killed! I'm not going to watch you die, I won't live everyday knowing that you gone

She looked at me..

Busi: If you truly love my brother like you say you do, please leave him. Go be with your ex if it's money you after he has money just leave my brother alone!

Ntsika: Busi!

Busi: You choosing her over us?

She looked at Manqoba..

Busi: Say something!!

Manqoba kept quiet..

Busi looked at Ntsika with tears in her eyes..

Her: You choosing her?

Her tears fell..

Busi: Wow!!

She got up and ran upstairs..

Manqoba: I'll go talk to her

Ntsika: I will

Ntsika kissed me on my cheek and walked upstairs to talk to his Sister

Khabo: Wow!!

NOKUTHULA

We both laughed..

Lungi: Those were the days

Me: For the first time ever, I was pap drunk

Lungi: You vomited in the pool

Me: No one knew

Lungi: It was a messed up night

(Silence)

Me: I should probably leave

Lungi: It's late why don't you sleep over?

Me: I don't wanna cause any trouble

Lungi: I insist

Me: Okay then I should probably lie down

We were in the guest room..

Me: Good night

Him: Night

She knelt down and took off my shoes..

Me: Thank you

He fixed the pillows and I laid down..

Me: Thank you very much

Him: Good night

Me: Night

Just when I was about to close my eyes, he took off his shoes..

Me: What are you doing?

He got in bed and laid behind me, he put his arm over me..

Me: Lungi we shouldn't do this

Him: We not doing anything, we just laying down

(Silence)

Him: Does he ever move or kick?

Me: A lot, you just caught him at a bad time

Him: It was a stressful day

Me: Indeed

SINDISIWE

Ibanathi walked in on me packing..

Him: What are you doing?

Me: What does it look like I'm doing?

Him: You leaving too? We can't talk about this?

I chuckled..

Me: Ibanathi please

Him: No one leaves me

Me: I'm not Qondisiwe, if I wanna leave I'll leave

He walked up to me..

Him: Sindi come on

Me: Come off Ibanathi, I'm leaving!

Him: No you not

He took out my clothes and threw them on the floor..

Me: Okay.. I'll come and pick them up when you calm.. Good bye Ibanathi

I walked away. I didn't even make it to the door, he grabbed my weave..

Him: No one leaves me!!

Me: Ibanathi!!

He dragged me to the sliding door..

Him: There's only one way you going to leave

He opened the sliding door..

Me: Are you insane??

He tried to pick me up from the floor but I fought him..

Me: Ibanathi stop it!!

Him: All of you are the same, I hate the day I crossed paths with the Langa Sisters!!

He was a bit drunk..

We started fighting each other until we were very close to the balcony..

Me: Ibanathi!!!!

He tried grabbing my hair again but I pushed him, he lost balance and went over the balcony. It was something that happened in a blink of an eye, I leaned over and looked at him..

Me: Ibanathi!!!!!!!!!!!!

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NTSIKAYEZWE

The next morning I walked into my sister making pancakes in the kitchen..

Me: You taking me way back when we used to make pancakes at home every morning

She ignored me..

Me: I know this is hard for you, but one day you will also fall for someone. Maybe we won't like him, and you will know how it feels

She still ignored me..

My Mom walked in..

Ma: Ntsika

Me: Ma?

Ma: We need to talk before I leave

We made our way to the living room..

Me: How are you?

Her: I couldn't sleep last night

Me: I'm sorry

Her: I have always told myself that I would never interfere in the affairs of my children, but this Ntsika

Me: You've always told me that I should always stay true to myself

Ma: When your father finds out about this, he is going to charge us with treason

Me: He won't put his own wife to death

Her: His kingdom and his throne means a lot to him, he would never break the law he put out for his people for us

Me: If we all keep it to ourselves then Dad won't find out

Her: He is my husband, how do I keep this from him?

Me: Please Ma

She exhaled..

Ma: I never thought that one day I was going to die for one of my children

Me: No one is going to die

Ma: We should get going, don't worry I'll talk to Busi

Me: Thank you

She hugged me..

Ma: Take care of yourself.. I love you soo much

Me: I love you more

KHABONINA

I looked around and saw him sitting at the waiting area, I made my way to him.. He stood up and I hugged him..

Me: I'm so sorry

I broke the hug..

Me: How is he?

Him: I haven't heard anything

We both sat down..

Me: How did it happen?

Him: Sindi, she pushed him and he fell out of the balcony

Me: What? Why?

Him: I don't know what happened, she was taken by the police

Me: I know that Sindi is a handful but this is not like her, she's not violent

Him: She better pray that he makes it

Me: This doesn't make sense

Him: Your sister almost killed my brother, what doesn't make sense there?

Me: Sindi is not like that

Him: Do you really know your sister? I mean we talking about the same person who slept with Ibanathi whilst he was still dating Qondisiwe

Me: Ibanathi is not a saint Lungi

Him: Yet he is the one who is in hospital

The Dr made his way to us, we both stood up..

Lungi: How is my Brother?

Dr: I am Dr Markson, I'm a neurologist

Lungi: How is he?

Dr: Your Brother sustained trauma to the head which brought about intracranial hemorrhage and cerebral edema. Patients who present with such a case don't even make it to the operating table, those who do usually die moments later

Lungi: I'm not following

Him: We managed to do the surgery but even with that unfortunately there's no telling if he can pull through from this, his in a very critical state anything can happen especially in the next coming 24 hours

Me: There's a possibility that he might make it?

Dr: It's very rear, the prognosis is not good

He looked at us..

Dr: I'm sorry

Lungi: Can I see him?

Dr: He's in ICU, it would be advisable if only one of you goes in for now

Me: Thank you Dr

He nodded and walked away..

Me: I'll go home

Him: I'll call you

Me: I'm truly sorry Lungi

Him: I know

I hugged him again, and then made my way out...

SINDISIWE

Officer: You said he was trying to push you off the balcony?

Me: Yes

Him: But instead of you falling, he was the one who went over the balcony?

Me: He was drunk and he lost his balance when I was trying to fight him off

He nodded..

Me: Am I under arrest?

Him: No.. At least not yet, we wanted your statement

Me: So am I free to go?

Him: For now but we will be visiting you soon

Me: You don't believe me?

Him: Gender based violence is the biggest crime in our country right now, women suffer the most but we cannot turn a blind eye that men are also victims of GBV. He is in hospital and you got away without any scratch to prove that you acted out of self defense. There's no witnesses, and until we get his side of the story it's not looking too good for you

Me: So he had to mess me up for you guys to believe that he threatened to throw me out of the balcony? Ibanathi has anger issues, his very aggressive and violent. I'm not the first person he's done this too, he also beat up his ex and threatened to throw her off the balcony

Him: Did she lay a charge on him?

Me: No

Him: I see

Me: You can go and question her, she will tell the truth

Him: We will look into that

Me: Her name is Qondisiwe, I'll give you her number

Him: You close with his ex?

Me: She's my sister

Him: Ohw I see

Me: What does that mean?

Him: Nothing

I looked at him..

Him: We will be looking into this matter, I would advise you to volunteer to take a a polygraph test it might help

Me: I have nothing to hide, I'll do that

Him: We done for now, but please know that we will be keeping in touch with you as soon as we get his side of the story and have also questioned the ex

Me: It's okay

Him: Please sign here then you free to go

I took the pen and signed..

QONDISIWE

I looked at the principal, I was with the Seer.

Principal: Why do you want to deregister?

Me: Family and personal problems that need my undivided attention

Principal: We can get you support, the school provides counseling for students who are under pressure

Me: Unfortunately the school cannot do anything to help me

Principal: Have you tried?

Me: No

Him: Maybe you should try to seek help first before resorting to this big decision

Me: Please Sir it's my decision, I'll come back next year. What I'm dealing with, you won't understand

He sighed..

Him: Unfortunately your registration fee won't be refunded

Me: It's okay.. I understand

Him: I'll get you a form so you can sign

Me: Thank you very much

With everything that's happening, I think it's best to take a break from school for now. As soon as I'm done with the Aker then I'll come back and register again next year..

LUNGISA

I looked at him, he had a bandage wrapped around his head. The beeping sound that the machine made was disturbing. It's difficult to see him in this state, looking at him right now it's like he would just wake up and start talking shit. I yawned, I've been here for hours. Since from 2am when I got the call, I looked at the time. It was now 9am..I held his hand and thought about the good times we had when we were kids. We were very close then, more closer than we are now..

As I was sitting there I heard a certain sound, I couldn't ignore the sound. It sounded like a snake hissing. I got up from my chair and looked around, indeed I saw a red, white, and black snake all curled up in the corner. Not far from his bed..

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QONDISIWE

[ONE MONTH LATER]

The Seer and I we were driving to the Zikhali village, Ntsika had borrowed us one of his cars. The Seer was the one driving. We were going to cleanse the water, ever since this whole thing with the Aker I've been getting nightmares. I hardly sleep. I am happy that Ntsika knows everything, it makes it so easier for me to carry out my duties without having to hide nor lie to him. My phone beeped, it was a text from him:

"kick her ass and show her who you are"

I chuckled..

Seer: Kindly please share the joke

Me: It's nothing serious

Seer: If you say so

I put the phone away and closed my eyes to get some sleep, we left very early..

KHABONINA

The money that was meant to be for my Lobola and the money that was meant for our honeymoon, Lungi gave it to me so that I could start my restaurant. It wasn't going to be something big, even the building was small. I thought marriage was going to bring us closer, but we have been so distant. It's like we strangers and I don't know how things got to that point. Maybe some relationships are good the way they are, sometimes marriage can ruin what was a good thing..

Betty: Seems like they will be finishing soon

Me: Just the painting left

Betty: We should start working on the menu

Me: Ya let's do that

Betty: Are you okay?

Me: I don't know

Her: What's wrong?

Me: My husband is very distant lately, I don't know what happened

Her: Maybe it's just work

Me: Yeah.. Maybe

Her: Everything will be fine

Me: I hope so.. I miss him you know

Her: Talk to him

Me: I'll do that tonight

Her: Okay let's work on this menu

LUNGISA

Noks: How is he?

Me: I heard he woke up a week ago, I haven't found time to go and see him but on my lunch break I'll go and see him

Noks: Ibanathi is lucky to have survived this, some people take months to wake up. Some don't even wake up at all

Me: He is indeed lucky, I hope he will take this as a lesson and start fixing his life. This was his brush with death, if this doesn't give him a wake up call. I don't know what will

Noks: You need to talk to him

Me: I will

(Silence)

Me: What will you be doing tonight?

Her: Nothing much, just food and Netflix

Me: Do you want to go out?

Her: I'd like that very much

Me: I'll pick up later when I knock off

Her: I'll be waiting

Me: Okay goodbye

Her: Bye

I hung up..

KHABONINA

Qondisiwe picked up..

Her: Hello (Sleepy voice)

Me: You guys are still on the road?

Her: Yes but we almost there

Me: Okay

Her: How is it going there?

Me: They painting

Her: Okay that sounds good

She sighed..

Me: What's wrong?

Her: I'm having problems with Lungi

Me: What problems?

Her: When my first baby daddy started cheating, he acted exactly like Lungi

Me: Lungi? cheating?

Her: I can feel it, he's not the same anymore

Me: Who is he cheating on you with?

Her: Maybe some skirt at work

She chuckled..

Her: That doesn't sound like Lungi

Me: We will see as time goes on, all I know is that I want my restaurant to open soon so that if he is indeed cheating I can walk away

Her: You are going to walk away from your marriage?

Me: I left my Exes for cheating, if he is I'm going to leave him too

Her: Yaa this is all a mess

Me: Anyway call me when you get there

Her: I'll do that

Me: Okay bye I love you

Her: Bye I love you too

NOKUTHULA

Me: Lorraine??

She walked out from the secret room..

Me: Did I disturb you?

Her: No you didn't

Me: Guess what?

She looked at me..

Me: Lungi and I we going out tonight

Her: He seems to be spending more time with you than he does with his wife

Me: That was the whole point, wasn't it?

Her: You do know that if The Dalla wins, you going down with me. This perfect life is going to come down crashing

Me: What do you mean?

Her: You are a shadow Noks, if I go back to being a gate keeper I'm going back with your soul

Me: Wow.. I..

Her: You thought that you were going to live forever? It doesn't work like that

Me: I thought you said a life for a life

Her: A life for a life only when I'm still here, if I go you coming with. That's how it works

Me: It's not like you going to lose right?

Her: When a room is dark and you switch on the light what happens?

Me: The darkness goes away

Her: Light overpowers darkness

Me: You can't lose, you need to find a way to defeat her

Her: I'll try.. I'm working hard

Me: Please do

LUNGISA

On my lunchbreak I went to see Ibanathi, I brought along his favorite meal. He wasn't in ICU anymore, I stood at the door and looked at him. He was sitting on the bed balancing his back against the big pillow. The TV was on but he was reading a newspaper. He still had a bandage wrapped around his head, another one on his arm..

I walked in..

Me: You cheated death, do you know that?

He looked at me, I smiled at him..

Me: Welcome back little bro

He put the newspaper down and still looked at me..

Me: How are you feeling?

Him: I'm sorry who are you?

I laughed..

Me: Yeah nice one

Sindi walked in..

Me: What are you doing here?

Her: Good day to you too

He gave Ibanathi a bottle of water.. I looked at him..

Me: Are you serious?

Sindi: He doesn't remember you, he has amnesia

Me: He has what?

Sindi: If you came a few days ago the Dr would've told you

Me: And you using this to your advantage?

Sindi: You don't know what happened that night Lungi

Me: All I know is that my Brother almost died

Ibanathi: Enough please, you giving me a headache

Lungi: Please give me and my brother some privacy

She kissed Ibanathi on his forehead..

Sindi: I'll be right back

She walked out..

Me: You don't remember anything?

He slowly shook his head..

Him: But Sindi is always here, she's trying to help me remember

Me: I see

I walked up to him and put the take away down, I pulled the chair and sat down..

Me: She pushed you and you fell out of the balcony

Him: She told me

Me: And you still wanna be with her?

Him: She told me the whole truth

I kept quiet..

Him: Were we close? You and I?

Me: Very

Him: I don't feel the connection at all and your actions right now they say otherwise

I took out my phone and went to Qondisiwe's Instagram. I showed him her picture

Me: You don't remember her?

He looked at her..

Him: No.. Was she important to me?

Me: Very

Sindi: Lungi enough!

Me: I thought I said "Give us some privacy"

Sindi: I think you should leave

She walked in..

She looked at Ibanathi..

Sindi: Did he tell you about your company? He is a CEO in your company!

Ibanathi looked at me..

Iba: I have a company?

Sindi: Ohw you forgot to tell him that?

Me: Sindi can I talk to you in the corridor?

Sindi: Of course

We walked out..

Me: What are you trying to play at?

Sindi: What are you trying to play at? Stay out of my way and I'll stay out of yours

Me: Qondisiwe is Ibanathi's true love

She looked around..

Her: Where is she right now?

Me: I will apply for ownership of Ibanathi's asserts until he recovers

Her: Good luck with that

She walked back in..

The Langa sisters!

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KHABONINA

At least half of the work was done in the building, the painting finished today. I also had a building inspector to come and check the place a while back, so far so good. What's left now is to purchase all the equipments I'm going to need, when all is done I'm going to get myself a driver's license. I was so excited, once upon a time I was making ends meet by selling vegetables in this city and soon I'm going to be owing a restaurant. Making my own money, starting my own legacy. I'm proud of myself.. I walked in on Lungi sitting on the couch watching TV..

Me: Good evening

Him: Evening

Me: What did you eat?

Him: I got myself a take away

Me: Okay

Him: Are you planning on staying out late even tomorrow? So that I can get myself a chef

Me: I'll cook before I leave

He chuckled...

Me: How is Ibanathi?

Him: You care?

Me: Okay I'm just going to take a shower and sleep, I'm tired

Him: Sindi is going to take advantage of him, he has amnesia

Me: How?

Him: I think she has his eyes on the company

Me: That's exactly like Sindi

Him: What's wrong with you and your sisters?

Me: I'm sorry?

Him: Instead of Sindi getting her shit together she's milking my brother. Qondisiwe doesn't have direction she doesn't know whether she's coming or going. She quit school but then why should we worry, she's dating a rich prince and she is going to be well taken care of

Me: Sindi is her own Person, Qondisiwe is not with Ntsika for money and my little sister has a great responsibility

Him: Of course what am I thinking?

Me: Something on your mind Lungi?

Him: Not at all other than that the Langa Sisters are toxic! Qondisiwe almost drove my Brother crazy. Ibanathi loved her, he still does and what did she do? She played him and walked in the hands of a prince like my Brother doesn't exist

Me: Ibanathi almost killed Qondisiwe

Him: People make mistakes

Me: What about me? Got something to say?

Him: Other than the fact that you used this Nokuthula situation to cause havoc I have nothing to say

Me: How did I do that?

Him: It wasn't your place to tell me

I laughed..

Me: Wow, I do apologize for that and please know that from hereon I won't cause trouble between you and your Sister. As for Qondisiwe if she's becoming a burden to you, don't worry she will move out soon and as for me I won't bother you anymore that I promise. I'll even sleep in the guest room

Him: I shouldn't have married your ass

Me: Then why did you?

Him: Just because you going to own a restaurant soon doesn't give you the right to talk to me like that!! We married, we should be focusing on starting a family

Me: I won't have kids until I have achieved what I want to achieve

Him: Just say it, you were using me to get your way

Me: How did I use you?

Him: This is why you wanted the Lobola money, this is why you didn't wanna go on honey moon

Me: Lungi I'll pay you your money with interest

Him: I didn't say that

Me: Then what are you saying?

He kept quiet..

Me: I'm not going to do this with you, good night Lungi

QONDISIWE

We finally arrived at the Zikhali village. The King was standing at the gate with one of the Guards. We got out and made our way to him..

Him: Qondisiwe

He said that with a big smile..

Him: Kuhle ukukubona (It's good seeing you)

Me: Nami futhi (Me too)

He looked at the car..

Him: Sowaze wathenga ne moto (You even bought a car)

Me: Cha.. (No)

He walked out and started surrounding the car..

Me: Isoka lami lingibolekile (My boyfriend borrowed me)

Him: Sekukhona Isoka (There's a boyfriend)

Me: Nkosi yam, ngicela ukukwazisa Kuma khosi (My king, please meet the seer)

The Seer bowed down and started calling out the Ngwane clan names..

The King put his hand on the bonnet..

King: Isoka leli yi Nkosana? (This Boyfriend, is he a Prince)

Me: Yebo (Yes)

Him: Yakuphi? (From where)

I looked at the Seer..

Me: Mkhize village

The King looked at me..

Him: Ini? (What)

He made his way to me..

Me: Igama lakhe ngu Ntsikayezwe Mkhize (His name is Ntsikayezwe Mkhize)

Him: Qondisiwe

Me: Ngiyamthanda kakhulu (I love him)

Him: Qondisiwe angeke wakwazi ukuqhubeka naye (You can't go on with him)

Me: I know ukuthi there's bad blood kithi nabakubo kodwa

Him: Qondi

Me: It's not fair that Ntsika and I should suffer because o-

Him: Qondisiwe lalela (Listen to me)

Him: Akukho ozokusho okuyongishintsha umqondo (There's nothing you can say that's going to change my mind)

Him: Qondisiwe ngeke waqhubeka naye (You can't go on with him)

Me: uNtsika wumu-

Him: Uyindodakazi yami, uyi Nkosazana (You are my Daughter, you are a princess)

I stopped talking and looked at me..

Me: What?

Him: Uyindodakazi yam (You are my daughter)

NTSIKAYEZWE

I went to visit Vukile at the hospital..

Me: How are you?

Him: You didn't bring anything strong?

Me: No.. How are you?

Him: I'm getting discharged tomorrow

Me: That's good, I'm sure you can't wait to get out of here

Him: Exactly!

Vukile is currently not seeing anyone. He is more focused on his businesses than dating.

Him: How is everything?

Me: Everything is fine

Him: How is your Dad?

Me: Dad is fine

Him: He didn't bitch about me not attending uMemulo

Me: You know Dad

He nodded..

Him: Manqoba told me about your girlfriend

Me: I trust Manqoba to put my business out there

Him: I didn't know it was a secret

Me: It's not

Him: When am I meeting her?

Me: Soon.. Leme show you her picture

I showed him her picture, he whistled..

Him: Does she have sisters?

Me: 2.. One is married and one is in a relationship

Him: That's bad, are they also beautiful?

Me: They are, good genes run in their family

Him: She is very beautiful

Me: Too much

QONDISIWE

I looked at Nowisa's picture..

King: Qondisiwe

(Silence)

Me: uMa wathi uBaba usegoli (My mom said my father is at the city)

Him: Ngiyazi, sasikukhusela. UMa uNdlukulu ebetholile ngabe wakubulala (I know, we were trying to protect you. If the Queen knew she was going to kill you)

Me: Yiko ebesizonda? (Is that why she hated us)

Him: Wakuzonda ngalento ye Ndoni yamanzi (She hated you for being a Guardian)

I turned around and looked at him..

Me: Impilo yami yonke ngangisogola kanti ngiyi Nkosazana (All my life I've been suffering not knowing that I'm a princess)

Him: Ngiyaxolisa kakhulu Qondisiwe (I'm sorry)

I didn't know how to feel, I was more shocked than angry..

Him: Ngingathanda ukuthi mina nawe sazane kangcono futhi uMa uvuma ngikwazise la esgodini njenge Ndondakazi yami ezoba wu Ndlunkulu mhla ngahamba la emhlabeni (I would like us to get to know each other, with your permission I would like to introduce you to the village as my daughter and the future Queen should I die)

This is all messed up, when will I catch a break? It's a secret after another secret. I'm tired, I just want my life to be normal

KHABONINA

I looked at my ring crying. On my wedding day, when we exchanged our vows it was the best day of my life. Nokuthula came back, I don't even know how she came back because she's supposed to be dead and everything is just falling apart. I'm not ready to fight for a man who clearly has his heart embedded somewhere else, I don't think Lungi is over Noks. What's sickening about this situation is that it's his Sister, but he is ignoring that. All I want to do is to focus on myself, I'm not going to let another man bring me down again..

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The Dora hour

QONDISIWE

By 2am we were already up, we were preparing for me to go to the river. I will be under there for 3 days. I have to cleanse it, communicate with it, and connect with it. I was nervous, this is by far the biggest responsibility facing me. What if I drown? What if I won't be able to cleanse it? What if I don't come back?. I was literally shaking. Last night I explained everything to the King, I mean my Father. I expected him not to understand anything but he did, hence he suggested that we go to the kraal and he will communicate with the ancestors. The Ngwane ancestors to be with me and protect me. At exactly 3am, the witchful hour. I need to be getting in the water. Makhosi had joined us, the guards had slaughtered a cow last night so that I can bath with the gallbladder (Inyongo). The incense was burning, a goat was tied with a rope..

King: Ngwane kaNgwadi. Sicela kini bokhokho ukuthi nikhanyisele umntwana wenu, uQondisiwe Langa-Ngwane. Umntwana unegazi emithanjweni yakhe, igazi lo Khokho abo Ngwane. Kuhambo lwakhe ufuna ukuzazi ukuthi ungubani, ngicela ahlangabezwe yini emfuleni. Mboniseni indlela, Ingani wakhethelwa lo msebenzi esesiswini sika Nina. Ngicela bese niyayibonelela Ingane, ningayilahli. Uyigazi lenu. (The King asking the Ngwane ancestors to welcome, protect, and guide Qondisiwe as she is taking this journey to realize who she truly is)

Seer: Sicela nakuwe dlozi elikhulu lakwa Langa. Bawinile Langa, Ingane yancela kuwe. Ukufa akusho ukuthi ungasayibheki Ingani. Lapho ukhona, vela. Velela Ingane yakho. Wawuziqhenya ngayo usaphila, makube njalo ngisho nasekufeni (We also plead with the great Langa ancestor. Bawinile Langa, this child breastfed from you. Death doesn't mean you should abandon her. Where you are, show yourself. You were proud of her when she was still alive, do so even in death)

We all clapped our hands. One of the old female elders of the village walked in, she was followed by my sister Nomasonto who was holding a basin and a white cloth. She put the basin down. The Seer and the King walked out of the kraal. The old woman instructed me to undress, I did. I got in the water that was mixed with the gallbladder. She started bathing me and told me to say the Ngwane clan names, together with the Langa clan names. As I was bathing the Goat started making noise..

Old woman: Amadlozi akini anawe (Your ancestors are with you)

Nomasonto looked at me, then she walked out..

NOKUTHULA

I looked at the portion before I drank it. It was very bitter, Lorraine walked in..

Her: Don't you have any shame?

Me: Shame?

Her: You are trying to get back with your own brother by using the portion

Me: I found out about Lungi when we were already engaged. I decided to keep quiet because all my love I never received love. Mom died when she was young and Dad was always busy. He was the only person who showed me love, and No. I don't see him as a Brother

She nodded..

Me: The portion is working, he doesn't see me as a Sister. He is blinded

Her: Nokuthula I am leaving

Me: Leaving?

Her: I'm going back to the underworld

Me: What? Why?

Her: The Dalla has started with her journey, I need to start with mine too. The same time she gets into the water, is the same time I'm meant to be traveling to the under world too. The Dora hour is upon us

Me: The Dora hour?

Her: The last and greatest fight between me and the Dalla. I must go and find strength too, when I come back I am going to release my last arrow on her. An arrow that she might not recover from

Me: Is that literal?

Her: No.. It means this is it, the last weapon that I was saving for her. I'll be releasing it to possibly defeat her

Me: Care to share?

Her: No.. Concentrate on getting back with your Brother, Baby daddy, ex fiancé whatever

he is to you

I nodded..

Her: Come with me

She was holding a stick, we walked out to the pool..

Her: I am going to temporarily leave this body, I need to go home as my true self. When I'm gone take the body to the secret room. There's a black portion in the room, every morning make her to drink it so that she can stay sound asleep until I can come back to her body after 3 days. If anyone asks where I am, tell them I've taken a trip to somewhere. Not that anyone is going to ask about Lorraine

Me: I'm going to miss you

Her: I'll be back

She looked at the sky..

Me: What do we do now?

Her: I will pray to the underworld, to the god of the underworld

Me: Okay

She looked at the sky again..

Aker: Ni Akerra naiz. Aitortu iezadazu etxera itzultzen naizen heinean. Indarra, iluntasuna eta boterea eskatzen ditut. Otoitz egiten dizut Baphomet, lurpeko jainkoa. Zure zerbitzaria naiz, hemen nago zerbitzatzeko. (I am the Aker. Recognize me, as I take my journey back home. I ask for strength, darkness and power. I pray to you Baphomet, the god of the underworld. I am your servant, I'm here to serve)

QONDISIWE

When we were done, we made our way to the Indoni Yamanzi River. It was cold and I felt cold I was wearing the white cloth only. It was Me, The Seer, The King, Nomasonto, and the old woman. When we got to the River, the Seer burned the incense. He started to call out the Ngwane and the Langa clan names again. He walked around with the Incense.

I turned and looked at everyone..

Me: Uma ngingabuyi, uKhabo no Ntsika ngicela bazi ukuthi ngiyabathanda (If I don't come back. Let Khabo and Ntsika know that I love them)

King: Uzobuya Ndongakazi (You will come back my Daughter)

The Seer came back, we saw doves flying around the river..

Seer: It's time

I swallowed and nodded..

Seer: Have faith, you are the river. The river has to obey and listen to you

I nodded..

Me: Thank you

He smiled..

I turned and looked at the river, then I made my way in...

Me: Ngwane, kaNgwadi. Masupa, Masenga Sileka. Nduku zinobulongwe, Nina besizwe sika Matiwane. Usozisela kaMasumpa no Tshani, Nina bebutho lika Sangweni. UZikhali ezingalingani nezamaxhegwana, Sangwelibanzi olungawelwa abantukazana ngoba luvalelwe ngezihlangu zamadoda. Luwelwa yizinkonjane ngoba zihambela phezulu! (clan praises)

In the middle of the water I started seeing all the Ngwane previous Queens that are no more. Except for Nowisa.

Me: Muzi Nqotheni. Sothole, sodumase, Madevu angqabula inkomishi. Phokophalala mnikolusha ngoba oludala lumbangela isilungulelo. Shiy'bantu, Nyongo yendlovu, Madl'umlenze adele isidumbu. Madubandlela, Ngwane, Mcwayi, Gubhaza, Mlindeli, Somaphunga, Mdlaka!

I saw my Mother and her Mother also standing with the Ngwane Queens. She smiled at me, I held myself back. Trying not to be emotional, it was overwhelming to see her again..

LORRAINE (THE AKER)

We saw crows flying around in the sky.

She looked at me..

Aker: It is time

She hit her stick on the ground 3 times, the water started spinning around like a black hole. She took out a black portion and drank it, after a few seconds she fell. I saw the Aker getting out of Lorraine's body, she made her way inside the water. When she was under, the water calmed down again. I was still starring at the water, shocked but what just took place.

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The Dora hour

NOMASONTO

My father was sitting outside and reading the local newspaper, I made my way to him.

Me: Baba

He lowered the newspaper and looked at me.

Me: Bengisacela ukukhuluma nawe (May I please have a word with you)

He nodded..

Me: Kuko konke lokhu okwenzekile, ngisho nokufa kuka Ma. Bengibona ukuthi nami sekuyisikhathi manje sokuthi ngishintshe impilo yam. (With everything that has happened, especially with the death of my Mother. I think it's time now I get a new start)

Him: Qhubeka (continue)

Me: Bengingathanda ukuyohlala eGoli (I would like to move to the City)

Him: Ngoba? (why)

Me: Indawo entle, ngingathola umsebenzi ngizakhele impilo (It's a good place, I can get a job and start a new life)

Him: Nomasonto iGoli ayiyintle ngalendlela ocabanga ngayo. Futhi wena uyi Nkosazana

angeke wamane wahamba nje (Nomasonto, the city is not as good as you think it is. You are a Princess, you can't just up and leave)

Me: Ingani uQondisiwe ukwenzile lokho, naye uyi Nkosazana (But Qondisiwe made it happened, she's also a Princess)

Him: Indaba ka Qondisiwe ihlukile (Qondisiwe's issue is different)

Me: Njani? (How)

Him: Nomasonto awuyi eGoli (You not moving to the City)

Me: Kodwa Baba (But Dad)

Him: Sengikhulumile njalo (I have already spoken)

I didn't say anything else, I walked back inside the house..

KHABONINA

Today they were delivering the appliances and everything else that was going to be needed. This is happening, I can't believe that it's finally happening..

Betty: I've put the vacancy last night on "Jobs Indeed and Gumtree" so far we have 5 Cvs

Me: That's good

Her: How many ladies do you want?

Me: Maybe 2 or 3, we need people who are good with African dishes

Her: Okay that's good

I looked around..

Me: Do you think this place is good for business?

Her: We not that far from the taxi rank, taxi drivers will be our regular customers

Me: I hope so

Her: The Menu is also done:

-Pap & tripe = R30

-Pap/Rice & Chicken stew = R25

-Pap/Rice & Beef stew = R35

All the dishes come with a Vege. Could be cabbage, or Mash potatoes. To add a salad it will cost and extra R10

-Cool drinks (Cans) = R15

-Cool drinks (2 litre) = R20

BREAKFAST

-Vetkoeks = R1 each

-Muffins = R5 each

-Sconss = R5 each

-Sandwiches = R12 each

-coffee = R10

-Tea = R10

Me: I like it so far so good

Her: This is going to work don't worry

Me: I hope it does

Her: Ohw I'll also get at least 3 people to distrube pamphlets for us

Me: Thank you very much Betty, I don't know what I would've done without you

Her: I'm getting paid so it's nothing

Betty will work here for a short while until she gets a job.

NTSIKAYEZWE

I was on the phone with the Seer..

Me: How did it go?

Him: She went in this morning

Me: It's supposed to take 3 days right?

Him: Yes

Me: I think I should come down there on the 3rd day

Him: I don't think that's a good idea, with everything that's happening between your family and hers. They can lock you up and have you killed

Me: I understand

Him: I'm sure she will call you when she comes back

Me: I hope she does come back

Him: She will, we need to have faith

Me: Thank you for contacting me, and thank you for being there

Him: It's my calling

Me: We will talk again

Him: Goodbye

I hung up and then my Brother whistled at me.. I went back to his ward..

Me: You can't whistle, this is a hospital. Not a taxi rank

Him: I'm ready to go

Me: Mom says you should go home for a few days

Him: Why?

Me: She just wants to see you

Him: I have a lot to do, I'll call her

He tried to fix his arm sling but he couldn't, he took it off and threw it on the bed..

Him: Iyang'casula lento (This thing is irritating me)

Me: You have to put it on at all times

Him: Ngi right Ntsika, this is not the first time ngiphuka isandla

Me: The same arm that you had an accident with a few years ago

I went and took it..

Me: Let me help you

He pushed me back..

Him: Ungang'dakeli mfana angisiyena umfazi (Don't disrespect me, I'm not a woman)

I folded it.. Vukile is very hard headed. His just like my Father..

Me: We will take it with then

Him: Asambe (let's go)

IBANATHI

I closed my eyes and tried to search deep for any memory but I came back with nothing.

This was Frustrating. The Dr walked in..

Him: Good morning

Me: Morning

Him: How are you?

Me: I'm good

He was holding my scans..

Me: Any good news?

Him: I'm afraid not, the Amnesia is permanent

I sighed..

Him: Look on the bright side. You survived a tragic fall, you got away with a few broken bones and amnesia. You should be grateful, plus you have your loved ones to create new memories with

Me: How can that happen when I don't even remember who they are

Him: When you get discharged you must spend time with them so that you can get to know them all over again

Me: Yaa I guess so

Him: The Nurse will be with you shortly

Me: Thank you

He walked out..

LUNGISA

Nokuthula Knocked..

Me: Hey

She walked in..

Her: Hey

Me: How are you?

Her: I'm good and you

Me: I'm good

Her: I hope you haven't ordered something, I've brought you something for lunch. You favorite

She put the Tupperware on the table..

Me: Then I won't order anything, thank you

Sha sat down..

Her: Are you okay?

Me: I'm fine.. Just problems in my marriage

Her: Can't you guys get help?

I chuckled..

Me: Actually I think I want a divorce

Her: That's extreme Lungi, you two got married not so long ago

Me: That's the thing, I don't remember how it got to that

Her: What are you saying?

Me: I don't think I love my wife anymore

Her eyes widened..

Me: Everything about her irritates me. I am sure she married me to get benefits, I'm glad I made her to sign a prenup. Her and her Sisters are toxic gold diggers, they disgust me

Her: That's a mouthful

Me: What are you doing tonight?

Her: Lorraine is not around, so I'm all alone but Netflix will keep me company

Me: Good maybe I can move in for a couple of days just to clear my head

Her: Are you sure?

Me: I'd rather be with you than someone that I don't love

She nodded..

Her: Okay, you welcome

Me: Thank you

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